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State looks to fight salmon suit

Lawmaker's bill supports keeping Upper Lower Snake biological opinions separate

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Legislative actions Wednesday indicated the state might intervene in a lawsuit that salmon recovery groups have brought against the federal government.
To back the state becoming a party in the lawsuit, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, introduced legis-

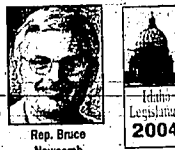
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lation supporting the attorney general and the governor in the action.
Newcomb's bill is a joint memorial, or statement of support from both houses, endorsing the state of Idaho in defending a biological opinion of the

Upper Snake River. In November, U.S. District Judge James A. Redden rejected environmental groups' request to combine a biological opinion placed on the Lower Snake River and the Columbia River with the biological opinion on the Upper Snake River.

That prompted Idaho Rivers United, American Rivers United, the National

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Rep. Bruce Newcomb

Lawmakers eye phone deregulation

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — A spat that began in 1999 between Project Mutual Telephone in the Mini-Cassia area and Qwest Communications International Inc. has had such far-reaching effects that even the governor has asked that Qwest be deregulated.

That was just the beginning of this — in terms of what has happened in Idaho, Qwest lobbyist Mike Reynolds said Wednesday. Four years ago Project Mutual was able to offer such attractive packages for phone service in Mini-Cassia that Qwest filed a request with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission asking for permission to set their own prices on landlines, Reynolds said. He said because Qwest is regulated and therefore cannot set its own prices, it cannot compete effectively with PMT, which is a cooperative.

The PUC turned Qwest down on the PMT request. Since then Qwest, the state's largest phone company, has been pushing hard for legislative deregulation, especially after the PUC refused to deregulate prices in seven large southern Idaho cities last year. Regulators said they were offered no evidence that cell phones or other landline companies were seriously challenging Qwest's dominance in home and small business service.

So Qwest went elsewhere, and got the sympathetic ear of Gov. Dick Cheney. He made it a priority to remove residential and small business telephone rates from state regulation. It cleared the Senate State Affairs Committee Wednesday and is only one step away from becoming law.

The committee sent the House-passed bill to the Senate floor with only Democratic Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum opposing it.

But Republican Floor Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls indicated the vote in the full Senate could be as close as the 35-34 vote in the House two weeks ago.

"I think a lot of senators still have questions in their minds about whether there is competition," Davis said.

That vote is expected in the next two weeks. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he favored the bill when it came through the House because he

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SEPARATING THE SEXES



Lincoln Elementary School sixth-graders Zachary Hill, right, Nathaniel Gonzales, left, and Aaron Jullanto laugh at a funny answer during class Wednesday. The class is one of two sixth-grade classes at the school that are separated by gender. The other contains only girls.

Feds move to promote same-sex classrooms

The Times-News and The Associated Press

Two area schools have programs under way

TWIN FALLS — While teaching boys and girls in separate classes in public schools is still in the experimental phase at two Magic Valley schools, districts all over the nation are about to get broad new freedom to teach single-sex classes.
The U.S. Department of Education plans to change its

enforcement of Title IX, the landmark anti-discrimination law, to make it easier for districts to create single-sex classes and schools. The move would give local school leaders discretion to expand choices for parents, whether that means a math class, a grade level or an entire school designed for one gen-

der.
Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls is in its first year offering single-sex classes in the sixth grade. The school has one class for each gender and one coed class. Students stay with those groups for every subject except music, physical education, computers and

recess.
Principal Beth Olmstead said she and the teachers are still collecting data to decide if they will continue the program, but anecdotal evidence is positive.

"The girls really like it," Olmstead said. "I know it's not hurting."
Olmstead said scores on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test

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Police seek white male after armed robbery of Subway in Twin Falls

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A man brandishing a handgun robbed the Subway restaurant on Kimberly Road Wednesday evening, taking with him \$168.

Two employees and one customer were in the restaurant at about 6:45 p.m. when a man "stormed in," according to employees.

Kaylee Graybeal was at the register, putting money in the till to be put into the safe.

"We asked him if he wanted a sandwich," said Ashley Davis, who was staffing the sandwich counter. "He said he didn't want a sandwich. He said, 'I want all your money.'"

Graybeal reached for the police call button under the counter, but

the perpetrator pulled out a gun and told her not to push it.

"He wanted the money from the other drawer, too, but I said, 'We don't have it. It's in the safe,'" she recounted. "He didn't notice."

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Gay couples marry in Oregon; Senate leader pushes amendment

N.Y. official says state prohibits such unions

Los Angeles Times

PORTLAND, Ore. — The national debate over same-sex marriage erupted from coast to coast Wednesday, as exuberant gay and lesbian couples braved rain and wind to exchange wedding vows in Portland, while the mayors of two New York towns vowed to defy a state attorney general's warning that such marriages are illegal.

Toronto family wonders what all the fuss is about - C8

Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., Senate Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee predicted that gay marriages would spread through all 50 states unless



The Rev. Glenna Shepherd, his back to the camera, marries Scott Clift, middle, and Warren Clement Wednesday in Portland, Ore.

Congress approves a constitutional amendment banning such unions. "It is becoming increasingly clear that Congress must act,"

Frist said, "noting that the Senate would vote this year on such an amendment."
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Kerry keeps primary goals in sight as Bush launches ads

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — President Bush and John Kerry lost no time launching their eight-month general election battle Wednesday, one day after the Massachusetts senator effectively locked up the Democratic presidential nomination.

Bush campaign strategists, eager to deflect public attention from Kerry's attacks on the president, previewed a series of new upbeat TV ads that will begin streaming into millions of American homes today.

One of the Bush commercials, the initial wave in an expected \$100 million-plus re-election ad drive, features close-up footage of Bush and his wife, Laura, who praises her husband's "strength" and "focus."
Kerry, also pivoting toward the November election, announced the start of his vice-presidential search process. It will be conducted by Jim Johnson, a wealthy businessman and Washington veteran who ran Walter Mondale's 1984



President Bush Sen. Kerry

presidential campaign and was later chairman of Fannie Mae, the giant mortgage-financing company.

There has been speculation that Kerry might choose a running mate well in advance of the Democratic convention in Boston in late July. The announcement that he would begin that process "over the next several weeks" is likely to keep the speculation alive.

Still, the vice-presidential guessing game is Kerry's best way of maintaining public interest in his campaign during the spring and

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies, highs west winds and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs lower 40s.
Tonight: Brist southwest winds, cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: Breezy to windy at times, mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

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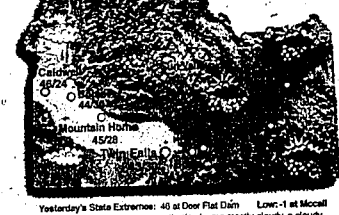
Today: Cloudy and breezy with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs lower 40s.
Tonight: Brist southwest winds, cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Breezy, mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Mountain snows are likely for Friday with a low to several inches of new snow possible each day. Valley locations could see a rain, snow mix in the day with all snow showers at night.

BOISE Abundant cloud cover and isolated showers today. Scattered rain and snow showers will start to increase a little for tonight and tomorrow. Very small accumulations of snow could fall in the surrounding hills.

NORTHERN UTAH Scattered snow showers will come and go for today through Friday or Saturday. Winds will also be very strong at times.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 40 at Deer Flat. Low: -1 at McCall weather key: sun=sunny, p=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=showers/rain, sn=snow, fl=furries, w=wind, m=missing

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Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 43, Low 30).

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly data for Twin Falls.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists weather for various Idaho cities like Burley, Coeur d'Alene, and Boise.

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Table with 3 columns: Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Shows barometric pressure readings.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST. TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP. Map of the United States with weather symbols and temperature ranges.

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Deregulation

Continued from A1. Behind deregulation will not only lower the cost for telephone service in the Magic Valley but that it will also improve service through competition.
To ease concerns by Senators about immediate rate increases, Qwest's Idaho president, Jim Schmitt, gave the committee written assurance that the basic residential rate of \$17.50 a month will not be increased this year and will remain below the Public Utilities Commission maximum monthly rate of \$24.10 through 2007.
But 67-year-old retiree Emly Jones is taking no solace in Schmitt's gesture.
The price gets deregulated, I know my rates will only go up, Jones said. "If this happens, I'll have to choose between paying my telephone bill or purchasing my medicine or food."

Salmon

Continued from A1. Wildlife Federation and a host of other environmental groups to file suit against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They say the biological opinion upon which Idaho relies is inadequate.
They want to tie the Snake River downstream from the Canyon Dam - basically the Snake River in Idaho - to downstream salmon recovery efforts on the Lower Snake River and the Columbia River.
If the state doesn't become involved in the lawsuit, no one will be in the courtroom to defend its position, Newcomb said.
"This memorial to the attorney general and the governor supports their intervention in federal District Court to defend our position of new water in river environments," Newcomb said.
Since the early 1990s, the biological opinion for the state has included sending 427,000 acre feet of water downstream out of Idaho each year for salmon recovery. That is enough water to cover the entire 202,000 acres irrigated by the Twin Falls Canal Co. in water more than 2 feet deep.
But during the past three years of drought, the state has not been

Classrooms

Continued from A1. have been about the same overall in all three classes. Classroom discipline has also remained about the same, and students tell her they like the arrangement.
In Kimberly, the middle school offered single-sex core classes in sixth grade last year and in sixth and seventh grades this year. About 200 students have their English, math, science and social studies in classes separated by gender.
Principal Jeff Jones said the school is in the process of gathering data on the effectiveness of the program, and the Kimberly School Board will decide whether to continue it after the spring ISAT. Jones said some teachers like the program, and some do not. Jones would not comment on the program's effect on discipline or student performance.
The plan to expand on single-sex schooling is limited, but advocates say it shows better student achievement and attendance and fewer discipline problems. Critics say there is no clear evidence, and that single-sex learning doesn't get students ready for an integrated world.
Only about 91 of 91,000 public schools offer a form of same-sex education now.
While opponents predict the new federal plan will be a big blow to equal education opportunity, department officials say there will be no easing of protection against sexual discrimination.
"We are not advocating single-sex schools, and we are not advocating single-sex classrooms," said Ken Marcus, who oversees civil rights for the department. "We understand that coeducation remains the norm in American public education, and will continue to be the norm. We are simply trying to ensure that educators have flexibility to provide options."
Since current rules began in 1975, single-sex classes have been allowed only in limited cases, such as gym classes involving contact sports. The proposed regulations announced Wednesday will loosen those restrictions considerably, allowing districts to create single-sex classes to provide a "diversity" of choices, or to meet the particular needs of students.
Schools would have to be "even-handed," meaning they must treat boys and girls equally in determining what courses to offer. And sin-

Robbery

Continued from A1. \$160 on the counter."
He took the \$168 in bills in the front register and ran out, she said.
"Anytime he was on foot," said Staff Sgt. Brian Pike of the Twin Falls Police Department. "We think he left on foot and went north, but we don't know if he doubled back."
Officers searched the area but

Correction

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Saddam, al-Qaida link under scrutiny

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's claim that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has ties to al-Qaida — one of the administration's central arguments for a pre-emptive war — appears to have been based on even less solid intelligence than the administration's claims that Iraq had hidden stocks of chemical and biological weapons.

Nearly a year after U.S. and British troops invaded Iraq, no evidence has turned up to verify allegations of Saddam's links with al-Qaida, and several key parts of the administration's case have either proved false or seem increasingly doubtful.

Senior U.S. officials now say there never was any evidence that

Saddam's secular police state and Osama bin Laden's Islamic terrorism network were in league. At most, there were occasional meetings.

Moreover, the U.S. intelligence community never concluded that those meetings produced an operational relationship, American officials said. That verdict was in a secret report by the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence that was updated in January 2003, on the eve of the war.

"We could find no provable connection between Saddam and al-Qaida," a senior U.S. official acknowledged.

He and others spoke on condition of anonymity because the information involved is classified and could prove embarrassing to the White House.

The administration's allegations that Saddam still had weapons of mass destruction have been the subject of much greater public and political controversy than its suggestions that Iraq and al-Qaida were in league.

They were based on the Iraqi leader's long history of duplicity regarding WMD, which appeared to be confirmed by spy satellite photographs, defectors and electronic eavesdropping.

But the evidence of Iraq's ties to al-Qaida was "always sketchy, based largely on testimony of Iraqi defectors and prisoners, supplemented with limited reports from foreign agents — and electronic eavesdropping."

Much of the evidence that's now available indicates that Iraq and al-Qaida had no close ties,

despite repeated contacts between the two, that the terrorists who administration officials claimed were links between the two had no direct connection to either Saddam or bin Laden; and that a key meeting between an Iraqi intelligence officer and one of the leaders of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks probably never happened.

A Knight Ridder review of the Bush administration statements on Iraq's ties to terrorism and what's now known about the classified intelligence has found that administration advocates of a pre-emptive invasion frequently hyped, sketched and sometimes false information to help make their case. On two occasions, they neglected to report information that painted a less sinister picture.

Bomb attacks blamed on suspected terrorist

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — "There is no doubt" that suspected Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi masterminded the pair of suicide bombings in Iraq on Tuesday that killed possibly as many as 200 people during a Shiite Muslim religious observance, Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of U.S. Central Command, said Wednesday.

Abizaid, testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, said the bombings showed a level of "sophistication and coordination not previously seen in a string of deadly bombings that have occurred in Iraq since last summer. He said at least six suicide bombers were involved in the attacks, which occurred less than four minutes apart at shrines in Karbala and Baghdad.

The level of organization and the desire to cause casualties among innocent worshippers is a clear hallmark of the Zarqawi network," Abizaid said.

Later, he told reporters: "I personally believe there is no doubt that Zarqawi is behind this."

The Iraqi Governing Council said 271 people were killed. U.S. officials put the toll at 117.

U.S. officials last month released a letter they said was written by Zarqawi to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden calling for attacks on Shiites to foment a civil war between Shiite and Sunni Muslims. Nearly all of Tuesday's victims were Shiites.

In Baghdad, Shiite clerics joined Sunni preachers in a march of 100,000, sands of mostly black-clad men Wednesday, trying to keep sectarian passions in check after the horrific attacks in Baghdad and Karbala, which raised fears of civil war.

The attacks — at some of the holiest shrines of Shiite Islam and in the most sacred day in the Shiite calendar — threatened to tear Shiites against Sunnis if the bombers were found to have been Iraqi Sunni extremists.

But strife with the country's Sunni minority would hardly be in the interests of the Shiites who stand on the verge of achieving their dream of real political power after generations of suppression. Civil war would threaten those dreams, and the community's influential clergy appeared eager to keep passions in check.

U.S. officials said 15 people were detained in Karbala in connection with the attacks, though none was charged.

U.S. pressures rebels to put down their weapons

The Washington Post

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's rebel leaders pledged Wednesday to lay down their weapons, and, facing growing diplomatic and military pressure from the United States, said they would disband and leave the capital within days.

Rebel leader Guy Philippe announced the decision after he met with U.S. diplomats in what a State Department official called "a no-nonsense meeting about them turning in their weapons." There had been several incidents on Wednesday that nearly resulted in clashes between U.S. Marines and the rebels, who fought a three-week insurgency against former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Aristide fled for exile in the Central African Republic on Sunday.

"We are dismantling the front and laying down our guns," said Philippe, a former army officer and police chief. He said his force of several hundred men would leave for the countryside once they had given their armaments to the United Nations. On Tuesday, Philippe had declared himself in control of the Haitian security forces, raising concern among U.S. officials and many Haitians. Many of the rebels committed human rights violations and participated in at least several incidents on Wednesday that nearly resulted in clashes between U.S. Marines and the rebels, who fought a three-week insurgency against former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Aristide fled for exile in the Central African Republic on Sunday.

Foreign diplomats and Haitian political leaders continued to discuss creation of an interim government, but their efforts were complicated by an uncertain security



A Haitian man walks to pass as an American Marine secures the road Wednesday while patrolling the streets around the presidential palace in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. With a force of 1,000 U.S. Marines starting to flex their muscle in Haiti's capital, rebel leader Guy Philippe announced Wednesday his forces would lay down their arms, signaling an end to a month-long rebellion that has claimed at least 130 lives.

situation in the capital, despite a more obvious show of force by international troops.

Aristide's departure, three years into his five-year term, left a political and security vacuum in the hemisphere's poorest country. U.S. officials said there are now about 1,000 Marines in Haiti, part of a multinational peacekeeping force expected to grow to 5,000 troops from several countries.

But Caricom, an alliance of 15 Caribbean nations, announced

Wednesday that it would not participate in the force. Prime Minister P.J. Patterson of Jamaica, Caricom's chairman, called for an investigation of Aristide's claim following his departure that he was forced out by the United States. American officials have denied the allegation.

"Despite what we have heard in public and despite what we have learned in private, we simply say that the situation calls for an investigation of what transpired," Patterson told reporters, according

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Criminal probe of mad cow starts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has begun a criminal investigation into whether rebels may have been falsified in the nation's first and only case of mad cow disease, the Agriculture Department's inspector general said Wednesday.

In a separate investigation, the General Accounting Office is checking the federal agency's compliance with a Food and Drug Administration's rule aimed at keeping the infectious protein blamed for the disease out of cattle feed.

The criminal investigation is moving alongside a non-criminal review of the Agriculture Department's response to the mad cow case, the department's inspector general, Phyllis Fong, told a House subcommittee.

Fong said the criminal investigation focuses on whether the infectious protein once only was a "downer" animal unable to stand or walk when it was slaughtered Dec. 9 in Moses Lake, Wash.

The department initially said the cow was a downer, and that was why it was tested for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Downers have a higher risk of the brain-wasting disease.

But men who saw the cow at Fern's Moses Lake Meat Co. just before it was slaughtered recall it being on its feet. One of the plant's owners, Tom Ellis, said the cow got up after the inspecting veterinarian had seen it lying down and had classified it as a downer.

Department officials conceded last month that the cow might have gotten back up.

The investigation is in its first stages, with officials gathering documents and interviewing witnesses, Fong told the House Appropriations Committee's agriculture subcommittee. She would not talk about possible targets in the investigation nor specify who is being interviewed.

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MARCH 4, 5 & 6

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TO WIN, YOUR LIST MUST BE COMPLETE. BE SURE TO FILL IN YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.

Leave your completed entry with any of the 12 merchants by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 6, 2004. Entries will be picked up Monday morning on March 8, 2004. A winner will be drawn and the list checked for accuracy. The winner will be notified the same day.

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3. Udderly Family & Friends
4. Hart's Tux & Gowns
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Harvard announces new stem cell lines

Work bypasses Bush administration limits on federal research

The Washington Post

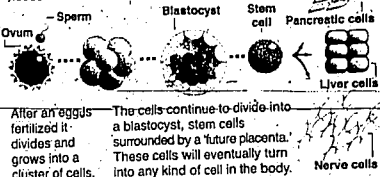
Harvard researchers said Wednesday they had created 17 new colonies of human embryonic stem cells to be shared freely with scientists around the globe, more than doubling the world's available supply of the medically promising but ethically contentious cells.

The Harvard project, backed by private money and using embryos donated by patients at a Boston fertility clinic, marks the latest in a string of efforts to work around federal restrictions on embryonic stem cell research—a field scientists say has the potential to revolutionize medicine but has evoked political opposition because it involves the destruction of embryos.

Major universities on both coasts are at various stages of establishing research centers with private and state money to bypass limits imposed by President Bush in 2001, which preclude the use of federal dollars for research on new

Free access to new stem cell lines

Harvard researchers on Wednesday will begin offering scientists free access to 17 new human embryonic stem cell lines that were developed solely with the use of private funds. Researchers believe stem cells can be coaxed to form specialized cells needed to cure disease.



SOURCES: New England Journal of Medicine; Associated Press

colonies of stem cells. And California and New Jersey—both of which have officially declared themselves friendly to such research—have launched efforts to allocate millions of dollars in state funds for experiments. At least five other state legislatures are considering declarations of support. Other states have passed or are considering bills banning cer-

tain kinds of embryo research—all part of an expanding effort to wrestle the hot-button issue away from a deadlocked Washington.

It was within this fractious context that Harvard cell biologist Douglas Melton made a special request of Harvard, the Chevy Chase, Md.-based Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation,

which have long funded his research: Given researchers' frustration with the limited number of older colonies available—a number that today stands at 15—would they help finance an independent effort to produce new stem cells for scientists to experiment with?

The funders agreed, and Melton and his colleagues described the outcome on Wednesday, the 17th edition of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The Harvard team received from a local fertility clinic 344 three-day-old to five-day-old human embryos, donated for research use. The team was able to pluck stem cells from the cores of 37 of them, and 17 of those samples grew into stable, self-replenishing colonies, or lines, of stem cells.

Stem cells have the potential to turn into virtually every kind of tissue and show promise for their ability to repair or regenerate ailing organs in people with a variety of medical conditions—including diabetes, which afflicts Melton's two children.

Religious and social conservatives sharply oppose any expansion of research on embryos, and the White House said Tuesday it had no intention of loosening its policy.

California voters give Schwarzenegger a win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger took one big crushing weight off California by winning voter approval to borrow \$15 billion, but he still has some heavy lifting to do.

To solve the state's financial crisis, Schwarzenegger has to bring down spending, sell the Democratic-controlled Legislature on budget cuts and improve California's standing on Wall Street.

But the overwhelming vote may well have given him a huge infusion of clout among lawmakers and demonstrated that the former action hero and bodybuilder has the political muscle to get what he wants from voters.

"His viewed by both parties as the most formidable politician we've seen in this state for many years," said Raphael Sosenheim, a political science professor at California State University, Fullerton.

The bond proposal trailed badly in early polls, but Schwarzenegger barnstormed across the state and raised more than \$10 million for TV ads in support of the bond measure. He also used a mixture of raw political power and Hollywood charisma to bring Democratic leaders on board.

The result was a rout at the polls: The measure won with 63 percent of the vote.

"When we started our work we were 17 points behind. And you know something, everyone wrote us off," Schwarzenegger said at a victory rally. "We knew better. We knew that we can work together."

Political observers say Schwarzenegger's reward is new leverage with lawmakers as he



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger celebrates his victory Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif.

pushes his economic recovery plan and reform of the workers' compensation system. Having demonstrated his appeal to the voters, he can reward or punish lawmakers by campaigning for them or by withholding his support.

Nevertheless, the bond measure alone "doesn't solve the problem," said Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, a Democrat from Los Angeles. "All this does is give us some breathing room so that we can sit down and work out a longer-term agreement that both Democrats and Republicans can live with."

Schwarzenegger has promised not to raise taxes in next year's budget. His proposed \$99 billion spending plan includes savings of about \$9 billion. But the Democrats have not embraced all of his ideas.

Federal agencies release forest thinning guidelines

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Bush administration gave federal land managers their formal marching orders Wednesday to speed up forest thinning projects this year on 3.7 million fire-prone acres across the country.

Two-thirds of the money will be focused on logging and prescribed burning near at-risk communities in and around national forests and public rangelands. U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management officials said at a wildfire conference.

The 56 pages of guidelines issued Wednesday explain how local agency field managers should proceed to quickly carry out the Healthy Forest Restoration Act that President Bush signed into law late last year over the objections of environmentalists.

The legislation speeds fuels-reduction projects, reduces some requirements for environmental reviews and instructs judges to consider the threat of catastrophic fire when hearing environmentalists' appeals aimed at blocking projects.

Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who oversees the Forest Service, cited forecasts calling for above-normal fire danger across much of the West again this season. Nearly 4 million acres burned nationally last year, and 7 million acres were charred in 2002.

"This underscores the need to get the work done now and not in three years," he said. "The sense of urgency is not going to go away."

The 3.7 million acres scheduled for thinning—an area larger than twice the size of the state of Delaware—is up from 2.7 million acres in 2003.

The Bush administration is asking Congress for \$750 million to meet an additional 4 million acres in 2005, an \$80 million increase over this year.

In all, administration officials identified 190 million acres of federal land at risk of fire.

Assistant Interior Secretary Rebecca Watson said communities surrounded by wildlands will be given top priority.

The administration is trying to ease environmentalists' concerns by using a community-based decision process, she said.

Rey insisted that the vast majority of trees to be removed in overgrown woodlands and insect-infested forests would have little commercial value.

Jay Watson, wildland fire program director for The Wildland Society based in San Francisco, questioned whether companies will be allowed to cut large, old-growth trees in the name of fire prevention.

His group supports reducing fuels around communities, but advocates controlled burns in the backcountry if the goal is forest restoration, "not more timber for loggers."

"I think the very reputation of the (federal agencies) is on the line here," Watson said. "The proof will be in how the agencies behave. It's one thing to talk the talk and they'd be advised to walk the walk."

Chief Ernest Mitchell, president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, said his group supports efforts to reduce fire dangers.

"We've seen clear indications of the disastrous effects of wildland fires," Mitchell said. "We need to get the ball rolling."

'Combatant' sees lawyer after two years

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Jose Padilla, the American arrested in an alleged al-Qaida plot to set off a radioactive "dirty bomb," was allowed to meet with lawyers Wednesday for the first time in nearly two years.

The U.S. government has designated Padilla an "enemy combatant," meaning he can be held indefinitely without access to lawyers. But the government relented last month, just days before the U.S. Supreme Court

agreed to hear his case. Donna R. Newman, one of the attorneys for Padilla, said there was a video camera present and military personnel looked on from an adjoining room during the three-hour meeting at the Navy brig near Charleston. "I'm not saying we were not thrilled to see him, but it was not by any stretch of the imagination" a typical lawyer-client meeting held in confidence, Newman said.



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Senate looks to trim president's spending requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Budget Committee began debating a Republican-written 2005 budget on Wednesday that claims to have the record deficit in three years, even if Congress provides \$30 billion for Iraq.

The plan proposed deeper deficit reduction and lower defense and domestic spending than President Bush sought in his budget

et last month. The Senate's \$2.36 trillion election-year proposal pared company with him in other ways, too.

It ignores Bush's proposals to eliminate dozens of programs, to cut spending on water projects popular with lawmakers, and permit mineral drilling in a major Alaskan wildlife preserve.

It also shows the effects of

spending \$30 billion to maintain U.S. forces in Iraq. Bush's budget omitted that expenditure, even as administration officials conceded they would ask for up to \$50 billion after this November's presidential and congressional elections.

"We did think it was important to put a plug in for that number," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla.

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Gay

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 amendment. "We are gambling with our future if we allow activist judges to redefine marriage for our whole society."

Oregon and New York are among 12 states whose laws do not specifically address the issue of same-sex marriage. Thirty-nine states ban the practice outright, and four others — including California, New Jersey, Vermont and Hawaii — offer limited privileges to same-sex couples. Only Massachusetts law allows specifically for gay marriages, beginning May 17. Lawmakers in that state will meet next week to consider amending the state constitution to allow same-sex unions.

Clashes over same-sex unions have varied from state to state: In New Mexico, a county clerk issued wedding licenses to 26 couples before she was blocked by the state attorney general. In Georgia, black legislators have stalled an effort by other lawmakers to halt gay marriages by passing a state constitutional amendment.

The volatile issue surfaced Wednesday in Portland, where Multnomah County Clerkewman Diane Linn ordered clerks to issue wedding licenses to same-sex couples. Linn said she took the action after a county attorney determined that restricting marriage to the union of a man and a woman discriminated against gay and lesbian couples and violated the state constitution.

As word of Linn's decision spread Tuesday night, hundreds of couples started lining up at the county courthouse, "huddling under umbrellas. They poured into the building when it opened Wednesday morning. Hours later, Oregon had its first two same-sex wedded couples.

Mary Li, 40, a county employee, and Rebecca Kennedy, 43, a self-described stay-at-home mom, were the first to exchange vows.

"We are here today to witness the marriage of Becky and Mary," said retired Oregon Supreme Court Justice Betty Roberts, who conducted the ceremony. Kennedy's 9-month-old baby, Ava, was cradled in a friend's arms as she danced away from the celebration unfolded. "I'm beyond excited," said Li, adding that the couple had been together four years. "I'm nervous too. When you're a couple, you have dreams of getting a house and building a family. It's a great day. It started today. It's a great day."

Stephen Knox, 43, and Eric Warshaw, 40, were next to exchange vows. The Portland-area doctors said they had been together for 10 years. Their three adopted children, ages 3 to 5, attended the ceremony.

"As a child, I always thought I was going to be married, but as I grew up society told me I couldn't," Knox said. "Obviously, I can. Eric and I already felt married, but now we have the paper."

Reaction was swift. Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat, said he favors civil unions but questioned the legality of the decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples in Multnomah County, one of the state's most liberal and populous areas.

"Reasonable people can differ, but I think when you read it (the state marriage statute) ... at the time in history when the statute was written, I think it is clear they were thinking about a man and a woman getting married," the governor said in a statement.

Kulongoski added that it would be up to state Attorney General Hardy Meyers to decide what, if any, enforcement action to take against Multnomah County.

In New York, the gay marriage controversy surfaced last week when the mayor of New Paltz, a town 75 miles north of Manhattan, performed 25 same-sex wedding ceremonies and said he has a waiting list of 1,200 more couples. Mayor Jason West called it a "civil rights issue," and bitterly criticized state officials' refusal to issue wedding licenses.

New York Gov. George Pataki promptly blasted West's action as illegal and said that if people want to change the law, they should do it through the legislative process.

As pressure mounted on him to take action, state Attorney General Elliot Spitzer issued an opinion Wednesday stating that New York law defines matrimony as a union between a man and woman.

Speaking before a packed news conference in New York City, Spitzer said he personally supports same-sex marriages but warned that any New York officials performing such unions could be subject to "severe repercussions." He added that such ceremonies were "not proper or legal," but added that the courts ultimately would resolve the constitutionality of any state laws restricting gay marriage.

But West, who has been charged with 19 criminal violations, said he would ignore such warnings. He pleaded not guilty during a brief court proceeding Wednesday evening, and vowed to continue performing gay marriages.

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 summer, and he is unlikely to reveal his choice until around convention time, aides have said.

"I wouldn't just begin to throw names around," Kerry said in an interview with a Florida TV station. He said he is seeking a running mate whom he could get along with personally and who would be able to step into the presidency.

Bush recently made a campaign swing through California, where he added more money to the \$153

million already raised for his re-election. An estimated \$4 million will go toward the first campaign ad of Bush's re-election. His aides, briefing reporters at the president's re-election headquarters in suburban Virginia, said the ads would run nationwide on at least a half-dozen cable channels, including CNN, MSNBC, ESPN and Fox.

Matthew Dowd, a Bush senior adviser, said the commercials would reach "a huge chunk" of the nation's voters — including at least

as many independents and "soft Democrats" as Republicans. As they step up the campaign, Bush's aides also are trying to lower expectations. Dowd, who analyzes polling data for the president, said Kerry had wound up his party's primary fight "at a very, very high point."

Bush's early rounds of advertising would not "fundamentally" change the presidential contest, he said. Dowd predicted that Bush would either be tied with Kerry or

trailing the Democrat until the Republican convention in late August.

The ads were described by Bush as the start of "a conversation" with voters that would last eight months.

The Bush campaign estimates that Kerry spent nearly \$8 million on TV ads during the primary campaign, most of them attacking Bush on such issues as Medicare, taxes, the environment and the war in Iraq. Mark McKinnon, a longtime

Bush adviser, said the president's ads were part of an effort to "correct" what's been said.

In one of his ads, Bush repeats the phrase "I know what we need to do" three times. "I know exactly where I want to lead this country," he says in footage shot at the White House residence last month. While Bush hits the airwaves and fattens his campaign's bank account, Kerry is spending this week campaigning in states with primaries next week.

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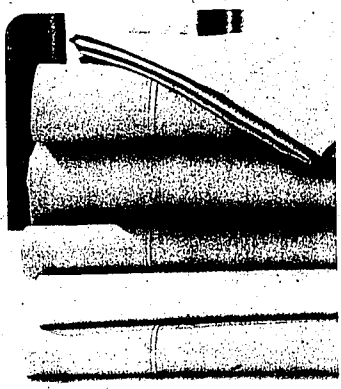
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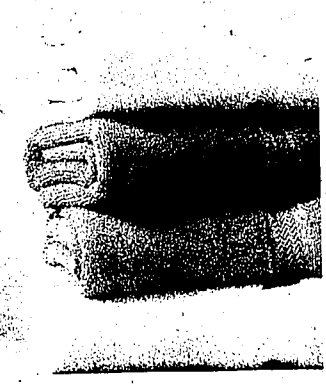
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EDITORIAL

Hunting and fishing rights may not need amendment

Idaho's Constitution doesn't mention life, liberty and the pursuit of elk. Not yet, anyway.

That could change if Idaho legislators pass House Joint Resolution 11 in the next few weeks. The so-called hunting and fishing amendment is a political effort to solidify Idaho's outdoors heritage for years to come.

The full Idaho House passed the measure 54-13 on Tuesday. If passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the proposed constitutional amendment will go on the ballot next fall.

Hunting and fishing rights make up a rich portion of Idaho's cultural heritage, and solidifying them is a praiseworthy idea. You never know when a well-funded, out-of-state effort to ban certain types of hunting could take aim at the Gem State.

Even so, it's unclear that a constitutional amendment is wholly necessary. Should the state's preeminent legal document be amended to protect an activity that isn't under attack?

Rep. Cleve Edmondson, R-New Plymouth, introduced the amendment with an eye to the future, rather than the present. He says the amendment would block well-funded initiative efforts that target hunting of predators. He points to other Western states, such as California, Washington and Oregon, that have nixed hound hunting and the trapping of bears or cougars. Idaho defeated

a similar effort to ban bear baiting.

Fishing and hunting bring economic benefits to Idaho. The state collects \$30-million a year from license and tag sales. The economic impact from those who hunt, fish and trap is in the neighborhood of \$1.6 billion a year.

These are all good reasons to preserve the activities, no doubt. But this particular bill, at this particular time, may not be the way.

Constitutional amendments shouldn't be passed out like lollipops. They require thoughtful consideration and full debate. And it helps if there's a clear and imminent need. That's not the case with this bill, which is being discussed hastily, at the end of a short legislative session.

More important still is whether Edmondson's amendment has been drafted with sufficient precision. It mandates "laws, regulations and rules that conserve fish and wildlife" in a general manner that's open to interpretation. And it starts off by stating wildlife is the property of the state. Are Idaho sportsmen and conservationists comfortable with that concept?

Opposition from Rep. Bill Sallie, R-Kuna, and other conservative House members may be a tipoff that the bill needs more time to ripen.

The amendment has an admirable intent - to keep outdoor sports alive in Idaho. But it's much too early to push it onto the ballot.

Our view: A proposed constitutional amendment to protect hunting and fishing needs more review. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Abortion, gay marriage show hypocrisy

A foolish consistency observed one far smarter than I, is the hobgoblin of small minds.

Without Ralph Waldo Emerson's seeming endorsement, the current political spectrum might make one wonder how many Americans with political opinions could claim even an average intellect.

It is almost entertaining these days to watch true believers on either side of the ideological spectrum squirm to square their philosophy with their politics.

PETER A. BROWN

Of course, the emerging change in how the two parties and their supporters view key issues stems from each side evaluating how its views play in public opinion, both nationally and on a regional basis.

The ideological song and dance over the two most vexing lifestyle issues - abortion and gay marriage - are perhaps the most instructive, although by no means the only, examples.

Liberals, who instinctively see the federal government as their friend and national solutions to problems as their preferred forum for action, have vigorously grabbed the mantle of states' rights as the question of whether homosexual marriages should be allowed.

That's because they know gay marriage will be banned if a federal constitutional amendment were passed that would overrule state decisions, by their legislative or judicial, that legitimized same-sex unions.

Liberals would prefer for gay marriage to be available in the limited number of states where there is sufficient public support.

For the first time they are chanting the mantra of states' rights after a lifetime of thinking that yokes outside the Beltway can't be trusted. They've switched their stance because they see this as the best deal available for their political camp, even mostly in the name of clinging to the notion of federal supremacy on the abortion issue.

That is, they will fight to the political death to uphold the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that



prevents states from banning and, in many cases, limiting a woman's right to end a pregnancy with abortion.

That's because, on the abortion issue, they have the numbers to keep the national rules in place, and the abortion-rights lobby is a cornerstone of the Democratic Party. Democrats generally consider the "right to choose" only slightly less important than the right to breathe.

Conservatives and Republicans, however, are on the same ideological quicksand, partly because of their ties to Christian conservatives, the GOP's largest core constituency.

They decry Roe v. Wade, and many vow to overturn it, either through a constitutional amendment or a rejiggering of the Supreme Court, so states wanting to ban abortion may be able to do so.

To matter that they are unwilling to allow states to take the same approach on gay marriage.

They, too, can count and would be happy to allow only the minority of states where a majority of voters agrees with them to prevent abortions.

Instead, they want a constitutional amendment so a state such as Massachusetts, where gay marriage is now a legal certainty, won't be able to allow same-sex unions. They're not the least distressed that they are taking the approach on gay marriage that they abhor on abortion.

Actually, this divergence from type is not confined to these sticky social issues.

On many other matters, the traditional Republican/conservative skepticism about national solutions and the liberal/Democratic preference for them is also being re-evaluated.

Education quickly comes to mind. Republicans were not happy with the Democratic-led creation of the U.S. Department of Education because they saw it as a step to inject the federal government into schools, which have long been under local and state purview.

But now President Bush's education reforms contain the federal requirement that students be tested, even so, welfare in the 1800s was usually below 1 percent of national income everywhere. The poor were stigmatized as failures. The Depression and World War II were transforming, says Lindert. People identified with others' misfortunes - "that could be me" - and yearned for collective security.

That is the type of national mandate conservatives have long opposed. Yet they created it because they believe that injecting accountability into education is more important than their philosophical preference for local decision-making.

Democrats/liberals, largely because of their joined-at-the-hip relationship with the teachers unions, which hate the idea, are no models of consistency. They have suddenly become staunch defenders of the philosophy that those at the local level know better than the federal bureaucrats.

Perhaps that is because Republicans pretty much run the show in D.C. these days. It's no surprise that, during those long years when Democrats were in charge in Congress and sometimes the White House, they, too, thought the federal government knew best.

Aint politics grand?

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LETTERS

Passage of time helps us avoid calamity

This may make sense to some people; to others, nonsense.

For years, this country sat on the brink of nuclear war, always on the edge of sure annihilation. Once it was to start, there would be very little chance of turning back.

To start that war, you only needed three things: a situation that would either come to conflict, thereby opening a Pandora's box of trouble that we had never before witnessed or, in betterment, a standing down of opposing forces with hope, forgiveness and repair of the differences between parties.

As in the launch of nuclear war, it took two keys and two people to initiate the launch sequence.

At our current point in time, many people hold one of the keys, but before the box can be opened, it must have a second key turned.

That key is hope and forgiveness with the involved parties given the time to correct and rebuild the situation. This will take time.

I believe eventually it will be corrected by the parties involved, but it doesn't happen overnight. Just as in the case of Pandora's box, all affected parties must have the same belief in a higher power (also, belief in a higher power doesn't hurt).

If, on the other hand, we take the

wrong action, it will be as if the cable holding the chains on a ski lift broke. Our interconnected social world will come down with terrible results.

B. BRUCE BARTON
Twain Falls

State has a major interest in fighting fat

The Times-News editors - shame on you when you say the evidence that these issues should have any interest in obesity "is, so to speak, thin!"

Evidence, actually, indicates that the health-care costs of obesity now equals the costs associated with tobacco use and is projected to far surpass tobacco-related costs in the future.

Since the state and especially the counties will bear much of these costs, the reason for the state to be interested in the problem is, so to speak, "fat" if anything ever was.

Most of us are interested in the thrifty use of our tax money. But we also feel remorse for those who bear the pain and suffering caused by this problem, or we might call it disease.

We also feel anguish when it causes the premature loss of one of our loved ones.

CHARLES PARKER
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(Editor's note: Charles Parker is a retired, longtime member of the South Central District Board of Health.)

Welfare programs are not so easy to pin down

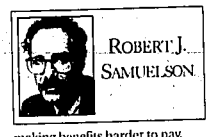
One great project of the late 20th century was to ease welfare states in wealthy nations to protect people against the insecurities of the business cycle and the injustices of unfettered capitalism.

One great question of the early 21st century is whether these welfare states, facing massive commitments to aging populations, will themselves create new insecurities and injustices. Comes now economic historian Peter Lindert, who has thoroughly probed the welfare state, with a surprising message - relax.

In an important new book "Growing Pains: Social Spending and Economic Growth Since the Eighteenth Century," Lindert finds the welfare state to be a resilient institution. He acknowledges the conflict.

The elderly (those over 65) are expected to reach 20 percent of the population in 2008 for Japan and Italy, in 2015 for Sweden and in 2020 for Germany and Belgium (the United States will then be at about 16 percent). But Lindert thinks governments will dodge crises by a pragmatic mix of benefits cuts and tax increases.

Will it be that easy? Last week Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan provoked howls by suggesting cuts in Social Security benefits for future retirees. The reaction to Greenspan's comments highlights the danger of a vicious circle. Politicians can cut popular benefits, but rising taxes or budget deficits then reduce economic growth -



making benefits harder to pay. The welfare state becomes unaffordable. It promotes economic stagnation and generational and class competition for dwindling benefits.

After an exhaustive analysis, Lindert - who teaches at the University of California, Davis - is less alarmed. So far, the welfare state is a "free lunch," he concludes.

That is, high taxes and benefits (for unemployment, health and retirement) haven't depressed economic growth.

Countries can be caring without crippling themselves. How can this be when economic theory and common sense suggest that heavy taxes and benefits should hurt work and investment?

Lindert offers three answers. First, some public spending (say, on schools) may improve economic growth. Second, generous benefits may reward - and raise - unemployment. But the added jobs are mostly unskilled; their loss doesn't hurt much.

And finally, countries with big welfare states have adopted taxes that minimize economic damage.

In Europe, taxes approach 50 percent of national income (as

opposed to about 30 percent in the United States). But Europe relies heavily on a sales tax - the "value-added tax" - that, in theory, falls on consumption and not investment or work effort.

America's desire for welfare (called "poor relief" before the 20th century) was always less than Europe's, Lindert says. The frontier spirit emphasized self-reliance; ethnic diversity discouraged helping dissimilar groups.

Even so, welfare in the 1800s was usually below 1 percent of national income everywhere. The poor were stigmatized as failures. The Depression and World War II were transforming, says Lindert. People identified with others' misfortunes - "that could be me" - and yearned for collective security.

Up to a point, Lindert's story is a cautionary tale for both liberals and conservatives. For conservatives: There's no automatic connection between bigger government and lower economic growth; sensible societies can have both.

For liberals: It matters how societies pay for welfare programs; "soak the rich" taxes can be self-defeating by discouraging investment and risk-taking. If citizens want more collective benefits (say, health insurance), they need to pay for them collectively. But Lindert's larger conclusion, that the welfare state has only been a free lunch, strains belief.

In 2003 the average income per person in the United States was \$34,831, report economists Robert H. McGuckin and Bart van Ark of the Conference Board. In

Germany the average income was \$25,507. Lower productivity (output per hour) doesn't explain the difference. It was about equal in both countries. The gap has two causes - German workers spend less time working, and proportionately fewer Germans work. Why? One reason may be a greater cultural desire for more vacations and free time. But higher taxes also make work less rewarding, while higher welfare makes unemployment more rewarding.

There's a bigger problem. History doesn't move in a straight line. In lurches. Problems gather, then abrupt changes occur. Before it happened, hardly anyone predicted the collapse of the Soviet Union. Before it happened, hardly anyone predicted the stagnation (in the 1980s) of Japan's economy. Europe's economy has recently sputtered. The costs of big welfare states may be one cause along with others (say, poor entrepreneurship).

Lindert actually agrees with Greenspan: Retirement benefits should be cut, here and elsewhere. Indeed, he expects that to happen. Democracies prevent their welfare states from going to destructive extremes, he thinks.

Maybe, but the evidence is skimpy, and that's the real issue: If we wait until problems become obvious, it will be too late. The welfare state will be resilient only if we make it so.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Haiti needs to be rebuilt without the excuses

It was entirely predictable that deposed Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide would claim that he was overthrown and kidnapped by the United States. It is equally predictable that some Americans like Reps. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., and Maxine Waters, D-Calif., deem Aristide a victim. They belong to the Victim Internationale, for whom problems in the Third World are always someone else's fault.

ZEV CHAFETS

Haiti has been independent for 200 years. It is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. It has no infrastructure, no democratic institutions, no decent government. Right now, only U.S. Marines separate it from total chaos.

But Haiti is a land rich in excuses. It is the victim of French colonialism, or racism, of capital exploitation and/or American imperialism. Faced with such implacable, uncontrollable external enemies, President Aristide never had a chance. Neither does Haiti.

Some Haitians are not so cynical or fatalistic. One of them, Gary Pierre-Pierre, publishes a newspaper in Brooklyn. The audience for *The Haitian Times* is the estimated half-million Haitians living in the New York area and the additional 500,000 or so who live elsewhere in America.

These emigrants are already a major force in Haitian life. Every year, they send home hundreds of millions of dollars, by far Haiti's largest source of income. But Pierre-Pierre wants them to do more.

"We need to become involved in nation building," he says. "We have the technical expertise Haiti



lacks. One-third of all black doctors in New York State are Haitian. The number of engineers is even higher. There are financial advisers among us, bankers, administrators. New York's deputy state controller is Haitian.

Pierre-Pierre believes that these Haitian expatriates can do things other American aid workers cannot. After all, they speak the language and know the culture. And they are less likely to be intimidated. "White aid workers sometimes don't want to argue or press too hard for fear of being labeled racists," he says. "That's just a Haitian thing. They can't do that with us."

But are American-Haitians willing to sacrifice their relative pros-

perity for the perils and hardships of their native land? Pierre-Pierre has a plan.

There are Haitian officers in the NYPD who could go down to help establish the rule of law," Pierre-Pierre says. "But someone has to pay their salaries. Same for other Haitian-American technicians and professionals. The federal government could do that, channeling the money through their employers."

Pierre-Pierre's idea is based on the French model of dispatching bureaucrats to former French colonies. But it has an American twist. This would be a rebuilding corps drawn from the ranks of people with an instinctive understanding of and emotional com-

mitment to the nation they are sent to assist.

This strikes me as a good idea for Haiti—and beyond. There are plenty of other failed states in the Victim Internationale whose most productive sons and daughters now reside in the United States. They have enriched their new country with the energy they brought here.

Now they can do as much for their homeland by bringing back the skills and optimism they have acquired in a place that puts a higher premium on finding solutions than making excuses.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the *New York Daily News*.

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LETTERS

Red tape blocks those seeking safety for kids

Forgive me if I ramble - I'm so angry and confused. Why can't I get something done to protect a child in the community who lives with drugs and abuse every day? Why is he held captive inside the dark house while others romp and play? Alone in the dark, he tries to obey and go to sleep, while screams of abuse fill the air from some creep!

Health and Welfare - what a joke. We have to have proof, more proof, more proof. The little graves are full of proof. What more do they want? Hey, here's an idea - fire the ones who tie everything up with red tape and let someone who cares fill in the dead space. I guarantee things will get changed. The rotten system rearranged: our little children know they can count on us. Advertise their voices. There have to be better choices.

B.J. (BOBBI JO) WEAVER
 Buhl

Spend money on health care, not real estate

To John Kee, chief executive officer, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and board members: Recently I was in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for bilateral knee surgery. I had excellent care from my doctors (Dr. Surbaugh and Dr. Norris) and all of the medical staff in the hospital.

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the transitional care unit and physical therapists.

I was instructed how important the physical therapy would be, so I expected to have adequate machines available to help me while in transitional care.

I used to CPM (continuous passive motion) as often as possible to keep my knees from getting stiff, as I was instructed to do.

These machines are an integral part of therapy. To my amazement, I found out the hospital only had

seven machines, six that were in working condition.

A few days into my therapy, I was told that they had two other bilateral surgeries that morning and there weren't enough machines for all of us. My surgery was not an emergency - I had scheduled 45 days in advance.

It is disturbing to me that you are continually buying up all the parcels of real estate between Rose Street and Martin Street and you cannot have enough CPM machines for your patients.

I think patient care should be your primary concern if you want to be in the medical business, and real estate purchases should be secondary.

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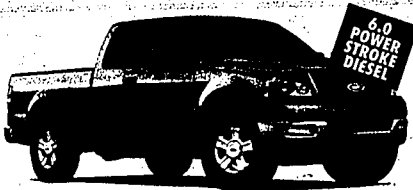
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MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
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see stories

IN BRIEF

Championships will be broadcast live

BOISE - The United Dairymen of Idaho are sponsoring live-TV broadcasts for the boys basketball state Class 4A and 5A championship games starting at 6 p.m. Saturday from the Idaho Center in Nampa.

The games will be carried by Cable One on Channel 17 in Twin Falls, 22 in Pocatello, 19 in Idaho Falls and 18 in the Treasure Valley area.

During the broadcast, highlights from the Class 2A and 3A championships will show.

Register now run/walk event on March 13

BOISE - The Malad Gorge-St. Patrick's Day run/walk will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 13, at Malad Gorge State Park. Entrants have a choice of a 3.5 mile walk, 3.5 mile run or a 5.5 mile run.

Each runner and walker will receive a race t-shirt and enjoy a post-race party featuring Clear Springs trout.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall finishers and top three finishers in each age group. Participants can pick up registration blanks in Twin Falls at the YMCA, Goldie's Gym, Big 5 Sports and Connelly Sports.

This is the 14th year for this race that is jointly sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, Malad Gorge State Park and South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 837-9131, SCITRIDA at 732-5569, or check out rctdaho@csel.edu.

T.F. Rec holds spring soccer registration

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is holding registration for spring soccer for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade 7. Volunteer coaches are needed.

The fees are \$12-\$20 depending on whether a player needs a jersey. Registration runs through March 12, when a \$10 late fee will be assessed. Call 736-2265 for more information.

T.F. YMCA announces adult tennis lessons

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls YMCA will offer two beginning adult tennis lesson sessions on Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m., starting with the first session running March 6-7 and the second session April 3-4. Each session costs \$15 per player. Only 12 are allowed in each class so sign up now by calling 733-4384.

Church league plans organizational meeting

TWIN FALLS - An organizational meeting for the Magic Valley Church League will be held at 7 p.m. March 11 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Avenue East in Twin Falls. The meeting concerns both men and coed leagues. Call Kevin Newbery during the day at 737-1425 or in the evenings at 734-3169.

CLASS 3A STATE TOURNAMENT

Declo and Wood River begin play

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

MERIDIAN - Declo and Wood River are two boys basketball teams that couldn't possibly be more different.

Declo's Hornets are the defending 3A state champions. Wood River won three games last year.

The Hornet offense relies on turnovers and quick buckets from their perimeter players. Wood River will slow it down and take advantage of their height and depth.

3A Boys' Real Dairy Shootout

Meridian High School
Declo vs. Preston, 1:15 p.m.
Lakeland vs. Marsh Valley, 3 p.m.
Shelley vs. Middleton, 6:15 p.m.
Fruitland vs. Wood River, 8 p.m.

The Hornets led the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference race wire-to-wire. The Wolverines won eight of their last 10 games to make it to the 2004 Idaho 3A state basketball tournament.

But for all their differences, the two teams share a common goal in today's opening-round games at Meridian High School - just win.

At 1:15 p.m., Declo will face Preston in a rematch of last year's state championship game. While the faces of the Hornet team changed thanks to graduation, every Preston Indian player from last year's runner-up squad returns including 6-foot-9 post Sean Olverson.

"They're going to be a formidable task," Declo coach Donnie Smyer said. "I'd like them to Wendell; so that says a lot."

And Smyer should know, he was an assistant coach for the Hornets last year and has seen the Indians three times "this season. Like Wendell and star center Kad Pope, Preston runs things through Olverson, a talented student and athlete who has an academic and athletic scholarship to go to Cornell next year.

"It's a great athlete and a smart kid too," Smyer said. "Everyone knows they're the team to beat."

Which is why the Declo-Preston game may be the true 3A state championship game. The Hornets have only lost one game since Christmas, but avenged the loss to Kimberly with a 77-51 drubbing of the Bulldogs in the District Four championship game.

"We've been gaining momentum," Smyer said. "We know we can play with them, it's just a matter of keeping them from dominating the inside."

Something that Declo is well-equipped to do. With the combination of a swarming full-court press and an effective zone defense, the Hornets are one of the best defenses in the state.

A big key will probably be the play of reserve posts Ken Webb and Stephen Blakeslee if Olverson is able to put

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REGION 18 MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

CSI men gear up for playoffs

Team appears confident as it enters regionals

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team is peaking, it couldn't have picked a better time.

The Golden Eagles enter this weekend's Region 18 tournament on a loss, but hardly a sour note. CSI played one of its better games of the season last Saturday night in

a 90-83 overtime loss to Snow College - a defeat that cost the Eagles a piece of the Scenic West Athletic Conference championship. As a result, CSI dropped to the fourth seed in the regional tournament.

"I really like this team right now and one point isn't going to change that," CSI head coach Gib Arnold said. "If we had scored just one more point in the end and beaten

(Snow), I'd feel just as strong about them and how we're playing."

"You just try to erase it and move on."

But it is not so easy to forget 45 minutes of exhausting and ultimately heart-breaking basketball.

"Most definitely, it makes us stronger because we lost, and it hurt," freshman guard Jason McKinney said. "We don't want to feel that same feeling again. We have to do what we've got to do so we won't feel that same way at the end of the game."

Men's Region 18 Tournament

At the CSI Gymnasium
Today's Games
No. 3 Salt Lake CC vs. No. 6 Eastern Utah, 2 p.m.
No. 2 Snow College vs. No. 7 Colorado Northwestern CC, 4 p.m.
No. 4 Southern Idaho vs. No. 5 North Idaho College, 7 p.m.

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Cruising past

Carey defeats Idaho City, 62-44

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

CALDWELL - All the Carey Panthers needed was to find their shot to surpass the Idaho City Wildcats in

their first-round game of the 2004 Idaho Real Dairy Shootout at Caldwell High School.

Holding a 35-25 lead at the half, Carey pushed the advantage in the third quarter to put the game out of reach, winning 62-44.

"They had the first-game jitters," Panthers coach Dick Simpson said. "It was an early game, they didn't know their opponents, and were wowed by the setting."

While the Panthers were in awe of the Caldwell High School gym, Simpson put the experience into perspective for his players.

"They were saying that our gym could fit in this one," Simpson said. "But I reminded them that the dimensions of the court were the same."

It may have taken a while, but star senior forward Ty Simmons settled into the game in the third period, going on his own 8-0 scoring run to push the Panther advantage to 52-33.

"He wanted it," Simpson said. "He was in the zone and the other players did a good job of getting him the ball."

Simmons finished with a game-high 24 points along with 10 rebounds. Simmons and his pull-up jumper drew high praise from Idaho City coach Quinn Aldous.

"He's a terrific shooter," Aldous said. "He's a heck of a player and he controlled the game for them."

Aiding Simmons in the Panther scoring were sophomore Tadd Green, who finished with 12 points, and seniors Blake Surerus with 10 and K.C. Rivera, who finished with eight points and four assists.

"We just didn't have the quickness to guard them one-on-one," Aldous said.

The Wildcats were led double-double performances by the duo of Ian and Bobby Callahan. Sophomore Ian finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while junior Bobby rebounded 14 points and 11 boards.

"They kept Bobby off the boards though," Aldous said. "He averages around 14 rebounds and 26 points, most of them off put-backs."

The Panthers move on in the championship bracket and will play Council Thursday at 6:15 p.m. at Caldwell High School. Casey Green and Nick McConnell each scored 13 in a 49-46 win over Sho-Ban.

Idaho City takes on Sho-Ban at 1:15 p.m. in a loser-out game.

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Carey point guard K.C. Rivera drives for a lay-up past Idaho City's Jacob Norman during the third quarter of their Class 3A state tournament first-round game Wednesday in Caldwell. Carey won 62-44 to advance to the quarterfinals against Council.

Cole Valley Christian holds off Richfield

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

CALDWELL - There's a reason Cole Valley Christian was favored to blow the Richfield Tigers out. They were

oliger, faster and stronger than the Tigers. But Richfield showed that no one has more heart than them.

In their 51-45 loss to the Chargers in first-round IA state tournament action at Vallivue High School Wednesday evening.

With only 18.2 seconds left, junior guard Victor Vasquez stole the ball, raced to the three-point

line, and promptly buried a pull-up three-point-er to cut the

Chargers lead to two, 47-45. But it wasn't to be for the Tigers, as Brian Rullens and Craig Hawkins both hit two free-throws to seal the Cole Valley Christian

Victory.

"They played with heart tonight," Richfield coach Garr Ward said. "I'm proud of them because they took advantage of their opportunities."

What makes the close final score even more impressive is the fact that Cole Valley jumped out to a 17-3 first-quarter lead.

"The ball game is like a war, you have to take the brunt of what they're going to hit you with," Ward said. "They bought into that and took Cole Valley's best."

The Tigers were led by 12 points from both Vasquez and junior guard Tate Exon. Exon stepped up with four three-pointers, despite requiring multiple rests due to his bout with asthma.

"He'll go out there for a few minutes and then I'll have to rest him," Ward said. "But he comes in and sparks us. He did a great job tonight."

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Twin Falls boys draw tough first-round opponent

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's been 11 years since Twin Falls High last played in the state 5A boys basketball tournament. Head coach Matt Harr is hopeful the Bruins' stay in the time is a long one.

"They're ready to go," Harr said. "We don't want to be happy to be there. We didn't want to just qualify. We wanted to win it and that's the attitude we're taking into this (state) tournament."

Whether Twin Falls (16-7) records its first state tournament win since 1974 will depend on containing the outside shooting of first-year school Mountain View in

the 1:15 p.m. game Thursday at Nampa's Idaho Center.

The Mavericks (15-8) have the 2003 Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year Jacob Bowen, a senior post who averages 18.6 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Senior guard Aaron Snooks adds 13 points, thanks to 38 percent shooting from 3-point range.

"I think we match up well," Harr said. "They're a little bigger than we are but they are not as focused on the inside game as the outside game."

"Bowen is one of the top players in the state and he has a good supporting cast."

Coach Tony Sams' Mavs like to run the court. If they're hitting their outside shots, the Mavs are tough to beat.

Sams says the team's rebounding and defense must improve for Mountain View to enjoy an extended stay.

Twin Falls has done that in its last nine games and won seven as a result.

"That's the important part," Harr said. "It took us a while to get going."

"We can score against any defense. But in the other aspects of the game, it took us half a season to come together on the defensive end and rebounding."

Since, Twin Falls has held opponents to their scoring average or below, instead of giving up 10 more points than usual.

Senior post Luc Martin averages 14 points while guard Graham Stanley adds 13 a game. Mitch Smith and his twin brother Mike are good players while sophomore 6-5 post Brett Vriesman has steadily improved.

Tanner Hazelbaker, Todd Cook and Cory Albertson add outside scoring punch. Those three stepped up during the regional tournament, com-

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Twin Falls post Brett Vriesman fights for a rebound against Highland in this recent photo.



Times-News photo

LeBron propels Cavs past Hawks

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 24 points in three quarters and Zydrunas Ilguskas added 17, and the Cleveland Cavaliers rolled to a 112-80 win Wednesday night over the Atlanta Hawks.

The surging Cavaliers have won five of their last seven. A sellout crowd of 20,562 came to Gund Arena for James' bobblehead night. The first 10,000 fans through the door received the city's state of James.

Carlos Boozer added 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Lee Nelson added 10 points in his first game for Cleveland, which raced to a 17-point lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Stephen Jackson led Atlanta with 20 points and Jason Terry had 15 for the Hawks, who dropped their fifth straight road game.

Wizards 84, Raptors 70
WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas scored 27 points and Washington won for the fourth time in five games by beating Toronto.

Donyell Marshall scored 22 to lead Toronto, which snapped a nine-game losing streak Tuesday behind Vince Carter's 27 points in his return after a six-game absence.

On Wednesday, Carter shot 7-for-18 and had just four of his 16 points in the second half.

Washington limited the Raptors to 15 points in the third quarter and built a 65-57 lead. Arenas had 14 points in the quarter and combined with Ean Thomas to score all of Washington's points during a 14-3 run that gave the Wizards the lead for good.

Thomas finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Bucks 105, Magic 97

ORLANDO, Fla. — Keith Van Horn scored 25 points and Damon Jones tied the NBA's season high with 17 assists in leading the Milwaukee Bucks to their fourth straight victory, 105-97 over the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night.

Michael Redd added 24 points, but halftime and Desmond Mason scored 27 for Milwaukee.

Jones' assist tied Stephen Marbury, who did it twice last season — once with the Phoenix Suns on Dec. 18 and again with the New York Knicks on Jan. 16. Jones also

had nine points, including a key 3-pointer, and seven rebounds without committing a turnover.

Tracy McGrady scored 20 of his 31 points after halftime for the Magic, but he shot 11-for-27, 5-of-15 on 3-pointers.

Magie, bothered by his crumby back, shot 11-for-27, 5-of-15 on 3-pointers.

Knicks 88, 76ers 77

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury saw Tim Thomas out of the corner of his eye and flicked a no-look pass for a rebounding dunk, a key play for the Knicks pulled away in the fourth quarter, to defeat Philadelphia.

The dunk came during an 8-0 run midway through the final period as New York snapped a six-game losing streak.

Marbury scored the other six points during the run, finishing with 36 points and 10 assists, and Thomas had 16 points and 12 rebounds in his best home game since being acquired from Philadelphia 2.5 weeks earlier.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, who returned after a four-game absence due to a bruised shoulder,

shot 2-for-21 and had 11 points. Kenny Thomas led the 76ers with 21 points. Samuel Dalembert had 19 points and 14 rebounds.

Spurs 88, SuperSonics 84

SAAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 11 points and three steals in the fourth quarter to help the San Antonio Spurs hang on for an 88-84 win over the Seattle SuperSonics on Wednesday night.

For the second straight game, San Antonio squandered a double-digit lead in the fourth. The Spurs led 67-54 going into the final period Wednesday.

A 3-point play by Ray Allen made it 76-75 Spurs with 3:49 left, but layups by Hedo Turkoglu and Parker extended San Antonio's lead to five points.

Ronald Murray, who scored 14 points in the fourth, made a pair of free throws and then two jumpers to cut the Spurs' lead to 83-81 with 1:07 remaining.

Parker scored a 19-footer jump shot with 1:29 seconds left, and he and Robert Horry combined for three free throws to build the lead to 88-81 before Allen hit a 3-point

Coach fired, details of old misconduct case cited

YELM, Wash. — The Yelm High School football coach, a success on the field, is being fired because a newspaper revealed more details about sexual misconduct complaints and disciplinary action in a previous job, authorities say.

After two weeks of administrative leave from an investigation, Robert D. Shaw will be paid under a middle school coaching contract this month before he is let go, Yelm Community Schools Superintendent Alan Burke said Tuesday.

Shaw also has been a substitute teacher and assistant boys basketball coach since coming to this small town southeast of Olympia in 2002.

Under his direction Yelm went 6-4 last fall, the team's first win since 1995, two decades or more, and Burke said he had received no reports of untoward off-the-field behavior.

Shaw was fired because school officials learned more about his troubled past as a coach and teacher in Ellensburg after he was mentioned in a Seattle Times series, "Coaches who prey," the superintendent said.

According to a letter from Gerald Post, Ellensburg superintendent in 1996, Shaw was cited for "a long-standing pattern of behavior which includes inappropriate, touching and improper and/or sexually suggestive comments directed toward female students."

When he was hired in Yelm, "we were not privy to that information," Burke said. "We had general, but not specific, information."

He was forced to play in an American Basketball Association game

Joe Bryant, a former NBA player and now coach of the Las Vegas Rattlers of the ABA, donned a jersey bearing his son's number and played most of Tuesday's game against the Long Beach Jam. He finished with 18 points on 7-for-23 shooting in a 112-102 loss.

The 49-year-old Bryant inserted himself in the starting lineup because the Rattlers were short on players.

Kobe Bryant was in Engle, Colo., Tuesday for a hearing in his rape trial. The younger Bryant is accused of sexually assaulting a woman last June at the Vail-area resort where she worked and he was a guest. The Los Angeles Lakers star said they had consensual sex.

Because of the hearing, Kobe Bryant missed the Lakers 94-93 loss to the Atlanta Hawks.

Spanish teen-Nadal beats Rochus in Dubai Open

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal reached the Dubai Open quarterfinals by eliminating Olivier Rochus 6-3, 7-5 Wednesday.

Nadal, 17, fell behind in both sets, but came back in the second set to win five straight games. Rochus then went ahead 4-1 in the second, before Nadal took three games in a row.

Nadal now plays Mikhail Yuzhny, who beat qualifier Dennis Van Scheepingen 6-4, 7-5.

In a first-round match, Dominik Hrbaty quit while trailing 4-3 in the first set against Paradorn Srichaphan, saying he couldn't breathe. Hrbaty won his third title of the year last week in Marseille, France.

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SPORTS

Eagles land 'THE FREAK'

Philly outbids Redskins for Jevon Kearse on first day of free-agency signing period

The Associated Press played a complete season in four years. Last year, Snyder signed four players on the first day of free agency...

But the Philadelphia Eagles one-upped Daniel Snyder and the Washington Redskins, outbidding them for defensive end Jevon Kearse on the first day of the free-agency signing period.

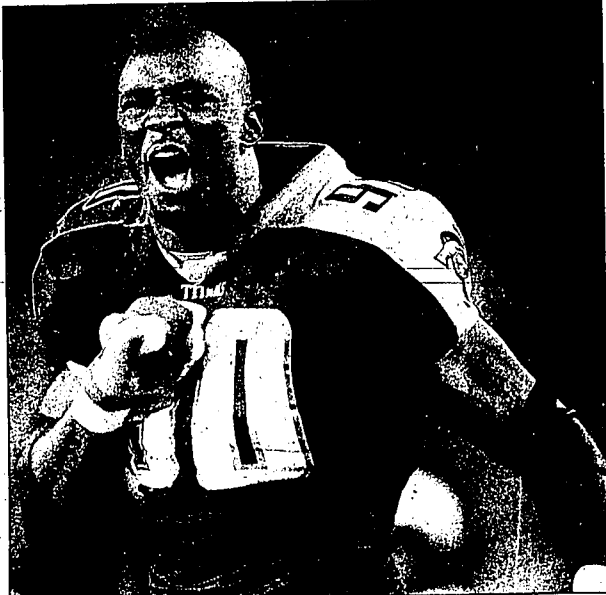
But the traditionally hyperactive Redskins also made moves Wednesday. Snyder's team agreed to terms with defensive tackle Cornelius Griffin and, according to a league source who requested anonymity, with Seattle cornerback Shawn Springs.

Kearse agreed to a \$66 million, eight-year deal to move from Tennessee to Philadelphia, which took a risk. Kearse has been hurt often the last two seasons, playing in only 18 of 32 games.

But after losing in the NFC title game the three years in a row, the Eagles decided to go for the pass rusher they lacked last season after letting Hugh Douglas leave for Jacksonville.

The Redskins had been interested in Kearse, but had to settle for Griffin, who spent his first four seasons with another NFC East team, the New York Giants. He also is a risk. His best season was as a rookie in 2003, and he had only one sack in 2000.

Springs would replace Champ Bailey as a shutdown cornerback in the Washington secondary. The Redskins also took a chance on Springs, who hasn't



Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse beats his chest as he is introduced before the start of the Titans' game against the New England Patriots, Dec. 15, 2002 in Nashville, Tenn. Desperate for a pass rusher, the Philadelphia Eagles signed three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Kearse to a \$66 million, eight-year deal on Wednesday, the first day of the NFL's free agency period.

tackle Chad Clifton, saving the salary cap space he would have used up had he remained the team's franchise player. As a franchise player, Clifton would have cost \$7 million under the cap. It now will be \$2.5 million. Safety Jerome Woods agreed to a six-year contract with Kansas City. The New York Jets released 11-year veteran Marvin Jones, the second linebacker to go in three days. On Monday, New York released Mo Lewis, who had been with the team for 13 seasons. Steelers fullback Dan Kreider passed up free agency and signed a four-year contract that will pay him a little more than \$4 million. New Orleans agreed to terms on a three-year contract with linebacker Derrick Rodgers.

Chain of evidence goes to Bonds' locker

It almost doesn't matter anymore whether Barry Bonds was juiced or not. There's no way to prove he was clean during one of the greatest runs the game has ever seen, and as long as his testimony before a grand jury remains sealed, no way for skeptics to prove he was dirty.

As long as Bonds told the truth - and remember, he was granted immunity to testify in the BALCO investigation - he has nothing to worry about in court of law. The court of public opinion, though, is another story. Nothing short of a confession will get him and his accomplishments off the hook with baseball fans now, and even that may not be good enough.

By Tuesday, the chain of evidence stretched all the way to the front of Bonds' locker. The first link was anecdotal: For the last several years, Bonds simply looked too buff to be true, especially for someone his age.

The second link was a spike in performance: It took Bonds 15-plus major league seasons to collect the first 500 homers, and then, after becoming a BALCO client in 2001, little more than one full season to get the next 100.

The latest, and most damning link, has been his long friendship with personal trainer and alleged BALCO bagman Greg Anderson. Citing information it said was given to federal investigators, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday that Anderson delivered steroids and human growth hormone to Bonds, New York Yankees stars Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield, three other major leaguers and one NFL player.

Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have repeatedly denied using steroids, and lawyers for Anderson and indicted BALCO founder Victor Conte went out of their way to say the San Francisco slugger "never took anything illegal" and even rejected offers of THG, the "designer" steroid that is at the center of the federal case. Then Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, responded to the newspaper story with a statement saying: "We continue to adamantly deny that Barry was provided, furnished or supplied any illegal substances at any time by Greg Anderson."

But the list of doubters is growing, too. A few days ago, in reference to Bonds using performance-enhancing drugs, Rockies reliever Turk Wendell was quoted as saying, "obviously he did it," and Andy Van Slyke, a former teammate in Pittsburgh, seconded that opinion in a radio interview Tuesday night.

A handful of other major leaguers, while refusing to join in the speculation over who took what, have said the drug-testing program that will begin this season is a sham that won't do anything to dispel the cloud of suspicion hovering over the game since its return from a crippling strike 10 years ago.

In that context, Bonds' dare last week that baseball could "test me every day if they choose to" might turn out to be the self-serving remark it sounded like. He might as well be saying he didn't inhale. It's one thing when athletes like cyclist Lance Armstrong or marathon runner Paula Radcliffe issue those kinds of challenges, because their sports have credible testing programs and both have already come back clean after time. While Bonds became the poster boy for the superizing of baseball, like Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa before him, there was no real testing and few substances or supplements that were outlawed.

Now that we can get a fair hearing, blame the players and their union, the owners and their commissioner - there's more than enough to go around. What happened to baseball was not a coincidence. Once the suits who ran the game found out how well one McGwire-Sosa duo sold tickets, they set out to create a dozen more.

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By crossing the 5 percent threshold set out in the collective bargaining agreement, they triggered the still-weak, but slightly more punitive testing program that goes into effect this season.

Regardless of the results, those tests won't wipe away the stain on baseball or the taint on Bonds and everything he's achieved. Even a confession couldn't change that, now because white fans may be willing to forgive, but because they won't.

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JIM LIKE

Transsexual will compete in Australian Open

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Mianne Bagger brings a new twist to gender blending in golf.

After a year in which seven women competed in men's tournaments, Bagger will make history this week at the Women's Australian Open as the first transsexual to play in a pro golf tournament.

Bagger sees it only as an opportunity. "It's my dream to play top-level golf," she said.

Bagger was born a male in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1966 and began playing golf as an 8-year-old.

Golf World magazine ran a photo of Bagger as a 14-year-old boy posing with Greg Norman at a golf clinic.

Bagger got down to a 4-handicap but stopped playing golf in 1992 to begin a transformation to a female with hormone therapy. Bagger had the sex-change operation three years later, then resumed playing in 1998.

"People aren't aware of what's involved with transsexualism," said Bagger, who is 5-foot-10 and



150 pounds. "People aren't aware that there are certain physiological changes you go through with hormone replacement therapy. We lose an amount of muscle mass and overall strength as a result. After surgery, those effects are permanent and irreversible." Another transsexual, Renee Richards, faced some opposition when she played on the women's tennis tour in the 1970s. Bagger, though, is being welcomed. Teske and Davies were among players who supported her appearance at Concord Golf Club. "This event might be the only chance Bagger gets.

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The PGA Tour, U.S. Golf Association and the Ladies European Tour have policies that players must be female at birth. The reason for that restriction was Charlotte Wood, a transsexual who was 50 when she finished third in the 1987 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, and reached

the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. The USGA put the "female at birth" clause in its entry forms in 1989, while the LPGA Tour added the restriction in 1991.

The International Olympic Committee last week put off a decision allowing transsexuals to compete in the Olympics, saying more time was needed to consider all the medical issues.

The IOC medical commission proposed that athletes who have had sex-change operations be eligible for sex games after hormone therapy and a two-year waiting period.

Women's Golf Australia, which runs the Women's Australian Open, removed its "female at birth" clause in 1998 and gave Bagger an exemption to the tournament.

After Bagger resumed playing golf in 1998, she won the South Australian State Championship for amateurs in 1999, 2001 and 2002, and turned pro last summer by joining the Danish PGA.

"I want to play professional golf and have the same opportunities as other women," she said.

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stainers Caleb Alfred and Nick Ramsey in foul trouble.

"The pressure is going to be on Preston," Smyer said. "If we believe in ourselves and execute, we feel we can knock them off."

The Wood River Wolverines will make their first trip from Halley to a boys basketball state tournament in 13 years. Returning coach Fred Trenkle has taken a Wolverine team that lost 15-plus games the

past three seasons and turned them into a state contender. "In this game, you've got to believe, but you have to understand first," Trenkle said. "We had to teach these kids basketball, show them the ropes."

Trenkle and his coaching staff inherited a team that, while blessed with height and athleticism, didn't understand how to take advantage of their talents. "Height is great, but basketball is a skill sport," Trenkle said. "You have to get the

ball from point A to point B. We had trouble getting that and getting the ball into our posts early."

But all that has changed for a team that has worked hard and now believes in itself and its coach. "It was a hurting situation at first," Trenkle said. "There weren't high expectations, but in two months to learn these kids' names, but these kids have worked hard and have really great attitudes."

And now, the Wolverines will play the Fruitland Grizzlies in state competition. "If we can slow their big gun down, we have a chance," Trenkle said. "We want to make it a 32-minute game and hope our depth gives us an advantage at the end."

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CLASS 3A TOURNAMENT CAPSULES

Following are capsules about potential opponents for Declo and Wood River at this weekend's 3A Boys Real Dairy Shootout basketball tournament at Meridian High School.

Fruitland Grizzlies Record: 14-8 Head Coach: Mike Fitch (10th season) Fruitland is State Basketball to win the District 18-3A championship. Players to watch: Eric Snoddy, sr., guard (14 points, 5 rebounds); Ryan Taylor, sr., post (10 points, 4 rebounds); Dennis Mahan, sr., post (8 points, 7 rebounds). Notes: The Grizzlies come in as the 2nd Real Dairy Shootout after winning the District 18-3A championship last year. The team earned the Grizzlies an automatic berth to state and a Wood River tie in the last round. They are huge, "base" team like Team Wood River. The Grizzlies hope to counter Wood River's height with a strong outside game. "I think it's a bit of a see-saw in the rebounding battle. I think we will probably have a chance," Fitch said. "They will be the biggest team we've faced all year."

and beating Priest River and South Fremont. "It's not old hat, but last year a experience will help a lot," Fitch said. "There's a lot of backcourt talent in the state tournament."

Lakeland Hawks Record: 15-7 Coach: Trent Derrick (10th season) Lakeland is State District championship, repeat through Intermountain League 10 for first league title since 1971. This is Lakeland's last year in 3A. The Hawks have won 14 straight games. The Hawks have won three district titles under Derrick. Players to watch: Ricky Gaska, Sr., sr., guard, Ryan Gaska, Sr., sr., guard, Sam Keller, Sr., sr., wing. Notes: Ricky Gaska averages 17 points and 10 rebounds. Ryan averages 15 points and 10 rebounds. Keller averages 12 points and 10 rebounds. Lakeland is undefeated against 3A competition (12-0), losing to mostly lower schools - Lewiston, Crow, Owyhee, Latah (3A), Post Falls (4A) and east to Lapwai (2A). Lakeland could play essentially all the 4A level, which Derrick has done at times. The Hawks are small and rely on accuracy.

Middleton Vikings Record: 22-2 Head Coach: Dale Kirk (seventh season) Players to watch: Steve Maloney in state play in game. Players to watch: Jordan Hammons, sr., wing; Chance Davis, sr., guard; Zach Fincher, sr., guard. Notes: coach The Vikings run a close defense as they were undefeated during regular season competition and then lost at district, but they earned the right to play Kellogg for a berth to state and win. Middleton looks

forward to making this season count. "We are excited right now and we'll start thinking about Shelby when we get home (Saturday)," head coach Dale Kirk said after beating Halley Saturday night. "The Vikings talk on Shelby in the first round, a team that got the better of them in the 3A State championship tournament." This is Kirk's third year coaching the Vikings. The Vikings are a solid team but on opponents so the kids are excited to play. "I think we have a good shot for us," Kirk said. "I think we'll be in the top four of the general offensive player of senior wing Jordan Hammons."

Preston Indians Coach: Coy Pratt (10th season) Record: 21-8-0 Players to watch: Brian Overton, Chris Larson, Kelly Ransberg, Kelly Ransberg, Mike Hanson, Isaac Roberts, Todd Parker, Russ Anderson. Notes: With an undefeated record, it's hard not to single out Preston as the tournament favorite. The Indians placed second at state last year, losing out to Declo, with virtually the same roster. That experience, plus the combination of attention from guards like Kelly and Robby Ransberg and the recent presence of 6'10" Shawn Overton, makes Preston one of the most solid around state teams at the moment. They can get revenge for last year's loss quickly in an opening round game against Declo.

Shelby Russells Coach: Dave Hickey (10th season) Record: 12-12 Head Coach: Mike Wiza (3A, District 18-3A), leading South Fremont while also coaching in the Coquille aster in the tournament. Players to watch: Matt Lockington, Sr., sr., post; Kevin Lockington, Sr., sr., post; Doug Dyer, Sr., sr., sr., sr. Notes: Shelby fought through a ream-jumbled Mountain Pines Conference race to earn the state berth. The Russells finished 2nd in the regular season and won the district tournament by knocking off South Fremont twice in two days. Matt Lockington was the starting fullback on Shelby's state championship football team. Shelby defeated Middleton in the 1st, and the Russells are hoping for the same results when they meet the Vikings in the first round.

Fruitland finished last at state last year losing to Preston

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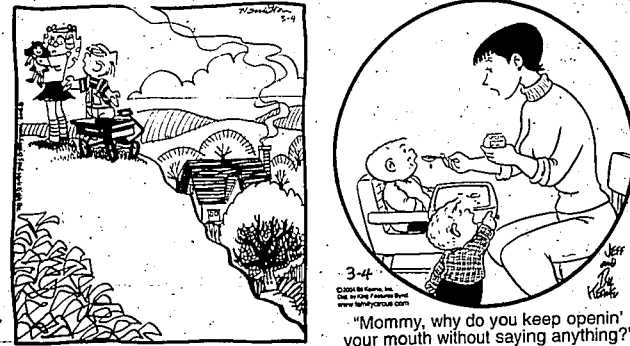
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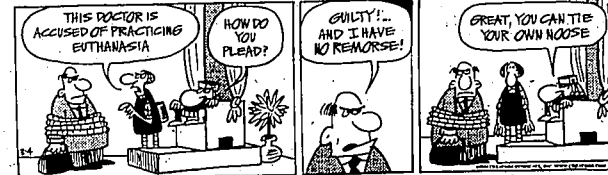
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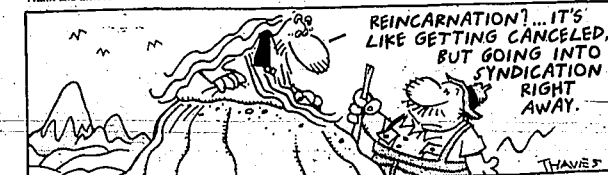
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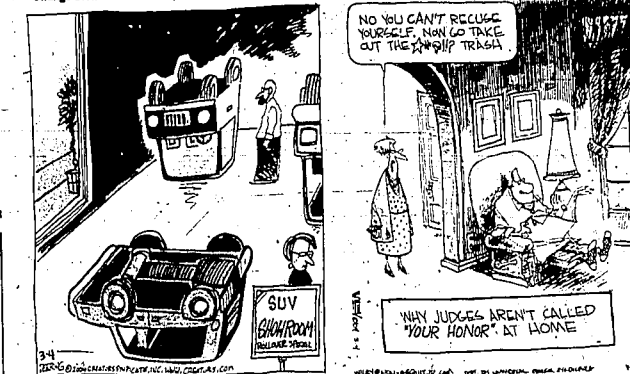
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The Times-News

AROUND THE VALLEY

Districts close in on unification

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Parents in Lincoln County have high hopes for the future of their schools.

"I want it all," said Sue Cenarusa, a parent of three students in Shoshone.

Cenarusa's comments came during a meeting with teachers, school board members and administrators Wednesday night at the Shoshone School where the topic of discussion was unifying the Richfield, Shoshone and — possibly — Dietrich school districts.

Walter Dickey, a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, and Peggy McGarry, from the Center for Effective Public Policy, facilitated the meeting, which drew about 30 people.

Dickey led the discussion starting with what people want from the schools, as opposed to just how to consolidate them.

School boards in Lincoln County have held two joint meetings to look at the possibility of sharing costs. Richfield and Shoshone agreed to pursue consolidation, while Dietrich bowed out of the discussion, although board members from each district have emphasized that Dietrich could still rejoin the effort.

The proposal would have one superintendent while keeping each community's school open. Richfield's School Board first proposed this when it learned that two of the three superintendents in the county would retire after this school year.

A major concern is the districts' ability to offer diverse programs, such as foreign languages and advanced classes. Cenarusa

emphasized the importance of pooling resources between the districts and coordinating calendars so that more sharing can take place.

"We all are lacking funds," said Richfield Board member Mike Cenarusa.

Brenda Farnworth, a Richfield School Board member, estimated that if all three districts unified and had only one superintendent and clerk, they could save about \$93,000 a year for seven years before the state reconfigured the funding formulas.

The schools have major roles to play in keeping the community vital, said Bev Ashton, district liaison for the state Department of Juvenile Corrections.

"I'd like to see the kids who come out of our schools want to stay in Lincoln County," Ashton said.

Pat Hamilton, a member of the Shoshone

School Board, was pleased with the dialogue and felt cooperation was long overdue.

"Every time we get together, there's more communication," Hamilton said. "It's time for this to happen."

Dietrich School Board Member John Bingham came just to listen. After the meeting he said there is a lot of fear in Dietrich that the community would lose its identity if the school district were not independent. He said people there were not aware of the advantages a unified school district could have and how little it might actually affect the community.

The next joint school board meeting to discuss a possible consolidation plan between the Shoshone and Richfield districts will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Richfield School.

Squirrel cuts power to T.F. residents

TWIN FALLS — Two separate power outages cut electricity to approximately 2,000 customers in Twin Falls Wednesday evening.

And the main culprit was a squirrel.

Denis Lopez, a spokesman for Idaho Power, said a car hit a power pole at 8:35 p.m., causing approximately 100 customers in the area around Robbins, Caswell and Filer Avenues and Sparks Street to lose power.

Then, at 9:14, a squirrel got into some equipment at the company's substation, cutting power to approximately 1,900 customers in the area north of Caswell Avenue to the canyon-rim between Blue Lakes Boulevard and Washington Street.

"The problem was with what's called a get-away cable, which is the main line leaving the substation," Lopez said.

"We actually think it was a squirrel," he added.

Several alarms went off during the outage, including ones at PetSmart and the Southern Idaho Health District office, among others. Power was cut to numerous businesses, a long-term care facility and some fish hatcheries, Lopez said.

Lopez said late Wednesday that he expected power to be restored by 11:30 p.m.

The spokesman said he does not believe the squirrel survived the outage.

Backcountry avalanche danger remains high

KETCHUM — Backcountry avalanche conditions remain high, the Sawtooth National Forest warned Wednesday.

Central Idaho's snowpack has weak underlying layers with the potential to produce large, destructive avalanches. Saturday's death in the Apollo drainage of the Smoky Mountains was just that type of avalanche.

Backcountry travelers may not see the usual warning signs of collapsing or cracking snow. Buried weak layers formed during January's dry spell are widespread.

Tracks on a slope are not an indication of stability. And steep slopes may be triggered from adjacent lower terrain.

"Any amount of new snowfall, wind-blown snow or an increase in temperature can increase the danger."

Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended without knowledge or training in avalanche assessment. All group members should carry avalanche-rescue equipment including beacons, shovels, and probes and know how to use them.

For daily updates and advisories call 208-622-8027 or look up www.sawtooth.org and select Sun Valley. For avalanche basics, find the Forest Service's National Avalanche Center online at www.savalanche.org.

Dems will host 'Coffee and Conversation'

GOODING — A "Coffee and Conversation" (also known as "Pizza and Politics") event will be held at 9 a.m. March 6 at Coyote Joe's on Main Street.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, will discuss this year's legislative session.

"Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Renee Orth at 934-5375."

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	94%	75%
Salmon Falls	113%	76%
Salmon	93%	76%
Oakton	116%	99%
Big Wood	97%	79%
Little Wood	103%	85%
Henny Fork/Teton	110%	88%
Big Lost	104%	82%
Little Lost	91%	70%
As of March 3		

A comparison of basin snowpack on the day, with a 30-year average.
An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

THE OTHER LITTLE GREEN MEN



McKell Hitt, a first-grader at Albion Elementary School, creates a loprechaun in class this week. Students heard tales about loprechauns as they made St. Patrick's Day decorations.

State officials laud proposed wolf rules

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — A change in federal rules governing gray wolves will help satisfy Idaho ranchers who've lost livestock to the reintroduced predators and hunters who claim the packs are decimating big game herds, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Wednesday.

The U.S. Department of Interior proposed Wednesday giving ranchers and state wildlife departments in Idaho and Montana more flexibility in handling their burgeoning wolf populations until Wyoming writes an acceptable management plan.

"I'm an advocate that those closest to the issue can manage that issue in good fashion," said Kempthorne, who took part in a telephone conference with Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Montana Gov. Judy Martz.

"This is being received very positively by ranchers and farmers who have seen decimation of portions of their herds and felt very constrained in how to deal with it."

— Gov. Dirk Kempthorne



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cient to remove the animal from the endangered species list. Norton said. But delisting cannot happen until Wyoming writes a wolf management plan acceptable to the federal government like Idaho and Montana have done.

"The key conflict is their impact on prey," Norton said.

Under the proposed change, property owners can kill wolves on private land if they spot the predator killing their livestock or pets. They do not need a permit. But they can acquire a permit to kill wolves that consistently pose a threat to their domestic animals.

Idaho wolves have held an "experimental, nonessential" designation. Ranchers could shoot a wolf if they observed it killing one of their animals.

Norton said Idaho and Montana game agencies also can dispatch wolves which are killing deer, elk or moose to the point that state big game population objectives are not being met.

Hunters are concerned that wolf packs are stripping the game

units of "deer and elk" such as north-central Idaho's Clearwater country, a long-time hunting attraction where the elk herds are dwindling.

Wolves have apparently dispersed from central Idaho as far

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House kills mandatory kindergarten measure

The Associated Press

BOISE — House members on Wednesday resoundingly defeated a Democratic-sponsored bill that would have required children at least 6 years old to attend kindergarten.

House Bill 740 was sponsored by Assistant Democratic Floor Leader Donna Boe of Pocatello. It was "defeated 44-26, with all 44 votes against" the bill coming from Republicans. The 16 Democrats who supported the legislation were joined by 10 Republicans, including Rep. Sharon Block of Twin Falls.

Block, a retired kindergarten teacher, said she always had one or two disadvantaged kids who had never been read a story and did not know colors.

"I know it's hard to imagine, but it's true," she said. "And those children can't seem to ever catch up with the others. Each year, the gap widens. Very often, they give up and they get angry and get into trouble."

If it had passed, the legislation would have required that all children attend kindergarten and all children aged 6 to 16 years old exempt 6-year-olds.

About 6 percent of Idaho's students start school without attend-



ing kindergarten or receiving comparable instruction.

Most lawmakers agreed that the law would have affected an estimated 200 youngsters who likely would not otherwise attend school next year.

Lawmakers delivered passionate and often sarcastic arguments on both sides of the issue.

Boe told members that the bill does not force parents of 5-year-olds to send their children to half-day kindergarten — but that 6-year-old children need to at least be educated at home in order to be prepared for first grade.

New performance requirements mean students must get ready earlier, she said. While some families hold their children back from school because they are learning at home, other families are ignoring their responsibility to ensure their child is ready.

"The No Child Left Behind Act means no child left behind," Boe emphasized.

Block said the piece missing from school accountability is the parent's responsibility.

"We need to give them the

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'Annie' returns to Oakley opera house

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

OAKLEY — It was 21 degrees when Keith Ramsey walked out his front door Monday morning. And he felt every bit of it.

"I had to go back inside and get a hat," said Ramsey, a 54-year-old plumbing and heating contractor who's playing Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks in the Oakley Valley Arts Council production of "Annie," which opens tonight. "This is no weather for a man with my haircut."

His haircut, of course, is comprehensive; Ramsey, like his character, is quite bald.

Much colder, in fact, than he was 17 years ago when he did the same role in the same play for the same theater company.

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- If you go ...
- What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Martin Chamin and Charles Srouse's musical "Annie."
 - Where: Howells Opera House, Oakley.
 - When: Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and March 11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 8 p.m.
 - How much: Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning 687-ARTS.



Hayley Greenwell, as Annie, rehearses at the Howells Opera House for the Oakley Valley Arts Council production of the musical "Annie," which opens tonight.

ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

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Kempthorne works to ease health care access restrictions

BOISE (AP) - Legislative restraint on the 2004-2005 spending plan has the state on track to top up the talks by the end of the week...



an expected surplus of more than \$60 million by mid-2005 will be enough to finance basic state programs for the following year...

tioned the feasibility of Kempthorne's strategy because it requires the next two budgets to be held to 1 percent increases over the previous years...

Governor: Charter school reform deal has been reached

Senate ed chairman says latest proposal is unacceptable



Dirk Kempthorne

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday said he has negotiated a compromise with some critics for charter school reform that has broad-based legislative support...

son from outside both. The chairman of the Senate Education Committee called the latest proposal unacceptable because it still includes a commission that would have more authority than local school boards...

DEATH NOTICES

Nick Shaver BUHL - Nick Shaver, a long-time resident of Buhl, died Wednesday morning, March 3, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

Arthur 'Art' Beem JEROME - Arthur 'Art' Beem, 86, of Jerome, died Wednesday March 3, 2004, at his home.

Marjorie Ann Mendini BUHL - Marjorie Ann Mendini, 83, of Buhl, died March 3, 2004, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

William 'Bill' Kestler TWIN FALLS - William 'Bill' Kestler, 79, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at his home of a sudden illness.

Philip A. Smith Sr. BUHL - Philip A. Smith Sr., 90, of Buhl, died March 3, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Phyllis Kourland SUN VALLEY - Phyllis Kourland died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the U.C.L.A. Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif., of cancer.

Lena Achabal Ensumas of the Castelford and Buhl communities, celebration Mass and lunch at 11 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church. (Demaray's Funeral Chapel)

Manning Patterson GOODING - Manning Patterson, 92, a resident of Gooding, Idaho, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Warren Kerrigan Clark, 89, of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Michael Andrew Powells of Seattle, Wash., memorial Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho.

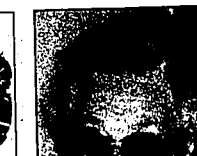
For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication.

Justin Dee Frederickson, 29, of Kimberly, service at noon today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. Viewing one hour before the service (White Mortuary)

Dennis Reed Blackwood, service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ascension Episcopal Church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel)

OBITUARIES

Lida Odetta Madsen Jackson - Twin Falls Lida Odetta Madsen Jackson, 89, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following complications of diabetes.



She married Delbert Maynard Jackson on July 13, 1932, and their marriage was solemnized in the Boise, Idaho, LDS Temple. Although this was near the end of the great depression, when times were really tough and work scarce, they learned to live frugally, to spend wisely, save for the future and learned to manage on a modest farmers income.

Survivors include her children, Donna (Pete) Hathaway of Gooding, Darlene (Bob) Woodhead of Logan, Utah, Flora Jean (Bradley) Bloom of Salt Lake City, Beverly (Ron) Adamson of Gooding, Fred (Dixie) Jackson and Guy (Peg) Jackson both of Hagerman, and a daughter-in-law, Joyce Jackson of Jerome. Also surviving are two sisters and two brothers.

providing the services, she would always state these words with pride, "and there isn't an ugly one in the bunch."

Following their retirement, they sold the farm and moved to Twin Falls and then later to Gooding. Delbert preceded her in death in 1990 and Odetta continued to reside in Gooding until February of 2003, when she moved to Bridgeview Manor in Twin Falls. She made many friends there and enjoyed her association with the other residents.

She was proud of her posterity. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and was dearly loved by all her family.

Funeral for Lida Odetta Jackson will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, in the Gooding Ward LDS Chapel. Burial will follow in the Jerome cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Home Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome and from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Gary Lee Dean - Rupert worked several years at Magic Valley Foods. He enjoyed fishing, carpentry, making things out of wood and making knives.

Gary is survived by his sister, Shirley Miller of Rupert, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, at the Rupert cemetery. Military rites are under the direction of local veterans. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Since charter public schools were authorized in 1997, 16 have been created around the state. Advocates believe they foster innovative teaching techniques...

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Jerome development inches forward

By Dale Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A proposal to rezone about four acres at 525 16th Ave. E. from Residential 1 to Residential 2 has drawn no opposition so far. During a public hearing on the proposal Tuesday, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told City Council members that the ordinance that normally accompanies a rezone request is being held at the Planning and Zoning Commission level until some paperwork issues are sorted out. Therefore, no action was taken.

The property in northeast Jerome, owned by Eric Holley, could eventually see senior housing or a retired-living center built on it in the form of a planned-unit development.

Other business

Other business conducted by the City Council included:
• **Tree committee** — Council members approved the appointment of Amy Rothweiler, Mark Kosen, Jennie Wise and Steve Hoffman to the city's tree committee for three-year terms that will expire Jan. 31, 2007. The council also approved the appointment of Public Works Director Bob Culver and Craig Westling, who represents Idaho Power, as assistant members of the committee. The tree committee

looks after the urban forest in the city.
• **Housing Authority** — The council reappointed Darrell Hurd to the city's Housing Authority for a five-year term to expire Jan. 31, 2009. Hurd has been on the housing authority board since 1999. The housing authority looks after Heritage Homes, the senior citizen housing in the city.
• **Red Cross** — Mayor Charles Correll proclaimed March to be Red Cross Month.

Commission held its first hearing on the matter Dec. 30. This is the first planned-unit development the commission has ever worked on, so commissioners are being extra careful, Rothweiler said.

Planned-unit developments, known as PUDs, are not allowed in R1 zones, which permit only single-family homes. But they are allowed in R2 zones.

The Planning and Zoning

Holley, who lives in Hawaii, wants to build between 30 and 40 two-bedroom, upper-end units that would be about 1,000 square feet each. The four acres where they'd be located currently is bare ground.

Rothweiler said a planned-unit development in the neighborhood is compatible with the city's comprehensive plan and with the zoning of the surrounding neighborhood.

Holley will be the sole owner of all structures on the property. Should he decide to sell the property it would have to be sold as one unit, not subdivided. And since the PUD is not a subdivision a preliminary plat is not required, Rothweiler said. However, detailed plans must be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval.

Other business

Other City Council business Tuesday included:

• **Trees** — City Council members will seek advice from a licensed arborist before a final decision is made on the disposal of 16 old and diseased trees in the city's park. The debate is whether the council's top concern should be the trees' liability or the immediate aesthetic effect on the park if they're all removed at one time.

As the old trees have died, their mid-edges have hollowed out, resident Chuck Steel told the City Council. "So what you have is a hollow pipe that goes straight up for maybe 60 feet or so," he said. "The only thing holding it up is the outer shell."

Kelley will meet with the forester for inspections. Kelley reported the "some trees in the park are infested with gall flies and will be sprayed this spring."

Drainage — Kelley has contacted J. U.B. Engineers for a survey of the drainage problem on Lake Street.

Fixing it is the top priority of the department this year, he said.

School connection — Hagerman School Superintendent Lee Mitchell expressed appreciation for the cooperative effort of Police Chief Loren Miller and Public Works Director Kelley to get additional stop signs at the intersection of Lake and Second streets between the high school and elementary school.

Mitchell would also like to see a designated crosswalk at the site. "It would be better than allowing the students to cross diagonally," Mitchell said. "It's safer and more controllable."

Police report — Chief Miller report-

ed for the month of February he had 228 hours of work, one narcotics investigation, seven case files, 14 calls for assistance, 11 traffic citations, eight other citations including dogs at large, six animal calls, four citizen assists, three agency assistants, one theft, six arrests, one alarm, eight suspicious incidents and eight miscellaneous calls.

"I'm getting a lot of help from the Drug Task Force Team, Gooding County and the prosecutor," Miller said.

• **Donation** — The Hagerman School Alumni Association donated \$500 to the library building fund. Use of the "Hagerman Public Library Increased 26 percent this past month compared with February of last year. Ten patrons joined the library in February. Librarian Wiljna Bogoff said.

• **Fire report** — The Hagerman Fire District responded to one brush fire, one vehicle accident, one Emergency Medical Service assist and one standby during the month of February. The Hagerman Quick Response Unit had 12 calls including 10 medical, one trauma and one standby.

The district will conduct a fire assessment plan for protection. The district recently underwent an inspection by the Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau. Results should be available in March. The city currently has a 6 rating on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the best fire protection rating.

"When we put in the new water system, we went from an 8 to a 6," Fire Chief Tim Peterson said. "There are some things we will be able to improve on to lower that. I would love to see a 4 rating."

Hagerman police chief scores pay raise

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The city's top cop is getting a raise.

The City Council unanimously approved a \$1,000 per month pay increase for Police Chief Loren Miller at the recommendation of Mayor Todd Bassett.

Miller will receive a salary of \$3,200 per month, which translates to \$38,400 a year. That's a 42 percent pay increase from his previous \$2,900 salary.

Bassett said individuals from various agencies said they previously were unable to have a working relationship with the Hagerman Police Department. But since Miller was hired, Bassett said, "at any given time, you will see at least one or two sometimes multiple county sheriff's officers down here, supporting Loren. They are here because of the relationship Loren has forged with them."

Miller officially assumed the police chief's job on Oct. 1 last year. He applied for the job after the previous chief, Joe Gardner, was dismissed in connection with irregularities that appeared on a city credit card.

Miller has been the sole police officer in Hagerman since the city terminated Officer James D. Pruett in January.

Annie

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"No," he said, "I didn't remember the lyrics."

But "Annie" launched Ramsey on a musical odyssey, starting with eight consecutive Ovation musical productions and more than a decade with the Extension Chords award-winning Burley-based burlesque quartet.

"We lost one of our members last year, so I thought I'd try musical theater for a while," Ramsey said.

Ramsey heads an 18-member cast of the show, which will run through March 20 at Howells Opera House; a building that will turn 100 next summer.

"It's just a great theater to do a play in," he said. "It has a sloping stage and only 265 seats, so the actors get a chance to go out with the audience."

Director Harlo Clark, who was also in the 1987 Ovation production, says this one is higher-tech.

"We have a screen across the front of the stage (and) images of New York City during the period," he said. "It's a great cast and it should be a lot of fun."

The title character is 9-year-old Oakley schoolgirl Hayley Greenwell.

The part was written for a 12- or 13-year-old, so it's a challenge for someone that young, Clark said. "But she's doing a wonderful job."

Orphans include Britni Duncan, Elisabeth Rose, Carrie Morrison, Lacy Morrison, Gretie Hanson, Emily Bowers, Maria Annell, Jessica Annell and Hunter Miller.

"We're lucky enough to have 'orphans' of all different ages," Ramsey said. "And we have 12 instead of six, ranging in age from 5 to 13."

"Annie," of course, is Martin Charlin and Charles Strouse's musical adaptation of Harold Gray's Depression-era comic strip about a red-haired mop-top orphan, yearning to break out of her dreary life in an orphanage run by Miss Hannigan, an iron-fisted, bony matron. She charms billionaire Warbucks into adopting her — but what she truly wants is to find her real parents.

With Andrea McCordle as Annie, Reid Shelton as Warbucks and Dorothy Loudon as Miss Hannigan, "Annie" opened on Broadway in 1977 and ran for 2,377 performances. Director John Huston made it into a movie in 1982, with Aileen Quinn as Annie, Albert Finney as Warbucks and Carol Burnett as Miss Hannigan.

Ever since, it's been one of the most widely performed musicals in America.

In this case, also starring Shady — a black-and-white hound whose standing in for Sandy, Annie's dog, who was an iron-fisted.

"Seventeen years ago, we had a dog in the show who liked to howl when the actors started singing," Ramsey said. "Shady is much better behaved."

Shoshone might let company use city property

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Cell phone users in Shoshone could be getting better reception and service soon.

The City Council agreed to allow U.S. Cellular to investigate the possibility of building a new cell tower on city property located near the gun range and dog kennels.

Dan McKinney, a U.S. Cellular consultant, told the council that the company has been looking at sites within Shoshone for possible locations.

Because of the distance to current towers, cell phone users in town now experience a poor signal, McKinney said.

"It is worse inside buildings,"

he said. Besides getting a better signal, there is another reason for locating a tower site in town, McKinney said.

"Throughout Southern Idaho they are upgrading technology," he said.

Upgraded technology would allow cell phones to connect to the Internet, which would allow data services.

"Data services require a better signal," McKinney said.

McKinney had considered options in Shoshone, but found very few because of the many historical buildings and limited zoning options for cell towers.

Councilman Dale Sluder said that he thought the location near the gun range and dog kennels

would be a good place for a tower. "We definitely need the improvement in service," he said.

Councilwoman Lee Ross questioned whether any hazardous materials would be involved in erecting a cell tower or be used inside the building that would control it.

No hazardous would be used, McKinney responded, and only computers would be inside the building.

Steve Stock, fire chief of the Wood River Fire District, said that if U.S. Cellular decided to locate a cell tower in town, the company would have to apply to the fire commissioners for coverage.

McKinney said he would continue looking for a new site for the tower. If he finds a suitable one, he

Burley water rates will increase by two dollars

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — All city water customers will pay an additional \$2 a month for their base water rates beginning April 1, City Council members decided Tuesday.

Council members have been talking about raising water rates for several months and decided to do so after conducting a public hearing at a February council meeting.

The additional money is needed to pay for a new water well and a new storage tank and to boost the water fund's reserve account to pay for future water system work, city officials say.

Water rates were increased by \$2 a month last year, too.

After approving the higher rates, council members authorized the mayor to sign off on an application to borrow money from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to pay for the new well and tank. The final cost of the two projects hasn't been determined.

As council members were discussing a new water well, City Attorney Randy Stone asked Councilman Dennis Curtis asked for options for cell towers.

Addressing the potential threat to the one water well located north of the Snake River, based on the recent decision by the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Karl Dreher, has ordered a curtailment of water from some wells north of the Snake River or some other resolu-

tion to replace water to a fish hatchery suffering water shortages.

Stone said city well No. 4 falls into the curtailment order, which is to become effective April 1, but said "it's not significant to Burley."

The city has wells on the south side of the river and a water line across the river, Stone said, "so we can get water."

Other council business included:

• **Planning commission** — Council members concurred with the mayor's decision to reappoint Dennis Nester to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Jon Anderson said there is a vacancy on the planning commission. Anyone interested in vol-

unteering for that board, which typically meets once a month, should contact Anderson at City Hall, 878-2224.

• **House sale** — Council members accepted the high bid of \$10,600 for the house at 619 Oakley Ave. Gilbert Hodge submitted that bid. One other bid for the property was received. City Administrator Mark Mitton said, for \$4,200.

Council members declared the house as surplus property last year. The city owns the house because of a default on a promissory note. It was advertised for sale for \$27,400, the appraised value, but no qualifying minimum bids were submitted, so the city sought purchase proposals.

Find more information online at www.idahoparks.org.

State, federal agencies will hear comments on ATVs

By Dale Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — State and federal agencies will hold a joint public meeting Monday in Twin Falls to hear what the public thinks about new proposals to manage all-terrain vehicle use in Idaho.

The number of ATVs registered in Idaho more than doubled in just five years. There were 24,207 registered ATVs in 1999. The number grew to at least 52,371 in 2003, said the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

The state departments of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, and Lands have an agreement

to hold public meetings.

in addition to public meetings.

with land managers, law enforcement personnel, ATV users and conservation groups. They will be followed by a random public survey of Idaho households.

Monday's public meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Road in Twin Falls.

Written comments can be sent to Dave Claycomb, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0065 or dclaycomb@idpr.state.id.us.

Find more information online at www.idahoparks.org.

is golf a pain for you?

Share your story with us.

The Times-News is preparing an article on injuries that golfers suffer — not only shoulder, arm and elbow problems but hip pain.

If you're a golfer with aches and pains and would like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at scrum@timesnews.com.

— compiled from staff reports

Kindergarten

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responsibility of getting their child ready for school," Block said.

But those against the bill said it took away a parent's right to decide what is best for his child.

Rep. Dick Harwood, R-St. Maries, said Boe's bill was nothing less than a path toward Communism because "the Communist Manifesto calls for state control of public education, and this is another step toward state control of education."

Other House Republicans said it would cost too much. Rep. Scott Beck, R-Oakley, who crafted last year's education budget, said there was no money to cover the estimated \$1.1 million to \$2.2 million cost to the state.

"Pick your line item (elsewhere in the state budget) where you want us to control of public education, and we'll take that \$1.1 million," Beck said. "The government can only do so much. We have to decide where that line is. For me, that line is at first grade."

Wolf

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Wildlife Services officials said Wednesday the wolves had not returned to the area.

The proposed rule change will appear in the Federal Register in a few days, followed by a 60-day public comment period. So it would take about 90 days to implement it, Norton said. It would not affect Wyoming, as that state still lacks an approved man-

agement plan.

Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams said there are federal grant programs to help the state wildlife agencies control the wolves.

"This is a federal asset that we're managing," Kempthorne said. "This is of national importance. We're not going to be using sportsmen's dollars or state appro-

prations to manage this action."

Williams said his agency has been helping Wyoming officials in creating a state management plan that will usher in the delisting of the wolves.

Wednesday's action would not affect gray wolves in northwestern Montana, the Great Lake states or Mexican wolves in the American Southwest.

How they voted

Here is the 26-44 roll call vote by the House of Representatives on Wednesday rejected lowering the mandatory school attendance for children from age 7 to age 6 and compelled attendance in kindergarten. The bill also would have required all children between ages 6 and 16 to attend school.

• **Republicans against (44):** Barlow, Barrett, Bauer, Bayer, Bedke, Bell, Block, Bell, Campbell, Clark, Collins, Crow, Deal, Denney, Eberle, Ellisworth, Eskridge, Field, (18), Field (23), Gagner, Garrett, Harwood, Kellogg, Kuczyk, Lake, Langford, McGeehan, McKague, Meyer, Moyle, Nielsen, Raybould, Riegler, Roberts, Rydchak, Sali, Schneider, Skippen, Smith (24), Snaeglass, Stevenson, Willis, Wood, Newcomb.

• **Republicans for (10):** Block, Bradford, Cannon, Edmundson, Jones, Miller, Ridinger, Shirley, Smylie, Traylor (Benett).

• **Democrats for (16):** Anderson, Boe, Cuddy, Douglas, Henbest, Jaquet, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccarato, Pasley-Stuart, Ringo, Robison, Saylor, Shepherd, Smith (30).

• **Democrats against (None)**



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NATION/MORNING BREAK

Alcohol fuels soccer mom's fiery temper

DEAR ABBY: I am a normal 13-year-old kid. I play soccer and the saxophone and am serious about both.

Lately, I'm noticing my mom's drinking. She threatens all kinds of things at night: no soccer, no sax, no social life. She gets argumentative and repeats herself. We've been getting into fights because she forgets things—and says things she doesn't mean.

The other night, she grabbed and pushed me. When I told her to stop, she said she has nothing to lose, but I do.

Plus my dad is kind of timid, so he goes along with whatever she says. Help!



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Her friends think she might be acting too hastily. Do you think we need more time? We are both 38 and are ready to spend our lives together. What do you think?

DEAR CONFUSED: You are both adults. Since there is nothing keeping her in the town where she lives, I see no reason why she shouldn't relocate to yours. Her friends mean well, I'm sure, but they are not the ones who should be deciding whether her decision is too hasty, and I think they should butt out.

- CRAZY IN COLORADO

DEAR CRAZY: Your mother's drinking is out of control, and her behavior is destructive. Your father probably hopes that if he ignores it, it will go away. Please clip this letter and give it to him. He needs to contact Al-Anon, and you should attend some Alateen meetings.

Alateen is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. An active adult member of Al-Anon serves as a sponsor for each group. The number for both Al-Anon and Alateen is (888) 425-2666, and the Web site for both is www.al-anon.alateen.org.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, my high school sweetheart and I linked up again at our class reunion. We live in different states. A few months later, I visited her. Two months after that, she came to visit me for a week. We got along great.

We talk constantly and are in love with each other all over again. Neither of us has children or other obligations. She has agreed to move here, get her own place for a while, and let nature take its course. I can't see myself without her.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Andre" since I was 12 and he was 13. We are now 26 and 27. Like any couple, we've had arguments. He's also cheated on me. We have three children. He also has four children with other women.

I am confused, Abby. We have a lot of trust issues. I have my guard up all the time. I love him. He was my first sexual partner. I want to get married, but I can't help thinking he's going to cheat again.

How can I learn to trust him totally?

-C.D. IN CHICAGO

DEAR C.D.: Being of sound mind and body, that would be impossible. Your boyfriend has proven at least four times that he is not trustworthy in the fidelity department. Thirteen years of this distrust and torture are enough already. If I were you, I'd talk to a lawyer, establish child support and let him go. He may be 27, but he still hasn't grown up.

Working poor face higher obesity because unhealthy food is cheaper

CUTLER, Calif. (AP) — Farm worker Iris Caballero often has a hard time keeping the refrigerator and cupboard stocked with food. Yet, she's overweight and diabetic.

She is a classic example of a modern-day paradox as reliable access to healthy food declines, the likelihood of being overweight goes up.

The working poor like Caballero often have no time for cooking, little money to buy fresh vegetables, and a long walk to the closest supermarket with a good produce section.

"We have been pretending that it is easy to replace a diet of soft drinks and fast food with home-cooked meals, fresh fruits and vegetables," said Adam Drewnowski, a University of Washington epidemiology professor who has studied the problem.

The problem is pronounced in what seems an unlikely place — California's Central Valley, where much of the nation's produce is grown. The valley also has some of the highest poverty rates.

Although being overweight is usually associated with eating too much rather than with hunger, a growing body of research is showing that they're people who have gained the most weight in the last decade tend to have the lowest incomes, and often go without the kind of food or the amount they need.

Caballero's neighborhood mini-market in the isolated farming town of Cutler offers a full array of processed foods in colorful packages — and battered apples selling for 50 cents.

"Many people can't afford to eat the produce they pick," said Drewnowski, who also heads a center for public nutrition.

These people are obese, frankly, because they have no money, and some diets are cheaper than others.

"The message has been to blame people — you're not choosing well, you're not educated enough. We forgot there are people whose choices are severely limited by finances and time allocation."

Caballero understands those limits and their consequences. During harvest season, she picks the grapes and oranges in the groves that surround this small town of Cutler. Fruit is available, and money is too. The family eats, relatively well.



Iris Caballero finishes eating a nutritious lunch at her home in Cutler, Calif., on Feb. 11. Caballero, who suffers from diabetes, has learned to prepare low-fat meals to help her lose weight and eat good foods. Research suggests that obesity has replaced malnutrition as the most prevalent nutritional problem among America's poor and it threatens to overwhelm the health care system, at huge costs to society.

During winter, jobs are scarce, so Caballero feeds her husband and three children the cheapest food she can get: potatoes, bread, tortillas.

Caballero and other farmworker mothers attend a free nutrition class that considers their culinary traditions, low budgets and lack of time.

The women come because they know that the cheapest, fastest, most filling meal — the burger and soda that look so good at the end of a long day in the fields — is not the healthiest for their families.

In the class, one of at least 10 groups Dolores Vallejo teaches each week, the Spanish-speaking mothers learn to read English-language labels.

Vallejo points out that "high fructose corn syrup," "sucrose" and "dextrose" all mean sugar — sugar.

She shows them several quick, inexpensive, low-fat recipes their families might enjoy, like vegetable chili.

Unfortunately, most public health programs don't address such issues.

As processed foods rich in sugar and fat have become cheaper than fruits and vegetables, the poor in particular are paying a high price with obesity rates shooting up, followed by diabetes.

This is happening even as conditions associated with malnutrition — like anemia, caused by an iron deficiency in diets lacking leafy greens — continue to plague poor children, said Jay Bhattacharya, a health economics expert at Stanford University's medical school.

Walking out of the nutrition class, Caballero and the other mothers said they appreciate the tips on healthy eating. But they still have to scrape to pay extra for real fruit juice instead of the punch they now know is mostly sugar and water.

And they still have to walk four miles, often with their children, to and from the nearest supermarket, where fresh produce is plentiful and less expensive.

Along the state highway linking Cutler to the supermarket in Oroquieta, a new sidewalk has just been laid — a testament to the women's efforts to feed their families better.

"I want to feed my family better food," said Irene Flores, a farmworker with three children who stores large sacks of beans to eat during the winter.

"My husband was asking me to buy lettuce, because he likes salads. How can I buy it at almost \$2 a head?"

Martha Stewart case goes to the jury

NEW YORK — Jurors in the Martha Stewart case ended their first day of deliberations Wednesday without reaching a verdict on whether the founder of a gracious-living empire lied about a well-timed stock sale.

Deliberations were to resume today.

The jury received the case after 90 minutes of complex instructions from U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum.

After about two hours of deliberation, **Nation in brief** the jury of eight women and four men requested a readback of testimony regarding former brokerage assistant Douglas Faneuil, the government's star witness. They also asked to see charts detailing phone calls of the main players in the case on the day of the stock sale.

Later in the day, jurors also asked for several pieces of evidence, including what the government claims is a doctored worksheet used to make a supposed stock sale agreement appear legitimate.

The combined charges against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, but she would probably get far less under federal sentencing guidelines.

Groups call for boycott after 'rigged' flag vote

ATLANTA — Southern heritage groups called for an economic boycott of Atlanta on Wednesday, a day after Georgia voters overwhelmingly approved a state flag without the divisive Confederate rebel "X."

About 50 people rallied outside the Capitol, saying tepid turnout for the flag referendum meant people thought it was phony. The ballot didn't allow voters to choose the 1956 version dominated by the Confederate cross of stars.

"The rigged referendum yesterday was an insult to the good dignity of every Georgian," said Steve Harris, vice chairman of the Southern Party of Georgia.

Voters overwhelmingly chose to keep the red, white and blue banner adopted last year by the Legislature. About three of every four voters chose that flag over a blue flag selected in 2001 to replace the 1956 banner that was dominated by the Confederate battle emblem.

Suspect awaits hearing in student's disappearance

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — All through the North Dakota winter, a small group of relatives and a couple of bloodhounds have pushed through snowbanks and battled wind-chills of 20 below, looking for traces of college student Dru Sjodin.

Signs of spring are giving them new hope.

The 22-year-old University of North Dakota student was last seen Nov. 22. She disappeared from the parking lot outside a Grand Forks mall after leaving her job at a Victoria's Secret. Police have said Sjodin is probably dead. Her blood was found in the car of convicted rapist Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., who is charged with kidnapping her, and a knife in the car's trunk matched a sheath found near Sjodin's car, left in the parking lot.

Rodriguez, 51, faces a preliminary hearing Friday in Grand Forks. He has denied any involvement in Sjodin's disappearance.

— compiled from wire reports

The real 'John Doe' was a postal worker in Dallas

Q. Was there ever a real "John Doe"?

A. At least one, a Dallas postal worker. Related research reveals there was a real "Joe Blow," too. In St. Louis, Promoters in the '60s arranged for Blow and Doe to meet. What they talked about is not in the record. Nobody listened maybe.

The hair of some people can't be combed. At last report, medical statisticians had identified 46 cases of "uncombable hair syndrome." Each hair shaft is triangular, not round, and grooved its full length on one side.

If you only ate one branch of the broccoli on your plate, you ate a broccoli.

You don't get many reports out of China's 130,000-square-mile Takli makan desert. Name explains why. Word is Takli makan translates as "once you go into, you can never come out."

Reindeer in danger emit an odor to warn the herd.

What Little Red Riding Hood really wore on her head, if there were a Little Red Riding Hood, was a small red cap shaped like a cupcake.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

you think you might like to date, what's the first thing you ought to find out about that person?

A. Whether said party is sincere or insincere. Until you figure that out, our Love and War man says, none of the rest means much.

Pulse of the typical domestic turkey runs 93 beats per minute.

Denton Tri Young came to be known as baseball's Cy Young. The short pitcher, Cy stood for the long nickname Cyclone.

Not all ducks fly, you know.

A glacier has to get about 60 feet deep before its own weight forces it to flow downhill.

Not every hyena is a strong-jawed meat eater. "Hardwoll" is a weak-jawed insect eater.

In the street gang vernacular of New York City, a "Double-O-Seven" is a pocket knife with a folding 12-inch blade.

Maine librarian discovers famous stolen coin in box

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — America's rarest silver dollar — and possibly its most famous stolen coin — was discovered in a box filled with miscellaneous coins by a Maine librarian who wasn't even a collector.

The coin, thought to be one of only two 1866 silver dollars minted without the inscription "In God We Trust," is estimated to be worth at least \$1 million.

The "No Motto Dollar" was among thousands of coins taken during an armed robbery at a home in Cocoon Cove, Fla., in 1987. Most of the best-known coins taken in the unsolved heist have been recovered.

The coin surfaced after American Numismatic rarities, a coin auction company, received a call from a Maine man who said he thought he had it.

John Kraljevich, the company's director of numismatic research who took the call, would identify the man only as a librarian who had moved to Maine from California.

Kraljevich said the man told him an eccentric friend in California gave him the box of coins — the others having no exceptional value — as collateral for a loan. The man couldn't keep the coin because it was stolen property, Kraljevich said.

The coin will go to the American Numismatic Association museum in Colorado Springs, Colo., after it is authenticated, said Harold Gray, an attorney for Willis du Pont, the coin's original owner.

There, it will join the 1866 "No Motto" quarter and 50-cent piece — only one of each was minted — that were also stolen in the 1967 robbery and later recovered.

Gray said du Pont follows up every lead for the stolen coins, which have surfaced the world over.

"He was elated," Gray said. "Hope springs eternal, does it not?"

Singer tours in effort to save farms

Musician travels in fleet running on biodiesel to conserve

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Saving the family farm, helping the earth and reducing America's dependence on foreign oil — they all go together for Neil Young on his "Greendale" tour.

Young rolled into town with a fleet of buses and trucks running on biodiesel, an environmentally friendly fuel made from renewable resources such as soybean oil and recycled cooking oil. He said switching to biodiesel was his idea.

"Rather than talk about it, I figured just do it," Young said, noting there's an environmentalist character in his new show, which features actors performing on stage along with the music.

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, the veteran Canadian rocker said he can still be a capitalist and embrace the environment.

"I'm just trying to make a point. There are other ways to be self-sustaining," the 58-year-old said.

As a member of Farm Aid for 18 years, Young said he's always looking for ways to help the family farmer.

He said there are millions of acres of unfarmed crop land in the United States and Canada that could be tapped for renewable energy.



Musician Neil Young speaks during an interview Tuesday at the Pfister Hotel. He said, "I'm a tree hugger," he said.

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Math Counts winners get set for state level

By Jaml Whitford
Times-News writer

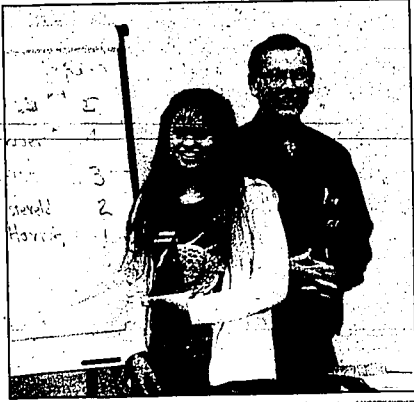
TWIN FALLS — While math is often considered an unpopular subject, Tasha Buss shines this year as the second place winner in the Magic Valley Math Counts program, which is in its 21st year.

Tasha, an O'Leary Junior High student in Twin Falls, and the Community School team from Sun Valley, which won the overall competition, are going to the state competition Saturday at Boise State University.

The Math Counts program is one of several sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. In 1983, the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers, a nonprofit affiliate of the national society, began the state competition. The Magic Valley chapter has been involved since the beginning and has a membership of 15 to 30 engineers striving to influence engineering skills in children across the state and nation, said Andrew Swensen, the Magic Valley chapter president.

In Math Counts, school teams of up to eight students from grades sixth through eighth compete in their district at the local level. The winners go on to compete in the state level and finally the national level May 7 in Washington, D.C., which will air May 29 on ESPN.

On Feb. 24, students from the O'Leary, St. Edward's Catholic School, the Community School and Robert Stuart Junior High competed. Tasha Buss took second in the individual competition and the Community School won the



Tasha Buss shows her second place plaque with the Math Counts competition administrator, Gary Young. Tasha took second place in the individual competition and will participate in the state competition on Saturday.

overall competition. The competition starts with written math tests and ends with a "countdown run," which operates similar to a game show. The top five individuals from the written tests compete first in the countdown run where they have 45 seconds to answer a math problem. When a person misses a problem

they sit down and one of the next four competes until a top winning team is reached. Ron Moody, O'Leary's team coach, has been training students for the competition for more than six years. He uses the materials the Idaho engineering society provides to train his competitors, as well as teach his own ninth-grade

Want to get involved?

To get started for next year's competition visit mathcounts.org and explore the links. They are practice problems, games and information for volunteers, students, parents and teachers. For more information on the southern Idaho chapter, visit sections.ase.org/sis to learn about upcoming competitions, meetings and much more.

geometry and algebra classes. "The problems are good," he said. "The questions range from basic all the way to advanced algebra and geometry. Moody met with the students for one hour after school on Thursdays to help prepare them for the local competition. The students were recommended by their math teachers and enjoy competing."

"The best part about it is working with the students," Moody said.

Tasha Buss has always liked math and now is in pre-algebra. This is her first year in the competition and she is excited about going to the state competition.

"I learned to count change when I was 5. Last year I competed in a Christian tournament and took third," she said. "The countdown run is fun... I don't like the written part."

"Math Counts has such a good cross-section of problems it helps me to refresh what I'm doing," Moody said.

LIVING THINGS



Maricella Rodriguez and Yoli Hernandez describe to Valerie Metzger-Chisholm the western tiger swallow tail butterfly's role in the food web of life in a deciduous forest in Idaho. This was part of the Natural Heritage Youth Project that took place during December and January in partnership with the Hagerman, Bliss, Buhl and Castleford school districts. Metzger-Chisholm taught Castleford fifth- and sixth-graders about the relationship between the animals, plants and habitat. Cooperating in the project were the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery, Buhl Public School Foundation, Poppewell Elementary, Buhl Public Library, the Star Foundation and Environmental Data Research Institute.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Sheriff's program helps with a Christmas project

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Program for helping with a Christmas project. The Twin Falls County Republican Women help a local canned food drive. Much lifting is involved, so a member suggested the Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Program as a possible source of help.

Two people qualified and were available. They came with their supervisor, Kip. They helped load and unload two truckloads of donated food. Their help was greatly appreciated. EILEEN BANHOLZER, Filer

T.F. woman appreciates return of lost wallet

I would like to thank the person or persons who found my wallet in the parking lot of Home Depot on Feb. 21. While shopping with my husband on that date, it must have fallen out of my purse. Much to my surprise, it was not inside my

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purse when I looked. That is a very sinkable feeling. We looked outside and inside the store, to no avail. We checked at the front of the store and someone had found it in the parking lot and turned it in with all contents intact. This restored my faith in "people." You read so many negative statements in the paper, I thought I would share a good thing with all. Again, I thank those who were honest and involved in its return. This was a very kind act. LANEETH THOMPSON, Twin Falls

Burley student wins state Legion oratorical contest

MOUNTAIN HOME — The American Legion, Department of Idaho, announced the winners of the Department Oratorical Contest, which was hosted by the American Legion, Mountain Home Post 26 on Feb. 21.

The first place winner was Amber Anthony of Burley. She is a junior attending Declo High School where she is involved with cheerleading, competitive dance and the Rodeo Club.

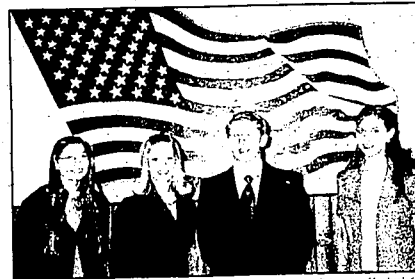
Whitney's original oration, "America's Wagon Train," earned her the prize of \$500 from the American Legion, Department of Idaho. She will now represent the Department of Idaho at the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, Ind., on April 1 where she will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for competing in the first round of national competition. If

she advances beyond the initial completion, she will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship and become eligible to compete for the first-place prize of an \$18,000 scholarship from the American Legion Life Insurance Fund.

Susan Elle of Skyview High School in Nampa took the second place award. She earned \$250.

Leah Anderson of Ashton High School won the third place award. She was awarded \$150. Benjamin Neuwisma of Logos High School in Moscow placed fourth. His efforts were rewarded with a prize of \$50.

Any high school or junior high school student interested in participating in next year's contest, can contact their local American Legion Post or call the American Legion, Department of Idaho, at (208) 342-7061 for more information.



American Legion state winners were, from left to right, Susan Elle, Whitney Anthony, Benjamin Neuwisma and Leah Anderson.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DAR meets at Garden Cafe, hears from VP General

TWIN FALLS — The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at the Garden Cafe, 2221 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Darley Von Vandegriff, vice president general of the national organization. Prospective members are invited to attend.

For more information, call 655-4100.

Community Watch Group will hear about drugs

TWIN FALLS — The Community Watch Group monthly meeting will hear from Sam Gibbs of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department about an update on the local drug problem.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 11 in the third floor meeting room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone S.N.

Nursery offers free pruning seminar on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Kimberly Nurseries is offering a free seminar on Saturday entitled, "Pruning 101," teaching the basics of spring pruning.

The seminar will begin promptly 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 733-2717 or stop by Kimberly Nurseries at 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Motorcyclists association members attend events

TWIN FALLS — Members of Christian Motorcyclists Association will attend the Tri-State Seasons of Refreshing at the Sage Square Christian Center, 161 Morrison St. in Twin Falls.

Sessions start at 7 p.m. Friday and will continue at 9 a.m. Saturday

A "pic-run" will be featured on Friday evening. The sessions will end around 5 p.m. Saturday. Joe Maxwell, northwest regional evangelist, will speak. Members will attend from Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Oregon. Anyone may attend.

For more information, call Loren or Helen at 324-8526.

T.F. Shriners gather Monday at Curry Cafe

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Shrine Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Curry Cafe, 21313 U.S. Highway 30 in Filer.

All Shriners and their Ladies are welcome.

Local store starts new scrapbook project

TWIN FALLS — The Scrapbook Cottage, 266 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., will test a new scrapbooking project this year.

Beginning classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$7. Advanced classes will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$3. Both classes will be held March 23.

Pre-registration and payment is required by March 19. For more information, call 734-9590.

CSI offers computers for seniors course

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is offering the second part of an enrichment course designed to teach basic computer skills to seniors.

"Computers for Seniors II" will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Saturdays, March 20 to April 24, in the Shields Building, room 101 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$60.

The workshop picks up where "Computers for Seniors I" left off. Internet, e-mail and word processing will be explored further. The class can be tailored to the needs of

participants and is designed for those who have some experience with computers or have taken the first class.

For more information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Bikes for Kids program needs more bicycles

TWIN FALLS — The Bikes for Kids program is 163 bikes short of meeting its goal, and organizers seek more bikes, tricycles and parts.

The program has opened a "Bikes for Kids" account at the Pioneer Federal Credit Union, 659 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, for donations.

The program is sponsored by Lance Whitehead and sons with help from Mike Goudy with Spoke and Wheel Bike Shop. The bikes will be given away to needy children. Whitehead said.

To sponsor the program, call Whitehead at 733-5356 or e-mail david.lance.whitehead@yahoo.com.

Hospital hosts community health fair on Saturday

BURLEY — A community health fair will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley High School, 2100 Burke Ave.

Testing and screenings are offered, along with a variety of booths on medical and health services. Cassia Regional Medical Center personnel will be on hand with information about heart disease screening and specific concerns for women, surgical procedures and breast cancer.

Blood chemistry analysis testing will be available. Those who plan to be tested should not eat for 12 hours before their blood is drawn.

There will be health professionals on hand for blood pressure checks, height and weight checks and nutritional information, as well as information about drug and alcohol education, Senior Health

Insurance, Benefit Advisors, Pet Therapy Programs, massage therapy, the Senior Olympic Games and more.

For more information, call 678-4444.

Library book talks focus on 'Cry, the Beloved Country'

BUHL — The Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., continues its series of book talks at 7:15 p.m. March 18.

"Cry, the Beloved Country" by E. A. Stry will be discussed. Stry's book is set in South Africa during the 1940s and deals with Apartheid. A Zulu pastor, Stephen Kumalo, begins a journey from his village to Johannesburg. This book covers a emotional range and was part of the Oprah Book Club selection. For more information, call 543-6500.

CSI offers to help reduce stress with awareness class

TWIN FALLS — The class, "Increase Your Awareness and Vitality," will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 13 at the College of Southern Idaho in the Taylor Building, room 256.

The cost is \$55. The class will provide techniques to reduce stress. Bob Whitehead, a board certified alternative medical practitioner, will teach students how thoughts affect physical reality, gain focus and minimize distraction.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

Buhl Community Education offers several courses

BUHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc. is offering several spring classes.

"Raising Reasonable Kids in a Ritalin World" will be held from 7-9 p.m. March 15 in the Buhl High School, room 122. The cost is \$5

and \$8 for materials. "Design Your Personal Landscape" will meet from 6:30-8 p.m. starting March 16 for two nights at the Buhl Middle School Computer Lab. Participants should bring sketch, layout or picture of an area where they design questions. The cost is \$4.

Students are required to pre-register for each class. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Twin Falls store teaches art of cake decorating

TWIN FALLS — Kitchen Magic, 1347 Filer Ave. E., will hold a Wilton basic cake decorating class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 13.

The cost is \$20 plus supplies. Pre-registration is required by March 10.

T.F. woman celebrates 100th birthday Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Estella Conant Cedarholm will celebrate her 100th birthday Saturday with family and friends at the home of her daughter, Sondra, and Bill Glaiborn.

Cards can be sent to Cedarholm at 1930 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced Feb. 29 winners.

North/south: first and second tied, Lorna Bard and Sue Borden and Al and Frances Anglen; and third, Susan Faulkner and

East/west: first, Max Thompson and Bev Clark; second, Carma Davidson and Adelaide Grant; and third, Bill Simonsen and Cecil Davidson. Refreshments were served.

All bridge players are invited to play at 1 p.m. every Friday at City Hall. For a partner, call 934-8371.

Pharmacy offers bone density screening

TWIN FALLS — Costco, 731 Pole Line Drive, will provide bone density screening for osteoporosis for \$15. Screenings are open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or an appointment, call the Costco Pharmacy at 736-1725.

The screenings are offered in conjunction with OnSite Wellness.

M.V. Orchid Society invites public to Monday meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Orchid Society will meet from 6:30-9 a.m. Monday in the Great Room at the BridgeView Estates, 1828 BridgeView Blvd.

Avid growers, novices or those with orchid plants are welcome to attend and learn how to grow and take care of orchids.

The meeting will discuss preparing orchids for display and judging for an orchid show in Boise.

Participants can bring their problem orchids. There are free tickets for door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, call Marion at 734-7272 or Carol at 733-8264.

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Sagittarius: Your clock is ticking fast

IF MARCH 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you may have recently set intentions to follow the best and wisest path but could have stumbled across a few companions who challenge your resolve and make you think hard about right and wrong. The most important thing right now might be home, family, Mom and hot apple pie. Your strength is in your tolerance for the beliefs of others and your generosity.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You are right at home with the active atmosphere today, and confidence is in the air. You will be aware of ways to tap into power and money, and may even have a chance to rub shoulders with the high and mighty.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You are much less pressured and are finding fewer stifling situations to contend with. A little confusion may upset the equilibrium, and things may be going a little fast for your taste. Still, keep up the good humor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may find yourself at odds with the world the next several days. It might be a good time to take a long hard look at your reputation -- and then contemplate ways to improve your public persona.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A little ruffled feather or two might enter the picture, so make sure to keep a steadfast focus on intelligent and sincere conversation. Too much sympathy today can dampen enthusiasms. Keep things light and upbeat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Little doubts and worries don't distract you, and you may be concerned that others misunderstand you.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Second thoughts could cloud the issues. Tonight and tomorrow will be more vibrant, and your light will shine a bit brighter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Contrary to public opinion, you are just as intuitive as you are analytical. The next few days will prove you can think seriously about relationships and pull information out of the depths of your psychic being.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are more apt to buckle down to work if you have your agenda carefully listed at the beginning of the day. You will have some good ideas about how to tackle details over the next day or two. You find yourself becoming more efficient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Whatever it is you have to do, you're happier with a partner along for the ride. You are bubbling with new ideas and ideas, and your friends generously support your goals. Try to share your enthusiasms a bit more with others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The cosmic clock is ticking in your direction today, and the rhythm suits your nature perfectly. Work hard, play hard. Don't confuse people by being vague, and don't procrastinate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could feel a little out of synch with the rest of the world as being practical - does not mix well with general enthusiasms. However, you can wait out the mood and may find that being down to earth will have the advantage at the end of the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tiny misunderstandings with companions could cloud the day. Make your values the most important thing to concentrate on, and process and may not notice your surroundings. You are lit up with a great and charitable light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The mood has become a bit more energetic than suits your pace, but you have quite a deal of information to process and may not notice your surroundings. You are lit up with a great and charitable light.

Stars sing about Civil War

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Randy Travis, Ricky Skaggs and Lee Ann Womack are among the country singers who have contributed to an upcoming album of Civil War-themed songs.

Scheduled for release in May, "American Will Always Stand" is the first album of original material ever issued by Time-Life Music, said Cary Baker, a publicist for the project.

Many of the songs are based on true events or draw from emotions common to war.

The first single, "One Letter" by The Wilsons, tells the story of a soldier going to war, leaving only his pledge to return.

Travis sings the title track, while Skaggs performs "Charlie & Johnny Reb" and Womack sings "On a Woman's Heart."

The 14 tracks were recorded in Nashville and Muscle Shoals, Ala.

New restaurant closes after fire causes damage

NEW YORK (AP) — Per Se, top chef Thomas Keller's new restaurant in the Time Warner Center, is canceling reservations through March after an electrical fire last month.

The restaurant, which overlooks Central Park, was open for just four days before the Feb. 21 fire. A message left on the restaurant's reservations phone line said reservations can't be honored through March 31, and restaurant spokesman Karon Ruiz said repairs were estimated to take three to five weeks.

Per Se has 16 tables. When the restaurant opened reservation lines on Feb. 2, the phones were jammed for 10 hours.

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Magic Valley scrapbooks



Photo courtesy of JEANNINE GAREY of Twin Falls

At Syringa School, between Buhl and Clover, grades one through four pose for a 1937 school picture. In back, from left to right, are Loren Herzinger, Jeannine Childs, Veitny Jagels, teacher Beth Pomeroy, Emil Tverdy and Barbara Childs. In front are Peart Koepplin, Rose Tverdy, Ruby Koepplin, Virgene Johnson, Anita Miraclo and Eileen Ebberts. 'I went there all eight grades,' says Jeannine Childs - now Jeannine Garey of Twin Falls. Her dad, sister and brother also each spent eight years at the two-room Syringa School, which Garey's grandfather, George Childs, had helped establish. Pomeroy, Garey's teacher for four years in Syringa School's 'little room,' had unique ways of punishing misbehavior, such as making gum chewers wear their gum on their noses. 'She made me wear a glove all day, and I never sucked my thumb again,' Garey says. 'I thought she was just absolutely beautiful.'



Photo courtesy of DONNA DOLAY of Jerome

Above, Jack Riley, father of current Jerome resident Donna Golay, was a yell leader at Twin Falls High School. He's pictured here - at center front with the football - in 1925 at the high school. Left, Riley is the guy on the ground in front as yell leaders form the totem position in about 1925.



Photo courtesy of GEORGE LEMMON of Hagerman

Teacher Laura Worster poses with her seventh-grade Hagerman class in 1917 or 1918, before her marriage to Guy Lemmon. Worster came from New Jersey and taught full-time in Hagerman for about four years. Her son, Hagerman resident George Lemmon, said 'Worster's speciality was discipline. She sent a special message home for the parents of naughty children: She grabbed the backs of misbehavers' collars and popped off their buttons.'

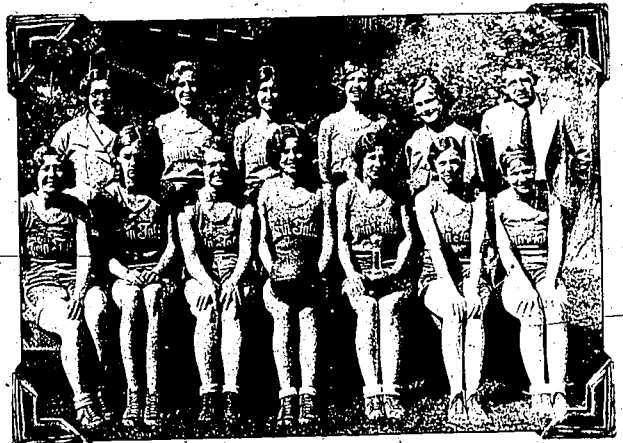


Photo courtesy of EVELYN J. ANDERSON of Twin Falls

The girls on Twin Falls High School's 1931 basketball team wore state girls' basketball champions, winning the championship game against Lewiston. In front from left to right are Flossie Wyland, Margaret Ware, Lauretta Strifelus, co-captain Vera Erickson (Munson), co-captain Evelyn Jenkins (Anderson), Clara Tatting and Blanche Qualls. In back from left are coach Dorothy Call, Harriett Durval (Denton), Esther Shipman, Ledora Guttry, Maxine Bucklin and coach R.V. Jones. Evelyn Anderson came back to Twin Falls High to teach home economics for 26 years - including the first senior boys' home economics class.

Our readers have been generous. Folks from all over Magic Valley have opened their family albums and shared tidbits of history - the stuff of individual lives. Their pictures put a more personal perspective on the early decades of the past century than you're likely to find in a history textbook. Today, we present a selection of our readers' school day photographs.

Share old photos

To submit privately owned historical photographs for "Magic Valley scrapbooks," please bring them to The Times-News office in Twin Falls.
 What to submit: We're looking for photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940, depicting people, places or activities that you can identify.
 Where to bring them: The newspaper office is at 132 Third St. W. in Twin Falls.
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 Ask for: Three news clerks are available to scan the photos while you wait and return them to you immediately. They are Ellen Thomason, at 735-3266; Ramona Jones, at 735-3262; and Jami Whited, at 735-3278. Appointments are not necessary.
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WORLD

For Toronto family, gay marriage is fine

Canada's Supreme Court considers issue of gay marriage

By DeNeen L. Brown The Washington Post



Eight months after Joyce Barnett, left, and her partner, Alison Kemper, were married, they say family life with children, Robbie, 22, and Hannah, 17, is 'extremely ordinary'.

The United States, they say their "extremely ordinary" family in Canada could serve as an example. Eight months after gay people were given the right to wed in Canada, life goes on. They say it would destroy the family. What are they really frightened of? asked Barnett, finishing her pancake. "I love me! I destroy the family!"

Canada's Supreme Court, which is scheduled to rule in the fall. Although Canadians pride themselves on being a more tolerant society than the United States, a recent public opinion survey showed that people were divided on the issue of same-sex marriage. The survey, by the Ipsos-Reid Group, reported that 48 percent of Canadians responding opposed gay marriage, while 47 percent supported it.

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said the debate is not about individual rights. "Laws and institutions aren't about individual relations," he said. "Laws and institutions deal with what is best for all of society."

Several months ago, Ralph Klein, the premier of Alberta, threatened to block the federal government's attempt to allow same-sex marriage in his province. Klein said he would invoke a Canadian constitutional provision that allows provinces to withdraw from federal decisions that they don't accept.

Still, said Toronto city councillor Kyle Rae, who married his partner, Mark Reid, last year, gay marriage has not hurt anyone. "I was married in June," Rae said. "And the lights still turn on in Toronto and people's lives go on."

Same-sex marriage is one of many topics of conversation in the Kemper-Barnett household. They also discuss more mundane subjects, such as who will take out the trash, who will feed the pets - a dog named Toby, a cat named Midnight, and some fish - and who will mow the lawn.

But they also have been talking about President Bush's proposal last month for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in the United States.

Hannah said she thought the proposal made no sense. "They obviously are incredibly ignorant of what goes on," she said. "I feel like when people talk about how gay and lesbian marriage is ruining the sanctity of life, they just don't know. My parents have jobs and raised two kids on city workers' salaries. My parents are more in love than most straight parents I know."

Venezuela opposition asks for help after recall

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Venezuela's opposition met with international observers Wednesday, pleading for help in reversing the denial of a recall referendum against President Hugo Chavez.



Kirvin Suarez leaves the hospital Wednesday where his brother Yorman Suarez, 22, died Tuesday during clashes between anti-President Hugo Chavez protesters and National Guard soldiers in Caracas.

Rising subside in cities throughout this deeply divided country, which sits atop the Western Hemisphere's largest oil reserves and is the world's No. 5 exporter. Venezuelans are torn between those who say Chavez has become increasingly autocratic and those who say he speaks for the poor.

At least seven people have died and scores have been wounded since demonstrations began Friday, security officials said.

The violence halted after pleas from international observers and some opposition officials, but leaders warned more unrest is in store if citizens are denied their constitutional right to demand Chavez's ouster. A march was planned in Caracas Thursday.

Venezuela's opposition appealed to the Organization of American States, the U.S.-based Carter Center and other countries with an interest in the stability of the world's No. 5 oil exporter to reverse Tuesday's ruling.

In Washington, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Roger Noriega told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday that Venezuela was in crisis because of "Chavez's increasingly antidemocratic actions."

Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel rejected Noriega's remarks as "untrue."

"This is an absolutely and totally democratic country," he said.

Chavez was re-elected to a six-year term in 2000. If he loses in a referendum held before mid-August, the midway point for his term, new

presidential elections must be held. But if he loses in a vote held after mid-August, Rangel would take over for the rest of his term.

Opponents fear that happens, Chavez would merely rule behind his right-hand man for the rest of his term.

The opposition handed in more than 3 million signatures in December to demand the recall. About 2.4 million are required for a vote.

But the elections council said Tuesday that only 1.8 million signatures were valid and that another 1.1 million signatures may be authentic - but only if citizens come forward to confirm they signed.

Leader criticizes President Bush

By Al Kamen The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In the spirit of the post-Janet Jackson era, please note that a paragraph below contains language that may be offensive to some readers.

Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel rejected Noriega's remarks as "untrue." "This is an absolutely and totally democratic country," he said. Chavez was re-elected to a six-year term in 2000. If he loses in a referendum held before mid-August, the midway point for his term, new

contains language that may be offensive to some readers."

So readers naturally counted to the seventh paragraph and read. In his speech, Chavez also called Bush an "I've deleted this reference to a bodily part," he said, supporting a short-lived coup in 2002 that briefly toppled him.

It was a useful warning. All those 8-year-olds with portfolios big enough to rush to the Forbes.com Web site each day surely would have been grossed out.

Pakistani Shiites mourn bomb victims

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) - Beating their chests and wailing, hundreds of Shiite Muslims on Wednesday mourned the victims of a suicide attack on a religious procession in southwest Pakistan that killed 41 bystanders.

More than 160 others were wounded in Tuesday's assault by suspected Sunni militants in Quetta, one of the deadliest in years of sectarian violence in Pakistan. Two attackers also died.

Investigators were searching for any link between Tuesday's suicide attack and near simultaneous bombings in Iraq less than two hours earlier. U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity, Pakistan officials declined to comment.

It would be premature to say that Tuesday's attack against Shiites in Quetta had any link to what happened the same day in Iraq. Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema, a senior Interior Ministry official, told The Associated Press.

A hallmark of Qaida, however, is to launch multiple attacks at the same time. The sectarian bombings in Pakistan also appeared in line with the ambitions of an al-Qaida-linked Jordanian militant, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has said he aims to spark a Shiite-Sunni civil war in Iraq.

Quetta is a frequent scene of Shiite-Sunni clashes. In July, attackers armed with machine guns and grenades stormed a Shiite mosque in Quetta, killing 50 people praying inside.

In Multan, a city in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, dozens of Shiite Muslims clashed with police on Wednesday after they were stopped from staging a protest to condemn the killings in Quetta.

Though most of Pakistan's Sunnis and Shiites live peacefully together, small radical groups on both sides are responsible for frequent attacks. All but 3 percent of Pakistan's people are Muslim, and Sunnis outnumber Shiites 4-to-1.

Lawmakers ban headscarves in France

PARIS (AP) - A law banning Islamic headscarves in French public schools was overwhelmingly adopted Wednesday in the Senate despite protests by many French Muslims that the measure is discriminatory.

The 276-20 vote mirrored similar support by the National Assembly, the lower chamber of parliament, which passed it 494-36 on Feb. 10. President Jacques Chirac must now formally sign it into law within 15 days. He had said such a law was needed to protect the French principle of secularism.

Israelis strike at Hamas leadership

Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM - Israeli missiles slammed into a car carrying members of the militant group Hamas along a dirt road in the central Gaza Strip on Wednesday, injuring three men inside, causing farmers in nearby fields to dive for cover and sending black smoke billowing into a cloudless sky.

It was the second deadly airstrike in five days against Palestinian militants in Gaza, signaling a clear revival of Israel's controversial tactic of so-called targeted killings of Palestinian mil-

itant figures. Three members of Islamic Jihad were killed in a similar raid in a Gaza refugee camp on Saturday.

The Israeli government defends such killings as a deterrent against suicide bombings and other attacks. But international and Israeli human rights groups say the tactic amounts to execution without trial.

Under U.S. pressure, Israel for several months had quietly halted targeting of militant leaders, but in recent weeks Israeli officials declared their intention to resume the campaign.

Palestinian officials condemned Wednesday's airstrike. "The Israeli government's aim is to kill any attempt to restore quiet and revive the peace process," Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia told Reuters news agency.

Israel charges that Qureia has failed to crack down on militants, as mandated by the U.S.-backed peace plan known as the road map.

In the aftermath of the missile strike, bystanders rushed to the burning car, trying in vain to douse the flames by flinging handfuls of sand at it.

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By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

Monday marked the fishing season opener on the east half of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. This is probably one of the most popular opening days in the Magic Valley, with a turnout of about 300 to 400 people on the first day. In past years, when the date fell on a weekend with mild weather, the refuge could expect close to 1,000 anglers.

Sportsmen should be aware that only a portion of the WMA opened on March 1. The four Anderson ponds, the base of Big Bend Ditch, Goose Pond and the pond west of Highway 30 are closed until July 1. This is to allow waterfowl to bring off their broods and bass and bluegill to spawn. All other waters on the Hagerman WMA will be open until Oct. 31.

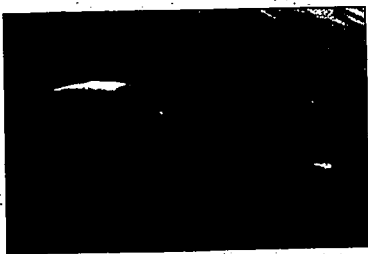
Joe Chapman, manager with the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery, said the waters were planted with several thousand trout for the opener. In

addition, they will be stocked once a week until June. Chapman said the planted fish will probably be in the 11-inch to 12-inch range, which are nice trout. There will likely be some bigger, holdover fish caught, but he indicated there were not as many of the larger fish as last year.

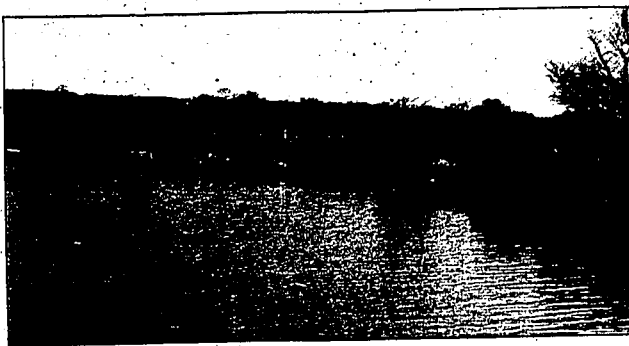
The WMA provides an excellent place for older folks and kids due to its safety and shallow waters. Access is good for drive-up angling and for those willing to hike a short distance; the six Oster Lakes are available as walk-in only ponds. Chapman said Oster Lake No. 2 is still frozen and will not be planted. Anglers should not attempt to fish through the ice as it is unsafe. Roads may be muddy, particularly if it rains, and sportsmen are asked to be cautious where they park.

There are some regulations on the refuge that sportsmen are required to obey. Overnight camping is not allowed, and fishermen should avoid littering. Conservation officers will be on hand to observe anglers.

The refuge has a daily bag limit of six trout, and people must catch their own fish. It's all right to



Some of the yellow or golden trout you can occasionally find in the Hagerman ponds.



The top two photos show anglers young and old line the ponds at Hagerman WMA. Shallow shorelines make prime fishing spots for kids.

help a youngster while fishing, but they must land their own trout. Youngsters do not have to have a fishing license until they are 14 years of age and can claim their own limits (if they caught the fish themselves).

A few bluegill are available in the open waters and there is no limit on these warm water fish. However, the low water temperatures will probably preclude much activity on their part. Largemouth bass also are available, and they must be 12 inches or larger with a six-bass limit.

Angling methods vary on the WMA, with spinning gear and bait the most prevalent. There will be some fly fishermen in float tubes as well as boat

anglers. A small boat can be launched from shore on the larger Riley Creek Impoundment, but no motors are allowed.

Fish and Game personnel have burned the brush and willows along the banks of some impoundments to improve fisherman access. Poison Ivy is common along some of the waters, so sportsmen should be aware of this plant.

Warmer temperatures are the norm in the Hagerman Valley, which makes it even more attractive. Wildlife watchers will enjoy the never-ending parade of waterfowl, raptors and marsh dwellers. One never knows what may occur — a mink sneaked out and stole our trout on a stringer one time when I fished there.

A PERSONAL STORY OF GRIZZLY ADVENTURE: Alaskan wilderness & bears

For several years, seeing a bear had been my primary focus on summer trips to Wyoming and Montana. My husband and daughter had humored me, getting up at dawn to drive to places in Yellowstone National Park that bears were known to frequent, and hiking with bells around their necks to avoid surprising the beasts in Glacier National Park. But whether it was bad timing or bad luck, I never saw a grizzly.

By Sandra G. Boodman
The Washington Post

As the World War II-era floatplane banked sharply to the left in preparation for a flawless landing, our bush pilot — a barefoot Jimmy Buffett look-alike — seemed oblivious to the excitement that rippled through the cabin. A dozen of us peered out the small windows of the DeHavilland Otter, craning our necks to get a better look at the brown creature clearly visible on the strip of beach below.

A few minutes later, as I hopped onto the sand under the watchful gaze of a National Park Service ranger, I stared, awestruck. About 75 yards away, an 800-pound animal beached like a furry whale beneath the rare warmth of a spectacular, cloudless day in southwestern Alaska. Excitement did not begin to describe what I felt. Thrilled and vindicated were more like it. Even before landing at the rugged, remote Katmai National Park and

Preserve, I had gotten a really good look at the thing I most wanted to see on this trip: a grizzly in the wild.

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My quest had become a family joke: "We're going all the way to Alaska just so my mom can see a bear," my zany 11-year-old daughter, who much prefers beach vacations, told her friends.

Last July I was determined to leave little to chance, which is how we ended up at Katmai, a 4.7 million-acre park 300 miles



southwest of Anchorage. One of the least-visited national parks, Katmai is accessible only by chartered floatplane or boat. It is so remote it has neither roads nor phone service.

What it does have is the world's largest concentration of grizzlies, known in Alaska as brown bears because of their color, which ranges from butterscotch to mahogany. More than 2,000 bears roam the park, but most are never seen by humans.

The exception occurs in July and September, when 40 to 60 bears migrate to waterfalls on the Brooks River to gorge on sockeye salmon that swim upstream to spawn. The bears spend hours perching

precariously on slippery boulders, snagging fish with a snap of their powerful jaws or the swipe of a massive paw. I was dying to witness the scene I'd viewed on countless nature shows.

A day trip to Katmai was an expensive gamble: It cost \$1,500 for three, and there were no refunds for weather, such as the thick, flight-grounding fog that frequently envelops King Salmon, the flyspeck-size airstrip that is the transfer point for the 20-minute floatplane trip to the park. Even if the weather cooperated, there was still no guarantee I would see a bear.

To cover a cancellation, I bought travel insurance. To cover the possibility that we

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Photo by Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Alaska's remote and rugged Katmai National Park and Preserve is prime grizzly-watching territory. Katmai is accessible only by chartered floatplane or boat.

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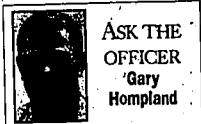
Michael Kenner and Steve Pease of Heyburn limited out on their goosie hunt in January of this year.

Railroad appears too inviting for deer

Question: "I'm still really upset about the deer and antelope killed by the train east of Shoshone. Why don't you use your helicopter to move those animals south across the tracks thereby avoiding the train?"

Answer: Some people are amazed to learn the Department doesn't own any aircraft. All our helicopter and fixed-wing flying for population surveys is contracted through local aviation services. The use of helicopters to haze deer and antelope across the tracks and on south would be extremely expensive. Aviation companies currently charge the department between \$700 and \$850 per hour for use of a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter. Additional fees are assessed for helicopter support such as a fuel truck and operator.

Herds of deer, elk and antelope move dynamically north and south based on weather, wind, snow



ASK THE OFFICER 'Gary Hompland

depth and condition. During inclement weather they move south, when the weather moderates and the snow settles they move back north.

The energy expended by deer and antelope during the winter is also a concern. Routine hazing of deer and antelope with a helicopter would use up precious energy reserves necessary for survival. Continued hazing over the winter may well result in a higher loss of animals than from the train collisions. I don't think helicopter hazing is practical, cost-effective, or preferred.

After thinking about what attracts the animals to the railroad bed, one action that may reduce train kills would be to eliminate the railroad bed cuts through the lava outcrops. These railroad cuts are where most of the collisions occur because they provide animals with an area to escape the deep snow and heavy wind.

Eliminating the railroad cuts by dozing and blasting would eliminate the shelter areas sought out by the deer and antelope. Any proposed activity in the area would require approval from the federal land management agency.

Bear in mind this would not eliminate train kills because the animals must still travel through the area, but making the tracks less desirable may reduce the group size of animals concentrating in the area. Less desirable areas are less likely to support large concentrations of animals standing and bedded on the tracks.

The next question is "How do you pay for it?" The use of earth-moving equipment and blasting is expensive. The railroad has not been interested at this point more than \$65 in gas to reduce train kills through this area. The department has no legal authority to force the railroad to do anything.

We continue to encourage the railroad through ongoing dialogue to consider modification to reduce or eliminate the unnecessary and wasteful loss of wildlife. This is a perfect opportunity for a collaborative effort between wildlife groups, concerned citizens, the department, and the railroad.

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SEARCHING FOR COUGARS:

Becomes an exercise in patience and stamina

By Bryce Peterson Jr. Standard-Examiner

OGDEN, Utah — Sometimes cougar hunting is an adrenaline rush. Sometimes it's a marathon, as huddled, heavy-footed humans try to stay anywhere near scent-cryzodolous. Sometimes, when a cat has been treed, it's a symphony of screeches, howls, barks and growls.

Sometimes, it's a lot of hurry up and wait.

"People think it sounds so exciting and they keep after me. 'Can I go out with you?'" said hunter Brad Warburton of Pleasant View. "Then they finally come out and they sit the truck for three or four hours while I go run roads, and they never come back."

But every trip has a story. Sometimes, it's a sideways blizzard that makes it impossible to follow even the freshest tracks. Sometimes, it's a cat-and-dog fight that leaves a hound in need of care and recuperation.

Sometimes, it's an epic, five-day quest that ends with a big tom cougar mounted on a Southerner's wall.

This time, it involves a lost dog, an old smelly T-shirt and a couple of flat tires three hours from Warburton's Pleasant View home.

Cougar hunting is an exercise in patience. But when the dogs get on a hot track, hunters better be ready to go.

"You know that they'll head for the ugliest place around," said Alan Smith of Ogden. When he sees a track, he always looks for that "ugliest" spot and more often than not, "bawling away."

Warburton is a Grouse Creek native, and Smith's parents both grew up near there. Both can trace their roots to the very beginnings of the town. Neither can count the hours they've spent driving tiny, dirt roads to unmarked mines and homesteads.

Smith is a novice cougar hunter who comes along "for the exercise" and for another chance to explore his favorite part of the world.

Warburton has been following hound dogs into these mountains

for more than 20 years, often alone. In all that time, he's pulled the trigger on just one cougar. He has guided others to seven more.

"At first, I thought I was just going to be a photographer," Warburton said.

But then Grouse Creek rancher told him "You can hunt here but you'll better shoot them."

"And I've got to somewhat put my faith in the Division of Wildlife biologists, and they say that they need 16 taken out of here this year."

Until the 1970s, anyone could shoot a cougar at any time. Cougars survived, unlike the wolf and the grizzly bear, which were extirpated by similar policies.

Now, the state regulates hunting, treating cougars as a trophy animal. Harvest-objective permits are only issued on units where the deer herd is "far below objective" and has been for some time," said Ron Hodson, big game manager for the Northern Region. On these units, hunters can hunt until a certain number of cats have been killed.

Western Box Elder, that number is 16. After more than half of the prime hunting season, only six have been shot.

Population estimates are not even attempted. Managers judge the health of the population by the size and sex of the harvest. If the ratio of small, female cats goes up, "they are probably being over-harvested," Hodson said. It's an inexact science, but with these reclusive, silent creatures, it's the best they've got.

Occasionally, the Division of Wildlife is confronted by a group that questions the ethics of allowing the use of dogs for cougar hunting. Hodson explains the rationale. They believe fewer cougars is a benefit to struggling deer and hounds are the method of choice.

"Mostly because there would be no other way to do it. You'd be probably a very old man before you ever harvested a cougar if you just got your gun and walked through the woods until you saw a cat," Hodson said.

Deer winter on the southern

edges of the Grouse Creek Mountains. And where there are deer, there are cougar. But Warburton knows there are more mountain lions here than in more pleasant views than in this area three hours from home. He's not here for a mountain lion rug, he's already got his.

"I do it for the solitude," Warburton said, "but it's a little pity, so when someone like Alan wants to come along, I let him."

Warburton said that on Saturday, by Sunday afternoon, he was dozens of miles off dry road from the nearest service station with a flat tire and a spare that wouldn't come loose. Smith's extra truck came in handy.

Even with company, Warburton gets plenty of solitude. By sunrise Saturday, he was off alone on his snowmobile, looking to "cut" a fresh cougar track.

"I'll be back in a couple of hours," he said, and buzzed up a nearby canyon.

For solitude, Grouse Creek's place. It's three hours from Ogden and one and a half from Burley, Idaho. The only approach is via at least 20 miles of dirt road. We stayed in Warburton's cabin, built of sandstone in the late 1930s. Warburton, Brad's great-great-uncle, smiles from the wall. The wood stove warms the house and space heaters thaw the pipes for this visit.

The temperature was in the low single-digits and the sun was just starting to light up the night as Smith and Warburton left the cabin. They took separate trucks to the first site, communicating occasionally by radio.

"What's with all this traffic?" Smith asked.

Warburton's response crackled back: "This is more than I've seen at any time of day."

Three cars and a snowmobile spread over 20 miles of dirt road. This was no traffic jam.

A secret to cougar hunting here is putting in the miles. They looked for tracks in Immigration Pass, Rocky Pass, all over Bovine Mountain and the southern end of the Grouse Creek Mountains.

Warburton's big Ford pulled two snow machines and a four-wheeler far enough that he spent more than \$65 in gas that first night.

They passed landmarks like Devil's Playground and an old log cabin that dates to the earliest settlers. Uncle Tom's Cabin, it's called. In fact, it was Brad Warburton's Uncle Tom, pictured back at Brad's cabin, that built a home in a remote canyon southwest of Grouse Creek.

"I often wonder what he was thinking," nephew Warburton said, "building in a desolate place like this. I guess he liked his solitude, too."

They even saw a few cougar tracks. There was one set along the first road, and it wasn't hard to imagine the cat gliding along the top of the snow, muscles rippling with every easy stride. But they were all two-day-old and full of small cat tracks following.

So the dogs stayed chained up until almost 2 p.m., when Warburton finally cut a promising track.

Based on a large footprint and periodic "scrapes," where the dirt has been scraped into a mound, usually by a terrapin, the tracking made Warburton guess this was a fairly large tom.

But the track was older than it looked, because the dogs, even Blazer, the oldest and most experienced of the bunch, couldn't follow the track once the cat left the snow onto a craggy cliffside nearby.

It took two more days of searching before the dogs got close, this time to a different cat in another range.

"Red, the younger dog, was barking like she could see him," Warburton said, "but I couldn't see it."

Then, the dog disappeared. They collected Blazer and headed home. But before they left, Warburton took off his T-shirt and left it where the track had been.

He asked to come back for the lost dog the next morning, but errands and another flat tire put him back there after dark.

"And there she was, sleeping right on that stinky shirt," Warburton said.

High Desert skiers plan final meeting

TWIN FALLS — High Desert Nordic Association members will hear about back-country skiing adventures in the Jarbridge and Albion mountains when the group meets Wednesday, March 10.

Dennis Kincaid, HDNA member and expert back-country skier, will describe winter trips to the high elevations of the mountain ranges in southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

The organization's final regular meeting of the season will be at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

All persons interested in cross country skiing will be welcome to attend, said Bob Forster, association president.

In addition to Kincaid's presentation, association members will elect three new directors. Forster said. The board will then elect a number of officers to serve during the 2003-04 season.

Other business will include preliminary discussion of off-season projects along ski trails in the South Hills and activities next winter including a week-end trip to Hartman State Park in January 2005.

Further information may be obtained by calling 733-1882.

Magic Mountain Ski Patrol hosts Snyokay race

Magic Mountain Ski Patrol is holding a Snyokay (kayak on snow) race at 10 a.m. March 27 at Magic Mountain. The race is to support the ski patrol. The entry fee will be \$30. Pre-entrance by March 15 at River-Rate Whitewater Toyz or Elevators Sports in Twin Falls.

Organizers will take the first 32 entries. It is a double-slam, double-elimination race. Helmets will be required and the course will be drawn. Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signature. There will be an auction and raffle following the event. Contestants need to give shirt size when registering.

Concessions will be available at the event. Please bring no coolers or food.

For information, contact Cindy Spencer at 432-5140.

Horsemen will hold annual state convention in Burley

CACHE PEAK chapter of Back Country Horsemen will be hosting the annual state convention of the Idaho Back Country Horsemen March 12-13 at the Burley Inn.

The board of directors meeting takes place all day Friday and the delegates will meet on Saturday. The agenda will include reviewing and voting on the state business from the board the day before, educational and informative presentations, a silent auction, photo contest, raffle, dinner and live auction plus cowboy poet entertainers in the evening.

On Friday afternoon and all day Saturday vendors will be set up to offer their wares to convention attendees.

Registration is \$45 and may be done by contacting Cache Peak Vice President Lorraine Genzner at 436-3490 or by e-mail at mgranny@pmi.org. Vendors who want to set up a booth may contact Lorraine or Earl White at 678-4099. There is no fee for a table, but vendors are asked to donate an item for the live auction. They should set up by noon on Friday and be there Saturday at 9 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction or make a cash

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donation is requested to contact a member of the Cache Peak BCH or the officers above.

Groups plan third annual Snow Box Derby Saturday

Mark your calendars: The Third Annual Snow Box Derby is set for March 6, with the Blaine County Recreation District and Rotarian Ski Club hosting this fun family event at Rotarian Ski area west of Hailey.

The derby provides the chance for families to get away from the TV or computer and breath fresh air and meet new people while participating in some healthy competition. This year's event is sure to offer more of the same.

Everyone can participate in the Snow Box Derby. All you need is a cardboard box, an adventurous spirit and a helmet.

Sawtooth and Snowshoe Ski festival hits Stanley

The Sawtooth Ski and Snowshoe Festival is set for a weekend of cross-country ski fun March 6-7 in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin. The Sawtooth Ski Club will host two days of fun and fund-raising activities and all activities are open to the public.

Saturday, March 6 activities begin at Park Creek Ski Trails located seven miles west of Stanley. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a ski and snowshoe "poker run" where participants ski or snowshoe around a short course with five locations where one card is drawn at each location.

The participant with the best hand wins a new pair of snowshoes from Jerry's Country Store and Backwoods Mountain sports. Suggested donation is \$10. A chili feed will follow from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. along with a demonstration on snow shelter and igloo building. For information call 774-3625.

Saturday evening activities will be at Stanley Elementary School above town in Stanley, and will include a silent auction from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with bluesgrass music by Dave Muscavage and friends. At 8 p.m. there will be a Full Moon Ski and Snowshoe Tour around Stanley City Park. Ice skating by moonlight is also available at the park. Hot chocolate will be available after the tour.

Sunday's events are centered around the Alturus Ski Trail about 17 miles south of Stanley. Free activities include a wildlife tracking workshop for skiers and snowshoos to be held at 11 a.m. and skating and classic skiing clinics scheduled for 1 p.m. Karen's legendary soup, bread and cookies will be served from noon to 2 p.m. on a small hilltop not far from the highway. Check the parking lot kiosk for directions to all events. For information about Sunday events, call 774-3487.

Contact the Sawtooth Ski Club at 774-2254 or 774-3487 for information about the festival or cross-country skiing in the Sawtooth area.

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Researcher begins to pin down behavior of the mysterious coyotes

By Jeff Dankort
Winona Daily News

WINONA, Minn. — Ben Bigalke goes on night patrol a couple of times each week to spy on seven coyotes roaming Wabasha County. To an outsider, it's dull work, he said. Bigalke drives back roads and listens to electronic "beeps" through earphones. The source of the airwaves are small radio transmitters attached to neck collars on the dogs. When Bigalke picks up a signal, he spends the next six hours tracking and marking the location on a map every half-hour. He never sees the coyotes, only hears the electronic signals coming to him from the antenna mounted atop the truck. "Coyote work has never been done in Minnesota so we really don't know what's going on," he said. For Bigalke, the work is interesting and necessary for his master's degree in wildlife management at the South Dakota State University. It

also will give the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources a better understanding of coyotes and the pressure on deer fawns. The 22-year-old Bigalke assisted the DNR with capturing and collaring coyotes in November, with the help of a hired trapper, using leg hold traps. DNR Wildlife biologist Chris DePerno said the trapping effort revealed something about this dog in the state. "In the southeast, we caught them relatively quickly," he said. The state tried starting the same coyote study in southwestern Minnesota but couldn't catch any after nine months of trapping. DePerno suspects the canine disease, mange, is spreading from North Dakota and Canada. While being fitted with collars, juveniles behaved submissively while adults defended themselves aggressively, Bigalke said. But once subdued with a nose pole, even the adults quieted down. Upon release, they would run

a few dozen yards, stop, and look back with curiosity, he said. He randomly selects one of four, six-hour nighttime periods for tracking, to see if coyotes behave differently at different times. To get a bearing, he takes three locations and triangulates them onto a map. At the end of a sample period, he has 12 locations plotted for an animal. "They aren't moving as much as we first thought they would," he said. "They're primarily moving less than 2 miles every six hours." Coyotes likely shift their nocturnal search patterns each spring to take advantage of new food sources, like freshly born fawns. Bigalke said in May, the DNR will attach radio collars to 20 fawns. Biologists know coyotes kill and eat fawns, but the exact nature of this relationship is unknown. Adding fawns to the study will determine how coyotes interact with fawns and habitat as they search out this temporary abundant food source. The fawns will be col-

lared at less than a week old, Bigalke said. Coyote breeding occurs in March, which changes their winter behavior in February, Bigalke said. "Males are moving around more than females, primarily related to breeding season," he said. Two months after mating, a litter of about five to nine pups are born inside, an underground den, where they are cared for by the female. Bigalke is discouraged by human misinformation and attitudes toward coyotes. "Coyotes hold a big myth," he said. Bigalke said he meets people who say they shoot one every chance they get. And in Minnesota, that's legal. Yet when Bigalke asks why, he gets few specific reasons for the hunting, other than disdain. "A lot of people are concerned and you hear all the rumors," he said, maybe because the coyote is a scavenger. But so are bald eagles and ducks

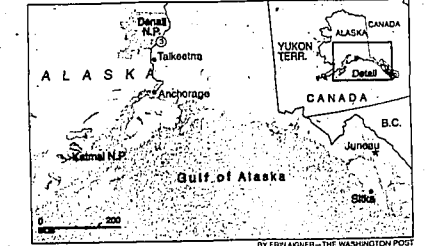
on Lake Winona. "I think it gets blamed for a lot of things that it doesn't do," DePerno said. Many nonsovereign predators target the easiest catch. For a coyote, that means small rodents and rabbits. "They're not killing their livestock. There's kind of a mindset that they're bad," Bigalke said. The DNR found that some southwestern Minnesota counties were talking about enacting bounties on coyotes because they thought they were killing all the deer. But deer decreases are the result of severe winters in 1995-1996 and 1996-1997, combined with increased poaching to reduce deer damage to private property, the DNR said. The only bounties Minnesota counties can authorize are for gophers, ground squirrels and woodchucks. Bounties on foxes and wolves were legal in Minnesota until 1965, but were discontinued

because they didn't control predator populations and ended up paying corrupt bounty hunters. As if tracking coyotes at night wasn't enough to do for a graduate student, Bigalke also is tracking 55 red-collared deer from Rushford to Chatfield to Pleasant Grove to the Zumbro River bottoms and Zumbro Falls. This is the third winter for the DNR's study of deer mortality. The two highest causes of deer deaths are hunting and car strikes. Coyotes are unprotected in Minnesota. That means they can be killed year-round, there are no bag limits, and hunters do not need a hunting license to shoot them. Coyotes may be taken in any manner, except with artificial lights or by chasing and running over them with a motor vehicle. Poisons may not be used, except under the register for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Bears

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would actually make it to Katmai and Denali National Parks, where they would be muzzled. Luck was with us when we landed at Brooks Lodge inside Katmai, following a 45-minute fog delay at King Salmon. It turned out to be a rare, clear 80-degree day, and during the seven hours we spent in the park, we saw 20 bears — one so close we could smell him as he walked under our observation deck. As we lounged on the beach, binoculars and spotting scope in hand, a quartet of rambunctious cubs played with each other and their vigilant mother. We saw a trio of adult male bears doing the backstroke 200 yards from a group of fly fishermen. And most spectacular of all, as we stood on a platform overlooking the falls, we were transfixed by the sight of half a dozen grizzlies catching and devouring wriggling salmon fished from Brooks Falls. Katmai, however, is not Denali's park. Part of the thrill is the frisson of fear that comes from knowing that one of North America's largest predators might be literally around the corner. In that respect, it's always been the right of way, it's up to people to steer clear of them. Rangers are ever-present, stopping people from crossing a bridge if a bear wanders or swims too close, or herding them a safe distance away to wait for a bear to

depart. The day I was there, I spent most of the bear jam waiting for three huge males playfully wrestling with a large stick to move away from a low-slung bridge so we could cross. Among the rules: Do not approach bears. Always maintain a distance of at least 50 yards, double for a mother with cubs or if you're fishing. Talk loudly on hiking trails to avoid surprising bears. Never carry any food, even flavored water — bears have an extraordinary sense of smell. Bears tend to ignore people, but they will attack in rare instances to defend cubs, food or if they feel threatened. During my visit, rangers told us no one had been killed by a bear in the park's 86-year history. That changed three months later, in October, when a self-styled California bear expert named Timothy Treadwell and his girlfriend were killed and partially eaten by a 1,000-pound grizzly who attacked them in their back-country campsite. When I read about Treadwell, I blushed back to our arrival. The ranger who met me at the plane never and later told us the slumbering animal was undoubtedly aware of our presence. Grizzlies, he said, have been clocked at speeds of 35 miles per hour, as fast as a racehorse. "Don't even think about running a bear," he said, "because you can't." Unlike many visitors, who see only a portion of Alaska from the



deck of a cruise ship, I preferred traveling independently. Although I didn't plan it this way, we ended up spending time in all four regions of Alaska — the southeast, south central, interior and the bush — each a geographically and culturally distinct area. Figuring out the most expedient way to hopscotch around Alaska often meant flying, the way most residents get around because the state is so vast and has so few roads. We didn't have enough time to use the extensive and much cheaper ferry system. And the Alaska while relaxing, is expensive and slow. We started in Anchorage, the state's cultural capital and largest city, which served as our base for

six-hour cruises, which included a box lunch, was worth it. We saw huge icebergs, blue glaciers that were calving, a thriving salmon hatchery swooping bald eagles and adorable sea otters cavorting for the cameras 50 feet off the bow. There's not much to see on the five-hour drive north from Anchorage to Denali National Park, other than Talkeetna, the picturesque, laid-back hamlet that was the inspiration for the hit television series "Northern Exposure." The three-block town, which contains a pint-size museum, restaurants and shops featuring local pottery and jewelry, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Talkeetna (pop. 722) sprang up during the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1890s. These days it is best known as the staging area for climbs of Mount McKinley, North America's tallest mountain. The town contains a busy airstrip where visitors can book flyfishing trips by charter plane or helicopter for the thrill of landing on a glacier or sweeping in close for extraordinary views of the mountain. Even here we met agreed that flyfishing was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Unfortunately the weather was clear enough for us to do it. Like most visitors to Denali, we never saw the mountain, which rises 20,320 feet above sea level; it was perpetually obscured by clouds during the 2 1/2 days we spent in

and around the park. Because cars are banned in most of the 6 million-acre park, visitors see it through the windows of the aging school buses that ply the dusty gravel road that winds 90 miles across desolate, windswept tundra. We had booked the 6 a.m. Tundra Bus tour because the earliest trips offered the best wildlife viewing; we did see a few grizzlies, through binoculars, along with moose, elk and reindeer. One of the pleasures of flying around Alaska is starting at the vast beauty of what lies beyond: verdant pine forests that seem to go on forever, gargantuan snow-covered peaks glinting in the sun, and a complete absence of any sign of people. The three hour flight from Anchorage to Sitka with a brief stop in Juneau, the capital, is no exception. In Sitka, as in other parts of Alaska, reminders that life is different than in the Lower 48 are everywhere. A large sign above the Avis desk in the tiny Sitka airport warns renters: "A cleaning fee may be charged due to fish smell or having animals in the car or truck." On our last night, we drove the seven miles from one end of the island to the other, stopping at the park Deniker mentioned where I hoped to spot bears. After a few minutes we gave up, mindful of the 4:30 a.m. check-in for the flight home. Maybe, I thought, we'll see a bear on the way to the airport.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jensen Ringmakers completes remodeling

TWIN FALLS — The owners of Jensen Ringmakers in downtown Twin Falls say the remodeling of their downtown location reaffirms their commitment to the community.

The downtown location began as a retail jewelry store under the name Jensen Jewelers, and has most recently served as national headquarters for Jensen's jewelry-manufacturing operations.

"We are putting our money where our mouth is with this investment," President John Jensen said in a statement. "I only hope our Twin Falls officials will do the same with their needed expansion by staying in downtown Twin Falls instead of the ill-conceived purchase of the former Anderson Lumber building."

Hailey firm helps boost Iraq's electricity

KEFCHUM — A Hailey-based engineering firm is helping reconstruct southern Iraq's electrical system after looters toppled more than 200 power towers for the value of the wire.

Power Engineers, Inc. has contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve infrastructure in Iraq following the second Gulf War. Engineer Les Hinzman said he's seen people pulling the towers down with cables and tractors to salvage the wire from the power lines.

"When I got in the country, 130 towers had been torn down," Hinzman said. "By the time I left, 280 were down."

The company, which has 600 employees, is a subcontractor to Perini Corp., a civil infrastructure contractor. Hinzman is charged with projects throughout the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility, which includes 25 countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hinzman, one of about twelve engineers from the company who have traveled to Iraq, said the company is providing on-site engineering support and expertise.

"The big government contractors are not design experts like we are," he said.

Power Engineers is the largest power transmission and distribution design company in the country, according to Engineering News Record.

Trade office celebrates 10th anniversary

BOISE — Idaho's representatives in China, Korea, Taiwan and Mexico will discuss economic conditions and trade opportunities in their respective countries during the Sixth Annual Global Market Trends Seminar, held today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Aspen Room at the Grove Hotel in Boise.

Additional topics include market overviews, business opportunities, cultural issues and common pitfalls of exporting. Each manager will also meet one-on-one with Idaho businesses interested in exporting their products and services.

Roughly one third of Idaho's raw foods and manufactured products are exported to other countries. Idaho has trade offices in Taipei, Taiwan; Shanghai, China and Guadalajara, Mexico.

On March 11, the Idaho-Mexico Trade Office will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a reception at the Boise Depot. The cost to attend is \$25 per person. Individuals interested in attending should RSVP to Sarah Gardner at 332-8535 by Friday.

McDonald's slims down super-sized menu

CHICAGO — Say goodbye to those super-sized fries — McDonald's is slimming down its menu.

The hamburger giant — with several Magic Valley locations — has started phasing out its trademark SuperSize fries and drinks in its U.S. restaurants, a company spokesman said Tuesday.

By the end of 2004, SuperSize will no longer be available at the nation's 13,000-plus McDonald's outlets except in certain promotions, McDonald's spokesman Walt Riker said.

The move comes as the world's largest restaurant company, with several food chains in general, are under growing public pressure to give consumers healthier food options in a nation that has suddenly become aware of its bulging waistline and "the health dangers that come with it."

McDonald's added entire salads last year and has been moving to provide more fruit, vegetable and yogurt options with its Happy Meals.

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Powder into profit

Utah ski bums Internet venture goes uphill

By Travis Reed
Associated Press writer

HEBER CITY, Utah — If customers had an offline question about their online purchase at the Holland and John Bresse's Internet outdoor retail store in 1997, a call to the service line would have been answered by a distinctively foreign accent.

On the Web site, www.backcountry.com, shoppers had their pick of about 50 pieces of specialty equipment for skiing the backcountry — regions beyond the bounds of ski resorts typically untouched by novice skiers.

What the site's patrons probably didn't know is that the company consisted of two men working out of a Heber City living room. Holland's wife, a native New Zealander, recorded the company's voice mail greeting because it made the company seem "international."

The site was anything but a global e-commerce success. "We had literally four pieces of gear in the living room and 50 pieces advertised on the site," Bresse said. "If someone actually ordered something, we had to go out and find it real quick."

By accident on the voice mail, Holland said, "we just sort of contribute to the idea that it was a real business."

Seven years later, the site is one of the few scrappy survivors of the dot-com bust. Started with just \$2,000, the two scraped together from building Web sites for real estate agents, the site has been profitable every year since it began.

It's growing faster than Holland and Bresse envisioned — pulling in \$15 million in revenue in 2003, up from \$6.5 million a year earlier. The company says it's the country's second biggest outdoor online retailer, behind giant REI, and claims its success has persuaded big-name manufacturers, including Burton and Oakley, to begin selling lines previously unavailable to online buyers.

"Now, every year and a half, we have to keep looking for a new warehouse," Holland said of the company's exponential growth in sales and inventory. They're about to upgrade from an 18,000-square-foot warehouse to one boasting 47,000 square feet.

The company says it's successful because of the hometown, up-by-the-bootstraps approach. The two say they're "fanatical" about the equipment they sell, and that makes



Brenda Leonard and Alex Weller sort returned items at The Backcountry Store warehouse Tuesday in Salt Lake City. The current 18,000 square foot warehouse will soon be replaced with a 47,000-foot one.

people want to buy from them. "In one way or another, all the people who work here are psycho outdoor people," Holland said. "That passion for the gear and what we do carries through to customers. It's a lot easier to be successful that way."

Internally, the company keeps meticulous watch over its finances and marketing, including real-time tracking of how much business results from specific advertising. And unlike many of the early dot-

com failures, Holland and Bresse are using their own money, instead of venture capital, to fuel the business — making them inherently more careful with investments.

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Survey: CEOs hope for recovery's staying power

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's business executives are hopeful about the economic recovery's staying power, with many expecting sales to increase in the next six months, according to a survey released Wednesday.

The Business Roundtable's quarterly survey found that 88 percent of the chief executive officers polled were predicting an increase

in sales in the next six months. Eleven percent said they expected no change in sales and 1 percent thought sales would go down.

"America's CEOs believe that the U.S. economy is on course for continued steady improvement over the next six months," said Hank McKinnell, chairman of the Business Roundtable and chairman and CEO of Pfizer Inc.

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Economic activity expands

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Factories hummed and consumers kept cash registers busy in the first two months of this year, fresh evidence that the economic recovery is moving ahead, according to a Federal Reserve report Wednesday.

"Economic activity continued to expand in January and February," the Fed said in its latest survey of business conditions around the country. However, on the jobs front, "employment has been growing slowly in most Federal

Reserve districts," the report said. Factory activity rose in 11 of the 12 regional Fed districts, good news for America's manufacturers, who were hit hard by the 2001 recession and have struggled mightily to get back on firm footing. In the Fed's Cleveland region factory activity didn't go up, but rather held steady, the Fed survey said.

Even with the pickup in factory activity, manufacturers have lost 3 million jobs since July 2000. That's the month factory employment

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Law holds employee responsible for overpayment

Human folly being what it is, mistakes get made all the time in the workplace. But should an employee have to bear the brunt of a company's mistake?

Q. "My human resources department just told me that the company has been paying me too much since April 1. This was a result of two reorganizations in a six-month period. The overpayment arose from the fact that my boss never submitted the correct paperwork in April 2003 to have my title and pay changed. I frankly never noticed that my pay was wrong because I have direct deposit at my bank."

The HR department told me that I will have to pay back all of the money, about \$11,000, that I was overpaid, but it is still waiting for headquarters to tell them what my



options are for paying them back, such as a lump sum or over 24 months, and the net amount. "Am I bound legally to pay back the money?"
A. Declan C. Leonard, an Arlington, Va., attorney who at various times has represented both employers and workers, said that "unfortunately, the employee would have to pay it back, assum-

ing there is agreement that there's been an "overpayment," which appears to be the case.

He said the problem was "a mutual mistake, a legal principle where both parties were kind of oblivious to this error," in that the company kept on issuing paychecks that were too big and the employee did not notice it. Thus the employee cannot keep what was not rightfully his.

But Leonard said he does not think the company can legitimately ask for a lump-sum repayment. "They made the mistake over a long period of time," he said, "and since there was no willful deception on the part of the employee, the 24-month repayment time seems reasonable to me. The employee has had the benefit of those funds and

now will not only have a lower salary-but (will) have to have some deducted, too."

Despite his sense that this worker will have to pay back the money, Leonard said the employee might want to check with the wage and hour agency in his state's labor department to see whether it thinks otherwise. Leonard said it is possible that the state could rule that the employer's mistake went undetected for so long that the company should not be able to collect the back pay, but only to change the worker's salary prospectively.

In any event, Leonard said the employer should check with a tax advisor to see whether there are any tax implications of having received too much money in 2003 and having to pay it back this year.

State guards property

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll come forward to claim the property. It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe

deposits, business funds, stock dividends, workers' compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Twin Falls and Burley, and the tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person or business who has unclaimed property worth \$50 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Twin Falls

- David Allen
- Arnalgarnated Sugar Co.
- Rutha Anderson
- Larry Anderson
- Aspen Consulting Group
- Baron Farm Inc.
- Ivan Blackburn
- Dean Bridwell
- Glynn D. Brittan
- Patrick Brown
- Thomas Chaput
- Crandall's Flower Shop
- Creative Home Health Care Inc.
- Gary Day
- Carl H. Dewall
- Jasmin Dojkovic
- Jo Dever
- Bob Esterbrook
- Lillian Esterbrook
- Bonnie Ewing
- Thomas Fairchild
- Centennial Memorial Endowment Fund, First United Methodist Church
- Dorothy Fortner
- Francis A. Gonzalez
- Jose D. Gonzalez
- Idaho Intermountain Claims Inc.
- Richard J. Jones Corp.
- KW Enterprises
- Magic Valley RMC
- Opal Miller
- Tiffany Peterson
- Alan Peterson
- Alan G. Phillips
- Rose Prather
- James A. Roberts
- Roto Rooter Sewer Service Co.
- Ann Seefeldt
- Tony Simecek
- Southern Radiology Idaho
- Judy Stone
- Thurgood Center
- Triple C Concrete Inc.

Burley

- Patience Blanchard
- Enrique Contreras
- Doreen Crawford
- Jesse E. Crawford
- Humberto Duenas
- Anita Fuller
- Catherine Fuller
- James Fuller
- Connie Geary
- Thomas Geary
- Tyler Gibson
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- Linda Graham
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- John Holbrook
- Roger Holbrook
- Inouye Farms Inc.
- Mark Lehman
- Jose Lora
- Graciela Mendoza
- Mountain States Trust Insurance
- Marketing
- Juan M. Padron
- Juan Pena
- Luis Ramirez
- Michael Sanchez
- Alan Saunders
- Dustin D. Scheffler
- Stephen A. Shell
- Jacquette Sivan
- Michael Smith
- Darrell Snyder

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0040.
- Send e-mail to lostfound@tax.state.id.us.
- Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Disney board will split chairman, CEO positions.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Walt Disney Co. board voted late Tuesday to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, hours after shareholders delivered a stinging rebuke by withholding 43 percent of their votes for CEO Michael Eisner's re-election to the board.

Disney directors voted unanimously to make board member and former senator George Mitchell the company's new chairman and voiced their continued approval of Eisner's management and the company's strategy.

The board also rejected a renewed overture from cable television giant Comcast, saying it would serve no purpose to reconsider a merger after already dismissed as too.

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Gold and Roy Disney as being too close to Eisner and not independent enough because his law firm has worked for Eisner.

In its statement, the board said it understood that investors were concerned about more than just the issue of separating the chairman and CEO positions.

"We are aware that some voted for an immediate change in management and in the board," the statement said. "However, we believe the action we have taken today is in the best long-term interest of the shareholders of the company."

"It's not a surprise," said David Miller, an analyst at Sanders Morris Harris, who earlier in the day said the board would make such a move within 24 hours.

Institutional Shareholder Services, a proxy advisor firm that had recommended its large investor clients withhold their votes from Eisner, said the Disney board's change was welcome, but not enough.

"If the Disney board believes this is the silver bullet to fix all the problems, they are sort of mistaken," said Cheryl Gustman, an ISS spokeswoman.

"It's crucially important that the largest public pension fund, which withheld its \$.9 billion votes from Eisner, called for his resignation.

Ski

Continued from D4 "We're at the beginning of an age where marketing is going to change completely," Holland said. "It used to be so fuzzy."

The two — ski bums by nature and college-educated in political science (Holland) and psychology (Bresce) — wanted to make a job out of their hobbies.

Holland and Bresce grew up together in Vermont. Both of them shared their way out West for the same reasons as many of their clients.

"I read in Powder Magazine that Alta had the best of the best powder in the world," Bresce said. "So I thought I'd come out here and check it out."

When he came to Utah for competition and finished his professional career as a six-time U.S. National Nordic ski jumping champion and two-time Olympian.

He was looking for something to do after he hung up the competition skills and considered graduate business school. But Bresce convinced him he could learn more by starting a business.

So began Backcountry Store, initially dedicated to providing tools like skis, snowboards and other equipment to be used in the event of an avalanche, but since expanded to include gear for camping, kayaking, snowboarding and beyond.

Holland and Bresce have always been frugal, and neither took salary from the business for several years. They didn't hire their first employee until 1999.

The company now employs 65 in the company's Heber City office and Salt Lake City warehouse. Fans and buyers affectionately call them "gear-heads," and the company's motto is "We use the gear we sell."

Which sometimes creates its own problem, Bresce said. "It's always a challenge on powder days to make sure the whole crew shows up."

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Gerardo Pedraza stands in the middle of his family during a going away party for him. A few days later, he left for boot camp in San Diego, Calif., with the Marines.

Leaving for boot camp

Man joins Marines to reach his goals

By Levi Aspytia
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The family stood around the kitchen during a going away party, sharing stories about how they had reacted to the news. Several family members pointed out that they were stunned, while one member kept asking if he was being serious.

The news: Gerardo Pedraza, 19, of Twin Falls, had signed up for the United States Marine Corps. He is the son of Gerardo Sr. and Mary Pedraza and has two older brothers and two younger sisters.

He left for boot camp in San Diego, Calif., a few days after the party. "I am more excited than anything else," Pedraza said. "I am going to get to go to school, have money and confidence."

Pedraza thought about what he was going to do for awhile before he had even graduated from Magic Valley High School. He graduated in May 2003 — the first member of the household to obtain a high school diploma. He researched every service branch until he made his decision.

"It was going my mind for two years," he said. "The Marine recruiter showed me how it is going to be, what to expect and what they expected of me."

After Pedraza signed up, it was time for the family to find out what he had done. He never told anyone what he was thinking about. His brothers didn't see the news

coming when he told them. "I thought he was joking for about an hour," Transito Pedraza said.

"I was shocked," Marty Pedraza added. "I never did expect it from him."

Despite initial reactions, Pedraza's parents and the rest of his family say they were proud of him and hoped he will do well in the Marines. He spent extra time explaining what was going on to his sisters since he always watched over them.

While Pedraza may be excited about leaving for new experiences, he is still taking time to notice the people that he is going to miss. "I am going to miss everybody, especially the people close to me," he said. "I am especially going to miss Transito and Marty, since they were always there for me. Now I am going to have to take of myself."

Workmen unearth mummies

By Drew Benson
Associated Press writer

LIMA, Peru — Construction workers dug up two well-preserved mummies from the pre-Columbian era in a town on Peru's Pacific coast, archaeologists said.

Dozens of other mummies are buried at the site in the southern town of Coscahuasi, according to the archaeologists, who want to conduct an emergency excavation. "The mummies were very well-preserved, although they were damaged because the excavation was not conducted by archaeologists," said state archaeologist Marco Lopez. "We want to rescue the remaining mummies."

The workers were laying pipes when they discovered the remains of a 4-year-old boy and a 35-year-old man two weeks ago. One of the man's eyes was still intact. Based on textiles and ceramics buried with them, the remains date to the Chiribaya culture, which flourished in the area between 1100 and 1300, Lopez said.

The mummies are among many discovered in Peru in recent years. Two years ago, archaeologists found 2,200 Inca mummies under a Lima shantytown — one of some 30 archaeological sites beneath the sprawling capital city of 8 million



Vida Latina

The Incas unified cultures along the Andes Mountains from modern-day Colombia to Chile for about 100 years before Spanish conquistadors toppled them in the 1500s.

In 1996, archaeologists discovered the remains of an Inca girl under ice atop a volcanic peak outside Arequipa, 465 miles southeast of Lima. She is believed to be the best preserved mummy found in Peru.

Scores of mummies belonging to the Chachapoyas culture, which was absorbed by the Incas, have also been discovered on jungle-covered mountain ledges in Peru's northern Leymebamba region.

The oldest Peruvian mummies, from the coastal Paracas culture, date back about 1000 years, Lopez said.



This is one of two of the oldest mummies found in Arequipa, Peru, 640 miles south of Lima. Officials from the National Institute of Culture said the two mummies — a young boy and a man in his mid-30s (pictured) — were at least 700 years old. They came from a culture that predated the Incas.

Some Mexicans resent airport security

By Laurence Iltf
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY — Strict new airport security measures in both Mexico and the United States are fanning an outbreak of anti-Americanism among some Mexicans who say their nation is unfairly targeted in the war on terrorism, analysts said.

As the screening program for foreign visitors, "U.S. Visit," went into effect in U.S. airports this week, newspapers in Mexico car-

ried screaming headlines like "HUMILIATED." The screening process, which includes fingerprinting and a mug shot, was compared to the booking process in an arrest.

The friction comes less than a week before Mexican President Vicente Fox and President Bush are to meet in Monterrey, Mexico, at the Summit of the Americas.

"It's humiliating to be fingerprinted as if you were a criminal," said Leonardo Curzio, a TV commentator on the news analysis show "Primer Plano," or Forefront.

"No Mexicans have been linked to terrorism nor has there been the slightest suspicion," he said late Monday.

While many Mexicans understand the United States' need to protect itself against a terrorist attack and seem willing to spend more time in airport security lines, some said the "U.S. Visit" screening process is too much.

The overall security measures in Mexican airports "are adequate, if a little exaggerated," said Fernando Meraz, 30, a Mexico City lawyer.

MILITARY FAMILY DEPLOYS

Damian Rodriguez of Heyburn and Damian Rodriguez of Burley both left for active duty in Iraq Monday. The younger Damian is the son of Honore Miko Rodriguez and nephew of the older Damian. He is an Army specialist and a member of the Second Battalion 7th Regiment in Fort Hood, Texas. The older Damian is a tech sergeant with the 324th Medical Squadron from Gowen Field in Boise. The two were honored recently at a family dinner in Burley. Also attending the dinner were other family members who served the U.S. Armed Forces. Honore Rodriguez served in the Navy during World War II and another family member, Ramon Rodriguez, received the Purple Heart for his service in the Vietnam War.



Photo courtesy of PATE RODRIGUEZ

Hispanic business professionals to meet



annual "Stay in School" Quinceanera Program.

Eighth-grade students from Nampa, Caldwell and Wilder will have the opportunity to attend workshops that will focus on dance, creative writing and theater arts.

Classes will begin March 6 through May 15 at the Hispanic Cultural Center, 315 Stampede Drive in Nampa.

Students will perform their own production at the Quinceanera

Gala and at Cinco de Mayo events at the end of the program.

The "Stay in School" Program is a project of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, made possible by grants from the Whittenberger Foundation, J.A. & Kathryn Albertsons Foundation Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation, United Way of Treasure Valley, Idaho Commission on the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, call 442-0823, ext. 107.

Noticias

TWIN FALLS — The Hispanic Business and Professionals Network will meet at noon Monday at Senor Cesar's restaurant, 645 Fifer Ave.

Anyone interested in Hispanic-related issues is invited to attend, this no-host lunch. For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

Spanish radio offers home ownership information

BURLEY — Clint Crane and Stan Buckley of Century 21 Riverside Realty will present a series of programs on home ownership in Spanish at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday during the month of March on La Fantásica 970 AM.

Different topics including aspects of each week including aspects of buying a home, qualifications, benefits of owning a home, lending options, what real estate representatives do and more. Following the program there will be a call-in question and answer session. For more information, call Crane or Buckley at 878-2121.

Hispanic Cultural Center holds annual Quinceanera

NAMPA — Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho will present its 16th

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Case No. 00488
On June 8, 2004, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. of said day...

Parcel 1: A parcel of land adjacent to Addison Avenue Project No. Highway 518...

Parcel 2: A parcel of land located in the NE1/4, more particularly described as follows...

Parcel 3: A parcel of land located in the NE1/4, more particularly described as follows...

Parcel 4: A parcel of land located in the NE1/4, more particularly described as follows...

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Case No. 00565
On June 30, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day...

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Parcel 2: A parcel of land located in the NE1/4, more particularly described as follows...

PUBLISH: February 26, March 4, 11 and 18, 2004

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On June 15, 2004, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m. of said day...

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LOST Australian Shepherd, 6 years old male, mostly white with blue eyes...

LOST Bassett Hound, red and white male in the vicinity of Candy Cane Park...

LOST Saint Bernard, Molly, 1 year female, West wearing shock collar...

LOST St. Bernard, white and tan, 10 years old, no tail...

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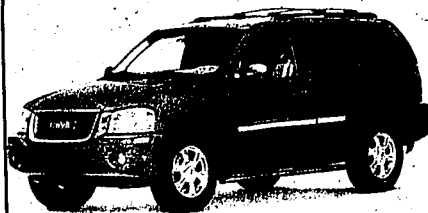
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