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Hospitals spar over move

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

JEROME — The way St. Benedict Family Medical Center's leaders see it, the county-owned hospital on the other side of the river will do anything it can to keep them from breaking ground on their new \$17 million, 25-bed facility at Crossroads Point.

"Magic Valley feels it's better to be a kingdom," said Mike Cooper, St. Ben's chief executive officer. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center administrators don't deny they tried to persuade the Idaho Hospital Association and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to change rules so that St. Ben's

St. Ben's says T.F. hospital tried to block ground breaking; Magic Valley Regional says it just wants even playing field

would lose its "critical access hospital" designation by moving to the new location. And officials of the Twin Falls hospital acknowledge they have spoken against requests for federal money that would help St. Ben's get its new building.

But Magic Valley Regional CEO John Kee said he doesn't have any problem with St. Ben's wanting to build a new hospital. What he does have a problem with is what it intends to pay for it.

"If they feel it's such a great place to build, they should build it,

but they shouldn't be doing it with federal funding," Kee said.

As far as Cooper is concerned, Magic Valley Regional efforts have been driven with one eventual goal in mind — to be the only hospital in the area.

"It's all being done behind smoke and mirrors," Cooper said.

Trying to change the rules

The nonprofit St. Ben's is one of 20 critical access hospitals in Idaho, a group that includes Gooding County Memorial Hos-

pital in Gooding and Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. One of the benefits of critical access hospitals is that they receive cost-based reimbursement for services to Medicare patients, while hospitals such as Magic Valley Regional are reimbursed at lower rates. The government's intent is to ensure that Medicare patients in rural areas have access to health services.

Magic Valley Regional's proposal was to change state rules so that so that critical access hospitals

would have to reapply for that designation before moving to new locations outside their immediate areas. But the effort didn't gain majority support. Hospital Association President Steve Millard said.

"It's a real difficult issue for us, because we have two hospitals in your area on either side of the issue," Millard said. "There has never been enough movement on one side to change the status quo."

Having no luck with the state Department of Health and Welfare and fellow members of the Hospital Association, Magic Valley Regional's administration turned to Idaho legislators and got the ear of Rep. Sharon Block. Please see **HOSPITAL**, Page A6

GROWING PAINS



Roofers from Smith Roofing of Twin Falls place shingles on a house in the Candlridge housing development off of Eastland Drive. Density of residential development in some parts of the city's area of impact has drawn opposition from some neighbors.

Neighbors, city clash over development

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Moving-in day for Dennis Crawford's family meant securing a peaceful retreat away from city noise.

"It's rural, open fields to the west and north," said Crawford, who has lived in his home on Wirsching Avenue West for 27 years.

But some county residents say nearby development is hitting them where it hurts — in the value of their homes and the comfort of their hearths.

California backcountry — B5

"I'm not an obstructionist," Crawford said. "I recognize that building will go on. But it seems like there's no plan. Whoever wants to do something just sends it on through without addressing what the comprehensive plan is and ignoring the property rights of people living there. The northwest side of town is in hypersped for reasons." The disagreement has hit fever pitch. Residents are banding

together and considering taking their case to court.

"A final decision hasn't been made," said Robert Williams, the attorney retained by the residents. "I believe (a lawsuit) will be filed."

Their argument is based partially on a 2000 Idaho Supreme Court ruling that addressed a city's ultimate jurisdiction over subdivisions built in its area of impact — land just outside city limits. While city officials say the current arrangement that gives the city considerable influence over area of impact development is legal, the residents

say the city has too much control.

"The objectives of my clients are to make changes so that county commissioners have final control over areas of impact," Williams said. "The existing impact area ordinances are unlawful as they are being applied. It amounts to an unconstitutional delegation of the legislative and quasi-judicial authority of the county to the city."

He added that city and county officials could make changes voluntary, so a lawsuit may not be necessary. And that may be helpful. Please see **CLASH**, Page A2

Red Cross visits Saddam in U.S. custody for the first time

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The international Red Cross visited Saddam Hussein in jail for the first time Saturday and the ousted dictator wrote a letter to his family that will be delivered once the United States confirms it does not contain any hidden messages to his followers.

The announcement of the visit came after the U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, cited U.N. estimates that it may take 15 months to arrange elections — far



longer than demanded by leading Iraqi politicians. The two-member International Committee of the Red Cross delegation, which included a doctor, spoke to Saddam privately at an undisclosed location in Iraq, spokeswoman Nada Doumani said. The announce-

Troops train for deployment — A5

ment "displaced" rumors "the Americans had spirited Saddam out of the country following his Dec. 13 capture in a hole near Tikrit.

"The aim of this visit is to track and monitor the conditions of detention and treatment of the detainees," Doumani said from Amman, Jordan. "We want to see whether he is getting enough

food and water and also to check his health condition and to give him the possibility to write a message to his family — which he did."

The visit was arranged after the Pentagon formally declared Saddam a prisoner of war last month because of his status as commander in chief of Iraq's military. As a POW, Saddam is entitled under the Geneva Conventions to certain rights, including visits by the international Red Cross and freedom from coercion of any kind during interrogations.

Saddam's letter, presumably to his daughters in Jordan, will be delivered after American authorities make sure it contains no instructions to his followers or other banned messages.

The international Red Cross made no statement about Saddam's health or conditions of confinement, routine practice for the organization. Doumani said the Red Cross would periodically visit Saddam as long as he remains in custody, but she gave no further details. Please see **SADDAM**, Page A2

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Idaho Dems gather to hear Gore in Boise

The Associated Press

BOISE — Former Vice President Al Gore fired up a sold-out democratic banquet Saturday night, attacking the Republican right wing and urging his party to take advantage of what he sees as America's change of heart.

"Here in this state, where Republicans have flexed their muscles for so long, there is that rising up among men and women who know the other side has gone too far," Gore told over 750 people at the annual Frank Church Banquet.

In a speech peppered with self-deprecating humor, Gore attacked the policies of Attorney General John Ashcroft, the war in Iraq, the administration's administration of the Patriot Act, its environmental policy and an economic policy he said favors the wealthy.

"I'm concerned about the economy," Gore said to a cheering crowd. "I was the first one laid off. You don't forget something like that."

Idaho party leaders saw the event as one of the most enthusiastic years.

"We always seem to be able to get excited for a while," former Democratic Governor Cecil Andrus said, "but this time there seems to be more to it."

Andrus and others were also buoyed by the prospect that either Massachusetts Sen. John Edwards or Sen. Barack Obama would be the Democratic nominee. Please see **GORE**, Page A2

Taking part
Find out how to participate in Tuesday night's Idaho Democratic caucuses in Monday's edition of The Times-News.



Al Gore

7 days, 7 reasons to read	Buyer's remorse? Bad tattoo and piercing expenses are driving the move toward regulation in Idaho. Monday	College report A Twin Falls High alum prepares to follow up an outstanding freshman volleyball season. Tuesday	Sausage-making Here's how — and why. Wednesday	Praying for love Woman feels attracted to minister, hopes he feels the same. Thursday	A little bit o' soul The acclaimed gospel group Blind Boys of Alabama comes to Twin Falls. Friday	Camp Perkins Lutherans are planning a big celebration. Saturday	Drive my car What's the real cost of insuring teen-ager drivers? Sunday
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly sunny skies and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds and light winds. Lows in the lower to middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs in the lower 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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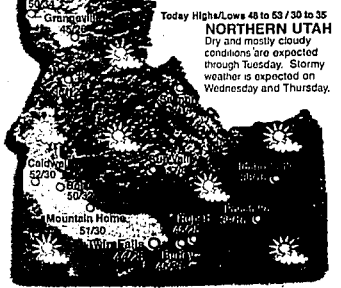
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly to mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures are expected through Monday.
Today Highs - 28 to 30. Tonight's Lows 3 to 13.
BOISE Partly to mostly cloudy skies and dry conditions are expected through Monday.
NORTHERN UTAH Partly to mostly cloudy conditions are expected through Tuesday.



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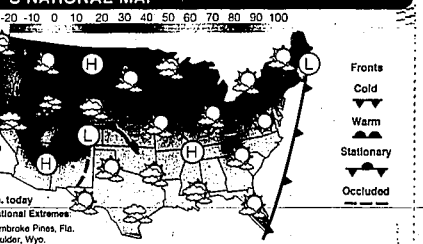
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday. Lists weather and temperatures for cities like London, Moscow, and Tokyo.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Saddam

The visit to Saddam came as the Americans and their Iraqi partners struggle to find a formula for constituting a new government to take power June 30.

Gore

win in Idaho's 2000 caucuses over Bill Bradley, stepped in for Edwards at the last minute on Wednesday.

Clash

But area of impact residents would like to see closer administration to the plan. "The comprehensive plan is ignored if someone wants to develop," Crawford said.

Blinding, or not?

Part of the city's driving force comes from its comprehensive plan, developed as part of the local planning act of 1975.

The devil is in the details

The county and the city have an agreement wherein the commissioners allow the city to assist and guide development in the area of impact.

Dealing with the impact

As crews descend upon the new home construction sites, neighbors lament the lifestyle they say is slipping away.

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Aristide concedes to peace plan

President of Haiti plans to share power with political opponents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide agreed Saturday to a U.S.-backed peace plan calling for shared power with political opponents, a new prime minister and fresh legislative elections.

But Aristide, who gets to remain president, appeared to lay down a condition. He declared he would "not go ahead with any terrorists," referring to rebels who have led a bloody two-week-old uprising that has killed more than 60 people and chased police from dozens of towns.

The president's consent came hours after U.S.-led diplomats arrived in the Haitian capital to push the agreement. The envoys met later Saturday with opposition leaders, urging them to accept a deal that falls short of their demand that the embattled Aristide resign.

Although not allied, Haiti's rebels and political opponents both insist that Aristide leave

office. Throughout the recent bloodshed, the president has said he will not step down before his term ends in 2006.

"The plan attempts to pull his (Aristide's) teeth but doesn't have the means," opposition leader Evans Paul said before meeting with the diplomats. He also complained that the U.S.-backed plan fails to call for foreign peacekeepers to enforce it.

Amid the negotiations, the State Department ordered the withdrawal of all nonessential U.S. personnel and family members from the U.S. Embassy, citing continuing violence in the Caribbean basin.

The U.S.-backed plan requires the government and opposition to agree by Tuesday to a three-way commission of representatives from both sides and international delegates. It also calls for the appointment of a prime minister agreeable to both sides and for parliamentary elections.

U.S. orders partial withdrawal from embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department, citing continued violence in Haiti, ordered the withdrawal of Saturday of all nonessential U.S. personnel and family members from the U.S. Embassy in the Caribbean nation.

The department also repeated a warning that American citizens who are not on U.S. government business in Haiti should leave the country while commercial air service continues to operate on a regular basis.

The announcement came just before Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, agreed to a peace plan to appoint a new government and prime minister.

The travel warning was based on a determination that "the security situation in Haiti has deteriorated to unsafe levels." It did not disclose the number

of Americans who would be affected by the order. Previously, the State Department had authorized the departure at government expense of nonessential embassy personnel and family members. Saturday's announcement makes such departures mandatory.

Earlier, a U.S.-led diplomatic mission presented Haiti's government and opposition with a peace plan, hoping to end a two-week uprising that has killed at least 60 people and left more than a dozen towns in rebel hands.

The proposal required the government and opposition to agree by Tuesday to a three-way commission of representatives from both sides and international delegates. It would also appoint a prime minister agreeable to both sides.

Mom works for better organ donor system

LOUISBURG, N.C. (AP) — In a low, steady voice Magdalena Santillan pleads for more people to donate their organs.

As she speaks in Spanish, images of her daughter, Jessica, flash onto the screen. One shows a pretty, smiling girl with lively brown eyes. Others show her unconscious in a hospital bed with a breathing tube and IV lines trailing from her weak, tiny body just before her death, a year ago Sunday.

"Help me to keep Jessica's legacy alive," she says in one of a series of public service announcements. Jessica Santillan, a 17-year-old Mexican immigrant, died after receiving a heart-lung transplant from a donor of an incompatible blood type. Her death shook the nation's confidence in the organ donation system, battered the reputation of world-renowned Duke University Hospital.

Jessica's plight grabbed the attention of the nation and the family's native Mexico. At times, the debate turned ugly, with critics attacking Duke, the transplant system and the illegal immigrant status of the Santillan family.

people harbored," said the family's spokesman, Mack Mahoney. "People, they see that as their kid." One year later, the rage has mostly cooled, with bitter talk turning to efforts to build a legacy for a girl let down by the well-meaning people who tried to save her.

"The event, although it was tragic for Jessica, it's probably going to make a bigger impact on medicine than anything else," said Dr. Peter Smith, chief of thoracic surgery at Duke. "It takes an event like this to raise the level of attention to the point where cultural change is possible."

Within the past year, the United Network for Organ Sharing, which coordinates roughly 25,000 transplants a year, painstakingly broke down its procedures for organ donation, identifying key places where errors could occur. Duke, which took responsibility for the error, adopted a similarly rigorous set of checks and balances.



Jessica Santillan

AN ICY BREAKTHROUGH



Ice fishermen try their luck on Lake Josephino Friday in Billings, Mont.

Boat sinks after collision in Mississippi

VENICE, La. (AP) — An offshore supply vessel with a crew of five sank near the mouth of the Mississippi River after colliding with a container ship early Saturday, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard rescue boat was at the scene and searching for the crew of the Lee III, Coast Guard Petty Officer Jonathan McCool said.

He said the rescue crew saw the Lee III sink, but had not found anyone several hours after the accident.

If the crew members were not wearing their life jackets, they probably did not have time to get them, McCool said.

The 178-foot Lee III and the 534-foot Zim Mexico III collided in the river's Southwest Pass, he said. The container ship's crew reported damage near the bow, but no injuries.

Oil prices climb back to 2003 levels

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A year ago, oil prices were climbing past \$35 a barrel in the run-up to the Iraq war.

They are back in that territory now, pushed up by cold weather, spikes in commercial oil inventories, OPEC pricing decisions and the cautious strategies of oil companies.

The price of the benchmark U.S. crude oil grade was \$36 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange as of noon Friday, 33 percent higher than in late September last year.

Consumers are seeing the increase in prices for gasoline and heating oil and for natural gas, which tend to track oil markets. Prices had been below \$1.50 a gallon last summer and again in December, before the current rise. Nationwide, gasoline prices were at record levels in January, before accounting for inflation.

The Labor Department reported Friday that consumer energy prices jumped 4.7 percent in January, driving the overall consumer price index up 0.5 percent. For the 12 months ended in January, consumer energy prices rose 7.8 percent.

Many oil market analysts had expected oil prices to dip downward this spring. That doesn't look likely now, the government's Energy Information Administration said. "It is difficult to see how gasoline markets will not remain tight, at least through this upcoming summer driving season," the EIA's weekly report concluded.

"An underlying problem is a repeating cycle of lean oil inventories and high prices," experts said.

Commercial inventories have dropped well below normal levels for this time of year. Low inventories maintain a sense of scarcity in oil markets, helping to inflate prices and keeping traders and speculators in a buying mood. As long as oil prices remain high, energy companies tend to hold back from buying supplies to replenish inventories.

"It's a perpetual loop," said Adam Sieminski, London-based analyst for Deutsche Bank. It is a bit of a vicious circle, agreed Simon Wardell, senior analyst with the World Markets Research Center in London. "We do doubt the supply-and-demand balance is tight," he said.

The cycle could be broken if there were a slowdown in the global economy that eased demand for petroleum products. But the

International Energy Agency shifted its 2004 forecast the other way this month, predicting slightly more growth and less oil production than it had first expected.

China's expanding economy has been cranking up oil demand and that trend doesn't seem about to stop, analysts agreed.

A big spurt of new oil output also could cause prices to turn downward. Russia has produced additional oil in the past year, but its impressive production gains are not expected to continue in 2004. So far it is unclear when security conditions might permit Iraq to resume its place as a major oil exporter.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has played its part in keeping oil prices above historic levels. On Feb. 10, OPEC members said they planned a production cutback of 1 million barrels a day, or nearly 10 percent, beginning in April, to keep prices from slipping in midyear if global economic growth does decline.

The decision signals OPEC's intent to target oil prices at around \$30 a barrel this year and next, said James Burkhardt, a director of Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

Whether OPEC members will follow that script remains to be seen, Wardell said. Some cartel members have long histories of cheating on their quotas. "They'll have problems implementing those cuts this time too," he said.

Industry experts are watching closely to see whether oil companies will be able to bring on enough new supply to replace current oil production. They now seem to be struggling to do so, said Sieminski.

One of what the industry calls "supermajor" producers, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, stunned investors last month by reducing the size of its proven oil reserves by 20 percent, or 3.9 billion barrels. The company said last week that the Securities and Exchange Commission plans a formal investigation into the change.

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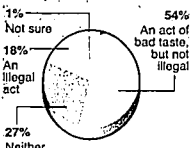
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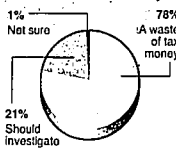
Super Bowl halftime show in bad taste

More than half of adults polled said that the exposure of Janet Jackson's breast during the Super Bowl was in bad taste, but not illegal. Most said a federal investigation was a waste of tax money.

Which of the following best describes Janet Jackson's exposure of her breast during the Super Bowl halftime show?



Do you think the federal government is right to investigate the exposure or is it a waste of tax money?



NOTE: 1,000 adults interviewed Feb. 16-18. Margin of error: plus or minus 3 percent

SOURCE: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

Poll: Halftime act was in bad taste, but not illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most Americans think the exposure of Janet Jackson's right breast during the Super Bowl halftime show was crass, but few believe it's a federal case.

An Associated Press poll found 54 percent of those surveyed said they thought the act, in which singer Justin Timberlake snatched off part of Jackson's bustier and revealed her breast to millions of television viewers was bad taste. Only 18 percent thought it was an illegal act.

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating whether the broadcast violated federal indecency laws.

According to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs, the FCC ought to spend its time on other things. Nearly 80 percent of respondents said it's a waste of

money to investigate. "I can see how parents wouldn't want their children to see it," said Diana Foster, a 50-year-old resident of Nicholas County, Ky., in the central part of the state. "But an investigation is a waste of money. Sure it wasn't very nice, but they're using our tax money for this."

In the AP-Ipsos poll, women were more likely than men to say the halftime show should be investigated, and whites more likely than blacks. Republicans were twice as likely as Democrats to favor an investigation. Young adults were less likely than other age groups to think an investigation was called for.

Almost half of young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 said the Jackson incident was neither illegal or in bad taste.

Waco group urges boycott of Girl Scout cookies

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - People in Waco, Texas, were more than a bit taken aback after turning on a Christian radio station and hearing a community leader call for a boycott of Thin Mints and Caramel Delites. "I encourage you to join me in abstaining from Girl Scout cookies," John Pisciotta, director of Pro-Life Waco and an associate professor of economics at Baylor University, has been saying for two weeks in public-service announcements running around the clock on KBDE/89.9.

Pisciotta then says the Waco-based Bluebonnet Council of Girl Scouts "supports Planned Parenthood's annual sex education seminars."

The vaguely worded radio announcements are the latest and most public attempt by the group to discourage the Girl Scouts from

even a casual affiliation with Planned Parenthood, an international organization that promotes reproductive freedom and provides health care services related to reproduction.

The campaign has caused controversy in the community and confusion among some Girl Scout troops.

"This foisted an adult conversation on a bunch of little innocent girls," Pat Stone, education director of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas, said this week in a phone interview. "It's making them think of things they shouldn't have to worry about."

There have been only a few secondhand reports about adults turning down cookies because "the Girl Scouts support abortion," said Beth Vivio, executive director of the Bluebonnet Council of Girl Scouts. The comments reportedly were made to scouts, who are between 6 and 18 years old.

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DATA EXPLOSION

Information overload keeps expanding

By Robert S. Boyd
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Feel overwhelmed by the deluge of information flooding the world today? No wonder. Researchers say that the amount of new words, sounds, pictures and numbers produced and stored on paper, film or computer disks has almost doubled in three years.

The supply of new material saved in a single year, 2002, would fill half a million libraries the size of the Library of Congress — the world's largest collection of books and papers — if it were all converted to print, according to a study by Peter Lyman and Hal Varian, political scientists at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Our intent was to quantify people's feeling of being overwhelmed by information and to look at trends," Lyman said in a telephone interview. "People had no sense of why this was happening or where the growth was."

The recent explosion of recorded data, after centuries of steady but much slower growth, can be traced, in large part, to two factors: • The computer revolution, which has made it possible to capture and save vast quantities of information in ones and zeros, the binary alphabet of the digital age.

• The growth of "Big Science" in astronomy, nuclear physics and biology, such as the Human Genome Project. Experts figure that in recent decades the number of scientific papers published has been doubling every three years. In just one field, global climate data, the volume of recorded information is expected to zoom from 2 billion gigabytes in the year 2000 to 15 billion gigabytes in 2010. A gigabyte is a billion bytes, the equivalent of a billion English letters.

The information glut may be making it harder to find useful, dependable material in the tidal wave of material bombarding people's senses, Lyman fears. In addition, more sensitive personal data — medical, financial, even day-to-day activities — are being captured and stored by the government and private companies.

"The problem is not so much the mass of information as the possible misuse of it," Lyman said. "There's more money being spent... Fortunately for the world's trees, most of the new material generated in the last three years has been saved in electronic form on magnetic disks. Less than one-tenth of 1 percent of it ended up on paper."

Information overload?

A new study shows the amount of information produced and stored worldwide has almost doubled in just three years.

Where Information stored	1999	2002
Computer disks	87%	92%
Photos, video, movies	13%	8%
Paper	0.04%	0.03%
Total	3.2 million terabytes*	5.4 million terabytes*

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Annual number of books, other publications and digital information added to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. In millions



*Terabyte equals one trillion bytes, or a trillion letters.
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Source: Peter Lyman and Hal Varian, School of Information Management and Systems, University of California/Berkeley; U.S. Library of Congress
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Details

To see the Lyman-Varian report, go to:
www.sims.berkeley.edu/research/projects/how-much-info-2003/

The volume of printed information grew by 36 percent from 1999 to 2002, the last year of the study, but electronic records ballooned by 80 percent.

Even so, the study found that the dream that computers would bring about a paperless society remain just dreams.

"Contrary to notions of paperless offices floated in the late '80s and early '90s, the consumption of office paper has gone up substantially in recent years," the report said.

Most of this mind-numbing flood of information never reaches most ordinary citizens. Immense quantities come from secret electronic intercepts by the National Security Agency, the nation's eavesdropping intelligence agency, from scientific laboratories, orbiting satellites and the like. This material is reworked and distilled before any of it is made public, if ever.

Four major information technology companies — Microsoft, Intel, Hewlett-Packard and EMC Corp. — financed the Lyman-Varian study, at Berkeley's School of Information Management and Systems.

"What I want to study next is

how do people make sense of all this," Lyman said. "I still keep photos in an old shoebox, but I realize that this is not a good model."

"We need more research on how to manage information effectively," Varian added in an e-mail. "We should teach information management in schools."

In their study, Lyman and Varian found that:

• About 5.4 billion gigabytes of new information was stored on paper, film, magnetic disks (such as computer hard drives) or optical disks (such as DVD) in 2002. That compared with 3.2 billion gigabytes in 1999.

• If all that information were divided equally, each person in the world would need a 30-foot shelf of books to store the output of the year 2002 on paper. Since Americans produce much more information than most people, each U.S. citizen would need eight pickup trucks filled with books to hold his or her share for that year.

• The United States produced about 40 percent of the world's new stored information. That includes 33 percent of all printed material, 30 percent of all new film, and 50 percent of all the data recorded on computer disks.

• Stored office documents accounted for 86 percent of new printed material in 2002. Newspapers and magazines took up 12 percent, leaving only fractions for books and scholarly journals.

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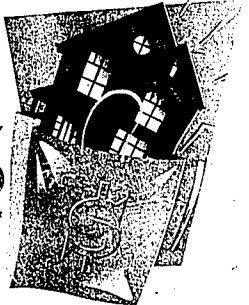


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Iran voters dispute results

Reformists say boycott limited voter turnout

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Islamic hard-liners and reformists both claimed victory in Iran's elections Saturday, with reformists showing conservatives ahead in the race for parliament but a reformist boycott limiting voter turnout.

Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the winner of the election was the Iranian nation. He was upbeat about voter turnout, even though it marked a drop from previous elections.

"The loser of this election is the United States, Zionism and enemies of the Iranian nation," he told state media.

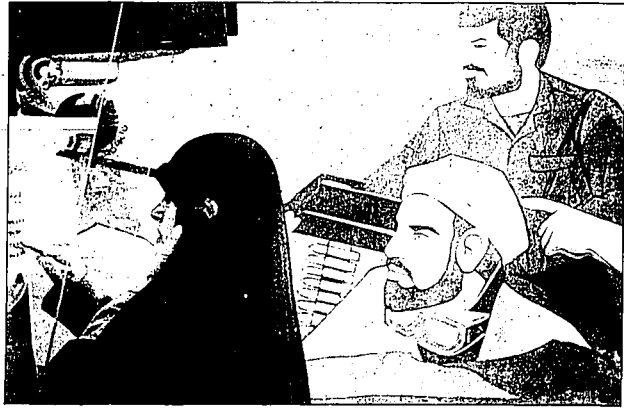
A reformist who called for a boycott, Ali Shakourfarid, pointed to a voter turnout of less than 30 percent in the capital, Tehran, calling the poll was "a big defeat for conservatives."

Official partial returns also suggested the boycott had an impact, with voter turnout about 15 percent lower than in elections four years ago.

That trend, if it holds, would mark a significant moral victory for liberals who urged a boycott after hard-line clerics barred that 2,400 reformist candidates from running for the 290-seat parliament.

Reformists complained the vote was rigged, and the United States also criticized the disqualification of candidates including the biggest names in liberal politics. Among them was Mohammad Reza Khatami, the brother of Iran's reformist president and deputy speaker of the outgoing parliament.

Hard-liners fared poorly in the 2000 elections, losing control of the parliament for the first time since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. When the next legis-



An Iranian woman makes a call in front of a revolutionary mural in Tehran, Iran, on Saturday. Conservatives loyal to Iran's Islamic rulers appeared ready to take firm control of parliament over reformers following Friday's disputed elections, partial returns showed.

ature convenes in June, they should have a comfortable majority.

Results for nearly 60 percent of the legislature gave hard-liners more than 110 seats — 36 short of the majority they were widely expected to get, the Interior Ministry said.

But with the ballot weighted with conservatives, coupled with the reformist boycott, Islamic hard-liners were likely to win from the start. Voter turnout was the real drama in Saturday's race. Despite the ministry's early figures, the hard-line Guardian Council, which banned the liberal candidates, insisted turnout was higher than in 2000. It gave no figures. Other top hard-line officials also declared the election — in seats and voters.

"Those who were overly influ-

enced by the political situation failed to predict the people's enthusiastic participation," Information Minister Ali Younesi told state-run television.

"The people's blessed and magnificent participation in yesterday's elections foiled plots and guaranteed the country's greatness."

With half of Iran's 207 districts counted, voter turnout was 43.29 percent, with more than half of Iran's 207 districts counted, the Interior Ministry said. That would mark a noticeable drop from the 67.2 percent in the last parliament elections in 2000.

Top hard-liners also apparently received broad support including in the reformist stronghold of Tehran province, an Interior Ministry official told The Associated Press, speaking on

condition of anonymity.

At stake was proof of public sentiment: Conservatives hoped people would ignore the boycott, showing the strength of the Islamic state 25 years after the revolution that ousted the secular, pro-Western shah.

Reformists hoped low voter turnout would strengthen their drive for more openness and accountability from the all-powerful theocracy. They also were relying on a high percentage of aid and weight to their complaint that conservatives rigged the vote.

Even before the vote, Rajab Ali Muzaffari, a leading member of the pro-reform Islamic Participation Front, had predicted the low turnout but conceded that hard-liners would probably take control of parliament.

Serbian prime minister says extradition not focus

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbian prime minister said Saturday that extraditing top suspects to the U.N. war crimes tribunal will not be his top priority, defying U.S. threats to cut aid and crucial political support to the troubled Balkan republic.

Vojislav Kostunica, the former Yugoslav president and a long-time opponent of the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, told The Associated Press that Serbia has more important issues to deal with — like simmering social tensions and a ruined economy.

"We should talk — plead if necessary ... to find a solution that is not black and white and which allows us to survive," said Kostunica, who like many Serbs condemns the U.N. court as anti-Serb. "This country is not a simple deliverer of human goods to The Hague tribunal."

Kostunica's comments will almost certainly anger the United States, which says Serbia must hand over war crimes suspects in order to receive \$100 million this year in aid and other support from international financial organizations.

This year, the U.S. Congress for the first time specifically mentioned the arrest of former Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, who was indicted by the U.N. war crimes court for genocide over the killing of about 8,000 men and boys in the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995.

By March 31, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell is to decide if Serbia has cooperated with the tribunal to get the planned aid — crucial for its stalled economy.

Kostunica argued that arrests and extraditions would only strengthen the ultranationalist Radical Party, which has seen a resurgence in recent months and gained the most seats in



Serbia's prime minister designate Vojislav Kostunica speaks during an interview Saturday with The Associated Press in Belgrade.

December elections.

He said the government also won't extradite four other Serbian generals indicted by the tribunal in September for atrocities during the Kosovo war. Even Serbia's previous government refused to hand them over because the charges against them were too vague, Kostunica said.

Kostunica became Yugoslav president after helping to oust Slobodan Milosevic in 2000, and was opposed when Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic's pro-Western government organized Milosevic's extradition to the tribunal in 2001. Djindjic was assassinated a year ago.

Kostunica became Serbia's prime minister designate Friday after turning for support Milosevic's political party, the Socialists. He is to form a minority government next week.

The Socialists — linked to war crimes and other human rights violations — faded dramatically following Milosevic's fall from the Yugoslav presidency.

Nations offer \$22M for Afghan elections

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three nations have agreed to pay more than \$22 million to help the effort to hold free elections in Afghanistan scheduled for June, a U.N. official said Saturday.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said the offer was made at a meeting of diplomats in Kabul this week to discuss preparations for the elections. He would not identify the countries.

With the polls just four months away, the United Nations faces the massive and task of registering an estimated 10.5 million eligible voters, which will cost \$98 million.

Before this week's offer, there was still a funding shortfall of \$50 million. The latest pledges would cut the amount needed nearly in half.

"Three countries indicated that they would come forward with additional funding of around \$22 million to \$23 million," said de Almeida e Silva.

Funding difficulties add to security woes that threaten to derail the elections, seen as a crucial in Afghanistan's recovery after a quarter century of conflict.

Attacks by Taliban-led insurgents, bent on undermining the U.S.-backed government of

President Hamid Karzai, have hampered voter registration, currently restricted to eight major cities but due to expand to more insecure rural regions in May.

On Friday, a senior Taliban leader threatened to stop people from participating in the elections, declaring the vote will fail and that their jihad or "holy war" would continue.

A man who identified himself as fugitive commander Mullah Dadullah rejected a newly crafted constitution — Afghanistan's first since the ouster of the hard-line Taliban regime from power in late 2001 by U.S.-led forces.

"The Taliban government doesn't accept the dummy constitution because it wasn't made by Afghan people. It was made by the U.S.," Dadullah told an Associated Press reporter based in the southern city of Kandahar. "The coming elections won't be a success."

Dadullah telephoned the AP at an appointed time after being contacted through intermediaries in southern Afghanistan. He did not disclose his location.

Authorities in Afghanistan blame the Taliban for a string of bomb blasts, kidnappings and attacks, including against aid

workers. They believe the one-legged Dadullah ordered the March 27 killing of Ricardo Munuera, a 23-year-old Red Cross engineer from El Salvador who was shot on a road near Kandahar.

In the phone call, Dadullah did not address the killings, but he charged that foreign non-governmental organizations, or NGOs, were not actually doing humanitarian work.

"We are killing those NGO people who are spies and supporting the U.S. policies," he said. "And also we won't let the Afghan people who are supporting the U.S. policies cooperate."

He denied reports that the Taliban were massing for attacks, but claimed that the movement was growing ever stronger. "The jihad will continue," he said. "We won't stop our activities."

Karzai's government still has little control beyond the capital, Kabul, because of powerful warlords with private militias and the Taliban-led insurgents.

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hickey said Saturday that the Taliban had suffered heavy losses in battles with U.S.-led coalition forces last summer in southern Afghanistan.

They were interrogating them Saturday. Witnesses said up to three others run away from the vehicle into Catholic sect Belfast, a primary IRA power base nearby.

Taiwan's candidates argue about China in final debate

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's opposition candidates ripped into President Chen Shui-bian in the final presidential debate Saturday, calling him an incompetent leader who has provoked China and damaged valuable relations with the United States and Japan.

Chen fired back that his challenger, ex-Vice President Lien Chan, lacked vision, ideas and courage. He also accused Lien, leader of the Nationalist Party, of having a wishy-washy policy on China — the island's biggest security threat.

"He doesn't believe in himself. He doesn't believe in Taiwan," said Chen, who most polls say is running neck and neck with Lien ahead of the March 20 vote.

The wide-ranging debate also touched on women's issues, the economy and defense.

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Police say nuclear marketer committed no crime

JOHOR BAHRU, Malaysia — A confessed black marketer connected to deals to help Libyan and Iranian nuclear weapons programs has committed no crime in Malaysia and is free to leave, the country's police chief said Saturday.

Malaysian police were "more than willing" to assist international investigations into Bukhary Syed-Abu-Tahir, but had no plans to detain him, Inspector General of Police Mohamed Bakri Omar told The Associated Press.

Mohamed Bakri's comments came a day after he released a report summing up a three-month investigation into Tahir's role in the sale of centrifuge parts from Malaysia to Libya. The report also revealed unprecedented details of global trade in nuclear secrets to rogue states.

The report cleared a Malaysian company, Scomi Precision Engineering, of being knowingly involved in proliferation, but urged the International Atomic Energy Agency to investigate several Europeans Tahir named as middlemen in the trafficking network created by the father of Pakistan's nuclear program, Abdul Qadeer Khan.

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IRA fails to abduct dissident from Belfast bar

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Irish Republican Army tried to abduct a leading IRA dissident from a Belfast bar, Northern Ireland's top law enforcement official said Saturday, reviving arguments over whether the outlawed group will ever renounce violence and disband.

Leaders of the moderate Catholic and Protestant parties demanded clear, new peace commitments from the IRA after Chief Constable Hugh Orde revealed Friday night's abduction attempt.

A telephone call brought police to the central Belfast pub, where they ransacked their car into a van near the pub to prevent its escape. Inside the van, they found four IRA suspects and the would-be abductee, alleged IRA dissident Bobby Tohill. Police arrested the four sus-

Chechens return to ruined capital



A Russian Interior Ministry soldier stands at a checkpoint in Grozny, Tuesday. Russian officials say Chechnya is stabilizing and that it's safe to return, but misery and fear still afflict the ruined republic.



Said-Emin Gaitayev, left, stands in his 100-square-foot room as his family prepares for a dinner in a temporary home in Grozny, Monday. Russian officials say Chechnya is becoming safer for refugees.

Refugees fear masked men and broken promises

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — The muddy road to Chechen President Akhmad Kadyrov's office runs through a war-pulverized factory complex, where a conveyor belt to a long-gone building vaults overhead like an unintended ceremonial arch.

"Welcome to Kadyrov's palace — good luck," says a Russian officer at a checkpoint.

In the fifth year of Russia's war against separatist rebels — the second war in Chechnya in a decade — the republic's ruined capital mixes deep fears and high hopes emblazoned by the presidential office building.

Though not palatial, it is new and shiny, with staff tapping away at computers. But the surrounding rubble-strewn wasteland is tightly guarded as a necessary security buffer — the office is a couple of hundred yards from the government building destroyed in a suicide truck bombing.

Along the main streets, workers spruce up a few commercial establishments, painting the ground-floor exteriors of buildings whose upper stories are torn with huge holes from shelling. Old women with twig brooms diligently sweep sidewalks while soldiers a block away sweep for land mines.

The Kremlin does not give casualty figures, but an official in the Moscow-backed Chechen administration, speaking on condition of anonymity, says about a half-dozen Russian soldiers die in rebel attacks daily — many in Grozny's suburbs.



An unidentified Chechen woman walks with her baby in a refugee camp in Karabulak, Ingushetia, on Sunday.

Kadyrov and the Kremlin say the war, per se, is over and it is safe for some 60,000 refugees to return. Y a k h a Gavarova, a refugee, in a muddy dismal tent camp in neighboring Ingushetia, disagrees.

"We're staying here, because we're afraid," she said.

The refugees worry about the countless land mines lurking under the roads and fields, and about getting caught in Russian "mopping-up" operations in which soldiers round up villagers to look for rebels and their supporters.

They especially fear the night, when gun-toting men in masks grab young men on the streets of Grozny.

Oleg Dashayev, 16, was coming home from an after-school soccer game and struggling with the lock on his house's gate when two men appeared.

"They had Kalashnikovs, and took my money ... at 6 o'clock in the evening," he said, shaking his head in disbelief.

Human rights groups blame many of these incidents on a security force commanded by Kadyrov's son, Ramzan, and allege he runs a private jail. The younger Kadyrov, meeting foreign journalists this month, strongly denied the allegations and later complained to Russian television that the reporters did not give enough attention to the state-funded sports complex named in his honor — that he runs.

Although the refugees may be afraid, their

options are narrowing. Russia has declared that the tent camps in Ingushetia, an embarrassing symbol of distrust in the government, will be closed within weeks. Gavarova's camp, which once held some 700 families, has shrunk to just 64 tents.

Many of the refugees live in temporary settlements such as derelict collective farms. Kris Janowski, spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, says gas supplies to at least 10 of those settlements have been cut in the past week and that water and electricity may be next to go.

Nearly 18,000 refugees have returned to Chechnya since the beginning of 2003, Russian officials say. Many of them were enticed back by offers of compensation for their destroyed homes of up to \$11,500 per family — an enormous sum in Chechnya, where the typical monthly pay is \$100-170.

But the cash is slow to materialize.

Said-Emin Gaitayev, a 38-year-old auto mechanic, left a refugee camp for Grozny with his wife and three children six months ago. Since then, they have been stuck in a one-time dormitory, crammed into one room with a single bed, hauling water up five floors in buckets. The only toilet is a reeking outdoors.

"They promise me money, but

Palestinians stage protest of Israel's West Bank fence

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Thousands of Palestinians staged protests of Israel's West Bank barrier Saturday and Israel prepared to remove a small stretch of its fencing two days before the start of a world court hearings on the legality of the structure.

In one of the largest public outpourings of anger over the barrier, Palestinians across the West Bank fired guns in the air and shouted anti-barrier chants — the first of several protests planned to coincide with the opening of hearings on Monday at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands.

On Sunday, Israeli workers are to begin removing a part of the barrier — about five miles of fencing, razor wire and trenches — that has isolated the Palestinian town of Baka al-Sharkia from the rest of the West Bank for more than a year, Defense Ministry spokeswoman Rachel Nidack-Ashkenazi said.

That section of fence is to be removed now that workers have completed a series of concrete walls and fences separating the town's western side from Israel, she said. A gate will allow passage to a "sister" town, Baka al-Gharbia, just inside the boundary with Israel.

"Since there is no intention to annex land or annex Palestinians to Israel, we are removing this part of the fence," Nidack-Ashkenazi said.

The move appeared aimed at softening international criticisms of Israel ahead of the world court hearings. Israel has come under increasing pressure — even domestic legal challenges — to reroute the barrier, which dips deep into the West Bank in places.

The complex of walls, fences, razor wire and watchtowers has become one of the most contentious issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel says the barrier is needed to stop suicide bombers and other attackers from entering Israeli towns and cities.

Palestinians are outraged because parts of the barrier that cut into the West Bank disrupt the lives of thousands. They also worry it will make it impossible to build an independent Palestinian state on the territory.

Construction of the barrier began more than a year ago and about a third of its eventual 450 miles is complete.

In later stages of the project, the barrier complex is to cut even deeper into the West Bank to wrap around Jewish settlements. That would separate thousands more Palestinians from their farmlands, schools and jobs.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia dismissed Israel's route adjustment and said all parts of the barrier built on West Bank land must be removed. "We do not approve of even 1 millimeter of the wall that falls on our land," he said.

The largest Palestinian demonstration Saturday was in the city of Nablus, where 2,000 people, including dozens of gunmen in black ski masks, marched through the streets.

The noisy display was punctuated by the rattle of gunshots fired into the air.

In the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Jenin, hundreds of people, including women and children, carried banners with slogans against the barrier.

Near Qalqilya, a Palestinian town that sits on the boundary with Israel and is surrounded by walls and fences, about 1,000 people protested.

"Peace without the wall," some shouted.

Palestinians are planning several demonstrations and general strikes Monday as a backdrop to the opening of The Hague proceedings.



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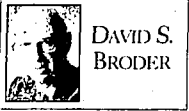
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Edwards is exactly that. Edwards reacted out on his speaking commitment for last night's Frank Church Banquet in Boise...

Dean's rise and fall has undoubtedly been the story so far in the 2004 race. By escalating verbal attacks on Bush...

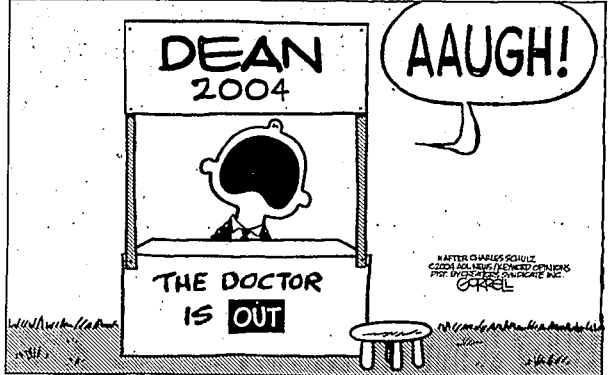
Dean made waves for future

I almost defies common sense to suggest that Howard Dean will leave a lasting and positive legacy for the Democratic Party...



That does not describe a large or vital bloc even within the Democratic coalition...

Even acknowledging all of that, it will not surprise me a bit if the Dean campaign turns out to be a significant milestone in Democratic history.



generation's richest source of leadership. Think of Barry Goldwater on the Republican side or George McGovern and Eugene McCarthy for the Democrats...

That is what Goldwater accomplished with his challenge to the assumptions of the liberal welfare state...

rates, especially for the top brackets. Almost single-handedly at first, he put those two topics on the agenda for the 2004 election...

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

The Times-News Masthead with staff names: Stephen Hartgen, Clark Walworth, etc.

LETTERS

Dean has energized the Democratic race. We are writing to inform your readers that they have the opportunity to exercise one of their civic duties...

Dean has energized the Democratic race. He stands up for sportsmen and for a strong defense. His past issues has become the 'voice' of the Democratic candidates.

Jury's award of \$17.5M to dairy was appalling. I was appalled when I read in the Times-News (Feb. 12) the story of The Times-News that a jury had

Dean can still bring party back to its roots

As the leader since September of Southern Idaho for Dean, I'd like to address and perhaps clarify Howard Dean's decision to support his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

While Dean has formally left the race, he asked his supporters to continue to be active in the primary and caucuses so we can elect a voice at the party's convention in Boston.

As a lifelong Democrat, I am saddened, angered and frustrated at the way this primary season has unfolded. But Dean backs need to remember we are not alone.

If you still believe in Howard Dean's message and want his leadership to join me in standing up for him on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Twin Falls County Democratic caucus.

Dean's message and want his leadership to join me in standing up for him on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Twin Falls County Democratic caucus. I will start at 7:30 p.m. at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

JULIE FANSELOW Twin Falls

Caucus voters can still follow Dean's influence

As the date for the Idaho Democratic Caucus approaches - Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the KMYT Community Room at 7:30 p.m. - we should stop and consider our choices.

ROSEMARY FORNSHIELL Twin Falls

Columnist was out of touch with real teaching

Columnist Paul Hill deems all teachers basically saying that only garbage college students go into education. All the best go into careers that pay them more and provide better working conditions.

mat and senior military officers have to produce and move up the ranks or they are retired. I have always wondered why we have so many retired generals that are getting humongous retirements...

I suggest that Mr. Hill is an arrogant, 'out of touch with the real world of teaching' person that has a high-paying job that produces little good.

STEPHEN M. JOHNSON Vancouver, Wash.

Editor's note: Stephen Johnson submitted this letter while visiting relatives in Jerome.

City officers' decisions have violated sound development

Regarding the article on Feb. 15 in The Times-News: 'Protecting farm land requires multiple efforts.'

Currently, our city officers have been asleep on the job regarding development of our rural community...

re zoning nuclear deemed county. City officers would site in court proceedings that they have the right to rezone county farm land for use into over-developed sandwich-packed home sites.

Decisions made by the current and past city officers regarding the rezoning of county lands northwest of Grandview North and northeast of Eastland Drive are in direct violation of sound development for Twin Falls City and the citizens who live in these areas of impact.

DENNIS A. CRAWFORD MICKEY TANNER Twin Falls

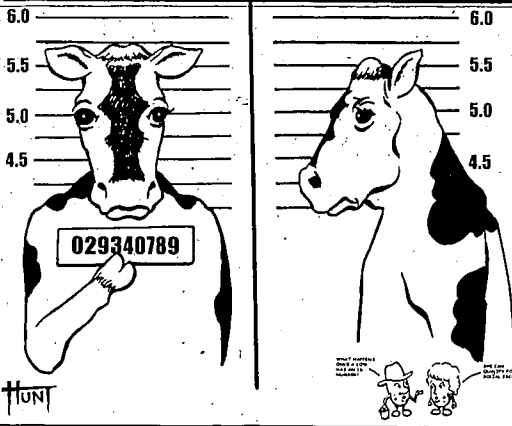
Editor's note: Dennis Crawford and Mickey Tanner are members of Citizens for Sound Development.

Editorial puts too much belief in politicians

Your editorial, 'Winnilla's ruling still aids Idaho's cause on waste', in which you advocate that affected states and the Department of Energy together work out a solution to reclassification of what is now categorized as high-level liquid wastes...

RON BOURGOIN Rocky Mount, N.C.

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Utah takes bold step on 'No Child'

When the Republican-led Utah House last month called the president's bluff on No Child Left Behind, it was an eye-opener.

Certainly other states have taken stands against this intrusive federal education law.

But the Utah vote against spending one dime of state or local money on No Child Left Behind was much more dramatic.

Vermont has passed a similar measure, but Utah is heavily Republican. The House vote shows that discontent with No Child Left Behind runs through both major political parties.

Virginia's House of Delegates last month asked Congress to exempt that state from the law. The Republicans also hold the majority in the House there. Other states are considering measures that call on Congress to improve funding or release the states from certain requirements.

These measures reflect an underlying issue about No Child Left Behind that has kept states seething: It is an unfunded federal mandate.

Utah House Speaker Martin R. Stephens said Utah's legislation is a "statement bill."

"If it (No Child Left Behind) is fully funded, then we'll implement it. And, if it's not, if there are requirements for which there are not enough federal funds, then we won't," he said.

In the middle of this, of course, are the children that No Child Left Behind was supposed to help. If the states do not comply with the law, either by choice or because they cannot afford to, the goal of helping children to succeed will

LAURA SCOTT

not be met.

That goal is laudable but this law has flaws, funding notwithstanding. Educators and superintendents worry about meeting the law's high expectations of student achievement soon enough, particularly in helping children with English as a second language and those with learning disabilities.

State legislators are starting to worry about the price tag. The act is part of a disturbing trend of the federal government sticking its nose into state education matters. Education historically has been a state-local responsibility, and many states were well on the road to improving their own standards and testing. Now they are finding the federal law interferes with those efforts.

No Child Left Behind represents quite a change in the thinking of Republicans, who used to be for states' rights and who would rail against the federal education bureaucracy.

Unfortunately, unfunded federal requirements are becoming somewhat the norm in Washington, and the states are rebelling.

Special education was the best example of this until No Child Left Behind came along. Congress in 1975 passed tough new requirements for educating students with special needs and promised to pay 40 percent of the costs.

But the amount appropriated has been less than half of that. The states and schools must pay the bill and they often must take funding away from other programs to do so.

To be sure, No Child Left Behind also sends billions of federal dollars to the states. President Bush says the money is enough. A growing number of states say it isn't.

Several states have studies under way to determine the actual cost of the law. That should help cut through the rhetoric.

Ohio, for example, says it will spend about \$1.5 billion each year — much more than it now gets from the federal government to implement the law.

Rep. Dennis Moore of Kansas, among others, has introduced legislation to prohibit the federal government from penalizing school districts for failing to meet the law's educational goals until the feds put up the money.

States are cash-strapped because of the economy. They often don't have the dollars to pay their teachers decently, to keep classrooms from becoming crowded, and to keep schools from being closed.

And so they don't have the money to pay for additional testing, more and better teachers, summer school, after-school classes and tutoring — the result of No Child Left Behind.

Congress and the Bush administration should get real. If they want No Child Left Behind to succeed as anything more than a campaign gimmick, it needs to be overhauled and fully funded. Otherwise, other state lawmakers will follow in the states' rights stampede and it will be difficult to blame them.

Laura Scott is a columnist for The Kansas City Star.

LETTERS

More questions exist on Gooding police issue

To the citizens of Gooding County:

This is a letter to let you know what is currently being entertained by our City Council.

At the Tuesday, Feb. 17, meeting, Sheriff Shaun Gough presented a proposal to "take over" not consolidate the city police department. This action would, in all likelihood, put at least four current officers out of a job as when asked if the existing officers would be allowed to stay, the answer was, well, they would be allowed to apply for a position with the sheriff's office.

I personally have many questions concerning what we would be gaining and what we would be losing, i.e., will there be an officer on duty inside the city limits 24 hours a day, seven days a week? Will that officer's prime and only objective be giving the city coverage or would that officer simply be a county officer who could be called out into the county, leaving the city totally unprotected? Will this save money at the expense of protection? Will this limit the control that the council and citizens have in regard to officers, i.e., will a complaint be given any consideration or will we tell that's how it is, get over it? These, along with many other issues need to be discussed and taken into consideration before any action is taken.

I am also concerned, of course, with my husband's employment status. He has been an officer for 28 years and now would have to reapply just like a young rookie. Also, there are officers who would, because of past and present medical problems, not be able to find employment elsewhere, even though they are good and competent officers.

As a concerned citizen and spouse, I am asking the citizens of Gooding whether you are for or against such an action to contact a member or members of the City Council and let your feelings be known. Following are the names and phone numbers of the council members:

Mayer Herb Stroud, 934-5587; Duke Morton, 934-5331; Tom Stevenson, 934-4537; Vern France, 934-5744; Sharon Scriver, 934-8640; city office, 934-5669.

Remember, this is our town and we have a right to decide how it should be protected.

DONNA BROWN
Gooding

Too much faith in science is a wrong path

This letter is addressed to John Walsh of Bualey and all who desire to lean on their own understanding.

Mr. Walsh stated in his recent letter that Mr. Puder and I were ignorant. Maybe you don't know what that word means, John. You said I was correct in stating there is not one shred of credible scientific evidence to support homosexuality as anything other than a choice, then you called me ignorant. What fact and truth is it I am ignoring, John?

To be ignorant, one must know the truth and fact and then choose to ignore them. You, sir, are the one who continues to ignore all the facts. You listed several books, yet that is not one scintilla of scientific evidence in any of them to support homosexuality caused by genetics, DNA structures or otherwise.

Homosexual behavior is just that, bad behavior. You are choosing to ignore solid science and instead reach out for any straw to support your wild suppositions

about God, truth and scientific evidence. That, sir, is pure ignorance, and your letters prove your choice to ignore anything except what you want to believe.

Evolution is a farce, and there is no scientific evidence to support it. Yet it is the foundation which supports secular humanism and every attached liberal cause. Save the whales or some small sucker fish but kill innocent baby Americans in the name of personal women's rights.

Shame on you, Mr. John Walsh, for helping lead another generation of Americans down the wide path of destruction. It is people like yourself who believe anything but God's existence who are the truly ignorant.

As for your maligning me for being a "self-appointed man of the cloth," well, I didn't seek the job of minister. Hugs need to be heaped upon the men and women who serve God as pastors. We hold the hands of a dying soul, praying that in their last breath, they will accept Christ and go in peace, but that rarely happens. They, too, choose to ignore the truth.

I would like to meet you, I harbor no ill will against you, John Walsh, just your ignorance. Coffee at Polo's every Tuesday morning at 8.

JERRY HUGHEN
DeLo

Open Letter to the Idaho Legislature

Your 40-year alcohol tax policy may have been popular with the Hospitality Industry, but our young people are paying a heavy price for the lack of funding for prevention and treatment.

This makes you a big player in the present meth crisis; the Guru from California here a year or so ago said the youngsters stuff themselves with alcohol and then try meth. Their future is very dim.

Where is the follow through from the statement many of you use: "Our children are our most valuable asset."

You have deserted them!

ARCHIE WALKER
Glenns Ferry

Reasons for defending Iraq war don't stand up

I am confused.

Regarding Feb. 13 reply to recent letter from Bill Chisholm by Glenn Koch of Fairfield: Mr. Koch, please take the time to clarify the connection between the Sept. 11 attack and the war in Iraq for me. Also, would you state your opinion on the nomination of Blair and Bush for the Nobel Peace Prize, not ignoring the reality of a past nominee, Adolf Hitler.

AUDREY VON LINDERN
Hagerman

Politicians get lighter sentences for crimes

My name is Anthony Firkins, and this is my viewpoint in regard to your editorial on Jan. 20:

It stated that "Boise case proves that crime leads to jail time." However, it's my opinion, and I believe one held by many in our state, that it should have read, "Boise case proves that law favors those that have over those that have not."

In sitting in the Cassia County jail waiting for transport to the maximum security prison in Boise, I have 22 months left on a one- to four-year sentence for escape (a walk-away) from the Fbor County Jail back in 2000. I have been on parole for the last eight months, working six days a week for \$20,000 a year to support my family of four. But on a parole violation for a dirty analysis, this support has been taken.

But at the same time, Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort steals \$60,000 from Twin Falls County to fuel his "gambling" habit and received one year. The haves and the have nots.

Betty Carlson, \$85,000 from the Raft River Fire Protection District for "personal" use, received one year from Judge Carlson (no relation). OK, it gets worse or better depending on who you are.

With the case of ex-Mayor Brent Coles and Boise City Chief of Staff

LETTERS

Gary Lyman, the sentence received by Mr. Lyman at first looks to be a little more on track until you recall we are talking about a man who pleaded guilty to four felony counts.

It's my understanding that the taxpayers spent \$100,000 to investigate the stealing or misuse of public funds, making the fine of \$50,000 a bit short. Not to mention that ex-Mayor Brent Coles' case revealed that the "misusing" started all the way back in 1999.

District Judge Deborah Bail stated that the sentence shows they (Coles and Lyman) are not immune from justice.

If this is justice, then the fact that I have 22 months left to top a four-year sentence for escape that started running consecutive on Oct. 5, 2000, is clearly an injustice. That or the legal system does favor those that have over those that have not.

ANTHONY FIRKINS
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The Times-News

Sunday, February 22, 2004

Section B

The case for folly on Tuesday

I could be wrong about this, but I've just about come to the conclusion that Twin Falls doesn't know how to party.

See, I've been making a study of Mardi Gras - it's this Tuesday, you know - which worldwide is the biggest party of the year. The most famous Mardi Gras blowouts are in Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans, and those folks seem to have a few characteristics that are missing here in the Magic Valley.

1. They stay up past 10. Sorry, but this seems pretty essential: Midnight is mentioned virtually in all the literature on getting jiggy.
2. They wear funny hats. You know, like Carmen Miranda used to wear. And darned if you'll find a single give-away seed-company baseball cap among the revelers on Canal Street.
3. They have a motto. Voulez-vous les bon temps roulez! (let the good times roll!) The closest we can come to that in Idaho is our state motto, *Eato perena*, which is Latin for "we should be getting home."
4. They're not afraid to throw their empty champagne flutes into the fireplace. Hereabouts, we wouldn't do that to a badly clipped 30-year-old Flintstones jelly glass. We'll have a yard sale instead.
5. They dance. We're much too self-conscious for that sort of thing, and besides, we're Lutheran.
6. They have zydeco. We have Lawrence Welk.
7. They limbo. We hokey-pokey.
8. They hiss perfect strangers. We don't shake hands until the third date.
9. They get down with their own bad selves. We go bowling.
10. They do gold lamé. We do yellow polyester.

Of course, they've got the philosophy of partying down right: Mardi Gras is release; the next morning, Ash Wednesday - that's the beginning of Lent - is redemption. It never pays to let off steam unless you have some means of getting it back. Lent - if you do it right - can make you absolutely miserable.

Knowing that in advance, of course, there aren't many lampshades you won't try on come Mardi Gras.

Hank Williams, a country boy who grew up with Mardi Gras, understood that. His whole career was about mornings after:

*"A distant uncle passed away and left me quite a batch
 And I was livin' high until that fatal day
 A nigger proved I wasn't born
 I was only hatched."
 "If it was raitin' gold I wouldn't stand a chance
 I wouldn't have a pocket in my pants
 No matter how I struggle and strive
 I'll never get out of this world alive."*

Williams - who experienced quite a few - never complained about hangovers because he always remembered how hard he had worked to acquire them.

And that, I guess, is the secret to howling at the moon: There's no

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of XXX
Upper Snake/River	XX%	XX%
Henry Fork/Fulton	XX%	XX%
Big Lost	XX%	XX%
Little Lost	XX%	XX%
Silver Lake	XX%	XX%
Big Wood	XX%	XX%
Little Wood	XX%	XX%
Salmon Falls	XX%	XX%
Oakley Basin	XX%	XX%

As of XXX, comparison of basin snowpack on the day, with a 30-year average. See indicator of basin snowpack, which peaks in XXX.

Lawmakers face tough decisions

The Associated Press

BOISE - Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron walked out of the committee room at the end of the week shaking his head. The huge Republican majority had just stood firm on spending cuts for social programs and politically dicey constraints on working poor access to subsidized medical care to keep costs from rising so fast in the future.

"Those guys are real troopers out there," the Rupert Republican said. "These votes are never easy." But the task facing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and lawmakers next year will make this year's deliberations seem easy.

They lose \$100 million in revenue when the temporary penny sales tax expires in mid-2005. The economy seems to be growing, but only slowly, while pressure mounts on programs that have been suspended since mid-2002 between curtailed financial support and escalating demand from a growing population.

"If we have the one-cent go away

and we don't have strong economic growth, we've got problems," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said. "And I'm a little worried about this recovery."

To hold growth to 4 percent in the budget for the year that begins in July, Cameron said the 16 Republicans on the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee had to make what he called "gut-wrenching" decisions. Over Democratic protests, the GOP voted to limit access to the health care program and deny cash for everything from more State Police troopers and a hearing screening program for newborns to a tutoring program for struggling students who fail



Bruce Newcomb

the soon-to-be mandatory graduation test. "The public will have a chance to speak on this," Cameron said. "It will be an election issue. Do they want to cut programs, or do they want to keep the sales tax?" Democrats complained that Republicans are shortchanging education and other critical programs just to build up a surplus the governor says is needed to get

the state through the next three years without the extra sales tax money or any other tax increases. Kempthorne said "That's my story, and I'm sticking to it."

But even then, his crystal ball anticipates a 2005-06 budget only 1 percent higher than the budget lawmakers are finishing up now.

"We have to make that," Kempthorne said. "That's my story, and I'm sticking to it."

Newcomb, Cameron and others know it cannot be made, but the contingency they have come up with does not make the task much

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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

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MAKING WAVES



Standing with fish at his feet, Buhl resident Phil Smith casts his line during the 4th annual Clear Lake Country Club Fly-Fishing Derby Saturday. John Andrews caught the biggest fish of the 102 anglers competing, taking home a 5.5 pound rainbow trout and the custom fly-fishing rod prize.

Two will challenge Weaver for Jerome sheriff job

The Times-News

JEROME - Two men have announced their intentions to seek the Republican nomination in the race for Jerome County sheriff.

Wayne Childers, 57, and Bryant Nelson, 35, each announced his candidacy last week during a Lincoln Day gathering of Republicans in Jerome County. Two-term Sheriff Jim Weaver, meanwhile, also took the opportunity at the same banquet to announce his intention to seek re-election.

The contest will be a rematch of the 2000 race in some regards. That year, Weaver defeated Childers in a three-way race by capturing 49 percent of the vote to Childers' 29 percent.

Both challengers say they want to bring change to the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Childers, who serves as an officer with the Wendell Police Department, says this race will be about morals.

"Values and morals are a part of country living," he said. "The direction the sheriff's office has taken in the past four years has not been productive."

Childers is a former Jerome County deputy. He is married with two grown daughters and ran as an independent four years ago.

"I have lived here all of my life and feel I can make a difference," he said.

Nelson, a former rancher who lives in rural Jerome County south of Eden, is married and has two young sons.

"We need a change," he said. "The sheriff's office needs to gain back the trust and respect of the citizens of the county."

Nelson has no law enforcement experience. Regardless, Nelson said this race will be about "trust."

"The sheriff's office has to be part of the community," he said.

Weaver, 63, of Hazelton, originally was elected sheriff in 1996. In his two previous bids for office, Weaver has framed his campaign around his commitment to being tough on

crime.

In '96, Weaver unseated incumbent Sheriff George "Pee Wee" Silver III by a 2-to-1 margin, capturing 72 percent of the vote.

The filing period for the May 25 primary election runs from March 8 to 19. The winner of the primary will move on to the Nov. 2 general election.



Bryant Nelson



Wayne Childers



Jim Weaver

Burley theater fund-raiser extends Mardi Gras fun

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

BURLEY - The good times are sure to continue rolling Saturday in Burley with the Mardi Gras-themed banquet and ball to benefit the Wilson Theatre.

Even though Mardi Gras itself is Tuesday - the official carnival celebration ends at midnight at the start of Ash Wednesday - the fun will stretch a few extra days in Mini-Cassia.

Because of timing, Wilson Theatre volunteers selected Mardi Gras as the theme for this year's event. Renaissance Arts Center Executive Director Chris Jackson said. So she and the volunteers planning the bash have been busy sorting carnival masks, beads and coins known as "doubloons," which are used to celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Masks and beads of many colors

Wilson Theatre ball

When: 6 p.m., Saturday.
 Where: Burley Inn.
 How much: \$40.
 What: Cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, dance.
 Why: Fund-raiser to continue the restoration of the Wilson Theatre.

and shapes will greet people who attend the ball and some can be taken home as souvenirs.

Volunteers have been meeting at least weekly recently, preparing centerpieces, planning the menu, gathering items donated for the silent and live auction and checking in ticket sales. Because the renovation of the theater is occurring now, many of the meetings occur in people's houses. Planning

for the theater's major fund-raiser of the year has been under way for six months, committee member Melle Lee Warren said.

Last year's ball was in April and organizers agreed they wanted to hold the 2004 event earlier, hence the late February date for this year, event co-chairman Duane Knos said. His wife, Lucy, is the other ball co-chairman.

About 325 tickets are available, Jackson said. People can still buy tickets at her office, which is in the Wilson Theatre. If all the tickets aren't sold by Saturday, volunteers will sell tickets at the door.

Last year's ball had a "big barn" theme.

"It was pure fun," Jackson said. "From the moment people walked in the door they were in a party mood," Lucy Knos said.

The volunteers hope that's the case again this year.

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Purple, green and gold - the official colors of Mardi Gras - fill the table at Duane and Lucy Knos' house as volunteers work on decorations for Saturday's banquet and ball to benefit the Wilson Theatre. Preparing centerpieces are Lucy Knos, Duane Knos, Chris Jackson and Melle Lee Warren.

SHELLEY RIDENOUR/The Times-News

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Jury finds Australian guilty of injuring baby

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - An Ada County jury has found Australian resident Kirk Pinner guilty of aggravated battery by shaking and injuring a baby in 2001.

Stephens in November 2001. The child suffered hemorrhages in his brain and eyes while Stephens was out running an errand. Pinner was temporarily staying at Stephens' Boise apartment.

choking on food or baby formula. He also insisted that the child's brain hemorrhages and partial paralysis happened before the boy was in his care.

OBITUARY

Helen Bowler Rork - Twin Falls

Helen Bowler Rork, age 77, of Twin Falls, died on Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, from complications with diabetes and congestive heart failure.



Helen is survived by her husband, Fritz Rork of Twin Falls, Idaho; and her sons, Ed Hobbs of Boise, Idaho, and D.M. "Mac" Hobbs of Milton-Freewater, Ore. She is also survived

by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rork was preceded in death by her parents, Mack Bowler and Helen Evans Bowler; her son, Tom Hobbs; and her brother, Ralph Bowler.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Paul Leo Ehrmantraut - Bellevue

Paul Leo Ehrmantraut passed away peacefully with his family at his side, after a long battle with metastatic myeloma (cancer) at 1:48 a.m. Thursday morning, Feb. 19, 2004.



Sandra; and three beautiful granddaughters, Siara, Kiana and Cailla. He is also survived by his brothers, Tom (Karen) of Filer and R.W. Boise; sister, Remegia (Chuck) Williams of Twin Falls, Jolina (Bill) Warfield of Salt Lake City, Utah, Helen (Pat) Maglaughlin of Burley and Pattie (Jim) Boden of Twin Falls; numerous nieces and nephews; and a multitude of good friends.

were devoted to caring for his granddaughters, his greatest joy, Siara, Kiana and Cailla. He often would walk to the school in Bellevue to meet them when class had ended.

Paul is survived by his wife, Joanna; his children, Tod, Tammy and Wade; his daughter-in-law,

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church followed by burial at the Bellevue Cemetery. A candlelight vigil and viewing will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340. Their help and support have been invaluable. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

SERVICES

Alonso "Blonde" Maldonado of Hazelton and Murtaugh, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edward's Chapel; friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary today at Reynolds Chapel.

Latter-day Saints 4th Ward Chapel, 1650 S. 200 E., Orem, friends can visit from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State, Orem, and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the Cherry Hill LDS 4th Ward Chapel.

friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Ferne Ware of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Nina Elaine Sorenson of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone; viewing for family and

Florence M. Nielson of Wendell, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Allen-Wagoner Funeral Chapel; Boise).

DEATH NOTICES

James R. Shadduck BURLEY - James R. Shadduck, 81, of Burley, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Eugene A. Gary KIMBERLY - Eugene A. Gary, 79, of Kimberly, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Fredrick H. Turner TWIN FALLS - Fredrick H. Turner, 77, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Veterans-Extended-Care-Unit in Boise.

George Walker JEROME - George Walker, 81, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Jesse Gerald Nicholson TWIN FALLS - Jesse Gerald Nicholson, 87, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Advertisement for Debbie Thomas Family with text: "We know it's been too long, but not a day has gone by that we haven't thought of people's kindness or thoughtfulness during Deb's illness and death. Thank you so much and God Bless You"

Rep. Kucinich will make a brief campaign stop in Salt Lake City

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Rep. Dennis Kucinich is scheduled to make a brief campaign stop in Utah Sunday morning in what will be the only visit by a presidential candidate to the state before Tuesday's primary.

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After that, the candidate visits California, one of 10 states holding "Super Tuesday" races March 2 where 1,151 delegates are at stake.

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Advertisement for Financial Directions with photo of James R. Love

Advertisement for Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Twin Falls Cemetery with text: "Don't Believe Everything You Hear..."

Victor K. Bloch - Burley

Victor Kurt Bloch, 83, of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his home.



tennis, swimming, music, painting, photography and reading. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Vicie Columbus of Burley; and one sister, Charlotte (Paul) Studtmann of Lombard, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lorenz, Waldemar and Norman Bloch; and one sister, Verona Bloch.

He was born Dec. 6, 1920, in Garland, Neb., the son of Herman Otto and Wilhelmina Zimmerman Bloch. He received his education in Seward, Neb., graduating from Concordia High School. He then attended Concordia Teacher's College in River Forest, Ill., where he received a bachelor of science degree.

He was a school teacher by profession and had taught in the Lutheran Schools for 20 years, prior to moving to Burley in 1970, where he taught for the Minidoka County School District until his retirement in 1983.

He married Viola Baker on Oct. 3, 1970, in Waterford, Calif. Vic loved the Lord and was valiant in his church service. He was an accomplished musician and shared his God-given talents as he served as the organist/choir director at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Long Beach, Calif., and was the choir director at Burley United Methodist Church for more than

18 years. He also served as the church librarian and was on the Evangelism Committee at Burley United Methodist Church. Vic enjoyed singing and sang for many years with the Burley Kiwanis Club's Singing K's.

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Dorothy H. Nelson - Burley

Dorothy Helen Nelson, 91, of Burley and formerly of Pocatello, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.



New; her grandchildren, Mary Frances Adams of Burley, Dr. Jane Chandramouli of Sandy, Utah, Ellen Vollmer of Boise, Lisa Burkowski of Grand Rapids, Mich., Lori Byer of San Rafael, Calif., and Julie Emery and Deon Outright, both of Redding, Calif., and her great-grandchildren, Alex and Nick Adams, Megan and Sophia Chandramouli, Sage Vollmer, Lindsay Burkowski, Jason and Allison Byer, Joshua Emery and Sidney Outright.

She received her education in Utah, graduating from Ashton High School. She married Evan L. Nelson on Aug. 11, 1934, in Ashton. Dorothy had the privilege of raising her family and being a stay-at-home mother.

She was dedicated to her family and was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was a resident of Pocatello for 47 years.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello.

She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Ashton, Pocatello and Burley. She was also a member of the Union

Officers will be the Rev. Darcey Gritzmacher of the Burley United Methodist Church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Church United Methodist Church Foundation or to a charity of choice.

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

Eli Allen Weston - Hailey

Eli Allen Weston, 79, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Blaine Manor in Hailey, Idaho, from a variant of Parkinson's Disease.



Emerite with a State of Idaho Certificate of Recognition and a Distinguished Service Award. Allen is survived by his wife, Mardene; three sons, Ronald (Laura) Weston, Christopher (Shelley) Weston and Robert (Janet) Weston; three stepchildren, Jeannine, Janette and Curt; sister, Shirley Blake of Twin Falls; brother, Stewart of Glendale, Ariz.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was born Sept. 28, 1924, in Enderlin, N.D., to Bert and Esther Weston, and the family moved to Idaho in 1929. Allen graduated from Pocatello High School in 1942.

He joined the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops, where he served three years. After an honorable discharge, he earned his bachelor's of arts degree from the University of Arizona.

He was then employed by Douglas Aircraft for four years as a supervisor of the training facilities (Industrial Relations). He taught at the College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif. He obtained his master's degree in education from Idaho State

University in 1972 which teaching at Boise State University between 1964 and 1984. He then retired as Professor

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Dorothy, and his daughter, Bern.

Memorials may be sent to Blaine County Senior Center, P.O. Box 28, Hailey, ID 83333, or Blaine Manor, P.O. Box 927, Hailey, ID 83333.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Kimberly saves on janitorial services

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Middle School has seen some changes in the way its janitorial work is done.

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BUHL SCHOOL Breakfast menu Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Waffles Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Doughnuts Friday: Scrambled eggs Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: Cold-cut sandwich Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza Thursday: Fish sandwich Friday: Chili crackers

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL Breakfast menu Milk and juice served daily Monday: Pancakes Tuesday: Pancakes Wednesday: Scrambled eggs Thursday: Doughnuts Friday: Breakfast McFluffins Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served daily Monday: Fenchelitas Tuesday: Turkey Wednesday: Baked potato bar Thursday: Deli sandwich Friday: Taco burgers

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL Milk served daily Monday: Sloppy joe Tuesday: Turkey pot pie Wednesday: Ham and beans Thursday: No School Friday: No School

FILER SCHOOL Monday: Cheese burgers Tuesday: Turkey soup Wednesday: Spaghetti Thursday: Sliced ham Friday: Tacos

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT Breakfast menu Milk served daily Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: French toast Thursday: Cream of Wheat Friday: Cereal Lunch Menu Milk served daily Monday: Spaghetti Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Chicken fajitas Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Chicken nuggets

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL Choice of milk every day Monday: Soup and salad bar Tuesday: Ham Wednesday: Beef and cheese pizza Thursday: No School Friday: No School

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Milk served daily Monday: Noodles Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Spaghetti Thursday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Hoast turkey

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL Milk served daily Monday: Noodles Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Taco salad Thursday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Caribbean wrap

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Monday: Fish sticks Tuesday: Sloppy joe Wednesday: Corn dogs Thursday: Potato/hamburger soup Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Fresh fruit and milk served daily Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich Wednesday: Chicken sandwich Thursday: Pancakes

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL Choice of milk served daily Monday: Chicken sandwich Tuesday: Chicken Fried steak Wednesday: Italian sandwich Thursday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Pizza

MURTAUGH SCHOOL Milk served daily Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Burritos Wednesday: Chicken bacon wrap Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Beef stew

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH Breakfast menu Milk served daily Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Pancakes Friday: Cereal Lunch menu

Milk served daily Monday: Chicken sandwich Tuesday: Corn dogs Wednesday: Italian sub Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Hot dogs Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese Thursday: Baked potato bar Friday: Italian dinners

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY Milk served daily Monday: Biscuits and gravy Tuesday: Pancakes Wednesday: Cereal Lunch menu Monday: Chicken fried steak Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: Italian hotdog Thursday: Pepperoni pizza Friday: Deli sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Breakfast is served daily Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Pasta bar Wednesday: Cheeseburger Thursday: Italian sub sandwich Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS Breakfast is served daily Monday: Crisp burrito Tuesday: Chili bar Wednesday: Open menu Thursday: Spaghetti Friday: Chili

BLISS SCHOOL Milk served daily Monday: Hamburger pizza Tuesday: Hot dog Wednesday: Soft taco Thursday: Ham and potato Friday: No School

DIETRICH SCHOOLS Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily Monday: Hamburger Tuesday: Rib-burger Wednesday: Lasagna Thursday: Tacos Friday: Biscuits Friday: Nuggets

GLENNS FERRY Monday: Corn dogs Tuesday: Chicken Wednesday: Taco salad Thursday: Egg roll Friday: Chicken noodle soup

GODDING SCHOOLS Choice of milk served daily Monday: Chicken burger and fries Tuesday: Ground beef stringangot Wednesday: Pops in a blanket Thursday: Burrito Friday: Chili

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS Choice of milk offered daily Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Burrito Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese Thursday: Pizza on a bun Friday: Chicken on a bun

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND Milk served daily Monday: Breakfast menu Tuesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Biscuits and gravy or jelly Friday: Egg and cheese omelet Lunch menu Salad bar and choice of milk served daily Monday: Sloppy joe or turkey sandwich Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: French bread pizza Thursday: Hot dogs Friday: Tuna sandwich or chicken fajita

JEROME SCHOOLS Milk served daily Monday: Crisp taco Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Rib-burger Thursday: Scrambled eggs Friday: Ham and cheese pocket

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS Breakfast Milk and juice served daily Monday: Scrambled eggs Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: French toast Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Monday: Corn chips w/ chili Tuesday: Hamburger Wednesday: Pigeon-a-blanket Thursday: Pizza Friday: Rib-burger

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS Breakfast and choice of milk served daily Monday: Pepperoni pizza Tuesday: Rib-burger Wednesday: Chicken wrap Thursday: Chili Friday: Tortilla dips

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, and the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 208-733-8288, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Judge delays state health agency probe of team doctor

SEATTLE (AP) - A judge has postponed a probe by state health investigators into the practices of a former University of Washington doctor accused of handing out prescription drugs to athletes.

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the past three years Scheyer wrote prescriptions for more than 5,000 doses of painkillers, sedatives, tranquilizers and steroids in the names of a softball player, a UW athletic trainer and a trainer for USA Softball. He then issued the drugs to others.

Management plan for Roan Plateau might wait until after election

DENVER (AP) - As the release date for a plan on how to manage the Roan Plateau development on the Roan Plateau keeps getting delayed, several environmental groups say they suspect politics is behind it.

After a series of delays on the plan for a variety of issues, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management says it does not know when the report will be complete.

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Community House keeps doors open

BOISE (AP) - The city of Boise is assuming operations of the Community House homeless shelter.

Community House since taking over nearly 10 months ago. But, he said, the shelter has some compliance problems that could affect the city's ability to continue receiving federal grants for social services.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Exhibit marks trek as start of exploration in West

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—The Corps of Discovery led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark was only the beginning of U.S. Army exploration in the uncharted West.

Their 1804-06 journey — applying Thomas Jefferson's standards for record-keeping, mapmaking and diplomatic contact — set the pattern for an 80-year series of Army treks that helped open the emerging nation's final frontier, Jefferson said in the Declaration of Independence, our national birth certificate ... and in a sense invents the American West with his exploration charter, said historian James Ronda during a recent tour of "Beyond Lewis and Clark: The Army Explores the West."

The exhibit, named for Ronda's latest book, is making its only stop in the West at the Washington State History Museum here, where it will remain through Oct. 31.

"We start with Lewis and Clark, but we don't stop there," Ronda said.

The exhibit covers expeditions led by Zebulon Pike, Stephen Long, John Charles Fremont, Isaac Stevens, who became the state's first territorial governor, and others. It also features George Armstrong Custer, to show exploration has consequences. Ronda's "The Army Explores the West" shows the 1868 report of gold in the Black Hills helped set the stage for the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876, Ronda said.

"By opening the West for some, those explorers and their journals closed the West for others," noted Redmond J. Barnett, the museum's director of exhibits.

The exhibit includes the air rifle Lewis and Clark carried to impress Indian tribes, who had never seen a man that operated without gunpowder.

"It's probably the most storied



Changing Images of American Indians are projected on an early map of the American West opens the show titled 'Beyond Lewis & Clark' at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, Wash.

piece of equipment that Lewis and Clark had with them," said museum Director David Nicandri. "It was intended as a piece of theater — the Lewis and Clark Road Show. They were showing off their technology — no smoke, no flash, no powder."

"Part of this is a lure — stop trading with the British, start trading with us," Ronda said.

Also on display is one of the silver Jefferson Peace Medals given to tribal leaders and others.

"For Lewis and Clark ... if you accepted it and put it around your neck, 'You're ours,'" Ronda said. "But native people saw it in very different ways, as a sign of status or as a carrier of powerful

and dangerous forces.

"When Lewis and his men killed two Piegan Blackfeet, they hung Peace Medals around their necks," as Lewis said, "So you will know who we are," Ronda said. "So the Peace Medal became a calling card of empire ... We're playing for keeps here."

The exhibit includes bloodletting cups and other medical supplies, as well as brass compasses and other surveying tools.

"They take cutting-edge scientific instruments with them ... the best of that generation's science," Ronda said.

While "they look like rustic frontiersmen ... they were able to

transact complicated mathematics that few contemporary Americans would be able to replicate," Nicandri said.

Among beautiful sketches and lithographs by several artists is a drawing by the Lewis and Clark party of the Washington state coast north of the mouth of the Columbia.

It's the first time this particular piece has been on the Pacific slope since the spring of 1806 when they drew it," Nicandri said.

Botanical samples — including Mahonia aquifolium, Oregon grape — look "almost as fresh as when Lewis plucked them," Ronda said.

Idaho offers a rare view of Lewis and Clark trail

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Some of Lewis and Clark's most difficult days were spent in Idaho, including passage over the Lolo Trail in north-central Idaho.

Modern-day explorers are coming to spots such as this in Idaho because so much of the Corps of Discovery's trail in the state is intact and undisturbed.

Dick Smith has been fascinated by the Lewis and Clark expedition for 40 years.

"Railroads and Lewis and Clark were about the only things in history class that appealed to me," Smith said.

It's the scale of the Corps of Discovery's achievement that enralls the Salmon resident. It's the grandness of the mission — the expedition organized by President Thomas Jefferson to explore and lay claim to the more than 800,000-square-foot parcel the United States acquired in the Louisiana Purchase.

"The expedition, done at the time it was done, with what they had to do it, was probably the equivalent of walking on the moon today," Smith said. "It's an incredible feat to walk almost 8,000 miles and only lose one person."

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As the nation continues its celebration of the expedition led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, many Americans are following in the explorers' footsteps, using boats and canoes, cars and campers and hiking boots.

Those modern-day adventurers from all across the country are drawn to Idaho, where they can see Lewis and Clark's preserved landscape along the trail.

"There are so many of the sites that are so undisturbed, it's amazing," said Linwood Laughey, a retired school principal who leads tours of the sites throughout Idaho.

Other parts of the Corps of Discovery's route from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean have been significantly altered. Dams block the Missouri and Snake rivers. Developments scar many valleys.

But from Lemhi Pass to Lolo Pass along the Idaho-Montana border, people still walk the same trail, camp in the same spots, drink from the same springs and see almost the same vistas that Lewis and Clark's guide did.

These special places give people today a sense of the significance of the corps' journey, a 15-month trek by foot over a foot over 3,000 miles, Laughey said.

"When we take people to the

places where the events in the diaries took place, we read from the journals while they're standing on the same ground. There's a connection that goes from the head to the feet that goes through the heart — it's really magical," he said.

Those who want to walk the fragile trail in the Clearwater National Forest during the bicentennial years must have permits, which will be assigned by lottery.

But in the summer, anyone can travel the two unpaved scenic drives in eastern Idaho that follow the expedition's progress into central Idaho and western Montana, and thousands of people are doing just that.

In 2002, about 5,500 Lewis and Clark travelers made the trip over Lemhi Pass. Last year, 6,000 made the trek during a time of heavy road construction, said Mike Crosby of the Bureau of Land Management in Salmon.

"We expect a pretty hefty increase for this year," he said.

The 39-mile Lewis and Clark Back Country Byway is about 20 miles south of Salmon off Route 28 and offers views of Lemhi Pass and the expedition's first Idaho campsite.

The Lolo Motorway is a 73-mile stretch of Forest Service road through the Bitterroots that follows an historic Nez Percé trail. It offers ridge-top vistas of the same ridges Lewis and Clark struggled to cross.

"The rock formations and the scenery are still the same," along the Lolo Trail, said Bob Nuss, who drove with his wife from their home in central Pennsylvania to Idaho last year. "That was as much of the experience as anything."

And, of course, thru are the mountains. It's a reminder that the Range one of the explorers described in his journal as "the most terrible mountains I've ever beheld."

Instead of the low mountain range the corps was expecting, based on their knowledge of the Appalachians in the east, they saw a range of snow-covered peaks.

"It wasn't anything like they thought it would be," Smith said. Easterners traveling by car who see the mountains for the first time are still awed today.

"It's so different from what we have in the East, it was hard to understand. They seemed big and high," said Sue Nuss of her trek over Lolo Pass last year.

"We had all the comforts, being there in summer, while they were there in winter," she said. "We know how they felt, it's to be on a flat ground after coming out of the mountains."

NBC will pay \$2M a round for 'reality' TV heavyweight

Los Angeles Times

The bidding for unscripted television shows hit new heights Friday when NBC agreed to pay a record \$2 million-plus for each episode of a new boxing-themed series created by "reality" TV maestro Mark Burnett.

The deal for "The Contender" is the most ever paid for a first-year unscripted series, raising questions about how the show can be profitable for the General Electric-owned network.

Much of the appeal of earlier unscripted shows was that they cost the networks relatively little, offsetting the rising cost of scripted dramas and comedies. But the

fee for "The Contender" is close to what many hiting network dramas cost.

Because unscripted shows typically don't show in repeats or off-network syndication, the network as well as Burnett and his fellow executive producers — "Rocky" star Sylvester Stallone and DreamWorks SKG partner Jeffrey Katzenberg — will be under pressure to maximize ad sales.

"The Contender" is counting on Stallone's star power to attract an audience. Even with his on-screen participation, however, the show also will face the challenge of making the at-times corrupt business of boxing palatable to prime-time audiences.

The venture represents another spin for Burnett, who created the groundbreaking reality series "Survivor." The deal also solidifies his relationship with NBC, where the producer credited for creating the reality genre will have four shows.

Burnett's second installment of "The Restaurant" will air this spring, and casting for the second season of "The Apprentice" — with Donald Trump returning — has begun. Burnett also is developing a 13-episode scripted series for NBC based on castaways on an island, a topic close to his "Survivor" heart.

"There are certain tent-pole producers, in certain genres, that

demand premium license fees because they deliver ratings successes," said a NBC executive who asked not to be identified.

"In the reality business, you have Mark Burnett. With his track record, you are willing to pay a premium because this could potentially be a very lucrative business to be in, even at the high licensing fee we're paying for an unscripted show."

Burnett's high-priced deal includes an advertising barter component, through which he will buy six spots per episode from NBC and sell them, the NBC executive said. Burnett was traveling Friday and could not be reached for comment.

Utah House passes bill on radioactive waste

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—House lawmakers have passed a bill that would require explicit approval by the Legislature and the governor before certain types of radioactive waste are disposed of in the state.

HB145, which passed 63-6 on Friday, now heads to the Senate, where the bill's sponsor, Rep. Stephen Urquhart, said he believed it would be supported.

The measure gives the state better control over low-level radioactive waste, particularly at Envirocare of Utah, the radioactive waste landfill in Tooele County.

The bill relies on the A-B-C clas-

sification scale, used by the states and the federal government to measure the hazard level of low-level radioactive waste. Under the measure, the Legislature and governor will need to give approval whenever Envirocare seeks to dispose of waste that is hotter than Class A, the lowest of the three levels.

The measure also closes some loopholes that have allowed Envirocare to expand operations at its mile-square landfill from 200,000 to 200,000 tons of waste annually, bypassing a statewide ban on the hot radioactive material. A public outcry ensued, and Gov. Olene Walker opposed opposition to the plan.

Envirocare currently has two pending license requests, which will not be affected by the measure.

Envirocare and environmentalists, who had criticized a previous version of the bill that had allowed other permit expansions to avoid oversight by legislators.

Urquhart proposed the bill last fall after the U.S. Energy Department made plans to send toxic sludge from Ohio and New York to a federally-controlled part of Envirocare, bypassing a statewide ban on the hot radioactive material. A public outcry ensued, and Gov. Olene Walker opposed opposition to the plan.

Envirocare currently has two pending license requests, which will not be affected by the measure.

Theater

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While the New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration boasts many giant colorful parades, organizers don't know if the Mini-Cassia version will include a parade. "We're still trying to work out a parade," Duane Knos said.

"We wanted the band to lead it, but their instruments aren't very conducive to a parade." Skip-N-Skool provides dance music.

The dance follows the live auction, which kicks off at 8 p.m. Many auction items are art pieces, donated by local artists. People

who want to attend just the auction and dance may do so, Jackson said. There will be an admission price to do so, but the amount hasn't been determined.

Bidding in the silent auction will close at 9:30 p.m.

The Knoses and Warren all emphasize that the parade, people don't have to worry that they can't attend because they don't have Mardi Gras-appropriate costumes.

"People don't have to be in a costume," Duane Knos said. "They don't have to be in formal wear."

Essentially anything goes, Jackson said. Last year some people chose to wear formal gowns or tuxedos and others were dressed more casually.

Volunteers hope to net about \$30,000 from the ball. Last year, \$25,000 was collected, and after expenses the theater group still made \$19,000 in profit.

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Crump

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room for buyer's remorse. Of course, without Lent, Mardi Gras is just another Tuesday. Lettermann's voice puts you to sleep, just like Dick Clark's did on New Year's Eve.

Here in the Magic Valley, we lack idyllic moments because we don't have any idyllic moments. Life has found equilibrium, more or less.

Now equilibrium is undoubtedly a blessing, but it's dull. Sometimes, even on a Tuesday in the basement of winter, its worthwhile to shake

your booby. It seems to me that Robert Burns got it right:

"We two have run the country lanes
And pulled the daisies fine,
But we've wandered many a
weary step
Since auld lang syne."

"And there's a hand my trusty friend
And give me a hand of this.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne."

Even if it's filled with urine juice.

You know all the disclaimers in TV ads and on labels of prescription drugs these days? Here's the best yet, which I found on a pill package:

"Do not use if you have experienced heart failure."

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Alcohol

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for the Legislature, finished its work Friday.

The study followed a recommendation by the governor's 2002 Blue Ribbon Task Force, that also concluded alcohol users should pay more of the cost of alcohol abuse. The panel had recommended an increase in the beer and wine tax.

It found the cost of alcohol abuse on the budgets of government agencies and society ranges from \$120 million to \$500 million per year in Idaho. The Task Force also found those who consume beer and wine don't pay their fair share of such costs.

Legislative Services put together the following information:

Alcohol drinkers spent \$640 million last year on 33.8 million gallons of alcoholic beverages. Those sales generated \$78.1 million in taxes. Hard liquor represented 24 percent of total sales and 42 percent in public revenues. Beer and wine sales represented 76 percent of total alcohol sales, over \$500 million, and produced 58 percent of public revenues from alcohol sales.

• In adults 21 and older 84 percent either do not drink or drink less than five drinks per occasion. The remaining 16 percent con-

sume five or more drinks per occasion and are categorized as binge drinkers. Binge drinkers consume 75 percent of the alcohol consumed by adults in Idaho.

• Among youth, 7 percent of those between 12 and 14 drink alcohol. By the time they're 18 to 20, 51 percent will drink, with 24 percent engaging in binge drinking. Further, youth who consume are more likely than adults to drink heavily. Youthful binge drinkers consume the majority of alcohol consumed by underage drinkers, the study found.

Beer is the overwhelming beverage of choice for the majority of those people who abuse alcohol and commit crime.

The study also found that many mentally ill people are alcoholics. Alcohol abuse cannot be treated independently of one another. Such individuals require significant intervention from law enforcement, the judicial system and the health care system. Counties now pay the first \$10,000 of the time they're sentenced from these diseases. Brockman is asking that that be lowered to \$5,000.

Adding momentum to Brockman's request is the 2003 Legislature's approval of adding a 2 percent surcharge to hard liquor to use for drug treatment

in the state's newly conceived drug court system. Lawmakers put together the concept of drug courts in 2002. It is a state-run venue with the purpose of getting treatment to drug and alcohol addicts who have been convicted of crimes.

On the down side of getting legislation through, this session's legislative leaders' desire to adjourn no later than March 19. Budget writers will finish their work this week. When the committee is finished with its work in previous years, the Legislature has been known to adjourn two weeks later.

A lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Counties, Maggie Mahoney, said the organization will ask the House Revenue and Finance committees to hold an information forum on the Legislative Services study. The next step would be to propose a bill for this Legislature asking for a change in the way taxes assessed on beer and wine. Mahoney said. Proponents want to push through a bill that would revenue neutral this coming year for purchasers at the retail level, she said.

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WEST

A SECOND CHANCE

Supporters count on retiring congresswoman to push for new wilderness area

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Is this the year for Wild Sky?

After a two-year battle, backers are pinning their hopes on retiring Rep. Jennifer Dunn to create Wild Sky Wilderness, the first new wilderness area in Washington state since 1984.

But despite Dunn's strong connections to the Bush administration, the plan faces long odds.

The proposed wilderness area, a 106,000-acre site northeast of Seattle in the Cascade Range, would permanently protect bears, bald eagles and other wildlife in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, as well as promote clean water and activities such as fishing, hiking and rafting.

Republican leaders of the House Resources Committee, where the bill is now stalled, are skeptical at best.

The panel's co-chair wearing chairman, Rep. Richard Hanna of California, a cattle rancher and strong advocate of private property rights, calls wilderness designation an "extreme" measure that would halt virtually all logging or road building and severely limit economic activity.

Critics in Washington state, meanwhile, call the proposal unnecessary and even destructive. Much of the area targeted for protection is not even wilderness, they say, including 16,000 acres formerly used for logging and other commercial purposes.

The Senate, supported by Democrats Patty Murray and Mario Cantwell of Washington, approved the bill in 2002 and again last fall, but it has never come up for a vote in the full House.

Supporters now are counting on Dunn, the state's senior Republican to help chief sponsor Rep. Rick Larsen, D-Wash., get it through the GOP-controlled House. Dunn, who has announced her retirement after six terms, is close to House leaders and is a prodigious fundraiser for President Bush and other Republicans.

Environmentalists say Dunn, of suburban Bellevue, Wash., has a chance to build an environmental legacy through Wild Sky and an omnibus bill authorizing tax-exempt bonds to promote conservation. She also is backing a plan to expand the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park.

Dunn says the environmental bills are among her top priorities, but dismisses any interest in a legacy.

"I'm not a legacy-oriented person," she said in an interview. "I like to get things done. I'm a doer. I'd like to bring completion to some of these



Jim Zielasko, left, and Fred Zielasko, representing a snowboarding organization, hold signs opposing the wilderness designation proposal for the Wild Sky Wilderness area, during the Wild Sky Wilderness Event, June 28, in Index, Wash. The Senate has twice approved a bill to create the 100,000-plus acre Wild Sky Wilderness northeast of Seattle in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, but the House has yet to approve it.



A group of elected officials, environmentalists and journalists, that include Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. and Rep. Rick Larson, D-Wash., pause at a bridge over Yonbousme Creek inside Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington, while previewing nearby sites that could be impacted by a proposed wilderness bill.

things we've worked so hard on." Opposition from her own leadership is her biggest obstacle, Dunn said.

"I am telling (GOP) leaders how important it is to a lot of us," she said. "I believe it is part of our values system here in Washington state."

While wilderness status would block logging, road building and motorized vehicles, it would have no effect on recreational activities currently allowed — including fishing and hunting, Dunn and other sup-

Provost: U of I cannot continue business as usual

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho Provost Brian Pitzer says faculty and middle management positions will be cut and programs in every college will face scrutiny because the school cannot afford to operate as it has in the past.

The State Board of Education is expected to approve elimination of 13 faculty and non-faculty positions next month.

Pitzer said most of the positions to be cut have been vacant for more than a year. The university will save close to \$500,000 from the lost jobs.

"I was talking to someone the other day and that person asked me, 'When will the rest of the amputations take place?'" Pitzer said. "But that isn't it at all. We need to look at what we have to have and what we don't. This is a painful time for everyone and it's difficult, but these things have to be done in the interest of efficiency. This will continue over the next several years."

UI Institutional Planning Budget Director Wayne Winstead said it's likely cuts continue through fiscal year 2005.

The university's budget depends on savings to pay off three-year-old \$30 million bond shortfall.

Interim President Gary Michael said he will do his best to get fixed 2005 budget in place by the time Tim White, who takes over in July, moves into the president's house.

"What good will I do to the university if I leave the next president with things that really should have been done years ago?" Michael asked.

Winstead and Pitzer said sacrifices must be made for the future of the university.

"We are hurting, but change must be made," Pitzer said. "We need to exercise more discipline and we will lose some flexibility for efficiency's sake — these are the university's priorities."

Groups want to close elk feedgrounds to stop continued spread of diseases

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Environmentalists are calling for the closure of western Wyoming's elk feedgrounds, saying they help spread diseases like brucellosis and chronic wasting disease.

About 13,000 elk feed each winter on 22 state-maintained feedgrounds. Trucks also spread alfalfa pellets each morning for another 6,000 elk on the National Elk Refuge in Jackson Hole.

Because they help draw so many elk, everyone from tourists to businesspeople have a stake in the feedgrounds.

But a report released by the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance last week recommends doing away with them.

"What really came into focus for me is that our wildlife are facing a very, very serious disease threat. The feedgrounds are the single biggest factor in that disease equation," said the group's executive director, Franz Camenzind.

Proponents of the feedgrounds say the criticisms have been overblown.

Steve Meadows, chairman of the Teton County chapter of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Wyoming, said artificial feeding is necessary to replace winter ranges which have been taken over by homes and other human intrusions.

"If you want to go back to a natural system, then we better get out some big bulldozers and take

everybody's houses out," he said.

Meadows said the feeding program has been "wildly successful" in maintaining healthy ungulate herds. Shutting down the program would be a mistake, he said, given the limited winter range now available and the pressure on elk and deer from predators — particularly wolves.

"It sounds to me like a recipe for having very few ungulates in the future," he said. "That's something, certainly, my organization can't accept."

The report on the feedgrounds recommends closing two or three to start and studying the effects.

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Group rejects dam spills for salmon

BOISE (AP) — A coalition of businesses and utility customers have formed a group to increase salmon in the Columbia River drainage, while saving money spent on the spill of water through the dams.

"Some of the things being done to help salmon are working and some are not," said fisheries biologist Shane Scott, a member of the Coalition for Smart Salmon Recovery.

Other members of the coalition include the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, the Northwest Food Processors Association, the Public Power Council and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities.

The coalition has written a letter to the governors of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana, saying that Bonneville Power Administration spends more than \$600 million a year on fish and wildlife programs, half of which is related to river and dam operations in the Columbia and Snake basins.

The group cites U.S. Army Corps of Engineers studies that say the government expects to lose \$7 million this year on lost power by spilling water through the dams, rather than running it through the turbines to generate electricity.

"While the name 'summer spill' sounds benign, the experience is not," said the coalition in a written release. "Operators open an underwater gate in the dams, pulling fish 30 to 50 feet down through the opening, and

propelling them into the turbulent water another 20 to 50 feet below."

"Studies show the survival rates for 'spilled' salmon are only marginally better than those for fish passing through dam turbines," the release read.

The coalition claims the \$77 million expense for spill only benefits the approximately 24 adult endangered fall chinook salmon who are in the system when the water passes by the generators, equating out to \$3 million per fish, said Glenn Vanselow, executive director of Pacific Northwest Waterways, a coalition member that advocates for the ports and other river users.

Spill also unnecessarily benefits 19,000 hatchery salmon which are not on the Endangered Species List. They represented 5 percent of the 384,000 returning hatchery adults last year. The non-listed fish, which are commercially harvested, are returning in record numbers, Vanselow said.

"Spending \$77 million to benefit 5 percent of those 'supermarket' fish is like paying \$4,000 for a \$40 fish," he said. "Either way you look at it, we can do better than that."

The coalition supports two alternatives that it claims could boost adult salmon populations by more than 50,000 fish annually at a cost of \$1 million to \$2 million.

It backs expanding the current program, which pays anglers to

catch the northern pike minnow, a predatory trash fish that feeds on the small migrating salmon headed downstream. The coalition estimates that would save up to 8,000 adult chinook salmon in its first year at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to \$1 million.

The group is also calling for expansion of a program in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River that protects juvenile salmon from becoming stranded in low water. The expansion is estimated to save 50,000 adults a year for less than \$1 million.

The four governors met in Boise last June in support for recovering salmon without breaching four lower Snake River dams, which many conservationists say is the only way to fully recover the runs. Instead, they back incremental improvements in spawning habitat and hatcheries.

Idaho salmon recovery advocate groups Save Our Wild Salmon and Idaho Rivers United did not immediately return a call Saturday seeking comment.

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The money raised each year goes to CSI Law Enforcement scholarships and the needs of Peace Officers in the Magic Valley. This last year we were able to buy uniforms for the CSI Law Enforcement program.
I would like to take a moment and thank everyone that has helped and donated to make this a successful and fun event every year:

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Republican gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger, presents a 10-point plan he said he would implement during his first 100 days as governor while speaking in Sacramento, Calif., Wednesday. While during his first 100 days in office Schwarzenegger did repeal the tripling of the state car tax as well as legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to get a drivers license, much of the governor's legislative agenda remains mired in the Legislature.

Schwarzenegger's first 100 days feature little action

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — He repealed the car tax hike and revoked legislation allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's licenses, but most of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's first 100 days in office have produced little of the "action, action, action" he promised during the recall campaign.

California's budget problems, so focus since taking office Nov. 3, remain untamed and only part of the deficit would be closed if voters approve Proposition 57, the Republican governor's \$15 billion bond measure that appears on the March ballot.

His legislative agenda — from workers' compensation reform to higher spending cuts — is stalled in the Legislature. Even Schwarzenegger's plans to streamline the bureaucracy appear distant, if not years, away from formal introduction.

Still, many observers say they are willing to overlook Schwarzenegger's lack of progress in some areas because of his success in bringing together the state's warring parties.

"His major accomplishment so far is the spirit of bipartisanship that he's achieved," said Tom Campbell, a Republican former U.S. representative from the Bay Area and now dean of the business school at the University of California, Berkeley. "I think that's very significant development to see Republicans and Democrats working together."

Indeed, through the force of his personality and his unique political position, Schwarzenegger was able early on to get Democrats and Republicans to agree on his two budget measures that voters will consider March 2: Proposition 57 and Proposition 58, a constitutional amendment that would impose new spending restrictions on the Legislature.

In addition, Assembly leaders — Speaker Fabian Nunez, a Democrat, and Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy — have promised to work together on budget issues. And Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a Democrat, has shown willingness to cooperate with the governor.

Schwarzenegger's communications director, Rob Stutzman, says the governor is "batting .900 percent."

"People are generally satisfied that he has done what he said he would do, which is represent them and be impervious to special interests, get the Legislature in line and to move ahead with restoring the state's fiscal house," Stutzman

Schwarzenegger's first 100 days

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger set goals to complete during his first 100 days in office. Tuesday is Day 100 and only some of the agenda items have been completed.

Completed

- Repeal last year's tripling of the state vehicle license fee
- Call special legislative session
- Repeal a law that would have let undocumented immigrants get driver's licenses after Jan. 1

Not completed

- Freeze spending and complete an audit of the state's \$99 billion budget
- Make spending cuts to address the current imbalance
- Submit a budget for fiscal year 2004, that closes a deficit estimated at \$14 billion; restructure debt built into this year's budget

Submitted to the Legislature, not yet approved

- Pass jobs package with "real workers' comp reform"
- Streamline education bureaucracy and send more money to classrooms
- Get the state a "fair share" of Indian gambling revenue
- Renegotiate state employee union contracts
- Pass an open-government constitutional amendment and ban fund-raising during the state budgeting process

SOURCE: Associated Press

Schwarzenegger pushed ahead with his ambitious promises during the campaign despite warnings that things wouldn't be as easy as he claimed.

Schwarzenegger said he would roll back the car tax and repeal the law allowing undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses. He said he would renegotiate state union contracts and tribal gambling agreements to benefit the state. He promised to pass a jobs package with "real workers' compensation reform."

He pledged to cut spending, propose a budget that closed the existing \$14 billion deficit, perform an audit, streamline the bureaucracy and pass campaign finance reform.

So far, however, only some of those promises have been fulfilled. Schwarzenegger rolled back the tax increase immediately after taking office Nov. 17, and the driver's license law was repealed in early December. The governor also has reauthorized a spending and hiring freeze that former Gov. Gray Davis approved more than a year before, before he was ousted in the recall.

But he hasn't generated new revenue from renegotiated union contracts or tribal agreements. His workers' compensation reforms

are still being debated in the Legislature. His campaign finance proposal was just floated last week and no jobs package has yet been introduced.

The audit of state spending isn't done. Even his budget for 2004-2005, some have argued, does not close the shortfall because it relies on more than \$2.5 billion in borrowing and one-time savings — meaning the state will face a budget gap the following year of more than \$7 billion.

Mark Petraceca, a political science professor at the University of California, Irvine, said most voters probably did not take Schwarzenegger at face value when he made all his promises.

"It's unreasonable to expect anyone could have come in and solved the state's budget problems very quickly," he said.

However, Petraceca says Schwarzenegger is mostly relying on Proposition 57 to solve the crisis. "That's hardly the kind of radical thinking that he promised the voters he would bring to Sacramento," Petraceca said. "You look at his budget proposal for next year and there's not much that is different from what had been proposed last year by former Gov. Davis."

Utah man gets prison time for fraud

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Cedar Hills man has been sentenced to 12-25 years in federal prison for defrauding investors of more than \$25 million in what prosecutors say was a traditional Ponzi scheme.

Richard Barlow, 67, pleaded guilty in August to two counts of mail fraud and one count of tax evasion.

At his sentencing Friday in federal court, Barlow told U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell that he relied on his faith when making investment decisions for himself and other members of his church, but was misled.

"I did not intentionally try to defraud anyone at all," Barlow said.

Campbell ordered Barlow to pay \$20,953,655 in restitution to victims, many of whom were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Between 1995 and 1999, Barlow represented himself to over 600 investors as a "funds manager" of Acquire Investment Group, Acquire Venture Capital Group, and Acquire Venture Fund Group, with offices in Utah, Nevada, California and the Bahamas. Investors were promised a minimum return of 5 to 6 percent prof-

it on their investment, which Barlow said would be used for venture projects. Instead, Barlow used funds from later investors to pay off earlier ones, prosecutors said.

Barlow, who has not filed a federal tax return since 1989, allegedly told certain investors that a portion of the profits from the investment program would go towards humanitarian projects. Instead, prosecutors said, funds were transferred to a construction company owned by Barlow's relatives and used to build several private homes for their use. Investor money was also used to fund a car lot in Texas for one of Barlow's sons.

Police search for missing Washington man

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Thirty people disappeared from this town last year, but Gary Church of Richland, Wash., is the only one unaccounted for and officials suspect foul play.

Church's wife and sons often stay up late searching for some sign they missed, praying he will return.

"What can you do when your husband suddenly disappears — when he's been gone for months and nobody knows what happened?" Cheryl Church said. "I'm trying to figure it out, and I'm not sure there's an answer. The hardest part is not knowing."

It has been three months since Gary Church, a 54-year-old cost analyst for BNFL, disappeared

from downtown Idaho Falls. Police are once again interviewing people in the case, but they have no new leads.

Church was last seen Nov. 21, 2003, leaving Shooter's Gentlemen's Club, a bikini bar in downtown Idaho Falls. The 150-pound, 5-foot-8-inch-tall man was wearing gray pants, a plaid shirt and a gray down parka.

Church's luggage was found in his hotel room. There was no hint he got on a plane, rented a car or took a taxi, police said. Nobody has changed anything to Church's credit cards, which police believe he had with him when he disappeared.

Initially, police did not suspect foul play, but that has changed

since Church has been missing for such a long time.

"People don't just disappear," said Delene Brandt, a family friend. "Somebody has to know what happened."

The only other unaccounted-for missing person in Idaho Falls in the past five years is Darwin Vest, a 48-year-old local spider rescuer. Vest, whose family has had him declared dead, disappeared June 1999 after playing trivia with friends at the Frosty Gator, a downtown restaurant and bar.

Church's 21-year-old son, Ryan, said he wants to help his father, but he doesn't know how.

"I didn't show my appreciation of how much I love him," he said. "Now he's gone."

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NATION

Back on top, Kerry lapses into bad habits

By Ron Fournler
Associated Press writer

Analysis

John Kerry was the Democratic front-runner early last year, a bad one, and the status didn't last long. Now that he's back on top, the dominant figure in a two-man race, the Massachusetts senator may be slipping into his old habits of cautions, cold and a creature of Congress. There are the familiar signs of overconfidence, starting with his curt dismissal of rival John Edwards. "Look, I'm not running just against him," Kerry snapped at an interviewer last week. Conveniently ignoring the fact that no other Democratic candidate stands a chance against him, Kerry added, "You know there are others in the race. Obviously, he's one of the leading contenders." "I take that seriously," Kerry said.

But some advisers and supporters say Kerry may not be taking Edwards seriously enough. They recognize in the candidate and his campaign a calculated nonchalance toward Edwards that Kerry once held for Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor who stole the front-runner's mantle from Kerry in mid-2003. Kerry has refused to debate Edwards, except for a long-planned forum in Los Angeles on Thursday with two long-shot candidates. Kerry's aides insist that Edwards has not earned the right to stand on the stage toe to toe with Kerry, the North Carolina senator has won a single state, they say with contempt, while their candidate has won 15. Kerry is playing it safe. He would rather be accused of dodg-



Sen. John Kerry

ing a debate than risk elevating his rival with a high-profile showdown. While a Kerry Edwards criticized Kerry in Wisconsin for supporting the Trade Agreement, Kerry all but ignored the attack. Stung by Edwards' surprisingly close second-place finish in the Midwest battleground state, Kerry returned fire in Ohio last week while suggesting that Edwards, a freshman senator, was not ready for prime time. "He wasn't in the Senate back then," the 19-year Senate veteran said, alluding to Edwards' relative lack of experience. "I don't know where he registered his vote, but it wasn't in the Senate."

Kerry's aides acknowledge that they would too long to respond. "We should have set the facts straight," said spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter. "Edwards has talked more about NAFTA in the last three weeks than he did in his entire career." Kerry has been tired and sick, two traits he wears visibly on his long, thin face. His health has affected his mood, making him a bit snappish and less likely to flash the smile that softened voters in Iowa. Kerry has also taken several valuable days off from the campaign trail. Longtime advisers say weariness leads to long-windedness with Kerry. When he is tired, Kerry lapses into the plodding, superfluous language the permeates congressional debates. Workers do not just impress him, "they have touched my conscience and my heart." His mes-

sage does not just resonate, it's "ringing loud and clear." And Cathy Schaefer is not just a diabetic whom he introduced at a union rally. She is "an eight-year breast cancer survivor struggling to be able to get health care walking a picket line that I've been privileged to walk in California simply to get the care that she needs and desperately wants and deserves." But some Democrats believe that Kerry is taking the right approach, given his formidable standing. With three small-state elections Tuesday, he could roll up his election-year record to 18.2 as the race moves to March 2, when 10 states award 1,151 delegates. "If I were advising Kerry, I'd say, 'Don't make any mistakes. Be careful,'" Democratic strategist Steve Jarding said. "However, I'd work harder to get the message back on your turf, electability and the military stuff."

Poll: White 32 jobs will be election issue

By The Associated Press

American jobs and foreign competition will be important issues in the 2004 elections, say nine in 10 in a poll released Saturday that highlighted the increasing importance of jobs to the campaign. Two-thirds of those polled for Newsweek said these issues would be "very important." More than half in the poll, 55 percent, disapproved of how President Bush is handling the issues of jobs and foreign competition, while 32 percent approved. Bush had a slight lead over Democratic front-runner John Kerry on how well each would handle those issues. When asked which presidential candidate would do the best in handling the issues of jobs and foreign competition, 35 percent said Bush and 31 percent Kerry.

GOP works behind scenes preparing for elections

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush says he's focused on his job, not his re-election, but that's not the way it looks at his campaign headquarters in the Washington suburbs. Working from a nondescript office building in Arlington, Va., Bush's political operatives are quietly building what they hope will be the best campaign organization in history. While Democrats focus on the high-profile task of selecting a presidential nominee, Republicans are preparing for the political equivalent of hand-to-hand combat. Bush may be sagging in the polls, but his national network of supporters, his record-breaking campaign bankroll and his ability to leverage the power of his office for political gain make him a formidable opponent for any Democratic nominee. Nine months before the November election, Bush is well ahead of previous campaigns in money and organization. "The president has raised more than \$144 million for his re-election effort, more than four times the total raised by President Clinton for his 1996 re-election, and roughly five times the amount raised so far by Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the front-runner in this year's Democratic nominating contest. And Kerry's spent most of it already."



George W. Bush



in place like we have now. It's unbelievable," said Rep. Candice Miller, R-Mich., who has been involved in the state's politics for 24 years. "The Democrats are getting all the attention. But we are getting ready." The Republican focus on campaign organization reflects concerns in the White House that Bush is headed for another agonizingly close election. Although Bush came out on top, his advisers came away from the experience determined to improve their get-out-the-vote operation. Karl Rove, Bush's chief political strategist, was particularly chastened that many as 4 million evangelical Christians, a key part of the Republican base, sat out the election, according to his estimates. In Ohio, Bush's 9- to 12-percentage-point lead in pre-election polls shrank to 3.6 percentage points on Election Day 2000, primarily because Democrats and their labor union allies did a better job of turning out their supporters. "We just got whipped," said Jason Mauk, a spokesman for the Ohio Republican Party organization. "We realized we needed to improve."

Nearly all of the efforts underway now are aimed at influencing events in the final 72 hours before Election Day. The goal is to make sure that the campaign personally contacts as many Bush supporters as possible. Of course, voters are likely to see plenty of Bush on television, too. The first campaign ads are ready for broadcast next month, as soon as the Democratic race is settled. The ads portray Bush as a principled, steadfast leader, while casting Kerry as a hypocrite. In a direct shot at the Democratic front-runner, an ad titled, "Unprincipled, Chapter 1," ridicules Kerry's claim that he's an opponent of special interests. Previews are available on Bush's campaign Web site.

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The drunk ones, the sober ones → I love them all. And they have kept me going. When things are bad, they still pull for me.

—John Daly, referring to fans at Torrey Pines, where he won his first tournament since the 1995 British Open.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College Baseball

CSI vs College of Eastern Utah at Salt Lake City, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

H.S. golfers must attend rules clinic

TWIN FALLS—There will be a free rules clinic for area high school coaches and players from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The seminar concerns about 30 rule changes for the 2004 season. Free 2004-05 rule books will be provided to those who attend.

Burley plans wrestling clinic for Tuesday

BURLEY—Registration for a wrestling clinic for children grades 1-6 will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Burley High School wrestling room.

Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. starting Thursday. The cost is \$12 and includes a camp T-shirt. Campers need to wear athletic shorts, tennis shoes and a T-shirt. Call coach Miliron at 436-7575 or coach Sandmann at 678-3299 for more information.

Twin Falls Rapids need players for squads

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club needs players for its U-12 and U-11 girls teams and for the 13-and-under and 11-and-under boys soccer teams for the upcoming season. For more information on the boys, call coach Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411 or Mark Goodman at 733-1699. For the girls, call Vince Gibson at 735-0176 or Leo Sanchez at 736-4402.

Special Olympics needs volunteers at games

MCCALL—Volunteers are needed to work at the 2004 State Special Olympics Winter Games to be held in McCall March 12-14. For more information, call Shana Endow at (208) 323-0482 ext. 14.

Baseball/softball rules clinic will be Monday

TWIN FALLS—The District IV high school baseball/softball rules clinic will be held Monday at Twin Falls High School. The softball clinic starts at 6 p.m. followed by the baseball clinic at 7. Anyone interested in umpiring either sport must attend a clinic. For more information, call Craig Mills at 678-6666 at work or 678-7144 at home.

TFHS team plans boys and girls hoops camp

TWIN FALLS—"Mini March Madness" basketball camp will be held Monday nights in March at the Twin Falls High School gym for boys and girls grades 1-3. Boys play from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. while girls go from 7:30 p.m. on March 1, 8 and 15. The camp's cost is \$20 with all proceeds going to the Twin Falls High girls basketball program. The event will be run by Bruins head coach Joe D. Shepard, his coaching staff and players. Registration forms are available at Donnelly Sports in Twin Falls. Parents can also register kids at the door from 5-5:30 p.m. March 1.

Compiled from staff reports

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY CHAMPIONS!



Jumping and hugging at midcourt, clockwise from right, Jerome players Elisa Hope, Mallory Moserby, Lindsay Kulm and Vanessa West celebrate their 4A state basketball championship win over Vallivue Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Jerome completes perfect season with state title

By John Derr
Times-News writer

NAMPA—Simply perfect. Since losing the state title game in a heartbreaker last year Jerome has been on a mission. Mission accomplished, perfectly. The Tigers capped off their undefeated season with a 54-30 domination of Vallivue to claim the first girls basketball title in school history. Jerome (25-0) also fell to Caldwell in the title game in 2001, but the Tigers weren't going to let anyone take it away this time.

"We were in the moment and it was about tonight, but we knew we had some unfinished business to take care of," said Vanessa West, a varsity player for four years.

4A Girls

4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout
Consolation championship
Bishop Kelly 46, Bonneville 44
Third-place game
Moscow 59, Hillcrest 58
Championship
Jerome 54, Vallivue 30

The teams met twice in the regular season with the Tigers earning the season sweep. They beat the Falcons by 27 at home early in the season, then rallied with a 14-0 fourth quarter for a 44-33 victory on the road.

On Saturday, the game was close during the first quarter, but the Tigers took over from there, getting into an offensive flow and

building a 28-point lead. Vallivue (20-5) got the first points of the game, but Elisa Hope, who chipped in eight points, quickly tied it with a jumper off an inbound play.

Tara Davis, who hasn't done much shooting this year, took advantage of the Falcons leaving her alone to "drain" a pair of jumpers. She added two free throws as the Tigers led 11-8 after one period.

The Falcons were focused on stopping Whitney Clark, who had 26 points in the semifinal, and Davis made them pay.

"The coaches told me they were going to leave me open. I took the shots and made them get out of the zone," said Davis, who finished with a season-high

10 points and chipped in a pair of steals. "This means everything to us. We weren't going to let this one get away."

Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said Davis' contribution was important.

"She stepped up huge for us," said Skyles.

West opened the second quarter with an old-fashioned three-point play after a nice move in the paint. The lead grew to six, 14-8.

Davis took a fast-break pass from West and Whitney Clark, who her first basket as the Tigers built a double-digit lead, 23-11. With two free throws Clark, who already broke the classification

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Lady Indians fall to Rimrock 47-36

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

NAMPA—They played like champions, but the Shoshone Lady Indians couldn't upset Rimrock in the 2004 Idaho 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout championship game. In front of friends and family in The Idaho Center, the Lady Indians fell 47-36 and into second place for the tournament.

Rimrock cemented its spot as the 800-pound gorilla of Idaho 1A girls basketball with the win

1A Girls

1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout
Consolation championship
Kootenai 59, Kendrick 48
Fourth-place game
Hansen 47, Oakley 37
Third-place game
Troy 60, Dietrich 45
Championship
Rimrock 47, Shoshone 36

over Shoshone. The win is the 50th consecutive for the Lady Indians.

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Players on the Shoshone bench can't watch during the final seconds of their 47-36 loss in the 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout championship game to defending champion Rimrock Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

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CSI women still seek home court advantage

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY—The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was outshot badly from the free throw line for the second night in a row in losing to Scenic West Athletic Conference rival Salt Lake Community College, 83-69, Saturday night.

CSI (22-6 overall, 18-4 SWAC) failed to clinch the No. 1 seed for the Region 18 tournament in the second straight night. The Golden Eagles can still claim homecourt advantage with a win this coming weekend in one of their two home games against Snow College or a loss by SLCC (20-8, 16-5) against the College of Eastern Utah.

"I told (the team) to remember the celebration Salt Lake had on their floor, because they have to come to our place for regionals," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told KEZI-AM after the game.

SLCC converted on 35 of its 43 free throw attempts. CSI went to the line just 15 times, making 11.

“We have to find a way to get to the line.”

—Randy Rogers, CSI coach

For the weekend, Salt Lake shot 71 free throws. The Eagles attempted 21.

"We have to find a way to get to the line," Rogers said. "It's not right. It's not fair. The same contact has to be called on both sides."

Brynne Louder paced the Bruins with 22 points while Jenn Cook added 16.

CSI was led by Andrea Sivakova with 17 points. Delicia Jernigan finished with 14. The Eagles trailed 46-37 at halftime but pulled to within 54-52 midway through the second half. SLCC then went on a 17-4 run to take a 71-56 lead with six minutes

remaining. CSI closed the gap to 75-56 with 2:57 remaining on a 3-pointer and layup after a steal by Jernigan, but came no closer.

The Eagles led just once in the first half, at 37:36 after a pair of Dennis Svarova free throws, but SLCC closed with an 8-0 run to lead 46-37 at the break.

The 83 points CSI allowed were the most it has given up in a game all season.

"When the clock's stopped and you shoot 43 free throws, you're going to score a lot," Rogers said.

Men

CSI 80, Salt Lake CC 75

CSI's Mohamed Kone stole the ball from SLCC's Rekalim Sims and picked up the loose ball downcourt for a dunk to seal the Golden Eagles' 80-75 win over the Bruins.

CSI (20-8, 14-5) led 78-75 when Sims, who paced all scorers with 30 points, tried to free himself behind the 3-point line for a shot to tie the

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Burley boys drop Jerome, head to district title game

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Anthony Curriel of Burley hit a 3-pointer with three minutes left to quell a Tiger rally and spur a 12-4 run for the Bobcats to finish their 51-40 win over Jerome Saturday in Burley.

"Our kids stepped up in big moments and really played well," Burley coach Jack Bagley said.

The win puts Burley into the District IV and V title game against Century Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Century High School in Pocatello. The Bobcats must beat the Diamondbacks twice to win districts.

"Burley showed up to play," Jerome coach Houston Finn said. "They deserved to go on."

The loss ends the Tigers' season. Four Bobcats scored in double figures. Graydon Funk had a

District IV and V playoffs

Burley at Century
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Elmhorn 12, Curriel, Steve Elsensohn and Scott Pansell 1-1

39-36 with four minutes remaining on a 9-2 run that took under a minute.

In that run, Drew Vance nailed two 3-pointers and a foul shot after the second try to bring the baseline for a four-point play.

After Curriel's trifecta, Elsensohn took a charge to kill what was left of Jerome's momentum. Curriel totaled 15 steals. Elsensohn led the Bobcat offense

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SPORTS

Hansen takes home hardware; Dietrich falls

The Times-News

NAMPA - Hansen made it three straight against Magic Valley Conference rival Oakley to garner the school's first girls state basketball trophy while Dietrich stumbled in the third-place game against perennial power Troy Saturday at Skyview High School in Nampa.

Troy 60, Dietrich 45

NAMPA - Dietrich got behind early and could never make up the difference as they fell to the Troy Trojans 60-45 in the third place game.

"We came out strong, but we let it get away," said Dietrich coach Gene Shaw. "Troy is a disciplined team and they run a good offense. They out-shot us and pounded it inside."

Inside is where the Trojans looked all game long and found post Lynn Fredenburg, who finished with a game-high 21 points. Dietrich senior post Michelle Anderson, who suffered an ankle injury in the semifinals that limited her mobility, still managed to finish with team highs with nine points and eight rebounds.

Troy and Dietrich are no strangers having met in the state tournament several times. The Blue Devils got their championship trophy in 1999 beating the Trojans.

It was outside shooting that got the Blue Devils in the early hole. Lindsey Parkins hit two from beyond the arc to give Troy the 20-11 lead after one. The Trojans built the lead to double digits in the second quarter and led 33-21 at the break.

Dietrich rallied in the third, cutting the deficit to eight points on a three-pointer by Lindsey Shaw, but Troy went on a 7-0 run to finish out the quarter and led 49-34 heading into the final period.

Down the stretch, Dietrich was forced to foul. The Trojans hit their free throws, finishing the game going 9 of 13 from the line, while Dietrich could not cut into the lead.

Blue Devil senior Ayleen Sorenson a four-year varsity player finished with six points. Jutek Weber also finished with a team-high nine points including one from beyond the arc. Caitlin Dill grabbed six rebounds and Nicki Miller dished out three assists.

Shaw will look to the future as only two players graduate. "We are a young squad and will be tough again next year," Shaw added.

Team	Points	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Troy	60	33	16	6	1
Dietrich	45	25	10	4	1

Hansen 47, Oakley 37

NAMPA - Early in the season the Hornets topped Hansen. Since then - and with the return of senior Bonnie Freestone - the Huskies have topped Oakley three times.

The final battle between the two was held Saturday for the 1A fourth-place trophy when the Huskies came away with the 47-37 victory in a battle of Magic Valley Conference opponents.

With a second straight 19-point performance by Janine Lapp, Hansen came home its first state tournament trophy.

Last year the Huskies lost to Clark Fork to miss out on bringing

home the hardware.

The Hornets took the early 14-11 lead after the first period as Mindy Burch, who led Oakley with 15 points and Ali Cranney, who finished with 12, paced the Oakley attack.

The Huskies surged back to take the lead in the third period despite having Bonnie and Charlotte Freestone on the bench with foul trouble. Bonnie Freestone, in her final game for Hansen, tallied 11 points, grabbed five boards, and chipped in three steals.

Oakley's Cranney added four assists and three steals while Burch had a game-high 10 rebounds before fouling out. Hansen shot 43 percent from the field while the Hornets could manage to hit just 28 percent from the field - including 2 of 13 from beyond the arc.

Team	Points	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Hansen	47	16	11	5	2
Oakley	37	12	8	3	1

Valley holds off Marsing for third place in 2A field

The Times-News

MIDDLETON - Valley hit big free throws down the stretch to hold on for a 46-42 win over Marsing for the third-place trophy at the 2A state girls basketball tournament Saturday.

Marsing rallied after Valley point guard Mindy Malone fouled out with 2:30 left. That run was led by sophomore 6-3 post Amanda Stewart, who scored 10 of her game-high 22 points in the fourth quarter.

"It was a wild ride in the fourth," said Vikings coach Brian Hardy. "We had some shaky possessions."

Marsing trimmed a 38-29 lead with Malone out, but Valley did enough to win.

Bandana Callen and Paige Wyatt hit some free throws that righted the ship. Lindsay Wood made a big steal and scored on the other end for key points down the stretch.

"This was a crew that may not have had all the talent but played good defense and rebounded," Hardy said. "That can win you a lot of ball games."

Valley, led by the defense of Malone, Jessica Kovitz and junior reserve Kelsey Dehoney, contained Stewart during the first half as the Vikings used a 1-3-1

2A Girls
2A Girls Real Dairy Shootout
Consolation championship

Aberton	56
Three place game	
Valley 46, Marsing 42	
Championship	
Grangeville 60, Lapwai 50	

zone to deny her the ball.

Sara Prauziger was fouled on a halfcourt shot as the first half ended. She fell and hurt her shooting hand wrist, so Malone stepped in and hit all three free throws to make it 21-14 at the break. Prauziger returned in the second half.

Malone and Wood each scored 12 points while Kovitz added nine.

Third place is the Vikings' best finish since three-straight runner-up performances during the 1994-96 seasons. Valley (20-5) return six players next season, including Wyatt and Callen. A partial box-score follows.

Team	Points	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Valley	46	12	8	5	2
Marsing	42	15	10	4	1

Bratvold's 15 points lead Bruins to consolation title

State trophy is program's first ever

By Phil Stevens
 Times-News correspondent

NAMPA - Apparently someone forgot to inform the Bruins that the game they were playing in was for only the consolation trophy.

Twin Falls played five championships as they defeated the Borah Lady Lions 41-35 Saturday morning at Nampa High School in Nampa.

Team	Points	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Twin Falls	41	22	11	8	1
Borah	35	18	9	6	1



Twin Falls seniors Cara Crist, right, and Amanda Hovey embrace after their 41-35 win over the Borah Lions for the consolation trophy of the 5A Girls Real Dairy Shootout Saturday in Nampa.

"I told the girls that Borah would attack us in the second half and they did."

- Joe D. Shepard

and went into the locker room with a 24-20 lead.

"I told the girls that Borah would attack us in the second half and they did," said Shepard.

Borah came out and jumped on the Bruins by scoring six straight points and going up by two at 26-

24. However, it would be the last lead the Lions would have.

Bratvold, who led all scorers with 15 points, went on a surge by hitting two field goals in the quarter and putting the Bruins up 33-29 at the end of the quarter.

"Amy did a great job scoring

today," Shepard said.

"The fourth quarter saw the Bruins make history by holding on for a 41-35 victory in front of a pro-wifin falls crowd."

"It feels good to know that we made history this week," Shepard said with a smile. In addition to the consolation title, the Bruins took home the tournament's sportsmanship award.

Team	Points	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Twin Falls	41	22	11	8	1
Borah	35	18	9	6	1

Fame

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medal, a plaque, and the school was awarded a special "Legends of the Game" state championship banner.

For the six current Hagerman Lady Pirates who escorted the ladies on, the lesson of teamwork has trickled down from the Lassies.

Along with Kara Ravenscroft, Megan Mavencamp, Sara Jackson, Shanell Knight, Megan Valdez, and Sarah Butler reflected on their Hagerman girls basketball predecessors.

"It's hard to imagine what

It's hard to imagine what they had to go through just to play basketball.

Sara Jackson, Hagerman girls basketball team

they had to go through just to play basketball," Jackson said.

"They've inspired us to add

our own banner to the gym, we always look at theirs," Knight added.

Vallez summed up their experience Saturday night.

"It was incredible," Vallez said.

For Nichols, the ceremony is a tribute not just to a team, but to the value of the high school sports experience.

"The ceremony was such a tribute-to-what-athletics-brings-to families and individuals," Nichols said. "It teaches teamwork and trust, and that's what it takes to succeed in life."



Jean (Parsons) Emmeron, left, receives a medal from United Dalrymen of Idaho co-chairman Pete Lizaso as part of a halftime ceremony honoring the 1938-39 and 1939-40 Hagerman girls basketball teams. The squads wore inducted into the Legends of the Game section of the Idaho High School Activities Association Hall of Fame Saturday night in Nampa's Idaho Center.

CSI

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game. But Kone's steal and score came with 10.5 seconds remaining, not enough time for SLCC (20-8, 14-1) to come back.

"That-win-us-the-game," CSI-head coach Gib Arnold told KLLX AM.

The Eagles assured themselves of being in at least a three-way tie for second place in the SWAC headed into this weekend's series with Snow College. CSI, SLCC and Dixie State all have 14-8 conference records. Snow was 14-7 entering Saturday's game with its place. Colorado Northwestern Community College.

CSI led 75-74 late in the contest before Schafer Jackson put the

Eagles up 78-74 on his seventh 3-pointer of the game. Jackson finished with a team-high 21 points, all of which came on 3-pointers.

"They just could not guard him," Arnold said. "He kept us in the game and then he put us ahead when we needed it."

Jackson was especially hot out of the gate, scoring 12 of the Eagles' first 18 points. Jason McGriff, who finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, was also strong in the first half. McGriff had his mid-range jumper working to finish with 12 first-half points on 6-of-8 shooting.

Aking Eling, who played the full 40 minutes for CSI, scored 13 points and had nine assists.

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record for most free throws in a game (13), set a new tournament mark when she knucked down two from the charity stripe (20).

The outcome was still in question and Skylas challenged her team at half.

"I asked them how much they wanted it. I told them to do what we ask, settle down, be patient and run the offense and they would win," Skylas said.

The Tigers got the message. After a Davis bucket, Clark, who had constant attention from the Falcon defense, found herself open in the corner thanks to a screen by West on a fast break.

She hit a three-pointer and the Tigers led 30-15 with just under four minutes left in the third quarter.

"We just needed to play together and not get sloppy," added West, who chipped in 12 points, grabbed a game-high nine boards, and added three steals.

One minute later, Clark hit her second straight from beyond the arc, then in 12 seconds later her third, as Jerome pulled away.

With that shot, Clark added another classification record - most points in a tournament (53) - to her resume.

She fell just one 3-pointer of tying another record.

"There was someone on me in

the first half so I didn't want to score to force it," said Clark, who finished with a game-high 15 points. "We had lost two and we weren't going to lose this one. It is a dream, no words can describe it."

The Tigers kept cruising offensively. Megan Marshall and Krista Kulk came off the bench to hit buckets.

With three minutes left the starters began leaving the floor and the celebrations started. They didn't finish after the game as the team sang along with Queen's "We Are The Champions" in the locker room.

"They had to give us so much individual goals play for the team

to win. They deserve this so much. They had a bull's eye on them all season," Skylas added.

Valivue's Jeney Gross was the only Falcon in double figures with 12 points and five rebounds. Blossom was presented with the Sportsmanship trophy while Great Basin Ice Century won the academic trophy.

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Twin Falls	41	22	11	8	1
Borah	35	18	9	6	1

Flyers beat Thrashers on penal shot

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Simon Gagne scored on a penalty shot with 1:01 left, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-4 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Saturday that snapped a three-game losing streak.

Steve Ashby, Andy Sutton, Dany Heatley and Ilya Kovalchuk scored for Atlanta, which had won three of four after a 10-game winless streak.

Devils 7, Rangers 3

NEW YORK — Scott Gomez scored two goals and added three assists for the second time in three games as Patrick Elias had four points to lead New Jersey past the New York Rangers.

Senators 2, Flames 1

OTTAWA — Martin Havlat scored 2:26 into the third period, lifting Ottawa to victory. Brian Smolinski scored a power-play goal in the first and Patrick Lalime made 18 saves for Ottawa, undefeated in regulation in its last eight games (5-0-1-2).

Maple Leafs 5, Canadiens 4

TORONTO — Backup goalie Mikhail Tvelitsh remained undefeated, and Matt Stajan and Tom Fitzgerald scored and had an assist in Toronto's victory over Montreal. Tvelitsh made 27 saves to

improve to 5-0-2 this season.

Bruins 3, Hurricanes 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Brian Rolston scored with 7:19 left in the third period to give Boston a tie with Carolina.

Glen Murray scored twice off assists from Joe Thornton to help the Bruins complete a seven-game road trip at 4-0-1-2 and earn at least a point in their 12th straight game.

Islanders 4, Sabres 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Shawn Bates and Adrian Aunoy each had a goal and assist to help the

Islanders beat Buffalo. The Islanders moved two points ahead of Montreal for seventh place in the Eastern Conference, and increased their cushion over Buffalo to five points. Arron Asham and Cliff Korning also scored for the Islanders, 6-0-2-0 in their last eight home games.

Capitals 2, Panthers 2

WASHINGTON — Robert Lang scored his 28th goal and assisted on Sergei Gonchar's goal to help Washington rally to tie Florida. Gonchar tied it at 7:10 of the third, just seconds after a Washington power-play expired, one penalty a side. Robert Lang's goal to extend Washington's unbeaten streak to four

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI baseball spills games in Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team started out its road trip in Utah with mixed results, defeating the College of Eastern Utah 8-2 before losing to Salt Lake Community College 8-5 Saturday.

Against CEU, Hector Martinez hit a three-run double for CSI (7-1) in the second inning to give the Golden Eagles a 4-0 lead. Martinez finished 3 of 4 for the game with three RBIs. Teammate Jeremy Thomas had three hits and three RBIs. Eric Canton also added three hits and scored two runs.

Sophomore Brandon Christiansen earned the mound win for CSI, pitching five innings while giving up two earned runs on four hits and no walks.

"Brandon did a really good job," CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker said. "He was throwing strikes. He had good control and his slider was working real well."

Ryan Jessop relieved Christiansen, giving up no runs, hits or walks in four innings while fanning four.

In the other game, SLC trailed 5-1 after the fifth inning but scored three runs in the final four innings in an 8-5 victory.

Eli Christensen and Trent Henderson each had three hits for Salt Lake. CSI was led by Sean Van Elderen, who went 2 for 4 with a double.

CSI's Josh Madden struggled in his first start on the mound, giving up four runs, three earned, in three innings.

"Josh Madden didn't come out very sharp," Walker said. "He didn't pitch ahead much, which he really has to do. We had to go out on our feet earlier than we wanted to do."

Chris Toto suffered the pitching loss, giving up two runs in 2.1 innings pitched.

trade were not completed and received by the NBA on Friday.

Mondesi says he's close to deal with Pirates

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Ramon Mondesi said he's close to completing a deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and he's thankful for an opportunity to play in the majors this season.

Mondesi, who will turn 33 next month, was the NL Rookie of the Year in 1999. The free-agent outfielder would probably be Pittsburgh's starting right fielder this season.

Mondesi made 513 million last year while splitting the season between the Yankees and Diamondbacks, bating .272 with 24 homers and 71 RBIs in 143 games.

Boise State men rout San Jose State, 72-51

BOISE — Reserve guard Franco Harris scored a career-high 14 points, including four of seven from three-point range, to lead Boise State (17-8) to a 72-51 victory Saturday over last place San Jose State in the Western Athletic Conference.

Boise State, who are 10-6 in the conference, shot 63 percent in the first half and 55 percent for the game.

Spartans' forward Marquin Chandler hit a game-high 19 points with 11 rebounds. Reserve forward Brett Lilly added 12 points.

The Broncos' Bryan Deffen and Aaron Haynes both had 11 points. Harris, a junior-college transfer, had a previous career high of 10 scored at Hawaii earlier this year.

Rams name Pace a franchise player again

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams have designated five more Pro Bowl offensive tackle Orlando Pace as their franchise player.

Pace, agent, Carl Poston, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that Pace turned down the Rams' earlier offer of a seven-year contract worth more than \$42 million, including a \$13 million signing bonus — the largest in Rams history, eclipsing Torry Holt's \$12.5 million signing bonus last July.

Armstrong takes yellow jersey at Algarve

TAVIRA, Portugal — Lance Armstrong took the yellow jersey at the Four of the Algarve on Saturday after winning an individual time trial on a new bike he used for the first time. Armstrong, who will go for his record sixth Tour de France victory in July, timed 31 minutes, 53 seconds over the flat 15-mile course, most of it against a strong wind.

He led a sweep for the U.S. Postal Service team at the season-opening event in southern Portugal. Floyd Landis came in one second behind Armstrong, and Colombian Victor Hugo Pena was 12 seconds off the lead.

The three riders also moved into the top three places in the overall standings with one stage remaining. Armstrong came into the time trial in 74th place, trailing leader Candido Barbosa by 25 seconds.

Soriano could move to shortstop for Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. — All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano will consider playing shortstop for the Texas Rangers — but he won't try to replace Alex Rodriguez.

Soriano was introduced Saturday as the newest member of the Rangers after being traded by the New York Yankees for the reigning AL MVP in a blockbuster deal. Soriano, who came up to the majors as a shortstop, will wear No. 12 for the Rangers for his first workout with Texas.

The past two years with the Yankees, Soriano became only the third player in major league history to hit at least 35 home runs and steal 35 bases in consecutive seasons. Willie Mays and Barry Bonds are the other two.

The Cliff's Edge finishes second to start 2004

OLDSMAR, Fla. — Kaufy Mate held off a charge from Kentucky Derby hopeful "The Cliff's Edge" to win the \$100,000 Sam E. Davis stakes at Tampa Bay Downs by 1/75 lengths Saturday.

Making his first start since winning the Kentucky Jockey Club on Nov. 29 at Churchill Downs, The Cliff's Edge was the 1-2 favorite despite starting from the outside post.

He broke late in the 11-horse field and was forced to give six-wide at one point. He managed to pass most of the field but didn't have enough to get by Kaufy Mate, a 3-year-old colt ridden by Ramsey Zimmerman.

Kaufy Mate covered the 11/16-mile distance in 1:34.40. He paid \$71.40, \$13 and \$5.20. The Cliff's Edge, with Shane Sellers aboard, paid \$3 and \$2.40. Zakociny paid \$3 to show.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Team	W	L	OT
New Jersey	18	15	0
New York	13	19	0
Philadelphia	14	19	0
Washington	11	21	0
Orlando	10	22	0
Charlotte	9	23	0
Boston	8	24	0
Atlanta	8	24	0
Washington	7	25	0
Chicago	7	25	0
Charlotte	6	26	0
Indiana	6	26	0
New Orleans	5	27	0
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San Antonio	2	30	0
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Auto Racing

- NASCAR, Nextel Cup, Subway 400, Feb. 14, a.m.
- NHRA, Winternationals, final round, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.

Basketball

- Women, Duke at Maryland, ESPN2, 10 a.m.
- Carolinas at Knicks, ABC, 11 a.m.
- Women, Texas at Texas Tech, ESPN2, noon
- Wisconsin at Michigan, CBS, noon
- Michigan at Duke, CBS, 2 p.m.
- Washington at N.C. State, FSNW, 3:30 p.m.
- Lakers at Suns, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- Wayne State at Georgia Tech, FSNW, 6 p.m.

Bowling

PBA, Days Im Open, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.

Football

- Arena, San Jose at Los Angeles, NFL, 8 p.m.

Golf

- Nationwide Tour, Jacob's Creek Open Championship, final round, 9 a.m.
- Champions Tour, Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am, final round, TGC, noon
- PGA Tour, Nissan Open, final round, ABC, 3:30 p.m.

Hockey

- Mighty Ducks at Stars, ESPN, 2 p.m.
- Avalanche at Wild, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Baseball

MLB, Opening Day, Feb. 23 (7:15 p.m.)

Area ski report

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NHL Sums

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San Jose	27	15	0	54
Washington	25	17	0	52
Florida	24	18	0	50
Atlanta	23	19	0	48
Philadelphia	22	20	0	46
Carolina	21	21	0	44
Buffalo	20	22	0	42
Washington	19	23	0	40
Washington	18	24	0	38
Washington	17	25	0	36
Washington	16	26	0	34
Washington	15	27	0	32
Washington	14	28	0	30
Washington	13	29	0	28
Washington	12	30	0	26
Washington	11	31	0	24
Washington	10	32	0	22
Washington	9	33	0	20
Washington	8	34	0	18
Washington	7	35	0	16
Washington	6	36	0	14
Washington	5	37	0	12
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Washington	3	39	0	8
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SPORTS

New Jersey ties NBA season win streak

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Kevin Martin had 23 points, 13 rebounds, four steals and four blocks, and New Jersey Nets tied the longest winning streak in the NBA this season — 13 — with a 95-83 victory Saturday over the New Orleans Hornets.

The victory was the Nets' 12th straight under coach Lawrence Frank, extending his league record for best coaching record and tying the North American mark for the best start in professional sports.

Heat 97, Nuggets 84
MIAMI — Dwyane Wade outshined fellow rookie Carmelo Anthony, scoring 28 points, and Lamar Odom had 12 of his 21 points in the third quarter as Miami matched a season-best

four-game winning streak. Anthony finished with 16 points, ending a streak of nine straight games with at least 20 points, and shot just 3-for-20 — his worst effort since the third game of the season.

ings against the Mavericks with Yao Ming in the lineup. Yao has won against every other NBA team.

Grizzlies 105, Bulls 98
CHICAGO — Pau Gasol scored 23 points and had nine rebounds and James Posey added 27 points to lead the Memphis Grizzlies past the Chicago Bulls 105-98 Saturday night.

Posey scored 14 and Gasol had 10. Williams, who had seven assists in the half, finished with seven points and eight assists.

Clippers 105, Bucks 103
MILWAUKEE — Elton Brand scored 31 points and blocked four shots to help the Los Angeles Clippers spoil Keith Van Horn's Milwaukee debut with a 105-103 victory over the Bucks on Saturday night.

Michael Redd, an 89 percent free throw shooter, was fouled by Corey Maggette while attempting a desperation 3-pointer with one-tenth of a second left and the Bucks trailing 105-102.

But Redd missed his first free throw attempt. He made the second, then committed a lane violation while deliberately missing his third shot. Van Horn led the Bucks with 23 points.



St. Joseph's guard Delonte West drives past Xavier defender Roman Sato, left, in Cincinnati, in this Jan. 17 photo.

No. 1 Stanford and No. 2 St. Joe's stay unbeaten

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rob Williams scored 18 points to lead No. 1 Stanford to a 65-50 victory over UCLA on Saturday, the Cardinal's school-record 23rd consecutive win.

No. 6 Gonzaga 76, Tulsa 56
TULSA, Okla. — Tony Skinner was 4-for-5 from 3-point range and scored 12 points to lead No. 6 Gonzaga to its 16th straight victory, 76-56 over Tulsa on Saturday.

trouble, but ignited Kentucky with eight of his 10 points over the final 5:14 during a 19-10 run after Auburn had tied the game.

second place in the Big East and matched the 2000-01 team for the school's best conference start.

Stanford improved to 14-0 in the Pac-10, having already clinched a share of its fourth conference title in six years with a victory at Southern California on Thursday. Stanford and No. 2 Saint Joseph's (24-0) are the nation's only undefeated Division I teams.

Anthony Price and Jarvis Glenn each had 13 points for the Golden Hurricane (7-17), who lost their seventh in row.

Florida 78, Florida St. 71
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rashad McCants scored 21 points and Raymond Felton had 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for the Tar Heels (16-7, 6-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won consecutive games for the first time in nearly a month.

Will Blalock hit a 3-pointer at the final buzzer for the Cyclones, who lost their 23rd straight Big 12 road game despite outplaying the favored Jayhawks much of the game.

West finally gets recognized for role in undefeated season

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jamer Nelson and Delonte West worked together perfectly in Saint Joseph's backcourt. They carry the scoring load and smother teams with a tight man-to-man defense.

My financial situation was bad. Basketball was one of my outs," West said. "It was a place where I could have peace."

St. Joseph's guard Delonte West drives past Xavier defender Roman Sato, left, in Cincinnati, in this Jan. 17 photo.

Notre Dame 50
HARTFORD, Conn. — Emeka Okafor dominated inside for Connecticut with 14 points, a career-high 22 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Arkansas 82, Texas A&M 66
FAVETTEVILLE, Ark. — Reserve Kendrick Davis scored 19 points and Ronnie Brewer added 17 to lead the Razorbacks (12-12, 4-7 Southeastern Conference), who ended a four-game losing streak.

With his numbers, West might get the honor Martelli says he deserves.

West is shooting 52 percent from the floor, 43 percent from 3-point range and 90 percent from the free-throw line.

West was injured by virtually every major Division I school.

Alabama 77, Mississippi St. 73
STARKVILLE, Miss. — Kennedy Winston scored a career-high 31 points as Alabama snapped the Bulldogs' eight-game winning streak.

Providence 70, Miami 57
PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Rob Sanders scored 14 points to lead five players in double figures in the Friars' fourth straight victory.

Arkansas was 22-of-24 from the free throw line, including 7-of-8 from reserve Jonathan Modica, who added 17 points.

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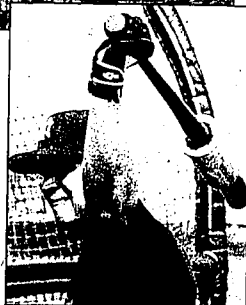
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Bonk! Weir turns race into runaway



New York Yankees infielder Alex Rodriguez takes batting practice at the team's minor league facility after reporting to spring training camp Saturday in Tampa, Fla.



AP Photo

A-Rod does damage in first Yankees workout

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Several swings into his first Yankees workout, Alex Rodriguez already had done damage—to a car parked too close behind the center-field fence, that is.

Early into Saturday's session, New York's newest star launched a long drive that was followed by a loud bonk. The home run ball left a 2-inch dent and blue smear on the hood of a silver Mazda, a rental driven by a reporter from Japan.

"I didn't think Alex would be hitting today," Masanori Hirose said. "My mistake."

The shot was one of 10 balls Rodriguez hit over the fence in 65 swings. He took batting practice with two minor league prospects — A-Rod was the one not wearing a helmet — while a few groundskeepers shagged flies.

At one point, the reigning AL MVP borrowed young Eric Duncan's bat and promptly broke it, sending the shattered barrel flying down the third-base line.

"Eric, there's your wood," Rodriguez called out, smiling. "That's that minor league wood."

Duncan, the Yankees' No. 1 draft pick last June, didn't mind one bit. As he left the field, he was carrying both pieces of the broken bat.

"I'll be holding on to that one for a while," he said.

Rodriguez fielded about 50 grounders at third base, his new position, bobbling one and letting another skip under his glove. He did most of that work on his knees, drawn in close on the infield grass.

He looked smooth on some slow rollers, charging the balls and making strong, accurate, off-balance throws to first base.

"I'm fine, but you can't really tell where you are until you get

into a game," he said.

The one-hour session took place on two fields at the Yankees' minor league complex, about a mile from where the big league pitchers set up camp at Legends Field. About 50 fans fanned out to watch Rodriguez from beyond the fence, and a flock of seagulls landed nearby on the lush outfield grass.

A couple of Yankees officials looked on, though owner George Steinbrenner was not among them.

"I feel like I have an injection of energy. I'm floating," Rodriguez said. "I'm still not aware of where I am right now."

"You look in the mirror and see the Yankees uniform, it's awesome," he said.

Rodriguez wore dark blue shorts with a matching T-shirt. He might put on the full pinstripes next week when the rest of the position players report for their first official spring training workout.

Traded from Texas last week, Rodriguez was an early arrival. On this day, his teammates were Duncan, also a third baseman, and outfielder Estee Harris.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life, taking in all that he does," Duncan said.

Harris enjoyed it, too. The second-round draft pick lingered near a chain-link fence to watch Rodriguez handle grounders.

Before the workout, manager Joe Torre and Rodriguez talked. A Gold Glove shortstop who hit 47 homers with 118 RBIs for Texas last season, Rodriguez is switching positions while Derek Jeter stays in his usual spot.

"His pride will make him want to be known as a complete player, other than a hitter who also plays third," Torre said. "I don't think he's going to have a bit of a problem."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Weir would seem to be the last guy at Riviera with something to prove.

He already has his portrait hanging in the clubhouse from winning the Nissan Open last year. He has a green jacket in his closet as the Masters champion. His 5-under-66, a masterful performance in cold, rain conditions Saturday, gave him a five-shot lead and broke the 54-hole tournament record.

Even so, Weir knows better than to look ahead.

Golf roundup

"I'm looking at it as a big challenge," Weir said. "I want to prove to myself that I can handle a five-shot lead."

He has built a reputation as the comeback Canadian, winning all six of his PGA Tour titles from the final hole. The challenge Sunday is to win for the first time out front.

There was that 80 he shot in the final round of the '99 PGA Championship when paired with Tiger Woods. Most recently, Weir shot a 75 in the final round at the 2002 Honda Classic, falling into a tie for 11th.

His final-round scoring average with at least a share of the lead is 73.6.

At least he has some room for error.

Weir separated himself from John Daly and the rest of the pack with one swing — a 4-iron into 15 feet on the devilish par-3 sixth hole — then turned it into a runaway Saturday.

He finished at 17-under 196, breaking by one shot the 54-hole record set by Fred Couples in 1992.

Shigeaki Miyayama, who started the third round tied with Weir, stayed in range until bogys on both par 3s on the back nine. A birdie on the final hole gave him an even-par 71, five shots behind.



Mike Weir watches his bunker shot fly on the fifth hole during the third round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles' Pacific Palisades area Saturday. Weir shot a 5-under-par 66 to lead the field by five strokes at 17-under-par.

AP Photo

Jeff Maggari had a 69 — his third straight round in the 60s — and was at 11-under 202.

"I didn't expect to shoot 5 under," Weir said. "But my putter has just been on fire."

The gallery took their hands off umbrellas long enough to clap and cheer Daly, but it couldn't sustain him. Daly missed several short birdie opportunities and shot a 72, leaving him eight shots off the lead.

McNulty leads at Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am

LUTZ, Fla. (AP) — Mark McNulty put himself in position to win in his

first Champions Tour start, shooting a 6-under 65 to take a one-stroke lead in the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

McNulty had a 10-under 132 total on the TPC of Tampa Bay. Larry Nelson (69) and D.A. Weirberg (65) were a stroke back, and Vicente Fernandez (67), Mike McCullough (70), Tom Purtzer (67) and Tom Jenkins (67) were 8 under. Tom Kite, the first-round leader after a 63, shot a 73 to drop five shots back.

It's all Aussies at Jacob's Creek Open Down Under

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Australia's Euan Walters shot a 1-under 70 to take a one-shot lead in the Jacob's Creek Open.

Walters had a 6-under 207 total on the Kooyonga course in the tournament co-sanctioned by the Nationwide and Australasian tours.

Australians Matthew Goggin (66), Matthew Ecob (69) and Anthony Painter (72) were tied for second, and 1990 U.S. PGA champion Wayne Grady of Australia shot a 71 to top a group at 4 under.

Finland's Ionen climbs atop Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Finland's Mikko Ionen finished off a 4-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead in the rain-delayed Malaysian Open.

Ionen, who played only four holes Saturday, had an 8-under 136 total. South Korea's Lee Sung-man and Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant were tied for second, with both completing their rounds Friday.

AN UNFINISHED STRIDE

Race walker's Olympic quest ends in apparent suicide

By Bernie Wilson
 Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — A loss in a grueling qualifying event left him physically exhausted and filled with what a friend described as a numbing sadness, but Albert Heppner still had a chance to win a spot on the U.S. Olympic race walking team.

Heppner had finished a disappointing fifth in the 50-kilometer team trials last Sunday morning in suburban Chula Vista, pulling away from the pack way too early, fading, leaving him sprawled on a cot afterward, spent and despondent.

In two months, though, there would be another opportunity for one of America's top race walkers to qualify for the Athens Games. Everyone in the small, tight-knit race walking community knew the 29-year-old Army specialist was competitive enough to do it.

Instead, Heppner's Olympic quest ended sometime in the middle of a rainy, foggy night, when he apparently drove to one of the tallest bridges in San Diego County and jumped 450 feet to his death. His body was found in a thicket of sagebrush and manzanita at the bottom of a rocky gorge early Thursday morning. The California Highway Patrol said it was a suspected suicide.

Heppner, a college graduate from Columbia, Md., who was described as fun-loving and outgoing, didn't leave a note or a hint of why he did it.

Friends marveled that Heppner seemed to know everyone at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, even the athletes in other sports. Now they're struggling with the sad end of a promising life.

"We're all we're all crushed," said Tracy Sundin of San Diego's Elite Racing Inc., which managed Sunday's race. "It's a shame, because he had everything. He really had everything."

Heppner's teammates tried to fathom why he would kill himself even though he apparently knew he could still qualify for Athens in the grueling 31.1-mile event if he met the 4-hour standard at an international meet in May in

Germany.

Curt Clausen, the only walker to earn an Olympic berth Sunday after winning the race in 3 hours, 58 minutes, 24 seconds, said Heppner called him hours after the race, looking for advice. Reunited with Heppner's down, but then again, they'd all had bad races in the quirky sport in which the racers swivel their hips and pump their arms as they scoot along. Plus, they'd always seen Heppner bounce back.

"It's not rational," said Clausen, now a three-time Olympian. "What's striking to me is that he placed that much importance on the outcome of one race, or on him making the team, that he'd lose sight of the bigger picture. Life's precious and too short. It's not a life-or-death sport. There were so many people here who would help and support him."

Heppner's life seemed to be defined by trying to reach the Olympics. After failing to qualify for the 2000 games, he told the Columbia (Md.) Flier: "I am extremely competitive, and I always have been competitive to the point where it is probably not healthy. Good for an elite athlete, but makes it even more devastating to me when it does not work out."

A year later, he stopped by his old high school to work out on the track.

"We talked a couple minutes about racing and the Olympics," said Vince Parnell, the athletic director at Howard High. "He gave me a signed picture. He was very proud of his accomplishments."

Heppner's funeral will be Monday in San Diego, followed by a private burial.

Sgt. John Nunn was a longtime friend of Heppner and the two were in the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program. They were soldiers, yet as top athletes, were granted time away from the grind of the military to try to qualify for the Olympics.

Nunn, who competes in the 20-kilometer race walk, worked a water station Sunday and was surprised Heppner broke from the pack so early, after just 10 kilometers.

Heppner's time of 42:35 Sunday was 25 minutes slower than his personal best.



Race walker Al Heppner is seen during the U.S. Olympic Trials 50-kilometer walk Feb. 25, 2004 in Chula Vista, Calif. He finished fifth, and failed to earn a spot on the Olympic team. Heppner was found dead at the foot of a freeway bridge Thursday morning. The California Highway Patrol said the death of Heppner was a suspected suicide. He was 29.

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SPORTS

Fourth straight: McMurray wins Busch race again at Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jamie McMurray used the latest scrape between Kevin Harvick and Robby Gordon to drive into the North Carolina Speedway record books.

McMurray won his fourth consecutive Busch series race at the Rock on Saturday, passing Harvick for the lead with 20 laps to go when Harvick got tied up with Gordon.

The victory in the Goody's Headache Powder 200 tied McMurray with Mark Martin, who swept the Busch races here in 1996 and 1997.

"I remember watching Mark win here before I was even racing stock cars," McMurray said. "I am not big on milestones, but I'll take it."

McMurray earned his first win here in 2002, then swept both events last year. He's now within one win of the Busch record of five consecutive victories at any track held by Dale Earnhardt at Daytona and Jack Ingram at South Boston.

After taking the lead, McMurray still had to hold off a hard-charging Martin Truex Jr. over the final five laps to preserve the win. McMurray's Dodge beat Truex's Chevrolet to the finish line by about two car lengths to duplicate the finishing order from here last fall.

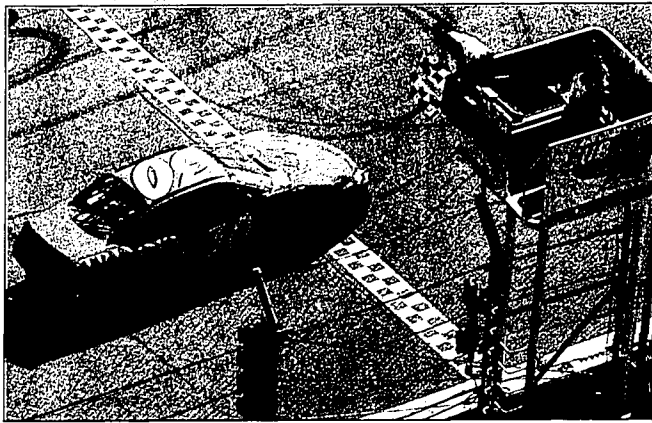
"Just like last year, we needed about five more laps and just ran out of time," said Truex, who led a race-high 68 laps in a car partially owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr.

The fourth and final caution of the race set up the ending, and began when Aaron Fike crashed into the turn 3 wall. As his car sat idling on the track, Hermie Sadler came around and drove straight into Fike's driver side door.

Fike was transported to a nearby hospital for precautionary reasons. When the field resumed racing, Harvick was the leader.

McMurray was second and Gordon, Harvick's Nextel Cup teammate at Richard Childress Racing, was a lap down.

Harvick tried to pass him, Gordon tried to hold him off, and McMurray pounced as the two



Above, Jamie McMurray (30) crosses the finish line to win the Goody's Headache Powder 200 Busch Series race at North Carolina Speedway near Rockingham, N.C., Saturday. Right, Jamie McMurray celebrates with his team in victory lane.

weren't paying attention. He went low on the track and passed Harvick for the lead.

"It looked like Robby was trying to get his lap back and he shoved Kevin up out of the way," McMurray said. "It was just perfect for me, an easy pass."

Harvick, who drives the Busch series car for RCR, ended up third. Gordon, who owns his own Busch team, finished 14th.

Despite being teammates in NASCAR's top series, the two have a long history of notorious feuds that doesn't appear to be cooling off.

"That was a lapped-down car sliding into a leader," Harvick said when asked about it. "You'll have to ask the guy holding the steering wheel. I haven't talked to him, it's a waste of air."

Gordon said there was no post-race discussion between the two,

just a non-friendly gesture from Harvick.

"He told me I was No. 1," Gordon said. "But he does that every week."

Michael Waltrip finished fourth and David Green was fifth. Pole-sitter Johnny Benson was sent to the back of the field before the start because his Dodge was found to have an illegal spring on it after qualifying, but he rallied to a ninth-place finish.

The engine troubles at Roush Racing continued when Greg Biffle blew his motor while leading midway through the race. Biffle had to give up his top starting spot in the Daytona 500 last week when his team changed his engine because of a problem discovered in the final practice, and teammates Martin and Jeff Burton had their motors blow up during the race.



NASCAR SUBWAY 400 PREVIEW

Slow competition invades speedway

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — It was an opportunity too good to pass up, even for Joe Ruttman, a grandfather of six who hadn't raced in NASCAR's top series in almost 10 years.

A short entry list for the Subway 400 at North Carolina Speedway opened the gates for a crew of "field fillers" to load up a race car and try to get into Sunday's event.

It was almost that easy: Ruttman, Kirk Shelmerdine, Carl Long and Andy Hillenburg all made the race despite being much slower than pole-sitter Ryan Newman and the rest of the field.

Newman earned the top starting spot by running a lap of 156.475 mph around the 1.017-mile oval. Hillenburg claimed the 43rd and final starting spot with a lap at 146.855.

The massive speed discrepancies concerned about running side-by-side with clearly under-qualified competition who could be lapped early in the race.

"You want the highest quality of teams and drivers that you can possibly have to make it competitive, and so that you can run a nice, smooth race," said four-time series champion Jeff Gordon.

"The most important thing is, if there are teams out there that aren't up to speed, that they're smart about it and use their heads. As long as they're not in the way, or not doing anything crazy or dumb, then they have every right to be out there."

As sponsor dollars are dwindling, leaving just 37 full-time

teams and 43 spots in the weekly field, the appeal of a competing for a portion of a \$4.7 million purse was just too inviting for the field fillers.

So Ruttman, a 60-year-old grandfather who made his debut in NASCAR's top series in 1963, will be starting his first event since 1995. He'll start 40th, and skip both practices on Saturday — perhaps to avoid having to purchase expensive tires.

Shelmerdine, who won four titles as crew chief for the late Dale Earnhardt, made the race with a crew of just four mechanics and starts 41st. He has made just two Nextel Cup starts since 1994.

Long, who made two starts two years ago, starts 42nd.

Hillenburg, who failed to make the Daytona 500 last week, brings up the rear and ran a total of six laps in Saturday's two practice sessions. His best effort was over 14 mph off the top speed of 150.574 mph set by Rusty Wallace.

Once the race begins, drivers must maintain a minimum speed to be allowed to continue, and NASCAR gives them only one warning.

Although Hillenburg admits the guarantee of a paycheck — last place here a year ago paid almost \$45,000 — he wants to finish the race and go on to attempt to make at least 20 events this year.

"I don't want to look like we're trying to capitalize on anything, but this is our window of opportunity," he said. "We're not here to go two laps and try to get a check. We're here to do the best we can."

Family ties give NFL prospects a leg up

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Quincy Wilson established himself as one of the nation's top college running backs last fall. But he still couldn't avoid the tag of "Lil Otis."

Even as Wilson embarks on his own NFL career, some find it hard to separate him from his father, former Chicago Bears linebacker Otis Wilson.

"Sometimes, I've thought, it would have been better if my dad had been a bench-warmer," Wilson said with a smile. "Being that he won the Super Bowl and the Super Bowl Shuffle, and all that, it's never been that way."

Wilson, who played at West Virginia, has learned to live with the surname his father established during the Bears' Super Bowl run in 1986.

He's also in good company at this year's NFL combine, which has turned into a family affair.

Favorite sons include Miami tight end Kellen Winslow Jr., whose father is a Hall of Famer; Miami running back Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton, who was a teammate of Wilson's with the Bears; and Florida running back Ron Carson, son of Maurice, one of Bill Parcells' favorite players with the New York Giants.

Of the roughly 335 invitees to Indianapolis this year, 10 had fathers play pro football and six had brothers on NFL rosters last season. In all, 23 prospects have relatives with NFL experience.

Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning is the only one who has both a father, Archie, and a brother, Peyton, with NFL experience.

For these players, football is in their blood — and it's made a difference.

Growing up around the game, as Manning and Wilson did, taught the players the importance of preparation and how to study film. Inherited traits, such as size and speed, also have helped some become legitimate NFL prospects.

"What scouts like most, though, is that the family ties have kept them around the game longer, creating players who are more passionate and devoted to training, playing and winning."

"In many cases, they know what to expect and sometimes they're better prepared," said Bobby Beathard, a senior adviser for the Atlanta Falcons. "In most cases, they do have a little better feel for the game."

The sons and brothers of stars still face a sometimes daunting task

of living up to their family legacies.

Payton may be the most notable prospect in Indianapolis — although he's not considered a high draft pick.

He's been in the spotlight since he was 12, when he introduced his father at the Hall of Fame induction. But he played soccer until he was a junior in high school. A late bloomer, he didn't even start regularly at Miami until Frank Gore injured his knee last season.

Payton still ran for 985 yards and scored 12 touchdowns and averaged 5.2 yards per carry, but it didn't end the questions — or the comparisons.

"I know that no matter what happens, who matters who happens, who is compared to him," he added. "But I'm past that."

Wilson believes Payton has the tougher task of trying to emerge from his father's shadow.

But Wilson is in much the same situation. Even after rushing for 1,380 yards and 12 touchdowns



West Virginia's Quincy Wilson runs for a 5-yard gain as a Wisconsin player tries to catch him Aug. 30 in Morgantown, W.Va. As Wilson embarks on his own NFL career, some find it hard to separate him from his father, former Chicago Bears linebacker Otis Wilson.

in 2003, the first questions he gets still seem to be about his father.

Wilson knows that may never change. So he's content in living up to the name.

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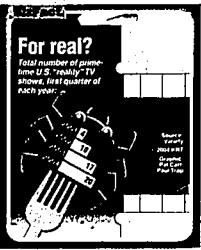
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Author discusses overcoming negativity

TWIN FALLS - Best-selling author Harry Chambers will present a one-day conference on how to maintain a positive focus in the workplace. "Overcoming Negativity in Today's Workplace" is a full-day session designed to help participants discover causes of bad attitudes and remedies for neutralizing their influence. Participants will learn strategies for dealing with negativity and successfully implementing change, organizers said.

The session is designed for all front-line employees who deal directly with the public. More information about the event can be found on Boise State University's Web site at cobe.boisestate.edu/cmd.

The session is sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho in conjunction with BSU.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16 at the Garden Cafe conference center at the corner of Addison and Eastland in Twin Falls. The fee is \$225 per person, which includes all instructional materials, Chambers' book and lunch. Group discounts are offered. Pre-registration and prepayment are required.

For information, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Insurance advisers set meeting agenda

TWIN FALLS - The March meeting of the Underwriting, Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors will feature a program on health savings accounts by Steve Dodder, regional sales director for Fortis Health (now Assurant Health). The program's one continuing-education credit is free for Association members and will cost \$8 for Health Underwriters members and \$12 for nonmembers. All insurance agents are invited. The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 2 at the Loong Hing restaurant on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

For information, call Bill Hall at 324-0044.

Starting on April 6 is an association program offering four continuing-education credits to meet licensing requirements in law and ethics. The program will be presented by Idaho Department of Insurance personnel.

T.F. workshop aims to boost workers' careers

TWIN FALLS - Those who need help to start a career rolling may attend a free "Career Planning Workshop" offered by the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

The workshop is for those who want to begin an education or new career, discover their workplace talents, investigate careers and make plans for success.

The center is offering Part I of the free workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, and Part II from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-690-0274, ext. 6689, by Monday.

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Corporations take caution after business scandals

Some CEOs say the legislative response to business scandals is making companies more averse to engaging in risky behavior. In a survey of 182 U.S. chief executives, 68 percent said they see corporations behaving more cautiously because of risk and nearly half, 44 percent, said this is true at their own companies.

Forty percent said the business environment is riskier than it was even a year ago, and about half complained about too much regulation. Still, the CEOs are very confident about revenue growth: 85 percent said they'll meet or beat income targets this year.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

A bite out of business?



Betty Purves, owner of Clos Office Supply Inc. in downtown Twin Falls, works at the cash register Friday.

Proposed move of county offices may hurt some businesses

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The proposed move of some Twin Falls County government offices to the former Anderson Lumber building on the city's east side has left a sour taste in the mouths of some business owners working to revitalize downtown Twin Falls.

But at least one Twin Falls business intends to welcome the move. The county's plan to consolidate nine Twin Falls County offices in the 35,000-square-foot building on Eastland Drive is contingent on financing - it's not a done deal just yet. But if the plan goes through, about 90 county employees could be housed in the former Anderson Lumber building.

Many of those employees now eat, shop and do business in downtown restaurants and stores, said Richard Crowley, co-owner of Crowley's Soda Fountain on Main Avenue.

Crowley's employees fear county workers with a lunch-time penchant for burgers, fries and malts would go to the franchised Corner restaurant - just around the corner from the proposed county building - instead of driving across town to the 86-year-old downtown mainstay.

"Certainly, we're a destination restaurant," Richard Crowley added. "But people are busy. Two to three blocks' distance can make a difference when people are deciding where to go for lunch."

The restaurant has a group of regular lunch customers who work at the courthouse, said Crowley's co-owner Louise Crowley. "I hate to see them move,"

“Two to three blocks' distance can make a difference when people are deciding where to go for lunch.”

— Richard Crowley,
Crowley's Soda Fountain

Louise Crowley said. "I think we're worth making the trip for, but I'm just afraid it won't be convenient for our regular county customers to eat lunch here like they do now."

Niche restaurants in downtown can offer a more unique dining experience than many of the franchise restaurants elsewhere in town, said Tammy Dey, co-owner of The Gyros Shop on Main Avenue.

Dey and her husband, Brad, recently opened The Gyros Shop after an 11-year absence from downtown. The Deys also own and operate Gyros Bandito on Blue Lakes Boulevard. Tammy Dey said downtown businesses "will definitely be impacted" if the county moves workers to the east side.

"If those workers are off on the other side of town, I don't think they'll come back down here unless there's something here that they specifically want," Dey said. "But you never know - if those buildings they're leaving are bought up by other businesses quickly enough, we'll have even more business

down here, and more workers, too."

While downtown restaurants may stand to lose customers, at least one nearby store may not see any change in business at all.

Betty Purves, co-owner of Clos Office Supply on Main Avenue, said a move won't mean any difference in sales, as the store provides delivery to offices throughout the city.

"We deliver to the county," Purves said. "We'll go to wherever they are."

Purves said it's too early to tell what effect the proposed county-offices move will have on downtown as a whole.

"It's just that unknown," Purves said. "You would hope people would be supportive of their downtown."

Downtown businesses could stand to see a reduction in business by county workers as well as by people who no longer need to go downtown for county services, said Jeff Hepworth, attorney and member of the Historic Old Towne business improvement district's board.

"When you have the county buildings downtown - the motor vehicle office and those offices that are going to move - that creates a tremendous amount of traffic flow," Hepworth said. "You go to get your license renewed and you go to lunch downtown afterward."

"The county offices are a center of activity in downtown. If you take the county out of there, it's going to cause a ripple effect of fewer downtown businesses; we've already seen it."

Twin Falls isn't unique in seeing county and city governments moving out of downtown areas, and that's exactly why the county

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Agency proposes county offices remain downtown

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city's Urban Renewal Agency will hold a special meeting Monday to draw up a proposal recommending that Twin Falls County commissioners keep county offices in downtown Twin Falls, rather than relocate to the former Anderson Lumber building.

The agency will discuss options for the county to build on new property or consolidate and relocate county offices in downtown or Old Towne, said Dave McAlindin, executive director of Urban Renewal.

McAlindin declined to give specifics on locations the agency might suggest, or to address any role the agency might play to change the county government's intentions.

But Urban Renewal board member Jeff Hepworth said there are several options the agency could propose to the county, including remodeling the old Swift's Cheese building, which is currently occupied by a publishing company, using the clinic owned by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Shoshone Street, and building on other unoccupied property in downtown.

The county is open to suggestions from the Urban Renewal Agency, Twin Falls County Commissioner Tom Mikessell said Friday.

"I don't know what's going to happen at this point," Mikessell said. "We're going to do what's best for Twin Falls County."

The meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Monday in the Twin Falls City Council chambers, 321 Second Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

Former Enron CEO Jeff Skilling arrives in handcuffs at the federal courthouse

Thursday in Houston, Skilling, who resigned less than four months before the company shuttered in scandal, surrendered to the FBI and was taken to the criminal charges.



Skilling finally takes his walk

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Adolphus John Rigas did it so did Thore's L. Dennis Kosowski, as well as countless other corporate executives. But this was the perp walk that so many have been waiting for - a former Enron CEO being led in handcuffs.

Sure, it took some time to get here - it has been more than two years since the collapse of the energy giant once considered one of the most innovative companies in the world.

But to many people whose lives were badly damaged by the Enron fraud, that matters little now that Jeffrey Skilling has taken the first steps in what could be a long walk of shame. He might finally have to face his day in court.

The 50-year-old Skilling became the highest-profile former Enron executive to face criminal charges when he was indicted Thursday for participating in widespread schemes to mislead government regulators and investors. He is a signpost from Enron in August 2001, a surprise move that four

months before the company filed for bankruptcy amid disclosures that officials had hidden billions of dollars in debt and inflated profits to boost the stock price.

Skilling has long maintained that the timing was pure coincidence, that he didn't know the company was in financial peril and was unaware of any wrongdoing taking place in the ranks. "I am not one of the perpetrators," he declared to the Senate Commerce Committee two years ago, bucking the

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Tonya Backus
TWIN FALLS — Tonya Backus was appointed to the Idaho Leadership Academy Class of 2004. The Idaho Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Idaho Association of Realtors, aims to identify emerging realtor leaders with potential to participate in association leadership and encourage them to participate in leadership roles.

Backus, co-owner of Magic Valley Realty, has been involved in real estate since 1997.

Kim Critchfield
TWIN FALLS — Kim Critchfield of Critchfield Photography received the Lifetime Member Achievement Award from the Professional Photographers of Idaho, presented during the group's annual convention in Coeur d'Alene.

Critchfield is a past president of the Professional Photographers of Idaho and has been an active member since 1976.

James T. Gose-Eells
TWIN FALLS — James T. Gose-Eells of Twin Falls completed the certified arborist examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture and its local chapter.

The ISA Certification Program aims to improve the knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It honors professionals in arboriculture, through an examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices. Certification is valid for three years.

The society is a scientific and educational organization for dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

Dennis Hope
TWIN FALLS — Dennis Hope received the 2003 award for "Going the Extra Mile" during the Twin Falls District Frito-Lay annual awards banquet.

The award recognizes distinguished service and attitude within the company and excellence in sales and service.

Hope and his wife, Vicki, and their family live in Burley. He has been a member of the Frito-Lay team for eight years.

Bill Long
TWIN FALLS — The 2003 Frito-Lay Performance Award was presented to Bill Long for achieving the highest district ranking and providing outstanding sales and service.

Long has been a member of the Frito-Lay team for 11 years.

Nicki Leatham
TWIN FALLS — Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association members elected their 2004 board of directors at the organization's annual meeting during the Idaho Horticulture Expo in January in Boise.

Nicki Leatham of Pipeco in Twin Falls was elected as a director.

Parts store employees
TWIN FALLS — Ray Alberdi, owner of Valley Brake & Truck Parts, announced three personnel changes.

John Rosenkrance was hired as the new store manager for the Twin Falls-based operation. He has more than 20 years of heavy-duty truck parts experience, including sales, service, purchasing and management. He lives in Filer with his wife, Tami, and their two children.

Tony Howard was promoted to assistant store manager. He completed nine months working in the retraining facility and two years as the lead counter parts man. He attended the College of Southern Idaho and lives in Twin Falls.

Darrell Smith, who was the store manager for the past eight years, will relocate to Ogden, Utah, to work with an existing Valley Brake distributor. This move allows the company to increase its business with a key account and set the tone for further growth and expansion, Valley Brake said.

Beth Cofer
RUPERT — Project Mutual Telephone hired Beth Cofer as its new marketing coordinator.

She has marketing and related experience from work as an account executive at Clear Channel Communications Inc. in Twin Falls, marketing director at the Radio Advertising Bureau in

Irving, Texas; and prep work at Marketing Support Management Inc. in Dallas. At Boise State University, Cofer earned a bachelor's degree in communication and an emphasis in journalism and a master's degree in technical writing.

Her new responsibilities include coordinating marketing research and campaigns, writing, proofreading and promoting new and existing products.

Cofer lives with her husband, Matt, who is a custom farmer, and her two sons in the Paul area. She grew up in Rupert and graduated from Minico High School in 1987.

Irrigation directors
RUPERT — Harold Heins of Rupert and Larry Moore of Layton received career service awards for 18 years of service on the board of directors for the A&I Irrigation District.

Both were elected to the board in 1986. The two attended meetings, set up policies and handled administrative affairs for the irrigation district. Heins' position was over division 2, and Moore was over division 5.

Seth D. Pemsler
BOISE — The Idaho Potato Commission retained Seth D. Pemsler as its new vice president of retail merchandising.

Pemsler has a broad-based sales and marketing background as well as general management experience. His career includes posts at both large companies (General Mills, Heinz and Ralston Purina), as well as smaller companies.

He most recently was general manager, packaged foods for Huhtamaki Oy, a \$2.5 billion Finland-based global packaging company.

Pemsler replaces Jack Hansen at the Idaho Potato Commission. Hansen was with the commission for 12 years prior to his death in October.

Frank Muir, commission president and chief executive, said one of the first items of business for Pemsler will be to set up face-to-face visits with the commission's retail field promotion directors and with key customers.

New T.F. business offers eBay consignment services

TWIN FALLS — Consider It Sold, a new business owned by Natalie Kite, opened for business in February.

Kite is an eBay seller and trade assistant. Most recently she was an office manager for a developer.

Consider It Sold offers eBay consignment services including digital photography, writing attention-getting descriptions, listing items on eBay's auction site, collecting payment from successful buyers and packing and shipping items.

Kite's business is at 440 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls and can be reached at 733-3314.

"We are in the process of planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the chamber of commerce," she said.

Glanbia parent company breaks ground for plant

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls-based Glanbia Foods Inc. announced the Feb. 6 groundbreaking of its parent company's joint venture in New Mexico — the new \$190 million Southwest Cheese Company LLC cheese and whey facility in Clovis.

The venture is 50 percent owned by Glanbia plc with the balance primarily owned by Dairy Farmers of America Inc. and Select Milk Producers Inc. Southwest recently awarded contracts to Dahlgren/Skanska and Carlisle Dairy Systems to begin construction of the Clovis facility.

Commissioning of the new plant is expected in the fourth quarter of 2005. Once fully operational, it is anticipated the new facility will generate annual sales in the region of \$350 million and employ about 220 people. Glanbia Foods of Twin Falls will provide operational management for the facility in addition to handling all cheese sales, while Glanbia handles all of its Monroe, Wis., office, will market nutritional ingredients derived from the whey stream.

Glanbia says the new factory will be one of the largest and most efficient plants in the world, annually processing over 2.4 billion pounds of milk and a production in excess of 250 million pounds of cheese and 165 million pounds of high value-added whey proteins.

Audio companies name area man dealer of year

TWIN FALLS — The Sound Co., owned by Ron Victor, was named the 2003 area man of the year by both Boss Audio and Planet Audio.

Boss and Planet, both owned by M e l o d y International, said The Sound Co. is the first dealer to receive both awards in the same year.

Victor has owned and operated The Sound Co. for more than 35 years.

Nursery association lauds Jerome's Moss Greenhouses

JEROME — Moss Greenhouses of Jerome received two awards from the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association during the recent Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise.

The awards, for business excellence, were in the landscape maintenance and the retail garden center beautification divisions.

The awards program encourages awareness of how professional landscaping can beautify the environment, recognizes people or companies who enhance their surroundings and encourages the

green industry to maintain a high level of workmanship and materials.

CableOne offers pair of lower-cost packages

TWIN FALLS — Cable One said its customers can lock in the price of two special cable television packages for two years.

The two-year rate guarantee applies to Cable ONE's Lifetime (\$17.95 per month) and Digital Lifetime (\$27.95) services, designed as lower-cost, tailored network packages.

"We realize that cost is an important issue for our customers so we've decided to take this unprecedented action to guarantee these rates to 2006," Russ Young, Cable One general manager in Magic Valley, said in a statement.

Lifetime features local broadcast networks (CSpan and local independent networks, including PBS). Digital Lifetime's features include local broadcast channels, 40 music channels, pay-per-view access and 22 digital networks such as Court TV, ESPN News, Toon Disney and The Hallmark Channel. Customers can select from 35 pay-per-view channels and have the additional option of access to 43 premium channels.

Sonic Corp. plans to participate in conference

TWIN FALLS — Oklahoma City-based Drive-in chain Sonic Corp. — which includes franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome — will participate in Bear Stearns' 10th Annual Retail, Restaurants & Apparel Conference in New York City this week.

The investor presentation by Sonic management is scheduled at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday and will be available to investors via a live audio webcast. Go to the investor section of the company's Web site, www.sonicdrivein.com. The event will be available for replay also.

Also, Sonic said it remains comfortable with the current mean analyst earnings estimate of 23 cents per diluted share for its second quarter, which ends Feb. 29.

Wells Fargo enhances Spanish online services

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo & Co. announced enhancements to its online services in Spanish, including the ability to apply for deposit accounts (checking, savings and time accounts), credit cards and InterCuenta Express — a service that allows Mexicans in the United States to send funds to their families through a Wells Fargo account.

New online services in Spanish at Wells Fargo also include educational centers for Latino homebuyers, small businesses and consumers. The centers are part of a bilingual online financial literacy program called "El futuro en tus manos," or Hands on Banking.

Lithia Motors managers will attend conference

TWIN FALLS — Managers of Oregon-based Lithia Motors Inc., which has a Twin Falls auto dealership, will present at the Raymond James 25th Annual Institutional Investors Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Investors can listen in online at 7:15 a.m. March 3. The presentation will cover the company's financial results and an overview of the company's strategy.

To listen, register online at www.wallstreetwebcasting.com/wecasts/rj04, using login "event"

and password "viewer." Go to the site at least 15 minutes early to register and to download and install any necessary software. Registration is available. A replay will be available for up to 30 days. There is no charge to access the event.

A copy of the presentation will be available on Lithia Motors' Web site at www.lithia.com.

Champion Enterprises touts debt reduction despite losses

FILER — Michigan-based Champion Enterprises Inc. — a housing manufacturer which owns retailer Westwind Homes in Filer — touted its "debt reduction, stronger cash balances and improved operating results despite continued difficult market conditions" while reporting losses.

For the fourth quarter, Champion reported revenues of \$291 million and a loss from continuing operations of \$3.5 million, or 11 cents per diluted share. Results included \$1 million of pre-tax restructuring charges, an \$800,000 charge related to outstanding common stock warrants, a \$3.2 million loss in connection with debt retirement and a \$3.6 million income tax benefit.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, the company had revenues of \$329 million and a loss from continuing operations of 7 cents per diluted share, or 21 cents per diluted share. The company cited its consumer finance business in the third quarter of 2003, and related amounts are reported as discontinued operations for all periods.

For the full year, Champion had revenues of \$1.1 billion and a loss from continuing operations of \$83.3 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share. In 2002, the company reported revenues of \$1.1 billion and a loss from continuing operations of \$249.4 million, or \$5.09 per diluted share.

The company cited its consumer finance business in the third quarter of 2003, and related amounts are reported as discontinued operations for all periods.

Longview Fibre announces results for first quarter

TWIN FALLS — Longview Fibre Co., the Washington-based operator of a Twin Falls container plant, will announce first-quarter financial results after the close of regular trading on Tuesday and host a 3 p.m. conference call that day to discuss the results.

Access the call by dialing 800-901-8247 and using pass code 86919751. A telephone replay will be available at 888-286-8010; use pass code 59555826.

This call will also be webcast at www.longviewfibre.com.

Sun Healthcare Group completes \$56.2M financing

TWIN FALLS — California-based Sun Healthcare Group Inc. — owner of SunCare Care & Rehabilitation for Twin Falls — closed its previously announced private placement of its common stock and warrants to purchase common stock to institutional and accredited investors.

The company received gross proceeds of about \$56.2 million in the private placement. Sun intends to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

"We are greatly pleased by the company's ability to raise this new equity capital," said Richard K. Matros, chairman and chief executive of Sun. "Accessing these financial resources has allowed us to substantially complete the portfolio restructuring we commenced approximately one year ago, and has placed the company in a position to move forward without further asset sales."

CONTRIBUTION

■ South Central Community Action Partnership's weatherization program helped the Pregnancy Crisis Center through funding provided by Idaho Power Co. to weatherize nonprofit organizations that primarily serve the low-income or disabled population. The weatherization department added additional insulation in the center's attic, insulated the floor, heat ducts and water pipes, and provided air-sealing measures.

Since 2000 one project per year has been completed by SCCAP and Idaho Power to help other nonprofit organizations that serve low-income residents of Magic Valley. The purpose is to reduce organizations' heating costs so they can use the savings to provide more services to the people they help.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center says it is an emergency pregnancy service dedicated to helping women continue their pregnancies in a normal, healthy manner.



Jim Mason, left, Idaho Power Co. service delivery representative, presents Marilyn Scott, executive director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, with compact fluorescent light bulbs as the finishing touch to the weatherization work done on the facility by the South Central Community Action Partnership. Ken Robinette, executive director of SCCAP, is at right.

The center offers a 24-hour hotline and free pregnancy tests with confidentiality and is staffed by trained volunteers concerned with helping women in any circumstance solve any problem resulting from their pregnancies, the center says.

Workshops address stress, communication

TWIN FALLS — Business trainer Teri Siffler of Salmon will present two workshops for small-business managers and team supervisors. The workshops are sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

"Reducing Stress in the Workplace with Humor" teaches how to use humor without disrupting the flow or production of the workplace.

Sherry Rust, training coordinator at the ISBDC, said the session is a fun, interactive class that uses music and laughter as stress relievers.

The class is designed to teach supervisors and employees as teams how to incorporate stress relievers into the workplace in appropriate ways that will increase productivity. The program is particularly suited to people in the medical community and

can also be customized as a full-day event for any organization, she said.

Class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 16 in Room 277 of the Taylor Building at CSI. Cost is \$39 per person.

"Communication for Managers and Team Supervisors" is designed for all types of management.

Rust said this event helps managers understand how to encourage productivity and loyalty from employees while making their value to the business known.

She describes it as a pointed, interactive session with candid discussion and practical applications.

This class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 17 in Room 277 of Taylor Building at CSI. Cost is

\$39 per person.

Those who want to attend both classes can register for \$65 total.

Pre-registration and prepayment are required. For information, contact Rust at 732-6455 or rsr@csi.edu.

Medical assistants will hear about communication

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center education building (old Norco building on Addison Avenue).

Curis Peterson of Pocatello, a graduate of training in industry code organizational psychology through the Gateway Human Performance Co. in Pocatello, will speak on "Organizational Communication for the Medical Office."

— compiled from staff reports

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MONEY

Amalgamated studies feasibility of extending pressed pulp's use

PAUL — Cattle feeders in the Magic Valley have fed pressed pulp from sugar beets for several years, but now Amalgamated Sugar Co. has been given a \$91,200 USDA Rural Development grant to determine the feasibility of adding value by trying to find a way to extend the use of pressed pulp to areas beyond Magic Valley.

If the feasible factor of using more pressed pulp rather than dried pulp pans, savings can be passed on to cattle feeders near the sugar coon, said Dennis Contesso, Amalgamated's vice president of research.

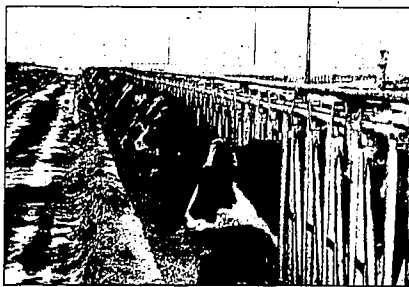
"It would make an excellent replacement, equal to or better than corn silage," he said.

Leonard Martin, who owns Martin Livestock, which is located across the road from the Paul Amalgamated Sugar factory, has been using pressed pulp to feed dairy cattle since the product first became available about five years ago.

"We're very happy with it," Martin said. "It's an excellent food. There is a little sugar left in it, it is high in fiber and contains some protein. The cattle really like it." And the cost is a little less than corn silage, he said.

In the winter, Martin Livestock piles enough pressed pulp near the feeding operation and stores it between straw bales to last all summer, Martin said.

The cattle that eat pressed pulp breed better and conceive a lot quicker, he said. Martin said he's also heard that dairy cattle feeding on pressed pulp produce more butterfat in the milk.



Daily cattle at Martin Livestock, near Paul, are fed pressed pulp, a by-product of Amalgamated Sugar Co. The company recently received a grant to explore the feasibility of expanding its pressed pulp operations.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Feb. 17 that talks are continuing with spring users in the Hagerman Valley. The hope is to reach an agreement that would keep the matter out of the courts, he said.

Tominaga also told pumpers that the Endangered Species Act is much more important to their future than they might assume. Environmental groups have refiled a 60-day notice of intent to sue the federal government to force more water from the Upper Snake Reservoir System to be used for salmon recovery efforts.

Nation's milk cows churn out less milk from last year

WASHINGTON — Milk production in the 20 major states during January totaled 12.5 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent from January 2003, according to National Agriculture Statistics Service.

December revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.2 percent from December 2002. The December revision represented an increase of 0.5 percent from 12.2 billion pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20

major states averaged 1,620 pounds for January, 5 pounds above January 2003.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.72 million head, 92,000 head less than January 2003, but 5,000 head more than December 2003.

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2003 was 170.3 billion pounds, 0.1 percent above 2002. Revisions to 2002 production increased the annual total by 0.2 percent. Revised 2003 production was up 0.4 percent from last month's publication.

Idaho cattle producers look to beef up herds

TWIN FALLS — For the eighth year in a row, beef numbers nationwide slipped during 2003. Idaho's cattle and calves — up in 2001 and 2002 — slid in 2003 as well, but a University of Idaho Extension livestock economist expects Gem State beef herds to start rebuilding again this year.

In his February "Cattle Inventory Report," C. Wilson Gray notes that Idaho beef producers are hanging onto 5.5 percent more heifers than they did last year. That compares with 1.9 percent fewer nationally. With processing plants losing interest in cull cows in the wake of mad-cow concerns, Gray said Idaho producers may also decide to squeeze another calf or two out of older animals rather than accepting a steep discount at the slaughterhouse.

Nomination form

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Why does this person deserve to be considered for Southern Idaho Business' "20 Under 40"? _____

Please list measurable achievements by the nominee: _____

Describe an instance of exemplary accomplishment by the nominee: _____

Additional comments or attributes: _____

Ground-water pumpers await IDWR decisions

RUPERT — With the 2004 irrigation season just around the corner, ground-water pumpers in the north side of the Snake River still are waiting for several decisions to be made that will impact their operations.

One of those decisions pumpers are waiting on is the fate of the preliminary mitigation plan pumpers in the Magic Valley and North Snake ground water districts submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources last October. Approximately 60 protests were filed against that preliminary plan. A decision is expected on that plan by early April.

Lynn Tominaga, executive director of the Idaho Ground Water Association, Inc., told members of the Magic Valley Ground Water District at their annual meeting on

Skilling

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tried of former Enron executives who had invoked their Fifth Amendment right. "The entire management and board of Enron has been labeled everything from bucksters to criminals, with a complete disregard of the facts and evidence assembled."

He showed such confidence during that congressional testimony and media appearances around that time that some legal experts said that investigators might never pin anything on him. But his proclamations have done little to convince many of his innocence, especially those most hurt by this mess — the thousands of Enron workers who lost their jobs and the investors who saw their Enron holdings evaporate when stock tumbled.

Their reasoning has merit: Skilling was the CEO of Enron, presumably in charge of running the company. How could he really be so detached?

The answer may come before

the court, where each and every one of his moves during his 11-year tenure at the company will surely be dissected to determine what he knew and when.

Skilling was named in more than three dozen criminal counts, 10 of them specifically accusing him of insider trading that generated \$62.6 million from stock sold from April 2000 through September 2001. He faces a maximum total of 325 years in prison and over \$80 million in fines if convicted of all the counts.

He has pleaded not guilty and will return to court March 11. But this case against Skilling won't be a prosecutorial slamsunk. It's taken two years to get this far, largely because it has been tough to build a trail of paper, or at least of testimony, leading up to him.

The key to a conviction may hinge on what information comes from other Enron executives. Former CFO Andrew Fastow, who reported directly to Skilling,

pleaded guilty last month to two counts of conspiracy, and has agreed to cooperate with the government. He has admitted that he and others manipulated publicly reported financial results to mislead investors, pump up the company's stock and maintain creditworthiness.

And there could be more to come. Richard Causey, Enron's former chief accounting officer who also reported to Skilling, was named in the indictment unsealed Thursday. His lawyers have declared he has done nothing wrong, and will fight accusations that he was the principal architect of the fraudulent schemes.

Still, with dozens of individuals charged in this case, Enron's other top executive has yet to do his perp walk. Former chairman Kenneth Lay hasn't faced a single charge.

Now with Skilling in the hot seat, who knows how long that will last.

Move

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should reconsider the move to the former Anderson Lumber building, Hewitt said. The move would go against "everything the city has tried to work for" in terms of urban renewal. He cited efforts by the city of Meridian to build a new downtown City Hall in order to revitalize the area.

Tammy de Weerd, the newly elected mayor of Meridian, campaigned on a platform of downtown revitalization and has called for the building of a new City Hall to boost potential to draw customers downtown, a Boise newspaper reported.

Downtown Twin Falls business owners agree: It's too early to predict what will happen to downtown until the county deal is 100 percent certain. But one business plans to welcome the county offices into its neighborhood.

McCarron — The restaurant has expanded its seating and may hire an extra employee to make deliveries to the county building. McCarron said that while the proposed county move is a boon to the Garden Cafe, downtown businesses that provide valuable services to their customers shouldn't be overly concerned.

"Not if you have a quality product that people are willing to make the trip for — we've had to deal with that issue for some time now," McCarron said. "If you're confident in the product you're serving, you shouldn't be too worried about it too much."

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Publication calls for nominations of exceptional business people

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Do you know a young business owner or manager with exceptional motivation? Ingenuity? Entrepreneurial spirit? Give them credit where credit is due by nominating them for Southern Idaho Business' "20 Under 40" feature. The monthly publication is looking for outstanding young leaders, in private business, aged 40 or younger.

Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of *The Times-News*, is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout Magic Valley. A committee of community business leaders and *Times-News* editors will select the top 20 submissions and profile them in the July issue of *Southern Idaho Business*. Fill out the following application form and tell us why your

young business leader deserves recognition. We'll be judging on nominees' achievements, goals, business strategies, growth rates and the like. The deadline for submissions is March 31. Direct submissions to: Megan Hinds, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. All nominations must be submitted in writing. Any questions? Contact Hinds at 735-3238 or mhinds@magicalvalley.com.

Inflation could be on its way back, analysts say

Night Rider News Service
MIAMI — Inflation took a surprisingly large leap upward in January and an increasing number of analysts say conditions are ripe for a limited return of the one-time scourge of the American economy. January's increase in the consumer price index was largely attributed to higher gasoline and heating oil prices — which could prove temporary. However, experts say inflation is being fueled by long-term factors that include the decline of the dollar, the growing federal deficit and the solid growth of the overall economy.

The outlook is a sharp contrast to the last several years, when the country basked in so-called disinflation, or progressively lower rates of inflation. Although it's difficult to estimate how high inflation might go, a rate approaching 3 percent seems increasingly plausible, or nearly three times the rate of the last year. "I don't want to sound the alarm bells," said Mark Vitner, an economist with the Wachovia banking organization. "But I think the process of disinflation is now behind us."

To be sure, there are many experts who remain convinced inflation isn't an imminent threat. Most notable in this camp is Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. And Vitner doesn't predict a return to the debilitating double-digit inflation that at times crippled the U.S. economy in the 1970s. Furthermore, slightly higher inflation may in fact bring some positive changes, such as allowing companies to boost prices — and their bottom lines.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I know that a 2-2 split is in essence more likely than a 3-1 split. But are there other factors that will influence when to play for the finesse — such as opponents' bidding, or their showing up with length in another suit?

Dropping In, Frederickrick, Va.

ANSWER: The theory of vacant spaces basically says that if one defender is known to have two more cards than his partner in the suit or suits that you can count out, you should play him for a singleton, not a doubleton, in your critical suit. I would recommend the article on Restricted Choice in the "Encyclopedia of Bridge," which covers the subject in depth.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I picked up ♠ A-Q-6-5, ♥ K-5-2, ♦ K-7-6, ♣ A-Q-3 and heard my LHO open one spade, raised to two spades by my RHO. Was I wrong to pass? I could not think of what to do, though my partner suggested that a natural bid of two no-trump would have gotten us to four hearts — which would have made.

Left at the Gate, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

ANSWER: On this auction, partner figures to have no points — and not necessarily a long suit, — so bidding may turn a plus score on defense into a minus score. Also, a two-no-trump call might have been treated as Unusual, for the minors. Having said that since partner is likely to be short in spades, double is unlikely to get you into too much trouble!

Dear Mr. Wolff:

What is the best way to continue when your partner's Stayman call is doubled? Should you just ignore the opponent's call altogether if you can't?

Sam J Am, Krasnoia, Wis.

ANSWER: Yes, I suggest you bid a major if you have one, redouble with five clubs or four very good ones, and bid two diamonds to

show four or more diamonds and no major. A pass suggests four clubs but no real strength in the suit. Over that call, and also over the redouble, partner can bid two diamonds as natural and nonforcing, and two hearts to get out in a major at the two-level.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

How should one bid when the opponents overcall in your suit, but you are playing negative doubles? I was dealt ♠ Q-10-7-5-4, ♥ J-2, ♦ K-7-6, ♣ A-9-3. My partner opened one club, and the next hand overcalled one spade. I guessed to bid one no-trump, but my partner criticized my choice afterwards.

Penalty Denied, Sunbury, Pa.

ANSWER: If you decide to go headhunting, you should pass and await a reopening (takeout) double from your partner. Then you could pass, and collect whatever penalty you can manage. This is a small drawback to the negative double. Once in a while when you pass, partner fails to reopen with a double. Then again, sometimes he is right to do so.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Should a raise of one of a major to four always be pre-emptive? What would you do with a flat 9-11 points but five-card support? Can you also bid game with that hand too?

No Bouncing Allowed, Albany, Ga.

ANSWER: Raises to game are pre-emptive — though quite wide-ranging in competition, up to an opening bid. In uncontested auctions, some people have experimented with playing a three-no-trump response to a major as exactly the hand you describe. That is, you have less than opening values, but some defense, and a desire to play partner's major at the four-level.

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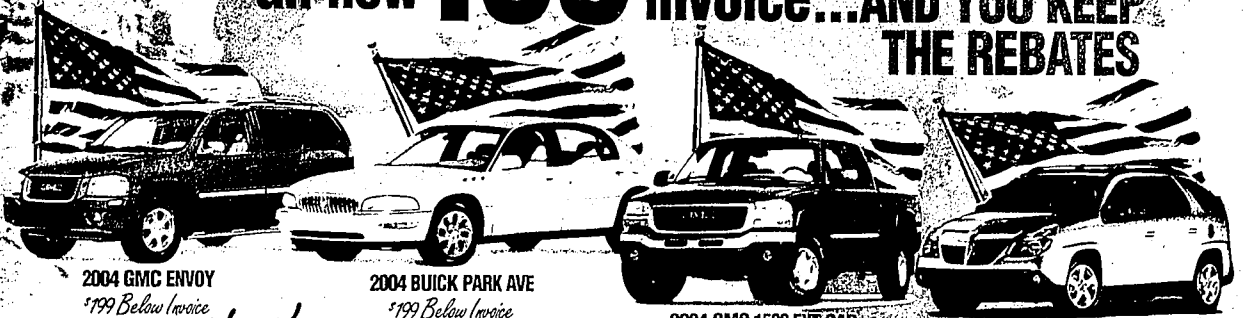
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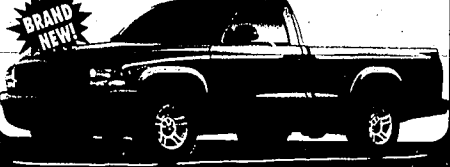
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Section E

Barbie flies solo, at last

The big headline is splashed across the country - all the way from Malibu, I guess: "BARBIE IS NOT STANDING BY HER MAN."

Mattel had promised big changes in Barbie doll's life, with storylines to be unveiled at last week's International Toy Fair in New York City. Now we know the truth. Barbie and Ken are splitville, with Mattel employing the same publicist who announced the news about J. Lo and Ben to tell the world that Barbie is dumping her boyfriend of 15 years.

All of this comes amid speculation about Ken's sexual orientation. Newsday reported, and speculation about Barbie's busy schedule consumed by her 90 different careers. Mattel isn't commenting, "out of respect for Ken's feelings."

But according to one Knight Ridder Newspapers article, "Barbie has thrown over Ken for Blaine, the brother of her new best friend Summer (yep, Midge has been dumped, too). Blaine is described as Australian surfer, surfer, surfer, hair and a body that is a bit more buff than Ken's."

There are also reports that Barbie has been dumped and this is an attempt to make Barbie more relevant for 7-year-old girls. Then there are those Bratz - with which MGA Entertainment has cut into Barbie's market share. The Bratz are a hip-hop bunch of fashion dolls who, to put it nicely, show more flesh than Barbie.

Some people believe the true story is that Ken ran off with one of the Bratz. Spokespeople have said this is not a divorce, since Barbie and Ken never officially married, but I seem to remember Barbie in bridal fashions somewhere along the way. And I know my daughter's Barbie married Ken. I remember seeing her marching the duo around - "d saying, "Ken, do you take Barbie to be your awful wedded wife?"

Unless the split was only a matter of time. There have been signs of trouble for years.

Ever since her 1959 debut, in that black-and-white striped swimsuit and swirled ponytail, Barbie has worked hard to change with the times. In the '60s, she was Farisian couture, in "Easter Parade." In the 1970s, she wore granny dresses for a while and then took on a California girl sultan. During the 1990s, she dabbled with a NASCAR look and sometimes dressed like a WNBA Barbie, as in "Go girl!"

Last year, Barbie was carrying a cell phone and laptop computer (in a black faux leather bag) by day and was transformed into a "Waltz Barbie and Ken" ensemble by night. In between those two lives, she scrambled into a T-shirt and capri pants with a "Barbie Loves Bob Squaropants" in a "Barbie Loves SpongeBob" gfitset.

She never seemed to find her true identity. The Barbie dolls of my daughter's childhood - with their briefcases and credit cards - wouldn't have been caught dead at the same party with the Barbie dolls of my own youth.

And yet, whatever Barbie decides about her future, she will continue to figure into every family's memory book. Everybody seems to have a Barbie story to tell: "I cut my Barbie's hair so many times that she started to look like Ken." Or, "That big pink townhouse contained better stuff than we ever owned ourselves." Or, "I forced my little brother to play Barbies with me and he made his GI Joe shoot their heads off with a crited."

I suppose, in reality, Barbie has always fit into the world of her owner, becoming whatever we needed her to be.

My grandmother made my Barbie doll clothes - glamorous red dresses with can-can slits for evening on the dance floor, and pedal pushers with tiny plaid picnic bags for Saturdays at the lake. Never once did it dawn on me that my Barbie's wardrobe might reflect the fact that we couldn't afford all those store-bought Barbie fashions.

I just thought my Barbie had the prettiest clothes in the whole world.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Spring break (for grownups)

This year, try leaving the kids home

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Ready for a really subversive idea? Go someplace warm for spring break - and don't take the kids.

"There are such places, but you have to look a little," said Diana Rolig, who runs 4 Ways Travel Service in Twin Falls. "College kids tend to go places that are cheap and easy to get to. If you're willing to spend a little more, or go a little out of your way, you can find places that aren't crowded."

Kauai, for example, the most anonymous of Hawaii's major islands. Most tourists go to Oahu, Maui and to the big island, Hawaii.

Or the Mayan coast of Mexico. Or Cabo San Lucas and the out-of-the-way coastal resorts to the north.

Or even Phoenix.

"Phoenix isn't a big destination for kids during spring break," Rolig said. "And all the college kids in the Phoenix area have gone someplace else."

The thing is, you'd better make your reservations yesterday.

"March 15 to April 15 is a heavy travel period," said Roxie Simcoe, who owns Desert Sun Travel in Twin Falls. "And if you're looking for a cruise or a package, at this point you're going to have to take what's left."

That said, Simcoe and Rolig send hundreds of couples south during late winter - often impulsive trips inspired by bad weather.

"I've had people come in this winter and say, 'I want to go someplace warm; I don't care where.'"

Here are seven off-the-beaten-path options for adult spring-breakers:

1. Mojave National Preserve. Located an hour and half west of Las Vegas (Mojave National Preserve is 696 highway miles from Twin Falls that's a 10 1/2-hour drive).
Attractions: Hiking, biking, 4-wheeling, thick Joshua tree forests, towering sand dunes and one of the best wildflower dis-

plays in North America.

Facilities: One major campground, suitable for RVs, and two small campgrounds for tents camping.

Weather: Highs in the 70s; lows in the 40s.

Cost: Minimal; campground fees are \$12 a day.

Learn more: Call (760) 928-2572 or log on to <http://www.nps.gov/mojave.html>

2. Kauai, located 100 miles northwest of Honolulu.
Attractions: Hiking, horseback riding, golf, fishing, camping, windsurfing, scuba diving, beaches and spectacular scenery.

Facilities: The gamut, from full-service resorts to tent campsites.

Weather: Highs in the 80s; lows in the 60s.

Cost: The cheapest round-trip fare listed on [expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) from Boise to Kauai is \$540 for departure on March 11 and return on March 18, although you can likely do better with charters and packages. You can pay up to \$400 a night for a hotel room, but nightly rates start as low as \$67. Or rent a condo, starting at about \$500 a week. Buying a package, of course, can often get you cheaper accommodations.

Learn more: Call (800) 262-1400 or online at <http://www.kauai-hawaii.com>

3. Las Vegas. Attractions: You name it.

Facilities: There are nearly a dozen resorts in Las Vegas with better than 3,000 rooms, but there are also three Motel 6's, several clean bed-and-breakfasts and more than 100 campgrounds.

Weather: Highs in the 70s; lows in the 50s.

Cost: The cheapest round-trip fare listed on [expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) from Boise to Las Vegas is \$192 for departure on March 11 and return on March 18. There's no limit on how much you can pay for a suite at a resort, but Vegas' famously cheap hotel rates start at about \$45 a night. Campground RV rates range from \$18-\$55. And as always, you can save real money with one of a many packages available from travel agents.



Mojave National Preserve is an ideal, off-the-beaten-path destination for grownups during spring break, featuring some of the tallest sand dunes, thickest Joshua tree forests and multiple recreation opportunities in the West.



Photo courtesy of Phoenix Convention and Visitors Authority

The Phoenix metropolitan area has among the heaviest concentrations of golf courses in the world.

Learn more: Log on to <http://www.lasvegasgastourism.com>

4. Phoenix. Attractions: Golf, tennis, spring training Major League Baseball, camping, hiking, biking, swimming, shopping.

Facilities: From tents to suites;

resorts and spas abound in the Phoenix area.

Weather: Highs in the 80s; lows in the 50s.

Cost: The cheapest round-trip fare listed on [expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) from Boise to Phoenix is \$226 for departure on March 11 and

return on March 18. The Arizona Biltmore Spa and Resort will charge you \$423 a night; at the Days Inn at the Phoenix Airport, it's only \$50. Campground RV rates range from \$25-\$50. Travel packages to the Phoenix area abound; ask your travel agent about golf and spring training baseball packages.

Learn more: Call (877) CALL PHX or log on to <http://www.phoenixcvb.com>

5. San Francisco. Attractions: Romance.

Facilities: Yup-sicle lodging.

Weather: Highs in the 50s; lows in the 40s.

Cost: The cheapest round-trip fare listed on [expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com) from Boise to San Francisco is \$197 for departure on March 11 and return on March 18. Hotel rates range from \$59 a night at the Comfort Suites near the airport to \$567 a night at the Nob Hill Hotel.

Learn more: Call (415) 391-2000 or log on to <http://www.expedia.com>

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How risky is life? Let us count the ways

The Washington Post

Ricin in the mail, airline flights canceled due to possible terror plots, something hideous called a prion lurking out there among the mad cows. A kid in Washington goes to school and leaves with a fatal gunshot wound. An 11-year-old girl in Florida is led away by a strange man and winds up murdered.

These are just a few of the grim stories from the past few days, some of them deeply disturbing and tragic, others more in the category of unnerving, or simply bewildering. They all drive home the feeling that life is a risky business. Just when you absorb one type of danger, someone invents a new one - SARS or avian flu or something enigmatic called nanotechnology.

And yet even if the news offers constant affirmation to the paradox, the hot political story involves weapons of mass destruction that increasingly appear to be nonexistent. A new government investigation will try to discover how "we were almost all wrong" about Iraq's arsenal, in the words of former CIA weapons hunter David Kay.

This a fair question to ask around the water cooler is, how dangerous is our world? The risk analysts assure us that there are no simple answers here. The only certainty is that risk analysis is a booming industry, even though daily life for most people is remarkably safe from it used to be.

"Life expectancy in the United States is nearing double what it was just a hundred years ago,"

says David Ropeik, co-author of "RISKS: A Practical Guide to Deciding What's Really Safe and What's Really Dangerous in the World Around You."

"Just since 1960, infant mortality has gone down roughly a third. Polio's gone. Mashed largely gone. Smallpox gone," Ropeik says. "The major scourges, major threats, are gone. But we don't think about what used to threaten us, our job as primates is to get to tomorrow."

This is the evolutionary biology viewpoint: We may be genetically predisposed to find things to worry about. The idea is, we're all in a competition for survival, and the vigilant are more likely to pass along their genes. The really

Please see RISKS, Page E2

Here's five ways to find the Fountain of Youth

Health experts say focus on these five basic nutrition messages if you're looking for longevity:

1. Lifestyle can improve on bad genes. Experts predict diet, exercise and a healthy lifestyle can make up for less than optimum genes and add up to 10 years to a life span.

2. Increase the amount of fruits and vegetables. Eat five servings is not enough. (And most of us do not even get that many.) The National Cancer Institute recently changed their slogan from "Eat 5 a Day" to "Eat 5 to 9 a Day," the number of servings recommended for active teens boys and men.

Turns out not only are fresh fruits and vegetables packed with vitamins, they are also loaded with phytochemicals that scientists think may ward off heart disease and cancer and other age-related diseases including Alzheimer's and macular degeneration, a retina disorder that can cause blindness.

3. Excess weight can kill. Americans are dangerously obese: in the past two decades, 65 percent of adults and 13 percent of children have become over-

weight or obese.

It is well-known that excess weight causes chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, but more recently researchers have begun to draw a connection between obesity and certain types of cancer.

4. Downsize your diet. Americans are eating more and more when we should be eating less. From the politics of farm commodity groups to the savvy marketing tactics of fast-food purveyors, Americans are induced to play the role of super-consumer.

To make their point, many nutrition experts say it is time to scrap the USDA's decade-old Food Guide Pyramid. They blame the federal government's bureaucratic process for creating an icon that is easily recognizable but ultimately lacking in enough detail to help Americans make smarter food choices.

5. Get off the couch. The Institute of Medicine recently said that adults who wanted to maintain their weight should exercise at least an hour a day most days of the week. The government and other fitness groups say 30 minutes of moderate activity most days a week is enough to reap substantial health benefits.

- Source: Kansas City Star

SENIORS

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

330 Shoshone St. W. Dinner served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors...

Monday: Cook's Choice Tuesday: Beef Goulash, Broccoli, french bread, veggies, salad, dessert...

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Exercise class, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure ticket Tuesday...

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Blvd Monday: Turkey dinner Tuesday: Brato soup, deli sandwich, fruit, pudding, cookie...

Monday: Buffet, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Cards, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting, 8-3 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St. Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors.

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Break

Continued from E1 6 Ojai, Calif., an hour and half north of Los Angeles. Facilities: Moderately priced hotels and motels.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E. All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3. Monday: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, cotage cheese, fruit, cookies...

Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

301 Main St. N., Kimberly Coffee and milk served daily. Monday: Sandwich, chicken noodle soup, green beans, tossed salad, peas, coffee...

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave. All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Monday: Lasagna pepper cod, potatoes au gratin, stewed tomatoes, broccoli salad, bread, cookie...

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Gooding County Senior Citizens

or log on to http://www.the-ojai.org. 7 Coos Bay-North Bend- Coos Bay, Ore., located four hours south of Portland (Coos Bay is 776 highway miles from Twin Falls; that's a 12-hour drive)...

Messages, 10:40 a.m. Computer Lessons, 12:45 p.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Birthday dinner, noon. Sing-A-Long, 12:30 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

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

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

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Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Sheehone Milk, coffee and orange juice served daily. Monday: Enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, corn bread, zucchini nut bread...

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Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, fruit salad, homemade rolls, birthday cake, ice cream. Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Milly, coffee and orange juice served daily. Monday: Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, buttered peas, cole slaw, birthday cake, ice cream...

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailley Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green salad, garlic cheese bread, pineapple, cottage cheese, lettuce, banana split cake...

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\$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12. Monday: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, tapioca. Tuesday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, Italian blend veggies, roll, peach, cottage cheese...

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley Monday: Whatever's in the freezer, cream peas, fruit salad, pumpkin custard. Tuesday: Baked ham and cheese, sandwiches, veggie soup, apples, tapioca pudding...

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Mom struggles with questions from young son she gave up



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: At 19, I chose to give up my first child for adoption. "Billy" is now 5, and I have a great relationship with him and his adoptive parents. I've never regretted my decision.

We have been open about his adoption from the beginning. Billy often asks questions, much deeper than one would expect from a 5-year-old, and expresses some confusion. He understands that he came from my tummy but that he has his own parents. He knows that he is part of my family as well as his own, and when he met my mother he chose to call her "Grandma." What Billy doesn't understand is why all his friends came from their mommy's tummies and he couldn't come from his adoptive mom's tummy. He also often expresses a desire for a brother or sister.

I am now engaged to be married to a wonderful man. We just found out that I am pregnant. I'd like Billy to be the ring bearer at my wedding, but I don't want to mislead anyone by introducing him and his family as "close friends of the family." We also don't want to overwhelm Billy with all this new information when he is struggling with so much confusion already. (Most of my extended family is not aware of Billy's existence.)

Also, since I'll be pregnant at the wedding and Billy knows he came from my tummy, a 5-year-old's deduction would be that he is finally getting a brother or sister.

Write to Abby
Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69410, Los Angeles, Calif., or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

How do we explain that I loved him so much that I gave him to his mommy and daddy but I'll be keeping this baby?

-BIRTH MOTHER IN PHILLY
DEAR BIRTH MOTHER: I tell you, I'm well-intentioned, but I urge you to rethink having Billy be a part of your wedding. Please consider the effect it would have on him to be introduced to your extended family for the first time at your wedding. Also, the question of why you would "give him away" and keep the other child away should be dealt with over time—and by his adoptive parents with support from you if necessary.

As he grows older, he will have more questions, and they should be answered honestly and at an age-appropriate level.

For now, however, I think creating some distance would be

healthier for all concerned.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in my last year of high school. Throughout school I have made good grades and participated in the band as well as my sport outside of school.

My problem is this year I coach my sport twice a week in addition to playing on the team, playing in the band, and trying to keep my grades up for university and scholarship applications. On top of that, I have a full course load.

Abby, I can't do it all! When I get home, at night, I'm so tired I can barely finish my homework or study for tests. My marks have begun to suffer. I'm having trouble sleeping, and I cry a lot. I have begged my parents to let me drop something, but they won't let me. I really want to do everything, but I can't.

How can I get my parents to understand?

-TOO TIRED TO STUDY
DEAR TOO TIRED: Since your parents don't seem to be getting the message, find an adult to whom they will listen. Confide in a trusted teacher or school counselor, and ask that person to intervene on your behalf over your stress level gets any higher. No one can do everything, and perhaps your parents need to hear it from an educator.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Try something different, Scorpio

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF FEBRUARY 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you hear the call and are ready to have some excitement in your life. You may not always walk to the beat of the same drum, but everyone else does. You may be tempted to jump on a new bandwagon in the near future and head off in a fresh direction to follow intriguing and fascinating rhythms. Change is good, don't resist. You will soon have the freedom to go wherever your heart leads.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Take stock and reflect upon what is most important to you. Starting something new in your career will surely succeed, but put off initiating major changes until your love life until later in the week.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Anything undertaken with the spirit of true friendship will go well. Today is a good time to set goals for the future as they will magically take wing all by themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have a chance to shine in the spotlight, or you might have a flash of career inspiration from a magazine or other reading material. The mood is fast-paced and impulsive, so you should be in your element.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Although concerns center on making it in the outside world, you are slowly but surely reworking your

personal philosophy and ideals. Take the lead from the brilliant and exemplary people you stumble across. Don't take criticism too personally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There may be an urge to experiment with something off the beaten track, but the mood of other people might not be as fun-loving. Don't confuse those closest to you by claming up. Keep lines of communication open; much of importance can be said.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trying something different might be just the thing to break you out of a humdrum day. It is a good day to start new projects, especially with a partner. It's an even better day to write down your thoughts or talk things over with someone close.

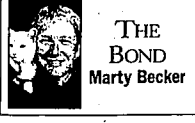
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may wish to use today to start a diet or initiate a new work project. Your mind's still on creativity and entertainment, however, so discussions of the latest movie or book with your partner might lead to a better understanding of your individual perspectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can use supercharged ideas to improve and change existing conditions. Attempt something unusual or innovative today; be creative, but don't start serious relationships until later in the week. Fight against a sluggish and overly critical mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remember the Serenity Prayer that says one should accept the things you cannot change, but change the things you can. Also, take the line of least resistance today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be infused with enthusiasm to tackle your aspirations, but you may not find the mood conducive to making new beginnings in relationships. It's a good idea to answer to making a success out of your latest brainstorm. Wait until a later date to pursue that fascinating new face in your life if you want permanence.

Best pet intentions go awry



THE BOND
Marty Becker

One of the great joys of pet ownership is that they give us the ability to laugh — both at their silly antics and sometimes at the really dumb things we ourselves do. Sometimes our best intentions go awry and everything we do just goes from dumb to dumber.

The author Stephanie Marston, is collecting stories for a humor anthology, "Living Stupid: Dumb Things Smart People Do." In case you're wondering just what qualifies as a Living Stupid story, I'd like to share a couple of stories of funny things that pet lovers have done.

Amanda, from Dayton, Ohio, had adopted a tomcat, Smokey, that used to roam in the woods near her house. Smokey, a fluffy gray and white Maine Coon, seemed to think he had to act extra macho to counteract his frilly appearance. He came and went as he pleased, until Amanda and her husband moved to a new apartment. The new home was on a busy street, so Smokey became a strictly indoor cat. Without squirrels and birds to aggravate, he grew bored. As a result, Smokey began to "stalk" Amanda and her husband and playfully tear up the place.

Amanda had read somewhere that two cats are better than one because they could play with each other rather than make mischief. She forgot to ask Smokey's opinion of this plan.

Amanda brought home a second cat from the local animal shelter, large black and brown tabby that they named Nipper. The two felines disliked each other immediately (which stands to reason — you wouldn't like someone you didn't know moving into your house with you either). Amanda remembered hearing about someone with the same problem. That cat lover had put both cats in the bathroom, dribbled tuna juice on the cats and left them alone. When she returned the cats had licked the tuna water off each other and were good friends.

Feeling confident, Amanda stuck both of the cats in the bathroom, dribbled tuna water on them, and left them for half an hour. When she returned neither cat had budged. Not only had they not cleaned each other, they hadn't cleaned themselves.

The tuna water had partially dried, causing their fur to mat and sink of dead fish. Admitting fail-

The question about declawing

To declaw or not to declaw, that is the question on many cat owners' minds these days.

If we pretend that I'm your veterinarian and you're asking me that question about your cat, 98 percent of the time I'm going to stand strongly on the side of not declawing.

Cats used their claws like the versatile Swiss Army knife. They mark territory, defend themselves and use them as climbing aids. Unfortunately this can be a problem for human companions who do not want themselves or their homes scratched. One solution is surgical declawing.

Stan put it back up, she simply resisted the button again, and she stared at him as though to inform Stan that she would outlast him. And, inevitably, she did.

On a recent trip to the shore to get the kids, Casey rode in her usual shotgun position. She was still riding and Stan had his arm conditioning on, so she mercifully allowed him to keep the windows up. He stopped at the guardhouse at the entrance to the beach club to inform the teenage girl on duty that he was there to pick up passengers and waited for her to wiggle him through. Casey stared impassively straight ahead.

Spotting his stoic companion, the young lady informed Stan that the beach club had strict rules prohibiting dogs, even if they were confined to a vehicle. He was faced with the unpleasant prospect of parking and walking about 300 yards in the hot afternoon sun.

Thinking quickly — and, sensing an opportunity for some fun — Stan tapped his dark sunglasses and said, "I'm afraid you're going to have to make an exception for me. You see, I'm legally blind and Casey here is a New York State Certified Guide Dog. It's against the law to discriminate against a legally blind driver with a New York State Certified Guide Dog."

Casey picked this exact moment to put her paw on the button, lowering the passenger window. She then lifted her front leg, placed it on the sill as a human would rest their forearm and stretched her head out as though searching for road hazards.

The wide-eyed young lady stammered an apology, immediately raised the barrier and allowed Stan to drive through without further delay. Oh the wonders of our pet! If you have a humorous true life story of something dumb, yet funny, that you've done with one of your beloved pets that you wish to share, please email it to Stephanie Marston at samarston@earthlink.net.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the author of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of a Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service, 790 National Avenue, Provo, Utah Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

'Toy library' helps with kids' cleanup



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Q: When it's time for my 2 children, ages 42 and 24 months, to clean up their play messes, they frequently don't do as I've asked, and I can't figure out what the consequence should be. I've tried punishing both, but nothing I do seems to have any effect on the 2-year-old. Meanwhile, the 3-year-old complains that his younger sister never picks up anything, which is correct. Under the circumstances, I feel bad punishing him.

A: The problem with getting young children to pick up their toys has to do with quantity. Specifically, the sheer number of toys involved is usually daunting. I have tried picking up my toys because I didn't have more than three, which was fairly typical for that day and time. Today's typical 3-year-old has in excess of 100 toys! Naturally, this embarrassment of riches leads to play that is disorganized and which results, almost invariably, in a big mess.

Cleaning up should be easy for a child this age. If it isn't, the child is going to make every attempt to avoid it, no matter what you do. The obvious solution is to buy young children very few toys. I happen to feel that less than 10 toys, selected for their creative value, is optimum. More than 10 toys can be the problems and the parent is then preaching this "less is more" toy philosophy for most of my professional life, and those parents who have adopted it have never failed to praise the results.

Regardless of how many toys your children have, give them access to no more than five. Keep

they will never have access to more than five toys at a time, a number that should present no problems when it comes time to pick up and put away.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 36th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

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New leaders of a Lutheran volunteer chapter are, from left, front row: Arline Egbert, Karen Phillips, Ruth McKay and Cheryl Jarrell; back row: Mervin Mueller, Doug Larsen, Joseph Young and Greg Hula

Lutherans volunteer chapter elects new leadership board

TWIN FALLS - The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Twin Falls County Chapter has announced the election of its new leadership board for 2004.

They are president, Joseph Young of Twin Falls; vice president, Ruth McKay of Twin Falls; records director, Arline Egbert of Filer; financial director, Cheryl Jarrell of Buhl; and congregation-of-service team director, Doug Larsen of Buhl.

The board will decide how to allocate resources, ensure legal requirements are met and handle administrative work with the Thrivent Financial operations center in Appleton, Wis.

M.V. Christian releases honor roll

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Christian School has released its honor roll.

COMMUNITY HELP

Scott Nannenga, president of the Mindoko-Casala branch of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, presents a check for \$320 to Tony Atwood, secretary for the Mini-Casala Shelter for Women and Children.



Photo courtesy of SCOTT NANNENGA

Helping Hand Christian Outreach and the South Central Community Action Agency also received a donation.

Council offers domestic violence seminar

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Academic: Emma Aardema, Krista Boer, Zach Daker, Kimmberly Jacobson, Helen Koutstra, Todd Molton, Cory Paulson, Julianna Radloff, Rubbin Tyrell, Jessica Whitmore, Michael Allen, Justin Cox, Jesse Hoerner, James Jarvis, Cynthia Lincoln, Teris Olsen-Brace, Zachary Rinard, Sara Rueloffs, Jordyn Vanden Bosch, Kara Boer, Kaitlyn Christon, Kaitlyn Jacobson, Van Lech, Travis Wiersma, Jordan Van, Denise Gadowek, Tiffany Kullback, Ashley Mellet, Davis Jarrell and Jeffrey Veldner.

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T.F. resident celebrates his 90th birthday

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Daeton McKald Martin, son of Lisa Amber Warrington of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Jani Whited The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538

Zachary Otto Swainston and Zade Alan Swainston, twin boys, born to Tracie Cassandra and Chad Harold Swainston of Wendell, were born Friday, Feb. 13, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Hagerman, was born Friday, Feb. 13, 2004.

Darius Dakota Clay Strickland, son of Darroll Strickland and Evia Crommiller of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004.



Left, recently installed officers in the Snake River Chapter DeMolay and the installing team are, from left, top row: Dylan Beorchia, Kai Jensen, Sean Stadelman and Chris Greene; middle row: Jessica Black, Alex Khachaturov and Daniel Reines; bottom row: Sarah Nutsch, Chris MacFee, State Master Councilor Brent DuVal and Zach Black. Right, at the recent Snake River Chapter DeMolay installation, Idaho State Master Councilor Brent DuVal and Idaho State Junior Councilor Daniel Reines open walnut boxes, which they received for their state office collars, which they are wearing.

DeMolay installs new officers

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Chapter Order of DeMolay held installation of officers.

Jerome resident Layne Hall from a walnut tree that his grandfather had planted in 1940. When the tree died Layne had the wood salvaged for future projects.

retive box, but the boxes in which they were stored were in great need of repair.

SERVICE NEWS

Mitma of Bellevue, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Good graduates from naval training in Illinois

During the eight-week program, Gould completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

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Rupert Scout receives Eagle award this week

ACEQUIA - Jonathan Graf, son of Steve and Adela Graf of Rupert, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a award of honor at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 20403 5th St. in Acequia.

Sheriff's department offers citizens academy training

BURLEY - The 13th annual Cassia County Citizens Academy will be held from 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 10 through May 26.

Students present readers theater in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," a reader's theater, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in room 115 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Read Comunidad on Thursdays. News for and about Latinos

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Elvis or pirates? Las Vegas weddings provide adventure

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A machine pumps thick mist into the room just in front of the steps where King Tut stands, bare-chested except for a gold lame vest, his hairy legs peeping from beneath harem-style pants that flow from his sequined Spexcos.

Before him, Mark Antony (aka Patrick Doyle of Franklin, Tenn.) waits for his Cleopatra (aka Paula Fedush, also of Franklin). He wears a short toga and Teva sandals. She arrives, costumed and seated on an upholstered dining-room armchair borne by two "slaves," hunka-hunka guys who probably work the local Chippendale's show along with Tut.

Egyptian mystery reeks as the two exchange wedding vows, the moment captured by a video camera hidden near fake papyrus artwork.

"We've already been married twice," Fedush had said before the ceremony. "We wanted something totally trashy, tacky. This is delightfully tacky."

The ceremony at Viva Las Vegas wedding chapel lives up to their expectations.

I am spending an afternoon at Viva Las Vegas, the best-known themed wedding chapel on the Strip.

One after another, the couples come in. Some want Elvis. Some want Tut. Some just want a big room with palm trees.

But everyone wants to get married.

Along with the slots, the shows and the glitter, brides and grooms are becoming big business here. The city has turned into the wedding capital of the world, catering to about 5 percent of the nation's 2.4 million couples who marry here in splendor, in automobiles, even in hot-air balloons.

They also marry in haste, as pop princess Briny Spears and childhood friend Jason Allen Alexander did last month.

What brings ordinary couples — people like Debbie Schechter and Todd Moysychyn of Irvine, Calif. — to the gilded glamour of the desert?

"We knew our friends who came to the wedding would have something to do," Schechter explains. "Coming to Vegas means having a vacation. Besides, his family is from Canada and coming to Vegas added to the event for them."

The bride began scouting Vegas for a wedding location almost a year before her vows.

She thought Elvis. She thought Tut. She didn't want tacky. She wanted memories. Then she thought "pirates!"

And so, on Nov. 14, 2003, in front of family, friends and complete strangers walking down the Strip, Schechter and Moysychyn exchange vows on the deck of the 1800-era British pirate ship in front of Treasure Island hotel and casino.

They wear pirate outfits. She is a buxom wench and he turns into a grinning villain. A retired rabbi officiates, also wearing pirate attire. Her two children from a previous marriage, Halle, 9, and Mason, 10, dress for their parts.

When the ceremony ends, people eyeballing the vows from the street applaud and the couple walk off the deck to the strains of "Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me."

"We had everything from soup to nuts," says the new Mrs. Moysychyn of her hotel-planned nuptials. "Our package included a suite and we upgraded and stayed longer. We had three salon treatments, flowers, photos, toasting glasses, plush bathrobes, fruit baskets. The hotel arranged everything."

The bakery even made the cake to look like a treasure chest spilling out coins and jewelry.

"I sent them a photo of the cake I wanted and they did it," she says. "Amazing."

Why pirates?

"Why not?" she asks. Sure, she could have been married in a gondola at the Venetian. Or on top of the fake Eiffel Tower at the Paris Las Vegas. In front of the Sphinx at Luxor in a garden at Bellagio. Even at a drive-through where Vegas entrepreneurs let couples order up a wedding like a Big Mac with fries.

The parties, the rooms, the food, the performance set the Moysychyns back \$10,000 but, says Mrs. Moysychyn, "We're both 40 and we're getting married."

There are about 80 guests and everyone had started partying Friday night. They have brunches and dinners. They go as a group to see the show "Tony and Tina's Wedding." They have an "incredible experience."

Hotel weddings — like the Moysychyn vows — are a fast-growing market for the Las Vegas Visitor and Convention Authority, which tracks why people come to Vegas. According to the authority's records, at least 4 percent of the visitors are there for a wedding, not necessarily their own. That translates into 1.5

million visits a year just for weddings.

Vegas is the top spot nationally for out-of-town weddings, says a report in the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Trailers are Hawaii (20,000), U.S. Virgin Islands (5,000), Jamaica (5,000) and the Bahamas (4,000).

The Moysychyns get away cheap, if bridal association data are accurate. The data say average wedding budgets are about \$20,000 and the average honeymoon budget is just over \$3,500.

Not that it costs much to get married in Las Vegas.

The license is \$55. The ceremony itself can range from less than \$150 to sky's the limit.

At Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, for example, themed weddings start at \$189 for a candlelight ceremony and climb to \$1,595 for the "fairy tale" ceremony, complete with a coach and footmen, flowers, music, soloists, photographer, unity candle, champagne glasses, costumes and a two-tiered wedding cake.

The latest trend in Vegas is vow renewal.

Susan and James Olsen decided Vegas was the place to renew their vows after 10 years of marriage. The Woodbridge, N.J., couple also knew they "simply had to have" an Elvis wedding.

Their first wedding was in a church, she says, surrounded by friends and family.

Today, they're alone in Vegas, enjoying a vacation along with the vow renewal. They picked their wedding chapel the way most visitors do — by going to the Internet.

The chapel is decorated with palm trees. The bridegroom wears a Hawaiian shirt. The bride is wearing a tasteful cream-colored suit. The celebrant is wearing an iridescent blue sports coat and sunglasses; his hair is combed into a pompadour.

The couple promise not to step on each other's blue suede shoes. They sway in each other's arms while "Elvis" sings "Love Me Tender."

From time to time, they wiggle their fingers at the video camera in a salute to family who will watch the tape.

Fifteen minutes after they walk in, they march out.

As the door closes behind them, stagehands come into the chapel to pack up the Elvis gear and turn on the Egyptian mist.

In the lobby, Patrick Doyle adjusts the sash on his rented toga while his Cleopatra fusses with her asp of a headdress. Memories are made of this.

WEDDING

ROLDAN-WEIR

FILER — Loryl Rozald Roldan and HM3 Robert Aaron Weir, USN, were married Oct. 17, 2003, at the Filer LDS Stake Center.

The bride is the daughter of Leobaldo and Luz Roldan of Paiganjan, Laguna, Philippines.

The bridegroom is the son of Gary and Terri Weir of Filer. Dale Coon, bishop of the Filer 2nd Ward, officiated the ceremony.

Illinary Stubbs of Provo, Utah, friend of the groom, served as the bride's maid of honor. Denise Wells of Twin Falls, friend of the groom, was the bridesmaid. Lexy Navarrete of Twin Falls, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl.

Heath Blackwood of Provo, Utah, friend of the groom, served as best man. Andy Weir of Nampa, brother of the groom,



Loryl and Robert Weir

was the groomsmen. Ken Roldan of Paiganjan, Laguna, Philippines, son of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Music during the ceremony and afterwards was provided by Jason Weir of Filer, brother of the groom.

Special guest was Ruby Weir, of Coaling, grandmother of the groom.

A potluck reception followed the ceremony and the young women of the Filer LDS 2nd Ward helped serve.

The bride and groom enjoyed a honeymoon in Jackpot, Nev.

The groom graduated from Filer High School in 2000. He is in the U.S. Navy and is based in Hawaii. He is currently on maneuvers in Okinawa and getting ready to spend a few months at sea on the USS Essex. He will be returning to Hawaii in July.

The bride graduated from McNeven High School in the Philippines in 1993. The bride and her son are currently living with her in-laws in Filer, awaiting for July when the new couple will be reunited in Hawaii.

The bride's family was unable to attend due to the distance. She has family in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Texas.

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ENGAGEMENTS

O'KEEFE-LAWLEY

FILER — Penny O'Keefe of Filer and Timothy O'Keefe of Punta Gorda, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Amelia O'Keefe, to Sean David Lawley, son of David and Terrie Lawley of Filer.

O'Keefe graduated from Filer High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho, where she was a member of the Golden Girls. She is employed at First Independent Bank in Woodland, Wash.

Lawley is a graduate of Filer High School. He is employed at Thermal Supply in Vancouver, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 22, at Billingsley Creek Lodge in Hagerman. A



Leslie O'Keefe and Sean Lawley reception will be held at 7 p.m. May 22 at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl. The couple will reside in Washington.

McMULLEN-CRAWFORD

TWIN FALLS — James and Dorothy McMullen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth McMullen, to Justin Matthew Crawford, son of Mike and Debbie Crawford of Filer.

McMullen graduated in 1994 from Filer High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. She is employed at Child's Grill and Bar in Twin Falls.

Crawford graduated in 1998 from Filer High School and served three years in the Army. He is currently in the National Guard and is employed at Gem State Paper and Supply Co. in Twin Falls.



Justin Crawford and Erin McMullen The wedding is planned for Friday, March 19, at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 19 at The Ballroom.

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Pages of history Local authors take on Magic Valley topics



Bonnie Dodge's book, 'Miracles in the Desert: Essays Celebrating Twin Falls, Idaho, and 100 Years on a High Desert Plain,' includes stories about landmarks in and around Twin Falls, like this Victorian-style home she lives in.



Marenda Wright and her husband, Cecil Wright, stand in front of the old Park Lane School that was moved to its current location south of Twin Falls and expanded. A Grange and several church congregations have used the former school building. Marenda Wright wrote a book called 'The Knowledge Box: Country Schoolhouses to Current Schools of Twin Falls County' with her husband's help.

Essays celebrate desert landscape

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

Through her eyes and in her words we get a unique view of the past 100 years of Twin Falls.

photographs include both historical images and several new ones that Dodge shot of the Evel Knievel jump site and the College of Southern Idaho tower, for instance.

Content: Inside are 12 essays on landmarks in Twin Falls: City Park, CSI, the Snake River's Shoshone Falls and Twin Falls, daredevil Knievel's ramp, St. Ed's, the former Twin Falls Bank & Trust building, the Stricker Ranch, the railroad, the now demolished Perrine Hotel and the Sierer house. Her title essay honors a number of buildings long gone — such as the high school that once stood by Twin Falls' courthouse — and those that remain.

Source: The essays are built, primarily, of Dodge's own reflections. "They're my own interpretations of the sites," she said. But old newspapers and historians' writings played a part.

Availability: Dodge hopes to start sales of "Miracles in the Desert" by April 1. Buyers can get the book from her directly, "and wherever I can place them," she said.

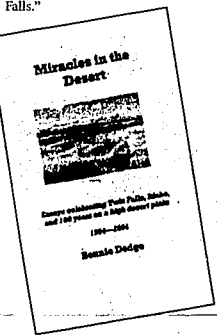
Price: \$11.95

Targeted audience: The book is meant for a general audience. "It's not really targeted toward children, and it's not academic," Dodge said.

Size of printing: She plans 500 copies.

Funding: Dodge's book project relies on her own resources.

Author info: Dodge, a writer interested in Idaho history and historical preservation, has lived in Magic Valley for over 40 years. "Miracles in the Desert" is her first book, but some local readers are familiar with her work through a weekly column published in *Ag Weekly* titled "Life in This Magic Valley."



Cover design by DOUGNE DOUCE

Dodge hopes her book will help turn Magic Valley visitors into residents, raise awareness of local history and encourage preservation of a particular essay subject, the St. Edward's church building. Magic Valley's small-community life has enough detractors, and Dodge wanted to focus attention on some of the positives: the colors of a desert landscape, and the Snake River Canyon.

But she's finishing the project — the fruit of a couple of years' labor — as she says goodbye to the Sierer house. Dodge is moving out "because it's too big."

The basic facts: Dodge's self-published book will have about 90 pages and a soft cover. Its black-and-white

"It's one of the few Victorians here in Twin Falls," she said.

In the spring of Twin Falls' centennial year, Dodge intends to begin sales of her book, "Miracles in the Desert: Essays Celebrating Twin Falls, Idaho, and 100 Years on a High Desert Plain."

The book, she said, explores why people came to the southern Idaho desert, and why they stayed. Dodge's essay about a pioneer wife who settled in Rock Creek, "What Lucy Stricker Saw," celebrates the beauties of sagebrush, South Hills and sunsets, and the peacefulness of southern Idaho life.

"I would say that's one of the showcase essays," Dodge said.

Twin Falls' journalist and author Pat Marcantonio offered this endorsement of "Miracles in the Desert": "Bonnie Dodge has written essays that not only provide the colorful history of the area, but convey the emotions, dreams and hopes of the people.

Author tracks fates of country schools

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On several of their habitual Sunday drives, Marenda Wright and her husband passed a building they thought had the look of an old school.

Both Wrights work at the public library and figured they should be able to learn something about the structure that had caught their fancy. That interest launched a research and writing project that's been almost nine years in the making.

The result? Wright is preparing to release her book titled "The Knowledge Box: Country Schoolhouses to Current Schools of Twin Falls County."

Her writing about the architecture and history of local school buildings wasn't intended as a celebration of Twin Falls' centennial. Still, the late-spring or summer timing of the book's release will capitalize on residents' interest in local history.

With map-reading and global position system help from her husband, Wright researched scores of the county's country schools and their original locations, building contractors — and — architectural designs; their length of use as schools; and their subsequent uses, relocations, remodelings or demolition.

"Three of the buildings moved three times, and we were able to document each move," Wright said. "That was kind of like a scavenger hunt."

The oldest school she researched dated to about 1880. Many have survived to become, for instance, a bar, a church, homes or the county historical museum.

In their schools research, Wright said, the couple came across 10 villages in Twin Falls County that each had schools, businesses, churches and populations up to 1,000 but disappeared entirely.

"There is absolutely nothing that would reflect that a village or a town really existed. It either has been found or the sagebrush has reclaimed it," Wright said.

She also found herself fascinated by the stories behind schools' names.

Hear local author Wednesday

Author Marenda Wright, talking about her book, will be the featured speaker when the Twin Falls County Historical Society meets this week.

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Where: Twin Falls County Historical Museum, about three miles west of Twin Falls on the south side of U.S. Highway 30, near Curry Crossing.

Cost: Free to the public.

For information: Call Robin Kirby at 733-0978 or Sharon Kelley at 733-2309.

Consider the Seed Row school southeast of Hanson. Its name was settled in a community pinnow in which men's and women's suggestions were at odds. So folks put the school's name to a vote.

"There was one more man than there was woman," Wright said. The men's nomination, honoring a recent good crop, won the day.

The basic facts: With help from the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, Wright hooked up with Denton Co.

Publishers in Missouri, a company that collaborates with nonprofit organizations to get local historical books into print. Wright's "Knowledge Box" manuscript is close to 400 pages, but the publishing company wants her to cut it. "And I'm not sure that I can," she said. The current plan calls for color photographs, but color might be sacrificed to keep the price down.

Wright acquired 30-40 black-and-white photos of country schools taken in the 1930s or early 1940s. And whenever they could locate a school building still standing, her husband took a new color photograph.

Content: Expect to read third-person expository writing, with anecdotes woven in.

Source: "I talked to literally hundreds of people," Wright said, and "researched everything I could get a hold of."

Source includes newspapers; materials at libraries and county and state museums; the county courthouse's land-ownership records; school board meeting minutes; maps from govern-

ment agencies such as highway departments; school districts; tidbits in history books (Wright says she felt lucky to find a relevant sentence here and there); early pioneers' oral histories stored on cassettes at the public library; city directories; U.S. Geological Survey maps; geological maps posted on the Internet; the historical Esbee photo collection; and the National Register of Historic Places (five of the schools Wright wrote about are recognized on the register).

Availability: "The Knowledge Box" will be available at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum near Curry Crossing. It's too soon to say where else buyers will find it. Wright hopes she and the museum can promote the book during other Twin Falls County towns' centennials in the next few years.

Price: It's too soon to say. **Targeted audience:** Wright expects her book — suitable for both adult and child readers — to appeal to aficionados of local history, longtime Magic Valley residents, schoolchildren and their families, and fans of GPS-based hunting.

"I think it's going to appeal to a large audience," she said.

Size of printing: Probably 2,000 copies in the first run.

Funding: Wright turned over to the Twin Falls County Historical Museum and its associated society the tasks of funding, publishing and selling her book. A regional donor representative and a museum leader are trying to round up local sources to fund publication. Once the soft-cover book starts selling, Wright said, the money will be returned to whoever contributed. All proceeds from the book's sales, after publishing costs are paid back, will go to the county historical museum.

This month, Twin Falls Centennial Commission members voted unanimously not to be among those providing temporary funding for "The Knowledge Box."


Author info: Wright, a cataloger and technical services supervisor at Twin Falls Public Library, was worked at the library for 35 years. She and her husband, Cecil Wright, were both born and raised in Magic Valley.

Marenda Wright has written no books other than "The Knowledge Box" — and isn't likely to. "My family would probably kill me if I tried to do this again," she said.

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