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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny, warm. Tonight: dry and mostly clear. High of 56, low of 31.

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Idaho caviar: Snake River sturgeon's eggs compete with elite Caspian Sea cousins.

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FAMILY LIFE



Homesick



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Jeremiah Neibling, 29, and his sister, Jon Neibling, 24, stand in front of their former home in Twin Falls where they both suffered illnesses from toxic mold exposure. For more on mold, please see page B1.

Family says mold drove them out

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She'll never forget the doctor's words. "I think I know what's wrong with you."

Those eight simple words were music to the ears of the then-21-year-old once-aspiring cellist, Dr. Muriel Lezak, a neuropsychologist at Oregon Health Sciences University. Finally, she knew what might be wrong with Jen Neibling.

Jen's parents, Howard and Marsha, had taken their daughter to more than 70 doctors around the country. Even the doctors at the prestigious Mayo Clinic were baffled. Some doctors told her that her symptoms were "psychosomatic."

Turns out Jen's problems were all in her head, but they were real, not imagined. The problem was in her brain. Visits to two neurologists at OHSU confirmed it. Jen finally had a diagnosis — Hashimoto's encephalopathy — a disease in which antibodies wreak havoc on neurons in the brain. That would explain the mysterious symptoms Jen began experiencing a few years before as an 18-year-old sophomore at the University of British Columbia. At first she just felt run down. She was tired and constantly fighting bouts of bronchitis.

"I was just sick all the time," Jen said.

Then the symptoms became Please see MOLD, Page A6

Breaking the mold

About mold

- **Where it grows:** Molds are common in homes and other buildings and will grow anywhere there is moisture.
- **Varieties:** The most common indoor molds are cladosporium, penicillium, aspergillus and alternaria. Stachybotrys chartarum, also called stachybotrys atra, is less common than other mold species, but it is not rare. The greenish-black mold grows anywhere there is water damage, excessive humidity, water leaks, condensation, water infiltration

Mold and illness

- **If you believe you are ill** because of exposure to mold, you should consult your doctor to determine the appropriate action to take.
- **People with allergies,** immune suppression and underlying lung disease are more sensitive to molds.
- **Fungal account for 9 percent** of infections originating or taking place in hospitals.
- **Ingestion of foods contaminated** with certain toxins produced by molds is associated with development of human cancer.
- **Respiratory illnesses** among

workers may be attributed to mold exposure.

- **Uncommon illnesses** that collectively can be called hypersensitivity pneumonitis are caused by high concentrations of mold.
- **Common illnesses** caused by molds include allergic conditions such as hay fever and asthma.
- **Links between indoor airborne exposures** to molds and other health effects, such as bleeding from the lungs and memory loss, have not been scientifically substantiated, but studies continue into the links between exposure to mold and human health.

How to treat and prevent mold

- Conditions that cause mold should be corrected to keep mold from growing.
- Clean walls and other water-damaged items with 10 parts water, mixed with one part bleach. Never mix bleach with ammonia. Moldy items should be discarded.
- People sensitive to mold, or people with more extensive mold problems, should contact professionals with experience in cleaning mold.
- Keep the humidity level in your home below 50 percent.
- Use an air conditioner or a dehumidifier during humid months.
- Be sure your home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- Use mold inhibitors that can be added to paints.
- Clean bathrooms with mold-killing products.
- Do not carpet bathrooms.
- Remove, replace flooded carpets.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Where to go for help

South Central District Health has a number of resources to help people prevent or get rid of mold. For more information, call Jim Lane at 734-5900, Ext. 209.

Mind meld: Pinochle may be the Magic Valley's unofficial pastime.

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Lack of intelligence sharing hurts the war on terrorism

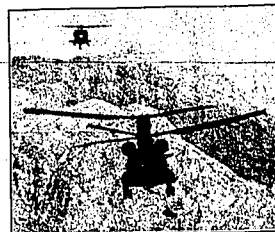
The Associated Press

More than two years after the Bush administration won pledges of support from dozens of countries eager to join the war on terrorism, Washington and its allies still keep a jealous hold on intelligence — snarling the

information sharing needed to shut down al-Qaida.

With public attention focused this week on the failures leading to the Sept. 11 attacks, officials acknowledged that information-sharing is a problem that will be difficult to change despite a new resolve on both sides of the Atlantic after the deadly bombings this month in Spain.

In his testimony before the bipartisan commission investigating the attacks on New York Please see INFORMATION, Page A7



Dhnook helicopters fly over the Pakistan's mountainous province near the Pakistani border Saturday near Khost, about 120 miles southeast of Kabul, searching for al-Qaida.

AP photo

Rivals assail sheriff

By Troy Foster and Dixie Thomas Reals
The Times-News

JEROME — The race is barely a week old, but some opponents of Sheriff Jim Weaver have begun their campaigns with tough language that suggests the contest for Jerome County's top law enforcement job will be filled with vitriol.

The media-savvy incumbent so far is not responding to the attacks. "It looks like everybody wants my job," Weaver said. "It seems to be a popular position."

Those were the only comments Weaver was willing to share during a recent attempt at an interview. Instead, the sheriff handed over a one-page document of prepared statements to *The Times-News*, touting his efforts fighting narcotics, reducing the crime rate and saving taxpayer dollars through a work detail program.

The interest in Weaver's job might best be summed up by one of his Republican challengers, who has come out swinging.

"One can't run a campaign for sheriff in Jerome County without acknowledging the Eden issue," said Wayne Childers, referring to the shootout in 2001 that left two deputies and an inmate dead. "The verdict there will be delivered in the voting booth."

Even if this race proves to be a referendum on Weaver and his handling of the Eden incident, Childers might have a trouble catching the sheriff in the May 25 primary.

Three other men also are seeking the Republican nomination in a contest that could swing in the incumbent's favor if all Weaver votes split among the four challengers.

However, former Sheriff George "Pee Wee" Silver III's entry into the race on the final day of the filing period, potentially sets up a one-on-one match in November should Weaver move beyond the primary.

Silver, 52, filed as an independent. He also has come out swinging, saying the race is about bringing "trust and integrity" back to the sheriff's department.

"I think everything that went on in the sheriff's office in the last several years is a factor in this race, and certainly the shooting in Eden is a factor," he said.

Republican candidate Bryant Nelson, 35, offers similar comments. Nelson, of Eden, said the sheriff's department must earn back the "trust and respect" of the citizens it serves.

"You can't do an effective job of patrolling the community in a vehicle driving at the speed limit on the main roads only," he said.

Then the comments begin to soften.

Republican Larry Webb, 56, says he "can lead the sheriff's office in a better direction than it has taken in the past four years." Jerry Martinez, 50, so far hasn't attacked the current administration. In a recent interview, the Republican challenger focused on his own ideas, such as improving communication among law enforcement agencies, using education as a tool against drugs and addressing jail concerns.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Teasley, Martinez's current employer, put him on unpaid leave following the announcement that he would challenge Weaver.

"I have the experience, training and capability," Martinez said. Please see SHERIFF, Page A2

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Diabetic shock
Sometimes kids find they have Type I diabetes the hard way.

Monday

Dig the past
Man collects voices from history.

Tuesday

Bring the East home
Prepare Chinese take-out at your house.

Wednesday

Mending mutt
A hunting dog's tale of surgery and recovery.

Thursday

Operatic
Utah Symphony and Utah Opera bring 'Don Pasquale' to Sun Valley.

Friday

Christian music
Home-town boy grows business in Nashville.

Saturday

Diet craze
Is it hurting local ag producers?

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and warmer, near normal temperatures. Highs in the middle 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies, light winds and dry conditions. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Tomorrow: Warmer, mostly sunny to sunny skies and dry. Highs in the upper 60s to near 70.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies, light winds and warmer temperatures. Highs in the middle 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear skies and dry conditions. Lows in the middle to upper 20s. Tomorrow: Warmer, mostly sunny to sunny skies and dry. Highs in near 70.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cool and partly to mostly sunny for today with warmer temperatures. Highs in the middle 50s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very nice weather for Monday through Wednesday. Late this week will be much cooler with possible showers.

BOISE Warmer for today with mostly sunny skies and very nice conditions. Tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday will be unseasonably warm and mostly dry.

NORTHERN UTAH Mild and partly cloudy for today with warmer, mostly sunny and dry weather through Wednesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 55 at Boise and Caldwell. Low: 20 at Starley. Weather key: sunny, pc partly cloudy, mc mostly cloudy, oc overcast, in showers, dr showers, rain, sn snow, fl flurries, wa wind, m-mixing

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

Yesterday's Weather

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MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Mar 28, Apr 5, Apr 12, Apr 19.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Monday, Tuesday. Lists moonrise and moonset times.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST and TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP with weather icons.

Jerome County sheriff candidates: Jim Weaver, Wayne Childers, Larry Webb, Jerry Martinez, Bryart Nelson, George 'Poe' Wee. Includes photos and biographical information for each candidate.

Circulation information for Daniel Walock, director. Includes details on subscription rates, mail information, and the Times-News telephone directory.

Sheriff information for Jerry Martinez. Includes a photo, biography, and contact information for the Sheriff's Office.

Wendell Police Department information. Includes details about the department, its history, and contact information.

Goodwrench advertisement for brake services. Features a large image of a car and text: 'BRAKES 10% OFF Regular Price with this coupon. Expires 4/30/04'. Also includes tire rotation and engine services.

Rocket attack kills four Iraqis

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A rocket attack in the northern city of Mosul killed four Iraqis on Saturday, and two more on Saturday, including a 3-year-old, were reportedly fatally shot by U.S. troops at checkpoints in other cities.

The rocket attack on the Mosul city hall wounded 13 people, including two Iraqi police officers and a child, police officials and hospital officials said.

Attacks on police have become an almost daily occurrence in Mosul, a city of 2 million people.

In Tikrit, the ancestral home of former President Saddam Hussein, a 3-year-old boy was killed and six people were wounded when U.S. soldiers opened fire on a vehicle at a checkpoint shortly after dark on Friday, the Reuters news agency reported.

In Kirkuk, another northern city, an Iraqi working for a U.S. contractor was killed and two others wounded when soldiers opened fire on their car, Reuters also reported. Their employer, RTI International, was hired by the U.S. Agency for International Development to help Iraqis learn self-governance.

Also in Kirkuk, a police lieutenant was reportedly killed by unidentified gunmen in an at-

tack Friday evening. The victim was identified as an Assyrian Christian, in a city where divisions among Kurds, Arabs, Turks and Assyrians have increased in the post-war era.

In Baghdad, a bomb erupted during the height of morning commute on a route leading toward two hotels where many Iraqis work for foreign news organizations and contractors. Bursts of gunfire sounded after the blast, which exploded beside a white SUV similar to those associated with the U.S.-led coalition, and the private security firms it employs.

Meanwhile, Marines newly returned to Iraq continued an operation in Fallujah, a seat of resistance to the occupation 30 miles west of Baghdad.

Hospitals in the city reported that 15 Iraqi civilians had been killed there during sporadic, daylong firefight at the edge of the city that also killed a Marine.

Spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, which took over from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division on Wednesday, said they could not comment on the operation while it continues.

Separately, a BBC documentary claimed to identify the former presidential bodyguard who led U.S. forces to the property where Hussein was found hiding in a hole in the ground last December.



Iraqi police stand in front of a government building in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul Saturday after it was targeted by rebels who fired rockets, killing four civilians and wounding 13 others.

Al-Qaida hunt spurs controversy in Pakistan

Knight Ridder News Service

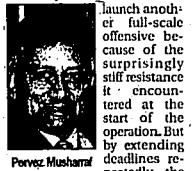
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Mulana Mahrulud Din Qureshi remembers the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 almost with fondness. That was during the Cold War when the government of Pakistan called the people in the tribal areas near the Afghan border mujahideen — "freedom fighters" — because of their resistance to the Russians.

Now, said Qureshi, parliamentary leader of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas in South Waziristan, the government of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has sent the Army against the semi-autonomous tribes for allegedly harboring al-Qaida militants.

"Try to find your criminals in America instead of our lands," said Qureshi, the tribal area official. "These people came here on the incentive of Pakistan and United States to fight Russians. Now they are part of our culture. They've married our women. We have to protect them."

A nearly two-week-old military operation in support of the U.S.-led war on terror has bogged down amid growing political furor as Musharraf's critics charge him with caving in to American pressure at the expense of innocent civilians. They see him as transforming "the government into an extension of American policy that is fundamentally opposed to Islam."

Pakistan's army is reluctant to



Pervez Musharraf

launch another full-scale offensive because of the surprisingly stiff resistance encountered at the start of the operation. But by extending deadlines repeatedly, the

government risks looking weak and ineffective.

About 200 tribesmen and 30 soldiers have been killed in clashes between 6,000 Pakistani soldiers and hundreds of local people and suspected militants. An additional 162 people have been arrested and include Arabs, Uzbeks and Chechens.

An audio recording allegedly made by one of al-Qaida's key leaders, Ayman al-Zawahiri, that aired on Thursday called for people in the tribal areas to resist the Pakistani army.

It also demanded Musharraf's ouster. A cease-fire was extended for the third time on Saturday and negotiations continued. The government is calling for the tribes to turn over captured soldiers and to surrender any foreign fighters. Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shankar Sultan said the wanted men have called for the army to withdraw from the tribal area of South Waziristan, repair homes damaged in the fighting and compensate people whose family members were killed by soldiers.

Officials: Lab claims were based on defector

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's prewar claims that Saddam Hussein had built a fleet of trucks and railroad cars to produce anthrax and other deadly germs were based chiefly on information from a now-discredited Iraqi defector code-named "Curveball," according to current and former intelligence officials.

U.S. officials never had direct access to the defector, and did not even know his real name until after the war. Instead, his story was provided by German agents, and his file was so thick with detail that American officials thought it confirmed long-standing suspicions that the Iraqis had developed mobile germ factories to evade weapons inspections.

Curveball's story has since



President Bush

cumbled as it was revealed by U.S. officials and the scrutiny of U.S. arms inspectors who have come to see his code name as particularly apt, given the problems that plagued much of the intelligence collection and analysis.

U.N. weapons inspectors first hypothesized that such trucks might exist, officials said. Then they asked former exile leader Ahmed Chalabi, a bitter enemy of Saddam, to help search for intelligence supporting their theory.

Soon after, a young chemical engineer emerged in a German refugee camp and claimed he

had been hired out of Baghdad University to design and build bio-warfare trucks for the Iraqi army.

Based largely on his account, President Bush and his aides repeatedly warned of the shadowy germ trucks, dubbed "Winnabogs of Death" or "Hell on Wheels" in lurid news accounts, and they became a crucial part of the White House case for war — including Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's dramatic presentation to the U.N. Security Council just weeks before the war began.

Only later, U.S. officials said, the CIA discovered that the defector is the brother of one of Chalabi's top aides, and began suspecting that he might have been coached to provide false information. Partly as a result, some U.S. intelligence officials and congressional investiga-

tors fear that the CIA inadvertently conjured up and then chased a phantom weapons system.

David Kay, who resigned in January as head of the CIA-led group created to find illicit weapons in Iraq, said that of all the intelligence failures in Iraq, the case of Curveball is particularly troubling.

"This is the one that's damaging," he said. "This is the one that has the potential for causing the largest havoc in the sense that it really looks like a lack of due diligence and care in going forward."

Kay said in an interview that the defector "was absolutely at the heart of a matter of intense interest to us."

But Curveball turned out to be an "out-and-out fabricator," he added.

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NASA successfully tests unmanned jet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three years after its first test flight ended in an explosion, NASA on Saturday successfully launched an experimental jet that the agency believes reached a record-setting speed of about 5,000 mph.

The unpowered X-43A made an 11-second powered flight, then went through some twists and turns during a six-minute glide before plunging into the Pacific Ocean about 400 miles off the California coast.

"It was fun all the way to Mach 7," said Joel Siz, project manager at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center.

Flight engineer Lawrence Huebner said preliminary data indicated the needle-nosed jet reached a maximum speed of slightly over seven times the speed of sound, or about 5,000 mph, after a rocket boosted it to about 3,500 mph.

Huebner said it was the first time an "air-breathing" jet had ever traveled so fast. The rocket-powered X-15 reached Mach 6.7 in 1967.

"It's a great way to end, certainly, and the sweeter because of the challenges we had to step up to and overcome through the life of this project," said Griffin Corpening, Dry-

den's chief engineer on the project.

The first X-43A flight ended in failure June 2, 2001, after the modified Pegasus rocket used to accelerate the plane veered off course and was detonated. An investigation board found preflight analyses failed to predict how the rocket would perform, leaving its control system unable to maintain stable flight.

NASA built the X-43A under a \$250 million program to develop and test an exotic type of engine called a superersonic-combustion ramjet, or scramjet.

Audit: Department didn't keep track of nuke site injuries

The Washington Post

SEATTLE — The Department of Energy has failed to keep accurate count of worker injuries at nuclear waste cleanup sites across the United States, and its records often downplay the dangers of cleanup work, according to a draft audit by the department's inspector general.

For nine out of 10 private contractors that perform environmental cleanup at old

bomb-making sites from Washington state to South Carolina, the audit found that the Department of Energy maintained "inaccurate and incomplete accident and injury data," according to a draft audit report dated March 3.

"Some of the department's safety performance statistics were overstated — that is, performance had been reported to be better than it actually was," the document said.

The inspector general's investigation also found instances in which major cleanup contractors were not required by the department to report any information on how many workers were hurt or sickened while working around nuclear waste. It found that the department also fails to record a significant number of workplace injuries that contractors themselves have documented.

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Clarke's openness surprises many

Rice's refusal to testify draws complaints

By Walter Pincus and Dana Hibbard The Washington Post



National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice listens to President Bush as he answers reporters' questions Tuesday at the White House.

WASHINGTON — Last week's testimony and media blitz by former White House counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke has returned unwelcome attention to his former boss, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice.

The refusal by President Bush's top security aide to testify publicly before the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks elicited rebukes by commission members as they held public hearings with her during the week. Thomas Keay, the former New Jersey governor Bush named to be chairman of the commission, said: "I think this administration shot itself in the foot by not letting her testify in public."

At the same time, some of Rice's rebuttals of Clarke's broadside against Bush, which she delivered in a flurry of media interviews and statements rather than in testimony, contradicted other administration officials and her own previous statements.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage contradicted Rice's claim that the White House had a strategy before 9/11 for military operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban; the CIA contradicted Rice's earlier assertion that Bush had requested a CIA briefing in the summer of 2001 because of elevated terrorist threats; and Rice's assertion that Bush told her on Sept. 16, 2001, that "Iraq is to the side" appeared to be contradicted by her own signature on Sept. 17 directing the Pentagon to begin planning military operations for an invasion of Iraq.

Rice, in turn, has contradicted

cepted on their way to Iraq were "only suited for nuclear weapons programs." But at the time, the U.S. intelligence community was split over the use of the tubes, and today the majority view is that the tubes were for anti-aircraft rockets.

Rice so far has refused to provide testimony under oath to the commission that could possibly resolve the contradictions. But the White House on Thursday offered the chance for Rice to meet privately for a second time with the commission to clear up "a number of mischaracterizations" of her statements and positions. Other presidential aides have waived their immunity. President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, did, as did President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Samuel Berger.

Democratic commission member Richard Ben-Veniste disclosed last week that Rice had asked, in her private meetings with the commission, to revise a statement she made publicly that "I don't think anybody could have predicted that those people could have taken an airplane and slam it into the World Trade Center ... that they would try to use an airplane as a missile." Rice told the commission that she mispoke; the commission has received information that prior to Sept. 11, U.S. intelligence agencies, and Clarke, had talked about terrorists using airplanes as missiles. In an op-ed published Monday in The Washington Post, Rice wrote that through the spring and summer of 2001, the national security team developed a strategy to eliminate al-Qaida that included "sufficient military options to remove the Taliban regime" in-

cluding the use of ground forces. But Armitage, testifying this week as the White House representative, said the military part was not in the plan before Sept. 11. "I think that was amended after the horror of 9/11," he said. McCormack said Rice's statement is accurate because the team discussed including orders for such military plans to be drawn up. In the same article, Rice belittled Clarke's proposals by writing: "The president wanted more than a laundry list of ideas simply to contain al Qaeda or roll back the threat. Once in office, we quickly began crafting a comprehensive new strategy to eliminate the al Qaeda network." Rice asserted that while Clarke and others provided ideas, "No al Qaeda plan was turned over to the new administration." That, same day, she said most of Clarke's ideas "had been already tried or rejected in the Clinton administration."

But in her interview with NBC two days later, Rice appeared to take a different view of a set of proposals that would allow her to roll back al-Qaida over a three- to five-year period, we acted on those ideas very quickly. And what's very interesting is that ... Dick Clarke now says that we ignored his ideas, or we didn't follow them up."

Similarly, Rice implicitly criticized Clarke on CNN on Monday, saying "he was the counterterrorism czar for a period of the nineties when al-Qaida was strengthening and when the plots that ended up September 11 were being hatched." But in a White House briefing two days later, she said she kept Clarke on the job because "I wanted somebody experienced in that area precisely to carry on the Clinton administration policy." McCormack said Clarke was kept on for continuity.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Clarke, the man who threw elbows and banged heads together to get things done under four American presidents, is the last person friends and colleagues expected to go public. For decades he was the ultimate inside operator, the person who knew how to tackle the toughest national security problems and overcome bureaucratic inertia with behind-the-scenes guts, arrogance, smarts and hard work.

But writing a book and testifying to an official commission with scathing tales of miscalculations, failures and infighting at the highest levels of government. No way.

"This really isn't Dick," said Steven Simon, who worked with Clarke both at the White House and at the State Department. "It strikes me as a pretty clear indicator of the magnitude of his outrage."

Clarke, who left the Bush administration in early 2003, has become in the past week one of the most talked-about figures in America. In a string of public appearances and a new book that was an instant publishing phenomenon, he has forcefully criticized the Bush administration as a failure in the fight against terrorism that went on to attempt to attack Iraq when it should have been focused on al-Qaida.

The intensity of the Republican campaign to discredit him as a disgruntled partisan who is out to sell books is a testament to how seriously the White House views his criticism.

On Friday, top Republicans in Congress sought to declassify 2-year-old testimony by Clarke, suggesting he may have lied in his criticism of Bush.

In the name of loyalty: Those who cross Bush face payback

By Tom Raum Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is playing supercharged hardball in going after his own former anti-terrorism chief, Richard Clarke. It's a risky strategy that shows the single-mindedness of Bush and his re-election team in trying to deflect political damage by dragging criticism.

Loyalty is a hallmark of Bush's administration, with the president and his top lieutenants quick to turn on those who stray from the fold.

A week after a broadside that questioned Democratic rival John Kerry's commitment to U.S. troops and fitness to be president — standard operating procedure for the general election campaign — Bush unleashed a shock and awe campaign designed to discredit Clarke.

Bush's leadership after the Sept. 11 attacks is the guiding theme of his re-election campaign, intended to suggest to voters it is safer with him as president. Clarke's claim that Bush ignored the threat from Osama bin Laden and waged a pointless war against Iraq's Saddam Hussein directly challenges that argument.

In his book "Against All Enemies," Clarke predicted retribution from a White House "adept at revenge."

But Bush and his chief political adviser, Karl Rove, are essentially following the same game plan that the late Lee Atwater — an early political mentor of Rove's — used to get

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— Thomas Mann, Brookings Institution scholar

the first President Bush elected in 1968 to define and undercut an opponent early with a fusillade of negative attacks.

"This team is tough. You cross them and they go after you and raise questions about you and your credibility rather than what you have to say," said Thomas Mann, a scholar at the Brookings Institution.

Others who have fallen out of favor over Iraq include former economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey, retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni and former Army chief of staff Gen. Eric Shinsek. All voiced concerns about either the expense or number of troops needed to occupy Iraq. All were treated dismissively by the White House. All are gone, but their es-

timates proved accurate. Former ambassador Joseph C. Wilson IV drew the administration's wrath by suggesting Bush exaggerated Saddam's nuclear capabilities. A federal grand jury is investigating whether a White House official illegally disclosed that Wilson was a CIA officer to get back at him.

On the domestic front, Paul O'Neill was fired as Treasury secretary in December 2002 after publicly questioning the need for additional Bush tax cuts — another core campaign issue for Bush. Administration officials now are waging a behind-the-scenes campaign to discredit Richard Foster, a Medicare accountant who publicly said he was forbidden by his superiors from sharing with Congress a higher — and more accurate — cost estimate for the administration's Medicare program.

John Dilillo quit as director of Bush's office of faith-based initiatives in 2002, telling Esquire magazine that "Mayberry Machiavellis" led by Rove were basing policy only on re-election concerns. He later apologized for making what he said were rude remarks.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., stood on the Senate floor last week to urge "Bush to stop the 'character attack' on Clarke, saying they recalled scorched-earth tactics that Bush and his allies used to defeat Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona in the GOP presidential primary in 2000, and Democratic Sen. Max Baucus of Georgia in the 2002 midterm elections.

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Kerry battles 'Sen. Foghorn' tendencies during campaign

By John F. Harris
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For a national security speech earlier this month, Sen. John F. Kerry's speechwriters produced a draft that included the story of a woman who was suddenly evicted from military housing because her husband was killed in Iraq, authorities brusquely told her, she no longer qualified as a military family.

Kerry's prepared speech had the words to crisply convey his outrage. "How can this happen in the United States of America?" the prepared text read. "Who among us could move on short notice when you don't even know where your paycheck will come from?"

But when the Massachusetts Democrat delivered the speech, those crisp words went a bit limp. "Now how can this happen in the United States of America?" he asked.



Democrat presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., makes a point during his speech Friday at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Some Democrats are worried that their presumptive nominee's campaign is suffering from the candidate's inability to put a period in his sentences. They say an arguably trivial trait — Kerry's penchant to wander off into the rhetorical woods — has already proved damaging.

His explanation about a vote on funding for Iraq — "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion, because I voted against it" — was mocked by Vice President Dick Cheney in a commercial for President Bush the day after that.

In context, Kerry's comment to West Virginia veterans was clear: He backed the spending request only if Bush agreed to cut it by increasing taxes on the rich, instead of adding to the deficit. Taken by itself, the remark was a gift-wrapped contribution to Bush's campaign to portray Kerry as a walling Washington politician.

he vanquished during the primary season, as well as former President Bill Clinton — a man whose skills on the stump make Kerry's shortcomings more glaring.

The fear among some Kerry backers is that muddy language from Kerry — at a time when he is still not well known among most voters — will also cloud the policy distinctions he needs to unseat Bush, and make it easier for Republicans to promote their less flattering definition of what the Democrat represents.

A windy, portentous speaking style "just screams out 'politician,'" said Paul Glastriis, a former speechwriter for Clinton and now editor of the Washington Monthly magazine. Glastriis said he hopes the candidate learns that "less is more."

"If the sounds like he's Senator Foghorn — in love with his own voice — it signals an old-fashioned 'insiderness,' and implicitly signal to voters 'with John Kerry you're not going to get the change he says you're going to get.'"

Roderick Hart, who studies political communication at the University of Texas, said that in addition to the ideological contrasts before voters this fall, there will be two distinct styles of persuasion. "The president is a reductionist," whose guttural style — as when he said he wanted Osama bin Laden "dead or alive" — strikes some as inarticulate but usually leaves his meaning clear, Hart said. Kerry, by contrast, "wants to develop the full complexity of the thought."

Although academics like him might find this admirable, Hart said, "my sense is that musing aloud is almost never attractive to the American people."

At times, moreover, Kerry's billowy sentences are not adding nuance so much as adding words. In his national security address, Kerry's prepared speech denounced the fact that some worried families were sending loved ones in Iraq body armor for Valentine's Day because the Bush Pentagon had not provided it. "The prepared text said: 'We will supply our troops with everything they need — and we will reimburse each and every family who has had to buy body armor because this administration made Valentine's Day part of the procurement process.'"

What Kerry delivered was: "We will supply our troops with everything that they need, and we will reimburse each and every family — and I've met some of these families; I met them personally in Iowa, met them in Ohio — who had to buy body armor — or heard about them in Ohio — who had to actually go out and buy body armor because this administration made Valentine's Day part of the procurement process."

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Democrat attacks GOP over budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican budget plan would create record deficits, hurt the economy and reward wealth rather than work, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said Saturday.

In the weekly Democratic radio address, Pelosi, D-Calif., used the federal budget passed by the House this week to deliver an election-year attack on GOP priorities. She said the budget would award tax cuts to rich people and corporations while increasing health-care costs for veterans and doing nothing to produce new jobs.

Democrats, by contrast, want

to balance the budget, spend more on education and protect benefit programs like Medicare, she said.

The budget alternative proposed by Democratic leaders was defeated 232-194 but allowed the party to show alternative Republican proposals. The Democrats' plan rolled back future tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans, using the savings for education, veterans and domestic security. It also had deeper deficit reductions than the GOP plan, letting Democrats claim they would balance the budget by 2012.

"Democrats presented a

budget of hope and opportunity. Our budget is paid for and promotes economic growth. Republicans presented a budget which creates historic deficits of over one-half-trillion dollars — and that's just for this year alone," Pelosi said.

Republicans pushed a \$2.41 trillion budget blueprint through the House on Thursday by a mostly party-line vote of 215-212, with all Democrats there voting no. The GOP plan trims President Bush's tax reductions and spending proposals and accelerates his goal of halving deficits in five years.

Army of surrogates stand in for principals on hectic campaign trail

Los Angeles Times

First came the e-mail from President Bush's campaign alerting reporters to a news conference at which Republican legislators would criticize John F. Kerry as a tax-and-spend liberal. Then came the Kerry invitation for a conference call with Democrats to discuss Bush's "fiscal irresponsibility."

The Republican National Committee held a call to unveil its on-line "John Kerry Spenderometer." And even before this back-and-forth Monday, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice was on the morning shows defending the president against charges that he had ignored the al-Qaida terrorist threat. Former Democratic presidential contender Wesley K. Clark also hit the airwaves early, arguing that Bush "took us to a war the wrong way."

And where were the men actually running for president as all of this politicking bubbled up on their behalf? Kerry was in snowy Ketchum, Bush was at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., making phone calls to foreign leaders and taking part in a photo opportunity.

These are busy times for the armies of surrogates who campaign for Kerry and Bush. Women and men who are called in — often at a moment's notice — to serve as attack dogs or policy wonks or simply warm bodies on days when the candidates can't show up.

White surrogates are not new in American politics, experts say they are out in record force this year, driven by fundamental changes at the intersection of politics, technology and media.

More media outlets are thirsting for political news. The internet has raved up the response time to candidate charges-and-countercharges. Hand-held communication devices, such as BlackBerries, and wireless Internet capability allow journalists to report, write and broadcast at all hours.

Also, the short primary season means a long general election campaign, one in which about 20 states are potentially up for grabs. No

candidate can cover all of this literal and figurative ground alone. And given the razor-thin margin that put Bush in the White House four years ago, no one can afford to ignore a bit of it.

Enter the surrogates. Both campaigns have at least 100 participants and a separate staff to coordinate their movements.

Both campaigns expect the stand-up stand-ins to play an integral role in the months ahead. Both campaigns "don't have much choice." "There are no half measures in this campaign," said Charles Cook, an independent political analyst in Washington. "You do everything you can. There will be no arrows left in the quiver."

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Mold

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 even more bizarre. She suddenly had double vision and started losing her balance.
 "I started getting uncoordinated - not good for a cell major," she said.
 Her nerves seemed to take a vacation. She couldn't feel hot or cold in the shower and would accidentally burn herself. Then her memory started to go. She couldn't remember where her classrooms were. One time she found herself back in her dorm room at 5 in the afternoon and couldn't remember when she'd been all day. Her mind and her eyesight became so fuzzy that the girl who had been a Merit Scholarship finalist and had earned her associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho on Wednesday aged 17 suddenly found herself unable to do simple addition. At her worst, Jen was almost comatose.

Thus began a year-long odyssey of Jen and her parents hopscoching around the country from doctor to doctor searching for a diagnosis for Jen's strange symptoms—a journey that would eventually lead them back to their home east of Twin Falls. Jen and her family were "homesick." Or rather, their home was making them sick.

The culprit? They say it was stachybotrys chartarum, also known as stachybotrys atra, a toxic mold that some say can cause everything from skin rashes to allergies to memory loss. Still others say it can cause even more serious problems such as pulmonary bleeding in infants and neurological problems such as Jen suffered.

A diagnosis

Dr. Earl Zimmerman, the neurologist who diagnosed Jen with Hashimoto's encephalopathy at OHSU and now practices at Albany Medical Center in New York, said the disease can be difficult to diagnose.
 Jen had been referred to Zimmerman by Dr. David Cook, an OHSU endocrinologist, after Cook had diagnosed Jen with Hashimoto's thyroiditis, a disease in which antibodies attack the thyroid. In the last decade, doctors have discovered that people with these antibodies

can also develop brain disease, including seizures, confusion and problems with memory, Zimmerman said.
 "It's an unusual condition of the brain associated with the thyroid disease," he said. "It's very unusual, and sometimes it's difficult to be sure what it is."
 Can mold be at the root of neurological problems? Zimmerman is skeptical.
 "It's very difficult to prove some of this stuff," Zimmerman said. "There's a lot of misinformation and speculation... It's a murky area. It's possible, but not well proven."
 It was the fall of 1999, and Jen finally had a diagnosis that explained all her neurological symptoms. She was put on Prednisone, an anti-inflammatory medication to treat muscle weakness. Jen started to get better. It would be easy for the story to end there.
 But Jen wasn't the only one who got sick.

Jeremiah's Journey

Jen's younger brother, Jeremiah, was 14 when he started experiencing symptoms much like his sisters.
 "My brain just stopped working to the point that I couldn't think," said Jeremiah, now 19. "I stumbled, I had slurred speech. I was almost incapacitated."
 His parents took him to OHSU.

"The closest diagnosis they came to was an autoimmune problem," Jeremiah said. "They really didn't know a whole lot. It was extremely frustrating."
 Doctors put him on extremely high dosages of Prednisone—220 milligrams a day. The normal dosage is between 10 and 60 milligrams a day. He also had a monthly injection of Solimene, another anti-inflammatory in a dosage so strong it had to be injected at Mountain States Tumor Institute.

"It helped the symptoms to some degree," Jeremiah said. "It removed the stumbling and the slurred speech."
 Prednisone is a good medication, but it can cause major side effects, such as weight gain, development of diabetes and bone loss, Brantburn said.
 Both Jen and Jeremiah suffered severe side effects. The

drug suppresses the immune system, and Jen got a bad infection in her leg and went into septic shock. She gained 150 pounds and is only now starting to lose the excess weight after being off the Prednisone for a year.
 Jeremiah's immune system was also compromised, and the drugs caused bone loss. In August 2002, Jeremiah found himself in the hospital for a week with meningitis and suffered a grand mal seizure. His bones were so brittle it fractured five vertebrae in his lower back.
 Still, he believes he's better off having taken the drugs.
 "Without the Prednisone, I don't know what kind of shape I'd be in now," Jeremiah said. "It was keeping some of the damage of the mold at bay."
 Meanwhile, Howard and Marsha started forgetting things.

"We were getting weak and tired, and our memories were going," Marsha said.
 Then one evening, their youngest daughter Anna, now 8, came to them and told them she'd seen a "wagon train in the loft." They took her to a psychologist in Boise, who told them their daughter's hallucination had most likely been caused by a neurotoxin.

'You have got to get out of this house'

Daughter Kristin, now 22, didn't spend much time at home. She was off at college and in the summer worked as a firefighter. But when she did come home, she loved to open the windows.
 "Honestly, I think the reason I didn't get sick until later is because when Kristin came home she always kept the window open," Anna said. "It didn't matter whether it was winter, spring, summer or fall."
 When Kristin came home for a vacation in the fall of 2002, she noticed she didn't feel well.
 "She said she just felt awful when she was home," Marsha said. "She finally said, 'You guys have got to get out of this house. Something is wrong.'"
 It was the first time the Neiblings started to think their multiple log home might be making them sick.

The family hired an industrial hygiene company out of Boise to conduct an indoor air quality and mold inspection of their home. The study showed their home contained a number of different molds, including the toxic molds aspergillus niger and stachybotrys. And the stachybotrys was found in a crawl space next to the chillers which is half underground.
 The investigators recommended that the home not be occupied during mold abatement procedures—and that workers wear "Level C" protective equipment, including total-body, disposable coverings and air purifying respirators.

The Neiblings decided it was time to move. They said goodbye to the home they'd lived in for 10 years since moving to Twin Falls from Columbia, Mo.
Starting over
 The family moved into a hotel and then into a new home three weeks later.
 Jeremiah, still waiting for his back to mend, was the first to notice a difference.
 "For several months in the old house, it wasn't healing at all," Jeremiah said. "I was on a walker and had trouble moving around. After we moved, it started healing. After several weeks, I was able to walk without a walker."
 The mortgage company foreclosed on the Neiblings' home, and they left practically all their belongings behind.

"They told us to leave our furniture, our clothes, everything except wooden things that could be washed," Marsha said. "We decided to just give it back to the mortgage company because we couldn't ethically sell it."
 The home at 2615 E. 4015 N. is now owned by Freddie Mac, a stockholder-owned corporation regulated by the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight and the U.S. Department-of-Housing-and-Urban-Development.
 The home's back on the market, and Barry Brackett, a real estate agent with Canyonside

Realty, says he gives all serious prospective buyers a copy of the industrial study and a letter outlining the Neiblings' physical problems.
 "Disclosure is the only thing we can do," Brackett said. "Buyers have the right to do any inspections they want to do." Brackett said there's a 10-business-day inspection period.
 "They make an offer of so many dollars, and then if they find problems with the home that makes it prohibitive to make the purchase, they can back out and they're not out any money except for the inspections," Brackett said. "They get to keep the earnest money. We've had several offers on the

property, but they were lower than Home Steps (the resale arm of Freddy Mac) would accept."
 Howard would like to see the house destroyed.
 "It's nothing to mess with. It's a very dangerous mold," Howard said. "Quite frankly, I think the house should be burned. I just don't want any one to have to go through this."
 Brackett said toxic mold problems are rare.
 "Most homes have mold of some level, but typically not anything viewed as a major problem," he said.
 The Neiblings still aren't sure their problems were entirely

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 and Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld says this week that countries were cooperating and "sharing intelligence."

But there are rules involved when passing on information and those rules — designed to protect sources and methods — make it hard for countries to work together on counterterrorism.

One such restriction, known within the intelligence community as the "third-country rule," forbids the country receiving a tip from passing it along to anyone else.

The United States, France, Britain, Russia and other countries with large intelligence services all observe the third-country rule. When they share intelligence, it is done bilaterally and the tips are often watered-down to protect sources.

"The origin of the intelligence controls — the dissemination of the intelligence," said Vince Costello, former CIA counterterrorism chief. "That's the rule and that's the problem."

Turkey, which suffered a string of four deadly bombings last year, and has limited intelligence gathering capabilities outside its region, has been particularly frustrated by the rules as it tries to investigate a possible al-Qaida presence in the country.

"There is a controlled flow of information from the U.S.," which makes it hard for Turkey to act, a frustrated Turkish intelligence officer told The

Associated Press on condition of anonymity.
 Turkey has yet to solve the November 2003, bombings that killed 62 people in Istanbul. Several suspects remain in custody, some of whom attended training camps in Afghanistan, but no one has been charged or directly tied to Osama bin Laden's network.

Spain has made several arrests in connection with the train bombings there and has tied one of the suspects — a Moroccan named Jamal Zougam — to an al-Qaida cell.

Zougam was known to intelligence services in the United States and three other countries before the attacks that killed 190 people. But there was no joint investigation underway and Morocco, Spain and France were unaware of information their agencies were gathering independently.

European leaders, hoping to address the problem, named a former Dutch minister Thursday to coordinate counterterrorism efforts and pledged to improve cooperation between their police and intelligence services, enact laws for an EU-wide arrest warrant, beef up border controls and create a European database of terror suspects.

But they stayed away from establishing a European intelligence agency modeled after the CIA.

"The third-party rule makes it impossible to have a European CIA," said Cannistraro, who thinks the rule should be junked in the war on terrorism.

Arab League postpones summit

Chicago Tribune

TUNIS, Tunisia — Underscoring the Arab world's deepening divisions over the pace of democratic reform, the Arab League on Saturday abruptly postponed a summit scheduled to begin less than 36 hours later.

In their first major meeting since the U.S. invasion of Iraq a year ago, the 22 member states of the Arab League were expected to broach some of the region's most sensitive issues of gender equality, market liberalization, and integration with the West. But the decision to delay the meeting indefinitely came after days of closed-door debate failed to choose among competing recipes for reform.

"It became clear that there was a difference of positions on proposals related to issues of modernization, democratic reform, human rights and the rights of women," the Tunisian Foreign Ministry said late Saturday.

The summit's prospects had already dimmed earlier Saturday after the gulf states of Oman and the United Arab Emirates decided to send low-

level delegations, following similar moves by Saudi Arabia and Bahrain a day earlier.

The meeting was also expected to revive discussion of an Arab overture to peace with Israel first raised in 2002, in which the Arabs for the first time offered to normalize relations with the Jewish state in return for a full Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian territories.

But officials all but abandoned hope of progress on that question after the Arab world erupted in anger over Israel's assassination of Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin last week.

The killing also overshadowed the reform debate by buttressing those leaders, such as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who argue that any major reform could be destabilizing until a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Qatar and Tunisia had each offered their own proposals, but none loomed as large as the U.S.-backed plan known as the Greater Middle East Initiative, which urged Arab governments

to adopt sweeping changes.

Even before it could be officially unveiled, the U.S. plan suffered harsh criticism from some Arab commentators and

officials who considered it a condescending attempt at interference. Administration officials later backed off the plan.



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caused by mold. In the 1980s, the former owner of property in the area ran a pest control business and often buried barrels of chemicals, the Neiblings said.

But the Neiblings would often look forward than back. It's been awhile since Jen picked up a cello.

"I didn't play for quite a few years. It's hard to pick it up again," she said.

Jen, now 24, will soon finish her degree in biological systems engineering at the University of Idaho and plans to become a medical engineer.

Jeremiah has been doing some computer work for the University of Idaho Extension Service as well as doing some soil sampling. He hopes to go into electrical engineering if things improve.

But for Jeremiah, healing has proven to be a slow process, requiring both courage and patience.

"I still have significant problems with memory," Jeremiah said. "I'm nowhere near what I'd

normally be able to do. I am improving over time."

Howard, who works as an irrigation specialist for a University of Idaho Extension Service, still experiences some numbness in his hands and feet.

The Neiblings say they look at life a little differently these days.

"My mom says it's given us more perspective," Jen said. "It has to change you — you know going through something like this. If you come through on the other side, it's probably mostly good changes."

"You realize all the little things just don't matter anymore," said Marsha, who works as a consultant helping dairies with nutrient management issues.

Her husband agreed.

"We left most of our things behind," Howard said. "We don't get so hung up on things anymore."

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Serial killer resurfaces

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — More than two decades have passed since a serial killer terrorized Wichita, strangling or stabbing seven victims and bragging about it to the media.

Police hadn't heard a peep from the killer in 25 years — until now.

On March 19, a letter arrived at The Wichita Eagle with information on an unsolved 1986 killing, a copy of the victim's driver's license and photos of her slain body.

The letter, apparently from the killer known as the BTK Strangler, sparked increased demand around Wichita for home security systems.

But it also rekindled hope that modern forensic science can find some clue that finally will lead police to a killer most thought was dead or safely locked in prison for some other crime.

of this, but I hope this will be his last mistake by resurfacing this way." Dale Fox, whose daughter Nancy was bound and strangled in December 1977, told The Associated Press.

The letter sent to the Eagle was the first clue that the 1986 killing of Vicki Wegeler might have been at the hands of BTK, an acronym the killer used for "blind, torture and kill."

Six of BTK's victims were strangled; one was stabbed to death. Four were members of one family — two children and their parents. Letters claiming responsibility for the slayings were sent to The Wichita Eagle and KAKE-TV.

The serial killer's first letter was found in a textbook at the public library. He went on to send poems and called police with details of Nancy Fox's slaying. In one letter, he taunted: "How about some name for me, it's time: 7 down and many

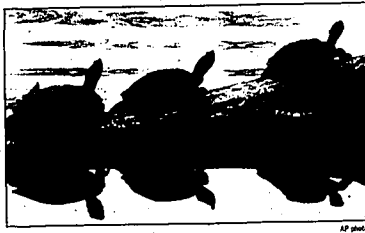
more to go." Detectives are looking through lists of inmates who have recently been released. In case the reason they had not heard from the BTK Strangler since 1979 is that he was in prison.

The latest missive arrived at the Eagle on March 19. It contained a single sheet of paper with a photocopy of Wegeler's driver's license and three pictures, each showing the victim in a slightly different pose. Relatives said the license was the only thing they know of that was missing from her home.

Police said they had no crime scene photographs of Wegeler's body because it was removed by emergency medical service workers before officers arrived.

Word about the letter leaked Wednesday night, and police confirmed Thursday they had linked it to BTK.

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Jehovah's Witnesses who claim abuse hold caucus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Present and former Jehovah's Witnesses who claim they were sexually abused by congregation leaders gathered in their first national caucus Saturday, sharing grievances about the religion's handling of abuse complaints and discussing legal strategy.

William Bowen, former leader of a Kentucky congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, said Saturday that more than 6,000 alleged sexual abuse victims have contacted a group he founded in 2001 to express outrage at being silenced by the bad institutional policies of the faith.

The religion's procedures "can decimate the lives of innocent and employed predators to get away with the crime of rape," Bowen said. Bowen's group, called silentlamb, was holding the caucus, which runs through Sunday and drew about two dozen participants.

A key participant was Kimberlee Norris, an attorney from Fort Worth, Texas, whose firm represents 47 alleged abuse victims in civil cases against Jehovah's Witnesses organizations and individuals. Since getting involved in 2002, she said, she has spoken with more than 2,000 victims.

religion agrees with silentlamb's goal "to minimize or eliminate the sexual abuse of children," but disputes the group's specific allegations.

"We do not view them as our enemies," Bowen said.

Bowen contends that the Witnesses organization is a "pedophile paradise" because of the strong authority exercised by local elders and their overseers and the unusual way in which cases are handled. As members of the faith understand biblical teaching, an accusation of wrongdoing must be supported by two people with direct knowledge, which silentlamb says is impossible in most molestation cases. Without such corroboration, the accused person is deemed innocent, silentlamb says, and victims and parents can be "disfellowshipped."

excommunicated, for slander if they speak up. For a Witness, excommunication is a very harsh punishment. It means being cut off from relatives, friends and business associates. Bowen and other whistle-blowers have been excommunicated for raising abuse complaints against the organization.

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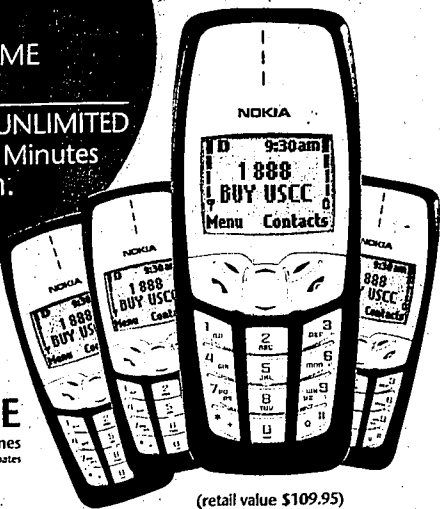
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Nurse shortages prove deadly

Report; Low numbers contribute to one-fourth of patient injuries, deaths in hospitals

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press writer

Becky Hartman will tell you how crucial it is for a hospital to have enough nurses.

When she rushed her mother to a Wichita, Kan., hospital, an ER doctor quickly sized up the older woman as another pneumonia case. Her breathing was labored and pneumonia patients filled the emergency room.

But 61-year-old Shirley Keck didn't have pneumonia. As she lay in a hospital room all but ignored, she was suffering from a common type of heart failure that filled her lungs with fluid.

As Keck deteriorated over several hours, Hartman begged Wesley Hospital nurses for help.

"It was total chaos. Everybody was tired. Everybody was totally overworked," Hartman recalls. "As the breathing got worse, I'd ring the button. Nobody came."

It was Feb. 8, 1998 — a Sunday night, when hospital staffs are leanest. There were just two registered nurses and two nurse aides for 42 patients on Keck's floor, fewer than half the staff the hospital's own guidelines required.

"I'm going to die," Shirley Keck told her daughter.

She did, but was resuscitated and lingered four years — depressed, paralyzed except for one arm and unable to talk because a stroke during the ordeal had caused brain damage.

Her family sued and won a \$2.7 million judgment in a lawsuit filed in Wesley Hospital in July 2000. Two years later Keck died.

The hospital and Keck's attorney, Bradley Prochaska, say it's the first malpractice decision specifically aimed on inadequate nurse staffing. He has filed a similar suit involving a 38-year-old quadriplegic woman.

At first, Hartman was furious with the nurses. Now, she's joined their cause, speaking out about the need for more nurses at the bedside.

"If another family doesn't go through this, the nightmares I've had," she says, "that's all I can ask for."

Across the country, nurses unions are pushing hospitals and lawmakers for limits on patient loads. And hospitals are trying to recruit and keep more nurses, all with good reason: Too few nurses can cost patients their health and sometimes their lives, study after study shows.

A shortage of nurses is a factor in about one-fourth of patient injuries or deaths in hospitals, according to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' 2002 report.

The prestigious Institute of Medicine says long work hours and fatigue contribute to errors. Its November 2003 report recommends a ban on nurses working longer than 12 hours a day.

A 2002 study by Harvard and Vanderbilt university researchers, examining millions of 1997 hospital cases, found preventable deaths and patient complication rates were up to nine times higher in hospitals where the most care was given by licensed practical nurses and aides, not better-trained RNs.

For each additional patient over four assigned to a nurse, the risk of dying after surgery rose 7 percent, according to a 2002 survey of 168 Pennsylvania hospitals by Linda Aiken, director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

The fewer patients a nurse



Becky Hartman, resting her hand on a Bible that was given to her when her mother, Shirley Keck, was dying, sits in her home Jan. 30 in Wichita, Kan., with two of her children, Christian, 11, left, and Kaitlin, 6. Keck's family won a malpractice settlement from Wesley Hospital in Wichita, attributing her death to inadequate nurse staffing.

cares for, the better the outcome in general," says Aiken.

But nurses say their workload and paperwork do not leave enough time to comfort, educate or even thoroughly assess patients. Many of the most experienced nurses leave for easier jobs at drug or insurance companies, leaving ever-greening nurses at the bedside.

"You're just thrown in the deep end... too many patients, too many tasks," says RN Alison Goodman, whom Wesley Hospital fired 3.5 years ago after she repeatedly filed complaints about unsafe RN staffing levels and gave her reports to attorney Prochaska.

Hospital spokeswoman Helen Thomas says Goodman was fired for breaking patient confidentiality rules.

In another Kansas hospital, busy young mother Karin Meade was left paralyzed from the neck down due to inadequate care by nurses swamped with too many patients, Prochaska claims. Meade and her husband, Peter, are suing Olathe Medical Center, where he took her on June 14, 2001, after a chiropractic treatment tore an artery lining.

That caused small blood clots; some broke free, causing

several mini-strokes, according to Prochaska. He says nurses didn't notice because for 28 hours none did the neurological checks required every four hours to see if Karin Meade was coherent and able to move and feel her limbs. Despite nurses' notes in her chart about slurred speech and a severe headache — classic stroke signs — no one intervened.

Spokeswoman Kate Eller says Olathe Medical Center does not discuss pending lawsuits.

Peter Meade has moved his wife to a group home in Chandler, Ariz., outside Phoenix, near her parents. He visits her daily and is modifying the house he lives in so she can move in.

"She's still in the I-can't-be-

live-this-has-happened-to-me stage," he says.

Hospitals generally say they haven't hired more nurses because they are in short supply. They also blame financial pressures, such as technology costs and cuts in government and insurance reimbursements. Most oppose hard-and-fast limits on how many patients nurses may handle.

"Mandating a number doesn't make those nurses appear," says American Hospital Association spokeswoman Amy Lee.

"We feel that is trying to force what needs to be flexible into a one-size-fits-all model."

Finding enough qualified RNs will remain tough: The U.S.

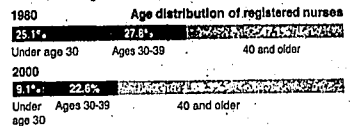
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In need of nurses, now and in the future

Health officials are concerned about the short supply of registered nurses, especially as the elderly population continues to grow.

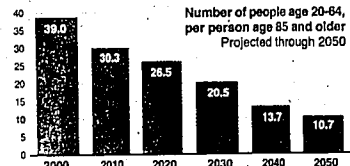
Recruiting slump

The large generation of registered nurses who joined the work force during a boom in the 1970s has not been replenished by younger nurses, resulting in a transformation of the profession's age distribution.



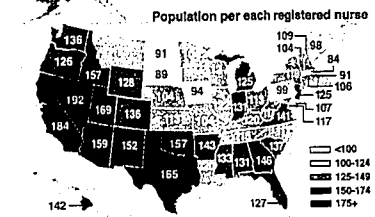
Rising demand fueled by increasing share of elderly

The ratio of all working-age people to the elderly is expected to continue its sharp decline over the next 50 years.



Where nurses are most scarce

According to a nationwide survey in 2000, states in the Southwest have the most residents per each nurse. Nevada and California's ratios were more than twice that of some other states.



SOURCES: Census Bureau; Department of Health and Human Services

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Nurses

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Department of Health and Human Services projects the current shortage of a few hundred thousand RNs could hit 750,000 by 2020, as aging Baby Boomers need more care and the nursing workforce gets older.

But in Washington and states from New Jersey to Oregon, nurses' unions are ramping up battles for new laws or contracts setting minimum nurse-patient ratios.

Local unions have been fighting — and increasingly winning — contracts that limit patient loads or that put nurses on committees that set staffing guidelines. It's a key issue this year in contract talks for nurses in at least 12 New Jersey hospitals.

Last October, nurses at University Hospital in Newark, N.J., won a contract setting ratios of one nurse per two patients in ICU and seven in medical/surgical, or general, units.

Two years ago, nurses at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in northern New Jersey got a contract with similar ratios — enforce through arbitration.

RN Stephanie Orrico says Englewood is mostly meeting the rules. Before, it wasn't uncommon for medical/surgical nurses to have patient ratios of up to 1-to-15, she says.

"You tell me what kind of care those patients were getting," Orrico says.

Several unions have held lengthy strikes over staffing ratios, including one that began Nov. 14, 2002 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. Some nurses have temporarily taken jobs as far away as Hawaii rather than cross the picket line, which has endured through two frigid winters.

"It's difficult for a lot of people to believe that nurses would make that sacrifice for their patients," says Sharon Norton of Teamsters Local 406. "They know not only is the patients' safety in jeopardy, their licenses are on the line and they're not willing to take it anymore."

Many nursing groups are looking to California as a model for nurse ratios.

In January, it enacted the nation's first hard-and-fast ratios, ward by ward. An RN may care



Nurse Tara Staller tends to patient Frieda Sigal in the cardiac step-down unit at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, N.J., last year. Two years earlier, the nurses in the unit got a contract that limits patient loads.

When there's not enough time ...

Many of the nation's nurses are spread too thin, assigned too many patients. Here are some of the tasks nurses say regularly get skipped or delayed:

- Providing medicines within one hour of the correct time.
- Helping weak or disabled patients go to the restroom and promptly cleaning those who soil themselves.
- Making sure patients have adequate pain relief.
- Doing thorough evaluations and follow-up checks on all patients, especially listening to critical lung and heart sounds.

- Helping patients who require feeding when no aides are available.
- Checking intravenous lines for leaks or skin damage.
- Giving baths and other hygiene care.
- Comforting distraught, lonely patients.
- Teaching patients and their family how to deal with an illness when they go home.
- Helping hospital staff plan follow-up treatment or home care.

Sources: AP interviews, AHA Healthcare union survey of nurses.

for six patients at most, and only four in the ER and two in critical care units.

Six other states — Florida, Kentucky, Nevada, Oregon, Texas and Virginia — have enacted staffing regulations but not ratios, and 18 states introduced some staffing legislation last year, according to the American Nurses Association.

The California Nurses Association says its survey of nurses at 111 of the 450 acute care hospitals found 68 percent were complying or had improved

staffing by late January.

"While some significant problems remain, the progress made to date is very encouraging," says the union's president, RN Deborah Burger.

The not-for-profit Kaiser Permanente system, with 28 California hospitals, hired about 3,000 more RNs to meet the new rules, gave nurses more say on policy and improved training for nurses and managers, says Marilyn Chow, vice president for patient care services. That reduced turnover significantly.

"We thought it was the right thing to do. It's all about patient safety," Chow says.

Many hospitals, including the three-hospital LibertyHealth system in northern New Jersey, are recruiting and training more foreign-born nurses.

LibertyHealth did so with a \$500,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the country's biggest health care philanthropy, which also is funding efforts to expand nursing training.

Health-care giant Johnson & Johnson has since 2002 to fund nursing scholarships and improve nursing's image through ads. J&J spokeswoman Kristen Smith says the company also is funding efforts to train more nursing school faculty — a pool that, like the nurses, is too small and fast approaching retirement.

Experts say the union, hospital and foundation efforts are helping entire former hospital nurses back and draw new peo-

Web sites for checking care

Consumers wanting to check a hospital's quality of care can find some performance reports and accreditation information on these Web sites.

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which inspects and accredits hospitals and other health facilities: <http://www.jcaho.org/quality-check/directly/SearchConsumerByType.aspx>

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—The Associated Press

ple into nursing. Now applications at many nursing schools are up so much that students are turned away for lack of space or teachers.

The weak economy, hefty retention bonuses and a big pay jump also are big draws.

In New Jersey, for example, RN salaries rose 25 percent in three years to a statewide average of \$29.42 per hour, while the statewide vacancy rate for RNs dropped from nearly 14 percent

to 9 percent, says Barbara Tofani, director of the Center for Nursing and Health Careers at the New Jersey Hospital Association.

The center presents programs on health-care careers to schoolchildren. It also works with hospitals on retention strategies, ranging from mentorships to employee appreciation efforts.

"Hospitals are listening now to their staff nurses," Tofani says.

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Study: Boeing rewrote deal

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Air Force gave the Boeing Co. five months to rewrite the official specifications for 100 aerial refueling tankers so that the company's 767 aircraft would win a \$23.5 billion deal, according to e-mails and documents obtained by Knight Ridder.

In the process, Boeing eliminated 19 of the 26 capabilities the Air Force originally wanted, and the Air Force acquiesced in order to keep the price down.

The Air Force then gave Boeing competitor Airbus 12 days to bid on the project and awarded the contract to Boeing even though Airbus met more than 20 of the original 26 specifications and offered a price that was \$10 billion less than Boeing's.

The Boeing tanker deal has been under investigation since it became public two and a half years ago and has been suspended pending the outcome of the probes.

But the e-mails and other documents show just how intent the Air Force was on steering the deal to Boeing, even though Airbus tankers were more capable and cost less.

In one document, Bob Gower, Boeing's vice president for tankers, noted that one objective in rewriting the specifications was to "prevent

an AoA from being conducted." AoA stands for "analysis of alternatives" or, in essence, a look at serious competitors.

Among the original Air Force requirements Boeing eliminated was that the new tanker be equipped to refuel all the military services' aircraft, refuel multiple-aircraft simultaneously, and carry passengers, wounded troops and cargo. Boeing also eliminated an Air Force requirement that the new tankers be at least as effective and efficient as the 40-year-old KC-135 tankers they would replace.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., demanded the Boeing documents in his role as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. Senate investigators made the Boeing documents available to Knight Ridder.

Air Force Undersecretary for Acquisitions Marvin Sambur defended the Boeing deal. "This was not a competitive bid process," he said. "The Air Force was ordered by Congress to work with Boeing on the new tanker program."

Sambur was referring to a line item inserted into the appropriations bill in 2001, after the Sept. 11 attacks, by Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, which said the Air Force should lease 100 767s from Boeing to be used as tankers.

“ This was not a competitive bid process. ”

— Marvin Sambur, Air Force Undersecretary for Acquisitions



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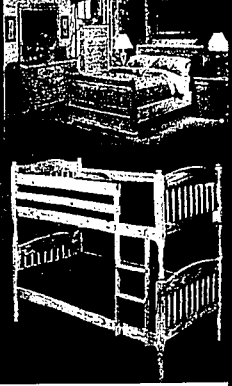


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ATLANTA (AP) — Moderate and liberal Episcopalians from dioceses that oppose an openly gay bishop called Saturday for church members to find common ground and tolerate differing viewpoints so the church can remain whole.

Episcopalians from 11 conservative dioceses said at the conclusion of a three-day meeting in Las Vegas they are trying to move past a debate that has caused divisions in the church.

"There is a place for everybody in this church," said the Rev. Michael Russell, rector of All Souls' Episcopal Church in San Diego. "Because a vote was taken that a group doesn't like isn't a reason to leave the church. It's a reason to stay together in conversation."

Church conservatives have heavily criticized leaders who consecrated openly gay Bishop Gene Robinson of New

Hampshire in November, and have created a national oppositional organization called the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes.

The network opposes same-sex unions and the ordination of gay clergy. Members have said they plan to defy church leaders and contend for control of parishes and dioceses, which could lead to a schism in the national church.

The meeting was attended by liberal and moderate Episcopal clergy and laypeople from conservative dioceses in California, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, New York, Illinois, Texas, South Carolina and Florida.

They are members of organizations known as "via media" groups formed mainly to support unity in the national church. "Via media" is a Latin phrase meaning "middle way."

President winds down travel plans

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush's fund-raising odyssey, which carried him thousands of miles on a quest for \$170 million, is coming to an end. But the dollars will continue to flow into his war chest.

Having already crossed that goal, Bush's money drive comes full circle with a fund-raiser Wednesday night in Washington — the same place the push for cash started on June 17, 2003. It will be one of the last of its kind. The final fund-raiser is likely to be next month, campaign officials say.

In another sign the effort is winding down, Bush holds a pair of thank-you events Friday in Greensboro, Ga., the home town of his finance chairman, Mercer Reynolds III. These appearances are meant to show Bush's appreciation to backers who rounded up the biggest donations — the president's "rangers," "pioneers" and "mavericks," Scott Sturzel, a campaign spokesman, said Saturday.

Rangers raised at least \$200,000 each for the president; pioneers, at least \$100,000; mavericks, at least \$50,000.

Bush, who was spending this weekend at his Texas ranch, is lavishing attention on these money-fund raisers as he closes out the fund-raising drive.



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Half-million Taiwanese protest disputed election

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Nearly 500,000 people, many clad in throwaway yellow ponchos against a cold drizzle, surrounded Taiwan's presidential office and blocked major streets Saturday to protest last weekend's disputed presidential election.

President Chen Shui-bian promised again Saturday night to back a recount of the election that he narrowly won, and endorsed an investigation into the bizarre shooting that lightly wounded him shortly before the vote.

Many protesters said the shooting gave Chen an unfair, last-minute boost at the polls. Others believe conspiracy theories that the president staged the shooting.

"This was a very dirty election. We want the truth," said protester Carla Wang, a 56-year-old employee at a trading company.

Waving red Taiwanese flags, the protesters filled up the wide boulevards in front of the presidential office and spilled over into the side streets.

Some protesters brought a 15-foot-tall Statue of Liberty that had a tear in her eye and the slogan "Strive for Justice" written on her body in Chinese characters. The crowd totaled 470,000, according to the Taipei city government.

Prosecutor recommends charging leader with bribery

JERUSALEM — Israel's state prosecutor has recommended charges against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for allegedly taking bribes from a local businessman. Israel's Channel Two TV reported Saturday.

The station said prosecutor Edna Arbel would present a draft charge sheet to Attorney General Meni Mazuz, who would then decide if prosecution was warranted. The report said his decision would probably be released in about a month.

Justice ministry officials could not be reached Saturday night and an aide to Sharon refused to comment.

The focus of the scandal is the so-called "Greek Island Affair."



A woman cheers in support of defeated opposition candidate Lien Chan at a massive election protest Saturday in Taipei, Taiwan. Almost half a million demonstrators gathered to call for a recount of the vote in last weekend's disputed presidential election, and an independent investigation into the shooting that lightly wounded President Chen Shui-bian just hours before he narrowly won the election.

In which businessman David Appel allegedly paid Sharon's son Gilad large sums of money so Sharon, then foreign minister, would use his influence to help Appel promote a tourism project in Greece in 1999.

On Jan. 21, Appel, an activist in Sharon's Likud Party, was charged with bribing the Israeli leader with \$690,000 to push the idea and to help rezone urban land near Tel Aviv before and during Sharon's term as prime minister. Neither project came to pass.

Appel's lawyer, Moshe Israel, denied the charges.

Police find fingerprints of suspects in bombings

MADRID, Spain — Spanish police searching a rural house believed to have been used to prepare the Madrid commuter train bombs found fingerprints from two prime suspects currently detained for the March 11 attacks, according to news reports Saturday.

Police also recovered detonators and traces of dynamite inside the house near Morata de Tajuna, 20 miles southeast of Madrid, Spanish media reported.

The fingerprints found in the

are being held on charges of mass murder.

Spanish court documents have linked Zouagui to members of an al-Qaida cell in Spain. A French private investigator told The Associated Press that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian linked to al-Qaida and suspected of heading a terrorist network in Iraq, is now believed to have been the brains behind the Madrid railway attacks.

Nobel peace laureate remains leader of party

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The leader of Northern Ireland's Ulster Unionists received a vote of confidence from his party Saturday, keeping his job in an internal ballot five months after the party's worst-ever electoral performance.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate David Trimble, 59, defeated two relative unknowns who challenged his right to remain leader after November legislative elections, when voters for the first time made the headline Democratic Unionists the largest Protestant-backed party.

The two other candidates, David Hoey and Robert Oliver, had hoped together to draw at least 50 percent support from the party's council, which meets each March to re-elect or replace the party leader. That would have forced Trimble, leader since 1996, to quit.

But party aides said Trimble received 99.8 percent of the vote. Support for Trimble in pre-

vous votes within the Ulster Unionist Council had fallen as low as 51 percent.

Inspectors return to Iran for first time since ban

TEHRAN, Iran — U.N. nuclear inspectors returned to Iran Saturday for the first time since Tehran reversed a decision to bar them because of allegations the country was hiding some banned activity.

The International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors will inspect two nuclear facilities and quiz top Iranian officials on the country's atomic program. They are trying to verify Iran's claims that its nuclear activity is for peaceful purposes only.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming told The Associated Press in Vienna that the inspectors have already begun their work.

Two weeks ago, Iran had barred inspectors after the IAEA issued a report rebuking the country for failing to disclose certain aspects of its nuclear development, as it is obliged to do as a signatory to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The United States accuses Iran of pursuing a nuclear weapons program, and Washington has called for Iran to suspend all uranium-related activity. Iran suspended enrichment last year under strong international pressure over the aims and dimensions of its nuclear program.

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Soldiers kill boy in shootout

By Michael Metz
Knight Ridder News Service

JERUSALEM—The uncle of a Palestinian boy caught trying to cross an Israeli army checkpoint in a vest stuffed with explosives was hopped mad. If he finds out who sent his nephew on the aborted mission as a suicide bomber, said Khalil Abdo, he'd gladly kill the dispatcher himself. "I would serve a life sentence for it," Abdo told Israeli Army radio. "One must never do a thing like that."

Abdo's anger was only part of the rage across Israel and the Palestinian territories on Thursday at what many viewed as the exploitation of a troubled and vulnerable child. Exactly who was to blame remained unclear. Some suspected a setup by Israeli collaborators, but Israel maintained the incident was genuine and symptomatic of a growing problem as militants turn increasingly to children to launch terror attacks. Hussam Abdo, 16, a 10th-grader at Omar Ben al Hatab school in the volatile West Bank city of Nablus, was caught



Palestinian teenager Hussam Abdo stands with his hands in the air wearing his explosive packed belt at an Israeli checkpoint south of the West Bank town of Nabes, Wednesday. In this image from television.

Wednesday at the heavily guarded Hawara checkpoint south of the city.

Soldiers noticed a suspicious bulge beneath his sweatshirt and ordered him to freeze. News photographs and videotape of the panicked teen held at gunpoint and cutting off the vest with scissors delivered by a remote-controlled robot

played around the world. Israeli spokesmen went into overdrive after Abdo's capture, decrying the ruthlessness of an enemy that took advantage of a boy who was easily swayed to prove himself by detonating a bomb among the soldiers at the checkpoint. The government press office followed up with a massive file

of background information. Among recent examples: a 17-year-old boy who killed only himself in January when his bomb belt exploded prematurely and two 17-year-olds who blew themselves up at the Israeli port of Ashdod, killing 10 Israelis on March 14.

Two days later, troops stopped an 11-year-old boy as he allegedly tried to smuggle explosives through the same checkpoint where Abdo was caught.

The boy, who worked for tips carrying bags as a porter, said he thought he was carrying a heavy bag of car parts.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militia affiliated with Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's Fatah party, at first claimed responsibility for Abdo's thwarted attack, but withdrew the claim Thursday and said Israel had set up the attack to discredit the faction.

In an interview with the Israeli newspaper Vedioth Ahronot, Abdo said that, after years of bullying by classmates who teased him because he's small for his age, he wanted to reach the paradise he had learned

about in Islamic teachings in school.

"A river of honey, a river of wine and 72 virgins. Since I have been studying the Quran, I know about the sweet life that waits there," the newspaper quoted Abdo as saying.

"But when, the soldiers stopped me, I didn't press the switch. I changed my mind. I didn't want to die anymore," he said. "I'm sorry for what I did."

The boy's mother, Tamam Abdo, said her son was clearly exploited.

"It is forbidden to send him to fight," she said at her home, fighting back tears. "He is young, he is small, he should be in school. Someone pressured him."

Palestinian psychiatrist Eyad Sarraj, director of the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, said a recent survey by his group found that 20 percent of Palestinian youth ages 12 and older aspired to die a martyr's death fighting Israel. "But to be honest I'm suspicious of the whole (Abdo) story because it was all on film. ... Maybe the Israeli intelligence is using this as a kind of propaganda," said Sarraj.

Soldiers traded fire with Palestinian gunmen, but Hatzout ordered his troops to withdraw when they were unable to find the fugitive. Hatzout said he drove into the camp in his jeep to supervise the withdrawal of his troops.

The colonel said there hadn't been any firing for about five minutes when suddenly a Palestinian gunman began shooting toward the jeep from an alley. Hatzout said the man fired from behind a corner, and therefore couldn't see what he was shooting at.

"Ten seconds later, I hear screaming behind my jeep. I see an entire family shouting, and in the arms of a father I see a bleeding boy," he said.

The boy's mother believes he was hit by Israeli soldiers firing at a group of youths hurling stones at their jeeps. But an army spokesman said troops did not open fire at the time of the incident.

Associated Press Television News footage showed a line of jeeps being pelted by stones as troops drive through one of the camp's alleys. At one point, a bullet hits the top right fender of the lead jeep, and moments later, screaming is heard and several people carry a boy into the street.

The boy's family lives in a second-floor apartment and a bullet fired at street level might have ricocheted into the apartment window. "He (the boy) was playing near the window," the boy's mother, Lina, said. "Suddenly, I heard shooting, and saw my boy drop from the sofa to the ground. I saw the (army) jeep from the window. The jeep was 10 meters (yards) from the house."

A militant also was ripped apart when explosives blew up prematurely in his car on Friday in Balata.

Hamas on Friday delivered new warnings of retaliation for Israel's killing of its leader. But Hamas and other militant groups have had trouble carrying out the threats.

Soldiers foiled a seaborne attack on a Jewish settlement in Gaza Thursday night, shooting dead two attackers who emerged from the Mediterranean in wetsuits and flippers.

Earlier in the week, soldiers stopped a 16-year-old Palestinian, Hussam Abdo, with a bomb vest strapped to his body at a crowded West Bank checkpoint, setting off a tense encounter with soldiers.

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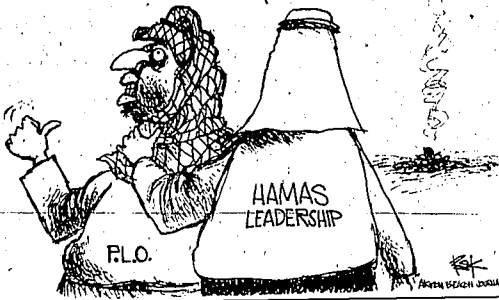
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Self-defense justifies deadly force

The killing of Hamas leader and practicing terrorist Sheikh Ahmed Yassin was not an "assassination," as it was described in most press reports, nor an "unlawful killing," as British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw incorrectly labeled it.

Rather, it was an act of self-defense in the midst of war and as such was fully justified. Brig. Gen. Ramon Baran, the spokesperson for the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), said Yassin is the man who perfected the art of death by sending human bombs into the streets, into schools and killing children. For his Israelis, Ahmed Yassin was the embodiment of terror."

According to Israeli security sources, since September, 2000, when the current terrorist conflict began inside Israel, the Hamas organization has been responsible for carrying out 425 attacks, resulting in the death of 377 people and the wounding of 2,076 Israeli citizens and soldiers. These include 52 homicide attacks, killing 288 Israelis and injuring 1,646.

Isn't it defensible, and shouldn't it be expected, that the leader of these attacks must himself be a prime target for elimination?

European political leaders promptly and predictably condemned the killing of Yassin with far more fervor than they have mustered for Israelis killed on his orders.

They continue to engage in the fantasy that this will somehow make peace more difficult, as if there is a correlation between the behavior of Israel and that of her enemies.

In fact, Yassin himself revealed the ultimate objective of his and virtually every other anti-Israeli force and government in the region when he



CAL THOMAS

recently told Fox News Channel's Jennifer Griffin, "All Israel from the Jordan to the Mediterranean is Islamic land."

I issued a favor (Islamic religious edict) to resist Americans in Iraq. (It is legal and right to fight the Americans.)"

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said Israel is "doomed to extinction" because of Yassin's killing. In a March 22 message to his nation, Khamenei said, "Those criminals who have usurped the land of Palestine must know that their stupid display of power is a great testimony to their weakness and defeat."

The Zionist regime is a usurper regime, and its government is an artificial government. They are doomed to extinction. Palestine belongs to the Palestinian nation and obduracy in the face of this inalienable right will result in nothing but failure and defeat."

Does there appear to be any diplomatic "wiggle room" in these statements? Any hint of compromise? Any desire to co-exist in peace with Israel?

The media are playing their familiar role. The Associated Press said the strike by the Israeli Defense Forces is "likely to escalate violence" and constituted "an enormous gamble by (Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon" that "risks triggering a dramatic escalation in bloodshed."

Notice that Hamas attacks never risk an escalation in bloodshed, even though such attacks cause the shedding of

blood. The AP offered an opinion in the place of reporting the news.

The media portrayed Yassin as nearly blind and in a wheelchair, not reporting that a sports accident at age 12 left him paralyzed and that his mind was clear enough to plan terrorist bombings while seated.

Numerous networks and newspapers call Yassin a "spiritual leader," though he frequently called for suicide terrorism as a religious obligation.

What kind of credible religion exists in the death and dismemberment of children? The biggest myth of all, often promoted by the media, is that Israel's strike makes the West a more likely target.

Where have they been for the past decade? Have they forgotten Sept. 11, as well as other attacks on Western targets before and since?

The Bush administration properly noted that Israel has a right to defend itself, but White House spokesman Scott McClellan added the usual mumbo-jumbo about all parties needing to demonstrate "restraint."

When have terrorists ever exercised restraint? All anti-terrorist parties should be going after these killers and liquidating them.

By taking out Yassin, Israel removed one of many heads from the terrorist hydra.

Instead of receding in the face of criticism from the usual sources, Israel, the United States and those not suffering from spinelessness should take out as many of the rest of them as can be found and targeted.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

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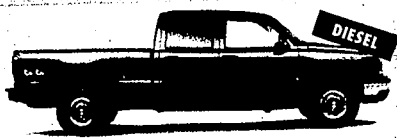
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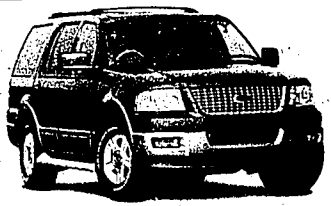
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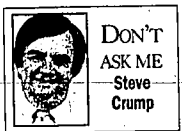
The Times-News

Sunday, March 28, 2004

Section B

Today's column is pure protein

I read in a magazine at the barbershop the other day that one American adult out of every six is, at any given time, not on one but two diets.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Stop the madness! I've devised some real diets:

- **The falling-fruit diet.** This regimen avoids all food that comes in packages with pictures of falling fruit on the label, such as breakfast cereal, Life Savers and anything Smuckers. Besides, anybody who could afford to pay \$6 for a box of raspberries during the 12 minutes they're on supermarket shelves every summer sure wouldn't be dumping them on cornflakes.
- **The potato-skin diet.** If the carbs in Idaho's State Vegetable offend you so much, then bake one, scoop the spud out of its jacket and replace it with something healthy. How fat can a square inch of hummus make you, anyway?
- **The left-handed chopsticks diet.** You can eat anything you like, provided that you can transport it from plate to palate with chopsticks, using the hand you don't write with. (Treat licking your plate is not permitted.)
- **The frozen foods diet.** Eat anything you like, provided you don't microwave it.
- **The cardboard diet.** Consists entirely of eating low-carb bread.
- **The never-clean-the-fridge diet.** I know this works, because I've tried it: Stock your refrigerator with anything you want, but don't clean it for a year. By then, you'll be dieting every time you open the door.
- **The where-did-this-come-from diet.** Consists entirely of ground beef.
- **The lutefisk diet.** Lutefisk is Norwegian cod soaked in lye. Any questions?
- **The Moon Pie diet.** Consists exclusively of Graham crackers, marshmallows, chocolate and RC Cola.
- **The escargot diet.** You can eat anything you like at any meal, provided that you eat a snail first.
- **The liquid diet.** Eat anything you like, provided that your blender has a "frappé" button.
- **The khblie diet.** Eat anything you want, provided that it's served on a bed of Fit 'n Trim.
- **The Krspzy Kreml Diet.** Stuff your face with as many KK crawlers as you like. The catch is that you have to drive to Boise or to Utah to get them yourself, and you can only bring back a dozen at a time.
- **The cherries jubilee diet.** Anything and everything is on the menu, provided it's first dosed with brandy and set on fire.
- **The giardinia diet.** Again, there are no limitations on what you can eat, provided that you start every morning with a sip from a mountain stream.
- **The Prolosec diet.** There's no limit to what you can eat, but you can't eat anything before 9 p.m. and bedtime is 11 o'clock.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	80%	77%
Sallmon Falls	93%	88%
Salmon	82%	76%
Oakley	89%	77%
Big Wood	77%	73%
Little Wood	73%	73%
Henry Fork/Teton	94%	90%
Big Lost	80%	75%
Little Lost	82%	82%

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

Bondsman sues city over arrest

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A prominent bail bondsman is suing local law enforcement agencies, claiming he was falsely arrested and prosecuted and that his character was defamed.

ment anguish and emotional stress, the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit, filed by Twin Falls attorney M. Lynn Dunlap, contends that the Twin Falls Police Department and Twin Falls Sheriff's Department pursued the charges against Legg "maliciously with no justifiable cause and with intent to injure" him. As a result of those actions, Legg's business has been harmed, he has been held in public ridicule and contempt, and he has suffered great embarrassment, humiliation,

and several other properties owned or rented by him, according to the lawsuit. Legg bailed himself out of jail that same day.

Among the allegations in the lawsuit: • Law enforcement agencies tried to get Legg's insurance carrier to revoke his bail bondsman license. • He was banned from full access to jail inmates, harming his wife. • Because of adverse publicity

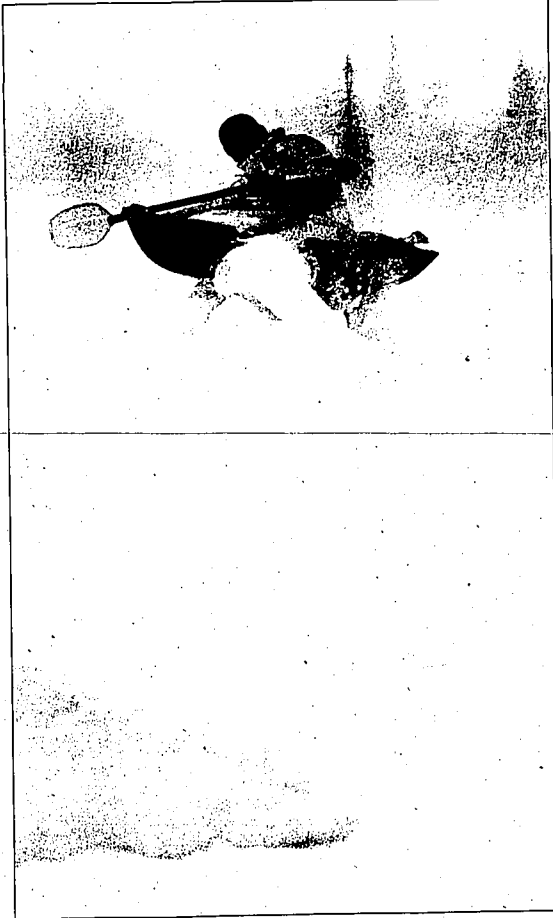
stemming from the arrest, his business dropped from writing bonds totaling \$279,289 in January 2003 to \$127,514 in February 2003, and it has continued to suffer.

• Although Legg's business records and computers have since been returned, the lack of those items "severely curtailed" his business, and he was forced to buy new computers and software. • Legg's credit, good name and reputation were damaged. • Please see LAWSUIT, Page B4

Snoyakers brave winds, slopes

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Armed with a can of cooking spray for speed and a couple of sandbags for stability, Lori Tate was prepared for a run down the snow-covered ski hill in his kayak. That's right — his kayak. Tate hitched a ride on the ski lift to the top of the hill, decked out in a winter jacket and ski goggles. Instead of his usual wetsuit, Bumping and bouncing against the snowbanks like a pinball down the 1/8 mile course, he crossed the finish line at the foot of the hill in 42.73 seconds — not a bad time, he said.



COBY MERES/The Times-News

Tate was one of 10 kayakers who braved the elements Saturday at Magic Mountain Ski Resort to participate in a truly extreme sport — the Magic Valley's first-ever "snoyak" race.

Proceeds from the event went to the Magic Mountain Ski Patrol for the purchase of new medical equipment, including new splints and a defibrillator, said race organizer Jerry Grant of the Magic Mountain Ski Patrol.

Organizers had hoped for at least 40 snoyakers, but blizzard-like conditions on the mountain kept numbers down, said race organizer Cindy Spencer. A handful of onlookers watched the race from the base of the ski hill, but blowing snow mostly obscured the starting point of the race at times.

"It's been gorgeous this week — until today," Spencer said. Despite the inclement conditions, Tate was in fierce competition Saturday with his mother-in-law, Kelly Schiffer of Jerome. As Schiffer prepared her teal kayak for her first run, she prepared herself mentally for the challenge.

"Heck yeah, I'm ready," Schiffer said. "My goal is to have the old woman beat the young man."

When another snoyaker noticed the sandbags weighing down Schiffer's kayak, she was defiant. The sandbags didn't give her an unfair advantage, she said. They just leveled the playing field for her against heavier racers, whose weight would carry them down the mountain faster.

"Well, I'm not fat enough," Schiffer said. "I thought the fattest person up here would win." On Schiffer's first timed run down the slopes, her kayak ricocheted off a hard turn, launched into the air over a snow bank and landed off a course. But she had two more

chances to prove herself. After each racer completed three runs down the mountain, organizers judged winners on their top two runs. Schiffer came out on top and received a \$500 gift certificate to Riverart

Whitewater Toyz Inc. "I think my first run was the fastest, though," Schiffer said. Tate placed fifth overall. "He was pretty hummed — he and I had a pretty good competition going," Schiffer

said. "Family has to do that, you know."

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Mold: Sometimes harmless, sometimes toxic

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even the most spallous of homes has some mold.

Molds naturally grow indoors anywhere there is moisture, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

More on mold — A1

Right mold grows underneath your potted plants, on your shower tiles, underneath your sink. Mold spores travel into your home via open doorways, windows, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems.

Spores in the air can attach themselves to your clothing, your purse, even your family pets. When mold spores drop on places where there is excess moisture, such as where leaks may have occurred in



Photo courtesy of Danney Goodell Inc., of Astoria, Ore.

Aspergillus niger is a toxic mold believed to cause illness in people with compromised immune systems. health specialist for South Central District Health. "Mold is around us constantly," Lane said. "It's the main organism that decomposes organic plant material. If we didn't have mold, we would be walking on several feet of old fallen wood and plants. Most molds are harmless.



Penicillium are omnipresent throughout the world. Seven of the approximately 900 species have been isolated as infectious agents. But toxic molds — molds that contain poisons called mycotoxins in their spores — can make you sick. Reports have indicated that aspergillus versicolor and several toxic forms of penicillium could be hazardous, according to the



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Review of Cassia water plan begins Tuesday

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — A citizen committee has completed a groundwater management plan for Cassia County that will be available for public review beginning Tuesday.

Personnel at the Department of Environmental Quality plan to release the plan Tuesday, kicking off a 30-day public comment period. After the comment period closes the final version of the plan can be prepared.

Bill Allred, DEQ pollution prevention manager, met with county commissioners and worked with committee members to produce the plan. Among the many things addressed in the plan is the need to reduce nitrate levels in groundwater in Cassia County. Burley nitrate levels are third-highest in the state behind Weiser and Twin Falls. Rupert ranks ninth.

"We didn't realize what a serious issue nitrates are in our county," committee member Charlotte Armstrong said.

The committee spent 18 months gathering information and prioritizing the needs of the community to produce the plan. Armstrong said. Committee members include farmers, dairy owners, ranchers, concerned citizens and city and county officials.

Compliance with the plan is largely voluntary, but Allred believes it's in the best interest of everyone to comply. DEQ employees will monitor the success of the plan and regulate compliance, if necessary.

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Buhl woman dies in crash

Authorities say that alcohol was a factor

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

HAGERMAN — Authorities say alcohol was a factor in a one-vehicle accident Friday evening near Hagerman that took the life of a Buhl woman and injured five others.

Debra G. Capra, 35, was riding in the front passenger seat of the 1993 Plymouth Voyager driven by Larry Moss, 40, of Buhl. She was ejected through the front side-passenger window and was pronounced dead at the scene, said Sheriff's Deputy David H. Hagerman, information officer with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Also injured were Christopher Gillespie, 19, of Twin Falls; and Danielle "Dani" Hammond, 15, of Josephine Moss, 8, and Emma Moss, 5, all of Buhl.

The Voyager was traveling west on Saylor Creek Road in the Bell Rapids area "at a speed too fast for conditions" when Moss failed to negotiate a curve and went off the right shoulder of the road, Hagerman said.

The vehicle went over a steep embankment and rolled three times, coming to a stop at the bottom of the canyon. All six passengers were ejected from the vehicle and none were wearing safety belts, Hagerman said.

Hagerman estimated the time of the accident at around 7:30 a.m. He said a spokeswoman for the Southern Idaho Regional

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MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

Frank Edward Petersen - Big Sky, Mont.

Frank Edward Petersen passed away Thursday, March 11, 2004. Frank was born Dec. 22, 1949, in Fort Dodge, Iowa...

Frank spent much of his post-war life in Idaho. He was a police officer and volunteer fireman in Filer then went to work in the grocery business for many years, working at Safeway, Albertson's and Walmart (as the night crew boss)...

worked his best to support his four children as they grew. In 1994, Frank moved to Big Sky to visit his sister, Gloria and her husband, Rod. Frank immediately fell in love with the area and his skills as a mechanic, carpenter and handyman became a valuable asset on the maintenance crew at Lone Mountain Ranch...

There wasn't much Frank couldn't do for a car, build a house, paint a picture and touch a heart; all attributes he passed along to his children. Frank will always be remembered as a kind, sensitive and generous individual who would go out of his way to help a friend in need. He was also known for his fun-loving personality and charm. His many talents and attributes will be greatly missed by all.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Big Sky Chapel in Big Sky, Mont.

Leonard Lee Sheets - Buhl



Leonard Lee Sheets, 65, of Buhl, Idaho, died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on March 27, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Logan, Neb., March 22, 1938, to Claude and Marie (Wilson) Sheets. He was one of 10 children. He served in Okinawa from 1957-1959 as an Army specialist in Morse code interception. He was honorably discharged May 27, 1959. Leonard married Sharon on July 2, 1978, bringing together a family of seven children, creating lasting memories, lots of laughs and a few close calls. We will miss his dry sense of humor, his mischievous smile and his dedication to his family.

He served two terms as president of Buhl Chamber of Commerce. He was also a founding member of the Buhl Visitor Center and served on the planning and development committee. As an advocate for the citizens of Buhl, he spent countless hours in community service, and was loved and well respected by those who knew him. He was also a longtime member of the Elks Lodge.

A resident of Idaho since 1964, Leonard worked as a parts manager for Goode Motors (Rupert), Andy & Bob's (Buhl) and Roy Raymond (Buhl). During this time, he achieved many awards and was recognized as an outstanding member of Ford Parts and Service Organization.

He served as past president and later on the board of directors. He retired in June 2000, after 25 years in the parts business, to pursue his love of golf, and tinkering with his many projects. As a passionate golfer,

Anthony Leon Perkins - Twin Falls

Anthony Leon Perkins, 65, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 15, 1938, in Snowflake, Ariz., the son of Marion and Linda Despain Perkins.

He married Margaret Lucille Cochran in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sept. 15, 1961. He worked for many years in highway construction for the state of Arizona. He enjoyed working with wood, and did exquisite detail work on the scroll saw.

Anthony is survived by his wife of Twin Falls, six children, Bill Perkins of Twin Falls, James Perkins of Oregon, Utah, Cindy Howard of Yerington, Nev., Barbara Flemings of Hazelton, Idaho, Tom Perkins of Fernley, Nev., and Tina Silvae of Twin Falls, Idaho; 23 grandchildren; three brothers, Don Perkins and Carvel Perkins, both of Oregon, and Bob Perkins of

Ruth Camozzi - Jerome

Ruth Camozzi passed away peacefully at her home in Jerome, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the age of 83.

Ruth was born in Kent, Wash., on Aug. 28, 1920, to Harold and Mae Clements. As a young girl she went to live with her grandparents, Yern Harold L. Clements, who lovingly raised her to adulthood. After graduating from Kent High School, Ruth went to work for Alaskan Copper Works where she met the love of her life, Vic Camozzi. They both rode the train across country with her grandmother to marry Vic in State College, Pennsylvania on Nov. 4, 1943, prior to his deployment in the Navy in the Pacific Theatre. Ruth lived with her grandmother-in-law, Kent, Wash., and gave birth to their first daughter, Vicki.

After the completion of Vic's term in the Navy, Vic and Ruth moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1946 where they made their home. Three more daughters, Carol, Patty and Anita, were born to them. Family was of

the utmost importance to Ruth. She was a homemaker who loved and supported her husband while he built Volco Inc. They had many friends in the lumber business throughout the West. Ruth was always proud to say that she was "Mrs. V. E. Camozzi."

Throughout their 54 years of marriage, Ruth and Vic enjoyed spending time with their family and friends at their summer home north of Kelowna, B.C. They traveled the world and enjoyed many wonderful adventures together. Ruth loved her friends and over the years she enjoyed participating in bowling, golf and bridge with them.

In her later years, Ruth continued to travel with her four daughters. She took them to Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean and Alaska. Her daughters will cherish the memories of these trips together.

Ruth was especially proud of the accomplishments of her 11 grandchildren. Most recently she enjoyed being a great-grandma to her five great-grandchildren. The family would like to express their deep appreciation to Ruth's caregivers, Filomena Silva and Diva Gomes. Their excellent care and loving support made it possible for Ruth to remain in her own home until she was honored by her four daughters: Vicki (Victor) Haines of Boise, Patty (Gary) Williams of Ogden, Utah, Carol Camozzi of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Anita (Steve) Hemma of Twin Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her cousin, Mervyn Clements of Tahuya, Wash.; and her sisters-in-law, Linda Stanfield and Helen (Keith) Kinck of Seattle. She also leaves behind her devoted, lifetime companions, Dino and Tina.

A service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, Idaho. Burial will be in the Hove-Robertson Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the Jerome Library or to a charity of the donor's choice. No viewing is planned. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Delia Ruth Reeder - Jerome

Delia Ruth Reeder, 84, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the St. Bernice Family Medical Center Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1920, at Berthold, N.D., later moving with her family to Foxholm, N.D. She was educated there, graduating as class valedictorian in only 11 years. Delia was a devoted and loving sister who cared for her parents and her 11 sister until their deaths. On Nov. 15, 1964, she married the Rev. Roy Reeder of Bismarck, N.D. They were happily married for nearly 40 years.

She was an accomplished pianist, using this skill to earn money at times when it was needed through her life. She enjoyed needlework and crocheting, making many items throughout her years.

Delia had worked for a time at a Bible store in Minot, N.D. Then following her move to Miles City, Mont., she became the president of the local chapter of American Baptist Women, then later becoming the president of the group for the state of Montana. In this position, she attended the American Baptist Convention to represent Montana. Delia was a devoted, loving and

encouraging wife to her loving husband, Roy. Her husband, the Rev. Ray Reeder of Jerome, and many nieces and nephews survive her. She was preceded in death by her three brothers and three sisters.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the Jerome First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rudy Smith, pastor officiating. Visitation hours will be from 1 p.m. until just prior to service time; no viewing will follow the church service. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

OBITUARY

Michael J. Montoya - Rupert



Michael J. Montoya, a 50-year-old former Rupert resident, passed away March 26, 2004, in Ogden, Utah.

Michael was born Dec. 2, 1953, in Del Norte, Calif., the son of Henry and Clara Montoya.

He attended school in Rupert and graduated from Minico High School in 1973. He married Ruth Abeya June 10, 1972, in Rupert, Idaho, and they later divorced. He served in the United States Air Force.

He was an electrician for Simplots for several years. He married Roberta Mendez April 4, 2002, in Rupert.

He lived most of his life in Rupert, except for the last year and a half he lived in Ogden, Utah. Michael enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Montoya of Ogden, Utah; his son, Michael J. (Gibby) Montoya of Ogden, Utah; three daughters, Traci Montoya of Seattle, Wash., Melanie Montoya of Ogden,

Utah, and Stephanie Montoya of Ogden, Utah; seven stepchildren, Nadine, Chrissy, Monica, Jessica, Johnny, Chris and Ray; his father, Henry Montoya of Rupert; three brothers, Henry (Rosie) Montoya of Rupert, Johnny Montoya of Fort Hall and Edward (Terry) Montoya of Rupert; and four sisters, Evelyn (Frank) Rodriguez of Rupert, Rosie (Andy) Garcia of Burley, Doris (Arnold) Martinez of Rupert and Diane (Joe) Shighan of Twin Falls.



He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Montoya, and one brother, Steve Montoya.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with the Rev. Daniel Coto officiating.

A viewing for friends and family will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2004, with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Lloyd L. Campbell of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. April 10 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2628 Whispering Pine (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Phillip A. Smith Sr. of Buhl, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at the Clear Lake Country Club (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Andrew J. Parks of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

James Middleton Bernsen of Boise, service at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 7503 Northview St., Boise; viewing from 2-4 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Homes, 1205 W. Banneck, Boise.

Margaret Louise Greer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. April 8 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Emma Viola McCloud of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. April 10 at the Wendell Cemetery (Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home).

Joyce Deloris Hill

JEROME - Joyce Deloris Hill, 64, of Jerome, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Karen Page officiating. No viewing is planned.

Miriam Bachman

TWIN FALLS - Miriam Bachman, 88, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at a Twin Falls care center.

A service will be held in Stouk Falls, S.D. Local arrangements were under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Opal J. Manning

TWIN FALLS - Opal J. Manning, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Debra Gail Cape

BUHL - Debra Gail Cape, 37, of Buhl, died Friday, March 26, 2004.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Alice L. Wood

BURLEY - Alice L. Wood, 78, of Burley, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Thank You. The families of R.L. 'Tuffy' Larsen would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, love and support during our recent loss of our husband, dad and grandpa. Friends, neighbors and relatives are truly special at this time.

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The family of J.B. Smith express our thanks for all the many acts of kindness and sympathy given to us the past days as we mourn the passing from this life of our husband, father, grandfather, teacher, coach and handyman. We will miss him. Sharon Smith; Nancy and John Durrant & Family; Pam and Larry Jensen & Family; Julie and Scott Maeser & Family; Laurie Park & Family; Kevin Smith & Family

Manning Patterson. The family of Manning Patterson would like to thank our wonderful friends and relatives that have been so kind and helpful during our recent bereavement. First we would like to thank the doctors, nurses and care givers who gave Manning so much TLC. We would like to thank all of you for your phone calls, visits, cards, food, flowers, donations and all other acts of kindness. We will be eternally grateful. God bless each and every one of you. Most Sincerely, Mildred Patterson, Bonita & Allen Osborne, Arlene & Ed Marshall, MaryFearn & Don Janak, Nancy & Jim Patterson and their families.

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Milk or juice served daily.
 Monday: Ravioli
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Burrito
 Friday: Pizza day

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
 Monday: Breakfast bar
 Tuesday: Doughnuts
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Waffles
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day.
 Monday: Turkey sandwich
 Tuesday: Ham slices
 Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
 Thursday: Beef and cheese nachos
 Friday: Chicken and cheddar sandwich

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese or turkey and cheese
 Wednesday: Chik niks
 Thursday: Pizza or cheese squares
 Friday: No School

MINIDOKA SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Muffin
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Breakfast hot pocket
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Hot dog
 Wednesday: Student's choice
 Thursday: Beef stroganoff
 Friday: Macaroni and cheese

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cheese toast
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: String cheese
 Friday: No School
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Belgian waffle
 Tuesday: Sloppy joes
 Wednesday: School choice
 Thursday: Chili
 Friday: No School

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Pancakes
 Tuesday: Bagels
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
 Thursday: Waffle sticks
 Friday: Doughnuts
 Lunch Menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily.
 Monday: Enchiladas
 Tuesday: Beef and gravy
 Wednesday: Taco salad
 Thursday: Deli sandwich
 Friday: Chili dog

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Ham and beans
 Tuesday: Hamburger gravy
 Wednesday: Sweet-n-sour turkey
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Fish patty on a bun

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburgers
 Tuesday: Roast beef
 Wednesday: Cook's choice
 Thursday: Burritos
 Friday: Turkey sandwich

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Egg muffin
 Thursday: French toast
 Friday: No School
 Lunch Menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Lasagna
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese pocket
 Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Burritos
 Friday: No School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
 Monday: Chicken bacon wrap
 Tuesday: Chicken strips
 Wednesday: Hearty ham and

bean soup
 Thursday: Tuna sandwich
 Friday: No School

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza pocket
 Tuesday: Chicken fingers
 Wednesday: Hamburgers
 Thursday: Beef sub
 Friday: Ham and cheese tortedo

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Pizza pocket
 Tuesday: Chicken fingers
 Wednesday: Cheeseburgers
 Thursday: Beef sub
 Friday: Ham and cheese tortedo

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Grilled cheese
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Hot dog
 Thursday: Fried chicken
 Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Grandparents day
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Cheesy potatoes
 Friday: No lunch served

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: French dip sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla
 Wednesday: Turkey or tuna fish sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Chicken wrap
 Thursday: Tacos
 Friday: Hamburgers

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cheeseburger
 Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich
 Wednesday: Hot pocket

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Baked potato bar
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Italian dunkers

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Chicken sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
 Monday: Chicken tenders
 Tuesday: Pasta bar
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
 Monday: Beef enchiladas
 Tuesday: Chicken burger
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Nacho chips
 Friday: Baked cheese sandwich

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Beef stroganoff
 Tuesday: Turkey sandwich
 Wednesday: French toast

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Beef and bean enchilada
 Wednesday: Tacos

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Pizza pockets
 Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
 Wednesday: Hamburger
 GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily.
 The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.

Monday: Taco
 Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
 Wednesday: Ham and cheese on roll

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Ham and cheese roll
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Fish nuggets
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Rib-b-que
 Thursday: Azzip
 Friday: Chicken sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cinnamon toast
 Wednesday: Pancakes
 Thursday: Muffins
 Friday: Polish sausage
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet sandwich
 Wednesday: Pepperoni or cheese pizza
 Thursday: Sub sandwich
 Friday: Chili or clam chowder

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily.
 Monday: Steak fingers
 Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich
 Wednesday: Baked chicken
 Thursday: Chicken and bacon roll-up
 Friday: Burrito

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
 Milk and juice served daily.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Pancakes
 Lunch
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese
 Wednesday: Hot dog
 Thursday: Soft shell taco
 Friday: Hot turkey sandwich

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken fried steak
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Ham

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Baked potatoes
 Thursday: Sloppy joes
 Friday: Roast turkey

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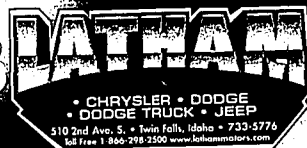
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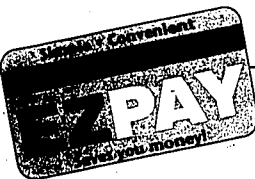
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Mold

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But the scariest toxic mold of all is stachybotrys chartarum — a slimy greenish-black mold the Howard and Marsha Neibling family discovered in their crawl space not far from their children's bedrooms. The fungus has been investigated in association with the serious health problems of a family living in a water-damaged home in Chicago and in several other cases of building-related illnesses.

And a cluster of 27 cases of acute pulmonary hemorrhage — bleeding from the lungs — in infants from flood-damaged homes was reported in Cleveland, Ohio. Nine of the infants died.

The CDC has confirmed that many respiratory illnesses and allergic conditions such as hay fever and asthma can be caused by molds. Eating foods that contain toxins produced by molds has been associated with the development of cancer. But CDC scientists stop short at saying mold causes memory loss, bleeding from the lungs and other serious ailments, says one claim.

The CDC and other organizations are taking steps to "fill the gaps in our knowledge about linkages between exposure to mold and human health," Dr. Stephen Ittekk, the lead CDC scientist on air pollution and respiratory health, told a House subcommittee.

Dr. Nachman Brautbar is a California internist and nephrologist who specializes in toxicology and an associate professor of pharmacology and clinical professor of medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He has also been an expert witness in a number of court cases involving toxic substances, including the Hinkley, Calif., groundwater contamination case that was the subject of the film "Erin Brockovich."

In his practice, he sees a lot of patients with illnesses caused by mold. The majority suffer from skin rashes and allergies; some suffer from headaches and loss of memory. However, two of his patients had reversible neurological diseases. One of the patients was thought to have multiple sclerosis, but a year and half after being diagnosed had a clear MRI. And although both patients were never exposed to toxic mold, he noted no scientific studies that show a connection between mold and neurological disease.

However, studies on animals have determined a link. "We do know from veterinary literature over the years that mold has been associated with many disorders, including autoimmune and neurological reactions," Brautbar said.

Could it have been the root of Jen Neibling's neurological diagnosis of Hashimoto's encephalopathy? "To go and say Hashimoto's

encephalopathy is the result of exposure to mold is going to be difficult, because we don't have the science to support it," Brautbar said. "But no one can say it can't cause it."

Mold in the courtroom

The subject of toxic mold is showing up on the airwaves and in the nation's courtrooms, and juries have handed out some large awards to people who claimed their illnesses were caused by toxic mold according to Toxic Black Mold Lawsuits, a nationwide network of affiliated law firms.

In Delaware, two women were awarded \$1.04 million after their landlord failed to fix mold problems in their apartment, which they said resulted in serious asthma attacks. A Texas homeowner received \$1.5 million in a bad-faith lawsuit against his insurance company after his claim for mold damage to his home. In California, a group received \$1.3 million for toxic mold claims against the builders and contractors whose poor workmanship allowed mold to invade their homes. And a California jury awarded \$18 million (including punitive damages) to a homeowner against Allstate Insurance for denying his claims for mold damage. The judge later lowered the award to \$3 million. And that's just a small sampling of toxic mold-based litigation.

"Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., has introduced the United States Toxic Mold Safety and Protection Act," which would mandate comprehensive research into mold growth, create programs to educate the public about the dangers of toxic mold, and provide assistance to victims.

An ounce of prevention

There are a number of steps people can take to prevent toxic mold, according to the CDC. But the most important thing is to keep things dry.

"The top priority is to make sure you don't have any water problems in your home to begin with," Lane said. "Water is a necessary substance for mold to grow. Stop water problems, and if you have something that does get wet, the recommendation is to have it dried out in 24 hours."

People sensitive to mold, or people with more extensive mold problems, should contact a professional with experience in cleaning mold. "If it's a large problem, they need to bring in an industrial hygiene consultant who could work with the cleaning contractor," Lane said. "Anything over 10 square feet, a professional should handle."

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Crump

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sharp. "The osmosis diet. You don't eat anything at all, but you do spend eight hours a day sitting down in the deep fryer at McDonald's."

"The Whitman's Sampler diet. Go to Walgreen's and buy yourself a five-pound box of bon-bons; the challenge is to predict what kind of chocolate you're going to get before you bite into it.

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Water

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Committee members said their prime objective is to implement the plan in a manner that encourages voluntary action so a regulatory approach is not necessary.

The plan will be used by the county planning commission as a tool to manage zoning of CAFOs and other industries that affect the quality of groundwater. The DRQ, at the request of county officials across the state to develop management plans. Alfred said. Priority is given to those counties with the highest concentrations of nitrates in groundwater.

Lawsuit

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Before the arrest, Legg "was a prominent good name in the community, deservedly enjoying the esteem and good opinion of neighbors and the citizens of this community," the lawsuit says. "(He) was self-employed in the ball and business for two years, performing with efficiency and punctuality."

At the time the charge against Legg was dismissed, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said advice passed on to Legg by Dunlap made the case too difficult to prosecute.

It was discovered that Legg apparently was acting on Dunlap's advice during his dealings with some property that investigators claimed was stolen, making Dunlap a witness in the case.

Dunlap says Legg was the victim of a forged check, and he simply advised Legg to notify the bank of the forgery.

According to the report, 40 of 234 sites in Cassia County tested more than 10 parts per million of nitrates — the safe limit for drinking water — with the highest level being 20 parts per million. Most of the highest test sites are in Burley and Declo.

A University of Idaho study warns that high nitrate levels in drinking water can lead to methemoglobinemia, or "blue baby syndrome," which is potentially fatal to infants younger than six months. Nitrate may also interact with organic compounds found in pesticides and form cancer-causing agents.

Accident

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Communications Center, told The Times-News Friday evening that one of the victims used a cell phone to contact SII-COMM. The victim told the dispatcher they did not know where they were, then the phone went dead, Silver said.

"Then they called a friend, who happened to be a Bull fireman," Silver said.

The location of the accident to emergency officials. Emergency crews from four local authorities were dispatched to the scene at 8:43 p.m., Howell said.

Larry Moss and Josephine Moss were airlifted to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical

Center in Boise. Larry Moss was listed in critical condition Saturday evening. Due to her age, the condition of Josephine Moss could not be released, hospital staff said.

Gillespie, Hammond and Emma Moss were transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Hammond and Emma Moss were treated and released Saturday morning. Gillespie was listed in good condition Saturday evening.

The accident remains under investigation by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

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Court considers right to sue BLM

Citizen groups say fragile lands need better protection

KANAB, Utah (AP) — At the Coral Pink Sand Dunes, enthusiasts driving dune buggies can roar into a wilderness study area from an adjacent state park without even knowing it. That Court case underscoring the battle over millions of acres of potential wilderness preserves.

The state all-terrain vehicle park is bordered on three sides by the wilderness study area, and conservationists say the Bureau of Land Management isn't doing enough to protect the fragile dunes and their ancient stands of ponderosa pine.

The nation's highest court hears arguments Monday on whether citizen groups can sue the BLM to force it to protect the fragile lands awaiting a decision on wilderness designation. The clash of competing interests is most pronounced here, about 250 miles south of Salt Lake City, where the border defining Coral Pink's most delicate dunes from ATV traffic is

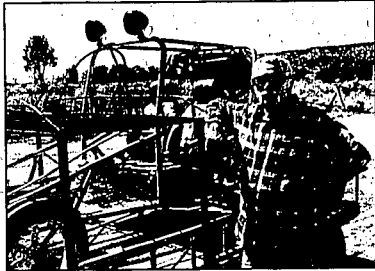
little more than an imaginary line in the sand.

"You need a map to figure it all out," said Al Hall, a retired construction worker who runs a \$2,500 dune buggy built with parts from two cars. While most off-roaders respect the boundaries, he said, "there's no trail markings per se."

The BLM has recommended against wilderness designation for this forested high desert land, and it has turned down suggestions from wilderness advocates that the 14,830-acre Moquith Mountain wilderness study area be fenced to keep out illicit ATV traffic, saying it would not be practical or economical. ATVs are allowed to travel inside the protected zone on a loop road and two side trails.

A final decision on wilderness protection is up to Congress, but land managers are supposed to preserve study areas in pristine condition in case Congress decides they should be formally protected. Once roads are cut in wilderness study areas, preservationists say, the backcountry no longer meets the standard of wilderness.

So the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance sued BLM, seeking to force land managers



Retired construction worker Al Hall poses by his 'sandrall' dune buggy at a trailhead at the Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Friday outside Kanab, Utah.

to be more aggressive in protecting the dunes and other Utah wilderness study areas.

A federal judge threw out SUWA's case, but the group prevailed at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which ruled BLM could be sued for allowing damage to the lands.

The Justice Department is appealing that decision to the Supreme Court, arguing that

citizens groups would jump government if they are allowed to challenge every land management decision.

Closing study areas is a discretionary act of the executive branch and courts cannot force the administration to exercise it, the Bush administration and off-roading groups argue in the case. If the Utah environmentalists succeed, they say, the normal administrative process

would be replaced with unending lawsuits.

The problem here underscores the clash over millions of acres of potential wilderness in Utah's redrock canyons and high-desert lands, as well as in other states. A deadlocked Congress hasn't designated any wilderness in Utah for two decades, although President Clinton in 1996 ordered 1.9 million acres nearby protected as the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a designation just short of national park status.

The BLM insists it is taking steps to protect four wilderness study areas and other southern Utah lands at issue in the Supreme Court case by posting signs, building fences and helping run public education campaigns for all-terrain vehicle riders.

"It's really an incorrect characterization to say we have failed to act," said Sally Wisely, who oversees 23 million acres as Utah BLM director.

But she acknowledged her agency is stretched thin in Utah, where "the landscape is wide open" and only one ranger is on hand for every 1.5 million acres of BLM range land.

Driver gets 90 days for cell phone car accident

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man who was reaching for his cell phone when he ran a red light and caused a fatal accident has pleaded guilty to negligent homicide.

Joseph Cory Erickson, 26, of South Jordan, pleaded guilty to one count of class A misdemeanor negligent homicide — in jail, as a condition of 36 months' probation, Erickson may not possess a cell phone.

The conviction is believed to be the first negligent homicide case in Utah attributed to cell phone use — which some state lawmakers have sought to ban while driving.

Erickson told Murray police he was traveling five to 10 mph above the 40-mph speed limit when he reached up to turn off his cell phone as it rang, according to court documents.

Erickson said he saw oncoming cars turning left as he approached the intersection, but did not know what color the light was.

Another driver told police she had been stopped at the red light "quite a while" when Erickson's pickup truck drove past her and hit a BMW.

Police found no skid marks indicating he had tried to stop.

Prosecutor Roger Blaylock told the judge, "It wasn't just the cell phone. He (Erickson) was not paying attention to what was going on around him at all."

Third District Judge Denise Lindberg agreed, telling the defendant, "You were clearly clueless."

Along with jail and probation, Lindberg ordered Erickson to pay \$8,454 in restitution, take a defensive-driving course and perform 150 hours of community service by speaking to high school students, driver education classes and others about the dangers of driving with a cell phone.

Killed in the July 12 crash was Robert Hartman Anderson, 32, a Murray dentist.

The victim's son, Matthew Anderson, said his family was not looking for vengeance.

"But we miss our father very much," he told the judge, "and would like that taken into consideration."

Land speculator could cash in again

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A land speculator who earned more than \$40 million selling prime oceanfront properties to conservationists after announcing plans to develop them is poised to cash in again in Southern California's Santa Monica Mountains.

Using a complicated series of business partnerships, Manhattan Beach-based Brian Sweeney has made a specialty in California of buying land in environmentally sensitive areas, threatening to build homes on it and then selling the land to conservation groups that pay for it with state and donated money.

In previous California land deals, Sweeney and his companies asked for permission to build, claiming old subdivision markings on their land allows them to subdivide properties to state law that gives zoning power to local agencies. Public interest groups concerned over open space have then stepped in to buy.

A 2001 state law that was passed aimed at closing most of the exemptions, but Sweeney is negotiating with the state's Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to buy his acreage overlooking the Malibu coast.

As in two previous deals in Northern California, Sweeney is planning to build multimillion-dollar homes on the property if the conservancy doesn't buy. And once again, he's angering environmentalists who call it a shakedown.

"I wasn't even intended to be an ATM machine ... and in my view, that's what Mr. Sweeney has done with his particular land-use strategy," said Fred Keeley, a former member of the Assembly and now director of the Planning and Conservation League, a leading force behind three voter-approved state bonds since 2000 to fund open space land buys.

Los Angeles County planning officials confirm 20 development applications from Sweeney and his 14 limited liability corporations. The applications are mostly for lux-

Coast Dairies
Sweeney sold purchase rights for 7,000 acres of oceanfront land to conservationists after previously announcing plans to divide it into parcels for 150 luxury homes.

Bixby Ranch
Bought land in 2000 for \$9 million. Announced rights to build 150 luxury homes. \$60 one parcel for \$7.5 million and the rest to Trust for Public Land for \$26 million.

Santa Monica Mountains
Bought nearly 2,000 acres in 2001. Has applied to develop about 20 sites. Has talked with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy about selling his properties.

Pristine coast at what cost?
Canadian-born speculator Brian Sweeney has sold valuable undeveloped land as open space after subdividing rural lands and threatening to develop private homes.

SOURCES: Trust for Public Land; California Coastal Conservancy; ERM Associated Press

ury homes, and are based on historic property records.

Aides to county supervisors also confirm meetings to find money for buying property from Sweeney. Sweeney did not return repeated calls for comment from The Associated Press.

In his earlier California deals, Sweeney and his partners reaped \$28 million in state and federal funds from just two land transactions in 1998 and 2001.

His partners have included a Denver-based consortium of investors that touts its renovations of stressed downtown properties and a Stanford University law professor who runs a New Jersey Association.

Sweeney bought his Santa Monica Mountains parcels in 2001 after earning a \$24 million profit from selling 1,226 acres in Monterey County's Big Sur. Before that he made \$20 million in the sale of the 7,000-acre Coast Dairies property in Santa Cruz County.

Now he owns an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 undeveloped

on the property instead of a gateway to the wilderness," said Reed Holderman, vice president of the Trust for Public Land.

The TPL orchestrated both buys of Sweeney's oceanfront land for open space.

In Los Angeles County, Sweeney and his Malibu-based planning consultants, Schmitz and Associates, want government approval for home sites that could quickly inflate the rural, undeveloped property values to residential levels.

"He's a savvy buyer, and he's bought some properties that have been critical acquisitions of the state parks department and federal Park Service for years," said Laura Shell, land use deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

"Everything he has done is legal, and the county planning department is monitoring his applications and scrutinizing them as they would any other," Shell said.

Money to buy Sweeney's land in the Santa Monica Mountains would most likely come from bonds authorized by Propositions 40 and 50. The 2002 voter-approved bond deals authorized \$6 billion for land buys and protection in California.

Sweeney helped make that \$6 billion pool of money a reality by contributing \$100,000 in 2002 to the California Conservation Campaign, a fund-raising committee formed by the Trust for Public Land.

All of this exasperates the conservationists, some of whom like Keeley say state money has been wasted to buy off a middleman exploiting a loophole.

"My best effort to develop a conservation ethic in this person has completely failed," said Katherine Anderson, who negotiated the Santa Cruz County Coast Dairies deal with Sweeney in 1998 as executive director of the San Francisco-based Save the Redwoods League.

"Instead, he's moving down the coast in an opportunistic fashion to the detriment of the people."

But David Mills, a Stanford law professor and partner with Sweeney in another Santa Cruz County property, called Sweeney an honorable man acting within the law.

"Property should be sold for what it's worth, for its fair market value, between a willing buyer and a willing seller," Mills said.

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Golf tournament will raise money for transition home

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TWIN FALLS — Supporters of a home to help troubled teens transition into independent living are working to raise money for the project.

A benefit golf tournament for BILLS Place will be held April 17 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

BILLS Place stands for Building Independent Living skills and also honors Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman, who's helping get the project up and running.

The tournament will have a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

After the tournament, a birthday party to celebrate Brockman's 70th birthday will be held at the Brockman ranch, 3500 E. 2900 N. (eight miles south of the blinking light in

Want to play?

To sign up for the BILLS Place benefit golf tournament, send money, name and handicap for yourself or team to Barbara Kimberly, 83341. Make checks payable to BILLS Place. Fees must be paid by April 10.

Costs are \$30 per person: \$100 for a sponsor, \$220 for a four-man team of \$130 for a sponsor and golf. Costs include green fees and sponsor signs, but not carts.

The tournament is limited to the first 120 paid entries. For those unable to attend, donations to BILLS Place will be accepted.

Kimberly... Organizers request no gifts.

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BILLS Place will house up to eight men ages 17 to 19 who need temporary assistance to move into responsible, independent living.

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Individual independent living plans include organizational skills, time and money management, social development, goal setting and problem solving.

The home and land have been donated to Twin Falls County by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Car, pedestrian accident injures juvenile in Hailey

HAILEY — A pedestrian was injured after a two-vehicle accident north of Hailey Saturday morning.

The victim, a juvenile, was taken to St. Luke's Medical Center and was listed as in serious condition Saturday afternoon, said Danna Hillman of the Blaine County Sheriff's Department.

No further information was available regarding the accident.

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Biologists: Cougars, not snowmobiles, caused caribou population to decline

PHOENIX LAKE (AP) — Idaho's caribou population is declining because of cougars, scientists told a group of northern Idaho residents.

Robert Serrano, a researcher with the University of British Columbia, said extensive research shows that two-thirds of caribou deaths are caused by predators, not malnutrition or poaching. Most of the predation is from cougars, he said.

Several environmental groups have said snowmobiles are partly to blame because they invade the caribou habitat and stress the animals during the toughest time of the year.

But the research does not support that theory, said Mike Sudnikovich, a Priest Lake resident who, with other snowmobilers, helped organize the event.

"The public never really gets to see the biologists' reports," said Mike Sudnikovich, a Priest Lake resident who helped organize the event Friday. "The research is good, but everybody

puts their spin on it."

Biologists estimate that there are only about 40 woodland caribou in the herd that recently lived in northern Idaho, and all but three or four of those animals are wintering across the border in British Columbia, where most of the region's caribou live.

Researchers do not know why the Idaho herd has headed north, but say its size has stayed relatively stable in recent years.

Overall, woodland caribou numbers in the region have dropped from about 2,500 animals a decade ago to 1,843 today. Necropsies indicate the animals are not dying from malnutrition, and nearly 92 percent of the cubs get pregnant each year, Serrano said.

But nearly all the calves are dead within 10 months, according to a long-term study in British Columbia.

Serrano said decades of logging in the Inland Northwest have opened up the forest and promoted bumper crops of

small, woody shrubs. In the summer, whitetail deer venture into the high-country caribou habitat to eat the tasty shrubs, and the cougars follow to eat the tasty deer.

But cougars are not exclusive eaters, and given the chance take down caribou as well.

The state, federal and university biologists said there has been little conclusive research on the effects of snowmobiles on caribou. The machines have been observed to scare caribou in some areas of British Columbia, but other herds remain unfazed with sleds zoom past.

But the biologists cautioned against changing the rules to allow snowmobilers into a 1,700-acre caribou refuge in North Idaho. Some snowmobilers would like the area opened.

"That's still good habitat for caribou," said Idaho Fish and Game Biologist Wayne Wakkonen. If the area becomes popular for recreational use, he said, "then you're never going to have caribou back in there."

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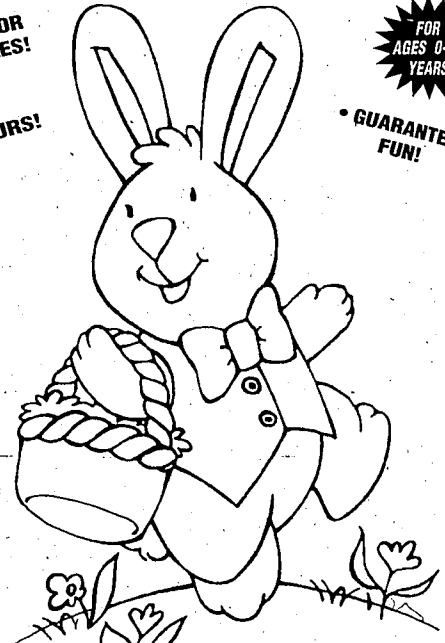
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Possible call-up prompts wedding

Couples marry early to avoid delay

LEWISTON (AP) — Nicole and Kevin expected to marry June 26 at McCall.

The wedding announcements were mailed. Family members were making travel plans. The dresses and tuxes were ordered.

And then war reached out to Idaho, putting the 3,500 men and women in the Idaho National Guard 116th Cavalry Brigade on alert for possible deployment overseas.

Nicole Havens, 21, of Lewiston, and Kevin Kessler, 21, of Nampa, have exchanged wedding vows at the Quality Inn at Clarkston.

“

I'm covered in dust head to toe, in camo and my hair's a mess and he's making eyes at me.

”

— Nicole Havens, 21, of Lewiston

The wedding was moved to spring break, giving them time for a three-day honeymoon before they go back to classes at Idaho State University and the Guard's accelerated preparations for war.

It is a modern-day tale of love and marriage as war looms. Instead of the old image of a bridegroom preparing to leave his sweetheart behind, it's both of them packing their duffel bags for the likelihood the 145th Support Battalion will be mobilized.

They met almost three years ago during their two-week anti-air training.

“I'm covered in dust head to toe, in camo and my hair's a mess and he's making eyes at me,” Nicole said.

“Love at first sight,” Kevin responds.

They didn't know each other when they signed up just before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Neither considered trying in any way to get out of the Guard, then or now.

“I've always known it's a possibility you're going to get

deployed,” Nicole said. “It's the basis of the military. It's something you accept and it's still something we're willing to accept.”

“I think it's every important to give service back to my country,” said Kevin, whose father and grandfather were in the military. He also plans a career in law enforcement and the Guard fits into that, he said.

Military service also qualifies them for educational benefits.

Both are students at Idaho State University in Pocatello, where Nicole will graduate in May with a degree in speech pathology and expects to be commissioned a 2nd lieutenant soon after.

Kevin has another year to go on an associate degree in public safety.

“If their unit is deployed, they expect to be separated for most of the first year of their marriage.”

“But I didn't want to get married by a judge,” Nicole said. Her mother said she would find a place and a minister.

“This is a good thing,” Kevin tells her of being married sooner than anticipated.

They left for their honeymoon. The two hope to have a longer one later, perhaps when the world is a more stable place.

If they are able to serve near one another, so much the better, but they are preparing themselves for the opposite.

“We're just planning for the worst,” Kevin said, “for not seeing each other.”

“We didn't want to take the risk of not getting married,” Havens said.

When the alert was announced, their first plan was a courthouse wedding, and then if they were still at home June 26 to repeat their vows as originally planned.

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Bounty of knowledge is found in museum

CALDWELL (AP) — Albertson College of Idaho is surviving lean financial times, but a little-known museum on campus is blessed with a wealth of artifacts that depict life on earth.

If it has run, flown, crawled or swum in Idaho, chances are there's an example of it preserved at the Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History on the Caldwell campus.

There are fish, snakes and frogs preserved in jars of alcohol. There are 80 cabinets filled with fossilized bones and plants. There are a million specimens of insects, and thousands of specimens of birds, mammals and fish.

The collections are available for research, course study and viewing by the general public. At the small museum, there is little difference between public and private areas.

If a visitor wants to see a butterfly that is not on display,

where it is located and show it. Teacher Orma J. Smith didn't have a museum in mind when he started collecting specimens to use in his science classes in the early 1900s.

But with that modest beginning, donations over the past century have accumulated to the point that the museum has four or five times as much as it can display.

Once a month, a package from somewhere on the planet arrives here, probably with ants or beetles in it, said John Keebaugh, a research associate at the museum. The massive collection hasn't come with a big price tag. Donations come from a wide variety of sources.

A farmer who digs up a fossil while plowing a student who comes across some well-preserved road kill or a homeowner who wants to know what kind of bug flew into her kitchen.

Mostly, donated specimens come from professors or science students who are reaching retirement age.

“As they retire,” Keebaugh said, “we'll get a phone call where they say, ‘I've got these 82 boxes of specimens and my wife says I've got to get them out of the garage.’”

In addition to the native species, the museum has some exotic specimens from other parts of the world, the result of contacts made in foreign countries through the years.

Two of them are the seven-inch wide Atlas moth and the four-inch long Goliath beetle, both among the world's largest.

In a back room, visitors can find several mounted animals that have no space to be displayed, including a musk-ox bighorn sheep and several African antelope.

When other Idaho institutions — for whatever reason —

decide to discontinue their collections, they often wind up at Albertson College.

Several years ago the Caldwell campus inherited 5,000 fish specimens in this manner from the University of Idaho.

“They were going to throw them in the Dumpster and we found out about it,” Keebaugh said.

Last summer, the museum got a 65-box collection of insects that Boise State University no longer had room for on its campus. With donations still coming in on a regular basis, the museum is always cataloguing new material.

Keebaugh said Paul's Market in Caldwell is no longer surprised when he calls up and orders 60-dozen mason jars at one time. The museum also serves as a repository for specimens gathered to gauge the environmental health of Idaho's waterways.

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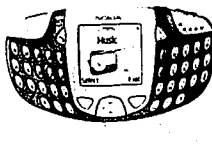
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Utah school built in 1901 reopens

ST. GEORGE (AP) — Woodward School is open again, although it won't be holding classes any more.

The St. George institution that was built in 1901 was re-opened with a ceremony Friday after being closed for nearly three years.

Former students, school board members and Dixie Sunshiners cut the blue ribbon, welcoming people back into the old school building.

Woodward won't even be an actual school. The remodeled building will serve as a community and educators' resource center with rooms for community organizations, school district media center, computer training center and a reading recovery room.

The renovations cost approximately \$1.5 million, funded by the sale of the old district offices, private donations and ongoing fundraisers.

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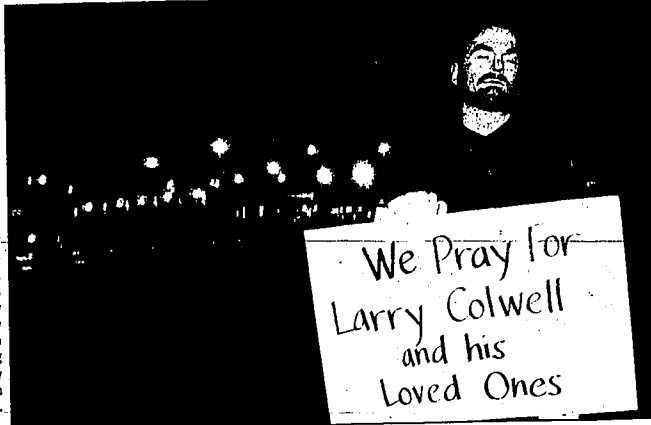
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PROTESTING THE DEATH PENALTY

Jeff Carlton of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada sings outside the Nevada State Prison Friday in Carson City, Nev. Carlton was with a small group protesting the death penalty and the execution of Lawrence Colwell, Jr. Colwell was executed by injection Friday night for the 1994 strangling of an elderly tourist in Las Vegas. AP photo



Vandal topples power pole, causes outages

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Several radio stations, dozens of homes and a cell phone tower lost power after a vandal pulled down a power pole east of Iona. The vandal looped a chain or a rope around the 40-foot wooden pole and pulled it over with a pickup truck Friday. Bonneville County Sheriff's Sgt. Karl Casperson said. Utah Power spokesman Kimball Hansen said power was restored to the homes within about four hours. But as the power pole fell, it yanked several electrical lines, causing damage to equipment, Hansen said. Utah Power officials repaired their electrical equipment early Friday afternoon, Hansen said, but some of the radio stations were still unable to broadcast because the stations' equipment also had been damaged. Hansen did not know which stations lost power.

Anti-Mormons plan to ignore buffer zones

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Anti-Mormon protesters don't plan to back off during their traditional street preaching outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' annual conference next weekend. The city is planning buffer zones to help keep the preachers away from church members attending the annual conference. But the preachers have asked a federal judge to issue a

temporary restraining order against the zoning. "We're prepared to go to jail if we have to," street preacher Lonnie Pursiful said. "We're not going to be put into a box." Salt Lake City plans to create free-speech zones across the street from the LDS Conference Center where preachers must stand when holding signs. The preachers would be allowed to cross the street, but couldn't

block pedestrian traffic. Since most LDS Church members are generally peaceful, Melroe said, the city's real motivation is not to protect the street preachers from assaults but to shield LDS Church members from their message. "You got some people up there in the City Council favoring one religion over another, and we aren't going to have a hard time proving that," Street

Preachers' Fellowship director Ron Melroe said. An LDS Church attorney asked the city to create "buffer" areas to shield people attending the conference from the preachers. City Attorney Ed Rutan and Mayor Rocky Anderson at first declined to include buffer zones when reviewing the city's free-speech laws. However, last week the city announced it would create the zones.

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11 Easter Sunday	29 Rotary, Grandstands, 12:00 noon
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Coming Monday

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Section C

CSI shuts down Coyotes



CSI pitcher Josh Madsen (18) makes a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader against 2003 national champion Community College of Southern Nevada. Madsen struck out the side in the seventh inning as the Golden Eagles won, 3-2.

Penn St. slips by Irish

Mazzante jumper, steal seals victory

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Penn State relied on Kelly Mazzante's offense throughout the season. On Saturday, the Lady Lions needed her defense, too.

Mazzante hit a floating jumper with 46 seconds left and made a key steal down the stretch to lead the top-seeded Lady Lions to a 55-49 win over Notre Dame in the East Regional semifinal.

Mazzante finished with 17 points and a team-high three steals — one to open the game, one that led to an easy basket and one that helped seal the win.

"We needed a defensive stop. We didn't do that for 38 minutes," Penn State coach Rene Portland said. "We did that for the last

two minutes and it made the difference."

NCAA women

The Lady Lions (28-5) and Mazzante struggled offensively against Notre Dame's stubborn zone but made the big shots and big plays when they needed it most.

Jessica Brungo led Penn State with 20 points in a game in which neither team led by more than six points.

"We didn't attack (the zone) enough and they kept pushing us back further and further past the 3-point," Mazzante said. "I think we made some adjustments at halftime and we started going in the right direction."

Penn State will play second-seeded Connecticut on Monday for a berth in the Final Four.

Jacqueline Bateast led the fifth-seeded Fighting Irish (21-11) with 22 points and 12 rebounds, and with 1:50 left tied the game at 43.

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Connecticut 63, UC Santa Barbara 55

HARTFORD, Conn. — Diana Tuissi scored 21 points and Connecticut survived a sloppy game offensively to beat feisty UC Santa Barbara in the East Regional semifinals.

The second-seeded Huskies (28-4) advanced to the regional final against top-seeded Penn State on Monday night by holding UCSB to 32 percent shooting and frustrating the Gauchos' 6-foot-8 center, Lindsay Taylor.

UCConn, winner of the last two national championships and three of the last four, is now just one victory from a record fifth straight trip to the Final Four.

Barbara Turner added 13 points for UCConn, while Cecilia Flores had 10 points and 10 rebounds and led the defensive effort against Taylor.

April McDivitt, who played her first three seasons at Tennessee, led Santa Barbara with 20 points. Kristen Mann scored 12 for UCSB, which made 11 steals and forced 17 UCConn

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Eagles show resilience in wins over defending champs

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team knew that in order to be successful in this weekend's four-game series against the Community College of Southern Nevada at the Coyotes' explosive offense.

Mission accomplished. Despite falling behind early in both games, Golden Eagle starting pitchers Josh Madsen and Mitch Woolf kept their team in the games as CSI swept the final two contests of the se-

ries, 3-2 and 3-1 Saturday at Wadsworth Field to give the Eagles three wins on the weekend.

"Little did we know coming in that our pitching would be absolutely phenomenal," said CSI head coach Jim "Skip" Walker. "All those guys just pick each other up, they really do."

In Game 1, it was Madsen that needed to be picked up, at least early. CCSN (20-11-1 overall, 12-4 SWAC) jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning. Madsen gave up a solo home run over the left field fence to Sean Kazmar, then plunked Calvin Beamon and allowed an

RBI double to Mike Dunn. But that was the last success CCSN would have at the plate.

Madsen retired the final two hitters in the frame and didn't allow a runner to reach base the rest of the way, a string of 20 consecutive outs. "Madsen" just stuck in there, hung in there after the first inning and found a way to just absolutely be brilliant," Walker said. "After the first inning, No. 1, his curveball was sharper and he kept the ball down really, really well."

While Madsen cruised, the bats finally came alive for CSI (19-12-1, 9-7) in the fifth inning.

Tom Heninger led off with a walk. Jeremy Thomas then put runners at first and second after grounding to second baseman David Hamilton, whose quick scoop to shortstop Kazmar for the attempted force out at second missed the mark. Charlie Strandlund later reached first after a failed sacrifice bunt, during which Heninger was thrown out at third. But Mitch Stachowsky then singled to center, scoring Thomas to make it 2-1, CCSN.

Willie Cralic, who pinch ran for Strandlund, later scored

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HOOKED ON AN EIGHT-SECOND RIDE

High school rodeo kicks off

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — District Six kicked off its high school rodeo season on the Saturday night at the College of Southern Idaho's Eldon Evans Expo Center. The Magic Valley's best high school riders, ropers, and racers hit Shawn Davis Arena to see who's tougher than the rest in 2004.

When it came to bareback riding, no one was tougher than Raft River's Zach Hutchison, the only rider to hold on for the eight-second ride in the opening event. The Trojan sophomore finished with a score of 63 and a first-place finish.

"They had some pretty

good horses tonight, especially for high school," Hutchison said. "Mine was the one that bent you up, but it was the one to have to win it all."

Hutchison had a busy night, competing in three other events: bull riding, team roping, and calf roping during slack.

"You run around, dad tells you that you only have a couple seconds until the next event, you get dang tired," Hutchison said. "As soon as you get done with one, you have to go to the next."

Hutchison placed second in the bull riding competition, riding Sucker Punch to a score of 65.

"We get a lot of support at

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Matthew 'Crash' Shaw (453), of Deelo, rides One Eyed Jack during the Saddle Bronc competition during the CSI Rodeo Saturday. With the start gate open, One Eyed Jack tried to toss Shaw while at all inside the fence.

JERRY STAHL/The Times-News

Cowboys crush St. Joseph's title hopes with late 3-pointer

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The kid with the famous NBA name showed college basketball's player of the year how to do it.

John Lucas hit a 3-pointer with 6.9 seconds left. Jamer Nelson missed right before the buzzer and Oklahoma State held off Saint Joseph's 64-62 in a thriller Saturday night for a trip to the Final Four.

"I made sure my feet were under me and just shot it," Lucas said. Asked if he knew it was good the moment he let it fly, he said, "Absolutely."

And then in an NCAA tournament marred by late misses, it happened again.

Nelson's fadeaway jumper ticked off the rim and the East Rutherford regional ended with the unanimous All-American sitting on the court above the



Oklahoma State's Terrence Crawford, right, knocks the ball away from Saint Joseph's Jamer Nelson during the first half of their NCAA regional final in East Rutherford, N.J., Saturday.

top of the key. His disbelieving teammates scattered around, bent over at the hips and staring down.

"Every time I shoot the ball, I think it's in," Nelson said.

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UConn defense rolls back Tide

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — That powerhouse Connecticut team everyone talked about six months ago is two wins from living up to expectations.

A flurry of blocked shots, a dazzling display of long shots, and upstart Alabamians had no shot against an assemblage of UConn talent coming together when it matters most.

Ben Gordon scored 36 points — one shy of his career high — and Rashad Anderson added a career-best 28 — in the Huskies' 87-71 victory over the Crimson Tide on Saturday in the Phoenix Regional final.

Anderson made 6-of-9 3-pointers and Gordon was 4-for-7. Gordon, the regional's

MVP, was also 10-for-11 at the foul line.

Connecticut plays the winner of Sunday's Duke-Xavier game in the Final Four next Saturday in San Antonio.

"It's going to take a great game to beat them," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "They've just got so many weapons."

Second-seeded UConn (31-6) used a 17-4 outburst over the final five minutes of the first half to go up 53-29 and "Bama never got closer than 14 after that."

Coach Jim Calhoun called the first 20 minutes "probably as good a basketball as we could possibly play."

Connecticut's All-American center Emeka Okafor played

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On the diamond
James Varley explores the early days of baseball in Twin Falls. See Page E-6

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

True to form, hundreds of fans cheered with the same zeal once reserved for booing Santa Claus.

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— Steve Aschburner of the Minneapolis Star Tribune on last weekend's implosion of Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Canyon Springs Amateur, 9 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Local golfers card holes in one

TWIN FALLS — Five holes in one have been reported to the Times-News in the past couple weeks, officially kicking off the golf season in the Magic Valley. Jason Gibson started it off with a 160-yard shot using his 7-iron on Hole No. 15 at the Canyon Springs Golf Course March 19. It was his first ever. The witnesses were Ray Bengalan and Shane Gibson.

Kimberly High School golfer Andy McGrew hit from 134 yards out on Blue Lakes Country Club's Hole No. 9. Witnesses were Zach Abels, JJ Shawver and Ryan Fisher.

Paul Stover of Twin Falls used a pitching wedge March 20 on Canyon Springs' Hole No. 5 to ace it from 120 yards out. The witnesses were Kathy Stover, Leonard Anderson, Brian Wilde, Matthew Brown, Chuck Carlson and Trevor Bybee. Jerry Price recorded his on March 22 at the Burley Golf Course on Hole No. 5 from 197 yards out. He used a 5-iron. The witnesses were Ted Sanford, Don Price, Keith Noriyuki, and Jack Amp.

Jack Hansen of Twin Falls hit on Hole No. 15 at Canyon Springs on March 24 using a 7-iron from 160 yards out. The witnesses were Bob Skredersu and Gary Hanchy.

Jerome Rec needs soccer coaches

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District has an urgent need for volunteer soccer coaches for all age groups. This is a two-hour per week commitment for four weeks in April. Interested applicants will be screened and should have knowledge of the sport.

Applications will be accepted at the Jerome Recreation District office, Monday through Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m. For more information call 324-3389.

Jerome Rec short soccer referees

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SPORTS

Noble leads Canyon Springs Amateur

TWIN FALLS — Adam Noble carded a first-round 73 to lead the Canyon Springs Amateur Golf Tournament...

Local sports

came on three soft rollers to the mound and two grounders to second base, said coach Mike Federico.

Against Meridian, Tim Menaher also performed well on the mound, striking out five in four innings as Twin Falls jumped out to a 10-0 lead.

Blake Nielson struggled to start the fifth, but reliever A.J. Stone stepped in and forced a double-play ball and struck out a batter to end the threat.

Twin Falls' hitting was impressive all weekend. The Bruins scored five runs in the first inning off six-straight hits.

Twin Falls reached double figures in hits in all four games and had dominant pitching performances in three, including Matt Sherman's Friday performance on Saturday.

"So far, so good," Federico said.

Twin Falls (8-0) next plays at Jerome Wednesday.

Invite high school baseball tournament in Boise. The Spartans lost to Ontario, Ore. 8-1 Friday and then beat Boise State...

Nampa Christian 5, Glens Ferry 2, Glens Ferry 4, Nampa Christian 1

GLENN'S FERRY — Errors hampered Glens Ferry pitcher Jason Simons, who gave up five runs, all unearned, in a 5-2 loss...

The Pilots (3-2) bounced back with a 4-1 win behind a strong outing from Scott Arland...

Glens Ferry (3-2) next plays April 6 against the Wood River junior varsity.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, and Game details for Nampa Christian vs Glens Ferry.

Softball

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Baseball

Twin Falls 11, Ontario, Ore. 1, five innings

Twin Falls (8-0), Meridian 2 to 0-0 — Twin Falls improved to 8-0 on the season with a convincing win over Ontario...

Nathan Robertson hit his second home run in as many days, a solo shot in the third inning.

A.J. Stone also stroked an RBI double.

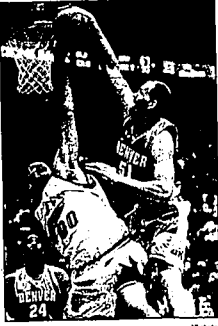
Nick Carr was dominant against Ontario, striking out 10 in five innings.

Minico goes 2-2 on weekend

BOISE — Minico went 2-2 on the weekend at the Buck's Bag.

Jazz gain one-game lead on Nuggets, Blazers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Carlos Arroyo made a 12-foot jumper as time expired to help the Utah Jazz move a game up on Denver in the Western Conference...



Tony Parker added 12 for the Spurs, who gave their starters plenty of rest.

Amare Stoudemire led the Phoenix with 20 points but shot just 8-of-19 from the field.

Cleveland 107, Nets 104

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had a career-high 41 points and 13 assists to lead Cleveland over the New Jersey Nets...

Utah center Greg Odenberg, left, blocks a dunk attempt of Denver Nuggets' Michael Doleac during the first half Saturday in Salt Lake City.

The Jazz moved ahead of Denver and Portland for the eighth and final tie in the West. The Trail Blazers played Seattle.

Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 25 points but made just one free throw in the last 10:33 of the game.

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CSI

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from third on Hector Martinez's infield sacrifice. CSI then made it 3-2 when Stachowsky crossed home on third on Eric Cattoni's bloop but over pitcher John Cahill's head.

Game 2 CSI 3, Southern Nevada 1

Sean Vaideler's bases-clearing double with two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning lifted CSI to the victory.

With Zach Aukus, Alexander Theodore and Thomas on base, Vaideler roared Larry Ellenbrook delivery to the field, easily

a ride of 64 on Bliester. With the bulls kicking and slamming their clubs, it's commendable that these teenagers even strap in for the ride.

"There's always a little fear," Erickson said, "but when it's your turn, it all gets dispensed. You just think of what to do to get her done."

Filer's Cassie Vierstra got it done in the goat tying competition with a time of 9:35 seconds to lead the rodeo before slacking on it to get it over there. I knew as soon as it was fair they weren't going to catch it because they were so far over to the right side.

Vaideler's RBIs were made possible by two CSN errors, one by third baseman Kyle

Price. The other was by right fielder Calvin Bampton as he and two teammates converged on it to get it over there. I knew as soon as it was fair they weren't going to catch it because they were so far over to the right side.

"Our defense has been really good. We haven't had many errors (this season)," CSN assistant coach Jay Guest said. "...That puts a lot of pressure on our pitcher to try to come through with the bases loaded, and he gave one up."

Woolf allowed just one unearned run while scattering five hits, walking two and striking out 10.

CSN got its run in the fourth when Dunn scored from second base on Price's RBI single to

weekend at the Kuna Invitational with two wins Saturday. The Spartans rallied in the final two innings to beat Emmett 5-4 after downing host Kuna 9-5.

Minico beat Mountain Home 3-1 Friday and then lost to Valdivia 5-3.

Pitcher Amber Warth (5-1) threw for three wins in two days. She had an excellent Saturday on the mound (2-0) and at the plate with a 2 for 2 performance against Kuna, including a double and triple.

"She played great," said Minico coach Jack Ratzick. "She came out and hit the ball well all day. She had a great tournament."

The 5-4 win over Emmett was a strong finish. "We battle the whole time," Ratzick said. "We could have rolled over and died but they didn't. I'm proud of them for that. It's a real confidence builder going into Twin Falls."

Minico hosts the Bruins Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, and Game details for various baseball games.

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with 2 seconds left, sending the solid crowd into a frenzy.

James shot 15-for-23 from the floor and 10-for-10 from the line for his first rebound game. He also had six rebounds and three steals.

Carlos Boozer had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 17 with 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

Jefferson had a season-high 35 points for the Nets.

Hawks 97, Bulls 88

ATLANTA — Stephen Jackson scored 27 points and Jason Terry added 26 to help Atlanta win consecutive games for just the second time this season with a victory over Chicago.

James scored the winning basket with 12 seconds left after tipping a pass by Richard Jefferson. Kedrick Brown grabbed the deflection and got it to James who drove half the court for a left-handed layup, making it 105-104.

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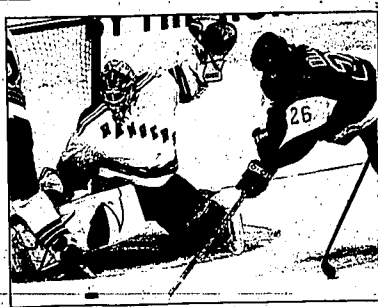
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New York goalie Stephen Valiquette, left, stops a shot by Philadelphia's Michel Handzueq during the third period Saturday in Philadelphia. Valiquette stopped 38 shots in the Rangers 3-1 win.

Rangers upend Philadelphia, 3-1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jaromir Jagr had a goal and an assist to help the New York Rangers beat Philadelphia and the Flyers in a season-high eight game losing streak.

Stephen Valiquette, making his first NHL start in almost four years, had 38 saves for the Rangers, who also got goals from Josh Green and Bobby Holm.

Tony Amonte scored the only goal for the Flyers, who missed a chance to increase their four-point lead in the Atlantic Division over idle New Jersey.

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second place in the Eastern Conference. The Flyers lost to the New York Rangers earlier Saturday.

The Canadiens clinched a playoff spot and moved one point behind New Jersey for sixth place in the East.

Senators 2, Maple Leafs 2

TORONTO — Bryan McCabe scored the tying goal midway through the third period to help Toronto come back to tie Ottawa.

Toronto remained one point ahead of its biggest rival in the Northeast Division.

Ottawa's Marian Hossa missed an open net in overtime, and Ottawa goalie Martin Prusek rebounded Joe Niemi's shot with a pad save moments later.

Hurricanes 3, Islanders 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Rookie defenseman Allan Rouke ended Rick Piatt's shutout streak in the first period and Carolina stalled the New York Islanders playoff drive.

Sean Hill and Jaroslav Svoboda also scored for the Hurricanes, who have lost only once in regulation in nine games (6-1-2). Kevin Weckles made 36 saves, including 16 in the third period, to beat his former teammates.

Pittsburgh posted 3-0 shutouts in his previous two starts, but had his streak snapped at 145 minutes, 40 seconds when Rouke scored his first NHL goal.

The Islanders, who got goals from Oleg Kvasha and Mark Parrish, had won four straight.

Sabres 2, Penguins 2

PITTSBURGH — Konstantin Koltsov's goal late in the second period helped Pittsburgh rally for a tie that damaged Buffalo's slim playoff hopes.

Pittsburgh overcame a 2-0 deficit to extend its home unbeaten streak to seven (5-0-2). Chris Drury and J.P. Dumont scored for the Sabres, who are five points behind the New York Islanders for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Thrashers 3, Panthers 0

SUNNYSIDE, Fla. — Karl Lehtonen stopped 30 shots to earn his first NHL shutout, and Atlanta set a franchise record for wins and points in a season by beating Florida.

Dany Heatley scored twice and Patrick Sheahan added a goal for the Thrashers, who earned their 32nd victory of the season.

Blue Jackets 3, Predators 2, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tyler Wright scored 2:03 into overtime, and the Columbus beat Nashville for its fourth straight victory.

The Predators extended their home winless skid to five straight and missed an opportunity to move into sole possession of seventh place in the Western Conference. Nashville has 85 points and is tied with St. Louis and Edmonton.

Lightning 4, Capitals 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Vincent Lecavalier scored two goals to help Eastern Conference-leading Tampa Bay remain tied with Detroit for the overall NHL lead.

Lecavalier has 32 goals, one short of his career high last season.

Boston 3, Canadiens 2, OT

BOSTON — Sergei Samonov's second goal in overtime with 27.6 seconds left in overtime, completed Boston's rally against Montreal.

The Bruins trailed 2-0, including a penalty-shot goal by Montreal's Jason Ward just 26 seconds in. Boston, which played its NHL-record 29th overtime game of the season, moved one point ahead of Philadelphia for

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turnovers but simply couldn't hit the shots it needed to pull ahead in the second half.

LSU 71, Texas 55

SEATTLE — The way Seimone Augustus was shooting, the LSU mascot could have

been on the bench to coach the Lady Tigers.

Augustus scored 29 points on 14-of-19 shooting, and Tamicka Johnson added 12 points and 13 assists, leading fourth-seeded LSU to a 71-55 win over top-seeded Texas on Saturday night in the West regional semifinals.

LETTER

Congrats to Wendell football and basketball

We just can't say any longer to write a congratulatory letter for the outstanding accomplishments of our Wendell football and basketball teams.

Having been a Wendell booster and attending sports events for the past 74 years, I have seen all of the best and the poorest teams and everything in between.

Once again, kudos to all the aforementioned - We're from Wendell and we couldn't be prouder; if you can hear us, we'll yell a little louder. We love you all.

will never exceed their accomplishments this year. How do you feel about that record?

Now on to our outstanding state championship basketball team. As if we needed more incentive to accomplish the almost unbelievable 25-0 season, a terrible tragedy happened to our community that spurred everyone on to the great season.

So congratulations to a united community, administration, coaches, cheerleaders, fans and, last but surely not least, to the players.

MURK AND VERLA LANCASTER Wendell

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kwan's reign ends in skating world

DOORMUND, Germany - Michelle Kwan's reign at the world championships ended Saturday with Japan's Shizuka Arakawa the surprising winner.

Arakawa, her left thigh injured because of a muscle strain, executed seven triple jumps, including a combination none of her rivals attempted.

Kwan, the five-time champion, finished third in her attempt to set a U.S. record with a sixth title. Earlier in the week, a protest was denied over Kwan's timing in Friday's short program.

On Saturday, Kwan downgraded one of her jumps from a triple lutz to a double and it had to be a triple-triple. Still, she was second in the free skate with a fast, fluid and elegant program.

Judges rewarded her with six 6.0 marks for artistry, giving her a career total of 50 perfect marks in Olympic-level competition. She has won nine world championship medals in a row.

Swimmer closes college career with world record EAST MEADOW, N.Y. - Ian Crocker closed out his career at Texas by setting a world record in the 100-meter butterfly at the NCAA meet.

Crocker won in 49.07 seconds and is the third swimmer in the 100-meter butterfly to win the butterfly four times. Mark Spitz of Indiana and Pablo Morales of Stanford also accomplished the feat.

Henrickson becomes coach at Kansas LAWRENCE, Kan. - Bonnie Henrickson of Virginia Tech was hired as the women's basketball coach at Kansas, which has won just five of its last 48 Big 12 games.

Busch says lacy is part of winning at Bristol BRISTOL, Tenn. - Kurt Busch knows that winning three of the last four races at Bristol Motor Speedway won't be as easy as it was in his first half-mile oval.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League: Detroit Tigers (1) traded pitcher Justin Verlander to the Cleveland Indians for pitcher Jason Gruber and pitcher Jason Kipnis.

Major League Soccer: The Portland Timbers (1) traded forward Steve Johnson to the Seattle Sounders for forward Steve Johnson.

Baseball: The Tampa Bay Rays (1) traded pitcher Matt Garza to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Matt Garza.

Baseball: The New York Yankees (1) traded pitcher Johan Santana to the Florida Marlins for pitcher Johan Santana.

Baseball: The Los Angeles Angels (1) traded pitcher Jered Weaver to the San Francisco Giants for pitcher Jered Weaver.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Spring Training - At the West: American League. Minnesota 14, Seattle 9, 6:47. Oakland 14, Tampa Bay 10, 6:57.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Montreal 12, St. Louis 10, 6:40. Chicago 12, San Francisco 10, 6:40.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing - Next, Fox, Food City 500, Feb. 11 a.m.

Baseball - Preseason, Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs, WGN, 1 p.m.

Basketball - NCAA women's tournament, Midwest Regional, Louisiana Tech vs. Duke, ESPN, 10 a.m.

Basketball - NCAA women's tournament, Midwest Regional semifinal, Minnesota vs. Boston College, ESPN2, noon.

Basketball - NCAA women's tournament, regional finals, Kansas vs. Georgia Tech and Xavier vs. Duke, CBS, 12:30 p.m.

Basketball - NCAA women's tournament, St. Stanislaus vs. Vanderbilt, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Baseball - PGA Tour, The Players Championship, Final round, NBC, 11:30 a.m.

Baseball - PGA Tour, Kraft Nabisco Championship, Final round, ABC, 2 p.m.

Baseball - Regional coverage, ESPN, 2 p.m.

Baseball - FM World Superbike, race 1, SPEED, 1 p.m.

Baseball - FM World Superbike, race 2, SPEED, 2 p.m.

Baseball - NASCAR 400 Open, early round, ESPN, noon.

Baseball - NHL. Eastern Conference. Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2, 6:00.

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Area ski report

Rogers Basin - Set 870 ft long packed powder machine groomed 58-49 from 52 to 42, 4 of 10.

Breakaway - Set 5150 grooming lightly 24 groomed 20 packed powder machine groomed 55-11 from 33 to 20.

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American LEAGUE

(In order of finish last year)

EAST

New York Yankees • 101-81
Alex Rodriguez, reigning AL MVP and two-time Gold Glove shortstop, moves to third. Yankees payroll of more than \$180 million by far the most in majors. As long as the trainer's room isn't too busy, they should be fine.

Boston Red Sox • 95-67
After building the offense last year, general manager Theo Epstein tended to pitching, defense and the bench. With possibly the deepest team in baseball they have a strong chance to overtake Yankees.

Toronto Blue Jays • 89-76
Blue Jays have finished in third place for six straight seasons. If pitching improves and offense matches the output of last season they could win 90 games, but still not make playoffs.

Baltimore Orioles • 71-91
Addition of manager Leo Mazilli, SS Miguel Tejada, 1B Rafael Palmeiro and C Javy Lopez should make Orioles a better team. Decent chance of ending its run of six straight losing seasons.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays • 63-99
Devil Rays added the right mix of veterans to help a young core of players. Still have the least expensive roster in majors at about \$29 million.

CENTRAL

Minnesota Twins • 92-72
Despite the departure of several important players for budget reasons, Twins remain strong contender in the not-so-strong AL Central because of their balanced lineup, good gloves.

Chicago White Sox • 88-76
Manager Ozzie Guillen's enthusiasm could be watered down by a questionable rotation. Expecting a big year from RF Magglio Ordonez.

Kansas City Royals • 83-79
Could be Royals' best team since 1995. World Championship season. Signing of two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez could give them its most potent slugger since Mike Soto.

Cleveland Indians • 88-94
Trio of starters - C.C. Sabathia, Jesse Davis and Cliff Lee - are legit but need run support or the Indians are stalling at another 90-loss season.

Detroit Tigers • 43-119
Lost an AL-record 119 games, setting one short of post-1900 record. A starting turnaround season will depend on a breakout year - or two - from pitching staff.

WEST

Oakland Athletics • 96-66
With Big Three aces Tim Lincecum, Mark Mulder and Barry Zito leading the way, the A's figure to be right in a very competitive AL West race.

Seattle Mariners • 93-69
Remain solid defensively with Gold Glove players in Ichiro Suzuki, Eric Bedard and John Czarad. The hope is that adjustments in hitting and the bench will get the team past its annual late-season swoon.

Anaheim Angels • 77-85
Head into season with more talent than in 2002, when they were surprise of baseball and won first title. Raised payroll by signing free agents pitchers Bartolo Colon, Kevin Escobar, outfielders Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Guillen.

Texas Rangers • 71-91
Got Alfonso Soriano in the A-Rod deal - an offensive threat and two-time All-Star, but had 42 errors past two seasons. Committed to young players, expect more growing pains - and more losses.

BASEBALL

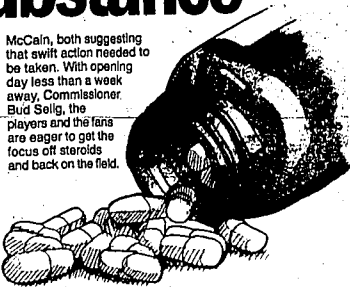
SELIG, BASEBALL, GRAPPLE WITH STEROID PROBLEM

An issue of substance

Spring training took the spotlight off baseball's steroid problem, but once games begin, talk will shift again to what to do about steroids and how to regulate the problem. Giants' star Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men indicted last month on charges of illegally supplying performance-enhancing drugs to the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative - all four pleaded innocent. Bonds, and the Yankees' Jason

Giambi and Gary Sheffield were among the athletes called to testify before a grand jury. All have denied using illegal steroids. In the wake of the BALCO case, players' body size has been scrutinized and baseball's new drug-testing program implemented - after anonymous survey testing last season showed 5 to 7 percent of the tests showed positive. Steroids became a national issue when President Bush weighed in on the topic in his State of the Union Address, as did Sen. John

McCain, both suggesting that swift action needed to be taken. With opening day less than a week away, Commissioner Bud Selig, the players and the fans are eager to get the focus off steroids and back on the field.



Spending time with the Yanks and Sox

The Yankees and Red Sox are getting all financial on each other - and the rest of the league. The best rivalry in baseball pushed their payrolls to easily the top two in the majors, with both teams setting spending records for their 2004 lineups. A comparison of salaries for the past 10 years:



Can't miss matchups

- ▶ April 5-7, San Francisco at Houston - Barry Bonds and the Giants open the season in Houston. Bonds needs two HRs to tie his godfather, Willie Mays, for third on the all-time homer list at 600. It might be tough for Bonds - on April 6 Andy Pettite makes his debut for the Astros, followed by Roger Clemens on April 7, in a showdown of baseball senior citizens.
- ▶ April 9-11, Cubs at Atlanta - Greg Maddux, who joined the Cubs, the team he started his career with, could pitch against his former team.
- ▶ April 16-19, Yankees at Red Sox - AL East teams meet for the first of 10 games this season in baseball's best rivalry.
- ▶ May 21-23, San Francisco vs. Montreal (San Juan) - Last year, balls flew out of cozy Hiram Bithorn Stadium in Puerto Rico.
- ▶ June 11-13, Los Angeles at Boston - An interleague special, with Los Angeles making its first ever visit to Fenway Park.

YEAR	YANKEES	REC (FINISH)	RED SOX	REC (FINISH)
x-2004	\$183,000,000		\$122,000,000	
2003	169,568,508	101-61 (1)	108,403,617	95-67 (2)
2002	138,423,640	103-58 (1)	116,613,337	93-69 (2)
2001	114,457,768	95-65 (1)	114,331,641	82-79 (2)
2000	95,285,187	87-74 (1)	75,525,525	85-77 (2)
1999	91,990,955	98-64 (1)	72,390,858	94-68 (2)
1998	73,963,698	114-46 (1)	59,547,000	82-70 (2)
1997	73,389,577	96-66 (2)	40,611,351	78-84 (4)
1996	61,511,870	82-70 (1)	38,516,402	85-77 (3)
y-1995	58,165,252	79-65 (2)	38,157,750	86-58 (1)

NOTE: Payrolls for the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox from 1995-present, as determined by the commissioner's office. Totals include termination pay, prorated shares of signing bonuses and earned incentive bonuses. Income deferred without interest is discounted.

All Stars head West

For the third time in the 42-year history of the Houston franchise, the Astros play host to the Baseball's All-Star Game. In addition to the 75th Midsummer Classic, the city will also host All-Star Week, including Fan-Fest, the Futures Game, All-Star Workout Day, Home Run Derby and the All-Star Gala.



Tuesday, July 13

Looming large

When Barry Bonds (left) hits his third home run of 2004, he will move past Willie Mays into third place on baseball's all-time list with 661. Some other individual milestones that may be reached this season.

- 9** Home runs by Fred McGriff to reach 500
- Wins by Greg Maddux to become the 22nd pitcher to reach 300
- 11** Home runs needed by Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. to reach 500
- Strikeouts needed by Roger Clemens (4,099) to pass Steve Carlton for second place on the all-time list, behind only Nolan Ryan (5,714)
- 38** Walks for Bonds to pass Ricky Henderson as the all-time leader

National LEAGUE

(In order of finish last year)

EAST

Atlanta Braves • 101-61
Won a record 12 straight division titles. Will be hard pressed to repeat with at least \$25 million cut from payroll. Three first-time starters, hardly the recipe that has served Bobby Cox so well the past dozen seasons.

Florida Marlins • 91-71
Won the World Series last year but say they've lost \$17 million. Little progress in getting a new ballpark and despite two championship seasons in past seven years, the franchise faces uncertain future.

Philadelphia Phillies • 89-76
Move into new stadium as favorites to win NL East. Nothing less than a playoff berth will be accepted in this championship-starved city. Lary Bowa could feel the heat if team starts slow and he loses control of players.

Montreal Expos • 83-79
Potentially one of their most balanced offensive lineups ever. In a division laden with strong competition, will have big challenge achieving third straight winning season.

New York Mets • 69-95
Coming off consecutive last-place finishes. Team is expecting too much from an old pitching staff, and lineup lacks proven power. Club still has a long way to go.

CENTRAL

Chicago Cubs • 88-74
Find themselves in unusual role of favorites. Not many teams will be able to match up against Chicago's starting rotation, who if healthy, should make another run at a division title.

Houston Astros • 87-75
Andy Pettite and Roger Clemens expected to give a huge boost to a team that finished just a game behind Cubs. Craig Biggio, Jolb Escobar, Jeff Kent and Brad Ausmus all are 35 or older.

St. Louis Cardinals • 85-77
One of the best lineups in NL despite trades of J.D. Drew and Tim Lincecum. With four Gold Glove winners on the team, the only area lacking is in the rotation.

Pittsburgh Pirates • 75-87
Working on franchise-record streak of 11 consecutive losing seasons, and nothing suggests this won't be the 12th. Expect another fourth-place finish.

Cincinnati Reds • 69-93
Set franchise record by finishing 17 different starters last season. Will probably try to trade Ken Griffey Jr. The rotation is once again in a rebuilding process, dooming team to also-ran status.

Milwaukee Brewers • 68-94
Traded all-star Richie Sexson to Arizona. Trying to end an 11-year skid without a winning record. Stocked farm system could begin producing prospects by midseason.

WEST

San Francisco Giants • 100-61
Key will be getting runners on base in Biggio, Jolb Escobar, Jeff Kent and Brad Ausmus and making tons pay when they pitch around him. Bonds needs two HRs to tie his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on career list.

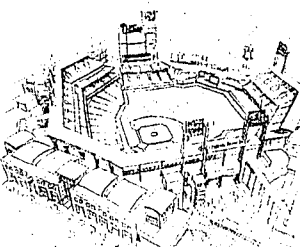
Los Angeles Dodgers • 85-77
A weaker NL West gives them a legitimate shot at making playoffs for first time since 1996. Cy Young Award winner Eric Gagne coming off two of the best years by a closer in big league history.

Arizona Diamondbacks • 84-78
Offense was awful last year. They were 10th in league in runs and 12th in homers, leading to trade for Richie Sexson. Randy Johnson and Brandon Webb are now 1-2 punch, replacing Curt Schilling who was traded to Boston.

Colorado Rockies • 74-88
Had one of the worst ERAs in the majors last season (5.23). Spent offseason loading up on "character" guys in effort to create winning atmosphere, but it won't matter how nice they are or how well they get along in clubhouse if they don't produce.

San Diego Padres • 64-98
It's time to put up or shut up to Padres who have had five straight losing seasons. The \$458 million Petco Park opens April 8, and the Padres are confident they'll contend after having league's worst record last year.

Citizens Bank Park



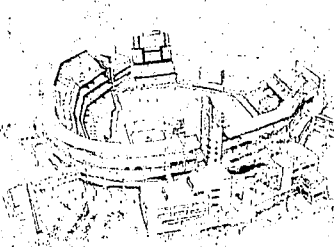
New season, new digs

This season the Philadelphia Phillies and the San Diego Padres are saying goodbye to their cookie-cutter stadiums and hello to their new state-of-the-art ballparks.

Philadelphia	Team	San Diego
\$458 mil.	Total cost	\$478 mil.
45,000	Capacity	42,000
Gross	Surface	Gross
15,500	Parking	11,000
Playing field distances		
329 ft.	Left field	334 ft.
401 ft.	Center field	396 ft.
330 ft.	Right field	322 ft.
369 ft.	Power alleys (L/R)	402/411 ft.

Expands to 21,000 with completion of a lot where Veterans Stadium stood. Approximate spaces designated for Padres use.

PETCO Park



Parks by Nicolas Repp/AP

Major League Baseball

2004 Season Preview



THE ETERNAL AL QUESTION

Will this be the year Boston overtakes Yankees?

The Associated Press

Derek Jeter seemed puzzled. Told that many fans were upset the New York Yankees—of all teams—had pulled off a trade for Alex Rodriguez, Jeter furrowed his brow.

Told that many people didn't think it was fair that baseball's richest club had acquired arguably the game's best player, Jeter shook his head.

Then, he broke into a playful grin. He was pretending all along. "It's good to be a Yankee," he said.

Sure is, as Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Kevin Brown and Jeter's Vazquez can attest. A-Rod and the other A-Listers, put in plintheips by George Steinbrenner in his bid to win yet another World Series after coming so close last October.

Boston got better, too. The Red Sox revved up by adding ace Curt Schilling and closer Keith Foulke, and that brings up the eternal question in the American League: Will this be the year they overtake the Yankees?

Of course, a lot of teams improved. Vladimir Guerrero, Javy Lopez and Ivan Rodriguez came over from the National League, and plenty of young players are on the rise.

Oldland hopes its pitching can rule the West, where Anaheim was active in the winter market and Seattle is still solid.

Minnesota's fundamentally sound approach may be enough in the Central.

A look at the AL in predicted order of finish:

EAST

New York Yankees

On most teams, adding the likes of Kenny Lofton, Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill would create a stir. On the Yankees, those moves barely caused a ripple.

MVP Rodriguez (AL-leading 47 HRs, 118 RBIs) joins an already fearsome lineup where 100-RBI guys Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada might bat 7-8. Mariano Rivera (40 saves, 1.66 ERA) leads a bullpen deeper than ever.

Mike Mussina (17-8) starts the opener in Tokyo on March 30 against Tampa Bay.

Boston Red Sox

GM Theo Epstein made the right moves after coming so close last season, trading for Foulke and adding A-Rod, well, almost.

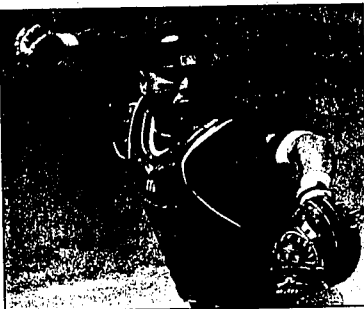
A team that set the major league record for slugging percentage, scored nearly 1,000 runs and already had Pedro Martinez (14-4, 2.22 ERA) and Derek Lowe (17-7) didn't need much more. Schilling (2.95 ERA for Oakland) and Foulke (43 saves for Oakland) were nice bonuses.

Baltimore Orioles

The Orioles played off rookie manager Lee Mazzilli's Brooklyn accent in TV ads promoting the season. Boosted by newcomers Miguel Tejada, Javy Lopez and Rafael Palmeiro, there might be a lot more to talk about this year.



New York Yankees Alex Rodriguez fights the Florida mid-day sun as he catches a pop-fly by Tampa Bay Devil Rays' Fred McGriff near third base, Fla.



Texas Rangers catcher Gerald Laird turns and throws to first to force out Chicago White Sox batter Willie Harris as Harris attempted to bunt for a hit in the second inning Saturday in Surprise, Ariz.

The three big free agents all topped 100 RBIs and will join Jay Gibbons (100 RBIs), Melvin Mora (.317), Luis Matos (.303) and Larry Bigbie (.303) in a swatting lineup.



Roy Halladay

Toronto Blue Jays Roy Halladay finally had the breakout season the Blue Jays projected, going 22-7 and winning the Cy Young Award. Toronto would like to see new arrivals Miguel Batista and Ted Lilly also step up.

Carlos Delgado (.302, 42 HRs, major league-high 145 RBIs) and Vernon Wells (.317, 33, 117, major league-best 215 hits) put up big numbers.

WEST

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

After years of poor signings and bad trades, Tampa Bay's player development is starting to pay off. Aubrey Huff (311, 34 HRs, 107 RBIs), Carl Crawford (55 SBs) and Hiroe-Baldelli (289) form a real fresh nucleus.

MINNESOTA TWINS

Aside from Torii Hunter's catches, there's nothing spectacular about these two-time division champions. How non-descript? In the playoffs last October, manager Ron Gardenhire took the subway to Yankee Stadium and hardly anyone recognized him.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

AL Manager of the Year Tony Pena revitalized baseball in a city that had lost interest. The

trick will be to do even better—and perhaps make the playoffs in a division with no clear-cut favorite.

Carlos Beltran (.307, 100 RBIs, 41 SBs) and Mike Sweeney say they deserve more credit than they get nationally.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Bartolo Colon, Tom Gordon and midseason acquisitions Roberto Alomar and Carl Everett left and little was added besides Shiingo Takatsu, who had 34 saves in Japan.

DETROIT TIGERS

After setting an AL record with 119 losses, the Tigers got serious. In a surprise, star catcher Ivan Rodriguez left the World Series champion Florida Marlins to sign with Detroit, and Rondell White, Fernando Vina, Carlos Guillen and Jason Johnson also wound up at Comerica Park.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Indians could be looking at losing over 90 games in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1915.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

The A's still boast one of the best Big Three rotations anywhere with opening-day starter Tim Lincecum (16-7, 2.70), Barry Zito (14-12, 3.30) and Mark Mulder (15-9, 3.13). Mulder has recovered from the stress fracture in his right leg that ended his season last August.

ANAHEIM ANGELS

The majors' first controlling owner of Hispanic background broke out his checkbook to sign Vladimir Guerrero, Bartolo Colon, Kelvin Escobar and Jose Guillen.

Look for Guerrero (.330, 25, 79), Guillen (.314, 31, 85), Colon (15-13) and Escobar (13-9) to reinvigorate a team full of potential.



Bret Boone

SEATTLE MARINERS

For all of their big names in the batting order such as Ichiro Suzuki, Bret Boone and Edgar Martinez, Seattle's strength is its rotation.

Last year, the Mariners became the only AL team since 1981 to use only five starters for the whole season. Jamie Moyer (21-7) again leads a staff that includes Joel Pinero, Freddy Garcia, Ryan Franklin and Gil Meche.

TEXAS RANGERS

Alfonso Soriano might be a little more patient at the plate, now that he's a little bit older—28, instead of 26 as previously listed.

Soriano joins a potent infield with Michael Young (204 hits), Hank Blalock (.300, 29 HRs) and Mark Teixeira (26 HRs). Pitching remains a problem, and likely dooms Texas to last place for the fifth year in a row.

The Associated Press

It's easy to envision the marquee matchups: Roger Clemens vs. Greg Maddux, with first place on the line.

Or Andy Pettitte against Kerry Wood for a trip to the World Series.

Maybe Mark Prior and Roy Oswalt in Game 7 of the playoffs. Packed with pitching, the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros appear headed for a heated race for the NL Central this season—and their budding rivalry could carry into October.

"We're hoping to do some great things," said Clemens, who came out of retirement in January to join his good pal Pettitte with their hometown Astros.

The Cubs won the division by one game over Houston last year and came within five outs of their first pennant since 1945.

Looking to get over the hump, they signed Maddux, 11 wins shy of 300 and destined for the Hall of Fame.

They hope it's enough to hold off Houston, which added a clutch performer in Pettitte when he left the New York Yankees as a free agent.

He'll be the No. 2 starter behind Oswalt in an imposing rotation that includes Clemens, Wade Miller and Tim Lincecum.

Every team in the West seems to be worse than a year ago, except the last-place Padres. Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants should repeat as division champions, though they have some serious health concerns on the pitching staff.

He comes into the season with 658 homers, two shy of tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third on the career list.

"Don't worry, it'll happen," Bonds said with a grin.

A look at the NL in predicted order of finish:

EAST

Philadelphia Phillies

The pressure is on hot-tempered manager Larry Bowa and the Phillies, who move into a new ballpark as favorites to win the division.

They need Pat Burrell (209, 142 Ks) to bounce back from a horrendous season, and a healthy David Bell at third base would be nice. But the rotation is deep and the bullpen is much better than last year.



Greg Maddux

ATLANTA BRAVES

The Braves are really watching the budget these days, so the biggest reason they might finally relinquish their grip on first place.

Maddux, Gary Sheffield, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla are all gone. Still, you can't count out Bobby Cox's crew.

Injury-prone LD. Drew Jones (277, 36 HRs, 116 RBIs) and Chipper Jones (.305, 27, 106) in a talented outfield.

FLORIDA MARLINS

Rodriguez's leadership and Lee's all-around skills will surely be missed. But Beckett, the World Series MVP could become one of the best pitchers in baseball.

MONTREAL EXPOS

Vladimir Guerrero and Javier Vazquez are gone, and All-Star second baseman Jose Vidro could be next. But this team always plays hard and went 49-53 last year.

No. 1 starter Ivan Hernandez (15-10, 3.20, 8 CGs) is coming off a terrific season.

NEW YORK METS

Tom Glavino (9-14, 4.52) must return to form if the Mets are to avoid a third straight last-place finish.

He's a key part of an old pitching staff, but there are some young players to get excited about—especially speedy second baseman Jose Reyes.

National League 2004: Cubs, Astros set for arms race



Left, Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens throws spring training in this Feb. 22 photo in Kissimmee, Fla. Below, Houston Astros' Andy Pettitte warms up during spring training in this Feb. 28 photo.

Gold Glove center fielder Mike Cameron and Japanese shortstop Kaz Matsui should improve the defense.

CENTRAL

Chicago Cubs

The Cubs will overcome their "curse" with pitching. Top-notch setup man Larry Hawkins (9-3, 1.86 with Minnesota) was signed to help finish games for Wood and the gang.

The biggest concern all spring has been Prior (18-6, 2.43, 215 Ks), who will start the season on the disabled list because of inflammation in his right Achilles' tendon.

HOUSTON ASTROS

The Astros have never won a playoff series, but the arrival of Pettite and Clemens from the Yankees has this team thinking about a championship.

Houston hopes their renowned work ethic and history of success in October will rub off on the other pitchers. Oswalt (10-5, 2.97) is coming off groin surgery, an injury that limited him to 21 starts last season.

Super setup man Octavio Dotel (6-4, 2.48, 4 saves) takes over as the closer. Wagner (44 saves, 7.8) might be missed, but the entire bullpen was outstanding.

The lineup is getting old, and this could be the best chance for Jeff Bagwell (278, 39, 100) and Craig Biggio to finally reach the World Series.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

There are four Gold Glove winners on defense and the lineup is still dangerous, but St. Louis never seems to round out the back of the rotation sufficiently.

The Cardinals are counting on Chris Carpenter to be their No. 3 starter after he missed 2003 due to shoulder surgery. Matt Morris (11-8, 3.76), Woody Williams (18-9, 3.18) and closer Jason Isringhausen (22 saves, 1.96) also need to stay healthy.

Bating champion Albert Pujols (.359, 43, 124) will win an MVP award someday—maybe when Bonds retires.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

The Brewers actually improved by 13 wins last season, though nobody noticed.

Scott Podsednik (314, 100 runs, 43 SBs) finished second in the Rookie of the Year balloting.

The biggest weakness is an inexperienced pitching staff led by Ben Sheets (11-13, 4.45), but closer Dan Kolb (21 saves, 1.96) was a pleasant surprise.

CINCINNATI REDS

One of the team's few newcomers, Cory Lidle (12-15, 5.75 for Toronto), will start on opening day—which says a lot about the rotation. Young pitchers Aaron Harang and Brandon Claussen will probably get a chance.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

The Pirates trimmed the payroll to about \$35 million after their 11th consecutive losing season, a franchise record.

A lineup now lacks a legitimate threat other than Raul Mondesi.

WEST

San Francisco Giants

The Giants probably won't pile up 100 victories again but they're expected to win a weak-and disappointing season. Larry Walker is struggling with a groin injury. Todd Helton (.358, 33, 117) is having a huge spring—he's one of baseball's best pure hitters.



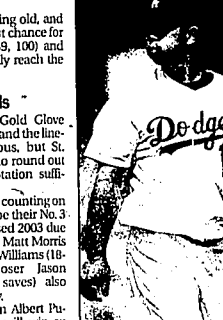
(17-5, NL-leading 234, 208 Ks) is coming off elbow surgery and now has a sore shoulder.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

After trading Curt Schilling to Boston, the Diamondbacks need Randy Johnson's right knee to hold up more than ever.

Johnson, 40, made only 18 starts last season, going 6-8 with a 4.26 ERA. For the Diamondbacks to contend, he must return to the form that won him four straight Cy Young Awards from 1999-02.

Arizona upgraded a subpar offense with the addition of Seaver (272, 45, 124 for Milwaukee).



Hideo Nomo

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

The Dodgers have a new owner, a new GM and the same old inept offense.

Hideo Nomo (16-13, 3.09) leads a pitching staff that's solid, even though Kevin Brown (14-9, 2.39) was traded to the Yankees for Jeff Weaver.

Cy Young winner Eric Gagne (55/55 saves, 120, 137 Ks) is as good as it gets out of the bullpen.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

While everybody else in the division was losing top players last winter, Padres GM Kevin Towers pulled a few tricks out of his hat.

David Wells (15-7, 4.14 for Yankees) signed with his hometown team. All-Star catcher Ramon Hernandez was acquired in a trade. And Javy Payton was brought in to patrol spacious center field at new Petco Park.

COLORADO ROCKIES

Colorado can't seem to figure out how to win away from Coors Field. Now the Rockies are going with "chancer" guys, but it's an unimpressive group.

Coming off a disappointing season, Larry Walker is struggling with a groin injury. Todd Helton (.358, 33, 117) is having a huge spring—he's one of baseball's best pure hitters.

SPORTS

Wie leads youth charge at Nabisco

But veteran Park holds onto lead

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — In her fifth year on tour, Grace Park thinks her time has come to win a major championship.

On Saturday, a couple of kids showed their time might be here sooner than expected. Park used a flurry of birdies to put herself in position to win her first major title with a 5-under-67 that left her tied for the lead with 17-year-old Aree Song after three rounds of the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Song's round of 69 wasn't quite as good as the one posted by Park, but it was remarkable enough for someone playing in just her fourth tournament as a pro. Even more impressive was everyone's teen sensation, 14-year-old Michelle Wie, who doesn't figure to cash a check herself for another four years or so.

Wie also shot a 69 and will begin play Sunday only two shots back in the second to last group.

"Last year I really didn't know how well I could shoot or how bad I would shoot," said Wie, who finished tied for ninth last year. "This time I'm trying to win it or be in the top five at least."

Almost unnoticed on a day when youth was the theme, she took a 69. Sorenstam, eight strokes back after a 69.

Park, the old lady of the leaders at the age of 25, birdied four holes in a row beginning at No. 7 on her way to a bogey-free round in a tournament she too doesn't figure to play as an amateur.

The difference for Park is she never did very well in the Nabisco — at least until this week. Now she feels like she's ready to win a major title, and ready to prove herself under final round pressure.

"I'm ready. I've been ready. I'll



Michelle Wie, of Honolulu, Hawaii, hits from the sand trap at the 17th hole during the third round of the LPGA 2004 Kraft Nabisco Championship at Mission Hills Country Club Saturday in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

be ready," Park said. "I crave winning more than ever." Wie birdied the first two holes and salvaged a par on the ninth, then played the back nine in 1 under for her second 69 of the week.

Wie has overshadowed Song all week, even when Song opened with a 66, the low round of the tournament. Like Wie, Song played here as a 13-year-old and recorded a top 10 finish.

Now, Song is in her fifth Nabisco at the age of 17, and her first major championship as a pro.

She made five birdies in the third round, including a 60-footer on the 17th hole that put her in the lead with Park. She

had a 5-footer to take the hole on the final hole, but it came up short and to the left.

Sorenstam began her round with the seemingly impossible task of making up nine shots over the final two rounds of a major championship. She didn't get much of it back, but she did manage her best round of the week to get back to even par.

"Don't count me out. I need a miracle but I'm still here," Sorenstam said. "So I'll give it a go."

Scott holds lead at Players Championship
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Three straight birdies gave

Adam Scott the lead in The Players Championship. No mistakes on the treacherous back nine at Sawgrass kept him there.

All that remains is to hold off a world-class collection of players on one of golf's most frightening courses.

Scott had a 3-under-69 to take a two-shot lead into a final round that figures to be as entertaining as the course itself.

As wild as it was Saturday, he might not, even have the lead when he tees off in the final group. Scott was at 10-under-206 and had 19 players within six shots — including Tiger Woods.

Frank Lickliter closed with three straight birdies for a 68.

He was joined at 8-under-208 by Kevin Sutherland, a co-leader going into the second round, who scratched out a 73.

Another shot back was a large group that included Ernie Els (72), Kenny Perry (69) and Phil Mickelson (72). Vijay Singh (72) was right behind, along with Craig Parry, whose 8-under-64 showed that anything goes at any time in this tournament.

Woods wasted a great round — and a great chance to get himself into serious contention — when he hit 7-iron onto the bleachers on the 19th hole to cap off a bogey-bogey finish for a 68. Still, he was six shots behind in a tie for 16th.



Alex Solis, the jockey of Pleasantly Perfect, celebrates Saturday after winning the \$6 million race at the Nad Al Sheba race track in Dubai.

'Perfect' claims richest horse race

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Pleasantly Perfect won a stirring duel in the desert with Medaglia d'Oro and captured Saturday's \$6 million Dubai World Cup, the world's richest horse race.

As expected, racing's top two older horses hooked up in the stretch, with Pleasantly Perfect giving trainer Richard Mandella his first World Cup win after three runner-up finishes.

Medaglia d'Oro finished second yet again to Pleasantly Perfect. The last time was five months ago, when Pleasantly Perfect won the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic — America's richest race.

"I didn't shut my eyes, but I did a lot of praying," Mandella said. "It just as soon it was a lot easier."

Pleasantly Perfect earned even more money for Gerald J. Ford's Diamond A Racing Corp., in winning the 2,000-meter (nearly 1.25-mile) race at the Nad al Sheba track. First prize was \$3.6 million, boosting the 6-year-old horse's earnings to \$6.7 million.

Pleasantly Perfect sent the early pace with Medaglia d'Oro at his flank and Pleasantly Perfect in close pursuit heading into the turn.

In the stretch, Medaglia d'Oro, with Jerry Bailey aboard, moved into the lead. But Alex Solis urged on Pleasantly Perfect, and the two went stride-for-stride until Mandella's horse pulled ahead in the final yards and won by three-quarters of a length.

"It was a delight all the way down the stretch," Solis said. "I wanted to make sure Medaglia d'Oro didn't get away from me, he tried to come back but luckily I had enough in my hand. When I cracked him 100 meters to the post he took off again — he looks so beautiful, he's shiny and happy."

Victory Moon, winner of last year's UAE Derby, was third. Grand Illombe, the hometown favorite owned by Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing, was fourth in the 12-horse field.

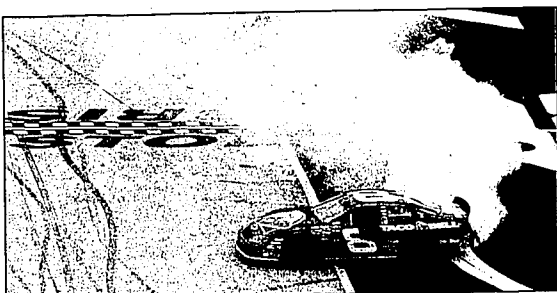
Truex gets first Busch win in chaotic race

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. won his first NASCAR Busch Series race Saturday, pulling away after a restart nine laps from the finish in a race that ended in confusion and anger at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Truex, in his 20th race and first full season in Busch, gave Chance 2 Motorsports co-owners Dale Earnhardt Jr. and stepmother Teresa Earnhardt their first Busch victory by a driver other than Dale. "Dale Jr. is a class act, giving me this opportunity," Truex said after celebrating with a smoking burnout on the front straightaway. "I told him I would make the most of it. I think we can go on and win the championship."

Truex is the first Busch regular to win a race this year. The previous events were won by Jimmy Cup stars Earnhardt, Natalie McMurray, Kevin Harvick and Greg Biffle.

There weren't very many other happy drivers after the race, which ended under caution.



Martin Truex Jr. does a victory burn-out after winning the NASCAR Busch Sharpie Professional 250 race Saturday in Bristol, Tenn.

NASCAR stopped the race for just over eight minutes to clean the track after Robby Gordon ran into the back of Tim Fedewa's car and speared water from a broken radiator on lap 235 of the 250-lap event.

After the green flag came back out on lap 242, there was some very hard racing for position.

On the next trip around the half-mile concrete oval, David Stremme bumped past Harvick for fourth place. On lap 248, Harvick hit Stremme from behind, he said. "I told myself, 'He's been doing it all season,'" Carroll said. "Who better would you like to have the ball in their hands?"

Joe Graham added 17 points, Tony Allen had 12 and Ben McFarlin had nine points and 12 rebounds.

McFarlin and Terrence Crawford are the only Oklahoma State players left from 2001, when a plane crash killed two players and eight members of the Cowboys basketball family.

Lucas shot 7-for-20 and scored 19 points, including the final five of the game.

"I had a horrible first half. I shot three airballs. I never shoot air," he said. "I told myself a terrific, terrific basketball game."

It was a frenzied final minute, played without a timeout as the 68-year-old Sutton and counterpart Phil Martell let the players decide it.

Lucas jumper put Oklahoma State ahead with 41 seconds left before Saint Joseph's, again relying on outside shots, regained the lead on Pat Carroll's 3-pointer with 29.9 seconds to go.

Lucas then got free on the left wing and hit the biggest shot of his career. Nelson tried to answer, but his shot over Daniel Bobik was off-target.

"He's the best player in America. He's been doing it all season," Carroll said. "Who better would you like to have the ball in their hands?"

OSU

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The last rebound fittingly landed in Lucas' arms, and he cradled the ball. He celebrated by racing toward the stands and jumping into his dad's arms for a big embrace.

The family has seen a lot of big shots — the elder Lucas was a former No. 1 NBA pick and enjoyed a stellar career before becoming a pro coach. Now the bus has a moment to call his own.

"We really didn't say too much of anything, we were just hugging each other and rejoicing," the Cowboys star said.

Coach Eddie Sutton and Ok-

lahoma State (31-3) thought they deserved to be a top seed more than Saint Joseph's (30-2) — a view held by many people and given voice by CBS analyst Billy Packer.

The Cowboys proved it the right way, on the court, and advanced to play the Kansas-Georgia Tech winner next Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Hawks headed back to their small campus in Philadelphia, the feel-good story of the year in college basketball finally over.

"They will remember this team at Saint Joe's for a long time," Packer said.

UConn

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only 19 minutes and scored just two points, but had nine rebounds and blocked five shots, all in the first half. A hard foul by Alabama's Jeremiah Davidson gave Okafor an elbow stinger with 9:19 left in the first half.

Okafor left briefly, returned to finish the half and started the second half. But he sat down for good with 16:32 to play and

UConn leading 59-36.

"Just a little tingle. Nothing too serious," Okafor said when asked how his arm was feeling after the game.

UConn playmaker Taliek Brown scored just three points but had 10 assists.

"We've had some times where the mantle of expectations weighs heavily upon us," Calhoun said. "As the season started to close down and we

saw our window of opportunity become more limited, we kicked the window out and became a terrific, terrific basketball team."

The eighth-seeded Crimson Tide (20-13) stunned top-seeded Stanford and beat defending national champion Syracuse to reach a regional final for the first time. But UConn's combination of size, quickness and uncanny accuracy was too

Maine, Denver get tickets to Frozen Four

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Mike Hamilton bulled his way through the crease and scored at 3:27 of overtime to give Maine a 2-1 victory over Wisconsin in the NCAA East regional final Saturday night.

The victory sends the top-ranked Black Bears (32-7-3) into the Frozen Four in Boston on April 8-10 against either Michigan or Boston College in the national semifinals.

The Wolverines and Eagles were to meet Sunday in Manchester, N.H. for the Northeast Regional title. Maine, making its ninth appearance in the national semifinals, will be seeking its third national championship.

The loss was the first in 14 overtime games this season for Wisconsin (22-13-8), which also lost to Maine in the second

game of the season, 6-2.

Denver 1, North Dakota 0

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Max Bull scored with 2:28 left, and Adam Berkhoe made 33 saves to lead Denver to a 1-0 victory over North Dakota in the NCAA West Regional championship Saturday night.

Denver (25-12-9) advanced to the Frozen Four for the first time since 1986. The Pioneers will play the winner of Sunday's Midwest Regional championship between Minnesota and Minnesota-Duluth.

Bull took a pass from Luke Fulghum at the top of the left circle and fired a slap shot past Jordan Parise. North Dakota finished the season 30-8-4.

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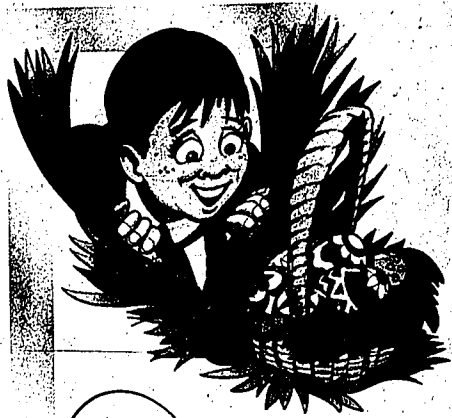
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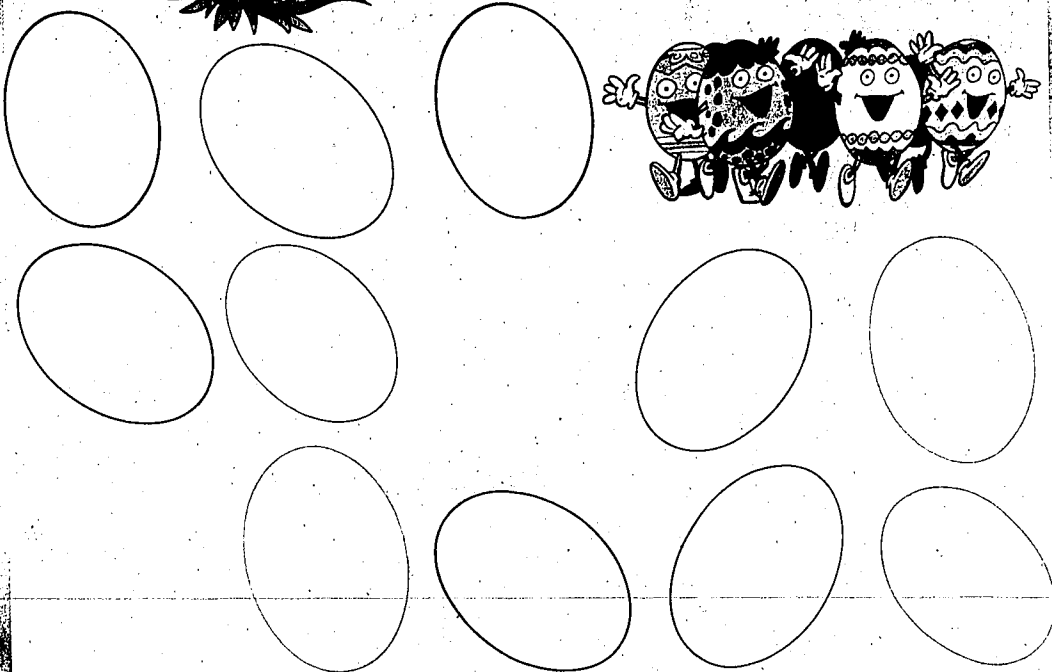
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

OSHA, others offer safety class

TWIN FALLS - A class titled "Safety and Health Training in the Residential Construction Industry" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 6 in Room 276 of the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Building.

The session is co-sponsored by the U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Idaho Associated General Contractors and the Idaho Building Contractors Association.

OSHA's area office in Boise initiated the training, aimed at reducing job hazards in residential construction. Company owners, managers, supervisors and foremen will learn about OSHA standards for residential construction, criteria for fall protection systems and equipment and how to prepare for safety inspections.

Cost is \$10 for IAGC and IBAC members, and \$15 for others. To register or for information, contact Lisa Leonard at 344-2535 or lisa@agcidsaho.org.

Wheat Commission will meet Wednesday

BOISE - The Idaho Wheat Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in its conference room, 821 W. State St. in Boise.

The meeting will include a review of commission financial statements; research project and education updates; fiscal 2005 preliminary budget proposals; and consider a business market development request from the agricultural community. Chairman Mark Darrington said in a press release.

The public is welcome. Assistance will be provided upon request to hearing-impaired or handicapped people. For information, call 334-2533.

Don't count on an inheritance windfall

NEW YORK - If inheritance is a major factor in your retirement equation, it may be wise to do the math again.

One of the biggest predictions of generational transfer of wealth may, in fact, be a bust.

At one time, experts forecast that the "World War II" generation - reputed to be a generation of savers - would pass on approximately \$10 trillion in assets to their children, known as the "boomers." The boomers - a generation of spenders - could use their inheritance to pay their own retirement, finance college education for their children or spend as they pleased. It was believed to be a windfall in the waiting.

For one thing, the elderly are living longer, and better. They're dipping into savings, enjoying themselves and leaving far less cash behind.

An AARP study showed that about five in six (82.7 percent) boomers reported that they had received an inheritance by 2001. Also as of 2001, about five in six (85.1 percent) said they did not expect to receive an inheritance in the future.

Counting on inheritance may be a serious miscalculation. The boomers who actually inherit probably won't have enough to form the backbone of a retirement plan.

Study finds women lagging in capital race

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - When women-owners want to attract venture capital, the venture fund making the investment often has a female partner in its ranks.

A study released Friday in Washington by the Kaufman Foundation looked at why women are attracting far less venture capital than their male counterparts. Women led 28 percent of U.S. businesses in 2002 but received only 4 percent to 9 percent of available venture capital, researchers found.

The new study - part of a series conducted by five female researchers from universities around the country - found a strong link between the relatively small number of women in the venture capital industry firms receiving venture investments.

- compiled from staff and wire reports

Aquaculture commission aims to increase awareness

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - Creation of the Idaho Aquaculture Commission is the first step in fostering better communication between competitors, say supporters of Idaho's newest agricultural commodity commission.

The commission, signed into existence last week by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as part of a new water agreement between groundwater users and spring water users, is designed to raise awareness of Idaho's aquaculture industry.

As struggles within Idaho

aquaculture fragmented the industry, large producers and small producers have been pitted against each other. Now the industry has a chance to unite as a community toward a common goal, said Linda Lemmon, executive secretary of the Idaho Aquaculture Association.

Lemmon spoke to The Times-News on behalf of the association. The commission will promote the industry through generic industry advertising and increased aquaculture research. The establishment of the new commission in July will replace the Idaho Aquaculture

Association, which currently represents the majority of Idaho fish producers and processors, Lemmon said.

"We believe the commission can do everything the association can do and more," Lemmon said.

Unlike the current association, which has relatively limited representational powers, the new commission will be recognized as a legal entity mandated by the state of Idaho, Lemmon said.

The new commission will be "in serious contention" for state and federal research grants for

which all legal state-recognized entities - like the Idaho Bean Commission and the Idaho Potato Commission - are eligible, Lemmon said.

The commission, in which membership is voluntary, will receive the proceeds from an assessment from participating producers of five cents per hundred pounds of fish processed, including trout, tilapia, catfish, sturgeon and alligator.

The need for an aquaculture commission arose from the struggles fish producers and processors have experienced in recent years, including a re-

duced water supply and lower market prices for fish, Lemmon said.

Over the past 12 years, Idaho's trout production has averaged around 40 million pounds per year, said Gary Fornshell, aquaculture specialist for the University of Idaho.

According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Idaho's trout production in 2003 was 34.6 million pounds. Compared with the average, "that's a pretty significant drop," Fornshell said.

While two-thirds of the United States' trout supply comes from Idaho, a four-year drought Please see AQUACULTURE, Page D3



Idaho businessmen dive into caviar industry with Snake River sturgeon eggs

The Associated Press

HAGERMAN - Leo Ray's future is held within a tiny glass jar.

The miniature, nearly black orbs glistening inside represent nearly 17 years of invested time, money and effort.

And with wholesale prices ranging between \$30 and \$55 an ounce, the sturgeon eggs could also represent Idaho's most expensive agricultural product.

"Any fish is like a sponge. It tastes like the water it comes out of, and we have the best water in the world here," said Ray, the owner of Fish Breeders of Idaho.

It is a premise that Ray, Ark Fishertes owners Lynn and Kathy Babington and other regional fish farmers are banking on. Through a cooperative he runs, the Idaho Aquaculture Association, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the College of Southern Idaho, the farmers are raising local Snake River sturgeon for their meat and caviar.

This year could be the first big caviar crop. The white sturgeon does not start producing the valuable eggs until it is between 8 and 10 years old, and it can take a few years more before the fish matures enough to produce eggs suitable for the competitive market.

"The biggest challenge is starting young enough to have the time to wait for the caviar to hit the market," Ray joked. "It's my 401(k) retirement plan, and Uncle Sam doesn't have to worry about anyone pulling it out early."

Timing may be everything. The white sturgeon's elite Caspian Sea cousins - beluga, osetra and sevruga sturgeons - have set the standards by which every fish egg is measured.

But they are also teetering on the edge of extinction. Overfishing and poaching have threatened Caspian Sea sturgeon, and the U.N. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species has given Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan until mid-June, to prove they are implementing rules to protect the fish.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering declaring the beluga sturgeon an endangered species. That would effectively kill sales of beluga caviar in America, which takes around 80 percent of Caspian exports.

Some gourmet restaurants in the United States are turning to the less expensive farm-raised American caviar to fill the gaps left in their menus.

"The demand seems to be there, and it's a matter of marketing and targeting the correct areas and having a quality product," said Terry Patterson, a professor and manager of CSI's Aquaculture Program. "You have to understand that Idaho caviar is in its infancy compared to, say, California caviar, and we're still looking at where we can go with it, but the potential is very good."

Under the cooperative, CSI conducts research and breeds



Leo Ray, left, and Lynn Babington hold up an 80-lb. female sturgeon at a fish farm in Hagerman Friday morning. Ray and Babington are two southern Idaho businessmen who have been working to produce quality caviar from the large freshwater fish.

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Terry Patterson, manager of CSI's Aquaculture Program

the local Snake River sturgeon stock. Some of the fish is released back into the wild under the auspices of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and some is sold to the local farmers, with the proceeds funding the program.

The cooperative started in 1987 when area trout farmers began looking for ways to diversify, Patterson said.

Fish and Game officials worried that if fish farmers imported captive-bred sturgeon from California, some of them could escape into the Snake River and threaten the local wild sturgeon population. But officials were also concerned about

maintaining numbers of the local wild sturgeon, which in recent decades had been trapped between the dams along the Snake River.

"The cooperative solves both problems, Patterson said, by increasing the local wild population and providing stock for the farms. "To date, we've stocked right near 7,000 fish in the Snake River," said Patterson. "They're all tagged with a computer chip for tracking."

CSI is also researching the little-understood white sturgeon, or adipose transmontanus. "The fish need to be five years old before you can find out what sex they are, and the females need to be 8 or 10 years old before they start producing good eggs. We need to find a way to monitor those eggs without cutting them open," he said.

Sturgeon can grow to hundreds of pounds, and some of the farm-raised fish weigh as much as 150 pounds. The eggs can live up more than 10 percent of the body weight, Lynn Babington said.

But despite their bulk, caring for the fish is a delicate process. "It's not very forgiving. You make a mistake and you pay for it," Babington said. "Sturgeon have no bones, just cartilage, so if you handle them too rough you can damage the spinal cord. The first 90 days it's like taking care of a baby."

Harvesting the caviar kills the fish. The entire ovary is removed, Babington said, and carefully rubbed across a screen to separate the eggs from the membrane. The eggs are lightly salted and packed in jars or tins.

The Babingtons sold their first crop of caviar to a California producer.

"We're farmers, and I'm not sure we want to be caviar marketers," Lynn Babington said. "When it comes to caviar, I've only tried very little. My kind comes in a natural container. It's too expensive for a fish farmer to eat."

During the holiday season, Ray sent samples of his caviar out to his steady customers, and now some of them are ordering it regularly. Most of his next harvest will be sold before he kills a fish.

"There will likely not be an issue. Initial tastes of the caviar have brought rave reviews, and because of the environmental control a farm offers Idaho caviar may someday compete with beluga, Ray said.

"I think in quality of egg, beluga has a reputation for being the best and white sturgeon is at number three. There's a good chance that in the aquaculture environment we can bump it up to the best quality," he said. "It's just about harvesting and adding salt at the right time."

Can Idaho compete with elite?

The Associated Press

BOISE - It took more than a decade of investment and research for Hagerman-area fish farmers to grow their first crop of white sturgeon caviar.

But before the gourmet product starts bringing a profit, the Idaho Aquaculture Association still must clear one crucial hurdle - convincing chefs, food aficionados and caviar lovers that the eggs from Idaho farms are just as good as the eggs harvested from the Caspian Sea.

"It's all going to be in the marketing," said Leo Ray, owner of Fish Breeders of Idaho.

If Boise chef Lou Aaron's reaction to his first taste of Idaho caviar is any indication, the product will sell itself.

"Really, this is from Hagerman? It's excellent," he said. Aaron, owner of Westside Catering and the Westside Drive-In, said the caviar was close to the best he'd ever tasted.

"This is almost exactly what it looks like when you open up a jar of beluga," Aaron said. "In caviar, the roe needs to be whole and the consistency is beautiful in this. In cheaper caviar, they add more liquid to it."

Caviar is often ranked according to a hierarchy, with the eggs from three types of Caspian Sea sturgeon topping the list. The first, beluga caviar, is the most expensive because it is the rarest. Next comes osetra caviar and then sevruga caviar. Caviar from sturgeon elsewhere in the world - including America - generally follows. Finally, fish eggs from other types of fish such as paddlefish, golden whitefish, salmon and flying fish finish up the list.

Caviar from the white sturgeon is said to be most similar to osetra.

After examining the tiny eggs in the jar and on a spoon, Aaron tried the caviar first by itself and then with a cracker.

"This is the best caviar I've tasted other than the real Russian beluga," he said. "The dark charcoal beads from Ray's sturgeon are firm and lightly salted, with a delicate, clean flavor, a slight tang and a mild fish aftertaste. Some tasters described the caviar as fruity, a bit like jelly or buttery."

The flavor was similar to good sushi, Aaron said. "It has that raw fish flavor, you pick that up, and then you do taste the salt. Like a cured salmon, almost," Aaron said.

Much of the caviar sold in America is an impostor, Aaron said, falsely labeled as coming from sturgeon or the Caspian Sea and dyed to the correct color.

"That's why so many people don't like caviar, because they've never really tasted it before and only had the fake stuff," he said. "It has to be sturgeon fish roe to be called caviar, and if it's not, the producers are breaking the law. When you taste lumps of roe, for instance, please see CAVIAR, Page D3

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Patricia Marcantonio
TWIN FALLS — Phoenix Film Festival, in partnership with the Arizona Screenwriters Association, announced winners of the 2004 Arizona Screenplay Competition.



Patricia Marcantonio

Second-place selection for a screenplay that takes place inside Arizona was awarded to the romance drama "Arizona Moon" by Patricia Marcantonio of Twin Falls. Marcantonio is the Times-News Community editor.

The 10 finalists for the feature-length screenplay competition (five in each category, stories inside and outside Arizona) are listed on the festival Web site, www.phoenixfilmfestival.com, along with a synopsis of each script and contact information.

The second-place winner in each category receives a \$100 cash prize and a VIP pass to the 2004 Phoenix Film Festival.

All of the top 10 screenplay entries, including Marcantonio's, will be publicized and honored at the 2004 festival at the Harkins Scottsdale-101 theater, home of the Cine Capi, in Phoenix.

David P. Maestas
TWIN FALLS — David P. Maestas, sales and marketing manager for Brico of Idaho Inc. in Twin Falls, was recognized as a certified lubrication specialist by the Certified Lubrication Specialists Committee of the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers.

Maestas has five years of experience in lubrication. He passed a written exam administered Feb. 13 in Elie, Wash.

Reactors
TWIN FALLS — Century 21 Real Estate Corp. hosted an awards banquet to recognize its sales associates in the Twin Falls

and ranch operation.

Century 21 Greater Valley Properties office.
Rich Whitescarver was named to the Four Million Dollar Club and honored with the diamond level Masters Award for 2003 sale production. Doug Smith, Gloria Bastian, Jane George and Denise Clusky were named to the Two Million Dollar Club; and Paul and Marsha DeMuele. **Fort, Gayle Bengtson, Nedra Lignaw, Sylvia McBurney and Ken Ling** were named to the One Million Dollar Club.

Century 21 Greater Valley Properties, owned by broker Koelene Lytle with 26 sales associates, a full-service real estate sales office specializing in residential, new construction, commercial, land, lots, farms and recreational properties.

Jared D. Simkins
BOISE — KeyBank National Association, Idaho, hired Jared D. Simkins as relationship officer for Key's corporate banking group.

Simkins will develop new business within Key's corporate banking group in Magic Valley. Simkins is a graduate of Twin Falls and Burley. He will manage a portfolio of moderate to highly commercial, industrial and agricultural credits.

Jared D. Simkins will work on new commercial relationships as well as expanding client relationships. Simkins has a bachelor's degree in agribusiness/business from Utah State University and an associate's degree from Rice College in Rexburg. He has more than four years of experience in the financial services industry, most recently as a loan officer at Farm Credit Services. While there, he was responsible for agriculture loans in Mini-Cadott. Simkins also owned and operated a trucking company

Steven Schaal — Employees at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Steven Schaal, Employee of the Quarter for March. Schaal, a respiratory therapist at Gooding County Memorial, was honored for his dedication and commitment to his patients, the hospital and the community, along with the many hours he volunteers for hospital and community functions, the hospital said. He will now be a nominee for Employee of the Year, an honor that is voted on each December.

Jodi Schulz
TWIN FALLS — Zions Bank named Twin Falls employee Jodi Schulz Customer Service Manager of the Year. The announcement was made March 17 before a crowd of 150 at the bank's annual customer service conference in a managers' conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Schulz, who has worked for Zions Bank since 1997, was recognized for her branch's excellence in customer service, deposit growth, loans and sales. She received a vacation for two to Hawaii.

This year marks the first that Zions Bank has recognized Customer Service Managers of the Year. Winners from six tiers are selected for ranking highest among peer managers in branches of the same size.

Commercial drivers
TWIN FALLS — Lonnie Lampe of Jerome and Matthew Cardon of Burley graduated from the Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls, each with a class A commercial driver's license with all endorsements.

Lampe is now class A employed at Everton Mattress Factory in Twin Falls. Cardon is employed at Werner Enterprises in Omaha, Neb.

Spud producers
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman this month appointed 34 producer members to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Potato Promotion Board.

Among those newly appointed as producer members was Jeffery O. Gibson of Heyburn. Reappointed producer members included Willie A. Heward of Burley. These appointments were effective immediately and end Feb. 28, 2007.

Also newly appointed was producer member Randy L. Hardy of Oakley, whose appointment ends Feb. 28, 2005. The National Potato Promotion Board is composed of producers, importers and a public member appointed by the secretary of agriculture. Producer members are nominated at state and local producer meetings and by mail ballot. Each state is entitled to at least one producer member, and additional members are allotted on the basis of production volume.

The potato board administers an industry-funded national research and promotion program to increase U.S. exports and domestic potato consumption.

CONTRIBUTIONS

GIVING FROM THE HEART

Washing Star representative Diana Jones, left, presents the 'Hearts' traveling plaque to Ken Schmidt, owner of La Casita Restaurant in Twin Falls, for raising the most money during the 'Heart Fund-raiser' in 2004. La Casita raised \$4,800. Donations for hearts were made at 47 local businesses to make Magic Valley children's dreams come true.

Jensen Jewelers donated \$10,200 to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at the foundation's Annual Rendezvous held Feb. 22 in Reno, Nev.

Over the years, Jensen Jewelers has donated a portion of the sales of its elk ivory jewelry products to conservation organizations, including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club and Federation of North American Wild Sheep. The elk ivory line has five pieces of jewelry for men and women, set with elk teeth and various gemstones. Jensen Jewelers said it is the fourth highest contributor to RMEF national banquet auctions in the foundation's history, having donated more than \$127,000 in the past 15 years. In addition, Jensen Jewelers donates annually to local foundation chapter banquets in each market where it does business.

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MILESTONES

Cold storage distribution center in T.F. wins award

TWIN FALLS — The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association awarded its Certificate of Excellence to Henningsen Cold Storage's distribution center at 391 Victory Ave. in Twin Falls.

Warehouse, distributor and manufacturer members of the association who meet health, sanitation and operational standards during an on-site warehouse inspection conducted by the ASI Food Safety Consultants receive the certificate.

The Certificate of Excellence, the highest operational award in the National Frozen and Refrigerated Foods industry, signifies that the facility conforms to high industry and government standards and adheres to a code of recommended practices for handling and merchandising frozen foods, as endorsed by the National Frozen and Refrigerated Foods industry associations.

Awarded March 1, the certificate is in effect for one year, after which the facility may undergo a complete follow-up inspection to determine renewal.

New Twin Falls beauty salon opens for business

TWIN FALLS — Le's Beauty opened for business Feb. 1 at 544 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in the Lynnwood Shopping Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The salon offers waving, haircuts, perms, color, acrylic nails, manicures, pedicures, microdermabrasion, facials, permanent cosmetics and massage. Name-brand products for hair and skin are available.

Owner Le Huynh has an Idaho cosmetology license and four years of experience in the beauty industry. She also has certification in permanent makeup from Beautiful Faces in Spokane, Wash. Other staff members are Don Watson, who has an Idaho cosmetology license and 5 1/2 years of experience in the beauty industry, and Mary Tran, massage therapist, who has 15 years of experience in massage.

Le's Beauty can be reached at 736-4906.

J-U-B Engineers Inc. celebrates 50 years
TWIN FALLS — J-U-B Engi-



neers Inc. is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The company was founded in 1954 in Nampa and incorporated in 1969. Today, J-U-B is an employee-owned and -operated corporation with 20 employees locally, and 220 employees in 15 regional offices throughout Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Colorado.

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Cancer Consultants.com gets health info award

KEFCHUM — Cancer Consultants.com, a Ketchikan-based cancer information website, received a national award for its patient education site for patient education by the National Health Information Awards recently. Now in its 10th year, the awards program is designed to establish a seal of quality for consumer health information. The program recognizes consumer health information materials and programs from organizations throughout the nation.

Visitors to www.cancerconsultants.com can visit centers covering over 30 types of cancers, the company said. Information on each cancer type is presented in a user-friendly fashion which includes detailed discussions on treatment and prevention, supportive care, alternative medicine, clinical trials, genetic testing, financial aid and other information resources, as well as daily news and questions to ask doctors.

Site visitors can log on to receive e-mails of breaking news or information about clinical trials that match their profile, and they can subscribe to a quarterly newsletter that details the latest information on their conditions.

MILESTONE

Merry Maids expands into Idaho Falls area

TWIN FALLS — More than 900 clean toilets and more than 16,000 square feet of carpet water owner Mark Potmesil and manager Ramona Seitzinger of the local Merry Maids operation are celebrating just over two years in business and recently expanded the venture by opening an office in the Idaho Falls area.

According to Potmesil, a growing number of women in the work force has helped make Merry Maids a successful business. "At one time, a maid service was considered a real luxury," Seitzinger said. "Those days are over, though. Most women who work outside the home don't want to spend their weekends and evenings cleaning house."

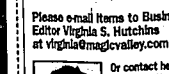
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State Farm agent Matt Stokes, Red Cross Executive Director Patricia Lindholm and the State Farm 'Good Neighbor' kick off the Home Alone program in Magic Valley. State Farm agents, Red Cross volunteers and the bear will visit participating area schools, give a brief presentation and deliver the Home Alone books to elementary-age children.

The American Red Cross released a "Home Alone" activity booklet that provides children and their parents with tips and strategies for confronting strangers or dealing with emergencies at home when there is no adult supervision. Production of the books is underwritten by State Farm Insurance.

The program aims to distribute the activity books to children throughout the state. Letters were sent to every elementary school principal in Idaho, offering the opportunity to have Red Cross staff volunteers and State Farm agents visit schools, share basic safety tips and deliver the activity books for children to take home.

"Home Alone" uses fun and educational activities to teach children safety techniques without scaring them, promoters said.

For information on the



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Water deal makes planting possible

PAUL, Idaho — A deal worked out between ground-water pumpers and spring users in the final days of the legislative session came just in time for fieldwork to start.

Without the deal, 1,300 wells in the Magic Valley Irrigating about 111,000 acres would have been curtailed as of April 1. Orlo Maughan of Paul had 300 acres that would have been dried up by the curtailment order from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

His farm lies 65 miles north-east of the springs in the Hagerman Valley, where low flows have forced both water users and legislators to tackle problems caused by a declining aquifer.

While the negotiated agreement means he'll be able to farm all his acres, he and other ground-water pumpers in the affected area will be making changes this year. Most of the most obvious changes is that pumpers are now required to match their irrigation season with local canal companies. That means pumpers can irrigate between April 10 and Oct. 30 instead of from March 15 to Nov. 15.



AP Photo

Orlo Maughan is looking forward to starting field work next week once his fields dry out. Thanks to a deal negotiated between ground-water pumpers and spring users, Maughan now knows he will be able to farm this season.

Southern Idaho growers OK potato contracts

BURLEY, Idaho — At the end of potato contract negotiations Tuesday, Southern Idaho Potato Co. negotiators came away with a sense of victory.

The roll-over contracts, which allows growers the same field row average price as last year of \$4.60 per hundredweight for Russet Burbank, contract language that benefits growers in the details. "Everything is put together with all four companies," said Jeff Harper, corporate secretary for SIPC.

Speaking at a growers meeting at Burley Inn on Tuesday, Harper said this year's negotiations were tough.

"These four guys put their heart and soul into it," he said. "Just two hours before the 5 p.m. growers meeting, negotiators had reached an agreement."

Harper said details in language having to do with color, minimum size, storage allowance,



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shrink allowance, hauling assistance and food safety issues were worked into the contracts.

Hall of Fame will honor livestock producers

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — The newest livestock hall stars will shine April 6 when they are inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

This year's honorees are Frances Carter of Burley, John and Carolyn Lanting of Hollister, Alvin and Rosella Neddo of

Malta, Ivan and Esther Hopkins of Rupert, Merrill and Christina Row of Filar, and Gene and Gloria Schiffer of Twin Falls.

The event will take place at the Turf Club in Twin Falls with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and presentations beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Zions Bank in Twin Falls, D.L. Evans Bank in Burley or at the door.

For information, call (208) 735-3254.

Winter wheat crops look good in T.F. County

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — One of the smallest winter wheat crops in Idaho in 40 years is off to a fairly good start across the state, Steve Salisbury said while winter wheat fields in western Twin

Falls County that were planted into good moisture last fall are responding well to the warm temperatures in Mid-March and are greening up.

The Twin Falls County University of Idaho extension educator has been fairly surprised by how uniform most fields are.

Fields that were flooded in late February when a sudden warm-up melted the approximately 10 inches of snow that was on the ground are the main concern. In those fields, the problem is confined to low spots and the bottom of the field where melting water deposited silt, and the resulting crust has essentially cemented in the crop.

"Water didn't choke it out," Salisbury said. "It's the soil that was carried by the water that did the deed."

Congressional leaders hit impasse on pension bill

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional negotiations over a bill to ease funding requirements for corporate pensions broke down Friday amid accusations of bad faith and White House meddling.

These negotiations are in serious danger and this bill is in serious jeopardy," Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and chief House bargainer, said afterward.

The collapse leaves thousands of companies unable to determine how much money they will have to put into their pension plans as an April 15 deadline looms. The negotiations are aimed at resolving differences between House and Senate versions of a bill that would provide more than \$80 billion in cash funding relief to companies that operate traditional pension plans.

Discussions became so heated that shouting could be heard through the thick wooden doors of the second-floor Capitol meeting room where Friday morning's closed ses-

sion was held.

As the meeting began, House Republicans presented a proposal to resolve a key sticking point involving multi-employer plans, which are common in industries such as construction and trucking and are often co-sponsored by labor unions. Democrats, led by Sen. Ted Kennedy (Mass.), caucused for an hour to analyze the proposal, concluded that it would help too few plans, and dented a counteroffer.

At that point the conference broke down, with Democrats charging that the Republicans had refused even to consider their counter and Republicans disputing that it had been offered.

Boehner said Republicans felt their offer "was as far as we could go." Kennedy said that had the Republicans been willing to consider his side's counter, "I'm satisfied that we would have been able to work this proposal out."

"What we found today is that the White House leaned on our good friends in this conference to curb the benefits for multi-employer plans, Kennedy said,

a position he called "just unfair. It's punitive. It reflects an ideological policy point."

"The White House has made its position clear" and "it's his way or the highway," he added.

The multi-employer provision is actually a small part of the bill. The bulk of the relief contained in both the House and Senate versions would go to single-employer plans, and one side of that has been agreed upon, aides from both sides said.

Personal friction also crept into the negotiations, according to some staff members who were present. One aide who at one point Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., a confere and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, took umbrage when Kennedy referred to him as "Congressman Thomas" instead of "Chairman Thomas."

A key provision not in dispute is a change in the way pension liabilities — the value today of promised benefits — are computed. Such calculations employ an interest rate, and the lower that rate, the higher the liabilities work out to be.

Current law requires pen-

sions to base their figures on the interest rate of the 30-year Treasury bond. Not only are overall interest rates low, but the 30-year bond has been discontinued, and demand for those remaining in circulation has pushed their yield even lower.

The bill would replace the Treasury bond rate with one based on an index of corporate bonds to be devised by the Treasury Department. That rate would be higher, reducing computed liabilities and easing cash funding requirements by about \$80 billion over this year and next.

If the conference remains derailed pension operators around the country face serious problems. That's because most plans must make this year's contribution by April 15, or face penalties.

If the law is changed at the last minute and a company finds it "has put in too much money. It faces tax penalties; if the law is not changed and the company has put in too little, it faces possible action in a government's pension insurer — the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., or PBGC.

Legislation passed by the House in 2001, which was part of the Pension Reform Act, was vetoed by President George W. Bush. The bill signed by the Senate in 2002 was also vetoed by Bush. The bill signed by the House in 2003 was also vetoed by Bush.

Just deserving a raise isn't enough

The boss must be convinced

By Griff Witte
The Washington Post

The first time Deborah Van de Griff asked her boss for a raise, she walked in unprepared, and left empty-handed.

Several years later, when a vice president at the health care organization where she worked went on an extended leave, she was called upon to pick up some of the slack. Twelve-hour days and six-day weeks at the office followed as she performed not only her own duties as human resources manager but also the work of her boss.

Again, Van de Griff felt she deserved more money, and this time she prepared meticulously. For a year she kept a list of all the extra work she did, and all the ways in which she had exceeded her job. She then used that list as the basis for a detailed memo outlining her contributions to the company and asked for a meeting with the chief executive.

At first, he was reluctant. But Van de Griff was adamant, asking him to take a hard look at the memo she had written. Eventually, he relented.

"I got the raise," said Van de Griff, 47, who now works as a career coach in Freehold, N.J. "But I still had to be creative about it. That was the key — really showing that I deserved it."

Most people probably think they deserve a raise. But there's a difference between deserving a raise and actually getting one. To bridge that gap, career experts recommend a variety of strategies that can help convince the boss that you're worth more than you're getting now. All of their tips, however, boil down to two basic principles: Be confident, and be prepared.

Bob Hartman, a career consultant in Washington, says the path to a raise begins as soon as you take the job. Ask for regular performance reviews from the outset, even if they're informal, he said. That way, you'll track if you're meeting or exceeding your employer's expectations. And if you're meeting or exceeding expectations, then performance reviews give your boss the chance to say so. That kind of praise can come in many guises, but you're ready to cash in your chips and ask for more money.

Herzog said she also counsels people to do what Van de Griff did: Keep track of accomplishments. And even if you're not in a position to make sure the boss knows about them. "Ask people who have complimented you on your work to send a quick letter or e-mail to your boss," Herzog said. "And that's not just at home — it's at work, but any old time."

When it comes to actually making the pitch for a raise, attitude is important. Bruce Schneider, founder and chief executive of the New Jersey-based Institute for Professional Empowerment Coaching, said he's most receptive to the idea of giving a raise when his employees are upbeat and confident, but not pushy.

He also appreciates a sense of humor. "Find a way when your

Be Prepared

- When you ask for a raise, be prepared. It's a good idea to have a short memo to your boss that lists your accomplishments and describes how you contribute to the company's well-being.
- Go into the meeting with an upbeat attitude. You should feel good about what you've done for your boss. At the same time, you don't want to seem pushy or do anything else that would make your boss feel defensive.
- Ask for a reasonable increase, and have alternatives in mind. You should feel free to name a specific amount or percentage increase, within reason. You should be prepared to negotiate if your boss doesn't agree to your request right away. Keep in mind that there are other ways of rewarding performance besides money, including additional time off.

boss is in a good mood. And then you might ask, "On a scale of one to 10, how willing would you be to consider having a conversation about giving me a raise?" Schneider says that's the same. "If I demand the possibility. Once the door is open, then the conversation can proceed."

Herzog said that threatening to leave your job unless you get the raise almost never works. "Ask for your raise in a very polite way," she said. "Avoid yelled or outright threats."

Another common mistake is to base your request on what your co-workers are making. "The biggest 'doest work' is 'I found out what my colleague is making,'" said Deborah Keary, information center director at the Society for Human Resource Management. "That's the worst thing you can possibly do."

At the same time, it's a good idea to do field research before you ask. Find out what other people in your position at other companies make. You should also have a handle on your company's financial position, to make sure your request is in the ballpark.

"It's a little more sound reasonable, but to them it sounds astronomical," Keary said. "To ask for 10 percent, that's uniform, unless you really changed the world or made the company \$87 billion."

Asking for a bonus of 3 to 4 percent, she said, is more likely to be well received. "If the boss turns that down, it's good to have a Plan B. There are other things that your employer can do to show appreciation, like a bonus, stock, or including granting additional time off or a one-time bonus.

"It's easier to give you \$200 than it is to raise your salary for the entire year," Keary said.

If your boss can't afford what you want, you should be realistic. "You have to ask when would be a good time to come back and try again."

Schneider said that when done right, a request for a raise — even one that gets denied — can lead to a good impression. "If I next time when you say, 'I'll be thinking of me.'"

The futures look promising — at least some of them do

By James K. Glassman
The Washington Post

Vigilant readers pointed out, in e-mails too numerous to count, that I had frustrated them by waxing enthusiastic recently about a mutual fund, Vanguard Precious Metals and Commodities (VPMX), that new investors. Sorry, my mistake. Let me make amends by citing several other funds, some of them suggested by my correspondents, that might fill the need for "thing"-based assets in your portfolio.

The PIMCO Commodity Realreturn Strategy (PCRD), which invests not in natural resource stocks but in derivatives that try to capture changes in commodity prices, such as oil, whose interest payments rise with inflation. The fund, with no load and annual expenses of 1.2 percent, was launched less than two years ago. It is highly volatile, but it looks very promising. Also in the unconventional but intriguing category is Oppenheimer Real Asset (QRAAX), a

fund that carries a hefty load (5.75 percent) but has performed exceptionally well, returning an annual average of 17 percent over the past five years. The fund owns individual commodities contracts, as well as special bonds whose performance is linked to returns of the main commodity index.

Among precious-metals funds, iRoqueville Gold (TGLDX) has had a spectacular record, winning five stars (tops) from Morningstar; a drawback is an annual 1.7 percent expense ratio. In examining resource stocks closely, I was disappointed in the offerings; many are just too expensive when you consider their performance. I still think that, among conventional, broad natural-resource funds, the one I cited last week — T. Rowe Price New Era (PRNDX), which I have owned for 20 years — is likely to give the most for the money.

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Aquaculture

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has greatly reduced spring flows in the Thousand Springs area near Hagerman, and fish producers have lowered production accordingly. Many trout producers, faced with too many fish, donated fish for stocking programs last spring.

"We had two main markets — restaurants and supermarkets," said Leo Ray, owner of Fish Dealers of Idaho near Bull. "As the spring flow dropped, we had to drop supermarkets."

In addition to the decreased production, fish prices began a downward slide in 2001, as diners stayed away from restaurants as a result of the

economic impact of the Sept. 11 attacks, Ray said. The following recession led to a strong foreign import market have kept fish prices — mainly those of trout — down ever since.

"We concentrated our sales to one market, and that market collapsed," Ray said. "A main goal of the new commission is to foster better communication between competitors in the industry, said Kay Hardy, president of Idaho Trout Co., which operates a trout facility near Bull."

As prices and production have gone down, competition between companies has become more fierce than ever, and the industry has become

Caviar

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you just taste salt. And the dye you get on the fake stuff is horrible. It gets all over your teeth." The chef's favorite way to eat caviar is dotted on potato chips with a touch of creme fraiche, he said. Aaron also recom-

mends serving caviar with smoked salmon, on potato pancakes or on blinis with creme fraiche.

Baby red potatoes may be cut in half and hollowed, fried and filled with caviar, or the caviar may be offered with toast points

and accompaniments including capers, shallots, chopped parsley, minced olives or shaved egg whites and yolks.

Many connoisseurs say fine caviar should be eaten alone and embellishments should be saved for inferior grades. Be-

cause of the high cost, Cope disagreed with the first bill, but he said last week that Clear Springs Foods — the largest fish producer in Idaho — is neutral on the creation of the commission.

"We're not sure what kind of value [joining the commission] would bring to us," Cope said. "One of the objectives of the commission is to be a source for grants for aquaculture research. We are already investing substantial amounts of money into our own research."

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MONEY

Rising asset levels shutter many of hottest funds

By Meg Richards
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A growing number of mutual funds are closing their doors to new investors for a reason that might sound heretical coming from Wall Street: They have more money than they know what to do with.

Steep market gains and a flood of cash have carried asset levels at some funds to uncomfortable highs. Leading dozens of managers to close their portfolios. At least 45 funds have closed to the last 12 months, according to research firm Morningstar Inc. Of those, 24 are small-cap stock funds, last year's hottest product.

"The options for the average retail investor are getting more limited," said Phil Edwards, managing director of funds research at Standard & Poor's Corp. "There are some still out there, but you have to look carefully."

Fund investors, encouraged by the recovery, are showing not seen since the height of the late 1990s technology boom. Total mutual fund assets now stand at a record \$7.5 trillion, according to the Investment Company Institute. January was the third-largest month ever for equity funds, with \$43.8 billion of inflows.

But all this new money is coming in at a time when stocks aren't cheap. Many investors are chasing last year's best performers — festal funds, which are trading at extremely high valuations.

The rapid inflow of money and the dearth of good deals creates a challenging situation for fund managers. They can't buy stocks they would normally buy, let cash build up and risk dragging down returns or close to new investors. In most cases, experts say, temporarily shutting down is the showing



Mutual funds: the best and the worst

Here are the best- and worst-performing funds as measured by the year-to-date rate of return as of March 25.

Year-to-date top funds	Investment objective	Percent return	Year-to-date bottom funds	Investment objective	Percent return
American Heritage Fund	SESE	44.44	Grand Prix Fund A	MOGE	-20.23
World Fds Third MI Russia	EM	27.60	Princo Growth	MOGE	-17.16
WorldFds Third MI Russia	EM	25.13	SE Asia Mid-Cap Str	FX	-12.96
US Gbl Emerg/Inv	EM	25.13	ProfFunds-Semiconduct	TK	-12.23
US Gbl Emerg/Inv	EM	25.13	ProfFunds-Proc Metals	AU	-10.99
Banco Fund	FX	21.30			

Source: AJ — Gold Oriented Funds; EM — Emerging Markets Funds; FX — Flexible Portfolio Funds; MOGE — Mid-Cap Growth Funds; SESE — Specialty Diversified Equity Funds; TK — Technology Funds; TL — Telecommunication Funds

SOURCE: Upper Inc.

...you don't even want to feel like you just have to buy something to buy it," said Greg McCrickard, long-time manager of the T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund, which recently closed to new investors. "If you get to a point where you're not comfortable, then you have to raise your hand, go to your company, and say, 'you think you should close.'"

Other types of equity funds have closed recently, as well, including the highly rated Dodge & Cox Stock and AIM's Mid-Cap Core Equity Fund, and two

funds from Vanguard — the Vanguard Primecap and Vanguard Capital Opportunity funds. But the list of closed funds is dominated by small-cap offerings, such as the Bridgeway Ultra-Small Company Market Fund, the Dunbar Micro-Cap Growth Fund and six of the nine offerings from Wasatch Funds.

When many funds of the same type wind up in this situation, it can serve as a warning to investors that a period of outperformance may be coming to an end, said Eric Tyson, author of the "Investing for Dummies" guidebook.

"It's a potential and significant red flag that the asset class is getting overheated and there are probably better values elsewhere," Tyson said.

"That doesn't mean if you're in a fund that's closing, you should get out, Tyson added. But you should resist the natural human tendency to buy more shares of something that's doing well.

Most closed funds will continue to accept contributions from current investors. There also are ways for new investors to access a fund that has closed — through a retirement

plan or by hiring a planner who has other clients in the fund — but that might not be a great strategy.

"People are like, 'They're closing the gates, I've got to get in quick before I get shut out,'" Tyson said. "That's not really the best way to look at it."

Small-cap stocks do deserve a place in most investors' portfolios, but in the current climate you have to be a smart shopper. If you want to be in the asset class but are having trouble finding a suitable managed fund, you could get one-stop exposure with a value-oriented index fund.

Mutual funds that shut their doors to new investors usually don't stay closed forever. In fact, the current market has created conditions that are right for some funds to get a second chance. For example, the deal-focused Gabell ABC fund, which shut down in late 2002 amid a steep slowdown in mergers and acquisitions, has reopened to new investors. The fund, which focuses on companies that are involved in announced deals, stands to make big gains if M&A activity makes a strong comeback this year.

Correction could provide buying opportunity

But look for proven stocks with track record of strength

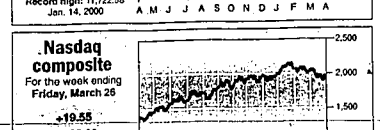
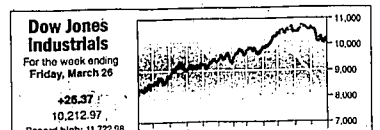
By Meg Richards
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street's recovery has been a three-year reminder of the unsetting bear market, and with terrorism rattling investors, gas prices soaring and job creation stagnant, many observers worry that the correction is not over yet.

Even if it isn't, though, analysts say all this confusion may hold buying opportunities.

The market's latest volatility has been unnerving even for professional investors. A firm leading investors on Monday was followed by two days of sideways trading, and then a dazzling rebound erased nearly all the week's losses Thursday. After Friday's modest moves, only the Standard & Poor's 500 index remains in the red.

In the lull between quarterly earnings and without significant economic news, it's not surprising that the market should be a bit moody. But there are an unusual number of factors feeding the current volatility, including anxiety over when the Federal



AP graphic

Reserve will raise interest rates, which will win the presidential election, and whether the outcome will change the present business-friendly climate.

"We're in a market that is going to be much more complicated and difficult, with bigger moves up and down, and that may persist even up to the election," said Woody Dorsey, a financial forecasting firm in Castleton, Vt.

Coming on the heels of a steady upward trek, all this change is making a lot of investors uncomfortable, said

Dorsey, the author of "Behavioral Trading," a book that examines how investor confidence and expectations affect market trends.

How you deal with it depends on your own tolerance for risk. If you find the market confusing, it's perfectly all right to not to make additional investments at this point. If you're more aggressive, you can monitor the short-term declines for opportunities to put your money to work.

"You can be more of a picker and a chooser than part of the herd," Dorsey said. "The mar-

ket is like Bloomingdale's. Two, three times a year, things go on sale, and that's when you buy. And that's when you're not buying."

If you're socking money away regularly in your retirement account, a strategy known as dollar-cost averaging, you might just want to tune out. "Don't look at financial TV all the day. Just don't," said Theodore L. Parrish, co-portfolio manager for the Hensler Equity Fund, a large blend based in Montana.

For a long-term investor, the correction should be a non-event, Parrish said. Buying high-value stocks at good prices, and sticking with your strategy, even when things don't appear to be going your way, is far more important than day-to-day volatility.

"A buy-and-hold investor needs to be careful, and by that I mean they need to buy quality," said Judi McCarthy, vice president for sales at Bestinvest, a Chicago-based agency with close to \$100 million in annual gross sales, 85 percent coming from corporate business.

"The online travel agencies are creating very, very interesting to many companies," she said. But there can be added fees for specialized services, she includes all our services, so clients are not nickel-and-dimed later," she said.

Poor's. Lately, Parrish has been looking for values in the health care and financial sectors, and he's even picked up a few tech shares.

"There are just a ton of companies that look decent in this market," Parrish said. "These are companies that are going to play on an expanding global economy, and they also have defensive qualities."

Wendell Perkins, director of equities at the Johnson Family of Funds in Racine, Wis., also likes health care and consumer staples, because they tend to be defensive. But nervousness about rising interest rates "has led him to cut exposure to more economically sensitive areas — financial stocks, insurers, utilities, and real estate investment trusts."

And notwithstanding the 22.2 percent drop in the Nasdaq of the year, he finds most tech stocks still too pricey.

"There are stock-by-stock opportunities. They're picky, but they're very cautious to see these milles and sell-offs — and in the end it's not likely to get very far."

The Dow Jones Industrials ended the week up 26.37, or 0.3 percent, finishing at 10,212.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.75, or 0.2 percent, to close at 1,108.00.

Women band together for retirement

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — More single women in their 50s and 60s are combining their assets and skills to create a stable home for their retirement needs. A new article in the New York Times article cites several examples. One woman in her 60s built a house in rural Ohio for herself and three friends. Six friends in Nova Scotia are thinking of moving into a residence together. A contractor in Texas reports that the recently has been building houses for two women each. Orders are coming in fast.

The women join together to share chores and financial responsibility and help when either is sick, but not for romance. They are either widowed or divorced or never married.

Many sign legal documents spelling out the financial responsibilities that each one has. These are similar to prenuptial agreements, which protect both partners in a marriage if relationship sours.

Can't recall names? Try these tips

The Associated Press

It's one of the friendliest, most effective business skills: remembering a person's name. Yet many of us struggle to do so, especially when we're confronted with a constant parade of new people.

So, a few tips to help you remember from Diane Darling, the founder and CEO of Effective Networking Inc., a Boston-based firm that teaches networking skills.

- Ask the person to repeat the name if you didn't hear, or didn't understand.
- Say the name in your head, or out loud.
- Make a mental connection to someone you know with the same name.
- Spell it with a name aloud: "John with an N or without?"
- Create a connect-the-dots scenario: "In your mind's last name is Robert, think of the movie 'Bob Roberts' or the Kansas senator, Pat Roberts."

Online travel bookings take off in a new direction

Expedia, other firms target corporate accounts

By Kathy Bengen
Chicago Tribune

Nancy Garner likes that booking online travel instills "visual guilt" in employees. "When they make a reservation, they see the cost of it. Instead of just talking with an agent," said Garner, travel procurement officer at Extreme Networks, in Santa Clara, Calif. Travel manager Terry Sullio likes the ability to get nearly real-time reports on employee travel plans.

"I have a handle on pre-trip data much sooner, when I have the means to control that expense," said Sullio, of Akamai Technologies, in Cambridge, Mass.

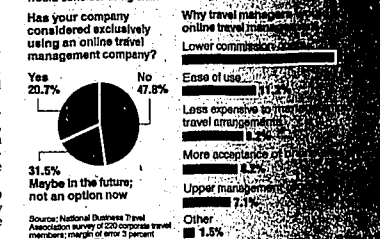
Brook-based McDonald's Corp. likes the fact that its travelers get electronic alerts if problems come up.

And Mike Berent, chief operating officer of Centrise Advisors, likes the cost center. The Chicago-based accounting firm has saved annual travel costs from \$1.7 million to \$1.3 million, or less, in the 18 months since moving to an online travel agency, he estimates.

"These companies are early converts to the use of online travel agencies for corporate travel booking and management, a trend still in its infancy. But they are expected to have

Corporate travel goes online

A survey of travel managers shows that more than half would consider using online travel agencies for their business.



lots more company, and quickly. After developing business travel products over the past year or so, online travel agencies Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz are poised to push hard in 2004 for corporate accounts. Among their selling points are booking fees as low as \$5 for transactions on customized corporate portals, and travel rates in the \$30-to-\$45 range at some traditional agencies.

"I definitely think that's the next frontier," said Jerry Galant, director of research at Huberman Financial. "Online has won the leisure travel market and the next battle is for corporate America."

Expedia and Travelocity each claim more than 1,000 corporate clients. Orbitz, but tends to

centricly traveling McDonald's domestic travel account.

"These at risk to lose market share are traditional travel agencies, whose numbers already have fallen dramatically due to industry consolidation, fallout from the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and the invasion of the online agencies into leisure travel.

"It will be the mid-size agencies that will feel it first," said Norm Rose, president of Travel Tech Consulting Inc.

"They are not going to put American Express out of business, or Carlson Wagonlit out of the picture, even though both will feel the impact," he said. "It's the whole group of second-tier, regional agencies... they are at risk."

Many such firms would beg to

differs, noting their offerings range from low-cost online booking options to concierge-level services.

"We work for a lot of law firms and companies looking for a high level of personalized service," said Judi McCarthy, vice president for sales at Bestinvest, a Chicago-based agency with close to \$100 million in annual gross sales, 85 percent coming from corporate business.

"The online travel agencies are creating very, very interesting to many companies," she said. But there can be added fees for specialized services, she includes all our services, so clients are not nickel-and-dimed later," she said.

Travel agency offices have been disappearing, their numbers down nearly 25 percent, to 24,337 in 2002, from a peak of 32,238 in 1999, according to the March 2003 data available from Travel Weekly magazine.

During the same period, online travel agencies propelled themselves onto Travel Weekly's list of top 10 travel agencies nationwide, as ranked by gross sales, with InteractiveCorp's Expedia at No. 4, Sabre Holdings' Travelocity at No. 7, and Orbitz at No. 9 in 2002.

And a lot is riding on the outcome of the coming battle: Corporate travel accounted for 41 percent, or \$49 billion, of the \$119.7 billion in travel bookings made with U.S. travel agencies in 2002, the magazine estimates. "These are three very well

known, well-funded competitors... it would be a miracle if they didn't take share," said Galant.

They have been spending heavily to build a brand presence with travelers of all sorts in the first 11 months of 2003. Expedia spent nearly \$110 million on advertising, while Orbitz spent almost \$75 million and Travelocity spent nearly \$72 million, according to TNS Media Intelligence/CM.

In contrast, American Express' related Related Services, a diverse cluster of businesses that includes the company's travel agency business, spent \$6.6 million, while Carlson Wagonlit spent nearly \$4.7 million.

"Part of the challenge for traditional agencies will be having the same kind of personal client knowledge about their diverse range of services."

"The way we compete in the U.S. mid-size to small-business market segment, we have what online agencies have and much more," said Bindu Bhatia, vice president for sales and account management at Carlson Wagonlit Travel. "So we will repackage our existing offerings, so clients can see apples to apples."

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E-filing can make taxes less taxing College: Families should know their financial options

By Eileen Ait Powell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Jennifer Scheideler filed her income taxes electronically for the first time this year and found it fast and fun.

Confined to a wheelchair with multiple sclerosis, Scheideler, 26, of New Milford, Pa., must depend on others to drive her, so "I can't just run out to the tax office," she said.

"The computer is my main outlet, and doing my 1040 online was so very convenient," Scheideler said. It is one of the growing number of taxpayers filing their federal and state returns electronically, a trend encouraged by the Internal Revenue Service because computer-prepared forms have far fewer errors than paper returns and are a welcome relief for the government to process.

Through mid-March, about two-thirds of the returns sent to the IRS were e-filed, either by telephone or computer. The 37.4 million tax returns filed by computer represent a 12 percent increase from last year's 33.3 million, the agency said.

Scheideler used H&R Block's online TaxCut product for her returns. When she had problems, she called the company, which she called the company "because they walked me through it." She said she enjoyed e-filing her tax return so much that she filed out online returns for her neighbors; they got their returns within two weeks.

A faster return is one of e-filing's appeals. Filers who have their returns directly deposited into their bank accounts can expect them within 10 days, or less than half the time for paper filers, the IRS says.

E-filing works also for those who owe taxes. They can file anytime, then mail in a check, put the amount owed on a credit card or sign up for an automatic transfer from a banking account by the April 15 deadline.

While much of the e-filing is done by professional tax preparers, there's been a 20 percent



Jennifer Scheideler, 26, sits with her son Kaleb, 6, in her home in New Milford, Pa. March 21. Scheideler, who suffers from multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair, e-filed for the first time this year, conveniently tackling her income taxes online.

increase in the number of families filing via their home computers this year, the IRS said.

"With taxes getting more complex, especially after the big legislative changes of 2001 and 2003, more people are going to professionals or using software products like ours," said Scott Gulbransen of TurboTax, which was developed by the Mountain View, Calif., software company Intuit Inc. "It just makes it easier."

E-filing tax software comes in three forms — CDs that can be purchased at retail stores, pro-

grams that can be downloaded from the Internet and programs accessed directly online.

Prices vary depending on the sophistication of the product and some require an additional fee for the actual e-filing of federal and state returns.

Intuit's Web-based TurboTax ranges in price from \$19.95 for the 1040EZ software to \$69.95 for its top of the line home and business edition. State e-filing costs \$14.95 for the EZ version and \$29.95 for the standard 1040.

H&R Block's online TaxCut software ranges in price from

\$24.95 for its "standard" program to \$79.95 for a "signature" edition that also includes a review by a tax professional.

Startup company 2nd Story Software Inc.'s TaxACT has been offering free use of its online software for those who want to prepare and print out a tax return, but it requires a payment of \$39.95 from those who want to e-file their federal forms.

Low-income families — mainly those with adjusted gross income of \$35,000 or less — and some other groups, including active-duty military and the elderly, can qualify for some free e-file programs. The IRS has a list of participating companies on its Web site at www.irs.gov.

Mark Ciaramitaro, vice president of e-solutions for H&R Block of Kansas City, Mo., said one of the attractions of e-filing is that the IRS confirms within 48 hours if the return has been accepted. He added that taxpayers can be confident their data is secure because the IRS certifies the e-filing companies, which use encryption to protect tax returns to the government.

E-filing is as secure as online banking or anything else being encrypted over the Internet, Ciaramitaro said.

E-filing of course isn't for everyone. Tax advisor David Silverman, co-author of "Taxes for Dummies," worries that some e-filers will stumble trying to decipher complex tax rules.

"If you got married, bought a house, refinanced a mortgage, exercised stock options or divorced, you'll find the e-filing gets complicated rather quickly," Silverman said. Even with help built into the e-filing software, "they (taxpayers) can make glaring errors."

He recommends that taxpayers who are unsure about a return should consider running it past a tax professional before pushing the button. "Most tax professionals are happy to do a review," Silverman said.

He added: "There's nothing wrong if you still prefer paper and pencil."

College: Families should know their financial options

By Pamela Vipe
The Dallas Morning News

With the college financial aid season under way, more students and their parents are finding that they're coming up short in paying for tuition.

Family savings, scholarships and government grants and loans aren't always enough to pay the rising cost of college tuition.

So many families are seeking out student loans in the private sector.

"We've seen it pick up substantially," said Mike Novak, director of financial aid at Southern Methodist University. "It used to be rare exceptions. Now it seems they are part of the landscape." The 2002-03 academic year isn't over yet, and already private student loans at SMU are up 25 percent over the 2001-02 academic year.

"It's pretty significant," Novak said, adding that he expects to see private loans become a bigger component unless Congress raises the borrowing ceilings on federally insured student loans.

"Private and state loan programs for students and parents began to grow in the 1980s as college prices outpaced inflation and federal aid failed to cover the difference," the College Board said in a 2002 report titled "Trends in Student Aid."

The College Board tracks the college costs and produces the Scholastic Aptitude Test that is used widely for college admissions.

The board estimated that in 2001-02, nonfederal loans exceeded \$5.5 billion, consisting of almost \$5 billion in private loans and \$634 million in state-sponsored programs.

Overall, nonfederal loans are up from \$4.1 billion a year earlier and \$1.3 billion in 1995-96.

"While the amount of non-federal borrowing is small, relative to the \$42 billion in federal education loans, it's rapid growth since 1995-1996 reflects a growing reliance on alternative methods of paying for college," the report said.

The sluggish economy and layoffs also have contributed to the situation, as some workers have returned to college.

"This private-label loan becomes that interim financing while that main wage earner is trying to get hooked back to employment," Novak said.

Tuition and fees at four-year public colleges soared an average of 9.6 percent this year.

according to the College Board. It was the largest annual increase in a decade.

Room-and-board costs at four-year public colleges rose an average of 6 percent.

At four-year private colleges, tuition and fees were up an average 5.8 percent, while room-and-board expenses were up an average 4.6 percent.

Gathering up the money to pay for it all involves a maze of options.

First, search out grants and scholarships. Check out fraternal organizations in your area, as well as trade groups representing the occupation your child wants to enter after graduation.

If your child excels in a sport, he or she may be eligible for an athletic scholarship. The college's financial aid office is a good repository of information.

Second, exhaust all your options under the federally backed student loan program.

"What we try to do is encourage all of our borrowers to exhaust all those options first because it is going to be a little bit more expensive with private loans," said Staci Schiller, product manager for Wells Fargo Education Finance Services, a subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Co.

Finally, if you need more money, consider a private loan. But borrow prudently.

"Think, 'Once I get out of college, this is something that I'm going to have to repay,'" Schiller said. "Don't borrow more than you can repay."

Many lenders offer private student loans, and the terms vary.

Because the government doesn't guarantee these loans, lenders assume a greater risk, so the interest rates and fees are generally higher than those for federal student loans.

What rates and fees you pay depends a lot on your credit history, your co-borrower's credit history. Most students applying for a private loan will have to have a co-signer.

Most private loans have a variable rate and an interest rate cap, which means the cost of a specific percentage will fluctuate up or down as you're repaying the loan. You want the lowest rate with the lowest cap.

Better yet, seek out private loans with fixed rates. If the rate varies, ask how often it will change.

As always, it pays to shop around.

So what if this happens to you? How to someone you know? Here are a few tips for what to do when you're shocked by a sudden layoff:

- Talk to those closest to you.
- Don't squelch sadness, anger or betrayal.
- Try to get a purchase or a last-second trip, even if you feel you deserve it.
- After a few days, get your resume current and start your work hunt as your new, full-time job.

Individual policy may be your best insurance

By Anuradha Ragunathan
The Dallas Morning News

When Dwight Hill was starting a family a couple of years ago, he bought life insurance that was offered through his company. Then he bought an individual policy with the insurance policy.

When he landed a position as a manager at Deloitte, he declined his new employer's offer of a group policy.

Instead, he bought an individual policy in the private market and has his premiums locked in for 20 years, regardless of whether he changes jobs again.

"In today's economy, with all the uncertainty, we wanted to have the stability of that insurance plan," said Hill, 37, who has a wife, Sharon, and a 2-year-old daughter, Johanna. "We do pay more, but we feel that those costs are offset by the comfort that we know we'll have this for 20 years."

As layoffs continue to plague the economy, many consumers are opting for the safety that an individual life insurance policy can offer.

They don't want to be in a situation where they might lose their job, their policy and their insurability all at once — because of a health condition they may have developed in the interim.

Nationwide, the number of individual policies is growing much faster than group policies. The number of individual life policies rose from 166.1 million in 2001 to 190.2 million in 2002, according to the American Council of Life Insurers' fact book for 2003.

Meanwhile, group policies

held by employees or association members grew only marginally, from 163.1 million in 2001 to 163.8 million in 2002.

But whether you choose an individual policy or a group policy, now is a good time to buy life insurance.

Rates have dropped because of the increase in life expectancy.

But as with any financial decision, everyone's situation is different, and you have a lot of questions to answer:

First, you must decide whether you really need life insurance.

Considerations include your life stage, dependents, extent of income that you want to replace, and whether your spouse works.

Typically, life insurance is needed to replace the income that would be lost because of the untimely death of an earning member of a family.

It helps to pay off mortgages or meet obligations such as a child's education.

If you decide you need life insurance, the next big decision is whether you want a group policy, such as one offered through your employer, or an individual policy.

The advantage with group insurance is that it doesn't require any medical tests. This is particularly suitable for older consumers who have serious health conditions.

"In a group situation, they'll take anyone that's employed — the healthy, the unhealthy and the marginally healthy," Woods said.

The other advantage is that group coverage for people who are not healthy might cost less than what they can

find individually.

Also, since the billing is done for the entire group, discounts apply.

But check whether the policy has a portability clause that allows you to take your policy with you if you leave your employer.

Some policies have clauses that let you convert a group policy into an individual policy. But it will be more costly than the group coverage because it is billed separately.

Individual policies overcome shortcomings in a group policy. If you're reasonably healthy, you can pay 20 percent to 50 percent less than the group cost. Plus you can lock in the rates for a longer period of time," said Alan Goldfarb, a certified financial planner and director of financial strategies at Weaver and Tidwell Financial Advisors Ltd. in Dallas.

Also, with individual policies, you can choose between a term policy and a permanent life policy. Group policies, on the other hand, are always term policies.

Permanent policies, also known as cash-value policies, offer a combination of insurance and investment.

But they are costlier and more complex.

Yet another advantage with individual policies is that they come on your terms. You decide the company you want to go with and whom to buy it from.

But you have to go through the medical underwriting process, with blood tests and urinalysis.

And if you are a smoker or have a history of high blood pressure or diabetes, your rates

can be high.

As always, check the ratings of the company, before you choose.

Look at ratings from A.M. Best Co. or Weiss Ratings Inc.

Tips on how to buy a policy

If you are shopping for life insurance, go with an agent or financial planner you already know. Some homeowners and auto agents also sell life insurance. You also can ask family and friends, or check out the following:

- **Internet:** You can get quotes for term life insurance on sites such as www.aacounty.com or www.quotesmills.com or www.term4sale.com.

SOURCES: Consumer Federation of America

Ask these questions to determine your life insurance needs:

- **Do you need it?** Only if someone you care about will need extra money after you die.
- **Do you want term or cash-value?** If you want to separate investments from your life insurance policy, choose term.
- **Individual or group?** Those in good health may be better off in an individual policy.
- **How much?** It depends on the income you're trying to replace and the length of time that income will be needed.
- **Which insurer?** Choose one with strong ratings from firms such as A.M. Best and Weiss Ratings.

SOURCE: Dallas Morning News research.

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They weren't the cool kids in school, either: Only 4 percent said they were very popular. The most, 69 percent, described themselves as unpopular.

As for motivation, almost half (43 percent) cited fear, followed by power, for 22 percent. Only 7 percent of the CEOs said they were motivated by money.

The survey was conducted for New York-based Jericho Communications, which is publishing a book from the findings, "Leadership Secrets of the World's Most Successful CEOs."

— compiled from wire reports

Watch your credit scores with these handy tips

Reducing debt and cleaning up your balance sheet are important steps toward financial health, but don't go overboard.

That could leave you with a low credit score, which could hurt you when you apply for a loan or mortgage in the future, according to Houston-based Money Management International, a credit and debt counseling nonprofit.

Other actions MMI warns against include:

- Closing old accounts. It might seem smart to end accounts you never use, but this can shorten your credit history, which lowers your credit score.

Money in brief

- Avoiding all debt: No credit history at all is nearly as harmful as a shabby one. When lenders have no way to judge how you'd handle a loan, they're leery.
- Co-signing for a loan. You may want to help a friend or relative, but there's no upside in this for your credit score. You assume all the risk for the primary borrower's actions, with zero reward.
- Assuming there's a grace period. Even a payment one day late is still late and can

lower your score.

• Rate shopping: Too many loan inquiries also hurts a score.

CEOs spent childhood reading, feeling unpopular

Successful chief executives apparently had some bookish childhoods.

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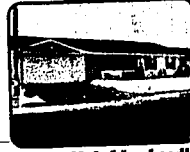


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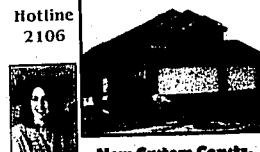


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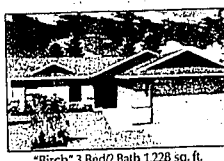
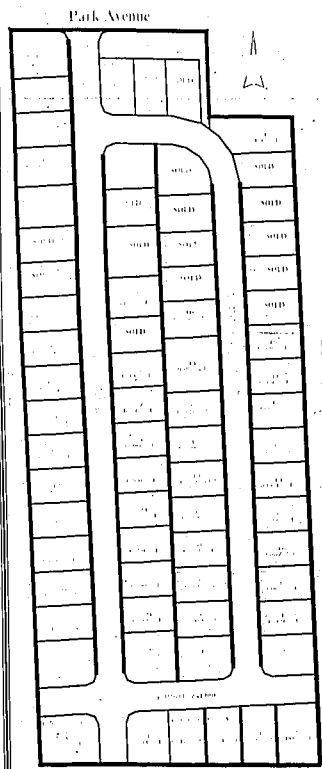
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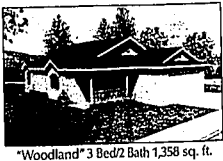
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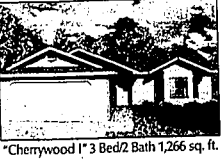
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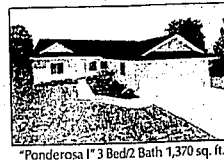
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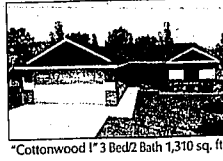
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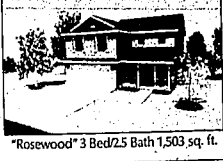
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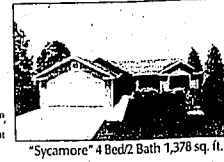
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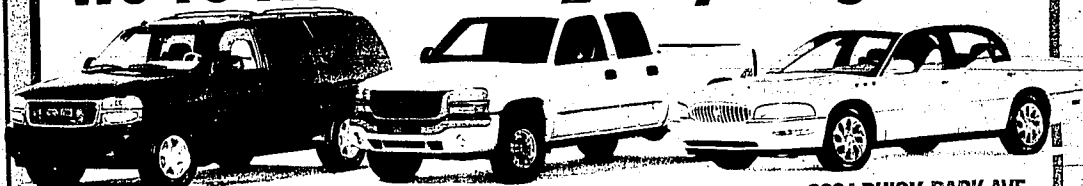
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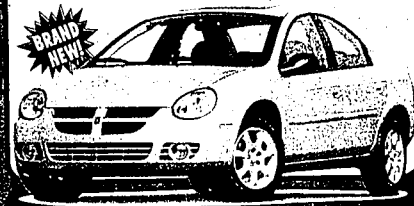
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
530 Shoshone St. W.

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed green salad, french bread, dessert
Tuesday: Cube steak, fried potato w/ onion, cob of corn, coleslaw, bread, strawberry and bananas

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, wings, potato salad, vegetable, bread, jell-o, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Quilting
Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Wednesday: Quilting
Elks Card Club
Foot Clinic
Exercise class

West End Senior Center
Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Monday: Turkey Dinner
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, peas and carrots, jell-o salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Hot roast sandwich, veggie salad, dessert
Activities:
Monday: Buffet, 1 p.m.
BJ & Friends
Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Crafts 1-4 p.m.
Tax assistance, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Monday: Chicken Casserole

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Hamburger, pie, cottage cheese, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy,

pickled beets, fruit, peanut butter bars
Wednesday: Finger steaks, curly potatoes, California blend veggies, jell-o fruit, lemon bars
Thursday: Beef stew, biscuits, fruit, bread pudding
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, fruit salad, banana cream pie
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Gem State Fiddlers, noon
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: April Fools Day
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, corn, coleslaw, dessert, cooks choice
Wednesday: Salad bar, rolls and apricots
Friday: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, peaches, cookie
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts 11 a.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Lemon pepper cod, augratin potatoes, steved tomatoes, plums, french bread, cookie
Tuesday: Barbecue ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, three-bean salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, brussels sprouts, applesauce
Thursday: Smoked sausage, potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut, plums, roll, apple crisp
Activities:
Monday: Mexican train, 2 p.m.
Monday: Pool, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridges, 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10:15 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Pool, 3:30 a.m.
Luna Koonce, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.

Hand and foot, 2 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Art Guild, 1 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Monday: Chicken and dumplings, Waldorf salad, banana cream dessert
Wednesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, carrots, blueberry pie
Friday: Broccoli soup

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden

Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.
Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, cake, ice cream, fruit, roll
Thursday: Pizza
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Pizza, 6-7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Tuesday: Pepper steak, copper pennies, steamed rice, applesauce, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Turkey salad sandwich, vegetable soup, banana cream pie
Friday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, green salad, sugar cookies, peas
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

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

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Monday: Turkey breast, baked beans, copper penny carrots, potato salad, birthday cake, ice cream
Thursday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, corn bread, peach pie

Blaine Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken, deviled eggs, pasta salad, corn jugged, Mediterranean veggies, stuffing, coconut pie
Wednesday: Pork chops and stuffing, buttered corn, squash mixture w/ onions, biscuits, strawberry fluff salad, Swiss chocolate pie
Friday: Baked lemon chicken, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, asparagus spears, ambrosia, strawberry shortcake
Activities:
Tuesday: Reflexology, 9:30 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Tax assistance, 9 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Beef stew w/ carrots, steamed cabbage, hot sliced apples w/ cinnamon, roll
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Scandinavian mixed veggies,

fruit, bread
Thursday: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, California mixed veggies, carrot cake, bread
Activities:
Today: Chicken dinner/sundae bar fund-raiser
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Crafts, 5-8 p.m.
Friday: Free tax Gooding breakfast
Free tax help, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50, children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, fruit
Wednesday: Cook's surprise
Friday: Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, bananas, apple crisp
Activities:
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tax preparation by appt.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday: Art class
Quilting, 1-3 p.m.
Friday: Quilting
Pool
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.-noon

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday: Assorted salad, sloppy joes, tater tots, peas, pudding
Tuesday: Tossed salad, baked potato bar, rolls, ice cream
Wednesday: Carrot salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggies, pudding

Thursday: Macaroni salad, finger steaks, frites, veggie, Texas toast, cake
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley

Monday: Barbecue ribs, cheddar potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, salad, lazy daisy cake
Tuesday: Chicken rice soup, cinnamon roll, carrot celery sticks, fruit, pudding
Wednesday: Meat loaf, baked potato bar, cream corn, hard roll, strawberry jell-o, cookie
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Fish
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons
Night pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.



'It's hard being a toddler,' says 'The Happiest Toddler on the Block' author Dr. Harvey Karp, interacting with one at Douglas Park in Santa Monica, Calif.

Deciphering the world of toddlers

Los Angeles Times

It's a beautiful spring morning, and Dr. Harvey Karp, dressed in a vest and a blue polka-dot tie, steps into a park in Santa Monica, Calif., like a strolling urban anthropologist. "Come into my time machine," he says, as he crosses from a world of cars and coffee into a world of seesaws, slides and sandboxes. "Dial back 20,000 years."
Karp is taking a curious adult on a tour of an ancient jungle world, speaking a primitive tongue with its playground natives. He points to a 13-month-old boy standing uncertainly in the sand by a slide. "There's one, in the red pants," he says. "His cerebellum is not fully developed. He has a wide stance; his hands are up. He is very chimpanzee. Chimps walk for 15 feet, then get back

down on all fours." Which the boy does.
Then Karp zooms in on a 3-year-old girl by the picnic table in a pink sun hat, who fills her small backpack with toys. "She's a villager," he says. "She is very sequencing." She is also willing to share and barter, he says. She is cooperative and aware of social hierarchies. And over there, look on the sandbox. Karp spots a "Neanderthal" who's able to whack with precision and use primitive tools (such as a plastic shovel).
Karp became something of a cult figure with new parents two years ago when he wrote "The Happiest Baby on the Block." Now the Santa Monica pediatrician and professor of pediatrics at UCLA School of Medicine is back with a new book, "The Happiest Toddler on the Block." Please see TODDLER, Page 5

Simply For Seniors

For The Record

by Ronda Addy

When you reach a certain age and do something different than others your age, you should get some sort of recognition. The Guinness Book of World Records Web site recognizes these seniors for their amazing accomplishments.

Jeanne Louise Calment of France was born on February 21, 1875, and died 122 years later on August 4, 1997, making her the oldest person ever. At the age of 85, Calment took up fencing and was still riding a bicycle at 100. At the age of 114, she portrayed herself in the film, *Vincent and Me*, becoming the oldest actress ever in film.

George Cukor directed his 50th and final film, *Rich and Famous*, at the age of 81. Cukor, began his career in 1930 with the film, *Grumpy*. Over the years he directed such films as *Little Women* in 1933, *The Philadelphia Story* in 1940 and *A Star is Born* in 1954.

At the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Oscar Swahn, a member of the Running Deer shooting team, became the oldest Olympic Gold medal winner. Swahn was 64 years old.

Who says you have to be young to do great things? These individuals represent just some of the amazing things people can accomplish, no matter what their age.

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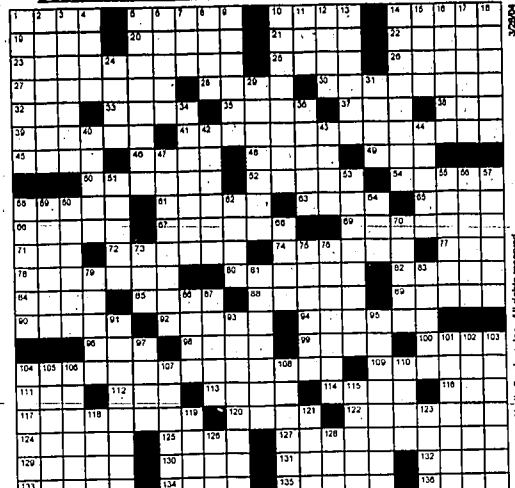
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Many teachers seem to believe work should be above scrutiny

It seems I've gone and done it again - infuriated some people, that is. In this case, the people are mostly public school teachers.



PARENTING John Rosemond

One teacher reported being so enraged as to be shaking as she responded to a column of several weeks past in which I asked: Are public school teachers, on average, becoming increasingly lazy or increasingly dedicated and sacrificing? It would appear that merely asking the question is politically incorrect, and that a good number of teachers believe they are components of a holy trinity that should be off limits to taxpayer scrutiny. A significant number of educators who responded said that the column was "damaging to teacher morale," "insulting," that it "played into the hands of irresponsible parents," and like, "Mind you, of the approximately 200 letters and e-mails received from angry educators, not one offered evidence that I was wrong when I stated: 'The 17 years of meddling by teacher unions and the incorporation of various "progressive" philosophies have resulted in a public education system that rewards mediocrity in both student and teacher.'"

Some, including the superintendent of an Ohio district, were unable to offer anything more intellectually challenging than ad hominem attacks. (Overall, public school teachers disgraced by 6-to-1 vote were everyone else agreed by 9-to-1.)

That the overwhelming majority of public school teachers are not lazy but rather selfless and dedicated. Nonetheless, it is certainly the case that too many public school teachers are not selfless and dedicated, but lazy. If it could be determined that one in 10 cars from a certain manufacturer stopped running after 5,000 miles, it would not matter that nine in 10 ran just fine for well over 100,000 miles - the American consumer would not buy that manufacturer's automobiles. Unfortunately, where the education of their children is concerned, most parents do not have this option. Most parents are not so fortunate that it is possible for most parents to effectively homeschool. Most parents, in other words, have no choice but to send their children to public schools. Therefore, the obvious solution lies in seeing to it that all parents, no matter their individual circumstances, have choices where the education of their children is concerned. Teachers unions do not like that idea. Why? Because it just might put them out of business. I cannot do justice to these issues in one or two columns; therefore, I have dedicated a page on my Web site at www.rosemond.com for the specific purpose of continuing this fascinating dialogue. If you wish to join in, simply click on "Holy Cows" in the menu.

The evidence in favor of my critique - including testimony from a good number of teachers - abounds, but (as many respondents pointed out) the problems in America's public schools don't begin and end with teachers.

I was told by some teachers that I have no right to criticize the classroom. Notwithstanding that I taught full time for a year and part time for several years after, it's an interesting argument, by which reasoning one has no right to criticize the president unless he was once the president.

I was accused of over-generalizing. That was interesting because in the first paragraph of the column in question, I clearly state that not all teachers fit any one description, that they are not all begin and end with the norm was headed. I'm reasonably certain, in fact.

It is also fitting to indict par-

New products make it better than ever to be a pet parent

As more and more people consider their pet a member of the family, new situations arise that our parents and their parents before them didn't have to deal with.



THE BOND Marty Becker

We now need to make sure our pets are potty trained or have a sanitary place to "do" since a vast majority of them stay in the home during the day. We want to make sure they have a comfortable place to sleep in our house. We need to make sure they're safe in the car and welcome in the hotel as so many of them travel with us. We want to make sure they receive proper care and nutrition and live as long and healthy a life as possible. We want them to get plenty of exercise and enjoy fun toys and activities.

Fortunately, human ingenuity is making "pet parenting" more convenient and enjoyable than ever before. Creative innovations have resulted in hundreds of new products that range from convenient, nutritional, and safe to useful, fun, and pampering.

When it comes to safety, there have been some great advances. A product that demonstrates this is the new PetMinder. This electronic collar system comes with a collar, a portable monitor device that alerts you if your dog leaves his protective area. Like a beeper system, the PetMinder helps keep your dog safe in his yard or home. The collar also emits a bright flashing light and a loud beeping sound when he leaves his protective area. Like a beeper system, the PetMinder helps keep your dog safe in his yard or home. The collar also emits a bright flashing light and a loud beeping sound when he leaves his protective area.

The latest and greatest of these new products were unveiled last week in New Orleans at the world's largest pet products trade show. The APNMA Show (American Pet Products Manufacturers Association) Show. I have compiled a few of the 500+ new products soon to hit store shelves that are sure to bring even more joy to the art of pet parenting.

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There is a plethora of new products that make it easier than ever to keep your pets clean. You can wipe your dog's paws clean before he tracks dirt, mud and water into your home and car with the Spotless Paw Dog Paw Cleaning Glove by BrightSpot Solutions. Made with microfiber, the six-fingered glove attracts dirt like a magnet without soap or water (www.spotlesspaw.com).

Another cleaning product

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Aries: Your desires interfere with work

IF MARCH 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you've learned to be more cautious and less headstrong this past year, but you should still take these lessons to heart for a few more months. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You may have an itch for greener pastures, and wanderlust may interfere with your work. Your companions may be edgy and easily take offense today. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Someone close may be unable to settle into routines. After today, the stars are shining brightly for those who wish to begin new relationships or make ties permanent. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may need to turn off your nervous energy or have the urge for a change of scene. People may be abrupt and abrasive, and refuse to take orders. CANCER (June 21-July 23): This won't be your best day by any means. You could get news of a sudden change of opinion that casts a cloud over your mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Friends might be somewhat arbitrary or eccentric and try your patience. You may consider a change in direction at the last minute if so, you will regret it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Friends may check you out with arguments that erupt without any apparent reason. It is best to let those closest to you do what they wish for now. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today may hold some surprises, and you may be challenged by the opinions of co-workers or relatives. Things will smooth out greatly by tomorrow, so take aggravations in stride and exude patience and forbearance. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The urge to experiment with new and different things may

be more tempting than usual. Your idea-of-what can be fun might shock less adventurous souls. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those you usually care most about may be more independent today and abruptly change their mind. Give your loved ones a free rein to do whatever they wish for the time being. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Innovations may be had, but expect frequent interruptions, and your nerves could be on edge tomorrow, everything will smooth out and be less frantic. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could feel highly competitive and be at odds with friends. A belligerent attitude will merely add to the difficulties. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): If you feel compelled to take action today, you may land in hot water or be put at a distinct disadvantage. Flaunting conceit can create the wrong impression and needlessly stir up trouble.

Horoscope by Jeraldine Saunders

Girlfriend's critical remarks could end couple's relationship

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have been a couple for almost two years and have been living together for two months. We rented a house so it would be "our" home, and neither of us would feel that we had moved in on the other. At first, we split all the chores. She likes to cook. I like to clean; she did the laundry. I did the yardwork. Now she doesn't do anything at all. I find myself doing all the laundry, cooking, etc., which to tell you the truth, I don't really mind. What I do mind is her constant complaints about the way I do things. She implies that I am incompetent, yet she won't lift a finger. In the morning before work, if I am busy doing chores and paying bills, she complains that I'm not spending enough time with her. But when I stop, she only wants to watch TV. When I try to talk to her about it, she yells and storms off. It is possible to fall out of love with someone over things like this? Or am I just dissatisfied? When I look at her, I don't feel that twinge of excitement anymore.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law gave my daughter a beautiful antique desk a few months ago. I was there at the time, and both of us thanked her for the generous gift. My mother says I was rude for not sending a thank-you card for the gift. What is the proper etiquette when someone receives a gift and thanks the giver in person? Is an additional written thank-you card called for?

DEAR CONCERNING: In addition to thanking the giver in person, a handwritten note is the proper way to show gratitude for a gift. It doesn't have to be long and flowery - only heartfelt! However, the person who receives the gift should write the note - and that's your daughter, not you.

DEAR HURTING: Men who ask the question are often insecure. An emotionally mature man would have respected your privacy and not insisted. The next time he brings up your

Pinocle

Continued from E1 Stone's club plays for a modest pot - \$5 a head - and chips in a little more to reward the champion at the end of each year. There are also potlucks, parties and what amounts to family gatherings. Sometimes, they even let their husbands play. "It's a different game with the

men," Stone said. "They bid much more aggressively than long-standing pinocle clubs and competitors in south-central Idaho. The Sojourners, a Twin Falls-based Welcome Wagon-style organization disbanded recently after 30 years, but members still meet regularly to play pinocle. And the game is a staple at fraternal lodges. "It's a game you can play and visit at the same time," Stone said. And dream of laydown moonshooters and 1000 acres. "You can get pretty good at pinocle if you play it as long as we have," Stone said. "But you don't have to be good to play."

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Yes, it is indeed possible to fall out of love with someone who is lazy, hypercritical and impossible to please. Consider yourself fortunate to have seen this side of your girlfriend before it was too late. Frankly, you deserve better

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RICHFIELD HONORS

Richfield School announced its February award winners. The Lunch Awards went to Dana Ward, Sasha Kent, Cooper Stroberg, Victor Robles, Jared Dutcher, Cody Jones, Matthew Ellis, Pake-os Palmer, Jeffrey Henson, Cristina Kent and Jose Rivas.



Photo courtesy of Richfield School

The third-grade Math Achievement Awards are for the third graders who know their times tables up to the 12s. They are Matthew Durand, Sarah Brownlee, Danielle Edwards, Lindsay Maynard, Jari Twitchell, Isaac Davis and Diana Rodriguez. Not pictured are the Super Student Awards winners: Shelby King, Danielle Edwards, Taylor Branch, Victoria Pomparau, Breanna Brockman and Joe Whitesell.



The perfect attendance student award winners are Taylor King, Ryan Swainston, Uno Rivas, Victor Robles, Cooper Stroberg, Wyatt Swainston, Destiny Schoolcraft, Dulce Cervantes, Justin Connell, Samantha Edwards, Tristan Pomparau, Sarah Brownlee, Chris Buck, Danielle Edwards, Diana Rodriguez, Kalise Scott, Jari Twitchell, Michaela Edwards, Tandra Godin, Chalayne Hennings, Shea Leguineche, Ben Robles, Halsen Workman, Breanna Gillard, Meghan Jamison, Kenny Pomparau, Breanna Brockman, Katelyn Brownlee, Dan Durand, Shane Granden, Ben Hodge, Miriam Rivas, Dana Ward, Brittany Johnson, Victoria Hettenbach, Stevy Bagley, Jose Rivas, Matthew Ellis, Michael Lezami, James Ross and Joe Whitesell.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Destiny Patricia Gutierrez, daughter of Feina Patricia Barbona of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 10, 2004.
Adyson Kelly Sawyer, daughter of Kyla Jane and Bradley Scott Sawyer of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 16, 2004.
Macardi Cora Marie Park, daughter of Whitnie Ann and Gregory Philip Park of Wendell, was born Thursday, March 18, 2004.
Emma Ann Iara, daughter of Lisa Ann and Clifford Baldwin Bowditch Iara of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 18, 2004.
Otho Dyllon Savage, son of Amy Marie and Otho Michael

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born Saturday, March 20, 2004.
Slego Agustín Gonzalez, son of Melinda Maria Gonzalez of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 21, 2004.
Tara Madison Hawkins, daughter of Renee Ann and Terry Lee Gavlings of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 21, 2004.
Shelblynn Leona Ross, daughter of Chelsea Dawn and Dustin Dwight Ross of Filer, was born Monday, March 22, 2004.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Kera Jean Huntsman, daughter of Gary Huntsman and Jasmine McClure of Jerome, was born Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

Savage of Jerome was born Thursday, March 18, 2004.
Carter Michael Casten, son of Heidi Clintonia and Michael Thomas Casten of Hagenman, was born Friday, March 19, 2004.
Arthur Avery Scott, son of Janine Ross and Marvin Eugene Scott of Hansen, was

SERVICE NEWS

Turley graduates from Army combat training

Army Pvt. Joseph E. Turley has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Turley is the son of Gene and Carol Turley of Twin Falls. He graduated in 2000 from Twin Falls High School.

Thompson returns to Italy after deployment

Army Pfc. Michael J. Thompson has returned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy, after completing a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with additional participation in Operation Northern Delay. The multiple operations missions of the brigade paratroopers included seizing the city of Kirkuk, the northern oil fields and several military airfields, thousands of enemy weapons and explosives, millions of dollars worth of terrorist funds and defeated organized military resistance and arrested hundreds of terrorist and former regime loyalists.

Thompson is an airborne paratrooper with two years of military service. He is the son of Brenda L. Thompson of Twin Falls. The private is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Husband and wife duo serve in Turkey

Air Force Staff Sgt. Eric A. Larson and Aliff 1st Class Angela L. Larson, a husband and wife team, have arrived for duty at Incirlik Air Base, Adana, Turkey. Eric, a fuels craftsman with the 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron, has five years of military service. His parents are C. Alan Larson of Kimberly and Kathy M. Cavese of St. George, Utah. He is a 1998 graduate of Kimberly High School.

Angela, a medical technician with the 39th Medical Squadron, has two years of military service. Her parents are Rebecca J. Lough of Susanville, Calif., and Lance E. Swinney of Janesville, Calif. She is a 2001 graduate of Lassen High School in Susanville.

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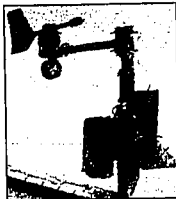
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Student poster wins weather station for elementary school

TWIN FALLS — A safety poster, created by Britney Quinton, a sixth-grader at Morningside Elementary School, won the grand prize for a weather safety contest sponsored by Outback Steakhouse and the Weather Channel. The prize was a complete wireless weather station with PC interface for the school. Students at Morningside entered the poster contest after receiving Project SafeSide Weather Safety activity books and contest rules. Britney's

poster showing safety measures during a lightning storm with a lightning bolt made of aluminum foil won over others across the country. Principal Dennis Sontus said. The winning poster also entitled Britney, her classmates, principal and their teacher, Deena Reeves, to a free class lunch at the local Outback Steakhouse. Project SafeSide is a program developed by the Weather Channel and American Red Cross to help children and their



families plan and prepare for severe weather emergencies.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI Mini-Cassia Center offers three new courses

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center has space available in three new four-week classes. "Writing for Therapy" will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays starting April 7. Students will have an opportunity to benefit from the writing experience of a skilled educator who they are writing to get it off their chest or to record history for future generations, CSI says. "Photography Overview" will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays starting April 6. Students will learn the basics of photography. "Conversational Spanish" will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays starting April 8. Students will learn language skills and vocabulary they can use everyday. Each class costs \$40. Classes have limited enrollment and early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, call 678-1400.

CSI offers home-buying course next month
 TWIN FALLS — The College of

Southern Idaho and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. are offering a two-part home-buying course from 6-10 p.m. April 12 and April 19 in the Taylor Building, room 276. The cost is \$10 and includes a training manual and expert speakers. Completion of the course may help participants qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance or other special lender programs. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Penny Johnson at 732-6297.

Buhl winter night book talks end April 8
BURLEY — The Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., will end its "Winter Nights Exciting with Book Talks" series at 7:15 p.m. April 8 at the library. Jean Dudley will discuss "The Ladies Auxiliary" by Tova Mirvis. Mirvis' book is set in an Orthodox Jewish community in Memphis, Tenn., when a free-spirited person moves in and brings a new light into town. Mother and daughter relationships are challenged and ques-

tions of family versus self, religious freedom versus personal revelation and tugs between the past and the future. "The Ladies Auxiliary" is available for check-out at the library. For more information, call 543-6500.

Buhl resident celebrates 80th birthday Saturday

BUIHL — Bud Hill of Buhl will celebrate his 80th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. His friends and family are hosting the event.

FOP Lodge 22 hosts Easter egg hunt, lunch
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 22 is hosting an Easter egg hunt and lunch at noon Sat-



Left, Morningside teacher Deena Reeves shows part of a wireless weather station that one of her students, Britney Quinton, won for the school. Far left, the station is attached outside the school.

Photo courtesy of Deena Reeves

Bruneau Sand Dunes offers science programs

BRUNEAU — Visitors to the Bruneau Sand Dunes Observatory, south of Mountain Home, are invited to participate in science programs in the multimedia theater April 2-3. Auditors can bring questions about astronomy and space exploration for discussion. Weather permitting, there will be viewing of Jupiter and Saturn. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the program starting at 7:15. Admission is \$3 for adults, children under age 6 are free. There is a \$4 motor vehicle entrance. For more information, call (208) 366-7919.

Buhl grad needs donations for treatment

TWIN FALLS — Brad Ross, a 1999 Buhl High School graduate, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia and is starting treatment with a month-long hospital stay. An account has been set up for Ross at Farmers National Bank. Donations can be dropped off at any of the branches. For more information or updates on his progress, call Brent

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Mary Time Club meets April 6, holds activities

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club will meet at 2 p.m. April 6 at the home of Gladwin Theener. Members are asked to bring canned food. Roll call is a household hint or anything. The club met March 2 at the

home of Ross Crawford, with co-hosts Marie Webb. Fourteen members attended and thanked secret pals for cards. The white elephant was won by Dorothy Stroud. Roll Call was March wind, poems, St. Patrick's Day and memories about the club, which was started 55 years ago by Mary Williams, Ruth Abel and Florence Sheridan. A husband supper was held Feb. 22 at the Curry Cafe with 119 members were present.

Shoshone schedules kindergarten registration

SHOSHONE — Kindergarten registration for Shoshone Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 8 and from 9-11:30 a.m. April 9 at 61 E. Highway 24. Parents should bring a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization records and have a physical completed by their doctor. An academic screening will be done at registration time, so children will need to be present. For more information, call 886-7643, ext. 2019 or ext. 2079.

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FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

HANSEN-CROSSLEY

BURLEY - David and Alice Hansen of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaisa Hansen, to Chad Crossley, son of Jack and Debbie Crossley of Pittsburgh, Pa.



Kaisa Hansen and Chad Crossley

Hansen is a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; she is teaching Dutch at the LDS Mission Training Center in Provo and also teaches piano.

Crossley is a graduate of BYU in sports medicine and plans to attend medical school.

The wedding is planned for Friday, April 2, in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held April 2 at the Alpine Stake Center in Utah. A second reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the King Fine Arts Center lobby, 2100 Panke Ave., Burley. A dance will follow from 9 to 10 p.m. at the same location. An open house will be held April 30 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

TADY-ALLEN

KIMBERLY - Leah Tady and Chad Allen were married March 18 in the Nauvoo LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Mary Tady of Kansas City, Kan.



Leah and Chad Allen

The bridegroom is the son of Kent and Renee Allen of Kimberly.

A reception was held in their honor March 20 at the home of the bride's parents.

An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center.

THE WILLIAMSES

TWIN FALLS - Charles "Chuck" and Remigia "Meegle" Williams will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls.

Williams and Remigia Ehrmantraut were married March 11, 1954.



Charles and Remigia Williams

He retired from Smith's Food King in January where he worked for 45 years. She has never retired from hosting family gatherings.

They have seven children, Charles Williams, Lenny (Elizabeth) Williams and Denise (Rick Price), all of Boise; Christy (Ron Erick, Vincent (Shelly) Williams and Lita (Dave) Orton, all of Twin Falls, and Gregg (Ken) Williams of Roy, Utah.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren with one on the way.



WEDDINGS

ANNIVERSARY

PAMPARAU-JOHNSON

RICHFIELD - Kyanne Nadalia Pamparau and David Lars Johnson were married Feb. 14 at the Richfield LDS Church.



Kyanne and David Johnson

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Judith Bement of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Lynn and Judith Johnson of Dietrich.

Bishop Charles Tree officiated the ceremony. Scott Anderson played "Unchained Melody."

Victoria Pamparau, mother of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Leah Tady, LaNora Pokorney and Amanda Allen, friends of the bride. Olivia Pamparau, daughter of the bride and groom, was the flower girl.

Kenny Pamparau, son of the bride, served as the best man. Groomsmen included Jeff Day, Ryan Dilworth, Gabe Riley and Scott Anderson, friends of the groom. Tristen Pamparau, son of the bride, was an usher. Kelson Pamparau, son of the bride, was the ringbearer.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Richfield LDS Church.

Kenneth Pamparau, son of the bride, Colton Reed, nephew of the groom, and Bart Reed, brother-in-law of the groom, served at the reception. Noah Pamparau, son of the bride, attended the guests book.

The bride attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed in Lincoln County.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Dietrich High School. He is employed at Glanbia Foods. The newlyweds reside in Richfield.

HOANG-O'DELL

KIMBERLY - Lan Thi Hoang and Shane Patrick O'Dell were married Feb. 9 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kimberly.



Lan and Shane O'Dell

The bride is the daughter of Ton Hoang and Nhan Tran of Nam Dinh, Vietnam.

The bridegroom is the son of Sandra and Clyde O'Dell of Twin Falls.

Pastor Byron Sunderman officiated the ceremony. Wanda Sievers was the organist.

Callie O'Dell, sister of the groom, served as witness for the bride.

Clyde O'Dell, father of the groom, served as witness for the groom.

Special guest was Henry G. Sievers of Kimberly, grandfather of the groom.

The bride attended school in Nam Dinh, Vietnam.

The bridegroom is employed at Micron in Boise.

The newlyweds reside in Meridian.

Web

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pages.

Karen Rosenbaum, who runs the TIC (Technology is Cool) summer camp in Bethesda, Md., says teaching kids HTML is easy. "Even young kids can learn it in an afternoon," she says.

"The camp tries to take kids beyond HTML to the programming with JavaScript and C++." "We have a prejudice against making things too easy," she says.

Kids use their sites for all kinds of things.

Alexander Ordoobadi, 12, a sixth-grader at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, used Microsoft Front Page to design a site with graphics, music and links for the homebrewers association in Michigan where his parents have a summer place.

David Jaffe, a 15-year-old at the British School of Washington, created an anime cartoon site. He writes the words and the friend does the drawing. They get about 500 different visitors per month.

Meanwhile, Lisa Daniels spends about two hours a day on her site, updating it with new technology and answering e-mails. She has one piece of advice for kids who want to build a site. "Start out with an original idea," she says. It worked for her.

It's as if you are an ambassador from the 21st century and you have to travel back to a prehistoric time, learning the inhabitants' language. (Karp calls it "toddlerspeak.") If you do, your chimp child will turn cooperative, tantrums will cease, and a new connection between you and your child will be forged.—Indeed, Karp claims toddlers can cut tantrums by 50 percent to 90 percent. Toddlers in mid-meltdown, he says, are incapable of hearing reasoning, reassurance, or warnings until they are sure you understand what they are saying.

"The best way to talk to an out-of-control toddler, he says, is to repeat back what he wants before you tell him what you want. (He calls this the Food Rule: When you order fast food, the clerk repeats back your order.) This requires short phrases and repetition, as well as exaggerated facial expressions and a passionate tone of voice.

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Kyle D., a first-year professor of child psychiatry and nursing at the Yale University School of

Toddler

Medicine and author of "Fatherned," says Karp has broken new ground with his ideas on how to handle toddlers.

"It is an idea that a lot of us have used in teaching medical students how to understand young children," said. Priet. "But it has not been used that way with parents. I think that is creative and original. When you try to use the toddlers' language to legitimize what they are feeling, they feel very reassured. They think, 'My God, I'm not in a foreign country. They understand me.'"

Karp, 52, has a beard and intense, lively blue eyes. He excels at coining catchy phrases and isn't afraid to use the media ("Good Morning America," "Dr. Phil") to spread his message. But beneath his salesmanship lies a true passion for revolutionizing the way we view small children.

He's already tutoring some parents in toddlers. Miriam Booky has two boys, Leo, 7 1/2, and Jack, 3 1/2. "Their words were throwing tantrums, beating each other, pulling hair and biting. Sometimes Leo would arch his back and bang his head against the floor in out-of-control anger.

Karp spent several weeks coaching Booky. Once she incorporated toddlerspeak, she said, there was an immediate change.

"At first my son was in shock," she said. "I was in his face on my knees, talking like a Neanderthal. You could tell he thought, 'What is Mommy doing?' Then he started, and there was this understanding that 'I was connecting.'"

"It's hard being a toddler," he explains. "You are smaller everywhere I am speaking in a more primitive language because he doesn't speak my language."

But can toddlers be taught? Karp insists it can. Parents who have learned it say it works—and yes, it is entertaining.

"You look really silly," said Booky. "You have to have no shame... You can't be self-conscious when you are speaking to toddlers."

released this month by Bantam Books. Rather than a cerebral or psychological approach to child rearing, both books emphasize a "physical" behavioral approach. The first, which sold 200,000 copies, detailed five techniques for calming colicky babies and introduced phrases like "the fourth trimester" into the parenting lexicon.

The new book counsels parents on how to get through the terrible twos and also deals much more broadly with toddlers and how to communicate with them. Karp posits that toddlers are cavemen. For the first four years, he suggests, it would be better to think of your child as a "chimpanzee" (12 to 18 months), a "Neanderthal" (18 to 24 months), a "cave-kid" (24 to 36 months) or a "villager" (36 to 48 months). So if you really want to communicate with your child, forget talking to your adult. Instead, squat down to the child's level like a monkey and start grunting and shouting.

CAMPBELL-BARNHART

FILEL - Bob and Patsy Campbell of Filel announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Louise Campbell, to Kirk Spencer Barnhart, son of Keith and JoAnn Barnhart of Bonners Ferry.

Campbell is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a junior at Boise State University, studying in business administration. She is employed at PolySteel of Southern Idaho.

Barnhart is a 1996 graduate of Bonners Ferry High School and is a 1998 graduate of Idaho State University. He is employed at



Kirk Barnhart and Janet Campbell

Amphire Solutions as a senior analyst developer.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 3.

The couple will reside in Boise.

VOYLES-LEPARD

HALLEY - Bernice and Donna Voyles of Halley announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany A. Voyles, to David G. LePard, son of Gerald and Darlene LePard of Great Falls, Mont.

Voyles is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at First Bank of Idaho in Ketchikan.

LePard is a graduate of Charles M. Russell High School in Great Falls, Mont. He is employed at Chandlers Restaurant in Ketchikan.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 3, at St. Thomas



Tiffany Voyles and David LePard

Episcopal Church. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the church.

DODDS-VAN DE GRAAFF

TWIN FALLS - Jay and Sandy Dodds of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Kay Dodds, to Joseph Van De Graaff, son of Wayne and Vickie Van De Graaff of Woods Cross, Utah.

Dodds is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She has been attending Brigham Young University, majoring in elementary education.

Van De Graaff is a 1999 graduate of Woods Cross High School. He served a mission in Chile and will be graduating from BYU-Idaho this spring with a degree in business finance.

The wedding is planned for



Joseph Van De Graaff and Kristin Dodds

Thursday, April 1, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, in the Rick Allen Conference Room of the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

KEVAN-MOGENSEN

TWIN FALLS - Andy Kevan and Sandy Kevan, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Elizabeth Kevan, to Billy Mogensen, son of Bill and Lori Mogensen of Twin Falls.

Kevan is a graduate of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. She is employed by Campus Crusade for Christ in Pullman, Wash.

Mogensen is attending Boise State University and will graduate in May. He is employed by BSU in Boise.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the



Billy Mogensen and Angela Kevan

Twin Falls Reformed Church. A reception will be held at 3 p.m. June 12 at the church.

SAILOR-VAN ELDEREN

BURLEY - Melvin and Ramona Sailor of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lynelle Sailor, to Mark Gerald Van Elderen, son of Jerry and Donna Van Elderen of Buhl.

Sailor is a graduate of Buhl High School and the University of Idaho. She is employed at Fiddlers Ridge Nursery in Potlatch.

Van Elderen is a graduate of Buhl High School and is attending the University of Idaho. He is employed at the U of I Forge Bell



Mark Van Elderen and Katie Lynelle Sailor

search extension in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 26, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. June 26 at the Blue Rock Winery in Buhl.

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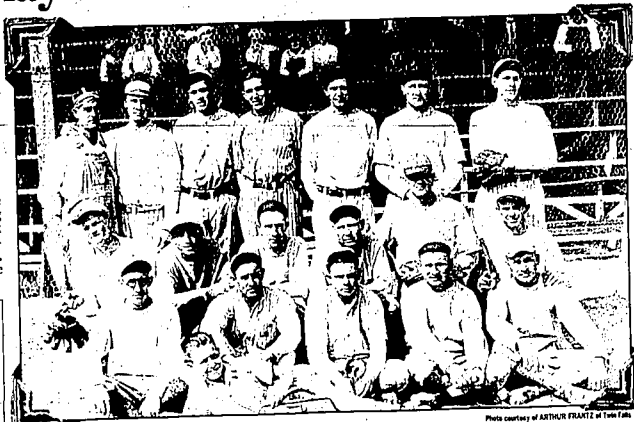
Sunday, March 28, 2004

'Irrigators' play baseball on Paul Bickel's 'potato patch'

It was a time when baseball was truly America's game. A time when men of all ages and occupations loved to take off their coats and ties, roll up their shirt sleeves and join in the fun. The major league "boys of summer" at the turn of the 20th century included such legendary figures as John McGraw and Denton T. "Cyclone" Young, of the Boston Pilgrims. It was Young who, on May 5, 1904 - about the time the town of Twin Falls was being surveyed - pitched the first perfect major-league game against Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, during a string of 44 consecutive scoreless innings.



TALES OF THE TRACT
James Varley



Above, Twin Falls Bruins, in about 1927. Manager W.W. 'Frenchy' Frantz is seated at the far left in the front row. Below, early baseball game held on Bickel ranch.

During the building of the Miller Dam, emergent baseball games had been played by the young engineers and functionaries in the area, but no team was formally organized in Twin Falls until about the time water was first turned onto the land. Readers of this column may remember John E. Hayes as the civil engineer who laid out the central part of Twin Falls, with its cock-eyed streets. In early March 1905, Hayes hung a sign-up sheet in the window of the Liberal Cigar Store - which he owned with A.N. Frankel on Main Avenue South - and began organizing a city team. The 28-year-old Hayes had caught a bit for the St. Louis Browns when he was younger. Those were the days, he would later tell his grandson, when catchers stood several bounces back of home plate and didn't move up behind the batter until after two strikes had been called. Toward the end of March the Twin Falls "Irrigators" came into

being, with Hayes as manager and Lou E. Kiersted, who worked at the Liberal, as captain. At first, there was no decent playing field, so practice was held in the street, in front of the cigar store. But in early May, Paul Bickel volunteered a piece of his land at the southeast end of Main, near what is today East Five Points. The players cleared this parcel, laid out a diamond and to raise money for equipment - held a dance in the new Odd Fellows hall, at which ladies escorted by gentlemen were admitted free. A good deal of hype in the



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

newspaper preceded the actual playing of any games. Lou Mathewson Kiersted, the Twin Falls pitcher, was said to have a repertoire of mystifying

itches that included the "Shoshone Falls drop" and the "Auger Falls twister." He had also perfected the "fit ball," which curved like the inverted siphon that carried the Lowline Canal under Rock Creek, causing a ball to throw a fit when he saw it rise suddenly in his direction. Hayes, the catcher, had made two doubles, a "triple" and a home run in a recent game in Burley. So for the Irrigators' forthcoming contest, several small boys, allegedly, would be posted in Will Perrine's pasture, next to Bickel's place, to retrieve balls when Johnny was at bat. In a similar vein, Charles Mull, a civil engineer, said he had found himself an old wagon on tongue use as a bat, and promised he would "lan the ball into the low line canal every time up."

The Irrigators' first game was played against the team from Albion, the county seat, on Saturday afternoon, May 27, 1905, at "Bickel's potato patch." Hayes returned from Burley - where he was surveying that new townsite - just in time to play. The team had invited "the handsome women of Twin

Bruins and Cowboys

Twin Falls has been home to several minor-league professional baseball teams. The first was a club called the "Bruins" that played in the Utah-Idaho League from 1926 until 1929, when the league was dissolved. The team's first manager was Carl Zamloch, a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers in 1913-14, and a teammate of Ty Cobb. The club was at first called the "Magicians" after Zamloch, a practitioner of that art. The Twin Falls "Cowboys" played in the Pioneer League from its inception in 1939 through 1971. Home games were played on a field at Hames Park, which had a grandstand, night lighting and other amenities. During its lifetime, the club was a farm team for Seattle, of the Pacific Coast League, and also for the New York Yankees.

Falls" (every lady in the city) to attend and, for the first time, cheer for the home town at an athletic contest. Patrons of the game were the ball grounds and "not tramp" through Bickel's budding orchard. The ground was loose and dusty at the beginning of the game, but a heavy rain shower laid the dust beautifully, while also putting crimps in a few of the ladies' spring hats. After all the pre-game buildup, Kiersted didn't pitch for Twin Falls. Instead, Carl Camp, who pitched from the "Cedar Draw" (left side of his anatomy, took the mound. With his blue jeans bound 'round his shoe shins with string, and his wide-brimmed straw hat "set rakishly in the direction of Rock Creek," Camp was said to look like Uncle Josh Whitcomb - a hayseed farmer in a then-popular play called "The Old Homestead." Hayes - wearing the mask and chest protector, was said to have stopped "many a wide pitch game away." Another standout was hardware store owner R.C. Snyder, who "covered about four acres in the vicinity of the narrow defunct Albion in the ninth inning, 16-15. That evening, the Albion players, whose gentlemanly demeanor had "won the respect and good will of the people of Twin Falls," were the guests of the Twin Falls club at a dance in the Old Fellows hall. More games were played, that year and the next, against the Burley "Ditch Diggers," the Filer "Blatters" and other teams from nearby towns. The home games were occasionally interrupted by a jackrabbit trespassing on the diamond. When this happened the game was temporarily forgotten while players assaulted the interloper with bats, balls and clods of dirt.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley,'" sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.



Twin Falls cigar store, probably the 'Liberal,' in about 1906. Note the liberal number of spittoons.

Author fair features homegrown books and great local literature

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While communitywide reading project Magic Valley Reads has you thinking about local literature, Magic Valley Mall invites to you buy some.

The mall is seeking local authors for a "Home Grown Author Fair," set for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 16-17.

For a \$50 fee, anyone who has written and published a manuscript, while living in Magic Valley can claim a table in the mall's center court for the two-day event, where the writer can chat with folks about the publication and sign and sell copies.

(Organizers might add a program with a few hours of readings by authors, on the afternoon of April 17.)

Magic Valley Mall had received requests recently from several authors who published local-interest books in connection with Twin Falls' centennial, the mall's Shelton Gilliland said. Instead of inviting them to the mall one at a time to sign

and sell their books, mall managers hit upon an author fair, instead.

Gilliland doesn't expect the event to be a money maker for Magic Valley Mall, as the \$50 fees will go toward advertising the event.

"My benefit is the traffic that will be generated for my regular stores," she said.

Despite the centennial tie-in, the author fair isn't for just history books.

"As a matter of fact, I hope we have a great deal of variety," Gilliland said.

By Thursday, she said, 10 or 15 authors had requested application forms.

"It's a great idea, and I'm glad that the mall is taking that on themselves," said Bonnie Lezak of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission.

Neither the commission nor Magic Valley Reads has a role in the mall's author fair.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins - working also as Centennial editor - can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

Claiming a spot

Magic Valley Mall is seeking local authors for its April 16-17 "Home Grown Author Fair."

- To sign up for a table: Visit the Magic Valley Mall office or Barnes & Noble Booksellers for a registration packet.
- Deadline: Applications are due Friday. A copy of the work must be submitted with the application.
- Screening: "We reserve the right to approve all manuscripts before they go on sale, just for content purposes," the mall's Shelton Gilliland said, declining to elaborate. Applicants with "unsuitable" publication content will be notified by April 7.
- Rules: The mall will assign table placements. Each table must be manned during the entire event - by the author or another person.
- For Information: Call 733-3000.

A chance to tell your traditions

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Here's a chance to tell your tale of a heartwarming or quirky family tradition.

Perhaps you fish the same Magic Valley creek that Grandpa loved so dearly. Or own the same local business that Mom started from scratch. Or promote the same cause that burned in Dad's heart.

If you do, The Times-News wants to hear from you.

The newspaper is collecting family traditions for a personal

take on Magic Valley history. We're calling the feature series "You and your kin."

The series is inspired by Twin Falls' centennial celebration. But it's not limited to Twin Falls. Tell us about things you do that a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent also did.

Nominations might be based on such stuff as professions, club membership or recreation habits, such as camping at a particular local spot. Or surprise us with a weighty or lightweight nomination we haven't thought of. Just stick to these criteria: The ancestors in question should have done the activities here in Magic Valley.

and nominees should be current residents.

Written nominations should include:

- Your name and where you live.
- The activity you're nominating for a feature story.
- Which of your ancestors did it, and where they did it in Magic Valley.
- Why you're doing the same thing.

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Share your family favorite photos

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A photo feature that appears frequently on this page offers glimpses into the early decades of Magic Valley life. And we'd love to let our readers peek into your family's old photo albums.

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 by 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.
- When: We'll accept historical photos between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.
- Ask for: Three news clerks are available to bring the photos

while you wait and return them to you immediately. They are Ellen Thomason, at 735-3266; Ramona Jones, at 735-3262; and Jani Whitely, at 735-3278. Appointments are not necessary.

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