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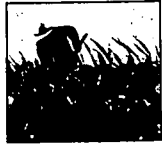
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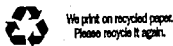
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Water deal offers assurance

Year's worth of work awaits

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BOISE — Assurances for Idaho water users that supplies of Snake River water won't be lost to downstream endangered salmon are among the benefits touted in a landmark state water deal.
Officials unveiled Saturday in Boise the framework for a 30-year settlement in the Nez Perce Tribe's water rights dispute over virtually all of the water in the

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Find more information about the Nez Perce Tribe's water rights settlement online at www.doi.gov.

Snake River in Idaho. A year's worth of work awaits to finalize the terms.

At stake are the tribe's historic fishing treaty rights, salmon recovery and Idaho's economy.
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Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Anthony Johnson, right, along with Interior Secretary Gale Norton, left, and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, announces the settlement.

Weary of war

Behaving, abuse touch hearts of struggling Iraqis

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The images of the grisly beheading of Nicholas Berg and the humiliation of Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison have been seared into the consciousness of a society where unspeakable acts of brutality have been occurring behind closed doors for decades.

Even here, in a land where anti-coalition bombings regularly have twisted metal and human flesh in their wake, some photos can still shock people hard-ened by the reality of war, torture and political oppression.

Berg's death touched a chord in Iraq, moving hearts that have grown colder during more than a year of U.S. military occupation — now symbolized by the humiliation of Iraqi detainees at one of the most notorious prisons from Saddam Hussein's regime.

On a busy street in Baghdad, access from the main entry to the Coalition Provisional Authority headquarters compound, money-changer Mohammed al-Azzawi, 50, gathered with friends during a recent evening to discuss the dispiriting images of death and detention.

"Nobody accepts this action," he said of Berg's execution. "We are peaceful. We are humans. All Arabs are humanitarians."

Of the masked militants who carried out and videotaped the beheading, al-Azzawi said: "Those who are appearing on the surface do not represent us. They only represent the ideas of those who are feeding them, if by money or political support."

But there are other images that trouble al-Azzawi and his friends: those from Abu Ghraib prison showing a slain Iraqi detainee, naked male detainees piled into a pyramid as well as a naked and crying detainee terrified by military dogs.

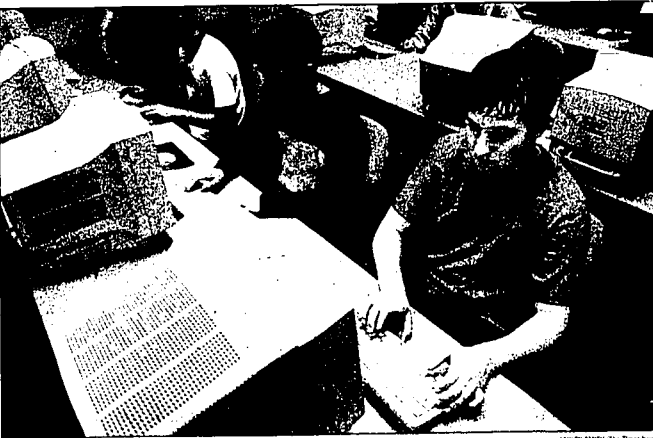
"There are American evil people who tortured the prisoners," he said sadly. "And there are Iraqi evil people who killed the American. It is disgusting."

Ahmed Mohammed, an unemployed 52-year-old with deep, sad eyes, said simply that Iraqis never would accept the murder of a young American like Berg, a 26-year-old independent worker from Pennsylvania.

"It is a crime," he said. "A crime."
But Mohammed also linked the atrocity with the abuse of

A congratulatory sign for newlyweds appears on the front of a Provincetown, Mass., Inn on Saturday, the weekend before gay marriage is to become legal in the state. Many gay and lesbian couples are known to vacation in Provincetown.
AP photo

STRESS FROM THE TEST



Jerome High School 10th-graders Adrian Bethke, right, Shawn Bybee, Zach Ditzel and Jeffrey Bernsen prepare their computers to take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. This year's sophomore class is the first for which passing the ISAT is a graduation requirement.

ISAT requirements motivate students, schools

By Karla Kowalski
Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Trista Kraus is feeling a little pressure. She has been studying at home for the math portion of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test because there are trigonometry questions on it, and the Valley High School sophomore hasn't had that class yet.

Across Idaho this month, students are at computers, clicking their way through the ISAT, which is now a graduation requirement for this year's sophomores and all subsequent classes.

Kraus said the ISAT is an unfair requirement because scores on it don't always correlate with classroom grades. Kraus missed the first test because she was sick, but she said there is less pressure because she knows there will be several chances to

take the ISAT and pass it. "If you work hard all through school and you don't pass those, it's not fair," Kraus said. "I don't think you can know what you need with one test."

Some schools use special prep-ing. See page A4

"You feel really stupid if you're an A student and you barely pass," Bullers said.

Students have nine chances to pass all three segments of the 10th-grade test or pass an alternate assessment before they graduate, said Lucel Willis, spokeswoman for the State Board of Education. Alternative assessments are left to individual school districts to devise.

The testing period started in mid-April and ends this week.

Many educators around the Magic Valley are reporting positive preliminary results for this round of testing, but statewide data will not be available until June.

While the ISAT poses high stakes for individual 10th-graders, schools also have an incentive to make sure students perform well on the test. Scores for grades 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 will count toward schools showing improvement as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Urgency and frustration

Several Jerome High School sophomores finished their language test April 29. The students took the math and reading sections the week before. The new graduation requirement is giving them a stronger motivation to perform.

"The only time I actually tried was now," said Jordan Baker, a

Jerome High School sophomore.

Baker said she did several worksheets in her English class to get her ready for the reading and language sections, but the worksheets they did were harder than the actual language test. In her math class, she said, there was no specific preparation for the ISAT.

Baker said the test is an unfair graduation requirement because students in the past did not have to take it and she didn't learn anything from it. Many students aren't enthusiastic about the test. She knew some who just guessed when they took it last year.

"People don't want to take them," Baker said.

Toni Bailey, another sophomore sitting next to Baker, said she didn't think the ISAT can determine if students know anything. Some might do well

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Massachusetts takes historic, divisive step across threshold to legal same-sex marriage

The Associated Press

For better or for worse, depending on which side of the ideological aisle one chooses, a divided America crosses a historic threshold Monday as state-approved marriages of same-sex couples take place for the first time.

Promised a waiver of the normal three-day waiting period, the seven gay and lesbian couples who successfully sued for mar-

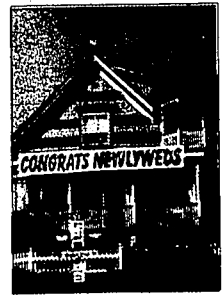
riage rights in Massachusetts will wed before relatives, friends and supporters in Boston and three other towns. The United States will become just the fourth country in the world where same-sex couples can tie the knot.

The couples' jubilation will be shared by gay-rights advocates across the country, including many in states such as New York, California, Washington and New Jersey where comparable lawsuits are moving forward.

"This isn't just one historic moment in Massachusetts," said Kevin Cathcart, executive director of the gay-rights group Lambda Legal. "It's the start of what will be a long period of progress and breakthroughs, with gay couples in other states also winning the right to marry."

For foes of gay marriage, Monday's weddings represent a stinging defeat — but one they

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A congratulatory sign for newlyweds appears on the front of a Provincetown, Mass., Inn on Saturday, the weekend before gay marriage is to become legal in the state. Many gay and lesbian couples are known to vacation in Provincetown.
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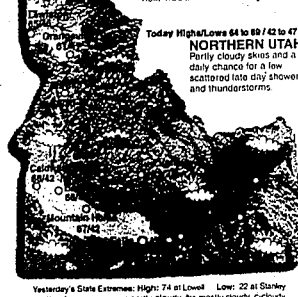
Today: Partly cloudy to cloudy with a few isolated showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s. Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and cool. Lows near 40. Tomorrow: A little warmer and partly sunny. A late day or evening shower or thunderstorm possible. Highs in the low 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few late day scattered showers, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies and cool. Lows near 30s and lower 40s. Tomorrow: A little warmer and partly sunny. A late day or evening shower or thunderstorm possible. Highs in the low 70s.

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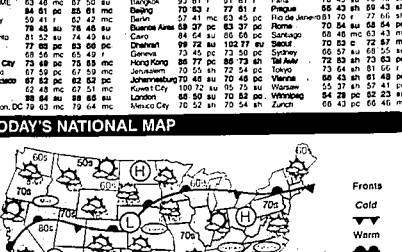
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Salmon and the settlement

River habitat and steelhead for the 30-year term of the agreement. Funding: The U.S. government will commit \$193 million over the 30-year settlement period.

Iraq

Continued from A1. inmates at Abu Ghraib, about 20 miles west of the capital. U.S.-led occupation, which came after President Bush initiated a war to topple Saddam.

Gay

Continued from A1. hope will be reversed by a backlash among politicians and voters nationwide. "What I'm starting to see is people who are apathetic, who never got involved before."

Corrections

Three candidates run for Zone 4 seat. An item in Saturday's paper incorrectly stated the zone in which three candidates are competing for a Twin Falls County seat.

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NATION

U.S. forces check out more abuse

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military on Saturday announced its second investigation in a week into allegations of prisoner abuse in Afghanistan, amid growing demands from rights groups for secretive U.S.-run jails across the country to be opened for outside scrutiny.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Tucker Mangser gave few details of the latest allegations, which follow complaints earlier this week from an Afghan police officer who said he was beaten

and sexually assaulted during 40 days in custody last summer.

"On Thursday, coalition leaders were notified of another allegation of detainee abuse. Upon notification coalition forces launched an immediate investigation," Mangser said at a press conference in the capital Kabul.

He said the detainee was arrested last year and had since been released. He did not divulge who provided the information that prompted the new probe.

Human rights groups have long complained of consistent allegations of abuse in American holding facilities across Afghanistan, where hundreds of suspected Taliban and al-Qaida fighters have been held without legal access or charge. The U.S. military classifies some of them "unlawful combatants."

Many have been transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The scandal over abuses at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq appears to have spurred the military into a quick response to

the recent reports of mistreatment in Afghanistan.

On Monday, the U.S. military opened a criminal investigation into complaints of mistreatment by the Afghan police officer, Sayed Nabi Siddiqui, after his graphic account of his detention was published in the media.

Siddiqui told The Associated Press that he had objects inserted in his anus in three U.S. holding facilities — before being released without charge.

U.S. troops fight militia in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. military said Saturday it killed 18 gunmen believed loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Baghdad, and jet fighters bombarded militia positions on the capital's outskirts. Skirmishes persisted in the southern holy cities of Najaf and Karbala.

The U.S. military also announced the deaths of five soldiers, including three killed by rebel attacks. In northern Iraq, rebels fired a mortar round at an Iraqi army recruiting center, killing four volunteers, hospital officials said.

U.S. troops are trying to disband the cleric's army and sideline its radical leadership before handing power to a new

Iraqi government June 30. Al-Sadr is a fierce opponent of the U.S.-led occupation who launched an uprising last month and faces an arrest warrant in the death of a rival moderate cleric last year.

In Najaf, militiamen fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. tank stationed at the city's Police Directorate. The rocket missed its target, and the two sides exchanged gunfire. Elsewhere, a shell landed on a house, wounding a woman.

The normally bustling area around Karbala's Imam Hussein shrine, one of the holiest centers for Shiite Muslims, was silent except for intermittent blast and machine-gun fire. After one blast, a huge column of black smoke wafted over the

golden-domed shrine. One Polish soldier was wounded in Saturday's skirmishes, the Polish military said in Warsaw.

In Baghdad, coalition forces killed 18 fighters, many of them in the eastern Sadr City neighborhood, a stronghold of al-Sadr, in a dozen separate engagements Friday and Saturday, the military said in a statement. Troops also killed seven gunmen who attacked them in western Baghdad on Saturday morning, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the chief military spokesman in Iraq.

Guerillas fired a mortar round at an Iraqi army recruiting center in the northern city of Mosul, killing four people and wounding 19, hospital officials said.

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"For years, my kids kept telling me to get a hearing aid. My hearing aids stopped that irritation in my family."

Tenny, age 56, has been wearing her hearing aid for a high-frequency hearing loss for nearly a year. "My hearing loss was embarrassing," she explains. "But now I hear everything. I no longer have to ask people to repeat themselves." Like many people who have had others tell them about their hearing problems or who have recognized their hearing difficulties on their own, Tenny started with an inexpensive hearing enhancer. She then moved on to the more advanced hearing aid technology. "I'll wear them the rest of my life," she proclaims, "and upgrade to more advanced hearing aid technology as I need to."


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Some students receive special ISAT preparation

Creativity counts when getting ready

By Karlin Kowalski Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Schools around the Magic Valley are getting creative when it comes to preparation for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

The test now counts as a graduation requirement for this year's sophomores, and the scores for students in grades 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10 count toward each school meeting requirements for student progress under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Valley High School experimented with using its 20-minute home room period for ISAT review. The school started it in January and discontinued it right before ISAT testing started.

Principal Rod Malone said the sessions were useful.

"It couldn't hurt us," he said. Sophomore Elizabeth Phillips said most students didn't put forth much effort because they weren't being

graded on it. Superintendent Laurel Nelson said the home room review sessions did have some benefit.

"The kids may not have thought they were learning much," Nelson said, but their scores indicate that they are improving.

The school also uses the on-line TestU program, which provides individualized review plans and lessons for students.

Lindsay Wood, a Valley sophomore, said her English class has been doing the online practice questions to review for the ISAT. Nelson said the TestU program will be effective in helping students review.

"It takes them from where they're at and builds," Nelson said.

She also found that individualizing instruction for students based on their test scores is having unexpected positive consequences.

"I really think that it helped in our upper students," Nelson said. "If you know where they're at, you can take them beyond."

In Kimberly, Kathleen Noh, the district's curriculum and

testing coordinator, said teachers haven't made any particular last-minute preparations for the testing.

"It's got to be good teaching all year," Noh said.

Noh said her district's 10th-graders did well on the ISAT last year, but the test-changes each year.

Kimberly Elementary School's economically disadvantaged subgroup didn't make enough progress to meet federal standards last time, so the school spent more time on math and computation. The high school also has a 10th-grade ISAT preparation class.

Concern in every class

In Castelford, students were doing a little review in each class, regardless of the subject, said Principal Andy Wiseman. He said it is paying off in higher scores.

For the last month before the ISAT, the school had theme weeks based around the three ISAT sections. In the math week, for instance, students did a few problems in every class. He said it is paying off in higher scores, even their electives, in order to

brush up their skills. Wiseman said the review drives home the importance of the test to the students when they see it in every class.

Wiseman said teachers accommodate students with limited English by reading the math ISAT to them in their first language. He said it's good to test them with those scores only counting toward participation.

"I think those kids want to know, 'How am I doing?'" Wiseman said.

Rick Abel, principal at Hansen Junior-Senior High School, said his school didn't do any special preparation for the ISAT, other than having a new part-time Title I teacher this year. Abel said he does not like high-stakes tests because they can't measure everything and testing is not always accurate.

"(We) just have too many kids who are not strong test takers," Abel said.

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in class and poorly on the ISAT, and vice versa.

For the math section, students use a calculator that pops up on the computer screens. But Bailey said it appears for questions when it isn't needed.

Hailey is a year ahead in math, so she's taking algebra II, but the ISAT emphasizes geometry, the typical sophomore math class. She said she struggled to remember it all.

Adrian Bethke, a sophomore, said he felt well prepared for the ISAT. He said it is a good graduation test.

"It's not very hard to score a proficient on it," Bethke said. "Mostly the teachers that are worried about it."

Math teacher Jeff Facer proctored the exam. He said most students did well and finished about a half-hour early. The ISAT is not timed, but many schools budget an hour and a half for students to take it. The math section takes the longest for most.

Facer said the math section includes some algebra II and trigonometry concepts. He said his class doesn't do much specific review.

"We hope that we cover the material in class," Facer said.

Doing well so far

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Willey Dobbs said preliminary results from his district are good. At Magic Valley High School, the district's alternative high school, more than 90 percent of students passed the reading ISAT.

Dobbs said he does not believe students take too many tests. He said standardized tests are part of the learning process.

Educators are also learning as federal and state agencies keep changing guidelines under the No Child Left Behind law. Dobbs said he expects more changes in the areas of limited English proficiency and special education.

"As I've predicted, No Child Left Behind is going to be

tweaked," Dobbs said.

Twin Falls High School was finishing make-up testing last week. Principal Ben Allen said the initial results in language and reading were good. He said the school didn't do anything particular to prepare students for the test — just instruction all year.

Allen said the math scores are harder to predict because sophomores are at different levels of math.

Views from Valley

Valley High School students typically take geometry their sophomore year and algebra II their junior year, but some are ahead or behind in the classes.

Trista Kratus said it does not make sense to base graduation on tests in three subjects when students take many different classes. She said ISATs in every subject would be more appropriate.

The state Board of Education is in the process of studying an ISAT for science that will be piloted for grades 5, 7 and 10 in fall 2005. It will only be used to see if schools are meeting state standards, not the No Child Left Behind Act requirements, said Carissa Miller, the state Board of Education's program manager for standards, assessment and accountability.

Lindsay Wood, a Valley sophomore, said she doesn't think passing the ISAT necessarily means a student is ready for the real world.

"You don't need to know what a simile is to get a job," Wood said. "That's just adding more stress to our school."

Wood says even the best students get stressed about the ISAT, while others don't see it as important.

Sophomore Carey Miller said the current setup does not motivate students. If the ISAT scores counted toward classroom grades, students would try harder.

Elizabeth Phillips, a sophomore, said the ISAT still needs a

little work and it will be better as each class takes it starting in the early grades.

"I think it'll be fair when it gets to the classes that have been taking it for a long time," Phillips said.

At the same time, the ISAT is a good graduation standard because it catches students who aren't learning, she said.

"For kids who cheat their way through class, it's a good thing," Phillips said.

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NATION

Judge orders no more children

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — When a drug-addicted homeless woman had her newborn taken away last spring, she agreed the baby should be placed in foster care with her three other children. A year later, a judge delivered a startling postscript: She ordered the parents to have no more children until they prove they can look after the ones they already have.

All babies deserve more than to be born to parents who have proven they cannot possibly raise or parent a child. Family Court Judge Marilyn O'Connor wrote in a 12-page opinion. "The cycle of neglect ... needs to stop." The unusual ruling has outraged civil libertarians, and was made all the more difficult by the revelation that the mother of the 1-year-old girl is already

pregnant again. But many lauded the government's desire to ensure children are raised in a healthy environment. A Rochester newspaper columnist, Mark Harv, echoed a multitude of radio talk-show callers in applauding "a wake-up call" to all parents to "put our children first." It was the first known decision of its kind in New York, but courts in Wisconsin and Ohio

have upheld similar rulings involving "deadbeat dads" who failed to pay child support. In other states, judges have turned back attempts to interfere with a person's right to procreate. The infant girl's father, Rodney Evers, an admitted cocaine addict who stays periodically at the House of Mercy shelter for the homeless, described O'Connor's judgment as demeaning.



After a 17-year nap a newly emerged Cicada is soon in the yard of a home in suburban Washington, Saturday. Trillions of red-eyed insects are crawling their way above ground in 14 states and the nation's capital.

Cicadas emerge after 17 years of sleeping

UNIVERSITY PARK, Md. (AP) — There are three parts to the song a male cicada sings when he's looking for a little love, explains entomologist Michael Raupp, gently squeezing a wriggling insect between his thumb and forefinger. First there's the "How ya doin'?" tune, followed by "Do you come here often?" But the last is key to closing the deal, the one every male bells out loud because a cicada's got to be a bit forward when he's got only one chance every 17 years to mate. "It's the, 'This bar's closing down, do you want to come home and see my etchings?'" Raupp said. Now's the time to make their move: Billions of the red-eyed insects are crawling their way above ground for their rare mating opportunity. Scientists say this year's batch, known as Brood X, is the largest of the cicada groups that appear at various intervals. For Raupp and other "Cicadamanics" at the University of Maryland, it's also a rare opportunity to get the word out about what they say is a harmless, re-

markable natural event. "We've been able to calm a lot of people down," said graduate student Jenna Ladin. Raupp heads a team of about a dozen graduate students who have been furiously writing cicada cookbooks, teaching classes at schools as far away as Ohio and working with landscapers to minimize plant damage from the expected hoard. The team has fielded a steady stream of phone calls: Gardeners fret about their plants; pet owners wonder if their dogs will get sick from sniffing the creatures; and even a few frazzled event planners worry about cicadas dive-bombing brides at outdoor weddings. Ultimately, the goal of the cicadamanics is to calm those fears, even if a few of the slow flying, red-eyed cicadas might mistakenly bounce off a forehead or two. The first of the cicada nymphs emerged last week from their holes and crawled up nearby trees to molt, shedding their hard skins and emerging with wings.

Cartoonist, author, dies at age 91

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Syd Hoff, a former cartoonist for The New Yorker magazine who is known to generations of children as the author of "Sammy the Seal" and "Danny and the Dinosaur," has died. He was 91. Hoff died May 12 at Mount Sinai Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Lauri Oliva said. Longtime friend Edie Fine told The Miami Herald that the cause was pneumonia. The Bronx-born Hoff wrote and illustrated the inaugural volume of the "Danny and the Dinosaur" trilogy in 1958. The book, about a dinosaur who comes to life, was part of the I Can Read series, a line of books aimed at beginning readers. Anne Hoppe, executive editor of the HarperCollins children's books division, said Hoff was one of the first creators of books for beginning readers. "Syd was so good at humor for young readers and for creating big-hearted characters," Hoppe said. "There is so much competition (in entertainment), but children are still very excited to be able to read. That magic hasn't gone away."



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NATION

Georgia senator blasts Kerry

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Sen. Zell Miller, the Bush campaign's most famous Democratic attack dog, ripped into John Kerry Saturday as an "out-of-touch, ultraliberal from Massachusetts" in a speech before Georgia Republicans.

Miller, the lone Democratic senator publicly backing Bush, made the remarks in a Bush-Cheney grassroots event during the state Republican convention, where he was greeted as a hero.

"I'm afraid that my old Democratic 'lies that bind' have become untraveled," he said in a speech that evoked sustained applause, cheers, laughter and two standing ovations.

Miller said Kerry's handlers are trying to soften the Democratic candidate's image and depict him as an average guy. "Look, John Kerry couldn't find Main Street with both hands," he said. "You can't make a chicken swim and you can't make John Kerry anything but an out-of-touch ultraliberal from Massachusetts."

Kerry senior adviser David Morehouse, traveling with the candidate in Boston, retorted: "Zell Miller knows a lot about chickens, especially chickens that cross the road and switch to the other side."

The word "turncoat" was being used Saturday by some of Miller's fellow Georgia Democrats. "For him to turn a blind eye to the fact that we're no more secure under George W. Bush, that we're in a morass in Iraq and that he hasn't told the truth to us about weapons of mass destruction makes you wonder what country he (Miller) is looking at," said state Sen. Vincent Fort of Atlanta.

In his speech, Miller said the nation is more secure with Bush in the White House.

"With John Kerry on national security, it vacillates, retreat and turn over to the U.N.," he said. "With John Kerry on domestic policy, it's tax, spend and redistribute income."

He said Kerry deserves praise for his war record in Vietnam but declared his Senate voting record on national defense "shameful," saying,

"Kerry voted against every single major weapons system that won the Cold War."

"The man now wants to be the commander in chief of U.S. armed forces? U.S. forces armed with what, spitballs?"

Miller, a lifelong Democrat, was Georgia's governor from 1991 through 1998 and was lieutenant governor for 16 years before that. In 2000, Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes chose him to succeed the late Sen. Paul Coverdell, a Republican.

Miller was a strong, early supporter of Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton back in 1992 and delivered a nominating speech for Clinton at the party's national convention.

But he has ruffled the feathers of Democratic colleagues since joining the Senate, sitting with Republicans on virtually every key issue and writing a best-selling book in which he accuses his party of being out of touch with Southern voters.



John Kerry

Voters may focus on Iraq as central issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — The turmoil in Iraq is changing the political equation for President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry.

While the war is eroding public support for Bush, it is also making it harder for Kerry to define himself for voters or promote his domestic priorities.

Strategists from both parties had suggested the election probably would come down to a few states; perhaps turning on different issues in different states.

Some analysts now are suggesting the race could broaden into a national referendum on Bush's Iraq policy.

As president, Bush has the ability to drive Iraq news coverage, for example, his decision to send his embattled defense secretary, Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq for a surprise visit last week.


With fewer options as the challenger, Kerry has called for Rumsfeld's resignation and accused Bush of running an

"extraordinarily mismanaged and ineptly prosecuted war."

Those in Kerry's camp have expressed delight at recent polls showing Bush's approval rating at the lowest of his presidency.

But Bush's drop in the polls has not translated directly into a surge for Kerry. Also, the Massachusetts senator has had to walk a cautious line as he decides how hard to go after Bush as commander in chief without risking a backlash.

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Overtime changes spark confusion in some states

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal overtime regulations will not take effect automatically in 18 states, provoking widespread confusion among state officials, employers and workers, and sparking political battles over how to respond.

Those states have their own overtime requirements, some of which mirror the old federal rules being replaced in August. Legislative action is required in some states to make changes, complicating an already complex and politically turbulent issue in an election year.

"It's absolute craziness," said Camille Olson, a labor lawyer with the firm Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago.

The Labor Department regulations issued last month will go into place automatically in 32 states and the District of Columbia, according to a Seyfarth Shaw analysis. Elsewhere, it is not so simple.

"We're in a wait-and-see mode," said John Andrew, chief of the Labor Standards Bureau in Montana's Labor and Industry Department.

New federal definitions of some white-collar jobs would not apply in Montana without changes to state law or state administrative rules, he said. The Legislature may have to act, but it does not meet again until January.

The federal rule is a minimum standard. States can have their own requirements, but they cannot be less generous with overtime eligibility. The rule rewrites definitions of white-collar workers exempt from overtime pay under the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act.

Labor Department officials say the changes were needed for clarification and to reduce the number of workers' lawsuits against employers. The rule, which takes effect Aug. 23, will exempt about 100,000 workers now eligible for overtime pay, officials said. Democrats and labor unions say the number will be much higher.

The states

States that do not automatically conform to the new federal overtime regulations that take effect in August:

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Sources: State officials, state laws, labor lawyers and Fair Labor Standards Act experts.

Senior U.S. commander limits interrogation techniques in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the uproar over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, the senior U.S. commander in Iraq is moving to eliminate most coercive interrogation tactics.

The Pentagon says Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez is letting military intelligence chiefs know that their requests for such methods, which had been allowed with specific permission, will be turned down. Sanchez issued the order Thursday.



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, left, speaks to Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of the coalition forces in Iraq, Thursday during his flight on a C-130 plane from Kuwait City to Baghdad.

In its most comprehensive outline to date of methods that interrogators can use to question detained Iraqis, the Pentagon said Friday that Sanchez had approved 25 requests to isolate prisoners for interrogation since mid-October.

He had turned down three requests to put prisoners into uncomfortable positions to get them to talk, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Senior military officials also insisted that all interrogation techniques that have been approved have been allowable under international law.

Seven soldiers are facing military charges related to the abuse and humiliation of prisoners captured by the now-infamous photographs at Abu Ghraib, a prison in Baghdad. The soldiers and their lawyers have said military intelligence officials

running the interrogations told military police assigned as guards to abuse the prisoners to make interrogations easier.

Direct questioning without any physical contact and other such techniques are still permitted without approval from high-level officers, said the officials, who help draft and approve such rules in Iraq.

Until Thursday, more stressful techniques were allowed with Sanchez's approval, such as depriving detainees of sleep for more than 72 hours or forcing them into "stress positions"

making them kneel or stand uncomfortably for more than 45 minutes.

Sanchez told military intelligence officers Thursday that he would not approve any stressful techniques other than putting prisoners alone in cells or in segregated units with only a small number of other detainees.

Critics say the interrogation rules, first laid out in September after a visit to Iraq by the then-commander of the prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, amounted to a green light for abuse.



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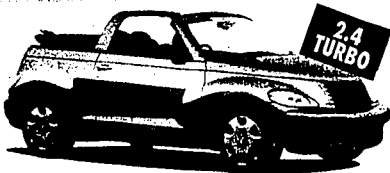
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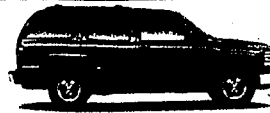
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Storm brews over royal heir's slap at palace bureaucracy

TOKYO (AP) — When Japan's Crown Prince Naruhito announced his engagement more than a decade ago to Masako Owada, a rising star in the diplomatic corps, he promised "to protect her with all his strength." Japan's public is now beginning to understand why.

With Masako still recuperating from what the palace has called "mental and physical exhaustion," the prince attended the weddings of the Danish and Spanish royal heirs by himself this week. But before leaving, he unleashed what was by Japanese standards a strong attack on unnamed palace forces that he said have tried to "deny" his wife's right to be herself.

The unusual show of anger from what could well be the world's most circumspect royal family has since swelled into an imperial tempest, dominating the daily talk shows and editorial pages, and prompting a series of embarrassed statements from top palace officials.



Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako smile at well-wishers in this 1993 photo. Masako has been a virtual prisoner of the palace — an issue the 44-year-old prince has recently raised.

"I feel that I am wrenching myself away as I depart," Naruhito said at a news conference before he left Wednesday. "Masako has tried her best these 10 years to try to adjust to palace life, but it has exhausted her. It is true that there have been movements to deny Masako's career and her character."

Masako withdrew from her official duties late last year, and has been kept out of the public eye since.

The royal couple were married 11 years ago. The public was enamored by her cordial style and impeccable upbringing: The daughter of one of Japan's most respected diplomats, she was educated at Harvard and Oxford and was seen as a rising star in the foreign service.

Naruhito did not lay blame or give any further details. But his anger was widely interpreted to be directed at the palace bureaucracy, called the Imperial Household Agency, which has a reputation for being secretive, aloof and exceedingly conservative. All imperial travel must be approved by the government, and palace officials are tasked with making most of the arrangements.

"With Masako exhausted, and the crown prince anguished, it is difficult for the public to feel close to them," the Asahi, a

major newspaper, said in an editorial. "Can't the Imperial Household Agency give them a little more freedom?"

"It is quite understandable that the princess would want to travel abroad," said another major daily, the Mainichi.

"The public has been sympathetic to Masako."

"The crown princess and the empress are both smart, and raised hopes of a fresh breeze in the palace," said Mieke Shimizu, a 65-year-old tea ceremony teacher. "But the officials didn't appreciate their good qualities."

Chicago finally gets its park

CHICAGO (AP) — The millennium is finally dawning on Chicago's lakefront.

Four years behind schedule, the \$475 million Millennium Park, a pet project of Mayor Richard Daley's, is set to officially open in July with a fountain, elaborate gardens and a swooping, shimmering band shell designed by architect Frank Gehry.

Supporters expect the park to revitalize Chicago's reputation for great architecture and culture and draw more people to Grant Park, the city's "front yard" that stretches for a mile along Lake Michigan.

"We're the city of big shoulders and we like to make big, bold statements," said Lois Weisberg, the city's commissioner of cultural affairs.

But the project has been beset by years of construction delays and cost overruns. It was initially budgeted at \$150 million — less than one-third its actual cost — and was to open in 2000 as part of the city's millennium celebration.

"Although an ice rink and 1,500-seat theater for music and dance are already in use, most of the park remains hidden behind construction fences and tents."

The one major piece visible is Gehry's contribution — a 120-foot high music pavilion with a stage surrounded by billowing ribbons of stainless steel and a tangle of curling steel pipes that will support the sound system high above the audience.

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Ned Cramer, curator of the Chicago Architecture Foundation, predicts the city will be "wow'd" by the opening, even if it is four years late.

"The sheer novelty of what's happening there is guaranteed to do exactly what it's supposed to do, which is to draw people's attention," Cramer said.

Daley proposed the park in 1998 on the 24-acre space between the lake and bustling Michigan Avenue, which used to have a rail yard and parking lot that marked the northwest corner of otherwise elegant Grant Park.

The mayor was heavily involved in the park's planning — he demanded that there be indoor bathrooms instead of portable toilets and worried that Gehry-designed bridge would overshadow other features.

Daley blamed Gehry for costly delays after a 2001 investigation by the Chicago Tribune found that poor planning, design problems and cronies led to skyrocketing costs. Daley backed off the assertion days later.

"Princess Masako, giving up her job as a diplomat to enter the imperial household, was greatly distressed that she was not allowed to make overseas visits for a long time as she believed that such visits were a crucial role to play as a member of the imperial family," he said. "I am indeed regretful too."

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Airliner crash in Brazil kills 33

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A domestic airliner crashed near the Amazon city of Manaus, killing all 30 passengers and three crew members, a fire department official said Saturday.

The turboprop plane owned by regional airliner Rice Linhas Aereas was traveling from the western Amazon city Sao Paulo de Olivenca to Manaus, the inland capital of the state of Amazonas, when it crashed Friday night, said Manaus Fire Department rescue official Maj. Ernesto Rodrigues.

The plane dropped off the radar at Manaus' Eduardo Gomes International Airport at about 6:30 p.m. Friday about 10 miles from the runway after it suspended landing procedures to allow another plane carrying sick people on the way to a hospital to land, he said. Manaus is 1,500 miles north of Sao Paulo.

The plane crashed in dense jungle, making it difficult for rescue crews to reach the wreckage, he said. About 30 Manaus Fire Department, Brazilian Air Force and Brazilian Army members were working at the site, he said.

"The plane crashed early Friday evening and rescue crews were called in immediately," Rodrigues said. "As of this morning, however, it became

clear there were no survivors." The cause of the crash was under investigation.

"We are using three helicopters to gain access to the locale," Rodrigues said. "We expect to begin bringing bodies out by early afternoon."

The Brasilia-120 is a twin-engine turboprop aircraft with a normal passenger capacity of up to 30. It is manufactured by Brazil's Embraer Corp.



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Greece faces questions over Olympics

Los Angeles Times

ATHENS, Greece — With fanfare and free hors d'oeuvres, the publicity-savvy mayor of this ancient city, Dora Bakoyannis, gathered the national and international press at a party to unveil a media center for this summer's Olympic Games.

Basking in the limelight, Bakoyannis extolled the virtues of ancient Athens and its great cultural legacy. Minutes into the session, however, came the show-stopper: Why, demanded an American interloper, are the city's stray dogs disappearing?

That is exactly the kind of question Bakoyannis and other senior Greek officials do not want to hear.

As they struggle to prepare sports venues in time for the opening of the Olympics in three months, they're also struggling to put out fires on many other fronts.

The low-level bombings earlier this month, labor unrest, fatal construction accidents, disgruntled prostitutes, disenfranchised property owners and, yes, displaced (or worse) dogs — these are the somewhat unsavory sideshows at the margin of Greece's enthusiastic attempt to make the Olympics a time of glitter, gold and national boosterism.

Greek officials are evoking the glories of millenniums past to celebrate the return of the Olympic Games to the place of their ancient birth and modern revival. But they also have linked their very identity as an up-to-date European member of the Western fold with their ability to pull off the colossal event. They want to dispel the notion that Greece is the poor stepchild of the European Union.

It's an uphill battle.

Can Athens' electrical grid hold up under the demands of thousands of air-conditioning-demanding visitors in August? Can the antiquated sewage system dispose of their waste? Already, signs in public restrooms warn against putting toilet paper in the bowl lest the pipes clog and burst.

And then there was the cat-fight over the dogs.

Until recently, thousands of stray dogs roamed the capital, lounging in downtown's Constitution Square at the entrance to the subway or pacing at the foot of the Acropolis. Dogs hold an honored place in Greek mythology — in Homer's "The Odyssey," it was his hunting dog that recognized Odysseus upon his return after a 20-year absence — but today some Greeks have a reputation for dumping their pets when they tire of them or go on summer vacation.

It all began when a visiting Ukrainian coach was bitten by a mutt. And then someone started poisoning the dogs.

The uproar, especially from foreign animal-rights advocates, was enormous. Greek officials denied that they were behind the poisonings and contended that they had launched a compassionate program of rounding up the strays and neutering, inoculating and cleaning them. If they are not adopted, the officials insist, they will be returned to their "original environment."

Athens city officials say they are spending about \$2.2 million to handle about 5,000 strays. The number of abandoned canines is thought to be six times that.

After the dogs came the prostitutes. The city wanted to crack down on legal brothels. The well-organized hookers union fought the move; after all, the Olympics could be a time of enormous demand. The struggle continues.

And 3,000 Greeks are fighting the government over properties taken to build Olympic venues. City officials say fair compensation was paid, but the owners say it wasn't enough. Mostly farmland, the properties had belonged to some families since before World War II.



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A Palestinian girl sits among her belongings in the rubble of a destroyed home on the edge of the Rafah refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip, Saturday. Israeli troops withdrew from the refugee camp on Saturday after recovering soldiers' remains, leaving behind at least 100 demolished homes.

Powell urges Palestinians to seize opportunity

SOUTHERN SHUNEH, Jordan (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Saturday the Palestinians are willing to consider a proposed Israeli pullout from Gaza depending on how Prime Minister Ariel Sharon revises a plan rejected by his party.

"I think that the Palestinians want to seize this opportunity," Powell said after a 40-minute meeting with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia in Amman, the Jordanian capital. "They want to know more about it, of course."

So, too, does the Bush administration, Powell later told ministers from 20 nations, including Israel, at an economic conference at this Dead Sea resort. Sharon lost a struggle with



Colin Powell

hard-liners in his own Likud party with the May 2 defeat of his plan to evacuate all soldiers and the 7,500 Jewish settlers from the coastal strip.

The prime minister is revising the proposal to make it palatable to a broad range of Israelis. "And so we are all waiting to see what the actual plan is, and to see the details of that plan," Powell said at a joint news conference with Qureia at the Amman airport. Qureia, whose authority is unclear because Yasser Arafat

remains the Palestinian leader, described the meeting as "very, very constructive."

"I believe it will reflect itself on the ground, hopefully very soon," Qureia said. In Ramallah, the West Bank Palestinian capital, Arafat himself marked the 56th anniversary of Israel's founding in a speech aired over Palestinian television, urging steadfastness toward ending Israeli occupation.

He cited a verse from the Quran, Islam's holy book, that says: "Find what strength you have to terrorize your enemy and the enemy of God. And if they want peace, then let's have peace."

Operating with uncommon support from the United Nations, the European Union and Russia, the administration overcame its initial wariness and seized on Sharon's offer to withdraw from Gaza and dismantle some settlements on the West Bank.

Until Sharon stepped forward, "We were not getting anywhere," Powell acknowledged in a speech to the World Economic Forum.

Palestinians bitterly mark Israel's founding

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops withdrew from a Palestinian refugee camp in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday, leaving a scene of wide destruction, as Palestinians bitterly marked the 56th anniversary of Israel's establishment.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat urged his people to "terrorize your enemy," although he said he was ready to make peace.

Arafat, whom Israel accuses of supporting militant groups, did not appear to be calling for "terror attacks" on Israel. The phrase from Islam's holy book, the Quran, is frequently invoked by Islamic leaders today to encourage strength in times of conflict.

In Tel Aviv, more than 100,000 Israelis rallied Saturday night in favor of a pullout from the Gaza Strip — a massive show of strength by the long-dormant opposition movement.

The protest, led by the Labor Party, followed a bloody week in Gaza. Organizers were hoping a strong showing would help restart peace talks with the Palestinians, which have been

stalled for months. "Exit from Gaza, begin talking," read a large poster over the main stage.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has proposed unilaterally evacuating Gaza and isolated settlements in the West Bank. His Likud Party recently rejected the proposal, although polls have shown a solid majority of Israelis favor the plan.

"This is a demonstration of the silent majority who are fed up with the status quo," said Ephraim Stiel, a lawmaker with the opposition Labor Party, which was leading the protest.

Some commentators drew parallels with the popular grassroots of criticism that preceded Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon in 2000 after an ill-fated 18-year occupation.

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SEARCHING FOR SUNKEN TREASURE

U.S. salvage company will explore Jamaica's watery past, angering some people on island

PORT ROYAL, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaicans have long suspected the waters off their southern coast are teeming with shipwrecks and sunken treasure from the days when the island was a haven for pirates. But they have always been happy to leave the mystery to the sea.

Now some islanders are angry to learn that their government has not only given an American treasure-salvage company permission to explore the area — called Pedro Banks — but also to keep half the booty. They say all the artifacts — precious or not — are part of their history and belong in Jamaica.

"You're not just dealing with treasure here," said Ainsley Henriques, who resigned as director of the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, the state agency overseeing the project, to protest the government's decision.

Admiralty Corp., which launched its expedition this week from Port Royal, a colonial pirate town once dubbed the "vickiest city on earth," has promised to conduct a proper archaeological recovery.

"We're not going to just go down there and tear everything up to get the gold," said Clarence Lott, vice president of the Atlanta-based company.

Pedro Banks, roughly the size of Jamaica itself, was a busy but treacherous shipping passage for European vessels headed to the New World between the 16th and 18th centuries.

Archaeologists estimate some 300 ships may have fallen victim to the passage, known to the Spanish as La Vibora — or The

Viper — for its fang-like reef. One of those ships was the Genovesa, a Spanish galleon that sank in 1730 with several tons of gold and silver on board. Its cargo is worth an estimated \$600 million today.

"It's really mind-boggling what we might bring up," said G. Howard Collingswood, chairman of Admiralty.

Jamaica formally banned offshore treasure hunting in 1991, fearful of being pillaged by modern-day pirates and harming delicate marine habitats.

After intense lobbying, Admiralty persuaded the government in 1998 to reverse the ban and won a license to probe the area.

In addition to half the precious booty, Jamaica will also receive all non-precious artifacts, including ship fittings, china, and nautical equipment that it intends to display in a maritime museum.

"We know we're going to benefit," said Susanne Lynn, executive director of the Jamaica National Heritage Trust, the state agency overseeing the project.

But not everyone is pleased with the plan to dig up the past.

Henriques, a member of the Archaeological Society of Jamaica, said the project should be handled by an accredited archaeological group, not a profit-seeking foreign company.

He said Jamaica officials could learn from their counterparts in Egypt, where the government imposed strict limits on excavation after being pillaged by treasure hunters.

Brazil will not cancel visa of U.S. reporter

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A New York Times reporter who infuriated Brazil's president for an article that suggested he had a drinking problem will be allowed to stay in the country after the newspaper sent a letter saying the story was not meant to offend.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's government said it considered the letter to be an apology and a retraction of Larry Rothenberg's story, which was published last Sunday and claimed the president's drinking was a subject of national concern.

The four-page letter from Rothenberg's lawyers does not contain an apology but says the journalist "never had the intention of offending the honor of the President." It adds that Rothenberg has "great respect for Brazil's institutions and laments the polemic created by his article."

The article in the Times suggested that President Lula had a drinking problem. The article was published on Sunday, May 9, 2004.



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Iraqi teachers learn hard political lesson

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They flood the halls of the Ministry of Education, men and women hoping to land a lucrative job by presenting evidence that a family member was killed or jailed by Saddam Hussein's regime.

A teaching post in Iraq used to pay about \$5 a month and was largely reserved for Iraqis who joined Saddam's Baath Party. But after the fall of the regime, more than 10,000 Baath Party members were expelled from the classroom. Those with teaching experience who can prove they were kept out of schools by Saddam's repression receive preference for jobs that now bring in as much as \$300 a month.

"This is righteousness," said Qahstan Hassan Jawad, who was at the ministry to collect work papers for his wife, a former schoolteacher who lost her job 12 years ago during one of Saddam's purges of political opponents. "If righteousness is followed, we will have the priority."

As priorities are shifting and leading to new tensions.

Last month, L. Paul Bremer III, head of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority that is running Iraq, reversed his much-criticized de-Baathification program and said that many aid of Baathist teachers would be eligible to regain their jobs through an appeals process. Bremer's order means that only Baathists who took part in the crimes or violence of the old regime would be kept out of the classroom.

But with about 300,000 teaching jobs nationwide, there are not enough to go around. The massive across-the-board pay increases for government positions — paid for out of limited revenue — mean that the Ministry of Education has limited funds to pay for new teaching posts. And ministry officials say they have received tens of thousands of applications but fear they will be able to fund only 5,000 additional jobs.

Even before Bremer's about-face, the ministry was picketed by angry marchers demanding jobs as payback for Saddam's oppression.

Education officials worry about the implications.

"If they killed my father and my brother and gave a job to me and the Baathist, it would be OK," said Hasanein E Muallah, a senior official in the ministry. "But don't give the job to the Baathist and tell me to go home."

The dilemma illustrates the difficulties in reconciling Iraq's past while doling out jobs.

Saddam's dictatorship used public jobs and contracts to reward loyalists. When the United States toppled the regime, it began to steer official posts and work toward groups that had been left out of Saddam's government. Saddam's opponents, many of whom had long been in exile, were appointed to the Iraqi Governing Council. The body named people, including family members, to key positions in the new government. Jobs also began to go to members of influential political parties represented on the 25-member Governing Council.

Putin meets Rice to discuss Iraq

MOSCOW (AP) — Visiting U.S. national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday discussed the next steps necessary to bring stability to Iraq, a country on which Washington and Moscow have rarely seen eye to eye.

The ITAR-Tass and Interfax news agencies quoted an unidentified Kremlin official as saying Rice brought Putin a letter from President Bush. The official did not discuss the letter's content.

But U.S. administration officials said Rice's trip focused on the scheduled June 30 transfer of power to an interim Iraqi administration and a new United Nations resolution on Iraq.

"This whole trip is a discussion on Iraq and the way forward and all that entails — a new U.N. Security Council resolution, increased international participation, the recognition of

the interim Iraqi government and basically all the issues that involve the coalition forces being in Iraq," a senior U.S. administration official said Saturday on condition of anonymity.

Putin and Rice talked about "various issues relating to Russian-U.S. cooperation, as well as key international problems, including the situation around Iraq and in the Middle East," Putin's office said in a terse statement.

Sergei Karaganov, the head of the Council for Foreign and Defense Policies, an influential Russian think tank, said Putin likely would turn sympathetic ear to Washington's call for support.

"Putin can help the Americans on Iraq," Karaganov said. Fyodor Lukyanov, the editor of Russia in Global Affairs magazine, also said Russia would likely be more receptive to U.S. initiatives than would many of Washington's allies in Europe.

"The Europeans are in deep shock after the Iraqi prisoners abuse scandal, while Russia has much stronger nerves," Lukyanov told The Associated

Press.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who met with Rice in Washington on the eve of her visit, said no drafts of a U.N. resolution on Iraq had been circulated yet, as the United States and Britain were still exchanging opinions with other U.N. Security Council members.

"I perceive that as a positive sign, since the United States and Britain, who are key proponents of a new resolution, are eager to listen to their partners in the U.N. Security Council," Lavrov said in comments posted Saturday on the Russian Foreign Ministry's Web site.

The U.S. government plans to

hand over control to a caretaker Iraqi government, but the United States will continue to be responsible for security in the country.

Lavrov's deputy, Yuri Fedotov, said Friday that Russia is prepared to work toward the adoption of a new U.N. Security Council resolution on Iraq, but it first wants an agreement on what steps should be taken to legitimize a new Iraqi government.

Fedotov added that Russia would not oppose the deployment of international forces in Iraq after June 30 as long as there was a clear U.N. mandate detailing their duties and length of stay.

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EDITORIAL

Right to Work repeal fails for good reasons

Almost 20 years ago Idahoans approved a "Right to Work" law, it's baffling to see some rear-guard fighters aiming to tear the legislation down.

Various labor organizations and liberal groups made that a goal this year, pushing the "Repeal Right to Work Law Initiative."

But voters didn't buy it. In spite of a full year of planning and effort, the campaign racked up fewer than 28,000 valid signatures — far below the 40,772 needed for the November ballot. And that's even after the groups pushed hard in counties that are Democratic Party- and labor-union strongholds.

Pro-repeal groups will paint a positive picture of the initiative and its chances for 2006. But they have to face a bleak reality. Idahoans recognize that Right to Work is a factor in Idaho's long-term economic and population boom. Repealing the law would endanger economic development and the ability to recruit employers into the state.

The Right to Work law says workers can join unions if they want, but membership can't be compulsory. The law has struck in the unions' craw ever since Idaho voters approved it in 1986 by a 54-46 majority. Critics argued that voters were duped into approving it. Now, with fewer workers joining unions, they say wages have been pushed to the bottom of the barrel.

among U.S. states. On the other side, Right to Work supporters boast of lower unemployment, steady population growth, more manufacturing jobs, and drastic increases in Idahoans' personal income — and they cite Right to Work as the spark.

Our view: Voters recognize that Right to Work legislation has more positive than negative impact on the economy.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Those arguments still hold up. Most importantly, when companies come into Idaho with jobs, they can't mention the Right to Work environment.

If unions wonder what prevents them from repealing the law, they must look at themselves. Idaho voters simply didn't want to be compelled to join unions. If a worker wants representation and wants to pay dues to belong to a union, that's his or her choice. But after nearly two decades of Right to Work, most Idaho workers don't want to surrender control of their job security to a collective bargaining organization that prizes group solidarity over individual merit.

Ironically, that argument explains why many union members were credited with helping Right to Work pass in 1986. The idea of mandatory membership seemed just a tad bit un-American in a system of free enterprise. Perhaps someday in the future, Right to Work critics will succeed in putting the issue on a ballot for a full-scale debate. It should be a short discussion. Most Idahoans see more positive than negative in Right to Work.

The 'strength' factor comes into play

This early stage of the presidential race has come down to arm wrestling over the rights to the word "strength."

President Bush's greatest political asset has been his reputation as a tenacious, tough-minded executive who fights unflinchingly for his goals. In a Pew Research Center poll released last week, half the respondents said that Bush has the best claim to the term "strong leader" only 3 out of 10 said it better fits Democratic challenger John Kerry.



DAVID BRODER

That Bush advantage has survived two months of chaotic fighting, rising casualties and prison abuse scandals in Iraq and mixed messages on the economy, where job numbers are improving but gas prices are soaring, inflation is rising and interest rates are on the rise.

The adverse developments have affected Bush's ratings on job approval and on broader measures of the national mood, dropping him to levels that historically have meant an incumbent president is highly vulnerable to defeat.

But so far, these developments have not damaged Bush's reputation as a strong leader.

To cement the advantage, the Bush campaign has spent record sums on a negative advertising assault on Kerry, designed principally to convince people who know little about the Massachusetts senator that he is an unreliable steward of the nation's safety and well-being. These ads depict Kerry as a political chameleon who shifts positions for expediency and flip-flops on issue after issue.



The ads have had some effect. In Andrew Kohut's Pew poll, 42 percent of those interviewed said the phrase "changes his mind too much" applies to Kerry. Bush was seen in mirror-image terms; two-thirds of the voters said he might be considered "stubborn."

In an interview the same day the Pew poll was released, Tad Devine, one of Kerry's media advisers, said, "We recognize that Bush had an opportunity to demonstrate strength after 9/11 — and we know that quality is important to voters."

As a result, Devine said, the effort by the Kerry campaign to show that its candidate also has steel in his backbone is "the heart of the message" in the two biographical ads now running in 19 battleground states. Thanks to a \$25 million buy — an unprecedented sum for a non-incumbent candidate at this early point in the race — voters in those states are being told over and over that Kerry is no wimp or waffler.

Both ads hark back to his readiness to volunteer for Navy combat duty in Vietnam and to risk his own life to save his

shipmates. One ad has Kerry pledging to "build a stronger America." In the other, a narrator says the candidate has demonstrated "a lifetime of service and strength."

The courage that Kerry displayed in Vietnam cannot be challenged, but the swerves in his political career and policy positions are not figments of the Bush campaign's imagination. As Howard Dean pointed out during the Democratic primaries, Kerry voted against the first Gulf War, but later apologized the cost of Iraq forces from Kuwait. And Kerry voted for the second showdown with Saddam Hussein but quickly became a harsh critic of Bush's policy in Iraq.

There are many such examples among the hundreds of votes Kerry has cast in his long Senate career. Senators are not executives, free to set their own course. They have to respond to others' initiatives and it often leaves a muddled trail. But there is a larger problem that makes Kerry's "strongman" ads a political gamble. It is rare in campaign history for a challenger to gain by claiming a quality that voters identify with

the incumbent. In 1992, Bill Clinton did not try to convince voters he was the first George Bush's match in foreign affairs; instead, he shifted the debate to the economy and health care. In 2000, this George Bush did not claim to be smarter than Al Gore. He was content to show himself more likable and more comfortable in his own skin.

Devine and other Kerry strategists say they don't have to beat Bush in the "strength index." They would be satisfied just to neutralize the president's current advantage, and then move on to exploit his weaknesses in vital policy areas such as Iraq and the economy.

But by accepting that "strength" is the password to the most promising policy debates, the Kerry campaign in effect has agreed to fight on Bush's turf. They have the money now to make the ad war a much more even contest than it was in March and April. Whether they have chosen the right battleground is another question.

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LETTERS

Ward's active roles brighten her candidacy

I am writing today in support of Lori Ward for Twin Falls School District Board of Trustees.

I have known Lori for nine years. Her knowledge and true commitment to preserving our quality of life through positive educational experiences for our children is evident in her actions.

She has been active in serving local schools, including Sawtooth Parent Tech Organization (served as treasurer), O'Leary PTO (served as team leader), co-chairman for Twin Falls High School All-Right Drug Free Graduation Party. Additionally, she has volunteered countless hours as room mom, art mom and field trip mom.

Lori is an active leader of our community. She currently serves on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors and has been chairman and co-chairman of the annual Festival of Trees the past two years.

She was awarded the 1999 Chamber of Commerce "Women in Business" Advocate of the Year.

By serving on the school board, I'm confident Lori will be able to provide strong leadership in enhancing current and future educational activities that will ensure that students receive a quality education.

I urge you to vote for Lori Ward for Twin Falls School Dis-

trict Board of Trustees on May 18.

JODY TREMBLAY
Twin Falls

Hansen will represent pro-life community

I am pleased to announce that the Idaho Chicanos Life Board of Directors has voted unanimously to endorse Randy Hansen for the state senate in the upcoming Republican primary.

Randy Hansen earned a high score on our candidate survey on crucial pro-life issues. Randy opposes the use of tax dollars to support the abortion industry and believes we need strong "right-to-know" laws, which inform women about the risks of abortion and alternatives like abortion.

Randy's pro-life convictions were tested while he was a state representative. That was the year we battled to regain parental authority. With his help, teenage girls who think they want an abortion must get a parent's consent.

By contrast, Randy's Republican opponents failed to answer our questions. For some reason, the parent authority families of Twin Falls to know where they stand on the crucial issues surrounding abortion. We have to assume the worst — that they will follow the pro-abortion politics of Leland Noe.

We urge pro-lifers to support Randy Hansen on May 25.
DAVID W. RIPLEY
Boise
(Editor's note: David Ripley is the executive director of Idaho Chicanos Life.)

Ward brings practical, energetic spirit

I am writing this letter to introduce you to Lori Ward, a candidate for the position of Twin Falls School District Trustee. I have known Lori for about six years and have found her to be a strong voice for children.

We have been involved in numerous youth sporting events as well as the planning of school and community gatherings. I have always found Lori to be prepared, well-spoken and knowledgeable on the issues at hand. Lori is willing to involve herself in any activity that might benefit children. She has had experience in working on parent-teacher-student organization boards at the elementary level and helped on board committees at the junior high and high school levels. Her expertise is in looking at problems and trying to solve them with the larger picture in mind.

Having a solid background in business, planning and management makes her a perfect fit for helping to plan the future of the Twin Falls School District. Her children are very involved in the community, as well as being members of numerous sporting and dance teams. These activities never come at the expense of education as they continue to be strong academic leaders. Lori knows the workings of the extracurricular activities as well as the academic demands being placed on our children. She will be a strong voice for children and will bring a practical and energetic spirit to the existing board.

I feel very confident in voting for Lori Ward as a Twin Falls School District Trustee. Please remember to vote May 18.

LINDA WATKINS
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Linda Watkins is the co-president of the Parent Teacher Student Organization at O'Leary Junior High School.)

Szanto's has top credentials for board

I am writing this letter in support of an outstanding candidate in the upcoming Zone 4 school board election. That person is Dr. Edit Szanto. Edit is not only one of the brightest individuals I know,

she couples her intellect with a diverse background and understanding of our educational system. She has broad-minded approaches to problem solving and is extremely thorough in her research and analysis of difficult issues. She values education and is adamant about seeking ways to improve the quality of education. Edit has a 13-year-old son who is currently receiving his education in the Twin Falls School system, so she has a vested interest in seeking this position. She wants to be involved" in order to see that he has the best education possible.

Edit is presently the director of the Library and Instructional Technology Center at the College of Southern Idaho. She has worked her way into this prestigious position through high energy, long hours of hard and meticulous work, and lofty goals. She will be equally committed as a school board representative. We are indeed fortunate to have a person of Edit's pleasant personality and relevant, professional credentials running for this service position. In order to achieve a bright future for your children, she will truly do every "I" and cross every "t" on issues that come before the board.

Please join me in voting for Dr. Edit Szanto.
RICK SNIDER
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Rick Snider, Ph.D., is the chairman of the Life Science Department at the College of Southern Idaho.)

Jessie West a solid pick as Richfield trustee

Open and honest government is fundamental to a free society. The Open Meeting Law codifies a simple but fundamental Idaho value: The public's business ought to be done in public. The law helps interested citizens become informed about governmental actions by guaranteeing citizens the right to observe and participate in public meetings. These aren't my words but those taken from the introduction of the Idaho Open Meetings Law Manual. They are my feelings. When the Richfield School Board violated this law in November, I took my complaint directly to them. One lone trustee, the vice chairman

of the board, Mr. Jessie West, was the only member willing to take responsibility for what they could have still been considered a mistake. The rest of them chose to take evasive actions in order to cover up the problem. I waited one week to give them the chance to reconsider their positions. What it became apparent that they wouldn't, I took my complaint to the prosecutor. I have since filed a second complaint and am set to file a third complaint.

The school board, as a majority and in particular the board chairman, has set out on a deliberate course of conduct designed to circumvent these valuable laws that have been put in place to ensure that a government by the people remains just that. Since that first election, Mr. West has stood out conspicuously from his peers. He has continued to attend all meetings in his effort to represent his constituency. His ethics have forced him to abstain from many votes that were being taken outside the parameters of the law.

Jessie West is my father; I am proud of that. He is also the recipient of the year 2000 Max Dalton Open Government Award. Mr. West has been and continues (sometimes in hostile circumstances) to promote open, honest and ethical government for the Richfield School District. The citizens of Richfield are faced with a choice. We can choose to believe the words of co-conspirators that sometimes wind up in the media or we can cast our votes in favor of ethical government.

To my fellow citizens, I encourage you to cast your votes in your respective zones for Jessie West and Kathy Workman. Let's show the world that we want honesty in our government.

While you at the polls, please also vote yes on the levy.
TERI TURNAJE
Richfield
(Editor's note: Teri Turnaje is a custodian and paron in the Richfield School District.)

C-Store has been and will be a good neighbor

After all the ranting that occurred at the last City Council meeting with regard to Oasis Stop 'N Go at Locust Grove, I

thought I would address some of the misconceptions presented by a few of the neighbors with regard to the store.

Convenience stores (C-stores) do not create additional traffic; they just make use of what is there. If they were capable of creating traffic, we wouldn't have to have so many locations in Twin Falls. Putting a C-store on the corner will not reduce your property value. If commercial property reduces values, we need to renegotiate the cost of land.

Blue Lakes is overcrowded, so naturally traffic is going to move off Blue Lakes. Likewise so will business. The closest through street to Blue Lakes is the logical location. Ask the many businesses already on Locust.

As a good neighbor, we feel compelled to call the police when accidents happen in front of our locations or to allow others to use our phone to report emergencies and yes, report crimes that occur.

Using the number of phone calls from our locations to the police as reason for not allowing a C-store is just plain ridiculous.

If someone is breaking into your house or car, I am sure you would want us to call; then again, maybe we should just ignore it for fear of being ridiculed for making the calls in the first place.

We have now had our hours limited, too much in my opinion, and now a few neighbors want the council to reverse a planned-unit development allowing a C-store period. That would just be limiting Twin Falls' ability to grow and prosper.

We can't add more to Blue Lakes, so expanding outward from there is what will have to occur.

If you own property next to Blue Lakes, then possibly expansion is something you should have been painfully aware of all along.

Oh yes, one last item: Milk at C-stores is traditionally less expensive than grocery stores, so you can't afford to buy it at a C-store where you can afford to buy it.
JOHN YON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: John Yon is the chief financial officer for Oasis Stop 'N Go LLC.)

If it's Moore, it's less than honest

KAY HYMOWITZ

Last week, Michael Moore announced that Disney had refused to distribute his new film, "Fahrenheit 9/11." As with all of Moore's previous announcements, you might want to season this one liberally with salt.

Moore — who poses as a heroic truth-teller and who in a speech last year after winning an Oscar for his documentary "Bowling for Columbine" bemoaned these "fictitious times" — is a virtuoso of fictions himself.

As the filmmaker's fictions go, this one was fairly modest; Moore appears to have timed his announcement to stir up publicity for his movie's upcoming screening at the Cannes Film Festival, though he has known for a year that Disney Chief Executive Michael Eisner was refusing to distribute "Fahrenheit 9/11." Still, the complaint was vintage Moore: People who disagree with you are part of a conspiracy led by corporate evildoers. When a film magazine parodied his breakout film "Roger and Me," Moore dangled this explanation: "Film Comment is a publication of the Film Society of Lincoln Center. Lincoln Center had received a \$5-million gift from GM just prior to publishing the piece trashing 'Roger and Me.' Coincidence? Or just five big ones well spent?"

After some people booted his Oscar acceptance speech last year, Moore insisted in an in-

terview with the San Jose Mercury News that "those boos were amplified ... as I looked out at the audience no one was booing. You could see the camera desperately trying to find people who were disgracing with me and they couldn't." Actually, those boos were more real than "Bowling for Columbine," which from title to credits was a torrent of partial truths, pointed omissions and deliberate misimpressions.

Moore based the title on the testimony of five students that the killers had gone to a bowling class before the massacre — even though investigators concluded on the testimony of many other witnesses that they could not have been in class that day. The dazzling opening sequence, in which Moore runs out of a bank waving a gun that he received in exchange for opening an account, is no less factually challenged. According to later interviews with the bank's senior representative shown in the sequence, Moore staged the scene, knowing that it takes six weeks to do a background check before a customer can receive a gun.

And that's only the first few minutes of the movie. Later, Moore implicitly condemns the United States for giving \$345 million to the Taliban in 2000 and 2001, neglecting to men-

tion that the money went through a food program run by the United Nations for a famine-stricken population. Moore's admirers justify his dysfunctional relationship with facts by insisting that the filmmaker still manages to get at core truths, but "Bowling" is a perfect case study toward incoherent conclusions.

Moore tries to show the connection between individual and state violence by pointing out that the Columbine murders occurred on the same day that the United States dropped the largest number of bombs in the conflict in Yugoslavia. But if trying to depose a tyrant like Slobodan Milosevic in a NATO operation is somehow related to kids committing mass murder, then why were there so few murders that year in Britain, where the government strongly supported the bombings?

He also tries to argue that the media feed peoples' fear which in turn leads to violence. But if the United States is so violent, shouldn't the media cover it? Moore justifies his fictions by pleading comic license: "How can there be inaccuracy in comedy?" he once asked Lou Dobbs.

When "Fahrenheit 9/11" does finally open, you may be able to call it funny. Just don't assume that it is true — or, for that matter, a documentary.

Kay Hymowitz is a contributing editor of the City Journal at the Manhattan Institute.

LETTER

Bush keeps bumbling his way as president

May 3. Bush actually said, "What the country needs is a leader that speaks clearly." It brought back memories. Fool me once, I'm a fool ... er.

We won't be fueled. Did the Dems unplug the TelePrompTeff Dick Cheney is learning to throw his voice in case it happens again.

Right after the Inauguration, Bush said, "The economy is doing good. That's why we need tax cuts now."

Another warning ignored. Those flaming liberals, the Red Cross, warned of abuse on prisoners of war.

Like the 9/11 warnings, it did not register. It's OK, Fox propaganda network has called Iraq's subhuman.

Remember the last time a propaganda ministry labeled a ree subhuman.

How about the 300 Afghan POWs that were cruelly murdered by getting thrown into hot ship containers and allowed to slowly suffocate.

Am I the only one that saw that Canadian news clip? The U.S. Special Forces are responsible for those murders. Don't worry, Cheney has bullied the Belgian War Crimes Court to drop charges.

About 40 percent of the population has a psychosis that Iraq was responsible for 9/11. If medication or electric shock therapy does not work, a lobotomy might be in order.

Now Disney is trying to stop Moore's new documentary that exposes, among other things, Bush's financial dealings with bin Laden.

Maybe Bush is not trying too hard to find bin Laden because he still owes him money. How about our 600 (don't know when this will be pub-

lished) dead troops. Please no more casualties.

The warmongers call the dead acceptable. That's not too many. More die in traffic accidents, etc.

They are turning the dead into statistics. These are human beings. They had names. They had dreams. They had a future. Now the right doesn't even want their names mentioned.

RUDY CASTRO
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Drive and determination define Szanto

The voters in Zone 4 are fortunate to have three candidates running for a position on the Twin Falls School Board. Please take special notice of Dr. Editt Szanto, one of these candidates.

I have known Dr. Szanto since 1996 when she began her teaching and administrative career at the College of Southern Idaho. Dr. Szanto brings drive and determination to whatever she undertakes. I know she will put this same energy into the Twin Falls School District.

Dr. Editt Szanto will bring a variety of administrative and educational (classroom and online teaching) experiences to the Twin Falls School District. Please consider her when casting your vote in the Twin Falls School Board election on May 18.

PAULA EDMONDS-HOLLIFIELD
Twin Falls

Bedke provides leadership on funding

I am writing in support of Rep. Scott Bedke's re-election bid. Rep. Bedke and I serve together on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, and I have seen firsthand the leadership skills that Rep. Bedke utilizes in order to do the work of the people in District 27 and Idaho.

During these difficult economic times, Rep. Bedke is one of the key leaders who has worked tirelessly to secure funding for critical priorities like funding for our public K-12 schools while holding state agencies accountable for their budgets. In fact, if not for Rep. Bedke's leadership, funding for our K-12 schools would have been seriously compromised.

Instead, with Rep. Bedke's leadership, we re-organized the K-12 budgets so that citizens could clearly see where their investment was going, increased funding for the system as a whole, increased beginning teachers' salaries and established a reserve account so that the K-12 budget would be shielded from the budgetary cutbacks that all other agencies have seen and may see again this next budget year.

Rep. Bedke's leadership has helped us continue to place priority on funding for the education of our future — the education of our children. The facts can be found in the budget numbers posted on the JFAC Web site at www.jfac.state.idaho.gov.

As a wife of a public school teacher who has taught in Idaho for 30 years, the mother of two children in public schools and an elected state senator, I know that Rep. Bedke is working hard for a sound K-12 system.

I also know that Rep. Bedke provides leadership on critical natural resource issues that face you as residents of District 27 and all of us across the state.

Election deadline

The Times-News wants your letters to the editor in regard to the May 25 statewide primary election. The deadline for all letters is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19. You can turn in your letter to the editor:

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- Or drop it off to our Twin Falls office at 132 Fairfield St. W., or our Burley offices on Overland.

We count on his expertise, knowledge and background as we move ahead on these issues.

It is my hope that you will vote to return Rep. Bedke to the state Legislature.

SHAWN KEOUGH
Sandpoint
(Editor's note: Shawn Keough is the senator for District 1, Boundary and Banner counties.)

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Ken Edmunds on Water...

Water is the lifeblood of the Magic Valley. We, and most of the western United States, are suffering through one of the worst droughts in recent memory. If there is anything positive from this drought, it is that people are finally realizing that we do not have an unlimited supply of water. We have taken water for granted too long. Over 15,000 new wells have been drilled on the Northside since 1987. The per capita use of water in the City of Twin Falls is double the national average. The list goes on. We must change our methods, habits and attitudes.

This drought cycle will end and people will forget too quickly. We cannot allow that to happen. Our water problems are not just due to the drought. Water usage trends and over-appropriation have been obvious for decades. We must take aggressive action to protect this priceless resource. The Legislature can play a key role in reaching long-term solutions, yet at the same time, as one of my opponents with water experience stated, "legislating a solution will head us to the courts."

The Legislature should not attempt to change water law because that approach will end up in litigation, but we must provide the resources to properly defend our local and State interests. We must enable our best water minds to determine the right solutions and negotiate on our behalf. We cannot restrict them with political correctness or halfhearted support.

As a State, we must:

- Increase our water storage capacity.
- Enforce water usage limits, particularly for domestic well users.
- Educate water users on conservation techniques, provide incentives for compliance and enforce penalties for abuse.
- Learn to say "no" when necessary.

Water is our most precious resource. Let's treat water as if our lives depend on it - because they do. I am committed to finding and implementing long-term solutions for the Magic Valley's water needs.

Please contact me at 735-0144 or edmunds@cablone.net with your comments and concerns. I ask for your vote for State Senate on May 25th.

Filed for by Edmunds for State Senate, Robert Norman, Treasurer



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This drought cycle will end and people will forget too quickly. We cannot allow that to happen. Our water problems are not just due to the drought. Water usage trends and over-appropriation have been obvious for decades. We must take aggressive action to protect this priceless resource. The Legislature can play a key role in reaching long-term solutions, yet at the same time, as one of my opponents with water experience stated, "legislating a solution will head us to the courts."

The Legislature should not attempt to change water law because that approach will end up in litigation, but we must provide the resources to properly defend our local and State interests. We must enable our best water minds to determine the right solutions and negotiate on our behalf. We cannot restrict them with political correctness or halfhearted support.

As a State, we must:

- Increase our water storage capacity.
- Enforce water usage limits, particularly for domestic well users.
- Educate water users on conservation techniques, provide incentives for compliance and enforce penalties for abuse.
- Learn to say "no" when necessary.

Water is our most precious resource. Let's treat water as if our lives depend on it - because they do. I am committed to finding and implementing long-term solutions for the Magic Valley's water needs.

Please contact me at 735-0144 or edmunds@cablone.net with your comments and concerns. I ask for your vote for State Senate on May 25th.

Filed for by Edmunds for State Senate, Robert Norman, Treasurer

WORLD

Gandhi takes seat as parliament leader of India's Congress

NEW DELHI (AP) — Sonia Gandhi moved a step closer Saturday to becoming India's first foreign-born prime minister when her Congress party, the upset winner in a parliamentary vote, unanimously re-elected her to lead them in the legislature.

The largely formal move re-



Sonia Gandhi

flected her party's apparent confidence that potential members of a parliamentary coalition now being formed will not object to her Indian birth or try to prevent her from becoming the latest in the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty to lead India.

Congress scored a stunning general election victory this week over Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Hindu-nationalist coalition, and is now firmly on course to form a coalition government and take power within days.

"We are all aware that we have an enormous task ahead

of us," Gandhi told the lawmakers at the parliament building in New Delhi. "The way ahead is fraught with difficulties. Let us therefore not be complacent."

Gandhi, 57, has scheduled meetings over the weekend with her allies, mostly leftist parties. If she gets their support, she would follow in the footsteps of her husband Rajiv, assassinated in 1991 and her mother-in-law Indira, slain in 1984, to the premiership. Indira Gandhi's father Jawaharlal Nehru was India's first prime minister, taking power after it

gained independence from Britain in 1947.

Gandhi said she felt "deeply humbled" standing before the new Congress lawmakers in the hall where her predecessors once stood. She would be the second woman to lead India.

"I feel greatly privileged. I stand here in this space occupied by my great teachers ... Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira-ji, Rajiv-ji," she said, using an honorific that means "esteemed."

"I would like to remember them today. I would like to honor them today," she said.

wearing a traditional cream-colored sari.

There were two issues that could be stumbling blocks — Gandhi's foreign birth and the fact that she is not a Hindu. Born and raised in Italy, where the majority of people were Roman Catholic, Gandhi seldom mentions her religious beliefs, and said in a newspaper interview during the campaign that neither she nor her Italian parents were religious.

She has participated in both Hindu and Roman Catholic religious ceremonies and her

children were raised as Hindus. Gandhi is expected to ask President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for permission to form a new government. After that formality, Kalam would swear her in so she can prove her majority in a confidence vote in Parliament.

India's 380 million voters surprised politicians and pollsters when they ousted Vajpayee's coalition, which had campaigned on its record overseeing a booming economy and peace initiatives with Pakistan. His Bharatiya Janata Party was routed.

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Good Nutritional Habits Start With a Glass of Milk at the Dinner Table

With June just around the corner, it is time to "Get into the Mood" for an annual affair honoring the Magic Valley's dairy industry.

Magic Valley Dairy Days, scheduled for June 18-19 in Wendell, is two-day celebration that is sure to please the entire family.

Dairy Days Chairperson, Paula Simerly, said once again Wendell's city park will be teeming with an assortment of craft, game, and specialty booths, a variety of foods for everyone's dining pleasure, carnival rides for the adventurous, a parade, and lots of entertainment.

Of course, the members of the United Dairymen of Idaho will be close by to hand out free delicious and nutritious yogurt, cheese, and milk. Simerly added that the parade line up still has room for more floats and specialty attractions. She even issued a challenge to area marching bands to "... come and strut your stuff in our parade."

Along with the rides, games, and food, organizers decided to add a new event — a cheese-carving contest. According to contest organizer, Becky Shubert, four-person teams will have a certain amount of time to carve five-pound blocks of cheddar cheese, which will be donated

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"It will be fun and interesting to see what the teams create out of cheese," Shubert added.

Wendell's tradition of saluting Magic Valley dairy farmers started with a group of residents 15 years ago. After a few years, the local chamber of commerce stepped in to help with the organizational and promotional aspects of the celebration. Over time, the event grew and today event organizers estimate between 3,000 and 5,000 people travel to Wendell for the summertime celebration.

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and grown through the years is the Dairy Days Scholarship Fund. Money for this fund is generated through Dairy Days booklet advertising sales and donations. Last year the Dairy Days committee raised enough money to award 24-\$300 scholarship to Magic Valley students who were planning to attend an Idaho college or university.

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For parade information, contact Oren DeVries at 536-5666. To enter a team in the cheese-carving contest, contact Becky Shubert at 934-8477.

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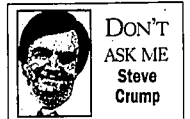
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Old plumbing is pretty much a wash

If like me, you own a home that's 50 years old, then you find yourself thinking twice about whether you really need a shower today or whether you should go buy 355 pairs of underwear so you only have to do laundry once a year.

That's because my house has galvanized steel pipes — 19th century technology with a small design flaw.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

It rusts. From the inside. So when I say my prayers each day, I conclude with, "Please, God, no flooding." I'm even more nervous since I spent a few days vacationing on the Oregon Coast recently. Large stretches of shoreline there are suffused with cheerful green signs that proclaim: "WARNING: ERUPTING TSUNAMI DANGER ZONE."

A tsunami, if you've never seen the ocean, is akin to what happens when your cousin Floyd belly-flops into the pool at the family reunion. Everyone sliding around the edge goes wet. Along the coast of Oregon, there's a fault line just offshore. So, if you feel the sand beneath your feet begin to shake, you can pretty well pencil yourself in for a bad day.

Same with old water pipes: It's only a question of when. A plumber explained to me that you really don't want to have leaking water pipes. It will rot your home from the inside out and promote the growth of mold more toxic than the stuff that grows in the vegetable crisper of your refrigerator.

Short of that, there's the Bad Cholesterol Effect. You know how your doctor explained to you that if you don't lay off the Awesome Blossoms, all the cholesterol in your blood will gang up on your coronary arteries and block them? Something similar happens with rusted galvanized steel pipes. Little leaks of rust in water pipes are forever breaking away and being carried toward the spigots in your house. They accumulate at the choke-points — usually in a faucet — and force you to take showers in a stream of water a bit bigger than a straw. So you're forever taking apart the fixtures in your home and cleaning out the small parts with a sewing needle and an old toothbrush, trying to coax your water pressure to come back.

Annoying, but tolerable until you get the big bill. I've noticed over the years that a plumber bearing bad news acts pretty much like a doctor with the same news. It's a \$45,000 job, Mr. Crump, but we've had excellent results with these triple plumbing bypass procedures. Of course, it's open-circuit surgery, so there's always a risk of bad news. To be honest, there are some less expensive alternatives. You can join a health club and take your showers there. You can take all your laundry over to your sister's house once a month. And you can just let the dog dry-clean.

But one day, you know in the back of your mind, the Big One will arrive. Probably, a plumber explained to me, after you've had occasion to turn off the main water-supply valve to your house. When the water rushes back into your pipes, all hell can break loose.

"CNN has just received video of that ongoing disaster in Idaho. Just."

"It seems that a wall of water has carried away most of a suburban neighborhood in Twin Falls, Idaho. The rust-colored wave struck without warning, leaving a trail of broken piping and casualties."

So when it comes time to say, replace that water heater, you've just got to suck it up and do the job drenched. Better than turning off the water valve and then rising the tsunami to follow.

I asked a shopkeeper on the Oregon Coast how she coped with the risk of a tidal wave.

"Easy," she said, "we all wear drip-dry clothes."

Not bad.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magvalley.com.

Sheriff candidates square off

By Troy Foster
Times-News writer

JEROME — Five of the six men running for Jerome County sheriff exchanged views at a recent meet-the-candidates forum, sparring over several topics ranging from how officers patrol the county to the effectiveness of the department's drug enforcement.

Facing four challengers in the May 25 Republican primary, two-term incumbent Jim Weaver defended his department, at one point reacting testily to criticisms that deputies spend too much time on Interstate 84 and Highway 93.

"I find it very interesting that all these gentlemen that are

speaking tonight have chosen to attack the Jerome County Sheriff's Office and the fine men and women that go out on a daily basis and enforce the law," Weaver said.

Every day before each shift one deputy is assigned to the east end and one to the west end, he said.

Weaver's comments were in response to the chorus of criticism from four of his Republican challengers — Wayne Childers was unable to attend the forum — who said rural areas of the county were not properly being patrolled.

Bryant Nelson, an Eden-area farmer with past law enforcement experience in Monroe, La., said deputies spend too much time "running radar" on

I-84 and promised that if elected he'd be no "traffic cop."

He said he'd put patrols "back in the rural areas where they belong," and noted that any deputy unwilling to break the status quo "might have to find employment elsewhere."

"I believe an important plus that I bring to this race is a common man's perspective," he said. "I don't bring the baggage that you get when you've been in law enforcement too long."

Larry Webb said livestock are being stolen in the rural areas at alarming rates and promised to put more patrol cars on the backcountry roads.

"You can't stay on major highways all the time and accomplish that," he said.

Jerry Martinez, a Twin Falls deputy and former Jerome County Sheriff's Department employee, said it was time put

"leadership and integrity back in our sheriff's office."

"If you make a mistake, take your lumps and don't try to cover it," Martinez said.

Weaver touted his accomplishments in seven years as sheriff, pointing to such recent events as the Internet sex sting and a campaign that shined a spotlight on stop sign-related fatalities. Since he was elected, Weaver said crime is down 42 percent, correlating that number to 384 drug-related arrests from the low-level users to the large drug dealers.

Several candidates said it was time for the Jerome County Sheriff's Department to rejoin a regional drug task force, a point Weaver appeared to answer when he said, "I don't rely on other agencies to come in and mop up the problems we should be handling ourselves."

Martinez said he would end the competitive nature between different law enforcement agencies.

"To be a team player you must have working relationships with other agencies," he said.

Webb said if elected he'd be a "people's sheriff" and "you're not to be a friend because you're an enforcer," Webb said. "I've always said prevention is cheaper than apprehension."

Nelson said he'd put a station on the east end of the county and do other things he'd need to rejoin the regional drug task force.

"I would immediately get an agent in the drug task force," he said. "Drug dealers are no-mad."

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GETTING PREPARED



A.J. Garcia runs his speech through his head while walking toward the College of Southern Idaho Gym before the High School Equivalency/GED Graduation ceremonies Saturday. Garcia is starting on a paramedic associate's degree.

Discouragement fuels fire for GED graduate

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A. J. Garcia was restless as he waited to get his cap and gown before the general equivalency diploma graduation ceremony at the College of Southern Idaho.

"I'm nervous," said Garcia, 27, of Jerome. "This is something new to me. I'm not used to having success."

After seven months of work he earned a GED, a high school equivalency certificate and is on his way to becoming a paramedic and eventually a physician's assistant.

His story was one of many celebrated at CSI Saturday evening, where about 150 students participated in the

graduation.

Veneta Jenkins, the chief examiner for the college's GED program, said about 350 people are getting their GEDs this semester. She said the numbers here and statewide have been down for the last three years because of rumors that new versions of the GED tests are harder than before, even though they're not.

Patricia Kempthorne, Idaho's first lady admonished the graduates to look inside themselves, acknowledge their fears and work through them to achieve.

"We have to know who we are and what we can be," Kempthorne said. "You can't do it all by yourself."

Garcia had help, too. His sister was the first in his

immediate family to get a GED and go to college. He thanked her when he spoke to the crowd.

She shouted back, "I love you, too!"

Garcia was born in American Falls and grew up in foster homes in Colorado. He was in and out of high school in Idaho Falls. He has worked multiple jobs for years. Most recently, he was in Wyoming working two full-time jobs, one lifting marble and granite for a stone company, the other building houses. He is divorced and has four children.

After years of this, he decided he was living a lifestyle that was not doing him any good. While visiting his sister in Jerome, she suggested he go back to school.

Garcia started to think about it on the drive back to Jerome, then came to Idaho with the goal of getting his GED and getting out.

Garcia moved to Jerome about seven months ago to turn his life around.

He finished the GED in December and another month's work got him his high school equivalency. He just finished his prerequisites for paramedic classes.

"I went from having nothing to having something," Garcia said.

There are lots of GEDs in Garcia's family and he has two uncles who went to college. The process has been a challenge. Please see GRADUATE, Page B7

T.F. School Board hopefuls bring strong backgrounds

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Voters in northeast Twin Falls will choose their representative on the Twin Falls School Board Tuesday afternoon.

The seat being vacated by retiring Del Traveller has a three-year term. Candidates are Donald Puder, Edit Szanto and Lori Ward.

In these races, every vote counts. Last year, only 41 people turned out to vote for a board position in Zone 2, the southwest part of Twin Falls. There are 4,440 registered voters in Zone

Elementary School at 1771 Stadium Blvd.

Puder: Students leave without basic knowledge

As a former life sciences professor at the College of Southern Idaho, Donald Puder said that many students enter college without the basic knowledge they need. Many go into remedial classes to start their higher education.

"What happened K-12?" Puder asked.

He said even health and science majors came in without the basic knowledge of science, so his department had to develop a basic biology course for majors. That experience helped him decide to run for the Twin Falls School Board

because wants to be involved in strengthening learning.

Puder — who retired in 1997 after serving as chairman of the CSI life sciences department for eight years — said he favors traditional methods combined with the best-researched new ideas. For instance, he was reading a research report that children should not be exposed to computers before third grade, so they can concentrate on developing social skills. He favors an emphasis on the basics and doesn't want to see skills such as cursive handwriting die out.

Puder said he would like to encourage students to not overload themselves with activities, and concentrate on excelling in one or two things, not four or five things.

Puder said teachers should have the freedom to discuss controversial issues, subjects, and they should not be pressured to present theories, such as the theory of evolution, as fact. Puder has written many letters to the editor about divine creation as the origin of life.

Black Snider, now the chairman of CSI's life sciences department, remembers when Puder was the department chairman.

"He was a good guy," Snider said.

Snider said Puder never taught creation science at the college. He said Puder is a fundamentalist Christian, but he didn't bring his beliefs out in the classroom.

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Fairfield teenagers unveil skate park plans

Kids ask council for a cheap park

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — They're not asking for money, four teens told the City Council Thursday.

Camas eighth-grader Silas Brand and seventh-graders Corey Brand, Torrey Johnson and Lukus Sisman said they're "just asking for a place to skate."

The teens presented drawings of a skate park, which they had designed with a little bit of encouragement from their parents and teachers.

Council members said they would take the teens' proposal under consideration.

Keeping the cost realistic was a priority to the teens.

"We just want three or four ramps, a half-pipe and a quarter-pipe, and maybe some other stuff that wouldn't cost too much," Sisman said.

"Halley's skate park cost half a million dollars. We want something cheaper here."

Even a modestly equipped park would attract many patrons from Camas County and from other areas, the teens said.

"Lots of people would skate here," Sisman said. "It would be something to do at school that would keep us out of trouble."

"Of course after our homework," Johnson added.

The teens, who represented their friends in the community who also skate, said they would be willing to help build and maintain a new skate park.

A citizen present stated that in the past the U.S. Forest Service had discussed allocating a portion of land for a skate park. Sisman told The Times-News on Saturday that the Forest Service lot in question would probably be too close to residences in town.

"If we wanted to have our music up, we'd probably get a lot of complaints," he said.

The teens' idea for City Council business included:

- Press box — Council members voted to allow the school district to relocate a press box donated by the Kuna School District to the football field.
- Watering — Councilman Kenneth Lee asked residents to water their lawns mornings and evenings for greater efficiency when possible during the upcoming dry summer.
- Auction — The city will auction off a Farmall tractor with plow, two air compressors, and miscellaneous office equipment and shop items on May 22.
- Hiring help — The City Council agreed to allow the mayor to hire individuals on a contract basis for part-time labor at the choosing of Public Works Employee Tony Dalin.
- City seal — Mayor David Hanks presented Tami Peck with a plaque depicting her winning design for an official Fairfield City Seal.

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Boise will conduct disaster drill

BOISE (AP) — Emergency response agencies will participate in what may be one of the largest mock disaster drills staged in southwest Idaho on Monday.

The Boise Fire Department, Boise Police Department and Boise Airport staff are all participating in the drill sponsored by the state and federal bureaus of Homeland Security.

It's part of an exercise to test

emergency preparedness and response times. Simultaneous attack simulations will also test whether holes exist in communication systems.

"We're planning for something that hopefully will never happen," said Lynn Hightower, communication director for the Boise Police Department, said. "But it's important that we carry out these types of exercises to identify what we need to im-

prove upon so that we're ready if we need to be."

The U.S. Department of Justice is funding the \$20,000 exercise. It requires the help of 37 agencies in four state counties.

Disaster planners will overturn a school bus and ignite a controlled fire to simulate an airplane crash, while health agencies will respond to a mock communicable disease outbreak on Monday.

SERVICES

Charles Bazany quiet celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. today at his home.

Leona Ruth Parks of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Lloyd A. Cravens of Twin Falls, visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Dale N. Kidd of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Springdale 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 S. 475 E., Burley.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at Inasmuch Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Anne Coulson, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Hazelton Ward Chapel, 531 Middleton Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the church and from 12 to 12:45 p.m. before the funeral on Monday (Payne Mortuary).

Nelle M. Stockton of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome First Baptist Church (Ilove Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Cleo L. Brauburger of Richfield, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Harvest Commu-

nity Church in Richfield; family members and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Kristen Gibson, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at West Weber Cemetery; friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers Mortuary in Ogden, 845 Washington Blvd.

Frances McDonald Barlow of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, (Inasmuch Mortuary Burley Chapel).

William R. "Dick" Beeson memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Pomerelle Ski Hill (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Micron's sales start moving toward Asia

BOISE (AP) — Micron President Steve Appleton predicted that within a few years most of the company's sales will be in Asia, but there are no near-term plans to build in China.

The company already has four offices in the country and in February, Micron's vice president of sales Mike Sadler said there would likely be a large manufacturing plant there within five years.

But during an analyst conference in Hong Kong on Friday, Appleton said there were no immediate plans.

The conference was broadcast live on the Internet.

"Don't think that Micron is going to run out and put a fab in China in the short term," said Appleton, who heads the world's second-largest maker of electronic memory chips.

"The cost structure is good, but labor cost is not a big factor for Micron."

Appleton also acknowledged that there is debate within the memory chip industry over whether it makes sense to do manufacturing in China.

Asian companies already account for about a third of the Boise company's sales.

Micron's largest expenses are in facilities and equipment, Appleton said.

"Wages in China for experienced technical people are a little less, but not that much less," he said. "If we wanted to do work there, we'd pay pretty close to what we pay here."

There are other disadvantages to any immediate building in China, he said, including the lengthy process of training a new workforce, common power interruptions and a limited water supply for processing the silicon wafers from which memory chips are made.

But Appleton did not rule out China-based manufacturing plants in long-term plans.

He said that as other high-tech firms build a skilled workforce in China, it makes the country more attractive for other industries.

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Ruth Anderson Hartman - Twin Falls

Ruth Anderson Hartman, of Twin Falls, was 91 when she passed away Thursday evening, May 13, 2004, at her home.

Ruth was born Jan. 28, 1913, at Daniel's Creek, Utah, to John X. and Sarah Agnes McAfee Anderson. When 6 years of age she moved with her family to Blue Bell, Utah. Her family were true pioneers as they turned land which had been desert and sage brush into a productive farm.

Ruth married Floyd Hartman on April 16, 1933. They farmed and ranched in Mt. Emmons for 27 years before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho. They operated the Hartman's Drive Through Dairy on East Addison for many years.

Ruth's greatest joy was her family. She loved nothing more than to receive visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was dearly loved by them all and will be greatly missed.

Ruth raised beautiful violets



with which she won many prize ribbons at fairs. She always raised beautiful flower gardens and enjoyed involvement in a gardening club and the African Violet Club. Ruth was also involved in the American Guernsey Association.

She is survived by her son, Harlen (jeanne) Hartman of Twin Falls; her daughter, Kruen (Rulon) Gilbert of Twin Falls;

her brothers, Ivan, Sherman, Reed, and Max Anderson; her sister, Dorothy A. White; grandchildren, Kristi Gilbert Ouahib, Michele Coleman, Melinda Gilbert, Nicole Gilbert, Hoid Gilbert, Tiffany Grubbs, Chester Hartman, Christopher Deuel and Clayton Deuel; and eight great-grandchildren, Danielle Gilbert-Ouahib, Stephen Gilbert-Ouahib, Chantal Gilbert-Ouahib, Cicely Coleman, Kindey Coleman, Michael Coleman, Avery Grubbs and Quintyn Grubbs.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, who passed away in 1995, and two brothers, Ameth and Roy Anderson.

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Service will conclude at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday at the chapel.

Gary Wesley Burlington Sr. - Jerome

Gary Wesley Burlington Sr., 57, of Jerome, passed away May 9, 2004, in Seattle, Wash., after courageously fighting a battle with cancer.

He was born June 6, 1946, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He married Brenda Ruth Kay on Thanksgiving Day in 1964. Gary was quite the "family man" and he thought the world of his wife and children. Gary served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was employed with Northwest Labs before he became physically unable to work. Even though he was facing that particular challenge, Gary always found a way to come through for his family. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, movies and spending time with his family. He was an outstanding Bus Rider/volunteer for Northside Head Start in Jerome and was looking forward to continuing after he completed his medical treatment. He never gave up and he took each day as it came, good or bad, giving thanks to the Lord for giving him another day to be with his family and friends.

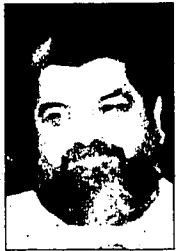
Gary was tremendously creative with his hands and he artistically designed for everyone he knew and loved.



individual and unique gifts, which demonstrated the abundance of love he had for each and every one of us who loved him and were a part of his life.

Gary was preceded in death by his sons, Gary W. Burlington Jr. and Willy E. Burlington; his brothers, Elmer and Rick Koller; his sisters, Donita and Lillian Koller; and his parents, Fred W. Burlington and Lily Burlington.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Burlington; their children, Grenda (Jose Luis) Chavez, Midgy (Felipe Gomez) Valdez; daughter-in-law, Kim Burlington; and 16 grandchild-



ren. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Margaret Kay; two sisters, Patty Burlington and Sharon Matthews; and his brother, Ted (Debbie) Koller.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at the St. Benedict's Park, 709 N. Lincoln. Jerome, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Gary's name to Jerome Funeral Home, Main, Jerome, ID 83338. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Melvin A. Drexler - Cape Coral, Fla.

Melvin A. Drexler, 76, of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, died with his loving wife of 28 years by his side on Thursday, May 13, 2004, in Cape Coral.

He was born to the late John M. and Juanita Drexler on June 4, 1927, in Kimberly, Idaho. He was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine "Kay" of Cape Coral; children, Herbert Drexler

(Debra) of Ashton, Idaho; Linda Ahrens of Joseph City, Ariz.; Heidi Nisson (Craig) of Twin Falls, Idaho; Michael Walsh of Cape Coral and Carrie Walsh of Cape Coral; sisters, Louella Knight (Bob) of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mary Ann Knight and Bill of Bellevue, Idaho; and eight grandchildren.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Orville Drexler; and daughter,

Audrey Drexler. Family's expressions of sympathy are in the form of a contribution to Hope Hospice or Alvin Dubin Alzheimer's. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at St. Andrew Catholic Church, The Metz Chapel of Harvey-Engelhardt-Metz Funeral Homes and Crematory of Cape Coral is in charge of arrangements.

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Richfield candidates tackle consolidation, drug testing

By Troy Foster
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Consolidation and drug testing have been hot-button issues within the Richfield School District during the past year.

Although consolidation talks with the Shoshone and Dietrich school districts have stalled for the time being, the issue continues to linger in the background.

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These issues may have partially inspired two contested races in this small rural school district. Kathy Workman and Alex Sutter are challenging two incumbents — Brenda Farnworth and Jessie West, respectively — who each have served on the School Board for the past six years.

Voters may cast their ballots between noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Richfield School Cafeteria, 555 N. Tiger Drive.

Here's a brief look at the candidates:

Kathy Workman

Workman, 29, says she's running for the School Board because she feels Zone 2 needs better representation.

Workman's opponent, School Board Chairwoman Brenda Farnworth, has served on the board for six years. Workman questions Farnworth's commitment to district patrons, pointing to an out-of-town job she currently holds in Pocatello.

"We've had a little bit of problems with representation in our zone and the School Board member that is holding our zone is out of town and is going to be represented by teleconference," Workman charges.

As far as school district consolidation goes, Workman opposes it and she's already made her position clear on that issue during earlier meetings.

She says a feasibility study on consolidation three years ago already suggested that it would not be very beneficial and that the amount of money saved would be minimal.

"That study just got tossed out," Workman said. "I'm not sure the voice of the patrons is being heard or the voice of the School Board chair is being heard."

Workman supports drug test-

ing, and suggested policies should be adopted that promote more drug education. "To do any drug program you need to educate children as well," she said.

Workman said if elected she'd support three components of drug testing: first, a "for-cause" component, where students could be tested if they appear to be under the influence; second, a random component for extracurricular activities, and third, a component where parents could volunteer their children for drug testing.

"I think it would be naive to think we don't need drug testing," she said.

Brenda Farnworth

Farnworth, 49, dismisses the complaint by her opponent about her temporary job in Pocatello, where she's working as an accounting consultant for four months. She also said it's silly to question her commitment to Richfield.

"I've lived in Richfield for most of my married life and I went to Richfield High School," Farnworth said she supports the idea of consolidating school districts and describes the discussion as being in a "holding pattern" for the time being.

"It would be beneficial for our school," she said. "There would be less members from Richfield on the board but that would be a small price to pay for the benefits that it would add to our school. My focus is trying to offer more in the Richfield School than we've been able to offer and I think consolidating and sharing in a consolidated district could accomplish that."

If anything, Farnworth said, the talks so far have moved the districts in the right direction. "We've already gained something from the discussion," she said. "We've forced the schools to get together to talk about sharing things."

She supports drug testing, too, and points to the progress made by a committee that's drafting a policy.

"There has to be a consequence and they say the testing deters kids from using drugs," Farnworth said. "It gives them an out to say, 'I'm not going to do this because I have to be tested.'"

And it's a good out."

Jessie West

West, 67, said he's for open government and he wants to keep serving on the School Board to further the goals the group already has accomplished.

"I'm for the children, I'm for the community and I'm for the school and I feel that I'm doing a good job," he said.

He opposes school district consolidation, and said it shouldn't have even been an issue recently because it was voted down three years ago.

"I don't know why it came back to the table so soon," he said. "And I didn't want to discuss it to start with because I don't think it's a good idea for our school and it's not a good idea for (Shoshone's) school."

West said he supports random drug testing. He pointed to the work being done by the special committee on the topic, but he noted that he fears it might not have an effect on the children that need it the most.

"That's why we're targeting the extracurricular kids and I think if we have a problem it's not going to be in that area," he said.

Alex Sutter

Sutter, 30, is a father of four and says he felt it was his duty to get involved.

"The incumbent, I'm friends with," he said. "I've known him for several years and I'm not running because I want him out."

Sutter said there's been rumor floating around that he isn't happy with the performance of the elementary school teachers. He said that couldn't be further from the truth.

"I just want it to be known that I really appreciate these teachers and I'm glad that my kids will have an opportunity to learn from them," he said. "They're some of the best in the Magic Valley and the kids' test scores are showing that."

Sutter has not formed stances on drug testing or district consolidation. He said he's all for exploring those topics and looking at all the options.

On drug testing, "I'm not certain I know enough about that issue to say one way or another."

About the candidates

Brenda Farnworth — Zone 2

- Age: 49
- Occupation: Accounting consultant
- Education: High school diploma
- Political experience: Six years on the School Board
- Quote: "I think we're really close to making some good leaps in our improvements and I wanted to run again to see if we can't get those issues done before I step down."

Kathy Workman — Zone 2

- Age: 29
- Occupation: Developmentally Disabled Assistance services provider for disabled children.
- Education: Associate's degree in social science and elementary

Jessie West — Zone 3

- Age: 67
- Occupation: Retired from Civil Service and the Air National Guard.
- Education: High school diploma.
- Political experience: Six years

education; Cal-State Bakersfield and Ceresco Community College.

• Political experience: None

• Quote: "I would look more thoroughly at the budget when it was submitted. It's not suffering under (Superintendent David) Hocklander but it has in the past. I would seriously look over a budget in the negative because you cannot spend money you do not have."

on the School Board.

• Quote: "I've been on the board six years and I think we're doing a good job for the school. We've set a lot of goals and a lot of our goals are completed."

Alex Sutter — Zone 3

- Age: 30
- Occupation: Owner of Sutter Insurance.
- Education: High school diploma
- Political experience: Appointed member of Richfield Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Quote: "There's no issue. I'm not running because any issue drives me to run — other than the issue to do what's best for the kids in the school and my kids in the future."

I know like any high school student they're drugs in the school and we need to do whatever is necessary to get those drugs out of the school.

On consolidation: "At this

point I'm not for nor against consolidation."

"I'm for the process of looking at all the options to be able to better our school with the resources that are available to us

and the other schools."

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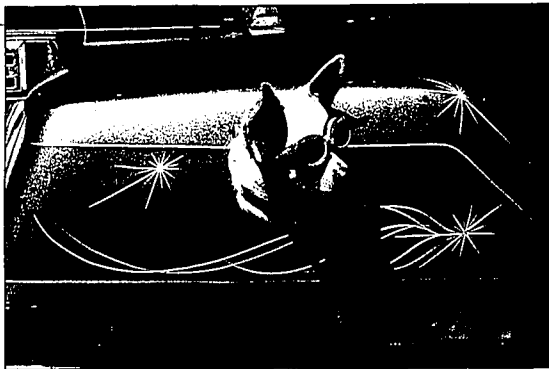
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Candidates on the issues



Decision 2004	What makes a good board member:	Testing:	Teacher pay:	Drug testing:	No Child Left Behind Act:	Evolution:	Teacher certification:	Finances:
Don Puder	To have a heart for education and a desire to work with the community.	If elected, he wants to do more research on the tests that students are taking. He says the Iowa Test of Basic Skills is one of the best exams available. For graduation requirements, he favors a test, plus classroom grades.	Favors using the current system with merit awards for good teachers: It's hard to find a system that isn't flawed somehow.	Some kind of drug testing is important to have because drugs are prevalent in today's society. He will support random testing as long as it is not a graduation requirement. Teachers should also be tested because they are role models and it would be hypocritical for them not to be tested.	He's not in favor of an unfunded mandate, but wants to study it more. "The idea is fine," Puder said, but putting it into practice can be difficult.	There is a bias in many textbooks that presents evolution as a fact, when it is only an untestable theory. Favors giving teachers the freedom to teach potentially controversial subjects.	Favors making it easier for professional experts to enter the classroom at the high school level. That allows schools to recruit otherwise unavailable talent.	Would favor using sales taxes to take some of the burden of paying for schools off property owners. Sales taxes could also help equalize funding around the state.
Edit Szanto	Being willing to listen, ask questions and learn all the details of the important issues. Being willing to work collaboratively with schools and not against them.	It is important, but test scores should not be the only things schools look at when they evaluate students. "It's important to use as a diagnostic tool and not a punitive tool," Szanto said. It may be a little premature to use the Idaho Standards Achievement Test for a graduation requirement, before people are prepared.	Supports incentive pay in hard-to-recruit jobs, such as special education. Instead of basing all pay on the performance of teachers' students, she would favor an incentive system, possibly with small grants for teachers whose students do well.	Favors educational programs that curtail drug use, but does not support random drug testing. She said there is no proof random testing is effective to reduce drug use. After growing up in a country where human rights were trampled on, she said she is more sensitive to these issues.	She doesn't think the district should be held to the mandate if it is not properly funded. "If it is a mandate, it should come with the necessary resources," Szanto said.	Says evolution should still be taught. Creationism is a religious belief that can be brought up outside school. "The scientific community agrees that evolutionary theory is the most well-accepted theory," Szanto said.	Not in favor of hiring teachers without classroom experience, except in cases of extreme shortages. Favors ongoing professional development for all teachers.	The board should champion the needs of schools so that they can get more money from the Legislature. If teachers don't get raises, that hurts morale and the students.
Lori Ward	Being an advocate for the students and the district. Having a background in education and realizing its importance. Being a parent. Bringing a useful professional skill or background.	Using standardized tests with the goal of measuring student progress and improving schools is good, but the district may be at the point of overtesting its students. She supports some kind of exit exam. It's reasonable to expect schools to educate students and for students to put in the effort to learn.	Teacher pay should not be completely linked to student performance. Other factors, such as experience, class sizes, conditions and available resources also have to be taken into account. Would support a blended system for determining teacher pay.	She supports the high school's policy of having students submit to random drug testing if they want to participate in athletics or other extracurricular activities. "The school district's responsibility is for the health and safety of our students," Ward said. She would also support random drug testing for faculty as "a matter of fairness and example."	The law is extremely influential and will have a positive effect on schools. The district has already been proactive in meeting its requirements.	The debate about teaching evolution in schools starts to blur the line between church and state. Would support schools including both perspectives on the origin of life. "For now that may be the best answer," Ward said. "You can still believe in creation and accept evolution. I don't have a spiritual problem with that."	In the case of an extreme teacher shortage, she would support hiring teachers with alternative certification, as opposed to traditional degrees in education. She said a short teaching class might help them acquire good teaching methods.	Says she is prepared to make difficult budget decisions, be creative and look locally for levy support if the district does not have enough money. "Fiscal restraint is always a good idea," Ward said. "It's not reasonable to raise a lot of money and spend a lot of money just because you can."

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A motorcycle-riding dog looks out from its holder while participating in the parade at the 19th Annual Merriam Turkey Creek Festival on Saturday at Antloch Park in Merriam, Kan. The festival included a pancake breakfast, crafts, concerts, a petting zoo and a parade.

Energy company may have illegally altered canyon's stream

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah officials say a Denver-based energy company working in Nine Mile Canyon may have done work at stream crossings without authorization.

Crosses for Hill Barrett Corp. working amid the canyon's rich archaeological treasures allegedly replaced portions of its old natural-gas pipeline last fall across Nine Mile Creek in at least two locations not authorized by environmental regulators.

"It looks like there were stream crossings done without a permit," said Walt Baker, acting director of the Utah Division of Water Quality.

The Water Quality Division earlier this month sent one of its scientists to view the stream crossings and plans to visit the site again on June 1. Representatives from the Utah Division of Water Rights, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers plan to join that trip.

"We want to see if there's damage, if it's irreparable. We need to sort those things out," said Baker.

Bill Barrett Corp. officials on Friday said they were unaware of the investigations.

"This is news to us. We haven't been contacted by any agencies," Duane Zavall, the company's environmental director, told The Salt Lake Tribune.

Zavall acknowledged his crews crossed the stream to replace portions of a pipeline, but added, "I don't have any recollection if we acquired a stream alteration permit for that crossing."

Daren Rasmussen, a stream-alteration specialist for the Division of Water Rights, confirmed his office has launched an inquiry into possible "unauthorized activities" by Hill Barrett Corp. in Nine Mile Canyon, about 20 miles northeast of Price and about 100 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Several photographs of the stream crossings suggest the company did not follow so-called "best management practices" and may have been negligent, Rasmussen said.

State law requires a Division of Water Rights permit for any construction in a streambed. But there is no record that Hill Barrett Corp., which has procured permits for roads that cross the stream, applied for permits for the pipeline to replace the stream.

Failure to procure a stream-alteration permit is a class B misdemeanor, but Richard Hall, a Division of Water Rights manager, said his agency usually tries to avoid prosecution.

The company also may have been required to consult with—and possibly obtain permits from—the Army Corps of Engineers, said Jason Gipson, regulatory project manager for the corps' Utah office.

Gipson said his office, like the Fish and Wildlife Service, is concerned about possible impacts to wetlands and endangered species. The Green River, of which Nine Mile Creek is a tributary, is home to four endangered fish species.

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Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Bean and cheese roll-ups
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Chili w/ crackers
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Milk and juice served daily.
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Salad bar and milk served every day.
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Monday: Pancakes
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Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
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Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Oatmeal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Soft tacos
Thursday: Rib-b-cue
Friday: Hamburgers

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Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Buffet lunch
Tuesday: Hamburger nachos
Wednesday: Walking taco
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Friday: Mini corn dogs

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Ham and cheese pockets
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Turkey sub

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Ham and cheese pockets
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Turkey sub

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday: Hot chicken
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich

Thursday: Barbecue beef sandwich
Friday: Pizza

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Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Chicken fettuccini Alfredo
Friday: Chicken sandwich

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza pockets
Thursday: Hamburger gravy and potatoes
Friday: Chicken burgers

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Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Cheeseburger
Friday: Pizza

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Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Turkey noodles
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Italian drinks
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TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: French bread pizza
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Chili and crackers

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast is served daily.
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Monday: Rib-b-cue sandwich
Tuesday: Cheese quesadilla
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
Friday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Turkey sandwich

BLISS SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti and meat sauce
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Baked potatoes w/ cheese
Thursday: French dip on a bun
Friday: Hoast turkey

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Mixed potatoes
Tuesday: Beef and bean enchilada
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Ham and peanut butter jelly sandwiches
Friday: Hot dogs

GLENN'S FERRY
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Malibu chicken
Friday: Potato soup

GOODING SCHOOLS
Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Pasta salad
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Lettuce bar
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Nacho bar

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffle sticks
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Ham and egg muffin
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Flinger steaks
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Hamburgers

IDEAR SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Doughnuts
Thursday: Cinnamon toast
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch menu
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Monday: Waffles

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Monday: Hot dog
Tuesday: Flinger steaks
Wednesday: Basted cheese sandwich
Thursday: Baked chicken
Friday: Chicken and bacon roll-up

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cinnamon sticks
Thursday: Doughnuts
Friday: Cherry pie
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Kempthorne opposes nuke waste agreement

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Proposed legislation allowing the Energy Department to avoid reprocessing radioactive sludge from a South Carolina nuclear site may threaten a court settlement between the agency and Idaho, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

liquid high-level waste left over from reprocessing spent fuel rods.

Since a federal judge in Idaho ruled last year that the DOE could not reclassify the waste and permanently leave it in the tanks—a decision the agency is appealing—the DOE has also unsuccessfully tried to get Congress to change the law to allow it.

The DOE and Graham say the legislation, if passed, would only affect South Carolina's waste. However, Idaho's senators say lawyers could use the legislation to get the change applied to the same waste in all states.

"We are not convinced that this couldn't have an effect on Idaho and Washington," said Lindsay Northern, the spokesman for Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

Washington Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell also have objected to the legislation.

The Energy Department said it cannot move forward with cleaning up the remaining 900,000 gallons of liquid waste in tanks at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory or the waste in the other states until the issue is resolved. The department also is holding back \$94 million in cleanup money for the INEEL tanks.

Senate committee approved the change, sought by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., last week. If passed, the legislation would allow the Energy Department to avoid removing thousands of gallons of highly radioactive sludge from South Carolina, Graham said. The change was needed to implement an agreement reached between the Energy Department and the state.

Energy Department officials, meanwhile, expressed hope that the change would also help them reach agreement with Washington and Idaho officials on the treatment of millions of gallons of liquid radioactive waste kept at DOE facilities in those states.

Kempthorne said he opposes the agency's attempt to get around the current law, which requires it to treat and dispose of all high-level nuclear waste.

"This legislation would be a huge step backward reinforcing public fears about our nation walking away from nuclear obligations," Kempthorne said. "I am also concerned this legislation will negatively impact DOE's compliance with its 1995 court settlement with Idaho."

Like South Carolina, Idaho and Washington have stored

Officials warn Skywest pilots of safety violations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A top SkyWest official responding to reports of safety lapses cautioned the airline's 1,600 pilots about incidents of wing tips striking the runway, improper procedures and an overloaded baggage compartment.

The Federal Aviation Administration has reviewed four safety lapses in the past 18 months. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story in Saturday's editions.

Brad Holt—the St. George-based airlines chief of operations in a May 4 memo said the incidents are "cause for concern."

No specific dates were given, but the memo listed the following safety violations:

- An overloaded baggage compartment caused an aircraft to rotate on its own during takeoff roll.

- A wing tip struck a runway during crosswind landing. The crosswind may have exceeded aircraft capability.

- A failure to follow procedures and use the preflight checklist led to improper engine operation.

- Poor weather conditions, low visibility, an unstable approach and a pilot whose "long" experience in an aircraft type led to a hard landing. A wing tip struck the runway resulting in substantial damage to aircraft.

"Recently our airline has been under scrutiny by the FAA for several incidents. There are some common links in each of these incidents which lead me to believe that we should take a closer look at our safety culture with the possibility of changing some of our training programs, policies and procedures," Holt said in the memo.

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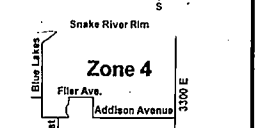
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Girder falls onto highway

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — A 40-ton steel girder dropped from a freeway overpass construction site into morning traffic on Saturday, crushing one car and killing three people west of Denver.

The 100-foot-long girder sagged across three lanes of Interstate 70, shearing off the top of an SUV that was carrying a man, a woman and a young girl, said State Patrol Master Trooper Ron Watkins.

All three were killed but no other vehicles were involved in the accident, which occurred shortly after 10 a.m., Watkins said. The site is 10 miles west of downtown Denver.

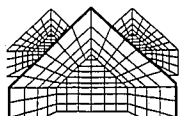
A caller to radio station KQA described seeing a blue Dodge SUV cut in half.

"The front, from the driver's seat forward, is about 200 feet down the road from the other part that's under the girder," the caller told KQA. The station did not identify the caller.

The girder was put up Tuesday as crews were adding a lane to a bridge carrying Colorado 470 over I-70, said State Department of Transportation spokeswoman Stacy Stegman. The beam was resting on concrete pillars at both ends, with the middle draped across all three lanes of the highway. The crushed remains of the car were underneath.

"This is about as bad as it gets," State Patrol Capt. Jim Wolfenbarger said.

Engineers were on the scene investigating, Stegman said, adding that no vehicles were on the bridge when the accident occurred.



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State's schools grow increasingly segregated

Los Angeles Times

Fifty years after the U.S. Supreme Court declared deliberately segregated schools unconstitutional, racial isolation is intensifying on California's public school campuses amid vast Latino immigration and a retreat from busing and other efforts to diversify enrollments.

Nearly 1 million Latino and black schoolchildren in California now attend highly segregated campuses with few if any white or Asian students—more than triple the figure of

Many educators, civil rights leaders and minority parents are clamoring to improve education where black and, particularly Latino youngsters dominate campuses.

isolated minorities from two decades ago.

Yet many educators, civil rights leaders and minority parents have given up on the possibility of large-scale integration. Instead, they are clamoring to improve education

where black and, particularly Latino youngsters dominate campuses.

"The reality is that... there are going to be racially segregated schools. Given that reality, as much as we don't want to accept it, what do we do for the

children in those schools?" asked Theodore M. Shaw, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which won the argument against legal segregation with the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education decision on May 17, 1954.

California voters and post-Brown court rulings have effectively ended mandatory busing for integration in the state. Voluntary programs are available but, in a sign of the times, parents such as Lupe Mendoza-Fernandez are turning

ing down the offers. "The only way you can make a difference is by keeping your children within your community," said the Los Angeles mother, who has kept her three youngsters close to home even though that has meant sending them to segregated, crowded and ill-equipped campuses.

Mendoza-Fernandez feared that long bus rides to higher-performing, racially diverse campuses would rob her children of after-school activities and make it impossible to stay involved in their education.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Next year, I'll stay in Australia and get drunk with my mates, like I always do.

— Australian golfer Peter Lonard, 36, who came to Florida during Christmas break to work out with his trainer and ended up cracking a rib that kept him off the PGA Tour for six weeks

TRIVIA QUESTION: Three major league players have won MVP honors at two positions. Who was the first to do it? *...answer below*

IN BRIEF
Kimberly offers basketball camp

KIMBERLY — Kimberly High School is offering a boys basketball camp for grades 7-12 on June 2-4. Cost is \$30 if registered by May 30 or \$35 afterward. The fee includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, call Roger Keller at 423-6036 or 731-1281.

American Legion holds golf scramble

FAIRFIELD — The American Legion in Fairfield will be hosting a four-man best ball golf scramble May 22 at Soldier Mountain Resort in Fairfield. A shotgun start is set for 9 a.m. A \$30 entry cost covers greens fees and a meal. The proceeds go to rest rooms at the Legion ballfield. Ron Stockham at 934-4738 or Joe Gobbi at 358-0012 for more information.

MVRS fund-raiser needs sponsors

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services and The Canyon Springs Golf Course will hold its 11th annual five-person scramble golf tournament Saturday, June 5. Registration starts at 7 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8. The corporate sponsor fee is \$500 and includes the entry fee for five golfers. Individual fees cost \$55. The fees include a continental breakfast, greens fees, two carts per team, tee pizzas and a post-round barbecue. There are prizes for the first, second and third place golfers for gross and net, along with an award for the last-place finisher. For more information, call Jim Astorquia at (208) 734-4112, ext. 104.

Kimberly Bulldogs plan football camp

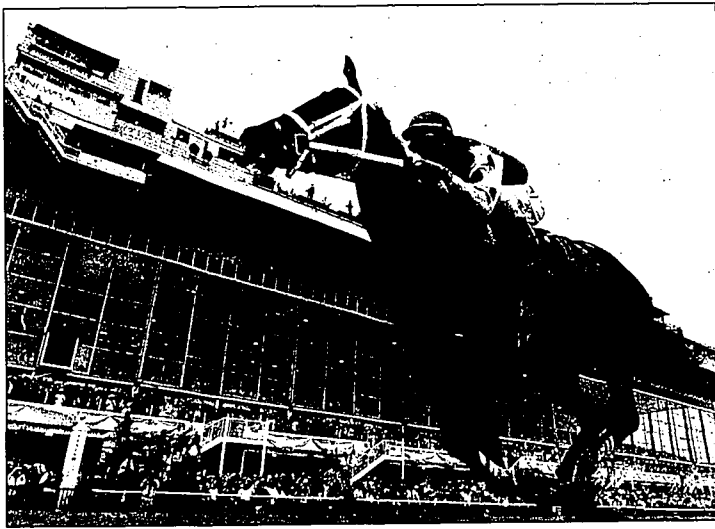
KIMBERLY — Kimberly High School is offering a football camp for boys in grades 5-12 on June 9-11 with registration June 7 and June 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the old gym. The cost is \$30 and includes a camp T-shirt and pizza. For more information, call Kirby Bright at 423-6298 or 423-5541, ext. 3119.

Canyon Springs GC needs coed teams

TWIN FALLS — Canyon Springs Golf Association is looking for people to join a coed golf league on Monday nights. At least 10 teams are needed to start a league. Call Sunny McKevey at 735-1760 during the day and 736-7141 during the evening for more information.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers, who was MVP as a first baseman in 1935 and as an outfielder in 1940.

Smarty Jones wins Preakness



Triple Crown try up next

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

BALTIMORE — Smarty Jones blazed into the lead turning for home and won the Preakness by a record 11.5 lengths on Saturday, setting the stage for a dramatic Triple Crown try at the Belmont Stakes in three weeks. The undefeated colt has a chance to become just the 12th Triple Crown champion and the first to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont since Affirmed in 1976. He would also claim another \$5 million bonus and become racing's richest horse.

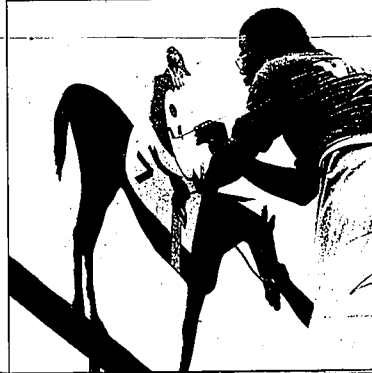
As he cruised past Lion Heart around the far turn, Smarty Jones turned on the afterburners and closed nine furlongs in running his record to 8-for-8. In doing all that, he added another amazing chapter to racing's feel-good story of the year. "The crowd at Pimlico roared as jockey Stewart Elliott asked Smarty for his patented run for home," The Pennsylvania-bred responded by moving to the inside of pacesetter Lion Heart and pulling away. The margin of victory topped the record of 10 lengths by Survivor in 1973, in the first Preakness. "It's just unbelievable. He just keeps getting better, this son of a gun," Elliott said. "I mean, he just did it so easy."

While Lion Heart faded in the stretch and finished fourth, Rock Hard Ten finished second, with Eddington third, Imperialism was fifth, followed by Sir Shuckleton, Borrego, Little Math Man, Song of the Sword and Water Cannon.

Winning time for the 1 3/16-mile race was 1:55.59, well off the record of 1:53.40 held by Louis Quatorze (1996) and Tank's Prospect (1985). The overpowering win put in place some mind-boggling possibilities for the chestnut colt who has captured America's fancy — as Fanny Cide did five years before his Triple Crown bid fell short in the Belmont.

Smarty Jones will be the sixth horse in the last eight years with a Triple chance, but there's a big difference — this time around. Smarty is the only one who hasn't lost.

"I came through for America. I'm so impressed with his effort," trainer John Servis said. "I know he had to bring his best game. I knew this was the toughest race he was going to be in a long time. And he brought it. He brought it big time." A win in the 1.5-mile Belmont and Smarty Jones would join Seattle Slew as the only horses to win the Triple Crown with an unbeaten record. Smarty, like Slew in 1977, would be 9-for-9. The son of Elusive Quality was also supposed Cigar as the



Top, Smarty Jones with Stewart Elliott up crosses the finish line to win the Preakness in Baltimore on Saturday. Above, a worker paints weather vane at Pimlico race track on Saturday in Baltimore, after Smarty Jones won the Preakness. The weather vane is painted each year with the colors of the winning jockey.

richest racehorse in North America. Smarty would earn a \$5 million bonus from Visa with a Triple Crown sweep. All his purses money, plus the \$5 million bonus he already earned from Oaklawn Park for winning the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby, and Smarty's total would top \$13 million. Cigar earned \$9,999,815.

Scart off as the 3-5 favorite, Smarty Jones made a mockery of the field. He seemed to dawdle behind Lion Heart around the first turn and along the backstretch. In a race that was almost identical to the one at Churchill Downs two weeks ago, Elliott decided when it was time to go. Please see PREAKNESS, Page C5

Victorious Smarty Jones fears no fresh horses or Rock Hard Ten

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Right from start, Rock Hard Ten was out of sorts. And pretty soon, just like every other new horse in the Preakness Stakes, he was out of the race.

Hoping to challenge Smarty Jones on a fast track, Rock Hard Ten instead proved to be more of a handoff to jockey Gary Stevens. Kicking up his heels and twirling around, the rambunctious colt refused to enter the starting gate Saturday. "That's a big, black stallion and he wants to do it his way," breeder and co-owner Madeleine Paulson said. "No one is going to push him in and then jump to go."

Eventually, Stevens hurried off, and it took almost a half-dozen people to shove

the horse into place, delaying the start for about five minutes and prompting the record crowd of 112,668 to shout even louder to get going. With Rock Hard Ten finally in place, Stevens climbed aboard again.

Once the race began, Rock Hard Ten dropped back quickly and needed a strong closing kick for a second-place finish, 11.5 lengths behind Smarty Jones.

"I had another gear left," Stevens said. "Unfortunately, when I had another gear, Smarty Jones had another four gears."

A half-hour after the race, Paulson was walking barefoot on the wood chips and dirt around the stakes barn, waiting for her horse to return. In one hand, she carried her belongings in a pink-and-white feathered hat. In the

other, she held the leash of Oliver, her 11-year-old Jack Russell terrier that was wagging his tail.

"We did fine. This was just his fourth race," she said. "And besides, we run second to a monster."

Eddington finished third, another two lengths behind. Rock Hard Ten and Eddington were among five horses that did not run in the Kentucky Derby — "new shooters" in track lingo.

With just 20 entries allowed in the Derby, Rock Hard Ten and Eddington missed out because they did not have enough graded stakes earnings.

Smarty Jones jockey Stewart Elliott said Friday he was concerned that new, fresh

scouts would be looking for fresh horses to challenge Smarty Jones.

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Eagles' wings clipped

Rollercoaster ride comes to an end in Walker's finale

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team didn't have much gas left in the tank when it took on Dixie State Saturday. Still, the Golden Eagles battled like champions, even if they didn't win the

Region 18 tournament title after an 11-6 loss to the host and top-seeded Rebels in a four-out contest in St. George, Utah.

Dixie later defeated The Community College of Southern Nevada 3-0 and 6-3 to advance to the district title series at Central Arizona next weekend.

The depleted Eagles, who fought late into the night Friday with Salt Lake Community College, were eliminated. Please see CLIPPED, Page C2

Quartet represents CSI on All-SWAC

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team placed four players on the All-SWAC West Athletic baseball team, announced Saturday.

The Golden Eagles landed only one player on the first team: Freshman first baseman Jeremy Thomas received the honor. Thomas hit .317 during the regular season for CSI, including one home run, six doubles and 34 RBIs. He also carried a .373 slugging percentage, fifth best on the team, and succeeded some of the best defense at his position in the conference.

Sophomore catcher Mitch Stachowsky earned second team all-conference, along with Eric Cantoni in the outfield and Brandon Christiansen at pitcher. Stachowsky hit .285 this season with two home runs and nine doubles.

Cantoni, a freshman center fielder and the team's leadoff hitter, led CSI in batting average at .310 and in doubles with five triples and led the Eagles with 19 stolen bases in 21 attempts.

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Flyers bounce back

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Keith Primeau isn't thinking about missing the World Cup of Hockey. He's doing his best to get the Philadelphia Flyers into the Stanley Cup finals.

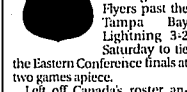
Primeau scored a short-handed goal and set up another score, leading the Flyers past the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 Saturday to tie

playoffs, scoring seven goals and adding four assists in 15 games.

"I didn't know until after the game," Primeau said of the omission. "I wasn't expecting to be nominated. I'm fine with it."

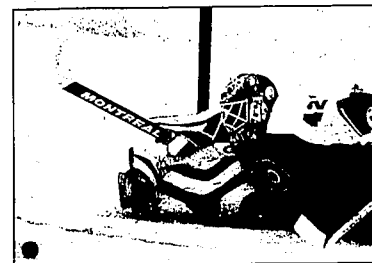
Mark Recchi and John LeClair also scored for the Flyers, who improved to 7-1 at home this postseason.

Fredrik Modin and Vincent Lecavalier had goals for the Lightning, who lost for the first time in six road playoff games. Game 5 is Tuesday in Tampa. "At the end of the day, it's a loss and that's that," Lightning defenseman Darryl Sydor said. "We have to regroup for Game 5 at home. The next game is just huge."



the Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece. Left off Canada's roster announced Saturday for the World Cup, Primeau has been perhaps the NHL's best player in the

Playing in front of a sellout



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Robert Esche makes a save on a shot by the Tampa Bay Lightning during the third period of their second round NHL playoff game in Philadelphia Saturday. The Flyers won 3-2.

crowd of 19,872 that was decked in orange T-shirts reading "Orange Crush," the Flyers scored two goals in a span of 1.5 minutes to erase a 1-0 deficit. Please see FLYERS, Page C5

SPORTS

Jerome baseball will defend title

The Times-News

POCATELLO — The Jerome Tigers (11-14) made sure they will get a chance to defend their title 4A baseball title, defeating Bonneville 4-2 Saturday in an inter-district play-in game in Pocatello.

It wasn't ESPN kind of highlights, but Jerome manufactured four runs ahead of the third to pull around. Three hit batters in the inning along with two infield singles sparked the rally. Tim Powell hit a blooper into left field to make it 4-0.

"It was one of only three hits out of the infield all day," said coach Jay Ostler. "We're fortunate to come away with a win today. We didn't dominate but we took advantage of some hit batsmen and seeing-eye hits."

Pitcher Jared Sauer struck out eight and scattered Bonneville's nine hits to keep out of jams. "He just threw real well for us," Ostler said. "He shut down our big hitters (teacher Eric Bullen). Struck him out three times and got a lot of ground balls and pop ups. We must have had at least a dozen pop ups in the infield."

Jerome opens tournament play against Mountain Home (11-9) at 7 p.m. Thursday in Nampa.

Jerome 4 Bonneville 2
02/003 = 442

Local sports

3A play-in game
Wood River 6, Shelley 3

POCATELLO — Wood River baseball advanced to the 3A state tournament for the sixth year in a row with a 6-3 win over Shelley.

Wood River jumped out to a 6-1 lead before the Wolverines offense ground to a halt. Shelley rallied, scoring twice in the seventh and had the tying run at the plate before falling short.

"The way things have been going to come out and get the win was big for us," said coach Lars Hovey. "We've been snaky bit after last week."

Wood River pitcher Steve Hansen scattered four walks, five hits and four strikeouts. Center fielder Joe Basky may return to the lineup in time for Thursday's 7 p.m. game against Middleton (17-9).

2A play-in game
Glenns Ferry 11,
Melba 1, five innings
GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns

Ferry qualified for the state 2A baseball tournament for the fourth time in five years, defeating Melba 11-1 in five innings Saturday in an inter-district play-in game.

Glenns Ferry (17-9) was paced by pitcher Scott Arrellano, who struck out six, went 3-for-3 at the plate and stole four bases. James Schneider hit a two-run double in the Pilots' seven-run third inning and went 2 for 2. The Pilots plays 13-10 New Plymouth at 5 p.m. MDT Thursday in Orofino.

Softball
4A play-in game
Bonneville 8, Jerome 5

POCATELLO — Jerome (11-13) couldn't get its offense going as Bonneville ended the Tigers' season B-5 Saturday in an inter-district play-in softball game in Pocatello.

"They really controlled the game," said Jerome coach Jared Clinger. "They hit the ball and we didn't. We played pretty well this season. We struggled against slower pitchers."

Bonneville 8 Jerome 5
02/040 = 113
02/003 = 553

3A play-in game
Fruitland 14,
Wood River 8

GLENN'S FERRY — Wood River (12-12) jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning but couldn't hold on due to six errors as Fruitland rallied for a 14-8 win Saturday in an inter-district play-in game in Glenns Ferry.

Fruitland put together a batch of hits around out errors," said Wolverines' head coach Chris Cey.

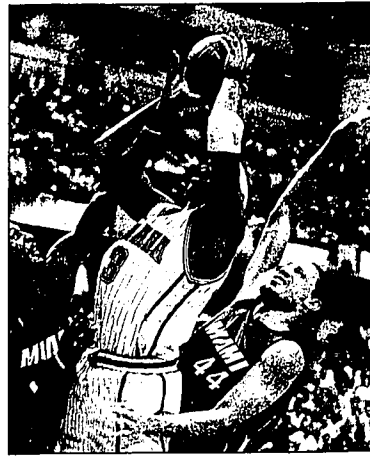
Fruitland tied it at 7 with a seven-run third inning and continued to roll from then on.

"They had the momentum," Cey said.

2A play-in game
Malad 14, Glenns
Ferry 0, five innings

POCATELLO — Malad pounded on Glenns Ferry's mistakes, prevailing 14-0 in five innings to end the Canyon Conference champions' season at 12-14 in an inter-district play-in softball game Saturday.

"We didn't come with our 'X' game," said Pilots coach Kell McLone. "Too many throwing errors and mental mistakes and they capitalized on them big time."



Indiana Pacers' Al Harrington (3) puts up a shot between Miami Heat's Lamar Odom, left, and Brian Grant during the first quarter of a second-round NBA playoff game in Indianapolis, Saturday.

Foster beats Heat with career highs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff Foster was fired of answering questions about how the undersized Miami Heat were beating the Indiana Pacers on the boards. So he did something about it.

Foster had career highs of 20 points and 16 rebounds on Saturday to lead the Pacers to a 94-83 win over the Heat and a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

Jermaine O'Neal also had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Pacers, who used a dominating third quarter to get rid of the pesky Heat.

Miami came into the game holding a 23-rebound advantage over Saturday's bigger-brother Pacers.

Indiana finally flexed its muscle in Game 5. The Pacers outscored Miami 47-30. Foster had seven offensive rebounds, as many as the entire Heat team.

Game 6 is Tuesday in Miami, where the Heat have won 18 straight games, including two convincing victories over the Pacers that ended the series.

As has been the case all post-season, the Heat looked like a completely different team on the road.

After shooting 51.4 percent and playing with boundless energy in their two wins in Miami, the Heat were overwhelmed in

their sixth-straight road loss in the play-in game.

Lamar Odom had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, but was far from the force he was at home. He missed seven of his first eight shots and was a non-factor for most of the night.

Dwayne Wade who tormented the Pacers with dribble penetration for most of the series, finished with 16 points and 10 assists.

This time, the Pacers clamped down on the rookie and made it much more difficult for him to get into the paint.

The Pacers took a five-point lead into halftime, then put the game away with a spectacular third quarter.

O'Neal had nine points and five rebounds and Foster chipped in eight points and three boards in the period.

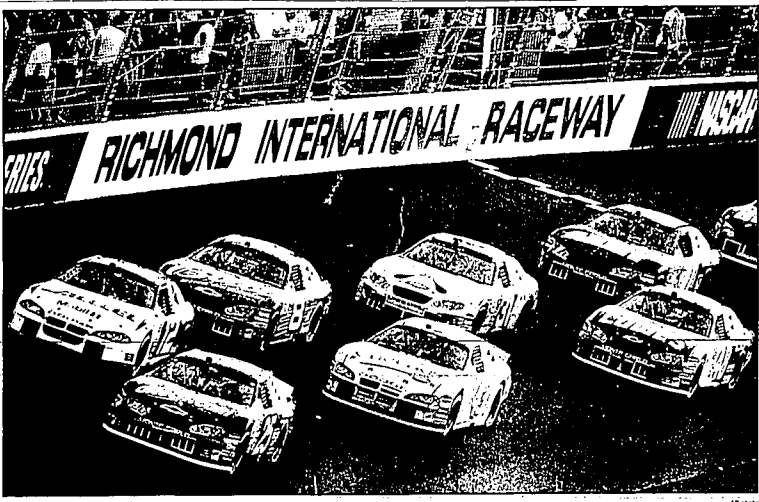
The Pacers shot 80 percent and held Miami to 31.6 percent in the second half, a 73-54 lead into the final period.

Foster got his career high in points with two free throws late in the fourth quarter as the capacity crowd chanted "Foster! Foster!"

Born Artest overcame a slow start to get 14 points and six assists for Indiana.

Miami had six players score in double figures, but it wasn't nearly enough to compete with Foster, O'Neal and the Pacers, who shot 51.4 percent.

CHEVY AMERICAN REVOLUTION 400 NASCAR



Brian Vickers (25) leads the pack into turn one at the start of the Chevy American Revolution 400 NASCAR race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday.

Earnhardt wins at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. gambled on tires and fuel and made it pay off Saturday night, outrunning Jimmie Johnson and Bobby Labonte over the last 45 laps by his third victory of the season.

The Nextel Cup points leader took the lead when Tim Stewart and most of the other contenders pitted for tires and fuel with 54 laps to go in the Chevy American Revolution 400.

Earnhardt made the move look brilliant, gradually building a lead of more than 3 seconds and beating Johnson by 1.481 seconds.

"It was a great race car, just had a great long-run setup on it," Earnhardt said. "The victory was his second at Richmond International Raceway and the 12th overall for the five-year veteran."

At the end, thousands of fans of NASCAR's megastar stood with a triumphant No. 1 wagon-

ging in the air, a tribute to his dominant victory. He answered with a smoky spinout on the frontstretch to more roars.

Earnhardt led five times for 115 laps and also extended his Nextel Cup championship points lead from 25 points to 40 over Johnson in 11 races.

Labonte finished third and Stewart was fourth, giving Chevrolet the top four spots. Matt Kenseth was fifth in a Ford.

Earnhardt, Johnson and Jeff Gordon stayed out when Stewart, as the leader and the rest of the contenders surprisingly headed for the pits when Scott Riggs blown engine brought out the ninth caution on lap 345.

"It was love on new tires, so pitting wasn't even an option," Earnhardt said. Earnhardt quickly showed it was a good call when he took off on the restart with 45 laps to go with Johnson second, Gordon third, Stewart fourth and Bobby

Labonte fifth — all having broken from the field.

Gordon was the first to falter, sliding up the track in the fourth turn just four laps into the green flag run, but he lost just one spot while Labonte sneaked inside Stewart for third at about the same time.

Earnhardt's lead was 1.5 seconds over Johnson and Labonte with 25 laps to go on, while Stewart seemed to be slowly fading from contention.

It never mattered as Earnhardt pulled away and never slowed down.

Eardler, Michael Waltrip and Stewart engaged in one of the longest, closest duels, with Stewart leading his Chevrolet on Waltrip's tail for more than 20 laps, unable to get by until Waltrip wiggled on lap 250.

Stewart sailed by and quickly built a lead of more than three seconds as Waltrip eventually yielded second to Earnhardt.

Once Earnhardt took the spot, he started leading in the leader in lapped traffic until a series of green-flag pit stop jumbled the field to set up the finish.

The first half of the race was messy, but not because of the track as the drivers found two racing grooves and passed in either one.

The lead changed hands 11 times, with Earnhardt leading three times for 55 laps. There also were seven cautions flags lasting 45 laps.

The last one, only a few laps before the midpoint, came as Virginia native Jeff Burton challenged Jeremy Mayfield for the lead coming out of the fourth turn. But as Burton pulled alongside, the rear of his car lost its grip and he spun backward into the frontstretch infield grass.

Burton finished 14th, his 87th consecutive race without a victory.

Tarver shocks Jones with knockout win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The punch was shocking enough. The result was even more shocking.

Antonio Tarver's left hand out of nowhere stopped Roy Jones Jr. in the second round Saturday night, giving him the light heavyweight title and handing Jones the most crushing defeat of his illustrious career.

Tarver had landed only a handful of punches and seemed slow in starting when Jones threw a right hand that missed that caused him to crouch down. Tarver came out of the crouch with a roundhouse left hand that caught Jones flush on the side of his face.

Jones was knocked under the ropes in Tarver's corner, and he never got up, though he managed to get up at about the count of seven, but he stumbled across the ring as referee

Jay Nady waved the fight to an end at 1:41 of the second round.

Tarver, who had vowed to settle a score from his loss to Jones in November, jumped around the ring in celebration as the crowd at Mandalay Bay hotel-casino went wild.

It was only the second loss of Jones' 15-year pro career, and only the second time he had ever been knocked down. His first loss was on disqualification in a fight he later avenged.

"I never gave up on my dream, so here we are," Tarver said.

Tarver was tight from the opening bell, warily circling Jones while his corner urged him to throw punches. Jones began flinching his right hand lead

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legally, eventually winning 3-2 in 13 innings, jumped on top early. But the wear and tear of five games in three days took its toll, especially on the CSI pitching staff.

"It's an impossibility," said CSI head coach Jim "Skp" Walker, who coached his final game as the head man from the CSI dugout.

We battled. That's the trademark," he continued. "Our guys went out there on the mound and pitched with a lot of heart. They didn't have much else."

Region 18 Tournament

Saturday's scores
Date State 11, CSI 6, loser-out
Date State 3, Nevada 0, first championship
Date State 6, Nevada 3, second championship

(CSI) was pretty light on pitching.

The Rebels (42-11) attacked CSI's first Formanek, who made his first start of the season, for one run in the first inning. They then put three consecutive runners on base in the second before Brandon Christensen came on in relief. Christensen didn't fare much better, but he received little help from his teammates. After allowing a single to Kyle Gause, he retired the next two batters.

shortstop Hector Martinez muffed a grounder, allowing one run to score. Matt Spring then pushed a run across after Christensen drilled him with a pitch with the bases loaded, but he did his best in the second round from Dixie blower in the second round from Dixie first baseman Chad Barben, who roped a Christensen delivery for a bases-clearing double to make it 7-1.

half inning as head coach, waved Aakhus around from first base to score on Mitch Sischowsky's double off the center-field wall.

"It was huge (for me)," Walker said.

CSI answered with one in the sixth and one more in the seventh as Walker, who was the third base coach for his final

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Surprising Rice takes pole for Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Buddy Rice wasn't the driver everyone expected to win the pole for the Indianapolis 500.

Perhaps the only one not surprised to find Rice at the top of the tentative grid for May 30 race after Saturday's opening round of trials was the youngest himself.

Despite winning his first IRL pole the season-opener at Homestead, Rice wasn't even among the favorites going into the first of three days of qualifying at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Irry Kanam wound up a disappointing fifth at 221.200, trailing Andrew Green Racing teammates Dan Wheldon (221.524) and Darío Franchitti (221.417) as well as Newmann/Inas Racing's Bruno Junqueira (221.379).

Reports: Ricky Williams violates NFL drug policy MIAMI — Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams tested positive for marijuana and faces a fine of at least \$50,000 for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy.

Williams said Friday that he is in "good standing with the NFL and the Dolphins," according to The Palm Beach Post, which first reported the alleged violation on its Web site.

Federer overwhelms Hewitt to reach final

HAMBURG, Germany — Roger Federer showed why he's No. 1, overwhelming Lleyton Hewitt 6-1 in an hour Saturday to reach the Hamburg Masters final.

Federer's opponent will be defending champion Guillermo Coria, who rallied to beat Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-1, 6-4. Coria is the first to reach the final, dating to the 2003 French Open semifinals.

Coria, seeded second to Federer, is 16-0 on clay this year, with titles in Buenos Aires and Monte Carlo. Federer and Coria have never played each other.

Hewitt, former No. 1 and among the best counter-punchers in tennis, never found an answer for Federer's all-court game.

Hewitt advanced to the match with a 7-3 record against Federer, but the two had never met on clay before.

Arsonal goes undefeated for season LONDON — Arsenal completed the first undefeated league season in 115 years at the top level of English soccer, rallying for a 2-1 home victory against Leicester on Saturday.

Arsonal, which already had clinched the Premier League title, won 26 games and tied 12 to finish with 90 points.

Arsonal matched the undefeated feat of Preston North End in 1889, but that club won only 18 and lost more than 70 years since it happened in 1904.

Arsonal easily won the league championship, Chelsea finished second with 79 points, followed by Manchester United (75), Liverpool (60) and Newcastle (56).

Arsonal, however, has yet to win the European Champions League. The Gunners were supported by Chelsea this season in the quarterfinals despite beating Chelsea three times earlier in the season.

Since joining Arsenal in the fall of 1996, French manager Arsene Wenger has won three league titles, three FA Cups and one UEFA Cup.

Capriati beats Williams to reach open final ROME — Jennifer Capriati beat an error-prone Serena Williams 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to reach the Italian Open for the first time.

Williams, in her first tournament after nearly a month off with a sore left knee, had won six straight matches against Capriati.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

IRL, time trials for Indianapolis 500, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Craftsman Truck Series, WYOH/GM 10:30, SPEED, noon

IRL, time trials for Indianapolis 500, ESPN2, 4 p.m.

NHRA, Southern Nationals, final round, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

FAI World Rally, Cyprus Rally, SPEED, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

Braves at Brewers, TBS, noon

Mets at Astros, WPXI, 12:05 p.m.

Twins at White Sox, WGN, 1 p.m.

Angels at Orioles, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Arena Football

NBA playoffs, Game 6, Tim Lincecum at Kings, ABC, 1:30 p.m.

NBA playoffs, Game 6, Pistons at Nets, TNT, 6 p.m.

Football

Arena League, regional coverage, NBC, 1 p.m.

Hockey

NHL, playoffs, conference finals, Game 4, Sharks at Flames, ESPN, 2 p.m.

Golf

PGA TOUR, Open, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.

PGA TOUR, Byron Nelson Championship, final round, CBS, 5 a.m.

LPGA, Franklin American Mortgage Championship, final round, ESPN2, 2 p.m.

Motorsports

MotogP World Championship, French Grand Prix, SPEED, 10 a.m.

MotogP 250, French Grand Prix, SPEED, 12 a.m.

AMA Superbike, day 2, SPEED, 2:30 p.m.

FIM World Superbike, race 1, SPEED, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball

AL Boxes RED SOX @ BLUE JAYS 0 TORONTO

Baseball scores table for AL Boxes, including Toronto Blue Jays vs Detroit Tigers.

TEXAS @ DETROIT

Baseball scores table for Texas Rangers vs Detroit Tigers.

INDIANS @ DEVIL RAYS 7 TAMPA BAY CLEVELAND

Baseball scores table for Cleveland Indians vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

MARINERS @ YANKEES 7, 3 SEATTLE

Baseball scores table for Seattle Mariners vs New York Yankees.

ATHLETICS @ ROYALS 1 OAKLAND KANSAS CITY

Baseball scores table for Kansas City Royals vs Oakland Athletics.

THINGS 4, WHITE SOX 1 MINNESOTA CHICAGO

Baseball scores table for Chicago White Sox vs Minnesota Twins.

ANGELS @ BRUINS 4, 3 OAKLAND

Baseball scores table for Oakland Athletics vs Los Angeles Angels.

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ASTROS 7, METS 4 NEW YORK

Baseball scores table for New York Mets vs Houston Astros.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

Table showing Major League Leaders for American League.

NL Boxes BRVES 11, BREWERS 6 ATLANTA MILWAUKEE

Baseball scores table for Milwaukee Brewers vs Atlanta Braves.

CARDINALS 4, MARLINS 0 ST. LOUIS

Baseball scores table for St. Louis Cardinals vs Florida Marlins.

Baseball

OL @ WIVES 4, 3 FUEL CORONADO 2

Baseball scores table for Fuel Coronado vs Old Spice.

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What retirement?

Clemens off to best start in majors

WHAT YEAR IS THIS, 1986 OR 2004?

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens stroked his stubbled face and fixed his eyes on the reporter with the same glare that has unnerved thousands of batters over the past two decades.

After briefly walking away from baseball, the 41-year-old Rocket is as dominant and intimidating as ever, leading the majors with a 7-0 record for the Houston Astros.

"What's the surprise?" Clemens asked, becoming increasingly irritated. "I would hope you've been paying attention for 20-something years."

Clemens' performance has some wondering whether this is 1986 or 2004.

He has emerged as the front-runner in the National League to start this season's All-Star game, set for July 13 in Houston. On Sunday, Clemens could become the first pitcher since Houston's Pedro Martinez in 1997 to win his first eight starts of the season.

To do it, he'll have to beat longtime nemesis Mike Piazza and the New York Mets.

Clemens, not surprisingly, has little to say about facing Piazza again.

"I've moved on to bigger and better things," the six-time Cy Young winner said, "and so have I."

Yes, The Rocket has been a revelation this season.

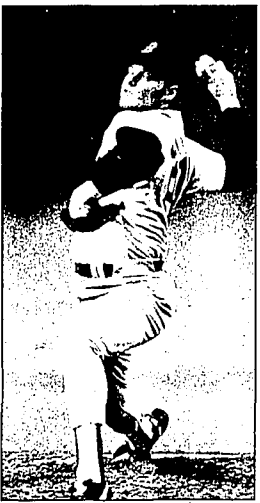
When Clemens walked off the mound for the Yankees to end the seventh inning in Game 4 of the World Series, nearly everyone assumed it was his final pitch after 20 years in the big leagues.

But in December, former teammate Andy Pettitte decided to sign with his hometown Astros. A month later, Clemens ended his retirement at 78 days to follow his buddy home for just \$55 million a year.

"That's been quite a bargain for the long-overlooked Astros," Clemens said. "I was with the Yankees — I've called it the best move I've ever made in my career."

Clemens has a 1.93 ERA, 52 strikeouts in 45 1/3 innings and an opponents' batting average of .162. He's also clearly been the same power pitcher he was with Boston-Toronto and the Yankees — his fastballs still clock in the 94-mph range in the fifth inning.

Attendance at Minute Maid Park is up nearly 8,000 per game from last season — two of this season's three sellouts



Left, Boston Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens delivers a pitch July 19, 1986, in the second inning of a game in Seattle against the Mariners. The way Clemens is pitching, retirement doesn't seem like a good idea at all. After briefly walking away from baseball, the 41-year-old Rocket is as dominant as ever, leading the majors with a 7-0 record for the Houston Astros. Right, Houston Astros starting pitcher Clemens delivers a pitch in the first inning against the Florida Marlins Tuesday in Houston.

have come when Clemens was on the mound. In a city where football reigns supreme, baseball has finally generated a little enthusiasm.

"The town is abuzz and it's kind of snowballed," catcher Brad Ausmus said. "People talk about the Astros all the time. People love the ballpark. It makes it fun to come to the field."

Most importantly, though, Clemens has added a sense of legitimacy to a franchise that has never been to the World Series in its 42-year history — or even won a playoff series.

"I've emerged everybody from the city to the club to the whole organization," Astros general manager Gerry Louislander said. "It's just a special pitcher and a special pitcher. There's no question that the confidence level of the ballpark has been lifted by the signings of the offseason. We expect to win every night."

But for all of his lengthy accomplishments, Clemens is most pleased with being able to drive his burn-orange Hummer only 15 minutes to and from work. For the first time in his career, Clemens can truly honor his long-standing promise to spend more time with his family.

As part of his one-year contract, the Astros included a provision that doesn't require Clemens to travel until it's his turn to pitch. He can even travel separately from the team to spend more time with his wife, Debbie, and their four sons: Kolby, 17; Cory, 15; Keay, 10; and Kody, 8.

"I've had a smile on my face every day, win or lose, to drive home in 15 minutes," Clemens said. "I haven't seen my yard this green in 20 years. I can't tell you what a pleasure it is, balancing this and getting to see my kids play ball."

Clemens' kids are also getting to watch their dad play some pretty outstanding ball, too.

"At this rate, Clemens will join Cy Young as the only pitcher to post such a low ERA after his 41st birthday. Only Young and Warren Spahn have won more than 20 games after turning 41."

"He can probably pitch this good until he's 60," Milwaukee's Lyle Overbay said after going hitless in three at-bats against Clemens last month. "The Yankees certainly would have given him the chance if he'd wanted. But not even George Steinbrenner could've persuaded Roger (Clemens) from coming back to this sort of hometown."

"I'm bad for the Boss. It might have been worth the money."

Red Sox silence Blue Jays, 4-0

TORONTO (AP) — Bronson Arroyo allowed three hits in eight scoreless innings, Kevin Youkilis homered for his first major league hit and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-0 Saturday.

Mark Bellhorn and David Ortiz also homered for the Red Sox.

Arroyo (2-1) allowed Eric Hinske's singles in the second and the fourth, and Chris Gomez's triple in the third. Pat Hentgen (2-3) took the loss.

Youkilis, recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket before the game, went 2-for-4 in his major league debut.

Rangers 6, Tigers 1

DETROIT — Hank Blalock, Alfonso Soriano and Michael Young homered, and Kenny Rogers had a solid outing to lead Texas, as 22-14 out to its best 36-game start since 1998.

Blalock hit his 10th home run, and fifth in seven games. Rogers (5-2) allowed a run on eight hits and a walk while striking out two in 6 2/3 innings.

Nate Lathers (2-3) had a career-high 10 strikeouts, but gave up three runs on six hits and two walks in 5 2/3 innings.

Mariners 13, Yankees 7, 13 Innings

NEW YORK — Dan Wilson hit a pair of three-run doubles and Seattle overcame two homers by Alex Rodriguez to snap a six-game losing streak.

Scott Spiezio broke a 7-all tie with a two-run double. After blowing leads of 4-0 and 7-4, the Mariners put the game away by scoring six times in the 13th against Gabe White (0-1). Eddie Guardado (1-0) worked two scoreless innings.

Rodriguez had his first multi-home run game for the Yankees. The Yankees hit a season-high five homers — four off Jamie

Moyer. Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui and Bernie Williams also connected for New York.

Indians 9, Devil Rays 7

CLEVELAND — Victor Martinez drove in a career-high five runs, and the Indians beat Tampa Bay its seventh straight road loss.

Martinez hit a three-run double in a four-inning at-bat, then doubled in another run in the third and added a sacrifice fly.

Luke Westbrook (3-1) gave up five runs and eight hits over 6 1/3 innings and beat Victor Zambrano (3-4). Zambrano gave up six runs and four hits in 1 1/3 innings and tied a career high with seven walks.

Athletics 3, Royals 1

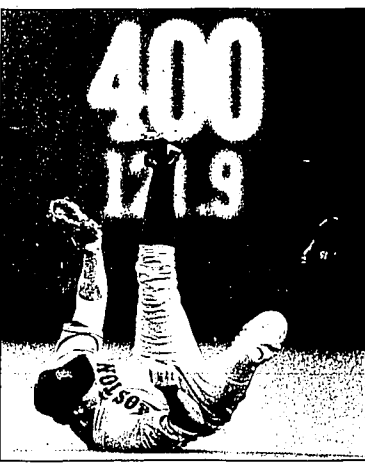
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mark Mulder outdueled Darrell May, and Eric Chavez hit a two-run homer in the Oakland Athletics' 3-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Saturday night.

Mulder (4-2) gave up four hits and had a season-high seven strikeouts while improving to 7-0 against Kansas City. It was his second straight complete game, following an 0-1 win at Minneapolis last Sunday, and 19th of his career.

Kansas City lost its sixth straight to Oakland, all at home, and lost a chance to win back-to-back series for the first time this season.

Twins 4, White Sox 1

CHICAGO — Torii Hunter homered twice and had four hits to help Seth Greisinger get his first win in two years, and the Minnesota Twins beat the



Boston Red Sox right fielder Kevin Millar raises his glove as he makes a diving catch on Toronto Blue Jays' Vernon Wells in the third inning in Toronto Saturday.

Chicago White Sox 4-1 Saturday night.

Hunter singled, doubled and hit solo homers in the sixth and ninth innings. His first homer of the night was the earned hit of his career.

Angels 7, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — Jared Washburn pitched three-hit ball for

eight innings to win his sixth straight start, leading the Anaheim Angels over the Baltimore Orioles 7-4 Saturday night.

Vladimir Guerrero and Shane Bieber each homered for Anaheim, which has won 12 of 14 and has the best record in the majors at 25-12. With the win, the Angels matched their best start in franchise history.

Washburn (7-1) is tied with Houston's Roger Clemens for the most victories in the majors. He allowed two runs, walked none and struck out five. He retired the last 15 batters he faced and hasn't lost since April 12.

Cardinals blank Marlins, 4-0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chris Carpenter allowed four hits in 7 1/3 scoreless innings, and the St. Louis Cardinals used a three-run fourth to beat the Florida Marlins 4-0 Saturday.

Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Edgar Renteria drove in a run apiece in the decisive inning against Darren Oliver (2-2), and Mike Matheny also had an RBI.

Carpenter (4-1) controlled the Marlins with a sinking fastball that resulted in only one flyball out, continuing his comeback after missing all of last season following shoulder surgery. He struck out five, walked two.

Mike Lowell flied out to the left-field wall with the bases loaded against Julian Tavarez for the last out of the eighth, the Marlins' best scoring opportunity. Tavarez then got the last three outs for his second save.

Phillies 16, Rockies 5

DENVER — Ibbey Abreu homered and drove in a season-high five runs, and Jimmy Rollins had four of Philadelphia's season-high 18 hits.

The Phillies, who also had a season high for runs, improved to 7-1 on their 10-game road trip. They have won nine of their last 12 overall.

Rollins went 4-for-6, scored four times and drove in a run. Abreu was 3-for-3, including his 10th homer. Brett Myers (2-2) gave up four runs and five hits in six innings and was successful starts.

Scott Elarton (0-6) set a Colorado record by losing his sixth straight decision to start the season. He gave up seven runs and nine hits in four innings.

Pirates 6, Giants 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Pittsburgh's Craig Wilson homered and Josh Fogg pitched five-plus strong innings for his first win of the season.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE		East Division		Central Division		West Division	
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	22	15	.595	-	2-6	W2	11-6
New York	21	16	.569	-	2-6	L1	12-7
Baltimore	17	16	.515	3	2-5	L3	11-10
Toronto	15	20	.425	7	2-6	L2	7-11
Tampa Bay	10	25	.286	11	1-9	L2	7-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE		East Division		Central Division		West Division	
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	22	13	.629	-	7-3	W5	13-5
Chicago	19	16	.543	3	3-7	L2	12-8
Detroit	17	19	.472	5.5	4-6	L1	9-11
Cleveland	16	19	.457	6	4-6	W3	10-7
Kansas City	11	23	.324	10.5	3-7	L2	8-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE		East Division		Central Division		West Division	
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	-	2-8	W3	7-7
Florida	20	16	.556	-	2-5	L2	9-6
Atlanta	17	18	.486	2.5	4-5	W3	8-7
New York	17	20	.459	3.5	2-5	L1	8-8
Montreal	11	25	.306	9	2-5	W1	6-9

AMERICAN LEAGUE		Saturday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	22	14	.611
Chicago	20	15	.571
St. Louis	20	17	.541
Cincinnati	18	17	.514
Milwaukee	18	18	.500
Pittsburgh	16	18	.471

NATIONAL LEAGUE		Saturday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	12	.647
San Diego	21	15	.583
San Francisco	15	18	.455
Arizona	14	21	.400
Colorado	14	21	.400

AMERICAN LEAGUE		Sunday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	15	.604
Texas	23	16	.592
Seattle	13	13	.500
Cleveland	9	23	.281
Anaheim	7	23	.233
Minnesota	8	23	.258
Oakland	3	23	.117

NATIONAL LEAGUE		Sunday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	15	.604
Texas	23	16	.592
Seattle	13	13	.500
Cleveland	9	23	.281
Anaheim	7	23	.233
Minnesota	8	23	.258
Oakland	3	23	.117

AMERICAN LEAGUE		Monday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	14	.611
San Diego	21	15	.583
San Francisco	15	18	.455
Arizona	14	21	.400
Colorado	14	21	.400

NATIONAL LEAGUE		Monday's Games	
W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	19	15	.559
Florida	20	16	.556
Atlanta	17	18	.486
New York	17	20	.459
Montreal	11	25	.306

Sergio surges into the lead at Byron Nelson

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Sergio Garcia took the lead from Tiger Woods and then took off Saturday at the Byron Nelson Championship, using awesome control from tee to green for a 5-under 65 and a two-shot lead.

Garcia, winless on the PGA Tour in two years while retooling his swing, had a birdie putt on every hole on the TPC at Las Colinas and has hit the last 23 greens in regulation. He was particularly strong on the pars, making birdie on three of them to finish at 11-under 199.

Jerry Kelly had a bogey-free 67 and was at 201.

For the second week in a row, Woods led a 36-hole low-slip away quite a bit. He lost the lead with a three-putt bogey on the second hole, and had to play hard — usually from the rough, — to stay in range. Woods went the final seven holes without a birdie and shot even-par 70, leaving him three shots behind.

Joining him at 8-under 202 was Deanne Pappas of South Africa, who had a 66.

Vijay Singh, among eight players who had a share of the lead at one point, played the final 10 holes in 2 over and set for a 69, leaving him in a big group at 203 that included Mark O'Meara (70) and Luke Donald (70). Donald was in the middle of the pack until an eagle-berrie-par finish gave

him a 64, the low round of the day.

Garcia was never in trouble Saturday in ideal conditions for scoring, and those chasing him are lucky the deficit wasn't greater.

"I gave myself a lot of birdie chances," he said. "Unfortunately, the putter wasn't quite as hot as I'd like it to be. But the game is there."

Woods had a 75 last week at Quail Hollow to go from a two-shot lead to five shots behind. This time, he managed to limit the damage with incredible shots from the rough, although he also missed several good birdie chances.

He could do without the excitement.

"Down the fairway, middle of the green," Woods said after his round. "The whole thing is getting it going tomorrow. I need to be in the fairway more, and give myself some better looks at putts. Today, I made nothing."

Ochoa takes one-stroke lead with 5-under 67

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Lorena Ochoa shot a 5-under 67 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead through three rounds of the inaugural Franklin American Mortgage Championship.

Ochoa shared a one-stroke lead with Pat Hurst heading



Sergio Garcia of Spain looks on after hitting off the seventh fairway Saturday during the third round of the Byron Nelson Championship in Irving, Texas. Garcia goes into the final round with a two stroke lead after hitting a three day total 199.

into Saturday, and took a big step toward her first victory with a seven-birdie, two-bogey round.

The 2003 rookie of the year who has 13 top-10 finishes in her short career, is at 12-under 204.

One week after sharing the third-round lead and finishing second, Ochoa started slowly Saturday with bogeys at Nos. 3 and 6. She rebounded with birdies on six of the next nine holes to move into the lead.

Mi Hyun Kim tied the course

record with an 8-under 64, her lowest round of the year, and moved into second at 11-under 204. After not making a birdie in the second round, Kim had eight birdies in a bogey-free third round.

Hurst had sole possession of

the lead through 11 holes, but made six straight pars before making birdie at No. 18 for a 68 and moving into a tie for second with Kim.

Wendy Ward (69) was at 206, and Stacy Primmansudhi (69) at 207.

Wilson teaches with technology to keep Sharks on cutting edge

Team uses the latest gadgets to gain an edge in competition with computers, etc.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Ron Wilson's first gadget was a typewriter. He pecked away for hours in his grandfather's office at a Canadian Pacific Railway.

His interests in electronics grew every year — particularly when he made enough money as a hockey player to afford the coolest stuff.

Just check out Wilson's home theater system in South Carolina, which is so complicated that only he can use it.

"I'm the type of guy who's always got to have the new thing," he said.

And Wilson's technological savvy is all over the best season in franchise history for the San Jose Sharks, who have rebounded after a disappointing start in Wilson's first full season as their coach.

Wilson and his assistants, Tim Hunter and Rob Zetter, constantly invent new ways to make the Sharks better and faster.

"They compile obscure databases, dissect game tapes and preach strategy with rinkside computers, personalized scouting reports and a wealth of digital, wireless gadgetry."

"It's just good to take advantage of the edge that information or technology can give you," Wilson said.

"I don't make decisions based on what my computer

spits out, but you'd be foolish if you don't use everything at your fingertips for a competitive advantage."

Wilson honed his coaching innovations during previous stints in Vancouver, Anaheim and Washington, but he has pulled all of his knowledge together in a multidimensional teaching approach for Silicon Valley's favorite hockey team.

The Sharks have a computer monitor on their bench for replays and strategy questions, and they keep a tablet PC handy for instant statistical checks.

Their locker room features a "SMART Board" — essentially the world's most sophisticated chalkboard, which includes video streaming and telestrator capabilities.

The Sharks also take their technology on the road.

"In addition to the staff's laptops, they travel with a black trunk that contains a video screen, DVD burners, VCRs, computer equipment and thousands of hours of game footage."

"We get a lot of cool stuff from the coaching staff," center Alyn McCauley said.

"Ron's always coming up with something, and sometimes it's pretty amazing what they can show you or what they know."

In addition to these teaching advantages, the coaches compile statistics with a zeal that nearly matches baseball's sabermetricians.

Want to cross-reference shift lengths against goal-scoring in every month of the season? Wilson can look it up on FileMaker Pro — a database software program usually used by accountants.

Hunter was one of the NHL's toughest forwards during 10 seasons with the Calgary Flames, but he does his best work these days in front of a keyboard and a monitor.

Though Hunter's off-broke nose marks him as a tough guy, he's just as savvy as his boss, expounding on digital-analog conversions for game tapes with the expertise of the nerdiest Radio Shack clerk.

"We've had to replace the keyboard like 15 or 20 times," Wilson said when Hunter was within earshot. "He's not delicate."

The NHL is steeped in reverence for the traditions of old-time hockey, and Wilson knows the game's heritage as well as anyone.

His father and uncles won Stanley Cups playing for the Detroit Red Wings, and Wilson played parts of six seasons in the league, along with extensive international experience.

Wilson acknowledges a debt in navigating that divide to Hall of Fame coach Roger Neilson, known as "Captain Video" for helping introduce tape study into the sport. Neilson's approach caught on while Wilson was a player.

Neilson "got me interested in it — his approach to breaking a game down," Wilson said. "Scoring chances, shift statistics, stuff that nobody had ever heard of, or even thought about."

Wilson prefers not to use his numbers against his players — instead counting on the data to reinforce his gut instincts from a lifetime of hockey.

His players soon discover the numbers don't lie.

Back in Anaheim, journeyman Todd Kryger insisted he was just as effective on the penalty-kill as Paul Kariya, until Wilson showed him statistics that decisively proved otherwise.

"Todd got me really focused on finding some real numbers to back up what I was doing on ice," Wilson said.

"I'm not a sabermetrician, or believe in it to that extent, but they've been doing this in baseball for a while now."

"We've got numbers in hockey, too. It's just that nobody is using them."



San Jose Sharks assistant coach Tim Hunter keeps track of vital game stats with a wireless digital video recorder/laptop during the Sharks' Stanley Cup quarterfinal game against the St. Louis Blues in San Jose, Calif., Thursday. Sharks' players in front are Alexander Kolyuk, left, Curtis Brown, center, and Mark Smith, right.

A real smarty this Smarty Jones in superb race

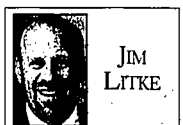
Forget for a second how masterful the Preakness win was. This is how smart is a horse: Smarty Jones. He made sure the easiest moments of jockey Stewart Elliott's week turned out to be the race itself.

"It didn't seem to matter where I was on the track, my horse was running so easy," Elliott said. "So I just took him inside and he did the rest."

Athletes in trouble talk all the time about how the field of play is their sanctuary.

For the span of just under two minutes on hot, hazy Saturday afternoon, Smarty Jones cut through the chaos reigning on every side of him and turned Pimlico Race Course into a safe haven for his rider.

The two weeks between the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness should have been time for Stewart to savor the biggest achievement of his career, to tell the story of how a 39-year-old jockey stuck in the bush business doesn't lose faith with his sport, then gets his one shot at the big time and delivers beyond anyone's imagination.



JIM LITKE

That's how the post-Derby week began. Elliott went back to Atlantic City and Philadelphia and rode cheap mounts to pay back all the people who told him to never give up.

Then came news that Elliott had failed to disclose an assault charge on a form for Churchill Downs, an omission that cost him a \$1,000 fine.

Then came reports of another assault charge, and one of racing's most enchanting tales seem to be unraveling faster than the braid on a show horse's mane.

On the eve of the Preakness, Elliott confronted the whispers. He walked into the press box at Pimlico and stood before a dozen or so reporters.

He took every question and answered each one by looking

his questioner in the eye.

"I have nothing to hide. I've had a lot of personal problems and done some things that I'm not proud of," Elliott said.

"But that's behind me. I want to just look ahead to the future. Hopefully, all that mess is behind me. All of what happened was because of the alcohol."

Elliott hasn't had a drink in nearly four years, he said, though he also admitted he hasn't been to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in six months. You could almost say success has been getting in the way.

He climbed aboard Smarty Jones at the beginning of the prep races leading to the Kentucky Derby and won all six of those.

And just when it seemed Elliott couldn't ride any better than he did at the Derby, he did. Stalking Lion Heart just as he had at Churchill Downs, Elliott was content to let Smarty Jones dictate his own pace.

And despite the wildly cheering crowd lining the rail and the thundering hooves behind him, Elliott never felt more in

control. He knew heading into the fourth race he had to do his best. He was get by Lion Heart and into the clear and the race was his.

Before the Derby, more than a few people would have argued that Elliott didn't belong on the same track as Lion Heart's jockey, Mike Smith. As it turned out, they only shared this one for a few moments and it was Elliott who taught his big-name counterpart the lesson.

Just when it seemed Smarty Jones' momentum might carry him too far wide to make up enough ground to grab the lead, Elliott took the undersized chestnut to the rail and left Smith and Lion Heart to deal with his dust.

"I never turned my stick over. I tapped him two or three times, just to let him know it was time to go," Elliott said, "and that was all he needed."

And a chance was all Elliott ever needed.

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horses would pose problems for his Derby winner. Instead, Lion Heart showed early speed and was the lone threat.

"I was happy as a clam going down the backstretch," Eddington jockey Jerry Bailey said. "I was where I wanted to be and everything seemed to be going great. Then my horse quit in the middle of the race."

"Then in the stretch, he decided to run again and we got third. He's going to have to learn to be a little better than that."

Trying to prevent Smarty Jones from winning the first

Triple Crown since 1978 will take more than determination. He will try to wrap it up June 5 at Belmont.

"I was with Smarty Jones, or at least I had him in my sights," Stevens said. "But Smarty just pulled off. That horse is as good as any horse I've ever seen, and I've seen some good ones, and I was on a good one today."

"Smarty reminded me of Secretariat the way he pulled away," he said.

Rock Hard Ten trainer Jason Orman added: "I have a good horse, but that was a great horse that beat us."

Flyers

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Robert Esche, coming off a poor outing in which he allowed two soft goals, stopped 28 shots, helping the Flyers overcome seven power plays for the Lightning.

LeCavalier scored a power-play goal with 32.3 seconds left, but Primeau blocked a pass and helped the Flyers control the puck the final 30 seconds.

"He's really taken charge of a lot of games," LeClair said of Primeau. "He was the difference out there every time he was on the ice."

Primeau, the Flyers' captain, scored three goals to lead Philadelphia to a 7-2 victory over Toronto in Game 5, and he's been a dominant physical force throughout the postseason.

"There are certain stages of a critical playoff series when a

captain has to step up and he stepped up again," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said.

Just 33 seconds after Vladimir Malakhov went to the penalty box for crosschecking, Primeau gave the Flyers a 3-1 lead midway through the second period. Catching the puck in the Flyers' zone after Dave Andreychuk turned it over, Primeau put it down, broke in with Simon Gagne, forced defenseman Dan Boyle to slide toward Gagne and whistled a shot past Nikolai Khabibulin and just under the crossbar.

"The defenseman took a step toward Gags and I had no choice but to shoot it," Primeau said.

Reche had made it 2-1 with 1:40 left in the first period, deflecting a slap shot by Mattias Timander off Khabibulin's glove and into the net.

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title to reel in Lion Heart. He made a little earlier this time as Lion Heart raced to the front and the crowd began cheering in anticipation.

Smarty Jones, in adding another \$650,000 to the bankroll of owners Pat and Roy Chapman, won \$3.4 million. Rock Hard Ten, ridden by Gary

Stevens, returned \$5 and \$4. Eddington, with Jerry Bailey aboard, paid \$5.20.

Smarty became racing's best story even before the Derby because of his soap-opera history: He nearly died when he slammed his head on an iron bar, his trainer and jockey are based at small-time Philadelphia Park, and the Chapmans once

refused a blank check to sell him.

Since the Derby, it's been one Smarty party after another. The horse got a hero's welcome when he returned to Philly Park, where about 5,000 fans showed up to watch him jog around the track. "Perhaps no one is enjoying the party more than the Chapmans. Roy, who turned 78 three days after the Derby, uses a

wheelchair and needs an oxygen supply tank to help with his emphysema.

Smarty's success, he says, has energized him.

And now it's on to the Belmont on June 5, where New York Racing Association officials are expecting "the biggest day in New York racing history." NYRA senior vice president Bill Nayer said,

SPORTS

A Kansas City tale
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An unidentified Kansas City Royals fan holds up a sign of support as the Royals struggle against the Toronto Blue Jays at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday. The Royals managed to win the game, but remain at the bottom of the American League Central division with an 11-21 record.

A painful déjà vu

Royals fall back into losing ways after 2003 resurgence

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — When the Kansas City Royals invaded country superstar Garth Brooks to spring training as part of a charity promotion, they had no idea one of his hit songs would come to define the opening weeks of their season. "But here they are, Brooks' 'Friends in Low Places.'"

The Royals, who expected nothing but good things this year after their turnaround season in 2003, entered their weekend series with Oakland 10 games under .500 (11-21) and in the AL Central cellar.

They took two of three games from Toronto earlier in the week — but that was just their second series win of the season and the first time since April that they posted back-to-back wins.

"When you lose, everything goes down," center fielder Carlos Beltran said. "Your morale goes down. Your confidence goes down."

It wasn't supposed to be like this, though.

The Royals began the 2003 season on a 19-3 tear. And although injuries kept them from maintaining that pace, they still finished 83-79 after losing a club-record 100 games in 2002.

Manager Tony Pena, whose "We Believe" became the city's mantra as well as the team's, unveiled a new slogan for 2004: "Together We Can."

And in front of the largest opening day crowd ever in Kansas City — with Brooks among the cheering thousands — the Royals rallied for six runs in the ninth inning for a 9-7 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

It was the biggest ninth-inning comeback on opening day since 1901. Beltran, whose two-run homer won the game after Mandy Lopez's three-run shot tied it, called the rally the greatest moment of his career.

Kansas City won three of its

next five, then dropped six straight. The Royals haven't been near .500 since.

So what went wrong? For one, the Royals starters have been largely ineffective.

As of Thursday's off day relievers Shawn Camp, Nate Field and Scott Sullivan led the team with 2-0 records.

The rotation had fewer victories than members: Jimmy Gobble was 1-1 going into his scheduled start Friday night, Brian Anderson and Darrell May were each 1-1 and Jeremy Affeldt was 0-3.

Anderson's ERA was 7.15, and May's was 6.40.

"It's not like I'm going to invent a new pitch or come up with a completely different approach — start throwing right-handed, or submarine style," Anderson said. "I've played this game long enough that I know what's not to do, and I'm doing that stuff — and



Kansas City Royals left fielder Matt Stairs misplays a single by Boston Red Sox Gabe Kapler in the eighth inning at Fenway Park in Boston, Friday. The Royals find themselves in the AL Central cellar. In what was supposed to be a successful follow-up to their turnaround 2003 season.

it's just not happening."

When Kansas City does get a quality start, the bullpen often can't protect it. The Royals have blown seven of 11 save situations, and Curtis Leskanic (0-3, 12.56 ERA) and Mike MacDougal (0-1, 10) have both been ineffective in the closer's role.

Help from outside the organization is unlikely to come anytime soon, general manager Allard Baird said this week.

"It's tough to match up with any club for a trade," Baird said. "Clubs that have guys they feel are doing their jobs, even if they're not contending clubs, they feel it's too early to tell their fans they're out of this thing."

The Royals also miss outfielder Paul Ibanez, a fan favorite and one of the key components in last year's resurgence.

In his last season with Kansas City before returning to Seattle as a free agent, Ibanez hit 294 with 18 homers and 90 RBIs. Beyond that, he was a steady, positive clubhouse influence — something for which his replace-

ment, Juan Gonzalez, has never had a reputation.

"He was a great player and a great person to have around the clubhouse," Beltran said of his former teammate. "He was a guy who would go out and battle every day, and you knew he was going to be there for you day in and day out."

"We really miss him, but at the same time you have to go out and perform with the guys who are here now."

Timely hitting is another concern.

The Royals are batting .292 with runners in scoring position — fourth best in the AL — but that's still significantly lower than last year, when they scrapped and scratched their way around the bases and hit a league-best .304 with runners in scoring position.

"We have to create runs," Beltran said. "That's our game. We have guys who have power, but we're not hitting the way everyone expects."

Still, there are bright spots.

Beltran, who is in the last year of his contract and has not said whether he intends to re-sign with the Royals, is hitting .309 with 10 homers and 28 RBIs.

Ken Harvey, who has largely taken over first base from Mike Sweeney, is among the league leaders with a .340 average.

And the Royals still play in the AL Central, where 90 wins could be enough to put a team in the postseason.

"Nobody's running away with this division," Field said. "We've got as good a chance as anyone else. We just started slower."

Kansas City would have to go 79-53 over the remainder of the season to hit the 90-win mark — a challenge, Sweeney said, but an attainable one.

"We just need to play good baseball from here on out," said Sweeney, who hit a two-out, two-run double in the ninth inning of Wednesday's 4-3 win over Toronto. "We don't need to get in first place by the end of May. We start playing our baseball, we get close and we'll be fine."

OLYMPICS COUNTDOWN: 89 days until Opening Ceremonies

Time to stop the medal count

NEW YORK — The term "9/11" was used any number of times Friday during a press conference with top U.S. Olympic Committee officials. And in this city where two great towers were reduced to ash, the power of that national shorthand for terrorism and horror never will be lost.

JEFF BROOKS

Yet not once in more than an hour was the word "Iraq" spoken into a microphone. Perhaps the four officials — earnest, highly credentialed, entirely prepared for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Media Summit — saw no need. Maybe the former men could find no context to meld the overriding world issue today with security concerns of the Athens Games in August.

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While "civitas, altitudo, fortius" forever will be the rallying cry for athletes with Olympic dreams, America should take great pain this time to make sure "bulltysus" — that's Greek for nationalism on steroids — be removed from the Olympic spirit.

USOC president Bill Marlin, chief executive Jim Scheer, chief of mission Herman Frazier, chief security officer Larry Buendorf and, for that matter, the No. 1 fan in the White House ought to consider the duty to hear how the world views us in 2004.

"We're not the favorite kid in the world, as a country," Marlin said. "I had one very high profile IOC member say to me a couple of months ago, 'Bill, you've got to realize the rest of the world doesn't want the United States on top. We only want you on top.' Meaning, when there's an ugly little mess some place in the globe, it's up to us to fix it. Go in there and do the dirty work and put our young men's and women's lives on the line."

That's exactly the kind of sentiment we should not be promulgating. Billions of people around the world — not to mention a split America — would not begrudge our involvement in Iraq as nearly or as altruistically as Marlin.

Marlin, to his credit, did stage somewhat of a comeback.

"We're sensitive to the issue not only of security but haunting jingoism if you will in its raw sense. We're sending people

around to educate and train our athletes to appropriate behavior. This is going to be a tough Games for us as a country. If you've got any ideas that can help us, we're all certainly open to it."

Now that you've asked ...

Stop publicly announcing the American goal of 100 medals. There's more than enough national pride swelled by the anthem played for gold medal victories and emotion stirred by NBC. We don't need to see: The LA Games in 1984 cost \$545 million to stage. Athens will spend \$1.2 billion on security alone. There will be 70,000 Greek army and police, four times more security than in Sydney in 2000. NATO will lend air assistance. America will bring at least 100 of its own federal agents.

Cladding Kobe Bryant, Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Elton Brand, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, Vince Carter and Shaquille O'Neal.

But none of those players — with the possible exception of O'Neal — will be donning the red, white and blue. All without citing injuries, fatigue or family issues, and some suggested concerns about security played a role in their decisions.

Brown's team could include Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Richard Jefferson, Mike Bibby, LeBron James, Stephen Marbury, Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire — none of whom has any Olympic experience.

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Buendorf sounded awfully confident that everybody's going to be safe in Athens. There are no plans for special restrictions on the 550 American athletes. They will not be told to stay in the Olympic Village or to leave Greece when they are finished competing, or even to avoid wearing team colors outside the compound.

"There's nothing on the radar screen right now that would make us restrict our athletes from attending the Games," Buendorf said.

He had an explanation for anything. British journalist Laura Peck of the London Times slipped into the supposedly well-guarded Olympic facilities and wandered around for 2.5 hours before being stopped? Buendorf said, hey, the real security hasn't started yet.

Terrorists have no place among nations. They wave no flag except one of cowardice. Yet America's Olympic movement also must not be blind to the fact that, thanks to the Iraqi quagmire, we are seen by too much of the world as the global bully in 1964, the time was right for medal counts against the Soviet Union. America's Olympic time is right for ratcheting down steroid nationalism. We can still win and win big without going cowboy.

Why not drop the medal count? Why doesn't someone come up with an outfit for the Americans to wear away from the field of play in Athens?



Police officers stand outside the Panathenaic stadium with the Olympic rings in the background on May 5. Barely three months away from opening ceremonies, U.S. Olympic officials say they remain confident in the ability of Olympic organizers to protect the 500-plus Americans who will compete in Athens, and are committed to going to Greece.

Something that would incorporate goodwill and peace. In the cradle of the Olympic movement, why not let it be us who bend over backward to extend international friendship? In her last Olympics, there's nothing Mia Hamm, who is looking at starting a family, can do to stop

Brown recalls own Olympic experience, looks ahead to Athens

NEW YORK (AP) — Forty years ago in Tokyo, Larry Brown was an athlete at the 1964 Olympics.

He scaled a fence to watch the swimming finals, held his official credential to a pole vaulter who used it to get into a basketball venue, and toolled around on a bicycle.

"People were great. It was so well-organized. I didn't notice any animosity from the athletes or the host country," Brown recalled in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Four decades later, he will return to the Olympic Games — as coach of the U.S. men's basketball team — but he isn't expecting the experience in Athens to be anything like Japan.

Several top players opted out, and the world political situation figures to prompt some hostility toward American athletes. Still, Brown is eager to try to win a

gold medal.

Coaching the U.S. team is a task he considers a duty and an honor, after serving as an assistant under Rudy Tomjanovich on the 2000 team that won gold in Sydney.

Having been to more than his share of hostile arenas, Brown is expecting that. "Brown said, 'I asked the USOC if we could get the most competitive games in the most difficult environments for our team, because obviously we're going to experience some difficulties in Greece.'"

When Brown made that request, he was expecting to be traveling through Europe with a team full of NBA superstars in-

cluded Kobe Bryant, Jason Kidd, Karl Malone, Elton Brand, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, Vince Carter and Shaquille O'Neal.

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the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Brown said he encountered no hostility.

In Europe this summer, the U.S. team will enter a foreign forum where anti-American sentiment has grown, in large part because of the war in Iraq.

Brown played for the U.S. team at a time when it was undefeated in the Olympics, its first loss not coming until 1972 against the Soviet Union in a controversial defeat at the final buzzer.

The next loss came 16 years later in Seoul, also against the Soviets, in the last Olympics in which professionalism were barred from participating.

The 1992 Barcelona Games ushered in the Dream Team era, and the United States has improved its Olympic record to 109-2 by winning the gold there, in Atlanta and Sydney.

The level of competition has

improved measurably over each four-year period, with the Americans finally being tested in Australia, when they needed a last-second 3-point miss by Lithuania to survive the semifinals.

A U.S. team of NBA players was defeated — "trounced" might be a better word — three times at the 2002 World Championships in Indianapolis. And the American team that qualified for the Olympics in Puerto Rico last summer had its hands full in a second-round game against Argentina, winning by eight, before routing them by 33 in the championship game.

"I think that game right there is really going to leave a taste in somebody's mouth," McGrady said at the time.

But McGrady is now one of the players having second thoughts about going to Athens, as is Bibby, leaving the Ameri-

cans perhaps without two of their best outside shooters and their best one-on-one defender.

Among the candidates to replace them are Sam Cassell and Ron Artest, a pair of players with plenty of passion but almost no experience with international rules.

"It's almost like a different sport," said Brown, citing the shorter 3-point line, the rule prohibiting players from calling timeouts, another rule allowing basket interference, and a game clock that runs for 40 minutes instead of 48 as it does in the NBA.

"People have to understand this — it's like playing Jack Nicklaus for 14 holes instead of 18 holes," Brown said.

The medal Brown won as a player in Tokyo is on display at the bottom of his staircase, his only piece of memorabilia not stuffed away in storage.

Jeff Brooks is a columnist for The Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

IGNITING CONTROVERSY
Government oil, gas leases spark conflicts in Rockies

CARBONDALE, Colo. (AP) — The sage-covered hills near Mount Sopris are home to deer, elk, bears and cattle — and soon could be in the hands of an energy company.

The Bureau of Land Management auctioned 70 parcels for oil and gas leasing this week, including national forest in western Colorado that is used by ranchers, cross-country skiers, hikers and hunters.

The lease sale covering nearly 72,000 acres generated \$6.6 million for the government. But it has also led to clashes between conservation groups and companies trying to tap the region's abundant resources as the Bush administration places increased emphasis on domestic fuel production.



Bruce Gordon, front, a pilot from Aspen, Colo., joins John Faulkrod, a town council member from Carbonada, Colo., in looking over a map of areas up for auction for leases for oil and gas exploration by the Bureau of Land Management in roadless areas in the Roaring Fork Valley on Thursday in Glenwood Springs, Colo. The BLM's action has stirred controversy in the scenic valley on Colorado's Western Slope. Gordon and Faulkrod oppose the sales.

to squeeze the last few drops of gas out of the ground," said Sloan Shoemaker, director of the Wilderness Workshop in Aspen.

Krista Mitch, spokeswoman for Western Gas Resources Inc. in Denver, said the lag between leasing and drilling is due to required environmental reviews.

"It's not fair to say industry is ill-using its access to public lands. We're actively pursuing production," Mitch said.

Approval of leases doesn't mean drilling rigs will be handed in immediately. Protests were filed on all but 13 of the leases sold in Colorado this week, triggering automatic reviews that will work on the leases.

The BLM also dropped four sites from consideration to take into account environmental and other concerns.

Wilderness advocates fear companies will keep snagging up leases while the Bush administration is in power. The

Rockies, with their vast reserves of natural gas and sweeping tracts of public land, are considered key.

"I support natural gas drilling. I just don't think it should be 100 percent of BLM land," said Rep. Diana DeGette, a Colorado Democrat who has tried for years to have 1.6 million acres in Colorado declared as wilderness.

BLM officials say management plans have determined the areas up for lease are suitable for oil and gas development. They also say production can occur in an environmentally responsible way.

"Many of the parcels also come with strict stipulations to protect other resources," said Ron Wenker, Colorado BLM director.

DeGette and others, however, don't believe development is appropriate everywhere.

"We have areas where things are so special about them,

whether it's scenic or wildlife or access to public lands — they're roadless and haven't been impacted yet," said Dorothea Harris, a commissioner in Pitkin County, home to Aspen.

The county has joined environmentalists, ranchers and area residents in protesting leases on national forest near Mount Sopris. Four of the leases are near a 4,000-acre conservation easement the county acquired for \$4.5 million. The land is popular with recreationists, and ranchers still use it for cattle grazing.

Mark Nieslanik, a third-generation rancher near Carbonada, said he doesn't oppose oil and gas drilling but worries increased traffic and other disturbances will cut down on the range for cattle.

"We want to stay in agriculture here in the valley. It seems to be harder to do that," Nieslanik said.

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Wendel R. Kanawyer, 30; speeding, amended to littering roadway from vehicle, dismissed, \$125 bond forfeiture.

Gaylen L. Adams, 60; failure to obtain oversized permit, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Teresa Vervey, no age available; insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$40 restitution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Vincent Van Nino, 20; inattentive driving, dismissed, \$163.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences

Richard B. Sackett, 53; failure to carry proof of ownership of livestock, pleaded guilty, \$236.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Pedro Ramirez, 28; failure to carry proof of ownership of livestock, pleaded guilty, \$236.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Cesar Gamino, 27; open container, pleaded guilty, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Nathan Sean Chavez, 20; loitering on school grounds, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jorge Gutierrez, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Terry Lane Bull, 42; public indecency, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited, 28 days in lieu of fines and costs at \$37 a day; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jessica M. Gonzales, 26; failure to provide proof of insurance, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Donald I. Pickering, 68; petit theft, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Ernesto Martinez, 31; resisting officers, pleaded guilty, 180-day driver's license suspension, one year probation, 60 days in jail 15 days suspended, 45 days credited, eight days credited toward fines and costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Lenny Lee Bright, 38; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, 180-day driver's license suspension, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, two days credited, 10 days credited toward fines and costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Daryl James Zahurones, 27, 645 E. Fairview Ave., No. 246, Twin Falls, first-degree arson; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$500.00 bond.

Kelly Nichole Lewandowski, 26, 30 Robbers Ave., unit B, Twin Falls; grand theft, private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; summons release continued.

Paul Henry Artburn, 46, 4801 E. 10th St., Eden; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$5,000 bond.

Theodore David Stocking Sr., 43, home, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 22.

days in jail, 22 days suspended, eight days credited, eight days credited toward fines and costs; one court failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Laura J. Jensen, 57; driving without privileges, amended failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$88.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Rudy G. Ramos, 21; grand theft, pleaded guilty; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Aman Hussien Armo, 22; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael W. Williams, 42; failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Dave J. Graves, 41; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Harry G. Guilds, 59; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Anatoly Cherkov, 37; no rear impact guard, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Rudy J. Bullen, 28; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Abin L. Cavanaugh, 41; failure to obtain oversized permit, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Kevin Kalchev, 33; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Dave S. Holman, 45; failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Brek Lee Bennett, 51; exceeding maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Gerald D. Follis, 52; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$27 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Thomas Iyle Hanthorn, 72; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Deferred prosecutions

Craig Hunter Glorified, 47; trespassing, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Kurt M. Lefebvre, 42; theft by unauthorized control of property, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Juvenile dismissals

Malloy Ann Hughes, 16; failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Richard L. Chada, 53, PO, Box 503, Dayton, Nev.; attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or forgery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$5,000 bond.

Ray William Freeman, 57, 328 Adams, Twin Falls; violation of a no contact order; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; \$500.00 bond.

Michael James Rau, 41, 201 Alexander, Twin Falls; trespassing; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; released under own recognizance.

Todd W. Hine, 43, 1799 Glendale Ave.; injury to a child, driving without privileges; private counsel; no plea entered; pretrial conference set for June 1; \$100 bond; driving under the influence; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$15,000 bond.

Jeremy W. Monohow, 19, 1420 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license, obstructing an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; \$1,000 bond.

Joshua Wayne Reed, 19, 2449 Idaho St., Hollister; driving under the influence; waived court costs; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for June 8; released under own recognizance.

Angela Janet Thornton, aka Gardner, 45, 580 E. 400 N., Jerome; failure to purchase driver's license, failure to appear; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; released under own recognizance.

Deana Ann Gage, 40, 1310 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; released under own recognizance.

Ethan E. Harfield, 45, 1480 Cambridge Dr., No. 105, Eugene, Ore.; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; \$100 bond; fugitive; public defender appointed; status hearing set for May 21; \$230,000 bond.

Roberto Saldaña-Corales, 24, 510 S. Broadway, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, open container, failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 1; \$500 bond.

Kevin Lee Edwards, 32, 3613 N. 2700 E., No. 5, Twin Falls; probation violation — driving without privileges; public defender appointed; no plea entered; evidentiary hearing set for May 5; released under own recognizance.

Ramón Gonzales Zamarrins, 36, 246 Carthagen, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; \$100 bond; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; no plea entered; evidentiary hearing set for May 27; \$5,000 bond.

Richard Shannon Ross, 36, 120 N. 200 W., Jerome; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; open container; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for June 22; released under own recognizance.

Lindsay Lee Tillson, 25, 715 Stevens Ave., No. 2, Filer; failure to purchase driver's license, failed to

appear for misdemeanor citation; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for June 1; pleaded innocent; released under own recognizance.

Tom Nanette Thomas, 39, 2011 S. 1050 E., Hagerman; possession of paraphernalia, public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 1; \$500 bond.

Daryl James Zahurones, 27, 645 E. Fairview Ave., No. 246, Twin Falls; first-degree arson; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$500.00 bond.

Kelly Nichole Lewandowski, 26, 30 Robbers Ave., unit B, Twin Falls; grand theft, private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; summons release continued.

Paul Henry Artburn, 46, 4801 E. 10th St., Eden; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 21; \$5,000 bond.

Theodore David Stocking Sr., 43, home, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for June 22.

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

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

Felony sentences

Bradley J. Armstrong, 32; one count attempt to elude a police officer, one count driving under the influence, \$540 restitution, one year driver's license suspension, five years probation, 18 months indeterminate time, 48 months indeterminate time, 24 months indeterminate time, one count leaving the scene of an accident, dismissed, one count battery, five years probation, six months jail, six months suspended, three counts probation violation, plead guilty, probation revoked, retained jurisdiction, 24 months probation; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Darrell Edwin Day, 47; possession of a controlled substance, \$800

fine, \$100 restitution, two years indeterminate time, three years indeterminate time, time credited, retained jurisdiction, probationary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Bubert Barrios Escalante, 48; one count driving in a motorcade, \$5,000 fine, \$88.50 court costs, \$1,785.93 restitution, two years indeterminate time, three years indeterminate time, 24 months probation, one count stamp violation, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Nicholas Brent Hund, 19; burglary, \$400 fine, one count probation, six months indeterminate time, three years indeterminate time, time credited, retained jurisdiction, probationary suspended; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

J. J. Ramsey, 19; burglary, pleaded

guilty, five years probation, three years indeterminate time, four years indeterminate time, time credited, probationary suspended; two counts burglary, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Withheld judgments

Kassia K. Rulhe, 35; burglary, disposition withheld; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Deferred prosecutions

Shayla Dawn Robinson, 20; insufficient funds fraud, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Jason L. Van Every, 36; malicious injury to property, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

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WEST

Lewis and Clark land in Missouri town – sort of

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — With thunderous volleys from cannons and hearty "Hip, hip, hoorays" from a welcoming throng along the Missouri River, the three 1800s-style boats came ashore to a hero's welcome Saturday, 200 years to the day when Meriwether Lewis and William Clark met up before their adventure through the uncharted West.

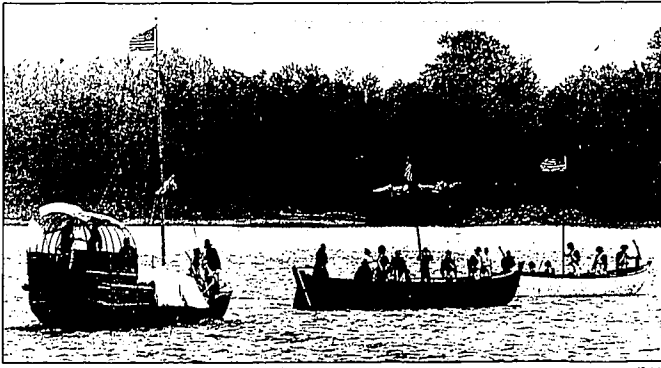
The crowd of thousands wasn't exactly historically accurate, but the re-enactment of the landing was living history, right down to the replicated tent settlement, muskets, flint, campfires and all the itchy, woolly gear.

"It was overwhelming coming in here, when we saw the crowd literally lining the banks as far as you could see," Peyton "Bud" Clark Jr., a great-great-grandson of William Clark, said after taking part in the keelboat ride to this St. Louis suburb.

"I had a lump in my throat and near to my eye," said Clark, decked out in garb that folks in his famed ancestor's day might have worn.

The keelboat and two canoe-like pirogues had left Illinois a day earlier in the re-enactment.

The bicentennial party



Lewis and Clark re-enactors from Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo., launch their wooden keel-boat and pirogues at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers Friday, 200 years after the real expedition left the area near Hartford, Ill.

years in the making. It commemorated the infancy of what would become the explorers' 28-month, 8,000-mile trek through the Louisiana Territory.

Actors — including Bud Clark, a retired Ford Motor Co. engineer from Michigan — twice over the next week will re-create the expedition's formal departure from St. Charles.

Outside one actor's tent Saturday, a buckskin was stretched out to dry. Mounds of wood stood ready to stoke smoky campfires being used as Dutch ovens. An artisan chipped away at a log being fashioned into a canoe.

Women, including the sub-

urban mayor, strode about in period dresses and bonnets, men in buckskins or colorful military uniforms of the day.

Yet despite all the nods to the past, the modern was unavoidable. A yacht shadowed the three replica boats, each powered by a motor. Video cameras of onlookers whirred. The port-

able and Clark might have cherished — were hard to miss.

"We've been fans of the Lewis and Clark expedition for quite a while," said 80-year-old retired chemical engineer Dave Miller. "Seeing all these people, all these children here is wonderful. It tells us it's something for more than just us old folks."

UAC has never been nor is it now, a governmental entity within the meaning of (the open-records law)," stated the association's attorney, Bill Peters, in a letter faxed to The Tribune.

The Government Records Access and Management Act, or GRAMA, requires that governmental entities open their financial and other records to the public.

UAC argues it is not a "governmental entity" which GRAMA defines as one that "is funded or established by the government to carry out the public's business."

High court may address bottled-up trade issue

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court was asked last week to intervene in a long-fermenting wine war that pits the champions of small vineyards against state regulators and their licensed wholesalers.

The question is whether wine lovers should be able to make purchases through the mail from out-of-state vineyards. The answer requires the court to resolve a clash between two Constitutional principles.

The first guarantees a free flow of goods across state lines. The other came in 1933 with the compromise that ended the nation's failed experiment in Prohibition. It gave the states the power to bar "the transportation or importation into any state ... of intoxicating liquors."

That, in turn, led to a confusing array of state laws that restrict the sale of beer, wine and liquor. Usually, alcohol is sold through a network of state-licensed wholesalers and retailers — and not directly from producers to consumers.

But the growth of the wine industry, especially in California, has set off legal challenges to the post-Prohibition-era laws. ("Potential customers) will say, 'Can you ship us a case?'" When I say no because it's illegal, they say: 'You've got to be kidding!'"

Californiaans can buy wine from California wineries and have it shipped to them. They can also buy from some states, including Oregon and Washington, which have signed reciprocal deals with California regulators.

But they may not buy directly from wineries in New York, Michigan and about half of the other states. Nor may California wineries ship bottles to consumers in those states.

Lucas joined a lawsuit challenging New York's law that requires alcohol to be sold exclusively through licensed wholesalers.

That's fine for the big players — the top 25 wineries sell more than 80 percent of the wine sold nationwide — but small winners

“ (Potential customers) will say 'Can you ship us a case?' When I say no because it's illegal, they say: 'You've got to be kidding!' ”

— David Lucas, owner of Lucas Winery in California

say they don't sell enough wine to make it worthwhile for wholesalers.

Most of the 2,700 wineries nationwide are family-owned, and their wines are not sold through national wholesalers, according to Free the Grapes, a Napa, Calif., group that promotes direct shipping.

"The vast majority of small wineries are shut out," Lucas said. The ban on interstate wine shipments to consumers has attracted more criticism as mail-order sales of other goods over the Internet have boomed. A Federal Trade Commission report last year found that consumers could save as much as 21 percent if they could buy wine over the Internet instead of at retail stores.

The study also dismissed concerns that legalizing such sales would make it easier for minors to obtain alcohol. "I understand the history of these laws, but I don't understand how they make sense in today's world," Lucas said. "They always talk about the need to protect kids from alcohol, but kids don't get a credit card and order \$5 bottles of wine and wait three weeks for them to be delivered."

Said Eleanor Heald, a wine critic from Troy, Mich., "These are protectionist laws. They protect the monopoly held by wholesalers."

The numbers are fair, but they are certainly not balanced.

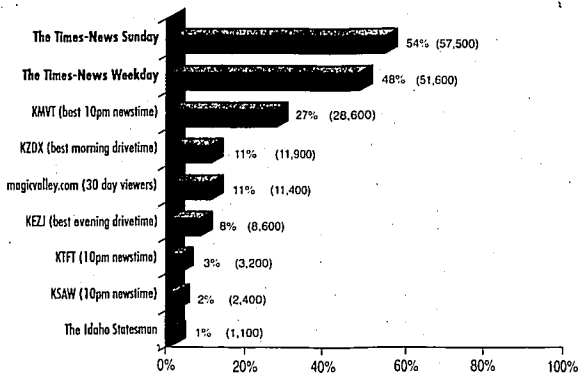


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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Intermountain Gas comments taken

TWIN FALLS — Customers of Intermountain Gas have until June 11 to comment on the company's request for an approximate 10 percent increase in rates to reflect the higher prices the company must pay its suppliers.

Intermountain Gas is asking the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to approve the new rate for a July 1 effective date. The commission is seeking comment not only regarding the reasonableness of the rate but also on the question of whether Intermountain's annual applications for purchase gas cost adjustments should be processed closer to the winter heating season.

Intermountain Gas supplies natural gas to about 230,000 customers in southern Idaho.

The commission is proposing that the case be handled through written comment rather than public hearings. The commission will not hold hearings unless it receives written protests or comments that state why a procedure of written comment will not work.

To submit comments via e-mail, access the commission's site at www.puc.state.id.us and click on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (INT-G-04-2) and enter your comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074, or faxed to 334-3762.

A full text of the company's application, along with all documents related to the case, are available on the commission's Web site. Click on "File Room" and then on "Gas Cases" and scroll down to Case No. INT-G-04-2.

CSI offers Finally Homes in Spanish

TWIN FALLS — A Finally Home! program will be held in Spanish from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Penny Johnson, who manages the program at CSI, said this is the first time in two years the classes have been offered to Spanish-speaking homebuyers.

The classes include instructions on how to choose a first home, apply for credit, make a down payment, choose a Realtor to make an offer, do a title search and more. Spanish-speaking presenters will be Maria Walker, a loan officer; Alejandro Castaneda, a Realtor; and Sandra Gonzalez, a title officer. Interpreters will be provided for the presentations by a home inspector and an appraiser.

CSI and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. sponsor the program. Those who complete both classes meet the criteria for a reduced mortgage insurance premium, down payment and closing cost assistance, and other special lender programs.

The fee for the two classes is \$10 per student, which includes a training manual. For information, call Johnson at 732-8287.

Builders association will meet on Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Builders Association will hold its general membership meeting Tuesday at Magic Valley Bank, 115 Main Ave. W.

No-host refreshments will be available at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

To attend, RSVP before 4 p.m. Tuesday by calling 738-8991 or sending e-mail to mva@magvalley.com.

— compiled from staff reports

A place for business



A semi-truck passes by a field at the southwest corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North that could be the site of a 65-acre business park.

Developer seeks business park rezoning

Public hearing set for Monday

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most of an 80-acre agricultural field at the southwest corner of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North could be converted into a 65-acre business park if developers get their way.

Potential businesses in the park could initially create about 300 jobs, said developer Gerald Martens. The land, Martens said, has been owned by the Billiar family since 1915.

It is currently zoned for residential development, said LaMar Orton, director of Twin Falls' planning and zoning commission.

Martens, on behalf of the Billiards, will ask the Twin Falls City Council at

Twin Falls City Council meeting

- When: 5 p.m. Monday
- Where: City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
- The meeting is open to the public.

its meeting Monday for annexation of the land with a C-1 planned-unit-development commercial zoning designation. The City Council will hold a public hearing that night to gather comment.

The business park could accommodate a combination of businesses, including retail, manufacturing, corporate offices and restaurants, Martens said.

Any manufacturing business or industrial warehouse would be required to have all operations enclosed inside to blend in with the overall upscale look of the business park, he said.

Dave McAllindin, Twin Falls' director of economic development, spoke in favor of the business park proposal at a planning and zoning commission meeting last month.

A "mixed-use" park such as this one could be a bonus for recruiting businesses to relocate in Twin Falls, he said.

"We currently do not have in our inventory the kind of park that is being proposed," McAllindin said. "You see these types of business parks in Boise, Salt Lake City and especially California."

"It's all about options — the more options we can provide, the more businesses we can bring in."

But the project has opposition, too. In April, dozens of residents in the nearby North Pointe Ranch Subdivision signed a letter of opposition which was submitted to the zoning commission.

The letter argues that the development would bring extra traffic into

their neighborhood, and the targeted business types — such as convenience stores and day care facilities — would disturb residents.

Several businesses are interested in moving onto the property, Martens said.

"We're talking to at least three potential tenants," he said. "No one is ready to announce anything yet."

The location of the property along Twin Falls' truck route makes the land a prime spot for business development, Martens said.

"When you're looking at building a business park, it's highly desirable that it's constructed near a major arterial like Pole Line Road," he said.

While the project is still in its infancy, the total endeavor would likely be an investment of "tens of millions of dollars," Martens said.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or mhinds@magvalley.com.

Claimants learn about recovering losses from warehouses

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — The only bright spot in the declared failure of a bonded warehouse is that lessons are learned that make recovering losses easier the next time a warehouse fails.

About 100 claimants are about to see firsthand what the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has learned from recent warehouse failures, according to a story in this weekend's edition of *Ag Weekly*. Wheatland Agri-Business Inc. of Paul has been shut down since April 1. The company owes about \$2 million to growers.

Officials from USDA's Warehouse Control Division met May 7 with more than 60 producers who have been identified as potential claimants. Russ Dapsauski, program manager, told producers that although Wheatland has not yet been declared a failure, he has already begun thinking about asset recovery and encouraged growers to do the same.

Lessons learned from past failures show there are two avenues growers affected by Wheatland's inability to pay can follow. One is to seek compensation through the Commodity Indemnity Fund, the other is to file an agricultural commodity lien with the Secretary of State's office.

The Commodity Indemnity Fund was established in 1989 and pays growers up to 90 per-

cent of their loss when a state licensed warehouse fails. Idaho growers pay two-tenths of a percent of each sale into the fund. The fund is capped at between \$10 and \$12 million, but warehouse failures in recent years have drawn the fund down \$1.8 million.

Dapsauski told growers not to worry that the fund won't be able to pay them. The fastest Dapsauski has ever seen the fund pay growers was in the Allison Mills case in Filer last year. Allison Mills declared bankruptcy in May, and the fund began issuing checks in December.

"You should expect it to take six months," he said. In the meantime, quarterly assessment payments will be collected from warehouses and assets from other warehouse failures will be paid into the fund that will pay the fund up to a level that will pay the growers Wheatland owes. That's where the agricultural commodity lien comes in.

During the Allison Mills bankruptcy, ISDA was able to use the ag commodity lien to put both farmers and the Commodity Indemnity Fund on a equal footing with the bank. The result was that the Commodity Indemnity Fund was paid \$110,000 from the sale of warehouse-owned grain, the bank got \$15,000 and another secured creditor received \$18,000.

"We found that we have a lien law that really does protect pro-

Wheatland demise

• April 1 — Wheatland Agri-Business Inc. informs Idaho State Department of Agriculture that it cannot pay growers. State sends in five warehouse examiners and issues a temporary license suspension by 5 p.m.

• April 6 — Subpoena is issued that gives ISDA authority to photocopy records. Examiners copy 18,000 sheets of paper in two weeks as part of investigation.

• April 12 — Wheatland requests voluntary license revocation. ISDA has not yet acted on this request pending legal action to seize warehouse.

• May 7 — ISDA files petition with Mirdoka District Court to seize Wheatland.

• May 13 — Mirdoka District Court grants petition to seize warehouse.

ducers," Dapsauski said. "We found that in the Allison case because we had this arrow in our quiver it gave us the lion's share of the assets when the grain was sold. He encouraged producers to file the forms and pay the \$5 filing fee. Even though Wheatland has not yet filed bankruptcy, he said he expects that it will. That's because the state will try to recover whatever is paid out of the Commodity Indemnity Fund from assets owned by the company.

"Once the Commodity Indemnity Fund pays out, the fund will become a secured creditor," he told growers.

It's to everyone's advantage to put the fund in that position, he said.

"You're all paying into it, as soon as we get the money back in and reach the cap, you don't have to pay in," Dapsauski said.

Another lesson learned from the Allison Mills failure was the importance of the state seizing control of the warehouse before the company is declared a failure. Allison Mills chose to file bankruptcy before the state declared the warehouse a failure, and bankruptcy court hired a receiver to handle the site of the warehouse-owned grain. The warehouse was paid \$13,000 for those duties, something Dapsauski believes the state can do much cheaper, he said.

That's why ISDA filed a petition with Mirdoka County District Court to seize Wheatland and the grain stored at both the Paul and Goose Creek facilities. The court granted the petition May 13, which allows the state to seize the warehouse assets, move the grain to Agri-Source in Burley and then sell the warehouse-owned grain. All grain owned by individuals will be held at Agri-Source until the grower decides to sell the grain or move it to another warehouse.

Once the state has seized the property, the facility will be declared a failure, and then growers have 30 to 60 days to

file a claim for what is owed them. Dapsauski warned growers that just having a contract may not mean they have a valid claim. State law states that in the case of no-price established or price-later contracts, contracts that are not renewed after six months are not eligible for payment from the Commodity Indemnity Fund.

Growers with new-crop contracts or old-crop contracts that were not delivered may also run into trouble if a bankruptcy court determines those contracts are assets of Wheatland and must be delivered. Delivering grain to a warehouse without a state license makes a grower ineligible for payment out of the Commodity Indemnity Fund.

In answer to questions of how Wheatland could be in this position when all state-licensed warehouses are audited, Dapsauski could only say that Wheatland had enough credit to pay its obligations. On April 1, Wheatland lost its line of credit and from that point was unable to pay growers.

He added that state officials are in the process of rewriting the bonded-warehouse law to look at the ratio of grain liabilities to grain assets which would give a better picture of a warehouse's financial position.

"We learn something from every one of these failures," Dapsauski said.

YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ The Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley received a grant of \$1,227.16 from The Fred Meyer Foundation for Summer Scholarships that will allow many children to come to the Boys and Girls Club during the summer who would normally not be able to because of lack of money.

The club's philosophy is that no child is turned away because of money. The grant will be used as scholarships for the \$10-per-day fee at the Boys and Girls Club this summer.

The Fred Meyer Foundation assists nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping children and reducing hunger in communities served by 129 Fred Meyer stores in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Fred Meyer is a division of food retailer The Kroger Co. The foundation has awarded grants totaling about \$3.2 million since it began in December 1998. For



information, call 1-800-858-9202, ext. 5605.

■ Success Martial Arts said it is hosting a special opportunity for all dads during June in

honor of Father's Day. Anybody who has ever answered to the call of Dad — fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, etc. — can call 733-8910 to schedule an orientation and re-

ceive a free month of self-defense and fitness training, said Brian Higgins, senior instructor at Success Martial Arts. The studio is at 1300 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

From left are Scott Martin, Boys and Girls Club board member; Eddy Tackham, Fred Meyer PEM manager; Don Hall, Boys and Girls club executive director; and Leo Jarmilo, Fred Meyer food assistant manager.



Twin Falls and Jerome Subway employees participating in the 35th annual Johnny Horizon road cleanup in Twin Falls County on May 1 were (in first row, kneeling) Tina Yenter, Neff Lopez; (in row two) Kaylee Graybill, Ryan Howard, Marjorie Britt, the 'Subman' mascot, Luke Osterman, Julie Emery; and (not in photo) Gina Rudd.

■ Eight employees from five Subway stores in Twin Falls, and one Subway in Jerome, spent three hours on May 1 picking up an estimated 100 pounds of litter and trash along four miles of highway in Twin Falls County for the 35th Annual Johnny Horizon Cleanup Day.

Subway is the world's largest submarine sandwich franchise, with more than 21,000 locations in 74 countries. There are six Subway stores in the Twin Falls region.

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING

Sandi Standley, left, president of Magic Valley Insurance Professionals, presents Karen Jachnowski, YMCA of Twin Falls executive director, with a bookcase and books donated for the Y's after-school Kids program. Magic Valley Insurance Professionals is collecting books through its 'Y Kids Need Books' campaign and will accept any donations of children's books for this cause.



MILESTONE

C & B Trees opens for business in Burley

BURLEY — C & B Trees is a new Mini-Cassia business at 2936 Almo Ave. in Burley. The business is owned and operated by Chris Sumpter and Herbert Hoyt. Aaron Bean is also an operator of the business. Sumpter is climber and foreman. Hoyt is groundman supervisor, and Bean

works as groundman. Services include tree topping, trimming, pruning and removal; stump grinding; and shrub work. Phone numbers are 670-4571 for Sumpter, or Hoyt at 431-7710. Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., but emergency service is available around the clock.

Newspaper award winners

TWIN FALLS — Eight Times-News employees were among winners of the 2003 daily-news-presser competition of the Inland Northwest Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. An Ag Weekly employee was among first-place winners in the chapter's competition for non-daily publications.

The SPJ Inland contest recognizes excellence among journalists in Montana, Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

Award recipients included:

- Health and county government reporter Sandy Miller

took first place in investigative reporting for "Healthy salaries," an article on salaries, overtime and shortages at the local hospital. Miller also won third place in criminal justice reporting for "Moin vs. moin," a story about a mod- informant to catch the drug dealers who sold her teenage son methamphetamine.

• Environmental reporter Jennifer Sandmann won second place in investigative reporting for "Dairy probe reports cruelty," a report about the state's animal cruelty investigation at a Magic Valley dairy. She also won third place in energy and environment reporting for "A river's redemption," a series about efforts to clean up the Snake River.

• Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins won second place in business and agriculture reporting for leading several reporters' efforts in "Precious parks," a survey and analysis of job

benefits offered by local employers in the public and private sectors.

• News editor Christian Draper won second place in graphics accompanying stories on the Snake River and on walking and biking paths around Twin Falls, and for a map printed with an article on the Lewis and Clark trail.

• Chief Photographer Cory Myers took second place in sports photography for "Flying high," a picture of motocross stunts at the Twin Falls County Fair.

• Assistant Features Editor Denise Turner won second place in religion reporting for "Volunteer nurtures El Milagro kids," a story about a Twin Falls volunteer who ministers to disaffected children on the grounds of a housing complex.

• Assistant news editor Lisa Corsi won third place in sports photography for her presentation of The Times-News' year-end review of local sports.

Opinion page Editor David Cooper and the Times-News editorial board won third place in editorial design for "Dutch Touch probe hits dairies with black eye."

• In the competition for non-daily newspapers, Ag Weekly editor Carol Ryan Dumas won first place in editorial writing for a selection of three editorials.

• Ed Robertson of The Jlove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome attended the 100th annual convention of the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards held in St. Louis. The conference is responsible for constructing, validating and administering the national board licensing exam to students graduating from accredited funeral service education programs.

CAREER MOVES

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Robertson served on the Idaho State Examining Board for nine years, served six years on the Conference Board and is a past president of the conference. He now serves on the exam construction committee and is a member of an accreditation team for the American Board of Funeral Service Education.

Veneman and her husband, Ron, moved to Burley in 1960 from Ashton. She worked for Beneficial Finance and for a Smith's deli. When a teaching position opened at Zion Lutheran School in 1970, she decided to use the skills she had learned while teaching Sunday school as a teenager in Ashton. At the time she began teaching, the school employed three teachers who each taught one morning and one afternoon class to an average of 80 students.

An open house will be held in Veneman's honor at noon May 23 at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. Current and former students and their parents are invited to join the Zion Lutheran congregation in a potluck lunch and celebration of Veneman's years of service. Those attending should bring a dish to share. For information, call the church at 678-9621.

Ryan Blake and Rafael Rodriguez are commercial truckers with Twin Falls' Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced Tuesday. They are Ryan Blake of Kimberly who is now employed

with Skinner Trucking, and Rafael Rodriguez of Burley.

Michelle Merritt, a registered nurse with Idaho Home Health & Hospice, was promoted to full-time case manager with a pediatric emphasis. Merritt has worked for Idaho Home Health & Hospice for the past three years as a licensed practical nurse.

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Rupert Lumber and Paint opens for business

RUPERT — Rupert Lumber and Paint is a new business open at 320 Sixth St. in Rupert.

Business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 436-8565.

The business is owned and operated by Jason and Sarah Lynch. Other employees include John and Gena Manning and Shaun Morgan. Jason Lynch has more than 18 years in the building industry.

The business sells lumber, paint, cabinets, molding, doors, windows and vinyl. A grand opening is planned in conjunction with the Rupert Fourth of July celebration.

IDACORP holds annual shareholder meeting

TWIN FALLS — IDACORP Inc. and subsidiary Idaho Power Co. will hold their joint annual shareholder meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday at the corporate headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho St. in Boise.

Anyone may listen through a live Web cast on the Internet. Conference call logistics are



Community members, Mini-Casala Chamber of Commerce members and chamber ambassadors commemorate the opening of Rupert Lumber and Paint. At center holding scissors are owners Sarah and Jason Lynch.

posted on the companies' Web site, www.idacorp.com. Presentation slides will also be available on the Web site at the beginning of the meeting.

The annual meeting audio Web cast and slides — in archived format — will be accessible on the site shortly after the meeting.

Zions Bank, others help their customers invest

TWIN FALLS — Salt Lake City-based Zions Bank said it entered a cooperative agreement with Overseas Private

Investment Corp. and Interlink Capital Strategies to help its small-business customers make investments in emerging markets.

Through the agreement, Interlink will prepare applications for OPIC financing by Zions' small-business customers, in return for a packaging fee. Interlink's involvement will ease the application process and thereby encourage investment overseas by small businesses from the western part of the United States, represented by Zions' customers, Zions said.

Albertsons will take part in investment conference

TWIN FALLS — Idaho-based grocery retailer Albertsons Inc. will participate in the Ragen MacKenzie 23rd Annual Investment Conference in Seattle this week, and anyone may listen in.

The Albertsons presentation will be broadcast live over the Internet at noon Tuesday at www.albertsons.com/abs-investorinformation/. The presentation will be available in an archived format until June 1.

AARP Tax-Aide marks record year

TWIN FALLS — AARP Tax-Aide volunteers in Magic Valley completed their most successful regular tax filing season ever on April 15, with a record 4,527 taxpayers helped in the eight-county south-central Idaho district that also encompasses Glenns Ferry and Jackpot, Nev.

About 55 volunteer counselors working at 17 locations filed federal and state income tax returns during this year's tax season, said Bob Wunderle, district coordinator. About 80 percent of returns were filed electronically.

The IRS-certified counselors attributed more than 4,885 hours.

This season has not yet ended for some local AARP Tax-Aide workers. Wunderle said. Area residents who missed the regular tax deadline still can file a return, even if they failed to request an extension to Aug. 15, he said. If they paid more in withholding tax than was due, they may receive a refund, with no penalty. Refunds must be claimed within three years of the year paid.

Those who did not file an original tax return may pay interest and penalties.

To help taxpayers, who did not file on time, those who want to pay taxes due on an installment basis and those with other

problems, AARP Tax-Aide plans to keep one Twin Falls counseling site open year-round, Wunderle said. It is the La Pusa St. E. in Twin Falls (formerly 134 Hansen St. E.) which will remain in operation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Friday.

For information, call Wunderle at 837-9178 or Fred Ripley at 543-6544.

Money in brief

Human resources seminar will take place in S.V.

SUN VALLEY — A seminar on current human resources issues, called "Your Golden Asset — Employees," will be presented in Sun Valley by Steven W. Berenter and Rand L. Peebles, attorneys with Hawley Troxell Emmit & Hawley LLP.

Because Idaho is an "at-will" employment state, there is a common misconception that an employer can dismiss a worker for any reason, according to Berenter, chairman of the law firm's employment law practice group. But it isn't true.

At the Friday seminar, Berenter will discuss handling a problem employee and other current human resources issues.

The seminar is free for 10 a.m.

Idaho Barley Commission holds budget meeting

BOISE — The Idaho Barley Commission will hold its annual budget meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14 at the Idaho Barley Commission office, 821 W. State St. in Boise.

The commission also will meet to review its programs from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. June 14 at the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston.

All barley growers and other interested parties are invited. Assistance for hearing-impaired or handicapped individuals is available upon request before the meeting. For information, call 334-2050.

'Buy Idaho Day' is set for Father's Day

MARSING — The St. Chapelle Winery "Buy Idaho Day" has been moved to Father's Day, June 20.

Space is available for 50 Buy Idaho members to set up booths to show and sell their products and services. Each booth reservation will receive

two free tickets for admission to the show. A \$50 administrative fee will be charged for each booth. Space will be sold as first-come, first-served.

To reserve space, call Barbara at 343-2582.

Set-up will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Gates will open at noon, and music will be provided from 1 to 5 p.m.

Music will be by father-and-son team Steve and Marcus Eaton. Steve Eaton was a member of The Fabulous Chancellors of 1960s fame. He performed as lead guitarist for Paul Revere and the Raiders, has opened for Ray Charles, has been recognized with Emmy nominations and has written songs that have appeared in Billboard Magazine's Top 20. A Buy Idaho statement said.

Buy Idaho Membership Meeting is October 15

BOISE — The 18th Annual Buy Idaho Membership Meeting will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo will be the keynote speaker.

Cost is \$35 for lunch and annual meeting reports. Seating is limited; reserve space by calling 343-2582.

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Death doesn't always bring much sympathy

The Washington Post

There is something macabre about taking a vacation day to go to a funeral.

But that is just what many of us have to do when we need to take a day or two away from work to attend such an event, or to take some time to grieve.

Ninety-one percent of companies offer some sort of paid bereavement leave, according to the 2003 benefits survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management. But often, that leave is not a custom fit to employees' needs. For one thing, there are many rules that govern the time off.

A friend of mine was once surprised to hear that although she was allowed three days of bereavement leave when her grandmother died, those three days were not to be taken if they straddled a weekend. She wanted to spend time with her distraught grandfather, but her manager told her she had to take a vacation day rather than a paid bereavement day that Monday.

Seems appalling, yes?

At the other end of the spectrum, a colleague of mine said she once had a co-worker who "loved to go to funerals" and was out of the office quite a bit because of it. So for those odd few who fit into that category, it is understandable a company would want to put some rules on bereavement leave policies.

What that leave consists of exactly is different with each company and often, with each manager within the company. Got a bereavement leave policy? Three days of paid leave with a lot of questions and rules? Who passed away? Was this person an immediate family member? Was this a spouse's relative, or yours?

There are tales of employees who have had to bring a copy of a death certificate to their manager to prove they weren't taking the day to go shopping.

And many times, the death of "just" a good friend does not qualify for bereavement leave.

Many people have family friends whom they would count as closer than some family members for whom they would be allowed official time off. That friend of your parents you spent every holiday and vacation with, who taught you how to fly-fish when you were young? His funeral, or a day or two to grieve privately, would count as a vacation day by most company standards.

Those unexpected days can really throw a life for a loop, beyond the fact that a loved one is gone. And strict rules can say a lot about a workplace.

Often, rules that go with leave policies are put in place to keep order in the workplace but have the opposite effect, said Kathy Albarado, president of HR Concepts LLC, a human resources consulting firm in Herndon, Va. She said smart companies don't "police" it when someone asks for a day of paid bereavement leave. "I would take them at face value ... and offer my condolences," she said. "You don't create a policy trying to prevent that

abuse. It sets the wrong tone." So, as with any workplace rule, a little flexibility would go a long way.

That is what James Scanlon, president of BC Consultants Inc., a civil engineering firm in Fairfax, Va., realized he needed to do for his employees. Like many companies, BC offers employees a general "paid time off" policy. Employees get 12 personal days the first year along with five sick days. Of that, employees can use one day of personal leave and five days of their sick leave for the death of an immediate family member, or three days of personal leave for non-family members.

Scanlon looked at other policies, "most of which provided three days of leave for a family member who has passed away. He did not think that was appropriate." So, someone loses their child, they're not going to be ready to come back to work in three days.

— James Scanlon, president of BC Consultants Inc.

time off even for non-family members. "If you feel strongly about anybody, you need some time off."

He also said he would offer some flexibility depending on individual cases.

Scanlon said he can't envision a time when he would deny someone bereavement leave. "Because then it's like you think they're lying," he said. "And that would be a larger problem. If you don't trust someone, then you have bigger fish to fry."

But many large companies feel that as with any policy, rules do have to be in place "to ensure not only legal compliance, but to ensure fairness and consistency to our employees," said Larry Solomon, a managing director at consulting company Accenture Ltd. Like most companies, Accenture, which employs 90,000 people, offers its employees three days of paid bereavement leave for the death of a family member. Not a family relative? The employee can take a day from "paid time off."

"We do trust our employees. We empower them to make the right decisions," Solomon said. Discretion should be left to a manager when it comes to such sensitive issues, said Mary Graham, senior policy adviser at the National Mental Health Association in Alexandria, Va. Almost every bereavement-leave policy "defines the importance of the loved one for the employee, offering days off if only a close relative has passed. But, said Graham, that person may be your best friend since you were 5, while "you might not even have a relationship with your mother" for whom you are provided with days off.

The time off is important, Graham said. "It's a very hard time for (employees) to focus and do quality work anyway," she said. "In terms of the employer, it is going to save them money to invest in giving employees some bereavement leave and letting them heal before they head back to the workplace."

Beet producers battle uneven emergence

BURLEY — Sugar beet growers in south-central Idaho are battling some emergence problems this spring, and officials are assessing damage from high winds blowing dirt into plants this week, officials said.

"You don't mind the rainstorms, those are good," said Vic Jaro, agricultural manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co. "We'd like to see the moisture come without the wind."

Producers have had to replant some areas this spring because of poor emergence due to dry ground or other issues. Some may have to replant if the winds damaged the newly emerged plants.

"You've got kind of a mixed bag," Jaro said.

Replanting can impact yields, with replanted areas tending to have less potential than areas that were planted earlier.

"It drops the overall yield at the end of the summer, which can be costly," he said.



Brent Bowen, who grows sugar beets in rural Burley, has been cultivating a field of sugar beets after getting his crop planted about two weeks early because of warm spring weather.

2004 water outlook resembles 2001

TWIN FALLS — In retrospect, the 2003 water year was a good year for irrigators.

Managers who were trying to ease the limited water supply to meet demand, especially when temperatures soared to triple digits during the middle of the growing season, didn't think so at the time. But in comparison to how the 2004 season is shaping up, it looks better than it did.

The difference is springtime conditions. Although the

turned off in March, and temperatures were about 15 degrees above normal in April. That combination allowed what now there is in the watershed to melt slowly into the ground.

Cereal leaf beetle is poised to do damage

TWIN FALLS — A pest that can decimate grain fields is poised to begin munching.

Warm temperatures arrived early this year and with those temperatures came cereal leaf beetle. Adult tiny iridescent

green beetles with red thorax and legs have already been spotted in grain fields across the Magic Valley.

Steve Sallsbury expects to see high populations of cereal leaf beetle this year. Fields the Twin Falls County extension educator has scouted already this year are thick with eggs.

One advantage that the Magic Valley used to have over other growing regions that have battled cereal leaf beetle for years is that the beetle used to emerge much later here. That hasn't been true the last few years.

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Ron Tjaden, 58, from Montana, looks away as attendant Paula Ruico, 29, from Troutdale pumps fuel at a truckstop in Troutdale, Ore., Friday. Tjaden said he could afford costlier gas but he still felt a little burned and powerless by the price spike.

Small businesses fume over gas

TROUTDALE, Ore. (AP) — Truck driver Alan Raduchel straightened his cap, visibly disgruntled by the price of diesel fuel at just over \$1.90 per gallon.

The 53-year-old big rig driver from Greenville, Texas, was filling his truck's gas tanks before returning home Friday. He said the run he made from Texas to Portland will probably be the last he makes in the West until prices drop.

"You have your fixed costs, like truck payments and insurance, but when this fuel comes in, it takes a bite out of profits," he said.

Gas prices are straining wallets all over the country but the Western states of California, Oregon, and Nevada had the highest gas prices in the contiguous United States this week. A gallon of a regular unleaded costs about \$2.27 in California, \$2.28 in Oregon and \$2.35 in Nevada.

The national average is \$1.95. Historically, gas prices in the Western states have always been a few cents higher than the rest of the country, but several factors are causing prices to vault above the Pacific Coast, industry experts said.

The West, like everywhere, has been hit by the price of crude oil, which has risen to \$41 per barrel. But the region must also contend with more widespread and stringent

restrictions on gas additives. California, for example, banned the gas additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in an attempt to block toxic runoff. That has disrupted the supply chain at refineries, said Iadel Giebt, senior energy analyst with Oppenheimer & Co. in New York.

Because you cannot mix gas that has MTBE with gas that doesn't, you have to wait until the tanks are completely empty, and then fill (them) with regular," he said.

Nevada and California are also hurting because all three states have non-traditional communities where it is expensive to deliver fuel, and residents must do a lot of driving to get from place to place.

Eastern Oregon cattle rancher Sharon Livingston, 65, said her slim profits are quickly being eroded by a 34-cent jump in the price of regular gas over the last month.

She warned the high gas prices would cause some

ranches to go bust. "It is devastating. Anything that I have to buy to use on my ranch—steel posts, any grain for my horses, salt for my cattle—it all has to be hauled, and the minimum distance is 80 miles round trip," Livingston said.

The region also supports a limited number of refineries and pipelines, further destabilizing prices, said Elliott Eki, spokesman for the AAA of Oregon and Idaho.

There are so many pipelines in other parts of the country that they "look like a plate of spaghetti," Eki said.

But while the East Coast and the Midwest has been slower to act, said John Plimister, spokesman for WSCO Petroleum, a mid-sized gas wholesaler and retailer in Oregon and Washington. He blamed environmental concerns.

"It takes 10 years of environmental impact studies before anything can happen," he said.

Eki also noted that the West is far country, more so than regions like the Northeast, where public transportation is more widely used. And with summer vacation looming, there will be an increasing number of cars on the road, Eki said.

"The big question is what is the price threshold here? And when will people modify their driving behavior?"

— Elliott Eki, spokesman for the AAA of Oregon and Idaho

"The public, when they want something, they will buy it regardless of the price," she said.

At the Troutdale truckstop, Ron Tjaden, 58, from Montana, tanked up his car, and grimaced at the final total. He said he could afford costlier gas but he still felt a little burned by the price spike.

"As a typical consumer you just know they don't need much of a reason to jack up prices, and once they start they don't stop," Tjaden said.

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Food-storage container companies battle it out

The Orange County Register

Where to put the leftovers? Relax. You have more options than before.

Right around Turkey Day last year, Newell Rubbermaid began rolling out its TakeAlong brand of disposable food-storage containers, joining a battle started a few years back by Clorox Corp's GladWare and SC Johnson's Ziploc containers.

The latest entry in a market that's gone from nothing to more than \$150 million in sales since 1996. Before that, you could only buy the kind of containers you kept forever, like those from Tupperware Corp. Before GladWare, people seeking cheap containers rinsed out deli packaging and other stuff that wasn't meant to be reused. Clorox saw a need—and filled it.

GladWare has changed my life," Oprah Winfrey exclaimed in May, explaining that it has taken the guilt out of giving away baked goods. "I used to, like, track people down for my Tupperware. But now, it's GladWare. You may take it home."

The disposables are inexpensive. For example, a five-pack of 20-ounce TakeAlongs can be had for \$1.97 at Wal-Mart. In Huntington Beach, Calif., smaller permanent containers from Rubbermaid and other makers start at about \$1 per container, while it's hard to find a piece of Tupperware for less than \$10.

That freedom has led some consumers to eschew permanent plastic containers. "Why buy the expensive stuff?" asked Sheila Kunka of San Clemente, Calif.

The advent of disposables has also led to new segmentation in the market for food-storage containers.

Tupperware has taken the high road, choosing not to compete in the throwaway end of the market. And some retailers, like The Container Store, choose not to carry the disposables.

The warfare among the newcomers has been fierce. At first, GladWare and Ziploc had the whole segment to themselves. Then TakeAlong debuted. According to Rubbermaid, TakeAlongs quickly accounted for 40 percent of disposable sales at Wal-Mart stores. Clorox declines to discuss market share, but attributes TakeAlong's gains partly to "aggressive pricing."

Tupperware hasn't sat still. Its U.S. business has grown at double-digit rates over the past three years, says Chief Executive Rick Goings. U.S. sales were \$234.6 million last year, accounting for about 21 percent of Tupperware's \$1.1 billion in worldwide revenue. For decades, Tupperware sold its products only through parties thrown by freelance sales representatives, typically

in suburban homes. Then, about four years ago, the company began putting kiosks in malls. More recently, it started placing its products, which include food preparation and serving devices as well as containers, in Target stores. It also sells online and through the Home Shopping Network.

Target brought us to the kinds of consumer we wanted—young, had a family, up to a T-D-I-Y mobile," Goings said. It gets "a very different type of customer" at

its parties. After attending Tupperware parties for decades, Donna Rauls of Westminster, Calif., has more Tupperware than she can use. "I probably won't buy any more," she said. She's had some of her Tupperware for 30 years.

But she still finds herself going to Tupperware parties. "If

your friends are giving a party, you almost have to go," she said. "You can't say no."

Tupperware still does 85 percent of its sales through parties, Goings says. Moreover, the mall kiosks are staffed by Tupperware's independent sales consultants, formerly called Tupperware ladies. Goings expects the retail channels will account for 30 percent of Tupperware's U.S. sales within five years.

But the parties are still a growing source of revenue. Women over 50 learned how to cook from their mothers, Goings says, while the average woman under 50 grew up with a mother who worked. "So there's been nobody to train her." That's created a need for guidance that's been profitably filled by celebrities such as Martha Stewart and Emeril Lagasse, he says.

"Tupperware parties serve the same function, he adds, pointing to research that shows microwave ovens are most commonly used for mundane tasks like heating liquids and making popcorn. "Most people don't know how to use a microwave oven to cook homemade meals, he says. "We show them how to do that."

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Work/life benefits matter to mothers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Cindy Clark's 7-year-old son was diagnosed with leukemia, she didn't have to quit her sales job at her company, he said.

The freedom my company allows workers to have in their personal schedules" makes them good to work for, said Clark, who worked three days a week at Ikea's store in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. "I felt comfortable stepping away from my spot because I knew I could come back to it."

That kind of support helped Ikea win a spot among the top 100 companies for working moms in Working Mother magazine's 18th annual survey, published in the October issue on newstands Tuesday.

This year, 17 companies made their debut on the list, including Harvard University, Lego Systems, Microsoft, Sallie Mae, UHS Investment Bank and Accenture.

The top 10 were Eli Lilly, Abbott Laboratories, Beoz Allen Hornum, Bristol-Myers Squibb, IBM, Meac, General Mills, Fannie Mae, Prudential Financial, S.C. Johnson and Sons, and Wachovia.

"These companies are very committed to work/life programs for their employees despite the tough economic conditions," says Jill Kirschenbaum, editor-in-chief of Working Mother.

Susan Seitel, president of Minnesota-based research firm Work & Family Connection, said companies have gone to great lengths to be more family friendly because they want to retain their best employees.

Ted Childs, vice president of global work force diversity at IBM, agreed. IBM has made the top 100 list 18 times and top-10

list 15 times.

"This is not a feel-good program for this. This is about getting the best talent, the most sought-after talent, and keeping them happy at our company," he said.

All the top-100 companies offer flextime compared with 55 percent nationwide, according to the 2003 benefits survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management.

Child-care for older children is the latest trend tracked by the magazine. Eli Lilly, for instance, runs a summer science day camp at its manufacturing site in Indianapolis. The cost is \$100 a week.

The pharmaceutical company also allows employees to compress their work week into four long days, or three long and two short days.

Child care is another need companies are taking into account — 98 percent of the 100 best offer elder care resource and referral compared with 20 percent nationwide.

"Companies realize that working parents are the second generation — they have children and older relatives to take care of," said Kimetha Finjo, president of the Washington-based not-for-profit Center for Designing Work Wisely.

Companies on the list were rated on such things as the number of work/life programs offered, employee use of such programs, and women's roles throughout the company. Particular weight was given to flexible scheduling, advancement of women and child-care options.

"Even as we filled out the application form, we could see where we could beef up our program," said Pamela Craig, director of global business operations at Accenture. "There's always room for improvement."

Survey: Most people match old salaries at their new jobs

The Associated Press

In the long debate over whether the economy really is improving, here's another statistic to toss into the mix: the number of people who are matching their old salaries when they land a new job.

Most according to a quarterly survey of discharged executives and managers.

The latest data from the third quarter show 84.4 percent had at least equalled their former salaries, the highest since 91 percent in the second quarter of 2001, according to Chicago-based outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc.

When the economy was red-hot, from 1995 to 2000, the annual average was 90.2 percent, the firm said. But when business turned sour, so did new salaries, and the figure fell to 79.5 percent for the seven quarters ending June 30.

Poll illuminates problem of workplace pornography

WORKPLACE PORNOGRAPHY: Many of us apparently forget that our office computer belongs to the boss — along with all the Internet material you may load onto it. Two-thirds of human re-

sources professionals said in a survey they've discovered

graphically on employee computers.

Nearly half of those, 43 percent, said they had found such material more than once.

The poll points to a common employee dilemma: the need to balance employee privacy with electronic monitoring of computer use, according to Alexandra Gross, legal editor for Business & Legal Reports, a publisher based in Old Saybrook, Conn.

"One of the most important things employers can do to protect themselves from privacy suits is to reduce employees' expectations of privacy in the first place," she said.

"The best way to do that is to articulate a clear policy on electronic monitoring and computer use."

Companies also must be very clear that e-mail and Internet access are the employer's property — and recreational Web browsing should be left at home.

The online poll was conducted by the two sites earlier this month. It drew responses from 474 people.

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MORTGAGE INTEREST

QUESTION: My mortgage payments are always the same amount. Does the interest vary from payment to payment, or is it level, too?

ANSWER: The mortgage interest varies with each payment. Inasmuch as most mortgages are self-amortizing, you pay a level amount each month toward paying off the interest and reducing the principal. However, the interest is computed on the balance remaining. Therefore, the first payment is practically all interest, and the last payment is practically all principal.

The saving grace in the early years of high-interest payments is that all the interest is tax deductible, which can be a hefty deduction, indeed.

SOLD! "SID" did it AGAIN!

Credit insurance: It's not much of a safety net

By Anuradha Raghunathan
The Dallas Morning News

Anytime you buy something on credit — whether a car or a couch or a computer — you can expect to be offered an add-on called credit insurance.

For seemingly modest premiums, credit insurance will pay off your loan if you die, or if you can't work due to a disability or a job loss.

While this may seem like a smart way to protect yourself or your family from a loan default, consumer advocates say the numbers usually don't work in your favor. And they say credit insurance is often overpriced, aggressively sold and misunderstood.

In some recent high-profile cases, the Federal Trade Commission has cracked down on deceptive sales practices and ordered companies to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in fines.

"Credit insurance is an extra product that you pay extra money for," said Peggy Iwobig, assistant director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the

What to watch for

Credit life insurance pays off a loan if you die. Credit disability insurance and credit involuntary unemployment insurance cover limited monthly payments if you become sick or unemployed.

For any of these products, here are some twists consumer advocates say you should watch out for:

Credit insurance is optional. An auto dealer or appliance salesperson can't require it as a condition of your getting a loan — or a lower interest rate.

Never pay the entire premium up front. If you do, the cost usually is financed into the loan and you pay fees and interest on it. Consumer advocates say this is the biggest abuse of the system.

FTC, which enforces consumer rights. "The one thing that consumers have to decide is whether they really need the product."

Certainly, credit insurance has its place for some consumers. If you don't have life insurance or disability coverage — perhaps

You should be able to pay premiums throughout the contract, as you do with any other insurance. The credit insurance costs should be reported separately. Your monthly loan payment should highlight the premium.

Watch out for two new products used by some banks called "debt cancellation" and "debt suspension." They work almost exactly like credit insurance — you pay a fee, and your debt goes away if you die, become disabled or lose your job. But since the lender is forgiving its own loan, the service is not considered insurance and isn't subject to regulation by state insurance departments.

— Source: The Dallas Morning News

you don't want to go through the hassle of taking a medical exam — credit insurance might be a good idea. Otherwise, your life insurance policy should be substantial enough to pay your family's bills should you die.

Older consumers or those in poor health might also consider

credit insurance. "Credit life insurance is basically designed to cover debt without any evidence of insurability," said Paul Graham, chief actuary at the American Council of Life Insurers, a trade group. A medical exam is not required, but some companies may ask you to sign a statement saying you are in good health.

"It is beneficial for any borrower who does not have or will not acquire sufficient life insurance to protect his or her family," said Ken Reynolds, managing director of the American Bankers Insurance Association, an industry trade group. "And there is a large percentage of households without sufficient life insurance."

Just under 70 percent of American households have some form of life insurance, according to recent government figures quoted in the 2002 fact book of the American Council of Life Insurers.

Because the insurers don't check up on you, credit insurance is usually more expensive than other forms of insurance.

Consumer advocates say you get a better deal with more tradi-

tional life insurance. "When you make a \$400-a-month payment on your car, adding \$40 doesn't sound like a lot of money. But with \$40 a month, you can buy thousands of dollars worth of life insurance," said D.J. Powers, attorney for the Center for Economic Justice, which represents low-income consumers on insurance issues. "You should look at better buys for the same amount of money."

Consumers Union, a consumer support group, says that for about \$500, a middle-aged nonsmoker in good health can buy \$100,000 worth of term life insurance for 48 months. Meanwhile, buyers of credit insurance in Texas pay an average of \$510 for a credit life policy on car notes averaging \$21,000.

"That is about a quarter of the benefit," said Kathy Mitchell, research manager at Consumers Union. "Most companies sell credit insurance at the maximum rate allowed by law and pay very high commissions to the lender or seller. You can purchase a great deal more life insurance by shopping around for a term life policy and paying

a low monthly premium."

Insurance industry representatives counter that many people buy credit insurance when they take out a loan because their life insurance benefit wasn't designed to cover the loan amount. For example, you may have a life insurance policy for \$100,000 that's designed to feed, clothe and house your family in the event of your death. If you must take on an additional \$20,000 in debt for whatever reason, credit insurance can provide the additional protection.

"There is a right time to buy credit life insurance, and there is a right time to buy fully underwritten life insurance," said Graham from the Council of Life Insurers.

Unfortunately, credit insurance sometimes is offered by salespeople who don't have consumers' best interests in mind.

In the heat of a \$20,000 car-buying moment, credit insurance may be presented as one of several small but crucial add-ons. Or if a telemarketer is signing you up for a credit card, you may not be sure what you said "yes" to.

Nifty mortgage refinancing options are now available

By Diana McCabe
The Orange County Register

You've already refinanced a couple of times, but those low rates still beckon.

Is there anything left to do? Maybe.

That's what Mike Brewster, a homeowner in Westminster, Calif., is finding. Last year, he refinanced a 20-year mortgage to a 15-year mortgage at 6.25 percent. "We thought that was good, and we'd have the 6.25 until the end."

Now, Brewster, 51, is shopping for a 15-year mortgage in the 5 percent range. "The rates are so attractive," he said.

Many homeowners have a new mortgage that's otherwise just like their old one. That can be a great deal, but it's not the only way to go.

Depending on your goals and financial needs, you can take advantage of lower rates either to pay down your mortgage more quickly or to save extra money in your monthly budget.

No matter which way you go, make sure you talk to several lenders to see who rates offer the best for your situation.

"What makes sense for some homeowners may not make sense for you," said Paul Schepers, a mortgage broker at Loan Link in Aliso Viejo, Calif. "Sometimes it's better to keep the loan you have now."

It doesn't hurt to look, though. Here are a few refinancing strategies to consider.

Shrink your loan term

Sure, rates on traditional 30-year loans are at historic lows, but so are other rates. If you've been paying on your 30-year loan for several years, it might pay to look at a 20-year or 15-year loan. Rates (with zero points) are running about 5.5 percent for a 20-year and below 5 percent on a 15-year. Monthly

payments are fixed for the whole term.

Of course, shrinking your loan term will probably make your monthly payments higher, but you're paying off your loan and borrowing at a cheaper rate. (Don't forget — every time you refinance your 30-year mortgage into the same type of loan, you restart the 30-year clock.)

Example: On a 30-year fixed mortgage of \$75,000 with a monthly payment of \$1,297, let's say you have \$200,000 to refinance. If you move to a 15-year loan at 5 percent, your monthly payments grow to \$1,580, a difference of \$283. However, over the life of the loan, you'd save \$182,304 in interest.

If you moved to a 20-year loan at 5.5 percent, your monthly payments would be \$1,375, only \$78 higher. You'd save \$156,604 in interest. (Note: All examples quote rates with zero points and assume the borrower has good credit.)

Switch to a 'temporary fixed' rate

If you know you're not going to stay in your home — you plan to sell in a few years — this type of adjustable loan can help you save on your monthly payments.

With this type of adjustable, you fix your mortgage rate for three, five, seven or 10 years. After that, your rate will convert to a variable rate — one that will change annually based on the market rates of the time. Your payment is calculated on a 30-year plan (just as 30-year mortgages are).

A popular plan is the 5/1. Your rate is fixed for five years at 4.625 percent. After that, it will adjust each year based on market rates. The amount of the adjustment will depend on changes in a selected index value, such as the rate for one-year Treasury bills, plus a spread that the lender adds for profit.

The changes in many adjustable rates are capped at a certain level each year and over the life of the loan so you won't get hit with "payment shock" when your rate starts to adjust. Typically, Schepers of Loan Link said, rates do not increase more than 2 percent per year, or more than a total of 6 percent over the initial rate you received.

This type of loan can be a good way to cut your monthly payments if you're worried about losing your job or if family expenses are growing. It's not for homeowners who know they will be in the home beyond the fixed-rate period and who are not comfortable with the risk of a variable rate.

The 5/1 is not the only program out there. Lenders are offering 3/1 loans, 7/1 deals and even a 10/1 adjustable. The longer the fixed rate lasts, the higher the rate will be. The rate on a 3/1 is about 0.25 percent, compared with a rate of 5.25 percent for a 10/1. The 5/1 and 7/1 rates fall in between.

Example: On the 30-year fixed mortgage of 6.75 percent, you again have \$200,000 left to refinance. A 5/1 deal — a 4.625 percent means monthly payments of \$1,028, so you save \$269 a month. A 7/1 deal at 4.875 percent means payments of \$1,058, a monthly savings of \$239. To make this work, though, you pretty much want to be out of the home by the time the rate starts to adjust upward — assuming that the interest rates have risen by that time.

Make extra payments

This strategy takes some discipline, but it's a great way to pay off a mortgage at cheap rates. It's

currently quite popular, said Anthony Hsieh of HomeLoanCenter.com in Irvine, Calif. You refinance, which gets you a lower rate and lower monthly payment, but then you continue to make the same payments you did at your old rate. The extra goes right to the principal, so you pay off your loan more quickly than if you'd stuck with your old payment plan.

Example: On the 30-year mortgage at 6.75 percent, again you have \$200,000 left to refinance. You refinance on the same program (30-year mortgage) at 5.75 percent. Your payments are now \$1,167, a savings of \$130 a month. However, you continue to pay the \$1,297 (your old amount) each month. If you apply the savings of \$130 a month to the principal of your new loan, you save \$102,478 in interest over the life of the mortgage. This works because the additional payments shorten your loan term by 79 months.

Make biweekly payments

This is a variation of the "make extra payments" category. Essentially, a biweekly payment allows you — on the surface — to make an extra payment a year, instead of making one monthly payment, you pay half — but twice a month, or 26 payments per year. The power of biweekly payments is that you are able to chip away at your loan amount more quickly, so that your interest costs are lower in the long run.

The trick here is to do it yourself, though, and not pay someone a couple of hundred dollars to set up a plan for you, as many companies offer to do. However, without a formal, full-

blown biweekly setup, it may not be prudent to send your lender — who is expecting a full payment — a partial payment twice a month. Instead, experts suggest calculating your own biweekly plan by sending in a little extra each month with your regular payment. By the end of the year, you'll have sent in the equivalent of one extra payment. To figure this out, simply divide your monthly payment by 12 and send that amount plus your regular monthly payment to your lender. Tell the lender that the extra goes toward the principal. (You may want to see if your lender prefers having the payment in one check or two checks.)

Example: On the 30-year mortgage of 6.75 percent and \$200,000 still due, you refinance into the same type of loan but at 5.75 percent. Your monthly payments are now \$1,167. Take 1/12 of that \$1,167 payment and add this amount (\$97) to your required monthly payment. Each month, you'll pay \$1,264. You save \$78,647 over the life of the loan because the loan term is reduced by 63 months, or about five years.

Not much to refinance?

Take out a home equity line of credit

It's pretty hard to find anyone to refinance your mortgage if you've got less than \$100,000 to go. But you still can take advantage of lower interest rates — the key is to use a home equity line of credit.

These equity lines are great for some consumers because the bank can make the loan with no costs or fees. That means you don't pay for title, appraisal, loan

fees, escrow, etc., which typically run about \$2,400 on a refinance. (All fees would be added to your home equity line of credit, it probably doesn't pay to do this unless you have a high mortgage rate, like around 8.5 percent or greater, Schepers said.)

Rates on home equity lines of credit are the prime rate plus a percentage. That means it's not a fixed rate, but will fluctuate with changes in the prime. That's your rate risk. With interest rates at historic lows, these rates have nowhere to go but up.

Currently, the loan rates run from about 4.5 percent to 5.75 percent for home equity lines of credit to creditworthy homeowners who have enough equity to borrow against.

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Job-loss stress tugs at ties

Chicago Tribune

When 39-year-old Mary Gahbauer lost his job at a Chicago advertising firm where he had worked for 17 years, he, in turn, ended a five-year relationship. "I went through a period of blaming myself," said his ex-fiancee, Monica Strangmann. "It was very devastating and heart-breaking. Not having a job completely changed his outlook. He feels he can't make a big commitment like that until he has a job," said Strangmann, who, like countless others who love and live with someone in career transition, agonizes over what more she can do to support him.

They did not speak the first time. Now the two keep in touch but are in a weird place — too close to move on but unable to reconcile. "I still love him regardless," said Strangmann, 35, of Niles, Ill. "I'm hoping he will come to his senses."

The pain and emotional turmoil that came with a significant reduction of pay or losing a job altogether are not limited to those directly hit. Guilt and frustration, anger and frustration often rain down on significant others, spouses and children in the form of sharp words, frowns and moodiness.

It is not unusual for the jobless and the underemployed to expect loved ones to tip-toe around their bruised and battered egos, yet at the same time counting on them for support — both emotionally and financially.

Job loss tends to be harder for men than for women. Women tend to adapt better than men because they are more willing to ask for help, said Marlon Holzer, a marriage counselor and sex therapist who is co-director of domestic relations counseling for Cook County (Ill.) Circuit Court.

"He's angry this has happened," Holzer said of men in general. "He is still expected to ... take care of the family. He feels (his partner) isn't being supportive enough (or) he's not out there trying as hard as he might."

A job loss does drama has to do with ego, said Sharon Balkin, a psychiatrist in Barrington, Ill., who counsels out-of-work executives.

“Every day, I have to get up and try to look for a job. For guys, a job is a big sort of way in how you define yourself.”

— Marty Gahbauer, former advertising executive

"I had a client who lost his job and got depressed. His wife was trying to be supportive by saying 'Let's go for a walk' or 'Let's get dressed and go out,' and he took it as a real battleground. Sometimes when people try to help, (the other person) becomes agitated."

Money almost always becomes an issue, or the issue. Gahbauer's last day was Oct. 1. He and Strangmann became engaged over the holidays. But then their relationship became strained when the couple started to plan their wedding.

"It spooked him," said Strangmann. "It's a huge cost. I was willing to cut back. I said, 'Let's wait. Let's do it later. Let's make it smaller. But I'm sure he didn't want to disappoint me,'" she said.

Gahbauer, who was already fairly conservative when it came to money, admits the cost — about \$20,000 not including the honeymoon — was troubling.

But his angst went deeper. As a result of losing his job, he began to map out a new future for himself as a teacher — a line of work he estimated would bring in one-third of what he had made at the ad agency. Deep down, he explained, he feared that Strangmann could never adjust to a teacher's salary.

"You don't have a lot of money coming in as a teacher. She certainly was encouraging and still is encouraging about me being a teacher," Gahbauer said. "I think it was more of an issue of me wanting to provide a decent salary, a decent standard of living."

Strangmann, who is a catering manager, said, "I told him I didn't care what he did for a living. I just wanted to be with him. I'd get a higher-paying job if I had to. What he figures something out, the best words didn't soothe Gahbauer."

"Every day, I have to get up and try to look for a job," said Gahbauer, who has given himself a deadline of June to find a job in marketing or advertising but pursuing teaching full time. "For guys, a job is a big sort of way in how you define yourself."

Eating out less, skipping vacations, cutting down on new clothes or lint-free new sound clothes, but such restraints can strain even the most stable relationships, especially for a conservative spender like David Valentine.

David and Eva Valentine lost half their income when she quit her six-figure-salary executive job for part-time employment at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, Ill.

The stress in their lives hinges on spending. David Valentine says he hates coming down on his wife about her expensive haircuts or buying kitchenware from her part-time employer.

He feels there are things she can do without — just as he has to accommodate their reduced income.

"She loves to cook," said David Valentine, a native of Britain who is in information technology in a director for a Chicago-area company. "When you have to constantly say, 'Babe, we can't afford that right now,' it's an additional stress factor."

He has given up wrinkle-free cotton shirts for ones that need ironing. A wine buff, he has sacrificed that too.

"I love wine but I don't need it," he said. "That doesn't impact your life," he said.

For her, cooking is therapeutic. Preparing elaborate meals is one way she can contribute.

"My culinary skills have gone soaring. I'm cooking like Emeril," she said, referring to famous chef Emeril Lagasse.

Put together workable wardrobe on a budget

The Washington Post

Dress well without going broke

- Make a list and stick to it.
- Buy classic neutral-colored basics that mix and match.
- If you must go wild, do so with accessories.

Image consultant Holly Horning has plenty of professional clients in their thirties and forties who want help assembling an appropriate and stylish wardrobe. Many professional women simply don't have the time, or the inclination, to figure it out and find it all.

But occasionally, Horning works with a soon-to-be or recent college graduate who doesn't know a thing about how to dress. And that irritates her. "I find it amazing that they are given all kinds of classes on how to write a resume, and how to do an interview, but not how to dress," said Horning, president of Image Design Group of Alexandria, Va. "It's a whole new set of rules."

Every spring, as upcoming graduates interview for full-time jobs, they are faced with the inevitable question: "What will I wear?"

The problem affects men and women and is especially tricky because these shoppers are often limited in how much they can spend. But professional shoppers and workplace consultants say a little planning and knowledge can go a long way toward creating a useful and good-looking wardrobe without maxing out credit cards.

The casual-dress trend is reversing and work place dress codes are becoming more formal. The result is that many young adults start from scratch when creating a professional appearance.

"It can be a daunting task for someone coming out of college," said Gigi Guerra, editor of Lucky magazine. "It definitely can't hurt to ask an older friend for advice."

The upside of buying everything at once is that it's easier to plan for mix-and-match pieces that go together, stretching a small wardrobe into more ensembles. The key is to start with a few core pieces.

Women can get by with two basic non-patterned suits in neutral colors that go together, another skirt, a pair of pants (or another pair if one of the suits is a pants suit), another subtly patterned jacket, four to six shirts and two pairs of nice black shoes.

Men need two suits, one gray and one navy (the navy suit should have a jacket that can double as a blazer), gabardine pants, another sport coat if possible, three dress shirts for

each suit, six ties, two pairs of shoes and belts to match.

Any leftover money should go into accessories: scarves, socks, ties, jewelry, sandals, handbags. Accessories can be bought one at a time as the budget allows. "Keep the basics of the pieces pattern-neutral — you can dress up all kinds of outfits with accessories so your outfits go further," said Heather Bradley of Flourishing Co. of Washington, a corporate training and coaching firm.

Accessories are the best way for younger workers to express individuality, despite the gray suit. "There's really a lot of latitude with accessories," Bradley said. "Before the soon-to-be worker starts shopping, Bradley advises scrutiny of the industry and the firm to which he or she is applying."

During interviews, pay close attention to what other workers are wearing.

If you're applying for an administrative position, look at what the assistants are wearing; if you're on a management track, pay attention to the assistant vice president. "Overdressing can be as much of a problem in terms of integrating culturally as underdressing," she said.

Horning suggests picking a color scheme beforehand. She also recommends making a list and sticking to it.

Introverts cope with work situations

The Washington Post

Life can be tough for introverts, especially in the workplace. Their preference for keeping to themselves can come across as shyness, aloofness or even arrogance. Often outnumbered by their extroverted colleagues, they can feel overwhelmed by the demands of office socialization and networking. (However, unlike those with social anxiety disorder, classic introverts just prefer working alone and have little need for social interaction — an important distinction.)

Some get bitter about it. "It's who you know, not what you know, that matters," they whine. Others adapt, and try to make the best of their contrarian nature.

Successful introverts appear to adopt one of two strategies for coping with the gap between the way the world works and the way they wish it did.

The first one is to fake it. Laura K. McAfee of Albuquerque, N.M., describes herself as a "total introvert" who took this route. Her first job was in a deli, where she had to interact with hundreds of people every day. "It was exhausting — not just the work itself (although being on your feet that long certainly isn't easy), but the mental effort it took to make myself chat and be nice to customers," she wrote in an e-mail.

Within a month, she said, she had developed a work persona. "Like putting a mask on, or an actor trying on a character, I could actually feel the mask settling into place as I walked to

work. I learned how to act happy and bubbly and friendly and all of those things that come so naturally to extroverts. It was sort of a defensive thing that I learned to do — camouflage, protective coloration, call it what you will. But it enabled me to function on the job, doing things that absolutely terrified me. And when it worked, and people responded, that positive reinforcement was all I needed to keep doing it, so that it got easier and easier and easier."

McAfee, a 37-year-old lawyer, said it comes naturally now. "I don't have to consciously think about it anymore, but just sort of transform during the commute. ... So over time, my work face has melted away, and is now more me than mask."

She wrote, "Now, there are quite a few people who know me who would never, ever believe it if you told them I was an introvert."

She likens it to any other coping skill. "The job world expects you to be open and outgoing, just like it expects you to be organized and on time and to get your job done. So for those of us for whom that doesn't come naturally — you just have to find some way to cope with those 'fallings so they don't get in the way.'"

A second strategy is to pursue careers and work roles that play to your strengths as an introvert, such as the ability to work independently.

"I don't think introverts would appreciate being converted any more than an outspoken, aggressive, social butterfly type

being persuaded or forced to meet in the exact opposite matter simply because that's what everyone else is doing. It's not natural," said Sean Preston.

Preston said he struggled for years with his introversion at office jobs, without quite knowing what was wrong. He finds plenty of quiet time now as a delivery driver. He credits a book, "The Introvert Advantage," by Mari Olsen Lancy (Workman Publishing Co., 2002), with helping him better understand his temperament.

His favorite techniques from the book include using e-mail to communicate when possible and using nonverbal signals (nods, eye contact, etc.) to show that he's paying attention when he's at meetings or talking with co-workers.

Also, "If someone criticizes you for being too quiet, tell him or her you're reflecting on company business or your current project."

He said, "Communicating with other introverts helps a great deal. Because of these techniques and many others, I finally feel understood and appreciated."

Extroverts also have an obligation to be understanding of their more reticent colleagues. To dismiss someone for being less outgoing can mean missing out on someone who could bring great value to the company — and your life.

McAfee said, "I'm never going to be the world's greatest networker, but I've progressed to being at least a 'C' student on the 'get along with other people part of the test.'"

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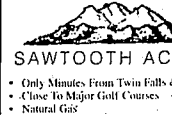
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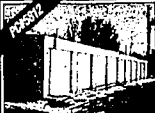
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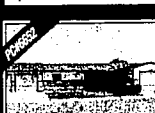
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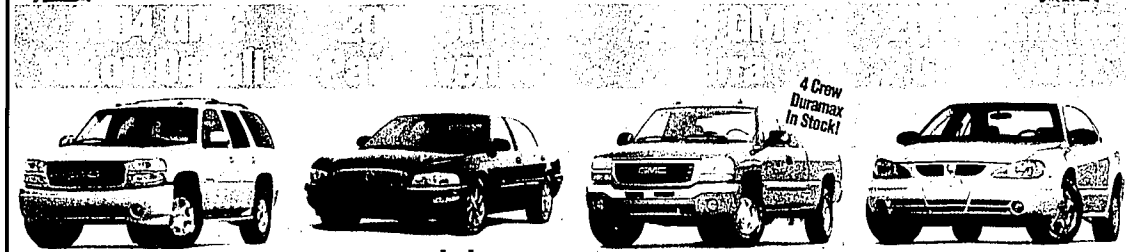
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Section E

An uneasy truce with technology

I have no trust in mechanical or electronic objects. In fact, it takes me a long time to get used to any new stuff.

Whenever I send an e-mail to someone, I usually call to see if it got there. Sometimes, I even write a follow-up note, which kind of defeats the whole purpose.

But I can't help myself. I can't shake the feeling that the new "things" in my world are out to get me.

"Message sent," the fax says. "I reply: 'I've heard that one before.'"

I still remember how long I clung to my old electric typewriter. We had a computer at our house for two years before I would even agree to go into the same room with it.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

I kept telling myself I felt attached to my typewriter because I wrote my first book on it. Never mind the fact that the book was never published. My typewriter and I bonded during the process.

When the electric typewriter kept breaking, I felt terrible, both for it and for me. My typewriter and I were bound together, and it didn't even work.

Sounds like a bad marriage. Eventually, my typewriter stopped typing the letter "e." For a while, I tried to write sentences that used other letters. Then I spent a lot of energy wishing the broken letter was a "z." When I started dreaming about Yanna White telling me I couldn't have a vowel at all, I knew I had to do something.

So I began the process of taking my typewriter to the repair shop. So often that shop personnel came to know my voice on the phone.

"Let's check and see if Denise's typewriter is ready yet," they would say, before I had a chance to give them my name.

Somewhere in the midst of all this, I surrendered and learned to use the computer. But I pretty much forgot my lessons kicking and screaming.

One day, I started thinking my problem might be my mother's fault. After all, it's so fashionable to blame everything that's wrong with you on something traumatic from your childhood.

"I once checked my mother if she left me alone with a motor when I was too young to remember it, but she just ignored the question and went on telling me about my third cousin's wedding gifts.

I do know that my mother is no more friendly with machines than I am, and she has never helped me in her attempts to learn. She's still trying to figure out how to play her Garth Brooks cassette tape.

Everyone else of my generation seems to have similar stories to tell. My friend, Buty, says the worst about sending her youngest son off to college was that there was no one left in the house who could program the VCR.

The moral of my personal story is that I now know that I should not be afraid of new technology. I don't want to be miserable for the rest of it.

A while back, the Washington Post ran a story about the world's first inflatable church. About 60 monks, some in the traditional habit structure in England. And if it's a simple, peeps, an organ, candles — and stained-plastic windows. People transport the Church of England "building" in a van and set it up at different spots in the community. It cost \$35,000, and it can be rented for \$3,200 a day.

The story said the structure is available for weddings, bar mitzvahs "and the next biblical flood."

Even now, when I'm working at an airtight facility with no windows, it would take me a while to get used to that.

Wonder where they plug in the fax machine?

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Footlights down



Fran Tanner has taught speech and drama at the College of Southern Idaho since the school opened. Tanner will retire after this year.

Fran Tanner, a CSI original, exits after 39 years

"Well, I do believe I do bear a part with a tolerable grace."

— Lady Teazle in "School for Scandal," by Richard Sheridan

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — She has a fondness for Restoration playwrights — those successors of Shakespeare who perfected curly comedy as an exquisitely delicate, sharp-thorned rose.

Their plays are something like Fran Tanner herself — mannered, ever-smiling but with a steely single-mindedness about what's truly important. In Tanner's case, that's getting a student's attention.

"She changed my life," said Pam Stary, a Boise middle-school teacher who took acting classes from Tanner at the College of Southern Idaho. "She made me want to be a teacher, and she taught me what it means to be a Good one."

Tanner, who politely but firmly declines to give her age, will retire this month after 39 years teaching speech and drama at CSI. She's one of two original faculty members left: Marvin Stroppe, president of department chairs at CSI and the other.

"There was a time when she was the speech and drama department," Stroppe said. "She's touched so many lives."

Tanner, who chairs the communications and theater department, has

directed more than 60 plays — and countless students — since her first break before there was even a CSI campus. Most of her students over the years had at best a passing interest — and no knowledge — of theater when they signed up for her classes.

"I had a young man in my class, a Native American," she recalled. "I suggested that he go to Salt Lake to see a production of 'Les Misérables.' When he came back, he was just a changed person. He even did a Native American dance performance for my class."

"Success in ... class will not necessarily lead to a starring role on Broadway or a career in costume design or sound engineering," she writes in the forward of her textbook, "Basic Drama Project," the eighth edition of which was published this year. "Instead, it is a place where you can tap into your own creativity, gain self-confidence and experience working collaboratively with others."

The arts matter, Tanner is convinced. "It's one of the things that makes life worthwhile," she said. "You learn something about the world around you, and something about yourself."

"If you want to know about Fran Tanner, ask her students," said Tony Mammen, a theater professor at CSI and a colleague for more than a quarter century. "There are so many of them whose lives have changed for the better because of her."

Tanner, a Twin Falls native and a recently minted teacher, was one of the first hires by founding CSI president

James Taylor in 1965. The college didn't have a building then, so he interviewed her in the lobby of the old Hotel Rogerson.

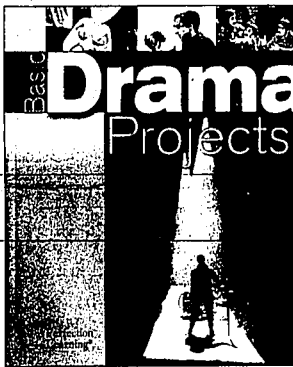
"Everybody talks about Doc Taylor's devotion to academics," Tanner said. "But I'd like to point out that CSI had a fine arts building before it had a gym."

For the first couple of years, classes were held at night at Twin Falls High School. Selling farm kids on the usefulness of speech and theater was a long process, accomplished one student at a time.

"I know there's a lot of pressure on students to go to college and study things that will help them make a living," she said. "But I come from tradition of liberal arts education, and that philosophy is that it's important to educate the whole person."

Tanner was working at what is now Boise State University when she and her husband decided to move back to the Magic Valley. CSI didn't exist then, but Tanner knew her avocation was teaching drama.

"I had a wonderful professor (at Idaho State University) named Vio Mae Powell," Tanner said. "She was my role model. She taught me drama — and she taught me how to be a



The eighth edition of Fran Tanner's textbook, "Basic Drama Projects," was published this year.

teacher."

"The cycle continues. 'I still use the things I learned from Dr. Tanner in my classes,' said Stary, who teaches seventh-grade life sciences. "It's a subject in which students have to learn a lot of unfamiliar terms, so I'll say (in a dramatic voice), 'My oh-GOD-dri-ah! Powerhouse of the cell!'"

"I'm not a drama teacher, but my students are learning biology — and Dr. Tanner is one reason why."

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Law leaves school's old ways behind

The Washington Post

WARREN TOWNSHIP, Ind.— Raymond Park Middle School lost its two arts teachers last year, as state economics was eliminated, along with most foreign-language classes and some physical education classes. The overwhelming priority these days is getting students to grade level in reading and math.

Instead of an art department, Raymond Park now has a computer wizard who, with a few clicks of a mouse, can produce charts of students lagging behind state and federal performance targets. An education consultant from Texas, preaching a business-driven model known as total quality management, has reorganized the curriculum into three-week chunks, each of which leads up to a test.

The changes at Raymond Park, a racially mixed school in a well-to-do suburb of Indianapolis, are symptomatic of an educational revolution symbolized and accelerated by President Bush's controversial No Child Left Behind initiative. An ever-increasing nationwide preoccupation with

results and accountability is reaching down into the classroom, changing the way students are taught and causing teachers and administrators to rethink the practices of a lifetime.

"It hurts me to give up art, but it hurts me even more to have kids who can't read," said Raymond Park's principal, Kathy Deck. "I have to decide where I will get the biggest bang for my buck."

Like many principals, Deck has embraced the goals of No Child Left Behind, which center on a commitment to make every student in the country proficient in reading and math by 2014. She says the law has helped focus attention on the needs of frequently ignored groups of youngsters, including minorities and special-education students. She is also in favor of schools being held accountable for their performance.

But the principal's enthusiasm for the Bush education reforms is tempered by the knowledge that her school, like many others, will probably never be able to meet the performance targets. Several characteristics of the student body have historically correlated

with low test scores: Nearly one out of four Raymond Park students is in special education; 35 percent are African-American; 54 percent are eligible for subsidized lunches, a common benchmark of poverty. Under No Child Left Behind, every subgroup is required to demonstrate "adequate yearly progress" until it reaches 100 percent proficiency.

Test scores at Raymond Park have improved somewhat over the past two years, but the school has still fallen well short of the federal targets. The results have been mixed, with a jump in performance in the sixth grade but stagnation in the eighth grade, particularly in reading.

"We will always fail," said Melissa Gogel, a sixth-grade special-ed teacher, whose students include several nonreaders and several reading on a third- or fourth-grade level. "The government is trying to put everybody in one melting pot and say that everybody has to pass the same test." She says she is teaching her students demonstrative pronouns when she should be teaching them life skills.

How happy are you?

One problem with happiness research is that scientists have to rely on self-reporting (although they may also ask friends and family how happy they think the subjects are). Here's a commonly used form:

Satisfaction with Life Scale

Below are five statements that you may agree or disagree with. Using the 1-7 scale below, indicate your agreement with each item.

- 7 - Strongly agree
- 6 - Agree
- 5 - Slightly agree
- 4 - Neither agree nor disagree
- 3 - Slightly disagree
- 2 - Disagree
- 1 - Strongly disagree

- In most ways, my life is close to my ideal.
- The conditions of my life are excellent.
- I am satisfied with my life.
- So far, I have gotten the important things I want in life.
- If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing.

Now, total up the numbers to reveal your score:

- 35-31 Extremely satisfied
- 26-30 Satisfied
- 21-25 Slightly satisfied
- 20-Neutral
- 15-19 Slightly dissatisfied
- 10-14 Dissatisfied
- 5-9 Extremely dissatisfied

— Source: Baltimore Sun

FAMILY LIFE

New help for lost pets



THE BOND Marty Becker

Announcements until she was finally reunited with her golden retriever weeks after the dog had disappeared.

While some of the lessons Kat learned helped her assist pet owners who were cities, states, or even continents away to find their lost cats and dogs, many of the most amazing and suspenseful moments of her story come as she uses her search dogs to look for missing pets.

"The Lost Pet Chronicles" has been getting rave reviews, and this book pushes the book down that will reach you by your heartstrings and make you laugh, but it will also enable readers to quickly, effectively search for missing pets if, heaven forbid, they ever have to. To the piglike to this book about how to find a lost dog and how to find a lost cat, should be required reading for every pet owner.

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Statistically, one out of two pets will be lost sometime in their lifetime. If your dog or cat got lost tomorrow, what would you do to get it back?

Most pet owners have no idea. "In a world where pets have their own day care centers, ultrasound machines, and massage therapists, it's frustrating that the main method used to search when they're lost is the same one we use to advertise a garage sale," says Kat Albrecht, a real-life pet detective and author of the new book "The Lost Pet Chronicles."

There's always the possibility that posting flyers in your neighborhood can help get your lost dog or cat back, but Albrecht, who has helped more than 1800 people locate their pets, says there are better ways to make a "LOST PET" poster that will work.

Kat Albrecht's story is one of a woman who has lost a pet for life and has touched the lives of many others.

Kat used to be a Santa Cruz-based handler in a police K-9 unit. At that time, her dogs were responsible for helping solve crimes and finding missing persons. But when one of her own dogs ran away and had to be tracked by a search dog, Kat started thinking about how many pets are lost and never recovered every day. She had taken calls from desperate pet owners at the police station and had to tell them that there was nothing she could do for them.

As a life-long animal lover, though, the idea of pet owners and lost pets with nowhere to turn weighed on Kat until she decided to try to do something to help.

"The Lost Pet Chronicles" tells the remarkable story of Kat's transition from police officer to pet detective. Along the way, Kat, her lovable bloodhound AJ, and graceful, Rachel, inadvertently did more

research into the behavior of missing pets than anyone had ever done before. Kat applied her police training, equipment, profiling expertise and even probability theories to figure out where lost dogs and cats might be found. With each case, she gained a better understanding of how missing pets behave.

Kat learned, for instance, that missing cats rarely venture far from home and seldom get lost. However, when they're called, she discovered that once you understand lost cat behavior, it's possible to survey an area and hazard a very good guess about where that cat will be found. Kat also realized that a significant percentage of cats can be recovered by using a simple, harmless humane trap many shelters use to trap feral cats.

In cases of missing dogs, Kat learned that many well-meaning pet lovers inadvertently scare lost dogs from being united with their owners. "There's a very common misconception that a dog who acts skittish when you find it has been abused," Kat explains. "It's rarely the truth. Lost dogs are skittish because they're hungry, confused, afraid—and sometimes because that's just their temperament." Unfortunately, that behavior prompts far too many people to decide not to notify animal shelters or make an effort to reunite the dog with its owner.

Kat came up with a dog search system that helps maximize owners' chances of getting their beloved pets back. One of her clients even went one better than Kat's recommendations, which she used to find her dog in Sacramento and determinedly doing radio interviews and an-

Don't permit your young child to become a dinner-time 'superstar'



John Rosemond

es usually take the form of picky eating and complaining about food that's been served and refusing to eat or acting like the food triggers involuntary regurgitation as soon as it hits the tongue.

The preventive is to pay very little attention to young children during the family meal. Parents should engage in conversation, only occasionally asking children questions that are not food-related ("Don't you like your green beans?"). As a child grows, he/she can be included more and more in mealtime conversation, but "table talk" should never be about the food, and the understanding should most definitely be that if one cannot say something nice about the meal, one should say nothing at all. Under no circumstances should parents ever prepare a healthy child his or her very own meal. As my wife and I told our kids, "None of us is more special than anyone else; therefore, no one gets a special meal."

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LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS by Alan P. Olschew, Huntington Beach, California

Word search grid with numbers 1-18 and letters A-Z.

Word search grid with numbers 19-36 and letters A-Z.

Genie: Enjoy peaceful weekend

IF MAY 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you could be in the mood to share with your loved ones and are apt to pursue the luxury items that you always wanted and bump up the price of the stars smile on you.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Relationships run smoothly now and if there is shopping or visiting to do, make sure you do it as a twosome.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): This weekend is perfect for a family gathering or sharing your home with those you care about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Expect a peaceful weekend when your communication skills are at their best. It is a fine day to spend with loved ones. If you are on your own, you may wish to investigate matters that have puzzled you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Fluttering around the house may be all you want to do today, but you won't be happy unless you have a partner to pursue with. With Mars and Saturn in

HOROSCOPE: Jeraldine Saunders

your sign, you may feel you have to work—but relaxation is the better choice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's a wonderful weekend to spend time with those in the inner family circle, even if there's work to do. Take your partner along and combine business with pleasure; if work around the house is calling, make it a family effort.

VIROGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You mind may still be on romantic matters, but if you find some time on your hands, dabble in creative arts. You may be surprised to find that your sense of taste and ability to make things of beauty are accentuated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's a good day to be in the public eye and mingle with others. Blissful celestial patterns guarantee pleasant results for whatever you undertake, especially where romance is concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

You and your mate will be in perfect agreement this weekend, so it is a good time to discuss important issues. If you are single, now is the time to discuss your special person or demonstrate your affection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Talk over important financial matters with your partner or go shopping today if you are considering things that require financial assistance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sentimentality and pleasure flourish under these stars, but you may need to fight an urge to be pessimistic or controlling. Enjoy peaceful and harmonious relationships without being judgmental.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An attraction for quiet entertainments may cause you to stay home with your favorite significant other and just have a peaceful day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A cheerful attitude in the air makes meetings with friends pleasurable today. It is a good time to consider your hopes and dreams, and to talk them over with that special person in your life.

Q: We recently expanded our 9-month-old daughter's finger-feeding menu at mealtimes. The problem is that she's discovered how much fun it is to throw her food on the floor. She doesn't seem to care if I take the food away from her and feed it to her herself, but isn't it important that she start developing the skills needed to feed herself? Do you have any suggestions on how to handle this?

A: Not to worry. The emergence of "throwing food on the floor" behavior at 9 months, especially if it's done in defiance, is indisputable indication that the child's development, not to mention her sense of humor, is proceeding according to plan. Some researchers disagree with me on this, but I say if there is no danger to your child...

And now that I have that out of my system, here is the "professional" answer: Give your daughter one small piece of finger food at a time. If she throws it on the floor, ignore her. Mind you, don't even look at her.

Continue eating and talking. When she motions and grunts for you to get it, pick it up and give it to her (my mother always made me eat "floor food," pointing out that the floors were cleaner than the human mouth) with great nonchalance, without saying anything. Don't even look at

Trust me, buddy, she's not so hot

Knight Ridder News Service

You're single and in love, and someone just met asks you to describe your significant other. What do you say?

It depends on how attractive the new acquaintance is and whether he or she is the same sex as your dearly beloved.

In a study of 89 college-age couples, researchers found that if a woman in love is being quizzed by an attractive new female acquaintance, chances are she won't say she is someone who makes her dreamboat so dreamy as she would if she were having the conversation with a guy.

Conversely, expect a guy to downplay the virtues of his girlfriend to an attractive female acquaintance while giving a more complete description to a female one.

DEAR ABBY: My situation is a mess right now. I am not a virgin. I lost it to "Chuck," a guy I really love. One of my friends is very religious, and she always brags about being a virgin and puts me down.

Now I hear that Chuck has been sleeping with other girls. I was raised to believe that whenever you lose your virginity to your guy, you are committed and embarrassed now. But I'm too insecure to leave him. I'm confused because Chuck says the girls are lying.

Also, I may be pregnant. What should I do? — MADE A MISTAKE IN CHICAGO

DEAR MADE A MISTAKE: Having sex carries with it certain responsibilities, and one of them is keeping him to yourself. You've transmitted diseases or an unwanted pregnancy. You

prevent pregnancy in the future. In your case, I strongly advise abstinence.

Friend: Do not put each other up and support one another in time of need. This does not appear to be a description of your religious "friend." I wonder how she found out that you are no longer a virgin. Did you confide in her? Or did Chuck broadcast the news?

And while I'm on the subject of Chuck: Feeling embarrassed about losing your virginity is a poor reason to stay with him. Ask yourself: Is he good to you? Is he honest with you? Is he responsible? Do you have common interests? Does he want an exclusive relationship? It is important to be able to trust the person you're with, and if more than one girl claims to be involved with him, you should investigate further and be pre-

pared to move on if he hasn't been truthful.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a middle-aged woman who is finishing college. I have never had much of a personal life because my mother embarrasses me in front of the gentlemen I date.

Now have the opportunity to date my mother's twin who is a mentally challenged son in a group home. For the first time in our lives we can be together as our own little family unit.

Mother is now talking about moving herself and my sister to the same town. I don't have a life because of her, and now I never will. What should I do? — SMOTHERED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SMOTHERED: You're an adult. It's time to "un-mother" yourself. Make the move,

form your family unit, make friends and a life of your own. If your mother is determined to make the move, you can't prevent it. But no laws say you have to introduce her to the men you date or include her in your social life if she embarrasses you in front of others. That's her attempt to control you, and you can name it that by "being the boss" emotionally as well as physically. If you feel unable to loosen the family tie, then I recommend counseling.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Write to Abby Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or e-mail her at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

ENGAGEMENTS

LANTING-JACOBS

HOLLISTER — Bob and Rhea Lanting of Hollister announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim Lanting, to Jim Jacobs, son of Alan and Judy Jacobs of Prairie City, Ore.

Lanting is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in food and nutrition/dietetics and is a registered dietitian. She was employed by Thomas Management at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Jacobs is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in agriculture science and technology. He has returned to his family ranch in Oregon.



Jim Jacobs and Kim Lanting

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 26, at the First Presbyterian Church. A reception will be held at the Blue Lakes Country Club following the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Prairie City, Ore.

HENSCHIED-ZARYBNISKY

RUPERT — Paul and Debbie Henschied of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lee Henschied, to Michael Todd Zarybnisky, son of Dr. Jack and Mary Zarybnisky of Burley.

Henschied is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School. She is employed at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Zarybnisky is a 2001 graduate of Declo High School. He is employed by Pinetree Sports in Burley.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at St. Nicholas Hall.



Laura Henschied and Michael Zarybnisky

Nicholas Church in Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony from noon to 2 p.m. at St. Nicholas Hall.

MURPHY-WALL

BUHL — Jerry and Kathleen Murphy of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Brighted Ann Murphy, to Bradley Jones Wall, son of Eugene and Sharon Wall of Freeport, Ill.

Murphy is a 2002 graduate of Buhl High School. She is pursuing a degree in clinical sciences at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D. She will complete her degree at Illinois State University in Bloomington, Ill.

Wall is a 1998 graduate of Freeport High School in Freeport, Ill. He has a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of North Dakota. He has a master's degree in science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Illinois and will



Bradley Wall and Brighted Murphy

continue toward his Ph.D. after their marriage.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl. A reception will be held at the Buhl Country Club following the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Bloomington, Ill.

JENSEN-HALL

BURLEY — Daniel and Margarita Jensen of Heyburn and Michael and Linda Schiers of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Rebecca Jensen, to Weston Glenn Hall, son of Glenn and Susan Hall of Kimberly.

Jensen is a graduate of Burley High School and is currently a junior at Idaho State University. She is employed at Wingers Restaurant in Pocatello.

Hall is a graduate of Kimberly High School and served a two year LDS mission to Cleveland, Ohio. He also is attending ISU and is employed at Tele-Performance in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 21, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to



Weston Hall and Andrea Jensen

honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Burley 3rd Ward LDS Church, 2200 Oakley Ave. An open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Church, 222 Birch St.

The couple will reside in Pocatello.

CASS-SIEVERS

MOSCOW — Tom and Joan Cass of Moscow announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Marie Cass, to Clint Sievers, son of Bonnie and John Lezarniz and Roger Sievers, all of Twin Falls.

Cass is a 2000 graduate of Moscow High School. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and graduated in May from the University of Idaho with a degree in nutrition. She will continue her education at Portland Community College, studying ophthalmic technology.

Sievers is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and received a master's degree in architecture from the University of Idaho in May. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi



Clint Sievers and Katie Cass

fraternity. The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 26, at Lawson Gardens in Pullman, Wash. A reception will follow at the Elks Lodge in Moscow.

A second reception is planned from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the home of Bonnie and John Lezarniz in Twin Falls.

CARRICO-O'DELL

GEROME — Daniel and Charlotte Carrico of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Carrico, to Gerald O'Dell, son of Dan and Marcella Peterson of Jerome.

Carrico is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at EE-Da-How Specialties in Jerome.

O'Dell is attending CSI and is employed at EE-Da-How Specialties in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, June 12, at the Carrico



Christy Carrico and Gerald O'Dell

residence. A reception will be held following the ceremony. The couple will reside in Jerome.

MARTINEAU-BINGHAM

RUPERT — Robert and Julie Martineau of Ucon announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie Martineau, to Matthew Bingham, son of Boyd and Sherry Bingham of Rupert.

Martineau is a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho with a degree in registered nursing. Bingham is a graduate of BYU-Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in anatomy/crop and soil science. He is employed at Western Farm Service in Kimberly.

The wedding is planned for



Annie Martineau and Matthew Bingham

Friday, May 21, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Sunrise Plover Ranch in Rupert.

HARPER-BROWN

BURLEY — Kent and Bonnie Harper of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Dee Harper, to Jeffery Scott Brown, son of Douglas and Linda Brown of Paul.

Both Harper and Brown are graduating from Idaho State University this year. They will live in Twin Falls, where he will work for the airport as a mechanic and she will be doing her student teaching in elementary education.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 21, in the Bountiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Burley 10th Ward LDS Church, 515 E. 16th St.



Barbara Harper and Jeffery Brown

at the Burley 10th Ward LDS Church, 515 E. 16th St.

BLEVINS-LEBSACK

RUPERT — Allen and Cindy Blevins of New Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Blevins, to Scott Matthew Lebsack, son of Steve and DaLea Lebsack of Rupert.

Blevins is a graduate of New Plymouth High School. She is attending the University of Idaho, majoring in agricultural education, and will graduate in the spring of 2005.

Lebsack is a graduate of Minico High School. He graduated May 15 from the University of Idaho with a bachelor of landscape architecture degree. He is employed by Hedge & Associates of Moscow.

The wedding will be held Sunday, May 16, in the University of Idaho arboretum. A



Nicole Blevins and Scott Lebsack

reception to honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the Blevins residence in New Plymouth. An open house to honor the couple will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Lebsack residence, 413 14th St. in Rupert. The couple will reside in Moscow.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE WATERS

GEROME — Delbert and Harriett Waters celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 12.

They were married May 12, 1944, in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah.

Shortly after their marriage, he served in World War II in Hawaii. After the war, they drew a homestead at the Hunt Helocation Camp. They began farming around 1947 and have resided there since that time.

They are active members of the LDS Church and stay busy with friends and family.

They have six children, Debbie Waters of El Toro, Calif., the late Greg Waters (Watuere) of Logan, Utah, Randy (Jeanette) Waters, Harold (Merilee) Waters, Burke (LuAnn) Waters and Tim (Linda) Waters, all of Hunt. The couple has 26 grandchildren.



Harriett and Delbert Waters

and 10 great-grandchildren.

THE RUTZENS

CALDWELL — Pastor Norman and Ruby Rutzen are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend a celebration service for the Rutzens at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 23, at Valley Pentecostal Church, 2900 Life Way in Caldwell, where they have been senior pastors for 33 years. The celebration service will be hosted by their children and church family.

They were married May 21, 1954, in Twin Falls. Shortly after their marriage, they began their first pastorate in McCall and later pastored in Rupert, Pendleton, Ore., and Caldwell. He served in various leadership capacities and served on several boards with his ministerial fellowship. He is the designer and archi-



Norman and Ruby Rutzen

tect of Valley Pentecostal's new church facility, which was completed in February 2002. They have been involved in many community events in the Treasure Valley over the past 33 years. They have three children, Norm (Linda) Rutzen, Renee (Lynn) Hardy and Valerie (Steve) Hruza, all of Caldwell. The couple has nine grandchildren.

GERBER-WAGEMAKER

TWIN FALLS — Megan Nicole Gerber and Richard Steele Wagemaker were married April 24 at the American Nazarene Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Jane Gerber of Caldwell and Cindy and Sam Day of Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Jerry and Evelyn Fyggare of Caldwell and Randy Wagemaker of Puyallup, Wash.

Pastor Jerry Kester officiated the ceremony.

Jodi Bobbit, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Tracy Gerber, sister of the bride, and Lauren Courtright, friend of the bride.

Mariah Gerber and Felicity Gerber, niece of the bride, were the train bearers. Mikayla Maxwell, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Reynolds Wagemaker, brother of the groom, served as best man.



Megan and Richard Wagemaker

Groomsmen included Renter Wagemaker and Reece Fyggare, brothers of the groom. Parker Maxwell and Keenan Perez, nephews of the bride, were the ring bearers. A reception was held following the ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Twin Falls. The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Caldwell High School. He is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. The couple resides in 29 Palms, Calif.

THE MINKS

GOODING — Cline and Violet Mink of Gooding will be honored at an open house for their 65th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Gooding Senior Citizen Center, 309 Senior Ave.

They were married May 21, 1939.

He worked as a bookkeeper and counterman in Gooding for various companies, including Lewis Auto Parts and Greg Terminal. He also farmed and raised cattle with his father.

She was a full-time homemaker and was a member of the Wendell Hill and a Club. They are avid deer and elk hunters and fishermen. They enjoy camping and traveling with their family.

The event is hosted by their five children, LeRoy (Mary) Mink of Washington, D.C., Darlene (Lloyd) McLeod of Gooding,



Cline and Violet Mink

Linda (Kurt) Birkenhagen of Pocatello, Rhonda Dockstader and Larry Mink (Christy Campbell), all of Twin Falls. The couple has 11 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

THE GREENES

TWIN FALLS — Conlie and Erma Greene of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at their home, 1354 Tanager Drive, Twin Falls. No gifts, please.

Greene and Erma Sullivan were married May 28, 1954, in Jerome. During his 40 years of service with Idaho Power, they resided in Jerome, Twin Falls and Jackpot, Nev. She worked various jobs throughout their marriage. They retired 10 years ago.

The event is hosted by their



Erma and Conlie Greene

children, Terry (Sue) Greene and Steve (Rosa) Greene, both of Twin Falls, and Connie (Steve) Kober of Filer. The couple has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

TIMMERMAN-MORGAN

PAUL — Alexis Christine Timmerman and Clinton Roy Morgan were married May 15.

The bride is the daughter of Conrad and Kim Timmerman of Astoria, Ore. She is a senior at Brigham Young University, majoring in secondary education and history.

The bridegroom is the son of Arlen and Lois Morgan of Paul. He is also a senior at BYU and is majoring in microbiology and pre-med.

An open house to honor the



Alexis and Clinton Morgan

couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Morgan residence, 2896 E. 900 S., Hazelton.

Burley Presbyterians work hard to prepare sausage dinner. See Community on page E4



GERMAN SAUSAGE DINNER



The men of the First Presbyterian Church are hard at work preparing fresh-ground sausage for the annual sausage supper, which will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 2100 Burton Ave., Burley. The public is invited to the dinner and a freewill offering will be taken at the door.

CLEANING THE HIGHWAY



As part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program, the Snake River Elks Lodge cleaned a 2-mile stretch of highway on State Highway 93 north of the lodge. The volunteers were, from left, Jack Warberg, Bill Yurkevicius, Dale Budd, Joe Bedzyk, Lois Budd, Suzanne Gilmer, Bill Gilmer and Duke Drotar.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Soldier returns from Iraq deployment

Malne Corps Lance Cpl. Jose M. Cannon, a 1998 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., recently returned from a routine deployment on board the USS Peleliu, home ported in San Diego, while assigned to the

13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cannon's unit conducted humanitarian assistance, security and stabilization missions in Iraq. They also patrolled international waters in the Red Sea and Horn of Africa to deter the transport of terrorist personnel

and equipment.

Cannon's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. Cannon's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Legion, Auxiliary distributes vets' poppies

TWIN FALLS - Members of American Legion and Auxiliary Post 7 and Girls State delegates are volunteering to distribute the familiar red poppy honoring America's war dead on May 21-22.

The city of Twin Falls will designate this as the official weekend for Poppy Days. The annual event is planned to coincide with Memorial Day and pay tribute to the veterans who have died and served their country, organizers say. All proceeds will be given to local programs for the benefit of the veterans and his or her family.

Each poppy is made by veterans in an Auxiliary-sponsored "Poppy Shops" that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled Veterans, organizers say. The veteran is paid a small amount for each flower and for some, it is their only income.

The poppy program has been a part of the Auxiliary programming for more than 70 years. It's estimated that more than \$2 million has been donated through the sale for rehabilitation and welfare programs.

CSI offers course, bird-watching trip

HAYLEI - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center is offering a computer course and bird watching trip. "Web Page Design II" will add additional tools to expand knowledge of HTML, including use of Image Maps, JavaScripts,

DHTML and more. Students must have taken "Web Page Design I" or have a working knowledge of HTML. The one-credit class cost is \$107.50. The course meets from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 19 through June 2.

"Birding Central Idaho's Back Roads" will be held May 22-23. Local teacher and biologist Larry Barnes will take participants on the fourth annual spring multi-day birding trip. They also will include Stanley, Bear Creek, Cape Horn meadows, East Fork of the Salmon, Western Watersheds Project's Greenfire Preserve and Spahr Canyon Road. The trip is limited to seven people. Call Barnes at 788-6345 for trip details. The cost is \$120 plus expenses.

For more information, call 788-2033 or 788-2038, or stop by the community campus.

Performing arts school presents spring concert

TWIN FALLS - Melanie's TaVaCi School of Performing Arts will present its spring concert at 7 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building, 315 Falls Ave. Admission is free. Children ages 4 to 12 will perform.

Elks serve up weekly brunch at lodge

RUPERT - The Rupert Elks Club serves Sunday Brunch each week from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200W.

The buffet includes pancakes, french toast, biscuits and gravy, fruit and build-your-own

omelet. The cost is \$7.95 per person and children eat free. For more information, call 436-6852.

Donuts raise dough for Relay For Life

BURLEY - The D.L. Evans Bank Relay For Life team is having a Krispy Kreme doughnut fund-raiser. The cost is \$7 per dozen, and doughnuts will be freshly delivered to the bank from Utah. Orders must be paid for by Friday and will be available for pick up at the North Burley Branch on May 28. Arrangements can be made to deliver some orders.

All proceeds will be used to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. For more information, call 678-8615.

Minico Class of '69 seeks missing members

RUPERT - Minico High School Class of 1969 is trying to locate the following classmates: Kathleen Hill Roberts, Thomas Knopp, William Shortt, Jane Berkeley, Sharon Shearer Hetzel, Diane Bigs Schiewe, Steve Humphrey, Ross Shurtz, Carolyn McClung Porttefield, Kirk Paulson, Darl Johnson, Loreta Johnson, Susan Bates Asson, Wayne Watson, William Colman, Fred Thrall, Joan Hatch Spencer, Steve Evans, Valerie Cagle Wyal, Ann Mills Haskin, Sheryl Vilander, Blake Hanks, Billie Atwood, Paula Revault, Alice Martinez Peck, Hal Soloski and Dean Hunter. Anyone with information on

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Anika Danica Ramsey, daughter of Aaron and Melissa Ramsey of Burley, was born Sunday, May 9, 2004.

Magick Valley Regional Medical Center

Colton John Hanson, son of Jennifer Ranae Hiller of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

Jaydn Todd Smith and Jaxyn Thomas Smith, twin sons of Zellee and Clifford Todd Smith of Heyburn, was born Monday, May 3, 2004.

Tre'vian Joshua Rudy Mack, son of Megan Marie and La'Mar Dion Mack of Jerome, was born Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Abigail Anne Burrill, daughter of Sarah Elizabeth and Jeremy Joseph Burrill of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

Shiloh Glory Jacobsen, daughter of Lindsay Jean and Andrew Scott Jacobsen of Buhl, was born Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

Lukreeshia Nydean Cantrell, daughter of Amy Dawn and Timothy Allen Cantrell of Buhl, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Madeira Lynn Drees, daughter of Mandy Jean and Eric Steven Drees of Gooding, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Keslyn Jolene Greaves, daughter of Cindy Jolene and Mark Ray Greaves of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Ryne Michael Kelly, son of Kayla Rae and Craig Michael

To announce a birth, Send a copy of the birth certificate to: The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call 735-3278

Kelly of Buhl, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Caitlyn Klara Whitaker, daughter of Cassandra Dawn and Chad Kyle Whitaker of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Galen Blaine Wight, son of Bobbi Jo and Jesse Blaine Wight of Jerome, was born Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Natalie Rose Kline, daughter of Bobbi Lee and Tony Gail Kline of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 7, 2004.

Hank Edward Tolbert, son of Carolin and John Ernest Tolbert of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, May 8, 2004.

Mark Trillo, son of Mima and Telegio Trillo of Wells, Nev., was born Saturday, May 8, 2004.

Thomas Elton Gibson, son of Rena Ann and Stephen James Gibson of Hansen, was born Sunday, May 9, 2004.

McKenna Kori Rodriguez, daughter of Lisa Kori and Ramon Rodriguez Jr. of Buhl, was born Sunday, May 9, 2004.

Camron Richard Morton, son of Shauna Jean and Richard Earl Morton of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 10, 2004.

Preston Scott Myers, son of

Ashley Karen and Justin Scott Myers of Gooding, was born Monday, May 10, 2004. Allisha Viola Allen, daughter of Angie Raquel and Rick Dale Allen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, May 11, 2004.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Kody Tyler Deddicke, son of Amanda Deddicke of Gooding, was born Monday, April 19, 2004.

Tyrell Jordan Bolsh, son of Robert Bolsh and Dawn Hand of Wendell, was born Monday, April 19, 2004.

Jaime Magana, son of Chahutame and Cynthia Magana of Jerome, was born Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

Kenneth Allen Pochinski, son of Dale and Kristina Pochinski of Jerome, was born Monday, April 26, 2004.

Zachary Alan Spellerberg, son of Alan and Kayla Spellerberg of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 27, 2004.

Rebekah Jean Tryon, daughter of Michael Tryon and Crystalee Nace of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 29, 2004.

Brian Scott Rogers, son of Tracy and Elizabeth Rogers of Jerome, was born Thursday, April 29, 2004.

Dakota Leigh Percifield, daughter of Misty D. Percifield of Jerome, was born Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Sandra Patricia Correa Sandoval, daughter of Martin Correa Almaraz and Sonia Elva Sandoval Rodrigues of Jerome, was born Friday, May 7, 2004.

Andrew Clayton Erling, son of Arthur and Christina Erling of Twin Falls, was born

Math and Reading Night was held last month at Shoshone Elementary School. Attendance exceeded last year's with 80 adults who accompanied their children for an evening of challenge and recreation.

Carol Olson, Julie Pogaaga, Nathan Yoder, Karla Davis, Mary Kay Bennett and Pat Hamilton read to various age groups.

The library had a variety of activities taking place, and there was a presentation of the Read Naturally program and a drawing for a DVD player.

MATH AND READING NIGHT



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

any of these, can call Melody at 436-9765.

Eden resident celebrates 90th birthday

EDEN - Alberta Davis Grant of Eden will celebrate her 90th birthday on 4-7 p.m. May 23 at the Eden Senior Center, 210 E. Wilson.

Grant was born May 24, 1914. She married Robert Grant Sr.

Their children are Jim (Kathy), Rob (Bev) and Jack (Charlene). She also has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her children are hosting the event.

Church schedules women's wellness lunch

GOODING - The fun and fellowship committee of the Gooding United Methodist Church invites all women to the second of four Women's Wellness luncheons.

The event will be held at noon June 12 at the Sneeze River Grill, 611 Frogs Landing in Hagerman.

The special guest speaker will be Jan Mittleider, an award-winning educator, workshop trainer, wellness coach and health choreography and Get-Fit program at the College of Southern Idaho. Her program is entitled, "Secrets of Stress-re-

laxation: Small Things Make a Big Difference."

The cost of the luncheon is \$12. There is limited seating and reservations are required. Participants must send their name, address, telephone number and advance payment by May 27 to Joyce Baker, P.O. Box 314, Gooding, ID 83330. Checks should be made out to GUMC Fun and Fellowship.

For more information, call Joyce at 934-5589.

Plain air painting class takes place at center

BUHL - Fred Choate will teach a plain air painting class from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22 at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth in Buhl.

No experience is necessary. The cost is \$30. For more information or a supply list, call 543-2888.

CSI accepts applications for summer dance camp

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center is taking registrations for the CSI/IDA Summer Dance Workshop for students age 10 and up.

The workshop will be held July 18-31 on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. E. The camp will provide intensive training to students in ballet, jazz, tap and modern techniques, musical theater, choreography and other related areas taught by guest faculty from around the country. Students will participate in fun after-hours

activities, such as swimming, a canyon excursion and a fun dance down.

Chaperoned dormitory housing on campus and college credit is available. Tuition, with or without board, cost ranges from \$100 to \$645.

Participants can pick up a registration form at the CSI Community Education Center on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building or call 732-6288.

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Special prize money creates centennial fair competitions

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TWIN FALLS — Gardeners, get those heirlooms seeds into the ground. Quilters, pick your oldest patterns. Photographers, scout the premier views of crumbling ridges.

Comb the attic. Dust the Dutch oven. Research soap making. Interview your grandmothers.

Six thousand dollars says this year's Twin Falls County Fair will bring out the best of old recipes, old skills, old stuff and all such. Of the money donated by local families and businesses to make Twin Falls' 100th birthday memorable, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission allocated \$6,000 for a grant to the Twin Falls County Fair.

Eager to exhibit?

Details of these special centennial prize categories — and of the many standard categories for competition at the Twin Falls County Fair — will be published in the fair's 2004 premium book.

- The premium books are free. They should be available by June 15 at these locations:
- In Filler: Twin Falls County Fair office, Cedar Lanes bowling alley.
- In Buhl: Oasis Stop 'N Go, Valley Country Store.
- In Castledale: Corner Merc.
- In Twin Falls: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Kitchen Magic; Kelley, Garden Center; D & B Supply.
- In Hansen: Hansen Market.
- In Kimberly: Ridley's Food & Drug.
- In Jerome: Valley Co-ops.

The 2004 book will also be available online at www.tlcfair.com.

Smaller photos: Courtesy, courtesy of Twin Falls County Fair.

green thumbs of a century ago. But by the time county residents can get their hands on the 2004 premium book, flower superintendents Lydia Yoder said, it will be too late to plant anything special and have blooms ready at fair time.

So her department's share of the centennial prize money will be awarded in \$34 chunks to the best-of-class winners in the fair's standard flower contests: aster, begonia, chrysanthemum, dahlia, gladiolus, herb, marigold, petunia, rose, miniature rose and zinnia. The special \$34 premiums will also go to the best-of-class winners in 11 of the fair's standard artistic-arrangement categories.

"I didn't grow up here, but I know that way back in the '20s, that was the recreation for the wife, to have a little flower patch," Yoder said. Women with a little time on their hands spent it beautifying their homes.

"Back then, you didn't go to town every time you turned around," she said.

Home arts

Here, you've got 14 ways to compete for a \$32.50 first prize or a \$21 second.

The centennial-themed competition should build "appreciation for the older crafts, and the older styles of things, just an appreciation of our history," said Kathleen Lunte, home arts superintendent. "I just think it'll be really interesting for the people participating in it, and also the people who come to see it. It's a whole new scene."

Decorative painters (amateur or advanced) can depict historical themes or Twin Falls landmarks. Lunte said. They can paint on anything from glass to tin ware, canvas, fabric or wood, for example.

Another category is porcelain or handmade dolls, dressed in homemade vintage-style clothing. (The doll itself need not be old. If it is, you might want to enter it in the antiques building, instead.)

The "My Oldies" category might yield entries of woodwork, metalwork and paintings — anything representing the history of Twin Falls.

"Some men even do needlepoint," Lunte said. "They'll probably bring in some nice wood things."

If your eye is on the needle art category, plan a picture depicting Twin Falls history.

Seven quilt categories (applied, baby, considered, hand pieced, lap, vintage and tied) all require use of a vintage pattern. (Here again, we're not talking about actual antique quilts. Just the pattern needs to be old.)

The best of the 14 categories is vintage sewing. Interpret that as "clothes to represent the turn of the century," Lunte said. She would like to see some contestants bring in the aged patterns they used, too.

"I would sure be fun for people to observe and see because I'm sure there's some real old patterns," she said.

Antiques

In the antiques building's centennial section, entries must be at least 50 years old and must be related to the city of Twin Falls.

Yes, it's an exclusive competition. Items from other areas can be entered in the fair's standard antiques categories this year. And in upcoming years, antiques superintendent Claudia Reese plans special categories for historical items related to Twin Falls County or to its other cities, as they mark their own centennials.

First, through third-place premiums will be awarded in 12 Twin Falls antiques categories: advertising, books, china and pottery, glass items, metal items, paper items, original photographs, postcards, textiles and prints, toiletries, vintage clothing and miscellany. First prize in each is \$30.

In addition, the centennial best-of-class antique — which must be a blue-ribbon winner — gets \$50.

With a few phone calls to prospective contestants, Reese learned of plans to enter 1918 Twin Falls newspapers, postcards from Twin Falls, advertising cal-

endars from the city's early businesses, a local pioneer's turn-of-the-century wedding dress and reading glasses from a Twin Falls optical company.

"There should be a lot of memorabilia from the Perrine Hotel," Reese said.

She remembers a few city-related entries from past fairs that she hopes to see reappear in 2004. This year's special categories, she said, are a way to share your history with the community.

"All these people who come to the fair can see all this stuff," Reese said. "A lot of people have this stuff tucked away, and nobody ever sees it."

Kitchen and pantry

The Dutch ovens come into play here, with first- through fourth-place premiums awarded in main dishes (\$60 for first place), breakfasts (\$35 for first), desserts (\$35 for first) and biscuits (\$25 for first).

Dutch oven judging will be at noon Sept. 4 on the fairgrounds. The Dutch oven cooking method is historical enough; you needn't use an old recipe. And ready-made charcoal Dutch ovens aren't count against you.

Kitchen and pantry superintendent Marie Webb promised.

But the age of your recipe matters in a separate competition, the Centennial Recipe Contest.

Here, entries consist of three parts: a written recipe, the food product you've made from that recipe and a brief description of the recipe's origin and history (that might be a cookbook passed down in your family for instance).

The Centennial Recipe Contest offers 90 premiums. That's five era-of-origin (1904-25, 1926-1950, 1951-75, 1976-2000, 2001-04), times six food types (quick breads, yeast breads, cakes, pies, cookies, candies), times three place winners.

"The older the recipe, the better, because those are the ones that are going to be paying the higher premiums," Webb said.

Premiums range from \$40 for first-place 1904-25 recipes to \$1 for third-place 2001-04 recipes.

To date your recipe, pick the era of the family member who was first known to use the recipe.

"It doesn't necessarily have to come down through your family," Webb said. If competitors find an old recipe in a book at a flea market or auction, it's fair game — "as long as they can kind of date it."

The kitchen and pantry department has one more centennial competition, too. It's for the cake decorating that best represents the Twin Falls centennial, with \$25 set aside for the blue ribbon winner and \$10 for the next two in the top three.

The cake need not be from an old recipe; the point here is the decoration.

Art

To compete for centennial premiums here, you'll have to depict (in any medium) something that is 100 years old, or copy a painting or photograph that is a century old, art superintendent Jayleen Zambic said.

"It has to be a hundred years old. Because that's what the centennial is about, it's a hundred years," she said.

The no-copying rule that governs the fair's standard art competitions doesn't apply here. (In regular premium classes, artists must not copy anything, except photographs that they have taken themselves.)

"I think it's fantastic that we can do something that's old, because that isn't a category that we've been able to do in the past," Zambic said.

The centennial artwork comes in six classes: open, advanced amateur and amateur for landscapes, and the same three classes for structures. That means no portraits.



Kathy Hodulka uses a hoe to break up the crust from the last rain that has formed on the soil around her blue Hubbard squash in the garden of her Buhl home. Provided the squash continue to live and grow, Hodulka plans to enter them in a special heirloom vegetable category in this year's Twin Falls County Fair.

Photography

The photography department gets a \$750 chunk of the centennial premium money, but awarded as \$65 for first place, \$35 for second and \$25 for third in three professional classes and in three amateur classes.

Amateurs and pros may each compete with photos representing the 2004 fair theme — "The Power of YOU! For All Generations." Those photographs need to speak to the fair theme but necessarily to the city's centennial.

"It would be nice if they could combine both, but since these have to be pictures that they're taking now, and not antique pictures, that would be kind of difficult," photography superintendent Janie Mack-Goicoechea said.

Another professional class and an amateur class are reserved for portraits or candid shots of either veterans or current members of any military branch. Those photos might include uniformed poses or Veterans Day activities, for example. Mack-Goicoechea said.

The final two classes are dubbed "Local history — Centennial content." Mack-Goicoechea said that might include photographs of centennial celebrations; current photographs of historic buildings or other old stuff; and images of people performing old-style activities such as plowing fields with horses.

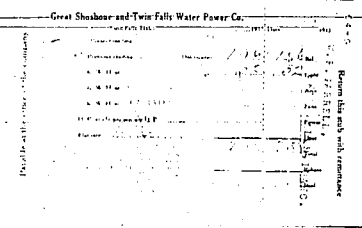
One of her favorite ideas: "people that pick asparagus — that's been done for hundreds of years."

Youth

The math gets a little difficult here, so hang on.

The youth department's centennial-premium allocation of \$740 is divided into \$12 for first place, \$8.50 for second and \$6.25 for third in each of 28 classes. For 28 classes, multiply four ages groups (5-8, 9-11, 12-14 and 15-18) by seven activities (needle making, sewing, vintage-style clothing, centennial-themed photography, creating pie from a grandmother's recipe, quilting with a vintage pattern, making soap by hand and hand-carving wood).

We can hope to generate items that look old, that look like it was something that was done — a craft or a skill — that was done in the earlier time.



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One of this year's special competition categories at the Twin Falls County Fair is for paper items pertaining to the city of Twin Falls from before 1954. These two early relics owned by John Balsch of Twin Falls — and reproduced here by his permission — are examples of items which would qualify to compete. This 1915 water bill and 1913 power bill were for the home of Balsch's grandfather W.F. Gorrell.

youth superintendent Diane Miller said. A candle's chances are best if it could pass for an antique.

"Of course, they can't just take an old candle and enter it," she said.

For the clothing contest, participants should create replicas of old-fashioned pieces such as aprons, dresses, bloomers or hats.

Photographs might be of an older mother's recipe (not necessary if the child's own granny) mustn't use canned fruit and ready-made pie crusts.

"They're looking for something made from scratch," Miller said.

There's no strict definition of "vintage" in the quilt contest, she said — "just an older pattern." Getting instructions from an adult is fine, but handing the needle to someone else isn't. In

judging, handwork will have an edge over machine work. Quilts can be any size. Requirements are loose for handmade soap. Youngsters don't have to use the methods that pioneers did; organizers will be pleased if they produce soap in any fashion.

No size or content rules govern the wood-carving, but contestants must not use carving machines. Think about something a pioneer here might have carved on an afternoon when chores weren't pressing, such as a toy or a wooden spoon, Miller advised.

In all of the centennial youth contests, the youngsters must have made their own fair-time entries within the past year.

"We're not looking for perfection," Miller said. "We're looking for them to use their imagination and creativity."

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