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Life in the box



Taking his morning coffee, Sgt. 1st Class Chris Wadsworth of Twin Falls walks amongst the cots used by the soldiers during their training.

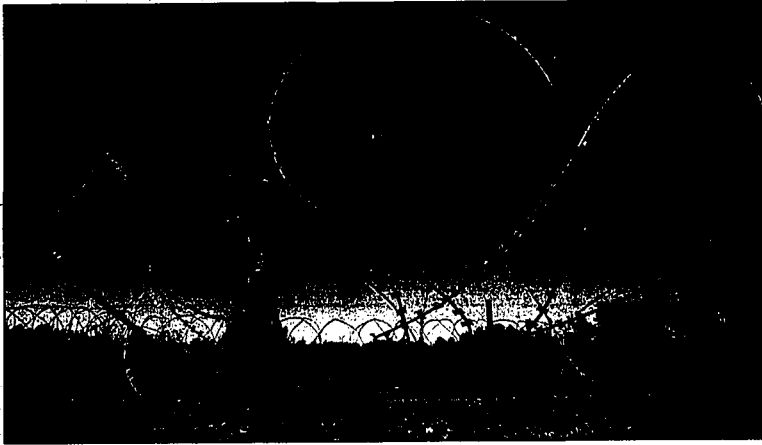


Photo by CORY MYERS/The Times-News

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Mudgett, an operator/controller for the mock battles, patrols the razor wire-lined entrance to the forward operating base called Warrior at Fort Polk, La., on Friday. Soldiers from the 2-116 Brigade Combat Team are training at the fort before being deployed to Iraq.

Secret to survival is thinking outside it

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that eventually will take them on a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Keeping in touch

The Times-News is putting a human face on the deployment by following a few of the Guard members and their families as the soldiers go from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Polk, La., and then overseas.



Idahoans in Iraq

FORT POLK, La. — The conditions at Warrior, one of five forward operating bases at Fort Polk, La., make the Dona Ana Base Camp in the New Mexico desert seem like a four-star, luxury hotel. The air-conditioned hooches with the soft, warm bunk beds for 24, have been replaced by large tents with rows upon rows of cots. The latrines are gone and hot showers are but a dream. Soldiers of the 2-116th

Brigade Combat Team do the best they can to clean up with baby wipes and "water buffalo showers" — holding their head under the faucet of a water tank, lathering up and rinsing. Getting clean is a challenge, especially when a southern thunderstorm turns the FOB into one big, gusty mud puddle.

"At least I know I'm not in hell, because hell is not this cold," said Spc. Dan Codner of Twin Falls. But conditions "in the box" are not supposed to be easy. Life at the Joint Readiness Training Center is meant to stress soldiers to the max, to see how well they can handle pressure on little REM sleep.

"You learn to sleep every chance you get," said Pvt. 1st Class Eitha Allen. "You don't know when you're going to get it the next time."

When they get to Iraq later this fall to begin a year-long tour of duty, the goal is to make sure they're as ready as they can be for anything that comes their way. The training is difficult, but necessary.

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Ridinger, Pence face familiar contest

Kerry's Blaine County presence may play a factor

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Though he laughs when he mentions it, Rep. Tim Ridinger is not joking when he says his Democratic opponent started her campaign to oust him from his House seat the day after the last election.

Decision 2004

of Gooding, laughs too, but she also acknowledges it's no joke.

"I've knocked on 3,500 doors," she said.

Pence, 62, challenged Ridinger, 48, two years ago after he had been in the state Legislature for four terms. The election results were so close that neither knew until the early hours of the next day who really had won. Poll returns showed Ridinger trailing, until well after midnight on that first Tuesday in November 2002.

Eventually he pulled it out, 6,046 to 5,902, but before he found out he had actually prevailed, "I was in a pretty bad mood," he said, breaking into his self-effacing laugh again.

It's unusual for an incumbent Magic Valley Republican to have to sweat an election.

But Ridinger's District 25 includes a county that isn't the typical Magic Valley vote-republican-no-matter-whose-running district. Ridinger represents Blaine County, that wine-and-cheese Democratic bastion distinguished as the only county in Idaho to go for Al Gore in the last presidential election. Blaine County has about as many voters as the other three counties combined in District 25 — Gooding, Lincoln and Camas. The lesser-populated counties have a history of turning out for the

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Hispanics flock to free health care clinic

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's first-ever health fair aimed toward Hispanics began at 8 a.m. Saturday, but a line formed outside the clinic about an hour earlier.

By 11 a.m., about 350 people of all ages had been through the halls inside the hospital's downtown clinic on Shoshone Street, receiving free health services ranging from mammograms to prostate exams to immunizations and foot exams for diabetics. And the halls remained crowded all day.

"It's been just amazing," said organizer Susan Courtney, the hospital's community outreach

coordinator. "We've gotten a much greater response than we expected."

The hospital frequently holds health fairs open to the whole valley, but this event was the first comprehensive health fair aimed specifically at Magic Valley's Hispanic population. Translators were on hand for those who felt more comfortable speaking Spanish.

Twin Falls resident Delfino Garcia brought his wife, Maria, and several friends to the fair. Garcia received a blood pressure screening because he's had high blood pressure in the past, he said. He also received an eye exam and had his feet checked.

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Optometrist Garry Gralow uses a slit lamp to check Delfino Garcia's eyes during a health fair Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown clinic on Shoshone Street in Twin Falls.

Exhausted, thousands line up in desperate bid for flu vaccine

The Associated Press

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Seventy-year-old Homer Fink spent eight hours sitting next to a supermarket Halloween display to get a flu shot

that he wasn't able to get at five other places.

"I've had five bypasses and six stents in me now. I need the shot," said Fink, who got the third spot in line by arriving at 1 a.m. Friday for a clinic sched-

uled to start at 9 at the Kroger store. It was the last vaccination clinic in the area.

"The scene was repeated across the country as the nation's suddenly limited supply of flu vaccine was drained. Peo-

ple lined up at pharmacies and supermarkets in the middle of the night: old folks with oxygen tanks, sleeping children bundled up in strollers, people in wheelchairs.

Some collapsed in exhaustion.

tion. In the San Francisco area, a 79-year-old woman died Thursday from head injuries after collapsing from exhaustion. She had waited four hours in a flu vaccine line.

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Refugee lives a film role at the airport

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — He speaks only an obscure tribal dialect found in a corner of Vietnam's Pleiku district. For nearly a month, a homesick Vietnamese refugee, stranded at Los Angeles International Airport, slept on airport benches and spent his days alternately dreaming of getting out of L.A.

Then the man yearning to see relatives in one of Vietnam's Mantagnard villages was embraced by an unexpected "family" — airport police, airline employees and others who work at the Tom Bradley International Terminal and offered him food and shelter.

The 47-year-old villager has been stuck at the airport since Sept. 20 when he and two other refugees had arrived from Charlotte, N.C. to start the first leg of an overseas trip they hoped would land them in Ho Chi Minh City.

Visa problems prevented them from boarding their flight, although the villager's two friends eventually were able to catch a plane that would take them to Cambodia by way of Taipei, Taiwan.

But the Mantagnard was stranded after he lost his refugee passport and North Carolina identification card — both of which were required of anyone boarding an international flight.

The refugee's dilemma is eerily similar to that depicted in the recent film "The Terminal," where a visitor to the United States played by Tom Hanks is stranded because of a political coup in his native country.

Bush, Kerry battle over issues in two key states

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — President Bush accused Sen. John Kerry on Saturday of bowing to their "shiny sands of political convenience" when it comes to the war on terror. The Democrat stuck to domestic issues, blaming Bush for a shortage of flu vaccines.

Millions of Americans won't get their flu shots, including seniors and children, Kerry said while also blasting Bush on joblessness. "We've got people standing in line for hours on end for some of them in their 70s and 80s, hoping to be among the lucky ones to get it."

With new polls showing the race tied or Bush slightly ahead, both candidates found new ways to go negative while rallying supporters in the campaign's two most crucial states. The incumbent was in Florida, his challenger in Ohio.

Bush and Kerry also tailored their appeals. The Democrat, a Catholic, was going to Mass and picking up a hunting license — a pitch to Ohio's socially conservative Democrats motivated by values issues and gun rights.

Bush appealed to Florida's large Jewish population by signing a bill requiring the State Department to document attacks on Jews around the world. The department had opposed the measure, calling it unnecessary.

Amid strobe lights and swirling smoke, Bush's campaign bus drove into a darkened sports arena here, depositing the president on stage with red-white-and-blue lights flickering across a crowd of 10,000 supporters.

ent of terminal operations at Los Angeles International Airport. "This isn't a movie."

On Friday Smith and other Bradley Terminal employees and airport officials were continuing to pitch in to feed and house the stranded villager and to try to replace his missing travel documents.

Airport administrators have withheld the man's name and refused to allow his face to be photographed at the urging of U.S. immigration officials and refugee resettlement experts.

Because of Mantagnards' close cooperation with the United States in the Vietnam War, disclosure of his identity would endanger his life "further" back in Vietnam, said Nancy Castles, public relations director for Los Angeles World Airports.

He's been advised by many, many people that by putting his life in jeopardy by returning to Vietnam," said Castles. "He's been told it's dangerous. But he's obsessed about getting home."

Castles, who personally has driven the man to an airport maintenance facility so he can bathe in a shower used by airport employees, said he is part of a group of 90 Vietnamese refugees who were resettled in

North Carolina in 2002. He and his two companions worked as laborers through a Charlotte-based resettlement organization that he said

has asked not to be named. But the trio became homeless — for Vietnam and saved up to buy Charlotte-to-Los Angeles and Los Angeles-to-Taipei-to-Ho Chi Minh City airline tickets.

Because they are Mantagnards, the Vietnamese consulate in Washington, D.C., refused to issue them visas to return home. Because they lack the proper visa, China Airlines would not allow them aboard its Taiwan-bound plane on Sept. 20, Castles said.

Airport Traveler's Aid workers noticed the three stranded Vietnamese several days later and first arranged a place for them to stay at a downtown Los Angeles mission and then in the Vietnamese community in Orange County. But both times the trio quickly returned to the airport.

Along the way, however, the 47-year-old lost his refugee passport and identification card. After his companions were able to exchange their Vietnam plane tickets for ones to nearby Cambodia and were allowed to take off, he was left behind.

AIDS cases resurge while emphasis on prevention wags

Los Angeles Times

Cynthia Davis, one of Los Angeles' best-known AIDS activists, wrote to the leaders of 300 black churches inviting them to "submit" last week proposals to address the worsening problem of HIV and AIDS in minority communities.

She heard back from five... Within a few days before she submitted "Baby's Back" for the vice presidential debate and was taken aback as Vice President Dick Cheney said he was "not aware" that black women are 13 times more likely to die of AIDS than white women. His Democratic challenger, Sen. John Edwards, ducked the issue, talking instead about AIDS overseas and heart disease in general.

To Davis, an AIDS researcher at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science who has tracked the epidemic since its emergence two decades ago, the incidents were just more signs of how far HIV and AIDS have fallen from the national agenda.

In 2002, blacks accounted for half of all new AIDS cases, and Hispanics accounted for another 20 percent, according to the CDC. In the United States, AIDS kills more black men between the ages of 25 and 44 than any other disease.

While the virus is still most likely to be passed on by men who have sex with other men, more than a quarter of AIDS cases are now women, the vast majority of whom are black or Hispanic. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, black females aged 15 and above are 15 1/2 times more likely to die of AIDS than whites — a figure even more dramatic than the one presented in the vice presidential debates.

The dramatic protests demanding funding for AIDS research have become rare and, with a few notable exceptions, the glittering Hollywood parties raise money for other causes.

Federally funded campaigns once aimed at educating the general public are now targeted at a narrower group of people who already have AIDS or disease. And throughout society there is a misperception that new anti-retroviral drugs have eliminated AIDS as major public health threat.

"Nobody's talking about it," said Thomas Coates, a UCLA infectious disease specialist who was one of the first physicians to study AIDS in the 1980s. "I think people are tired of it."

With as many as 950,000 Americans infected with the AIDS virus — and another 40,000 new infections each year — AIDS workers say they are confronting a level of ignorance and misconception reminiscent of the epidemic's earliest days.

Despite more than two decades of educational campaigns, there are an estimated quarter-million people in the United States who have the disease but don't know it, many of them in minority communities, which have become the new epicenters of the disease.

False lore has re-emerged: anti-retroviral drugs can prevent the spread of the disease, unprotected anal sex can be safe, AIDS drugs are killers.

When Airport Police Sgt. Vince Garcia spotted the villager sitting forlorn in a Bradley Terminal waiting area, he summoned a Vietnamese-speaking airport telecommunications department worker. Although translation proved difficult, the man's story started to come to light by this week his life was starting to get easier.

Airport police officers began collecting money among themselves to pay the man's way to San Francisco in case he needed to go there to obtain the proper visa. They found a place near a police security checkpoint where he could sleep at night and officers could watch over him.

Airport administrators contacted the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to get a duplicate refugee passport for him and arranged for a cot for him to sleep on in a little-used Bradley Terminal room.

Airport visitor information center representative Geraldine Garcia and her co-workers brought food from home for the refugee to eat. Others treated him to meals at terminal restaurants.

Traveler's Aid officials said this stranded-traveler case is like no other in the airport's history.

"It's been the most unusual situation we've dealt with, and we've been at this airport since 1950," said Christine Okunaga, Traveler's Aid director of volunteers.

"He's stubborn. He refuses to go to a hotel. Since he's been here almost a month, he feels comfortable here."

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Candidates on the issues

Should the extra 1-cent sales tax be retired?



Ridinger: He says he doesn't think it should be retired because he anticipates the state will need more revenue. Nevertheless, the state's tax system should probably be studied so as to maintain flexibility. "Some years you need to raise more revenue than others," he said. "How much the state takes its citizens has to do with how much money is needed to run state programs."



Pence: The sales tax ends. The question is should it be voted back in? Pence says she is reserving judgment until everyone gets a better idea of how much revenues are increasing. Consultants indicated that a sales tax is far larger than other kinds of taxes, especially property taxes. Pence said she would go with what her constituents want in this area.

Merit pay for teachers?

Ridinger: Teachers are not paid enough, he said. The state needs to get back to adhering to a state salary schedule, he said. But Ridinger said he doesn't favor the "one-size-fits all" approach, when it comes to paying teachers for accomplishment. "They're not making widgets," Ridinger said in response.

Pence: She said she had serious doubts that any system could take into account all the variables in a classroom, though she is always willing to consider any plan. In addition, considering the precious commodity that teachers are asked to turn out, they should be paid more, she said.

Ag Department — Is it doing a good job of policing and helping dairies control odor and waste?

Ridinger: He said he trusts the Ag Department to monitor dairy waste. Though some people say they don't trust the Ag Department to do that adequately, Ridinger said there are many people who don't trust the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality or the Public Utilities Commission, either.

Though it appears inspectors are doing a good job, Pence said she's worried that budget cutbacks have hampered the agency. As for nutrient management plans, most farmers are so concerned about over-applying fertilizer that they're no need to monitor. However, Pence said confined animal operations contain such large amounts of waste materials that they need to be managed by the state. As for encouraging counties to open up testimony to people who live more than one mile away from CAFOs, Pence said she's in favor of encouraging freedom of speech.

Would you encourage legislators from other areas of the state to help Magic Valley in its water shortage problem?

Ridinger: "In the Legislature, we pass things for Ada County," Ridinger said. "In this case, one-fourth of the general fund could be affected. Besides, this isn't the only aquifer affected. "In the whole state, if we just look out for our own little area, we would all be in trouble," he said.

Pence: All areas of the state are experiencing water shortages, she said. "A comprehensive water plan for the state is long overdue." Pence suggested making a deal at the Legislature to trade solutions from Treasure Valley's air quality problems with water shortages for south-central Idaho.

Support for gay marriage constitutional amendment?

Ridinger: "We already have a law," Ridinger said.

Pence: "We have more pressing issues to work on this next legislative session."

Race

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GOH but Ridinger said because the balance of Democrats and Republicans in his district is so even, he's never had an easy time running for the Legislature. "The Ridinger/Pence contest was the closest race in 2002 in the Magic and Wood River valleys, and it could be the closest one again in 2004.

As for candidates having to deal with Blaine County as a south-central Idaho anomaly, Ridinger finds himself confronting a couple of added complications in this race that he didn't before.

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry has a second home in Blaine County. And that just might have the effect of bringing more Democrats to the voting booth on Nov. 2.

Presidential elections always bring more voters to the polls. There are high numbers of around-the-state house and judicial political professor James Weatherly said. Since Kerry vacated in the Wood River Valley, he's a sure favorite son of Blaine County while the rest of the state is expected to vote for Bush the nod in a landslide vote. That effect should help Republicans throughout the

state, he said — except perhaps for Blaine County.

"I'm not going to make any predictions," Weatherly said. "I would just fall back on the Republicans generally benefiting, except for this interesting quirk in Blaine County."

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, isn't willing to make any predictions, either.

"There's a yin and a yang to this whole dilemma," Jaquet said. "One minute you think this is more favorable, but the next minute you think the voters who would turn out for Kerry are going to stay home because they know in Idaho their vote won't count."

Jaquet said she's always enjoyed working with Ridinger because he's a moderate. Pence characterizes herself as a moderate, too, and Jaquet agreed.

"I don't like being in this position," Jaquet said. "I've known Tim for years and years. But I need more bodies in the Democratic caucus in order to establish a better balance in the Legislature, and I know Donna will work hard."

Pence trusts her work ethic as one reason people should vote for her. In reality, she literally has been working to get

elected since the week of her narrow 2002 defeat.

That touches on Ridinger's second challenge. Though Pence runs a small tree farm with her husband Lew Pence, as a retired teacher she said she has had the time to knock tirelessly on doors year-round while Ridinger was either at the Legislature or running his law-shuiling business much of the time.

Pence said it seems that door-knocking has paid off.

"I'm good at one-on-one," she said. "I've gotten a lot of donations after talking with people. And then a lot of the time someone will take me around to meet the neighbors."

Ridinger, on the other hand, said the Republican Party in Blaine County is growing, and members are helping him to campaign. When he ran for the Legislature the first time, he said, "There were about three people to help me, but the other night at a gathering at a friend's house in the Wood River Valley there were at least 50 people at just that meeting."

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Most voters disagree with Kerry mentioning Cheney's daughter

The Washington Post

An overwhelming majority of voters believes it was wrong for John Kerry to have mentioned in Wednesday's presidential debate that Vice President Dick Cheney's daughter is a lesbian, according to The Washington Post tracking survey.

Nearly two in three likely voters — 64 percent — said Kerry's comment was "inappropriate," including more than four in 10 of his supporters and half of all swing voters. A third — 33 percent — thought the remark was appropriate.

Kerry's comment touched off a firestorm among family members of the two tickets, and has become one of the hottest topics on talk radio since a CBS News report about Bush's National Guard service that was later discredited.

In the first reaction from President Bush, White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters on Air Force One on Friday that Bush "does not believe it was appropriate."



Mary Cheney

A s k e d whether he was looking for an apology from Kerry's camp, McClellan said: "That's something for Senator Kerry to decide."

McClellan said he thinks "a lot of people share the president's view of the comment." "I cannot think of a single instance where a presidential candidate has talked about his opponent's child in such a way," McClellan said.

Kerry made the comment when asked whether he believes homosexuality is a choice. Bush answered that he did not know. Kerry said, "If you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was, she's being who she was born as."

Bush-Cheney campaign, has been open about being gay. After the debate, Lynne Cheney criticized Kerry for raising the issue of her daughter's sexual orientation during the debate. The vice president expressed his anger the following day.

The Post tracking poll shows Bush leading Kerry 50 to 47 percent. Independent Ralph Nader continues to barely register nationally, getting 2 percent of the hypothetical vote. But the survey suggests Kerry continues to claim a large lead in key battleground states. In these 13 states, Kerry held a 53 percent to 43 percent advantage among likely voters.

A total of 1,555 registered voters were interviewed Wednesday through Friday nights, including 1,203 likely voters. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points for the overall results. It is plus or minus 6 percentage points for the question asking views on Kerry's comment about Cheney's daughter, which was asked on Thursday night.

JFK's press secretary dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Pierre Salinger, who served as President John F. Kennedy's press secretary and later had a long career with ABC News, has died, the network said Saturday.

Salinger, 79, died from a heart attack at a hospital in France, the network said. It was not immediately clear when or where in France he died, ABC News said.

Salinger made headlines in 1957 when he became a prominent backer of the theory that "TW Flight 800," which crashed off Long Island in 1996 on a flight to Paris, was accidentally brought down by a Navy missile.

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Eight states draw focus from Bush, Kerry

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Eight states worth just 99 electoral votes are up for grabs in the closely fought presidential race, with the White House going to whoever conquers this shrinking battlefield.

While another dozen states could come into play if either candidate breaks open the race, President Bush and Democratic Sen. John Kerry entered the campaign homestretch assuming that wouldn't happen. Their strategies focused heavily — but not exclusively — on essentially tied races in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire and New Mexico.

National polls suggest the race is tight, but a vast majority of the states are overwhelmingly supporting one candidate over the other — leaving a handful to determine who wins the White House.

Taken together, Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania account for 68 of the 99 votes from those tossup states. They form a triangle of influence unmatched on the political map.

"Whoever wins two of those three wins the White House — and I hope to God it's my guy," said Democratic strategist Greg Haas of Columbus, Ohio.

With 270 electoral votes required to win the presidency, 26 states are solidly behind Bush or lean his way for 222 electoral votes, according to an Associated Press analysis. Sixteen states plus the District of Columbia are with Kerry or leaning his way for 217 electoral votes.

Sixteen days before Election Day, the president needs to scrape together at least 48 of the remaining 99 votes from tossup states to win re-election. Kerry needs 53 to stop him.

The AP analyzed poll data, both public and private, and interviewed analysts in key states in the days since the final debate Wednesday. While public and private polls suggested Kerry may be gaining ground on Bush, the consensus was that the race was remarkably close going into the last two full weeks of campaigning.

A surge by either candidate — 3 or 4 percentage points in national polls — could shift the eight states and the 99 electoral votes to one candidate, putting him on course for a 300-plus electoral romp.

That would put other states on the bubble — Democratic-leaning Minnesota, Michigan, Maine and perhaps even New Jersey if Bush takes off; and GOP-leaning Colorado, West Virginia and Arizona if Kerry gains steam.

Hope springs eternal: Bill Clinton, recovering from heart surgery, is lobbying Kerry to compete in his home state of Arkansas.

Four years ago, Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the presidency. Bush won 30 states and the electoral chase with one vote to spare — 271. Because of population growth, those states are worth 278 electoral votes now.

If Kerry reclaim's Gore's states, he would have just 260 votes — 10 short of victory. Where does he get them?

His biggest targets are Florida's 27 and Ohio's 20. Bush narrowly won both states in 2000.

Though public polls suggest



President Bush waves to the crowds as he arrives at a rally Saturday in Sunrise, Fla.

Sen. John Kerry acknowledges the crowd as he arrives at a rally Saturday in Xenia, Ohio.

those races are essentially tied, pollsters and campaign strategists say Kerry appears slightly stronger in Ohio than in Florida. The Buckeye state has lost 237,000 jobs since Bush took office and many voters are growing weary of the state GOP.

"I think it's going to be in the tossup category until Election Day," said Paul Beck, a dean and elections specialist at Ohio State University.

In Florida, the economy is relatively strong and Bush's brother,

Gov. Jeb Bush, controls the levers of power. White House officials worry that a spate of hurricanes, which hit GOP counties hardest, will reduce turnout among the president's backers.

Turnout is one wild card in the race to 270. Hoping to reverse the Democrats' traditional advantage on the ground game, the White House built a national organization with an Amway-like business model that relies on networks of volunteers tightly

controlled by Bush's team.

Before Democratic leaders knew who would be their nominee, they created an alliance of liberal interest groups, raised gobs of money and hired thousands of people to knock on doors with Palm Pilots and voter registration forms.

Nobody knows which operation will work best, but the combined efforts dramatically increased voter registration

across the country. Several analysts, including some Bush advisers, said early indications suggests Democrats have signed up the most new voters in the tossup states.

"But you never know how it's going to shake out on Election Day," said Matt Corrigan, political science professor at the University of North Florida. Newly registered voters are usually the least likely to vote, he said.

State of the states

THE 50 states plus the District of Columbia control 538 electoral votes. The candidate who receives a majority, 270, wins the presidency. Most states operate under a winner-take-all system. The breakdown for President Bush and Democratic Sen. John Kerry:

SOLID KERRY
California (55), Connecticut (7), District of Columbia (3), Delaware (3), Hawaii (4), Illinois (12), Massachusetts (12), Maryland (10), New York (31), Rhode Island (4), Vermont (3)

Electoral votes: 153
Analysis: Kerry's base has been largely unchanged since he won the nomination. New Jersey is the sole exception, leaning between lean and solid-Kerry for weeks. In what would be a brazen show of confidence, the White House is considering sifting aid in the expensive New York City market to make a run at New Jersey. Odds of winning would be low, and the risks high, but it would send a jolt through the Democratic community.

LEAN KERRY
New Jersey (15), Washington (11), Oregon (7), Maine (4), Michigan (17), Minnesota (10)

Electoral votes: 64
Analysis: New Hampshire slipped from Kerry's column to "tossup" since early September, and is just a modest shift in the polls away from swinging back to Kerry or to Bush. Minnesota, one of the most volatile states, just barely moved out of the tossup category. In a close race, Bush sides acknowledge they can't win Washington state or Oregon. Maine is tough for the GOP too, but it is one of the few states that award votes by congressional districts.

Bush may still be able to get an electoral vote from the northern part of the state, Michigan's weak economy hurts Bush, but the growth of Republicans in rural reaches of the state force Kerry to spend money to keep the state in his column.

TOTAL KERRY
16 states and the District of Columbia for 217 votes

SOLID BUSH
Alaska (3), Alabama (9), Georgia (15), Idaho (4), Indiana (11), Kansas (6), Kentucky (8), Louisiana (9), Mississippi (6), Montana (3), North Dakota (3), Nebraska (5), Oklahoma (7), South Carolina (8), South Dakota (3), Tennessee (11), Texas (34), Utah (5), Virginia (13), Wyoming (3)

Electoral votes: 166
Analysis: It would take a blowout for Kerry to win Southern bastions like Virginia and Louisiana.

LEAN BUSH
North Carolina (15), Arizona (10), Arkansas (6), Missouri (11), West Virginia (5), Colorado (8)

Electoral votes: 56
Analysis: Wisconsin and Nevada slipped back to tossup since early September, but barely so. Kerry reluctantly pulled resources out of West Virginia last week and put them in tossup states. Surprised by tight public polls, Kerry's pollsters began their own surveys in Arkansas and Arizona last week. Former President Clinton is hoping Kerry to compete again in his home state of Arkansas. The home state of Kerry running mate John Edwards, North Carolina, never came into play. Most polls show Colorado essentially tied, but analysts say demographics and history give Bush a slight edge.

TOTAL BUSH
26 states for 222 electoral votes

TOSSUPS
Florida (27), Pennsylvania (21), Ohio (20), Wisconsin (10), Iowa (7), New Mexico (5), Nevada (5) and New Hampshire (4)

Electoral votes: 99
Analysis: The battleground has narrowed every month. Most strategists believe the winner of two of the three biggest states — Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania — will take the White House. Bush won Florida and Ohio in 2000. Democrat Al Gore won Pennsylvania.

Pay-per-view firm decides to nix Moore

NEW YORK (AP) — A cable pay-per-view company has decided not to show a three-hour election eve special with filmmaker Michael Moore that included a showing of his documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11," which is sharply critical of President Bush.

The company, IN DEMAND, said Friday that its decision is due to "legitimate business and legal concerns." A spokesman would not elaborate.

Moore has just released his movie on DVD and was seeking a TV outlet for the film.

Earlier this week, trade publications said Moore was close to a deal with IN DEMAND for "The Michael Moore Pre-Election Special," which also would include interviews with politically active celebrities, and admonitions to vote. The Nov. 1 special was to be available for \$9.95.

Moore said Friday he signed a contract with the company in early September and is considering legal action. He said he believes IN DEMAND decided not to air the film because of pressure from "top Republican people."

"Apparently people have put pressure on them and they've broken a contract," Moore told The Associated Press.

"We've informed them of their legal responsibility and we all informed them that every corporate executive that has attempted to prohibit Americans from seeing this film has failed," Moore said. "There's been one

struggle or another over this, but we've always come out on top because you can't tell Americans they can't watch this."

The New York-based IN DEMAND, owned by the "Time Warner," Cox and Comcast cable companies, makes pay-per-view programming available in 28 million homes, or about one-quarter of the nation's homes with television.

In a statement, IN DEMAND said any legal action Moore might take against the company would be "entirely baseless and groundless."

This spring, Moore did battle with the Walt Disney Co., which refused to release "Fahrenheit 9/11" through its Miramax Films because it was too politically partisan for the company's taste.

Moore found other distributors. The movie, which attacks Bush's handling of the war on terrorists and war in Iraq and the Bush family's ties to Saudi royalty, earned more than \$100 million at the box office.

In an interview with a Maine television station that aired this week, former President George H.W. Bush called Moore a "slimeball" and an explosive.

Also Friday, Moore offered to let Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. air the movie for free. Such a deal would likely get a chilly reception at Sinclair, a broadcaster with a reputation for conservative politics that plans to air a critical documentary about John Kerry's anti-Vietnam War activities on dozens of TV stations two weeks before the election.

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Spec. George Perez of the 1st Brigade of the 504th Parachute Regiment, watches other soldiers begin the PT early on Sept. 16 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Perez is at least one of four amputees from the 82nd Airborne Division to re-enlist, and intends to show he can meet the requirements that will allow him to serve in Afghanistan.

Amputee wants more action

Soldier injured in bomb blast doesn't give up

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — George Perez still feels the sweat between his toes when he exercises. He's still plagued with nagging cramps in his calf muscle. And sometimes, when he gets out of bed at night without thinking, he topples over.

Perez, 21, lost his leg to a roadside bomb in Iraq more than a year ago, but despite the phantom pains that haunt him, he says he is determined to prove to the Army that he is no less of a man — and no less of a soldier.

"I'm not ready to get out yet," he says. "I'm not going to let this little injury stop me, from what I want to do."

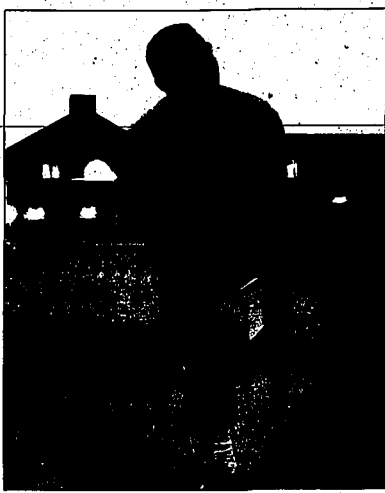
Perez is one of at least four amputees from the elite 82nd Airborne Division to re-enlist. With a new carbon-fiber prosthetic leg, Perez intends to show a medical board he can run an eight-minute mile, jump out of airplanes and pass all the other paratrooper tests that will allow him to go with his regiment to Afghanistan next year.

On Sept. 14, 2003, Perez, of Carteret, N.J., and seven other members of his squad were rumbling down a road outside Fallujah when a bomb blast rocked their Humvee. Perez recalls flying through the air and hitting the ground hard.

The blast killed one of Perez's comrades. Perez felt surprisingly little pain, but when he tried to get up, he couldn't. He saw that his left foot was folded backward onto his knee. His size 12.5 combat boot stood in the dusty road a few feet away, still laced.

A photograph of Perez's lonely boot transmitted around the world and spread across two pages of Time magazine became a stark reminder that the war in Iraq was far from over.

Doctors initially tried to save part of Perez's foot. But



Perez, shown here massaging his leg, thinks he can still run an eight-minute mile and jump out of airplanes.

an infection crept up his leg, and Perez agreed to allow the amputation below the knee joint.

"I was going to stay in no matter what," he recalls telling the surgeons. "Do whatever would get me back fastest."

Perez was left with a rounded stump that fits into the suction cup of the black carbon-fiber prosthetic leg.

When he arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., for his rehabilitation, Perez asked a pair of generals who visited his bedside if it was possible for him to stay in the Army.

"They told me, 'It's all up to you, how much you want it,'" he says. "If I could do everything like a regular soldier, I could stay in."

He wasted little time getting started. At one point, a visitor found him doing push-ups in

bed. He trained himself to walk normally with his new leg, and then run with it.

Perez has to rise at least an hour earlier than his fellow soldiers to allow swelling from the previous day's training to subside enough for his stump to fit into the prosthetic.

But it is a comfort for Perez to know he's not alone.

At least three other paratroopers in the 82nd have lost limbs in combat during the past two years and re-enlisted. One of them, Staff Sgt. Daniel Metzdorf, lost his right leg above the knee in a Jan. 27 blast. He appealed three times before the fitness board allowed him to stay on.

"I think it's a testimony to today's professional Army," says division commander Maj. Gen. Bill Caldwell. "I also think, deep down, it is a love for their other paratroopers."

Officials push bus inspections

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — After the nation's deadliest bus accident in more than five years, regulators and industry experts say more enforcement of existing standards could improve the safety of people who ride tour buses to casinos and other destinations.

A charter bus crash in Arkansas on Oct. 9 killed 14 people who had been headed to a Mississippi casino. On Mother's Day 1999, 22 were killed when a casino-bound bus crashed in New Orleans.

"Our industry has to do more than pay lip service to safety," said Norm Littler, spokesman for the United Motorcoach Association, which represents about 800 bus companies. "If the public loses faith in our ability to carry them safely, then we no longer have an industry."

After the bus crash in Arkansas, investigators said they found cracks in the vehicle's rear frame rails that likely existed before the wreck.

The cracks, they say, should have been detected during an inspection conducted for the Illinois Department of Transportation in August. Had the flaw been discovered, federal investigators say, the bus would have been ordered out of service. It was owned by Walters Bus Service Inc. of Chicago.

A cracked frame rail weakens a bus' structure and could contribute to an accident, although it is unclear which happened in the Arkansas crash, said Collin Mooney, a director with the

“Our industry has to do more than pay lip service to safety.”

— Norm Littler, United Motorcoach Association

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Regardless of whether the cracks contributed to the accident, industry experts say the fact that they weren't detected backs the need for more widespread inspections.

"This industry has really been shaken by this accident," said Pete Pantuso, president of the American Bus Association, which represents 65 percent of the industry's 4,000 motorcoach companies.

Federal law requires that motorcoach buses be inspected annually and state laws may require inspections every six months. Paperwork from these detailed inspections — which can be done by the bus owner or garages — must be available to state or federal inspectors.

David Longo, spokesman for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, said that, of 650,000 truck and bus companies that the federal agency covers, between 12,000 and 13,000 undergo comprehensive safety reviews each year.

"We're seeing less than 2 percent of all the carriers on a comprehensive basis and we believe we need to do better," Longo said.

Statistics from the American Bus Association show there are about 40,000 motorcoaches on the road, but the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration said that, in 2003, there were 10,656 comprehensive inspections.

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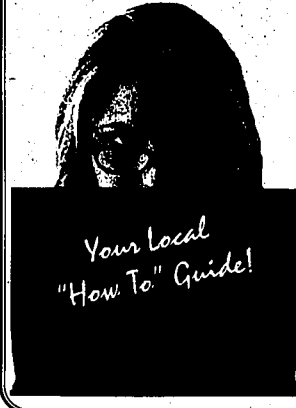
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A DEVIL'S SABBATH

Halloween on Sunday troubles some in the South

NEWMAN, Ga. (AP) — Across the Bible Belt this Halloween, some little ghosts and goblins might get shooed away by the neighbors — and some youngsters will not be allowed to go trick-or-treating at all — because the holiday falls on a Sunday this year.

"It's a day for the good Lord, not for the devil," said Barbara Braswell, who plans to send her 4-year-old granddaughter Malayah out trick-or-treating in a princess costume on Saturday instead.

Some towns around the country are deciding if Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday to avoid complaints from those who might be offended by the sight of demons and witches ringing their doorbells on the Sabbath. Others insist the holiday should be celebrated on Oct. 31 no matter what.

"Moving it, that's like celebrating Christmas a week early," said Veronica Wright, who bought a Power Rangers costume for her son in Newman. "It's just a kid thing. It's not for real."

It is for an especially sensitive in the Bible Belt across the South.

"You just don't do it on Sunday," said Sandra Hulsey of Greenville, Ga. "That's Christ's day. You go to church on Sunday, you don't go out and celebrate the devil. That'll confuse a child."

In Newman, a suburb south of Atlanta, the City Council decided to go ahead with trick-or-treating on Sunday. In 1999, the last time Oct. 31 fell



Carlos Remice, left, poses with his daughter, four-year-old Malayah, in her Halloween costume, in suburban Atlanta, on Wednesday. What happens when the year's most ghoulish holiday falls on a Sunday? Confusion. Town councils and mayors across the country are fielding calls from parents wondering when to send their little goblins out for trick-or-treating because Halloween falls on Sunday this year.

on a Sunday, the city moved up trick-or-treating to Saturday, which brought howls of protest.

"We don't need to confuse people with this," Councilman George Alexander said. In Vestavia Hills, Ala., a suburb of Birmingham, a furor erupts every time Halloween falls on Sunday. Local officials decided not to take a stand this time.

"About 15 years ago, we decided to have Halloween on Saturday instead. People went crazy. We said, 'Never again,'" recalled Starr Burbie, longtime secretary to the mayor. "It

messes everybody up to move Halloween. Some people don't like having it on a Sunday, but we just couldn't find a way to make everyone happy."

The patchwork of trick-or-treat zones could work to children's advantage: Some might go out on both nights to get all the treats they can.

With so many towns split over when Halloween should be celebrated, many are going with a porch-light compromise: If people do not want trick-or-treaters, they simply turn-off their lights, and parents are asked not to have kids knock there.

Spacecraft docks with space station

KOROLYOY, Russia (AP) — The Soyuz spacecraft closed in on the international space station at dangerously high speed Saturday, forcing the U.S.-Russian crew to put on the brakes, abandon autopilot and manually dock the Soviet-era capsule in an unplanned and tricky maneuver.

It was a last-minute wrinkle for a crew that had never piloted a Soyuz before. The Soyuz TMA-5, carrying Russians Salizhan

Sharipov and Yuri Shargin and American Leroy Chiao, approached the station so quickly that a danger signal was activated, prompting Mission Control's order for the crew to go manual.

When the ship docked with the station at 6:16 a.m. Moscow time (12:18 a.m. EDT), just more than 49 hours after lifting off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, cosmonauts and officials at the

Mission Control in Korolyov, just outside Moscow, burst into applause.

"Everything went normally, even though we noted a higher speed, close to dangerous, but the crew acted brilliantly," Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovoyov said.

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Rovers grow old, but stay able

Los Angeles Times

Winter on Mars is a cruel season.

Nights are long. The sun is a shrunken orb, half its size on Earth. With temperatures plunging to a heart-stopping minus 175 degrees, there is little relief from the alien chill.

What lies ahead is even worse: dust storm season, when howling, planet-wide stroccos can claw at the surface and choke the atmosphere.

NASA's twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, have been operating in this brutal environment since they landed on Mars in January.

And it shows. Solar panels are covered with dust, cutting power by a quarter. Spirit's right front wheel turned balky, forcing controllers to drive in reverse, dragging the wheel behind like a gangrenous leg. Two temperature sensors on Opportunity are out, and a heater on its extension arm has been stuck in

the on position since its January landing.

After notching a series of scientific successes, including finding proof that water once flowed on the Red Planet, the rovers are growing creaky with age.

Rover Project Manager Jim Erickson compares them to "a middle-aged man playing softball who should be in better shape. He's more susceptible to pulling a muscle."

Or pulling a dead heart attack. This month, Spirit was brought to a dead stop by steering problems; luckily, when controllers tried again later Spirit responded as if nothing was wrong.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists have already begun preparing for the inevitable end of the \$835-million mission.

"We have two precious assets on Mars that the taxpayers bought," Erickson said. "The best answer of what to do with them is run them into the ground."

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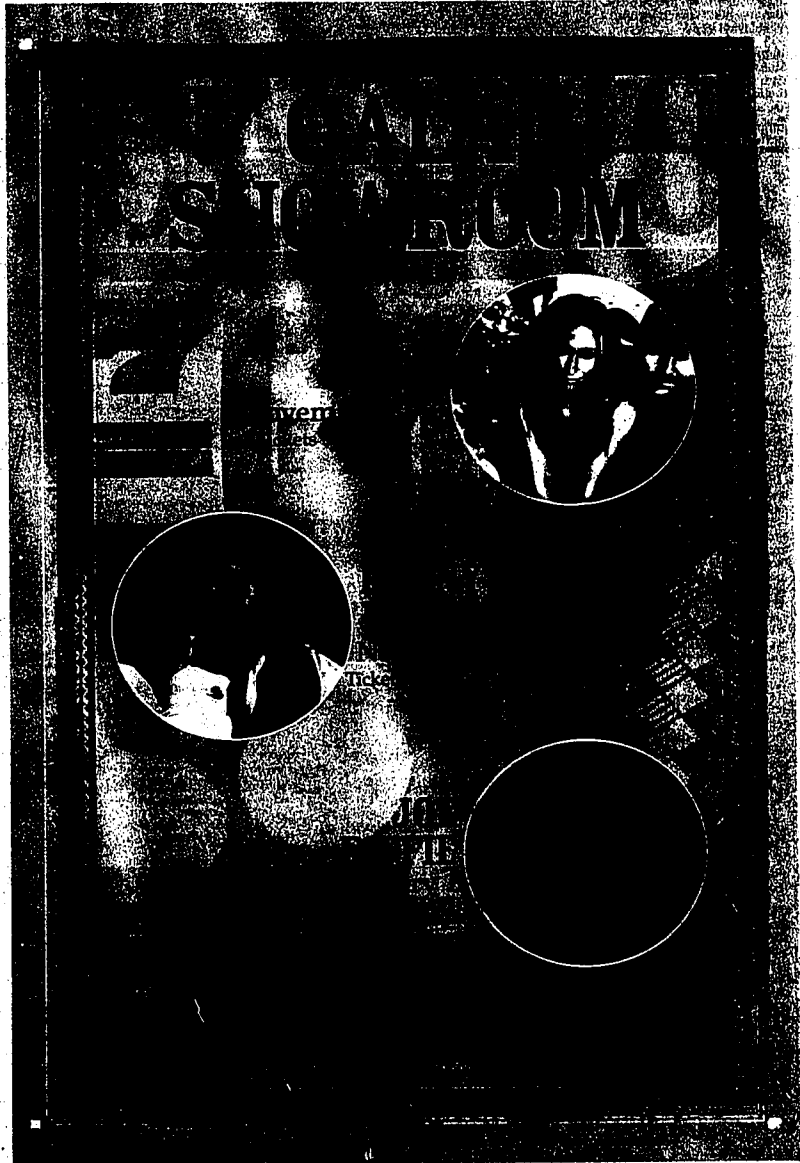
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NATION

Maine welcomes diverted flights

The Washington Post

BANGOR, Maine — Yusuf Islam, the pop star formerly known as Cat Stevens, was a "perfect gentleman" when he got dumped at Bangor International Airport last month — unlike most of the passengers who get pitched off their flights here, the local police said.

"He was very polite," said Don Winslow, chief of the Bangor Police Department.

Winslow could not say the same about 20 drunken British men who were swept off a American Airlines flight earlier this year. The London-to-Chicago flight was diverted here when the men started celebrating a bachelor party over the Atlantic. Some of the party hounds threw a fit on the ground and refused to get off the plane. When no other airline would sell the group tickets, the men sobered up, rented eight sport-utility vehicles and drove to Boston hoping to find another flight.

This city of 32,000 is used to diverted flights. Nestled in the northeastern corner of the country, Bangor International has made a cottage industry of taking in flights that run into the trouble over the Atlantic. It has a runway more than two miles long, a U.S. Attorney's office and FBI agents who live within minutes of the terminal. For airline pilots, the combination makes Bangor a favorite unscheduled landing spot.

The incidents are so common that local nurses say they often treat patients from the diverted flights: an assaulted flight attendant, a heart attack victim, a woman in labor.

"It's not a major thing" to get a patient from a diverted flight, said Karla Adams, a local nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor. Long before the terrorist attacks, Bangor became the favorite spot for airlines to dump and run: drop unruly passengers and get back in the air. The airport took in as many as 10 diverted flights one year during the peak of the "air rage" incidents in the 1990s.

Not all abandoned travelers are kicked off of planes, however. Erwin Kreuz, a German tourist, became the first passenger left behind at Bangor when he stuck around after his charter flight stopped for refueling in 1977. Kreuz thought he had reached his destination, Frankfurt. Three days later, he realized his mistake. When the governor came to his assistance, Kreuz's ordeal was featured on the "Today" show. He was given a key to the city, and one day later family gave him an acre of land. He was also named an honorary member of the Native American Penobscot tribe before he returned to Germany.

Today, a handful of major airlines offer two daily flights to cities such as Cleveland, Philadelphia and Boston on small jet planes, an upgrade from the turboprops that served Bangor a few years ago. Every month, the Bangor airport also attracts a few dozen VII jets carrying wealthy part-time Maine island residents such as John Travolta (who files his own plane) and corporate executives on royals who find Bangor a convenient refueling stop en route to Europe.

The airport lounge sells some of the best lobster rolls in Bangor. There is also a coffee shop and a gift store selling lobster and moose T-shirts. Outside, a fence surrounds the runway to keep moose and wild turkey from wandering onto the tarmac.

From his small office tucked into a corner near the Delta Air Lines ticket counter, Bangor police sergeant Donald "Ward" Gagner serves as the resident expert when it comes to diverted flights — the ones handled two in one day back in 2001. A tall, imposing figure, Gagner said he and his law enforcement colleagues have earned the respect of transatlantic pilots who know Bangor can swiftly take care of any trouble on board and send the plane back into the skies.

"Yeah, try to land an unscheduled flight in Boston or New York," said Gagner, who said it would take hours to get a plane on its way again at those busy airports. "Someone called (diverted flights) our cottage industry." Then lowering his voice, he jokes, "We take out your garbage."

Court rules protesters will not be searched

ATLANTA (AP) — Fears of a terrorist attack are not sufficient reason for authorities to search people at a protest, a federal appeals court has ruled, saying Sept. 11 "cannot be the day liberty perished."

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously Friday that protesters may not be required to pass through metal detectors when they gather next month for a rally against a U.S.

training academy for Latin American soldiers.

Authorities began using the metal detectors at the annual School of the Americas protest after the 2001 terrorist attacks, but the court found that practice to be unconstitutional.

"We cannot simply suspend or restrict civil liberties until the War on Terror is over, because the War on Terror is unlikely ever to be truly over," Judge Gerald Tjoflat wrote for the panel.

"Sept. 11, 2001, already a day of immeasurable tragedy, cannot be the day liberty perished in this country."

City officials in Columbus, Ga., contended the searches were needed because of the elevated risk of terrorism, but the court threw out that argument, saying it would "eviscerate the Fourth Amendment."

"In the absence of some reason to believe that international terrorists would target or infil-

trate this protest, there is no basis for using Sept. 11 as an excuse for searching the protesters," the court said.

Columbus Mayor Bob Poydasher and Police Chief Willie Dozier did not return messages seeking comment left Saturday.

Michael Greenberger, law professor and director of the University of Maryland's Center for Health and Homeland Security, said the ruling could have broader implications if it is used

to challenge aspects of the Patriot Act.

It was surprising, he said, coming from the conservative-leaning 11th Circuit, based in Atlanta, but the opinion was "very well reasoned" and reflected "conventional application of constitutional principles."

The Rev. Roy Bourgeois, a priest who founded the protest group called SOA Watch, praised the ruling for safeguarding essential rights.

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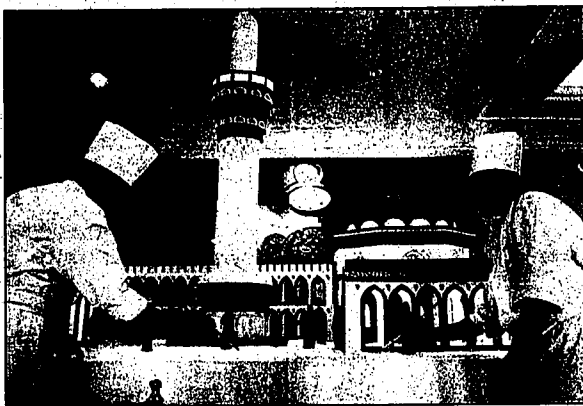
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TASTY TREAT FOR RAMADAN



Chefs use paintbrushes to apply icing to a 600-pound chocolate mosque made to celebrate the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan at a luxury hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia. During Ramadan, observant Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, smoking and sex from dawn to dusk.

Pair of U.S. soldiers die; Afghan vote count resumes

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb killed two American soldiers and wounded three others in southern Afghanistan, the U.S. military said Saturday, and an attack in an eastern province killed at least three children and a policeman on the first day of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.



Hamid Karzai

The attacks in the wake of historic presidential elections earlier this month were a reminder of the insecurity still threatening Afghanistan's democratic experiment three years after the fall of the Taliban.

Ballot counting from the vote gathered speed after a one-day break, and interim leader Hamid Karzai streaked ahead of his rivals in early returns.

Of 344,000 votes tallied by early Saturday evening, Karzai, the U.S.-backed favorite, had captured 71 percent. That preliminary result was based on 4 percent of the ballots cast.

The U.S. military on Saturday said a homemade bomb hit an American Humvee jeep on patrol in the southern province of Uruzgan on Thursday, killing two soldiers and wounding three others, one of them critically.

Karzai condemned the Friday assault in eastern Kunar province in which a truck was set on fire and then a remote-controlled bomb detonated, killing at least three children and a policeman. He described

it as a terrorist atrocity committed by "enemies of Islam."

There was also an attack in Kabul, with four rockets landing in the capital Saturday evening. Three struck houses near the airport, injuring one woman, police and residents said.

While polling day, Oct. 9, was mostly peaceful despite threats by Taliban-led rebels to sabotage the vote, their insurgency still simmers particularly in the country's lawless south and east. About 1,000 people, many of them insurgents, have died in political violence so far this year.

Some 2,500 election staff resumed work Saturday morning at eight counting centers across Afghanistan after a day off to mark the start of Ramadan.

Final results are expected at the end of October, although it should be clear who has won within days — and whether the victor secures the majority needed to avoid a run-off.

Karzai is expected to maintain his lead. In Washington, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, said the election was a triumph for Afghan and international forces pro-

tecting them, but only one step on the road to stability. "It could take as long as 10 years for it to be a truly successful country in terms of security, in terms of economic development, in terms of being a successful democratic state," Khalilzad told reporters Friday. Khalilzad also suggested that training the new Afghan national army could be accelerated to reduce the need for U.S. and NATO troops. The current plan is to bring the Afghan army up to 70,000 troops from the current 15,000 in five years.

Afghans are aching for peace after conflicts dating back to the Soviet occupation of the 1980s, and the U.N.-backed election, which cost about \$200 million in stage, has generated huge interest.

A top election official has estimated that despite Taliban intimidation and bad weather, about 8 million of the 10.5 million registered voters cast ballots. Counting began slowly on Thursday after five days of delays as a panel of foreign experts probed electoral fraud allegations submitted by the 16 candidates.

Of 343,727 valid votes tallied in half the 34 provinces, Karzai won 244,128 or 71 percent of the total, the official election Web site said.

Pope speaks out on preventative war

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Thousands of well-wishers have showered Pope John Paul II with greetings for the 26th anniversary of his election as pontiff, many of them thanking him for speaking out against preventative war, his spokesman said Saturday.

Joanquin Navarro-Valls told Vatican Radio in an interview that while many of the greetings came from VIPs, several thousand were sent by "common people, some Catholic, some not, some not even Christians."

The spokesman said they thanked the pope "for his teaching on specific subjects like peace, family, dialogue, tolerance, human dignity."

In a separate interview with the Italian news agency ANSA, Navarro-Valls was quoted as saying, "many thanked the pope for all that he said about peace in the world, above all on the subject of preventative war."

In the run-up to the U.S.-led Iraq war, John Paul spoke out repeatedly against war, insisting

dialogue was required to bring peace.

After a lively concert Friday night at the Vatican by a Russian military chorus and orchestra to publicly celebrate the occasion, John Paul marked the actual date of his election on Oct. 16, 1978, with morning Mass in his private chapel.

A second Mass in the chapel was scheduled at 6 p.m. to coincide with the hour Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland, was elected by his fellow cardinals to the papacy.

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Bombings scare away Christians

Many prefer to leave country

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - For the first time in their lives, Widad Mikho and her sister, Neshwan, will not attend Mass today, too frightened after a series of church bombings across Baghdad.

But fear will not keep Dana George away. "It would be better to die in church than anywhere else," she said.

Iraq's Christians, increasingly targeted by insurgents, are fleeing Baghdad for the safety of the Kurdish north or neighboring Syria and Jordan. After Saturday's bombings of five churches - which damaged buildings but caused no casualties - Christian leaders fear more will leave.

But the exodus is temporary, insist many, because they are not selling their homes and property. They will wait it out and return when the situation improves.

Pascale Isho Warda, a Christian who is interim government minister for displacement and migration, estimated as many as 15,000 out of Iraq's nearly 1 million Christians have left the country since August, when four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul were blown up in a coordinated series of car bombings.

The attacks killed 12 people and injured 61 others. Another church was bombed in Baghdad in September.

Saturday's explosions will no doubt push people to immigrate," said Father Raphael Qutiani, acting bishop of the Syrian Catholic Church. "But this country has been ours for thousands of years. Our ancestors shed blood defending it. We mustn't leave it."

He and all the dozen Christians interviewed Saturday said the attacks were not the work of Muslim Iraqis, but foreigners.

"The foreigners have left the country since August, when four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul were blown up in a coordinated series of car bombings."

"They want us to leave Iraq," said Sarah Samaan, a 25-year-old lab technician, referring to the attackers, who she believes are Arabs linked to al-Qaida.

But Yonem Kana, secretary general of the Assyrian Democratic Movement, said the general security situation of the country - car bombings, kidnappings and murders, which



Iraqi women comfort each other outside the St. Thomas church in the Mansour district in western Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday. A string of bombs exploded at five churches across Baghdad early Saturday though no casualties have been reported, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

affect all of Iraq's religious groups - had chased away many Christians.

"They figure instead of staying and paying \$50,000 to kidnapers for ransom, they can spend \$5,000 in Latakia or Damascus," he said, referring to two cities in neighboring Syria.

He said more than 100 Christians had been murdered after the U.S.-led war, including 35 liquor vendors and others who worked for coalition forces.

About 200 more have died in the general violence that has gripped Iraq. Insurgents have been targeting many Iraqis who are seen as helping the U.S.-led forces, and extremist militiamen have often targeted people in occupations seen as breaking Islamic rules.

Never in Iraq, Kana said, had a church been attacked, not since the days of the Mongols, who massacred 800,000 of Baghdad's residents and destroyed the city in the 13th century.

Neshwan Mikho, 46, has been cleaning the Saint John's Church in the working class neighborhood of Bataween every Saturday for the past seven years undeterred by rain, sandstorms or even shelling.

She and her sister would like to leave for good for Australia, where their two other sisters live. But they cannot afford it.

"What can we do? They are shelling our church, they might break into our homes tomorrow and the next day force us to wear the veil," said Widad.

Bassem Samir Khouri, a legal adviser in the interim Education Ministry, will also skip Sunday mass but is staying put in Iraq.

He said throughout the years, Iraq's Christians had kept to themselves trying to keep out of trouble. With the country in turmoil now, Muslims are asking why the Christians aren't taking sides on the question of Fallujah or other trouble spots where anti-American insurgency is strong.

Dana George, 60, would like to leave the country - if only for the sake of her three grown children. But her husband won't hear of it. So for now, she will continue going to her St. Matthew's Church despite the attacks.

She feels indebted to God for protecting her and her family all those difficult years under Saddam. "Now I feel it's my duty to pay him back," she said.

Samaan said Christians are vulnerable in predominantly Muslim Iraq. "There's nobody to help us. Muslims have the support of their tribe. The Pope is our only power, but doesn't help us," she said.

She said she would like to leave Iraq for good. "Anywhere - out of the Arab world - where they all think we are infidels," she said.

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Humor, support keep soldiers going

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

FORT POLK, La. — Tinky Winky is on his way to Kuwait.

For those who aren't up on the Tinky Winky story, he's the small, stuffed, purple Teletubb of Twin Falls gave to his 12-year-old son Erion as a joke. Erion repaid the favor by snacking Tinky Winky into Nowland's ammo pack before he boarded the plane July 1 for Fort Bliss, Texas.

Now the Teletubby is stashed in a box with the rest of Nowland's things and headed in-country.

So Erion, his brother Eric, 13, and their sister Destinle, 9, decided to send their father Laa-Laa, the yellow Teletubby.

"Pretty soon, I'll have the whole collection," Nowland said.

"It's become quite the joke in the Nowland family, and with Nowland's fellow soldiers now in training at Warrior, one of five forward operating bases at Fort Polk, La., Nowland's cot even sports Teletubby sheets and pillowcases, purchased online at eBay.

Nowland said training at Warrior has been "fast-paced and tiresome."

"It's a continual mission," Nowland said. "When you think you're going to have some downtime, something always comes up."



Sgt. 1st Class Kent Nowland of Twin Falls reads for a nap by taking off his gear after a long night and early morning of training.

They make due with the very minimum.

"There's no showers, no baths," Nowland said. "It's a lot of stinky guys."

But unlike the accommodations, the training has been first class.

"The training has been awesome," Nowland said. "If you stop learning, you either don't belong here or you're too stupid to learn. There's always someone who knows something you don't."

Nowland said he misses NASCAR racing and tinkering around the house. And he misses driving something other than a Humvee.

But what he misses most is his family.

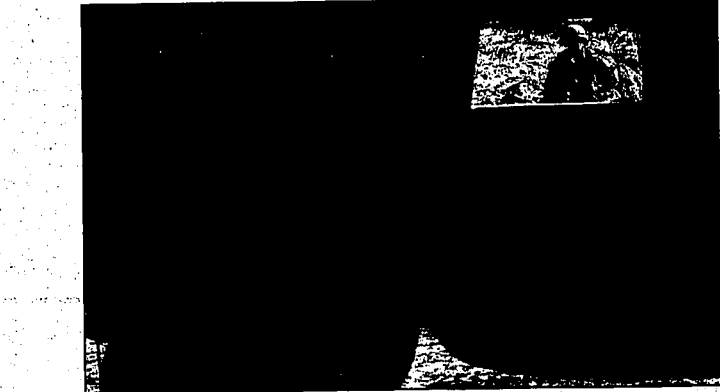
"Number one always has to be the family," Nowland said. "But number two has to be Toby. Toby is the family's beloved Bassett Hound who likes to wrestle."

"I have to have someone put him on the phone so I can talk to him."

Nowland said there's something else that keeps the soldiers going — the community's support.

"It's great to know of all the support they're giving us back there," he said.

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Above, waiting for more sandbags to fill, Staff Sgt. Ann Hull smokes a cigarette behind a parked humvee near the 10th Combat Support Hospital.

Right, Sgt. 1st Class Steve Stephens of Twin Falls helps out with the supply duties by transferring water to the soldiers between missions.

More photos — B1.

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"It's 24-7 — there's stuff going on all the time," said Maj. Todd Edgar. "The troops are doing really well and we're giving the bad guys a whooping."

The bad guys are the "insurgents" who prey on soldiers when they pass through the eight mock Iraqi villages within the box. The "good guys" are the "Iraqi National Guard," the "Iraqi Police" and the "Iraqi villagers," all role-played by a mix of civilians and soldiers of the 1st Battalion 509 Infantry and the 1st Battalion 131st Infantry. There are translators, many of them from the Middle East. There's even a mock Iraqi radio and TV station as well as a daily newspaper.

But looks can be deceiving. A "good guy" can become a "bad guy" before soldiers know what hit them.

Soldier as peacekeeper

"Go, go America! Go, go America!"

Protests at Warrior's entrance gate are a common occurrence. Some 30 "Iraqi protesters" showed up at Warrior's gate Thursday morning, carrying signs and letting the soldiers know loud and clear that they weren't welcome in their country.

"You killed the mother," one sign read. "How are you going to take care of the child?"

"Stay away from the wife!"

one of the soldiers yelled to the protesters. But the mob managed to push through the coiled barbed wire and on to Warrior.

The problem began Tuesday when an Iraqi woman "died in childbirth" at the nearby Combat Support Hospital. Family members and their neighbors demanded to know where the baby was.

"All they were told was the baby had died and they blamed us at first," said 1st Sgt. Martin Rodriguez.

Soldiers brought in a translator and showed the villagers a copy of the woman's medical record that included when and why she died and that the baby was now with the father.

"Once they knew, they were very friendly," Rodriguez said.

Dealing with such situations requires plenty of diplomacy and a good understanding of the Iraqi culture, religion and customs, Rodriguez said. For instance, when you speak with an Iraqi, you look him directly in the eye. You don't shake with your left hand.

Family is the most important thing when it comes to the Iraqi people.

"They believe in the foundation of family," Rodriguez said. "You take care of everyone in the family."

And once they doubt your loyalty, you're in trouble.

"When they're offended, they're really offended," Rodriguez said.

"If they lose their trust in you, it's hard to regain it."

Herish Zebary, one of the translators, hails from Kurdistan in northern Iraq, a beautiful place, he said, with lots of mountains and rivers. He came to America eight years ago and is now a U.S. citizen. He comes from a family of 10 children and he said when he calls home, "It takes a couple hours to talk to everybody."

"The religion is different and society is different," he said of his native land.

He said what Iraqis worry most about is that the coalition wants to change things that are sacred to them.

"They think they're there to change their religion," Zebary said. "They don't want to be run by another government, but by their own government."

But people in Kurdistan who had been victims time and time again by Saddam Hussein's bloody regime support the coalition forces.

"We've been destroyed by Iraqi governments, so we're 100 percent for the coalition," he said.

The light at the end of the tunnel

Though rare, soldiers sometimes do get an hour or two of downtime. Some play video games while others write let-

ters. One morning, a few soldiers sat huddled around a small DVD player watching the war movie, "We Were Soldiers."

But they're looking forward to leaving the box.

"Six days and a wake-up and we'll be back on the main post," Rodriguez said.

One thing that has lifted the soldiers' spirits is looking forward to coming home on leave beginning at the end of the month. They originally were only going to get 14 days, but the Army threw in an extra seven.

"That was the morale boost everyone was looking for," said Lt. Jon Frye of Eagle. "It really gave the soldiers an extra shot of enthusiasm."

That's precious time to spend with loved ones before heading to Kuwait for another month of training before going to Iraq.

"The closer we get to going home on leave, the better it gets," Allen said.

For these soldiers, the hardest part of coming home is knowing they'll be leaving again. But Pvt. 1st Class Vance Dayley sees a silver lining.

"I'm more anxious to get there," Dayley said. "As soon as we're in, I can start counting the time until we get back."

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Coming home

Soldiers with the 2118th Brigade Combat Team will begin heading home for 20 days of leave at the end of the month before heading for Kuwait, where they'll train for a month before beginning a one-year tour of duty in Iraq. After almost four months of training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Polk, La., they're marking off the days on the calendar to when they'll be home with their loved ones. Here is what some of them plan to do when they're back in their home towns.



Elinu Allen

"We're going to swap stories and enjoy life for a couple of days. We're going to spend time with our families. I'm going to wake up to my kids' smiles and hugs in the morning. Little girls give the best hugs — especially mine."

— Pvt. 1st Class Elinu Allen of Twin Falls. Family includes wife Karen and four daughters, Elizabeth, Demetra, Trinity and Alexia and parents Mary and Harmon Allen. Several family members are in the military and will be home on leave at the same time. The family is planning a reunion.

"Probably nothing. I just want to be with my family."

— Staff Sgt. Guy Hadden of Twin Falls. Family includes wife Angela and two children.

Me and my wife are going to Seaside, Oregon. Even in the winter, it's beautiful."

— Sgt. David Hughes of Twin Falls. Family includes wife, Eunjung, and parents David Hughes and Donna Berrett.

"I'm going to relax and try to visit family."

— Sgt. Jacob Schwabedissen of Kimberly. Family includes parents Teddi and Doug Schwabedissen.

"I'm going to totally relax and spend as much time as I can with my boy. We might even do some snow skiing. Tell our football team we're cheering for them."

— Staff Sgt. Rex Burnett of Twin Falls. Family includes son, Chris.



Rex Burnett

"I'm going to go home to my wife. We have a baby due December 10. I just want some sleep and some home cooking."

— Sgt. Chad Horton of Twin Falls. Family includes wife Jamie.

"I'm going to spend 20 days at home with my family. I'm going to do some hunting and I'm drinking lots and lots of beer."

— Sgt. Brian Humphreys of Halley.

"We'll have a chance to celebrate."

— Pvt. 1st Class Vance Dayley of Burley, whose daughter Trennady recently marked her first birthday. Trennady's mom's name is Melissa.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my kids."

— Spc. William Bonner of Twin Falls. Family includes 3-year-old Sarah and 1-year-old Aender.

"I get to go to a house I bought and never lived in."

— Spc. Wesley Jones of Jerome. Family includes wife, April.

"I'm going to spend Thanksgiving with my kids."

— 1st Sgt. Martin Rodriguez, who has tickets to the LSU-Louisiana Tech game for himself and son, Martin Jr.



Daniel Kennedy

"I'm going to help my wife around the house and sleep in my own bed."

— Sgt. Daniel Kennedy of Jerome. Family includes wife, Jackie, and three grown children.

"As long as I get a nice steak dinner, I'm happy."

— Spc. Charles Gage of Burley. Family includes wife Tanya, daughter Gretchen and parents Rhonda and Jerry Gage of Rupert.

"I'm looking forward to spending some time with my wife and kids."

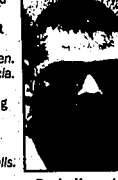
— Sgt. James VanMeter of Twin Falls. Family includes wife, Rita, and children, John and Jessica.

"The first thing I'm going to do is hold my fiancée and my son."

— Sgt. Val Hobson of Twin Falls. Family includes son, Richard, and fiancée, Lindsey Stowe.

"I'm going to go to the chiropractor and get my back adjusted. Then I'm going to see a masseuse and spend a night in the hot tub."

— Spc. Ramiro Hernandez of Hansen. Family includes wife, Dacla.



Ramiro Hernandez

"I'm going to get married and I'm going to go fishing. I'm going to see some friends and I might even run down to Las Vegas."

— Spc. David Walden of Twin Falls.

"I'm going to have fun with my kids and spend time with my wife. I miss my sailboat. I'm going to help finish my new church — Our Savior Lutheran."

— Spc. David Jones of Twin Falls. Family includes wife Dee, son, Nate, and daughter, Darfelle.

"I'm going to enjoy spending some time with my family."

— Pvt. 1st Class Aaron Frandsen of Twin Falls. Family includes wife, Kasie, daughter, Alexandria, son, Dakota and father, Wayne Frandsen.

WORLD

Kosovo mourns students who died in bus accident

MALISEVO, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Tens of thousands of mourners marched in the rain to a cemetery Saturday for the burial of 15 students killed in a bus crash as they were returning from a field trip to neighboring Albania.

The coffins, draped in Albanian flags and covered with wreaths, were lowered into side-by-side graves not far from the students' high school in this central Kosovo town.

The teenagers' bus collided with a car and tumbled over a cliff in Albania on Thursday.

The driver of the car was also killed, and 30 other passengers on the bus were injured.

The accident was one of the worst tragedies for the province since the late 1990s Serb military crackdown on ethnic Albanians seeking independence for Kosovo.

The accident was especially difficult for residents because the victims were mainly teens in their graduation year.

Two days of mourning were declared, flags were lowered to half-staff and campaigning for next week's general elections in Kosovo was suspended.

At Saturday's burials, families clutched framed pictures of their children and wept in front of the graves.

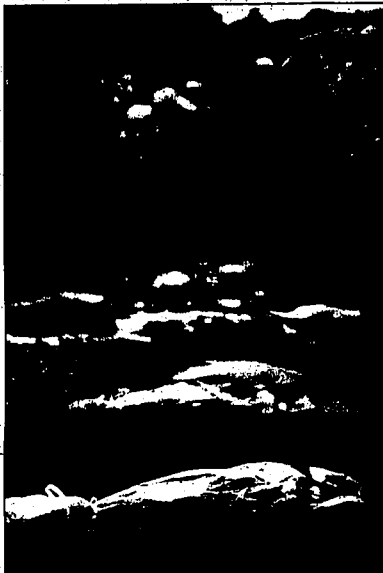
A crying father rested his hand on one coffin. Students carrying wreaths for their friends leaned on each other for support.

"We sent them to enjoy themselves and they came back to us dead," said Hajrije Morina, whose 18-year-old son Labnot died in the accident.

"There's nothing harder than this," she said, bursting into tears.

The bodies of the students on Friday were displayed in their high schools' gymnasiums, where thousands filed past them.

The bus was bringing about 50 teenagers back to Kosovo



Members of the Kosovo Protection Corps stand guard in front of 15 Albanian high school students during their funeral in the central Kosovo town of Malisevo on Saturday. Tens of thousands of mourners participated in the funeral for the students who were killed in a bus crash that sent their vehicle tumbling over a cliff.

after an excursion in Albania when it collided with a car and went over the cliff in Fushe Arez, 105 miles north of the capital, Pristina.

It was part of a convoy of six buses carrying about 300 high school students.

Photos showed the bus cut in half, its roof pushed to the side.

A witness said the bus rolled about 300 feet down the cliff.

Also at the funeral were top U.N. and NATO officials and senior leaders from Kosovo and Albania.

"We're parting with 15 unfulfilled dreams," said Pandell Majko, Albania's defense minister.

India's government gets boost in election

The Washington Post

NEW DELHI — India's five-month-old governing coalition received a major boost Saturday when the ruling Congress Party won a solid victory over Hindu nationalist parties in a state election that had been widely seen as a test of the new government's staying power.

Congress and its allies won 139 of 288 seats in the legislature of Maharashtra, India's wealthiest and second-most-populous state of almost 100 million.

The Hindu nationalist coalition led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, won 118 seats, according to preliminary results of Wednesday's election that were announced Saturday.

Another 51 seats were claimed by smaller parties and independents, some of which will join the Congress-led coalition to form a new government, analysts said.

The outcome was an important victory for the Congress Party for the government of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and especially for Sonia Gandhi, who renounced her claim to the prime minister's job after general elections in May but continues to lead the Congress Party.

Gandhi, the Italian-born widow of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, campaigned heavily in Maharashtra before the elections.

Although a Congress-led government has been in power in the state for five years, anti-incumbency feelings run high in India, and many analysts and polls had predicted a far more competitive contest in Maharashtra.

The BJP still smarting from its unexpected defeat in May, had looked at the state election as a critical opportunity to reestablish the Hindu nationalist party as a force to be reckoned with on the national level.

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Haitian mother worries for baby

GONAVES, Haiti (AP) — There was no baby shower for Guilene Mondestin — no swaddling clothes, no cradle, no toys.

The hospital where her infant was to be born is still covered in mud nearly a month after Tropical Storm Jeanne devastated the island, so instead the baby was delivered at a Uruguayan military clinic set up to deal with post-disaster medical emergencies.

In storm-ravaged Gonaves, the clinic has become a baby factory, with up to five deliveries a day.

At the clinic, 27-year-old Mondestin lay on a cot. A nurse dressed her baby boy wrapped in towels at her side. She stared at the ceiling as flies danced around her face.

"Now I'm feeling sad," she sighed, wondering about the future of her second child in this tragedy-trapped nation of 8 million. "Where I live, there are a lot of dead people and animals. There's a bad smell and loss of bugs. It's a bad environment for a baby."

Like many newborns in the city, Mondestin's baby now lives with hunger and the stench of rotting corpses that litter the landscape. Experts say the outlook is grave for Gonaves' young.

Even before this crisis, the situation of children in Haiti had reached a critical level. Carol Beljamy, director general of the U.N. Children's Fund, said on a recent visit.

According to UNICEF Haiti's child mortality rate is the worst in the Western Hemisphere — with eight in 100 not living beyond 5 years old — and the sixth worst in the world after Sierra Leone, Niger, Angola, Afghanistan and Somalia.

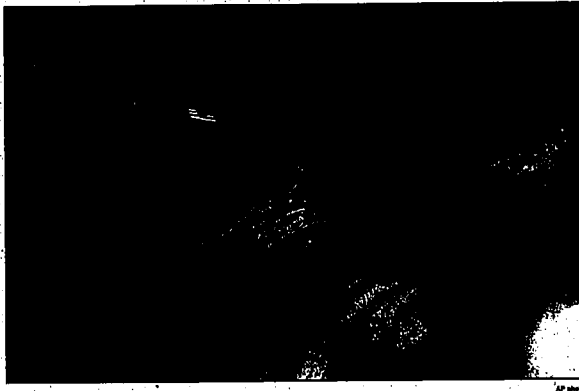
The situation has been compounded by the flood woes.

To Mondestin, this is all part of a terrible curse on Haiti. "I just pray for mercy — for me and my children, Gonaves and Haiti," she whispers.

Her biggest worry is whether her child can survive.

Within two days of birth, he was covered in red spots, his lips were powdery and he was throwing up his mother's milk.

Uruguayan nurses said he would live, but Dr. Laura Silveira said the spots were a staphylo-



Haitian Guilene Mondestin rests next to her newborn baby Omar Jose Leonel in a room cleaned of mud for his arrival at her home Oct. 3 in Gonaves, Haiti.

coccus infection affecting many infants in Gonaves, brought on by exposure to contaminated mud and water. Sepsis can lead to fatal meningitis.

If he recovers from the infection, the next worry is food. Mondestin said she doesn't have the money to buy any.

Like most people here, Mondestin lost her money, possessions and her means of income when Tropical Storm Jeanne sent walls of water and debris-filled mudslides hurtling down on this northwestern city of 250,000.

Jeanne killed 1,900 people in Gonaves and left another 900 missing and presumed dead. Some 200,000 are homeless.

Mondestin's family had cobbled together a living from a small holding where they grew corn and eggplants and raised goats and pigs. Now the animals are dead, the crops flattened and the field plastered with mud.

Four hours after giving birth, Mondestin gingerly walked home while her sister carried the baby.

They flagged down a truck that dropped them off at what once was the road to home. Now it's a mosquito-infested

stretch of knee-deep mud and water strewn with torn cinderblock, wrecked trucks, downed trees, all covered by the stench of rot.

After a struggle, she reached the four-room home where her husband, Selouis, and his brother had spent two days digging out mud with a borrowed shovel — the only preparation made for the new addition to the family.

Mondestin spent her baby's first days lying on sheets on the floor with her swaddled son in the sweltering heat of a pitch-black room she shared with her husband and mother.

Gonaves has suffered unrest since September 2003, when street gang leader Amior Metayer was assassinated and his followers blamed then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Gang members and police were shooting it out regularly and victimizing bystanders for months.

In February, the violence escalated into a nationwide rebellion that forced Aristide to flee Feb. 29.

Then came the floods. When the water rushed in, blocking her home's front door and rising to chest level, Mon-

destin was trapped with her 1-year-old son until her husband arrived, kicked open the back door and helped the two climb onto the roof of the abutting house.

For two weeks the two families lived on the roof. Five people squeezed under a canopy of sheets, until the baby was born.

Mondestin remembers when life was good in Gonaves. The best year, she says, was 1988 when a popular uprising ended the Duvalier family's 28-year dictatorship.

"There was electricity, food, people had enough money, and agriculture was good. Since then, it's like the earth is cursed," she said, indicating the disappointment shared by many poor Haitians, that Aristide, the country's first freely elected president, did not live up to his promises to lift the nation out of poverty.

In 1989, at age 22, Mondestin was two years away from graduating from high school but could not afford to finish.

She had dreams of her children becoming professionals — doctors or engineers — but doubts now that she will have the means to send them to primary school.

Officials: North Korean missile threat abated

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — Japan's Defense Agency Director General Yoshinori Ono says the increased activity noted since last month around North Korean ballistic missile bases and facilities has basically ended, indicating that the threat of a missile launch had abated.

According to the government's analysis of the situation, the movements observed around the bases were part of a comprehensive military exercise conducted by North Korea's armed forces.

However, the missile scare has taught the government that it needs to develop its ability to detect signs of a missile launch and learn how to cooperate with other countries when it comes to gathering and sharing intelligence.

In early September, intelligence headquarters at the Defense Agency got wind that something strange was happening on the Korean Peninsula.

The alarm was raised when analysis of intelligence on North Korea, gathered through such means as military radio traffic intercepted by the agency's communications facility in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture, and satellite photographs taken by a Japanese spy satellite and a commercial U.S. satellite, indicated increased activity around the bases.

The agency's main fear was that Pyongyang might be preparing to launch a Rodong missile, which has a range of 1,300 kilometers.

According to agency officials, such launch-preparation drills have been held once or twice a year over recent years. They are usually headed by vehicular movement around one or two missile bases.

In June, the agency confirmed that a combustion test of the launch stage of a Thepoding 2 ballistic missile had been conducted at a military facility in the northeastern city of Musudan-Ri.

Estimates of the range of a Thepoding 2 vary between 3,500 kilometers and 6,000 kilometers.

But the activity noted in September was different from previous cases. In addition to movement at more than 10 ballistic missile bases, missile units of North Korea's Army, Navy and Air Force had all been mobilized. This led intelligence officers at the agency to the conclusion that North Korea was preparing for a missile launch.

But the dominant view within the agency was that the movements were simply part of a military exercise because if Pyongyang was actually about to launch a missile, it would not act so obviously.

Another factor supporting this viewpoint was that North Korea had not dispatched a ship to the Sea of Japan to monitor the splashdown of a missile, which it would need to do to collect data on a missile test.

A senior defense official said, "A missile launch has no political merit," referring to Japan-North Korea working-level talks to be held later that month.

As a result, the agency decided it need only maintain heightened surveillance on North Korea.

But this view changed drastically on Sept. 21, when Washington notified Tokyo that North Korea was preparing to launch a ballistic missile.

The prevailing thought within the government was that it should prepare for a possible missile attack.

Israeli troop withdrawal leaves void in Gaza

Los Angeles Times

JABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — From Saturday's earliest light, they looked to salvage a schoolbook here, a cooking pan there, a dust-choked quilt or a shattered picture frame.

Hours after Friday night's pullback of Israeli troops from a densely populated swath of the northern Gaza Strip, Palestinians who had fled the fighting 17 days earlier ventured back to their homes — or in some cases, what had been their homes.

Human rights groups said about 80 houses had been destroyed during fighting in and near the Jabaliya refugee camp, a sprawling slum of more than 100,000 people.

"There is not much left here for us," murmured a weeping 58-year-old Palestinian woman

who identified herself as Umm Mohi el-Din Yehiyah. She, along with neighbors, had come to root through the ruins of her home in the eastern sector of Jabaliya, hit hard in the first wave of the incursion.

Israeli troops and tanks flooded a swath of northern Gaza after two preschoolers in the southern Israeli town of Sderot were killed when Palestinian militants fired a volley of homemade rockets from the seaside territory on Sept. 28.

More than 110 Palestinians were killed in the incursion, the largest in Gaza since the eruption of the current conflict, now in its fifth year. The Islamic militant group Hamas said Saturday that about 40 of the dead were members of its military wing.

Israel came under heavy international criticism for the

Gaza offensive. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others questioned whether it had been a disproportionate response to the use of crude Kassam rockets by Palestinian militants.

Israeli officials have been careful to describe the troop movement as a redeployment rather than a withdrawal. Troops and armor took up positions on high ground inside the Gaza Strip, while others moved just across the border, ready to rumble in again at a moment's notice.

Following a pattern that has prevailed since Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced his intention to withdraw troops and

settlers from the Gaza Strip, both sides were determined not to appear defeated.

"We are determined not to leave Gaza under a hail of Kassam fire," said Ranan Gissin, a senior adviser to Sharon. Gissin and other Sharon aides said Israel would re-enter northern Gaza if the firing of the homemade projectiles recommences.

Palestinian officials denounced the offensive. "It is part of an attempt . . . to bring our people to their knees," Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia told reporters in the West Bank town of Ramallah. "This, of course, will never happen."

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War on terror requires steady hand of Bush

No issue looms larger over the 2004 presidential campaign than war and terrorism...

boost his ability to defend America. But voters have a bewildered sense of where he stands.

Given his weak support for the war, that appears to be an empty promise.

On economic issues, Bush's tax cuts made sense for all Americans, especially the lower and middle classes.

The recession would have been much worse if the pre-2001 tax burdens were stuck in place.

About this race

Republican President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney face Democratic Sen. John Kerry and running mate Sen. John Edwards in the race for the White House.

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Much of the globe differs with Bush's doctrine of pre-emptive war, but it remains the best way to stop terrorists before they strike us at home.

Now America fights on in Iraq, where it deposed Saddam Hussein but is still working to secure peace against insurgents and terrorists.

Yet the administration was premature in pronouncing an early victory in Iraq. That miscalculation has given ammunition to Bush's critics.

But that doesn't change the imperative mission at hand: Providing Iraqis with the ability to vote and create their political future.

Sen. Kerry's decorated military resume should

Little reward for Kerry's debate victory

OK, the debates are history, begging the question, does history count? Conventional wisdom offers a resounding YES: No perceived winner of presidential debates ever went on to lose the election.

JOHN BAER

Think Kennedy-Nixon, Carter-Ford, Reagan-Carter, Bush-Dukakis, etc. That pattern suggests a President Kerry fits a better debater.

Still, this is the first key of the post-Sept. 11 world and no one's sure if that makes a difference — if that makes conventional wisdom, you know, not all that wise.

In Pennsylvania, the Keystone Poll says the first debate swayed 6 percent of the 77 percent who watched and three in four of those swayed to Kerry, which in a race this close can be decisive.

The second debate did little. I expect the same from Wednesday night.

Two middle-aged white guys in dark suits, white shirts, lining lapel pins and red ties with white dots stood their ground.

Kerry won points on guns, the minimum wage and overall style. Bush won points on tax cuts, the middle class, and out of the mainstream with "no record of leadership" in the Senate.

This blood sport moves into the final rounds. Pull up to ringside and try not to get splattered.

No polite moderators, questions from the audience or equal-time rebuttals. Look for liberal, liberal, liberal, 9/11, 9/11 vs. he failed the country, lied to the world and put your job, health care and



family at risk. Hasn't been pretty. Won't get pretty. The worst is yet to come.

Yet you know these debates make a difference. At a minimum, they showed us Bush and Kerry unfiltered, their strengths and flaws bunched up under the unflinching eyes of live TV and instant post-debate analysis.

What did we learn? The more likable Bush isn't always that likable. The first debate is remembered for scowls and seeming annoyance at even being challenged.

"Of course I know Osama bin Laden attacked us. I know that," Bush barked in Miami. Not exactly a presidential moment.

(He reclaimed some likability Thursday night. What's he learned from wife and daughters "to listen to 'em ... to stand up straight and not scowl.")

The more erudite Kerry really is capable of changing positions, even at the same event.

"I do believe Saddam Hussein was a threat. I always believed he was a threat," Kerry said earnestly in St. Louis.

That was right before he blasted Bush as "preoccupied with Iraq, where there wasn't a threat." Not quite a crystal-clear worldview.

(He was very clear Thursday night on abortion, assault weapons and the minimum wage.)

Both made mistakes. In debate one, Kerry said he visited Russian KGB headquarters in "Trebilnik's square. He meant Lubyanka Square. Treblinka was a Nazi death camp in Poland.

In debate two, Bush said he heard there are rumors of a military draft "on the Internet." Think he ever uses it (them?)

(He goofed again Thursday night saying he never said he was unconcerned about Osama. He did say it.)

"the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Kerry hit Bush (twice Thursday night) as the first president in 72 years to lose jobs.

"I am pledging I will not raise taxes," said Kerry in the second debate.

Ever hear that? "We've got a great country. I love our values," Bush said. Ever need to hear that?

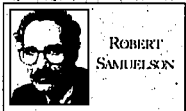
And even though the Bush team used its upper hand (to do three instead of two debates) to get every advantage in staging and format — I'm surprised one debate wasn't at Ground Zero with bullhorns.

Kerry's clearly better on his feet (as if there ever was a doubt).

John Baer is a columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News.

The key to middle class decline: Immigration

The Census Bureau's annual figures show that income and poverty were bound to become familiar factoids in the Bush-Kerry combat. The numbers seem to confirm what many people feel: the middle class is squeezed, poverty is worsening.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

standards have stagnated. Mostly, the middle class is getting richer. Consider: In 2003, 44 percent of U.S. households had before-tax incomes exceeding \$50,000; about 15 percent had incomes of more than \$100,000 (they're also included in the 44 percent). In 1980, the comparable figures were 40 percent and 10 percent. In 1990 they were 35 percent and 6 percent. All comparisons are adjusted for inflation.

But the median household income has dropped since 1999 and is up only slightly since 1990. That's usually taken as an indicator of what's happened to a typical family. It isn't. The median income is the middle of incomes; half of households are above, half below.

The median household was once imagined as a family of Mom, Dad and two kids. But "typical" no longer exists. There are more singles, childless couples and retirees. Smaller households tend to have lower incomes. They drag down the overall median. So do more poor immigrant households.

A slightly better approach is to examine the incomes of households of similar sizes: all

with, say, two people. In 2003 those households had a median income of \$46,964, off about \$900 from the peak year (1999) but up almost 10 percent from 1990. For four-person households, the median income in 2003 was \$64,374, off about \$2,200 from its peak but still up about 14 percent from 1990.

Now look at poverty. For 2003, the Census Bureau estimated that 35.9 million Americans had incomes below the poverty line; that was about \$12,000 for a two-person household and \$19,000 for a four-person household. Since 2000, poverty has risen among most racial and ethnic groups. Again, that's the recession and its aftermath.

But over longer periods, Hispanics account for most of the increase in poverty. Compared with 1990, there were actually 700,000 fewer non-Hispanic whites in poverty last year.

Among blacks, the drop since 1990 is between 700,000 and 1 million, and the poverty rate — though still appallingly high — has declined from 32 percent to 24 percent. (The poverty rate measures the percentage of a group that is in poverty.)

The health-insurance story is similar. Last year 13 million Hispanics lacked insurance. They're 60 percent of the rise since 1990.

To state the obvious: not all Hispanics are immigrants; and not all immigrants are Hispanic. Still, there's no mystery here. If more poor people enter the country — and have children there — there will be more poverty.

Now, this poverty may or may not be temporary. Some immigrants succeed quickly; others do not. But if the poverty persists — and is compounded by more immigration — then it will create mounting political and social problems.

You haven't heard much in this campaign about these problems. To raise them is to seem racist; that's a heavy burden for politicians or journalists. Politicians risk party loss and quick reelection. Worse, there's the hard question: what to do?

President George W. Bush and various Democrats have offered immigration plans that propose different ways of legalizing today's illegal immigrants. That's fine as long as the future inflow of illegal and poorer immigrants can be controlled. That would require stiffer measures than either party is currently proposing.

These are tough problems; our leaders give them the silent treatment.

This is understandable, but it won't make them go away.

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Candidates ignore danger of deficits



DAVID BRODER

It's not true that people in Washington can't agree about anything. Across the policy spectrum, there's a clear recognition that the present path of budget-making is unsustainable — in fact, ruinous.

The Concord Coalition, whose leadership includes prominent Republicans, says that with realistic assumptions but no change in policy, the federal debt will swell by a staggering \$5 trillion in the next 10 years.

The liberal Economic Policy Institute says that a "budget train wreck" lies ahead. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office warns that it looks as if "substantial reductions in the projected growth of spending or a sizable increase in taxes — or both — will probably be necessary" to avoid fiscal disaster.

The agreement extends everywhere except where it is most important — to the rivals for the White House and to the members of Congress. President Bush and his opponent, Sen. John Kerry, blithely assert that they will cut the budget deficit (a record \$415 billion in the current year) — in half within four or five years, but they are purposefully vague on how they will do it.

Meantime, Congress has retreated further and further from any pretense of fiscal responsibility. When they voted to pass the fiscal 2005 budget resolution, all but four of the 13 regular 2005 appropriations and a needed increase in the limit on the national debt, so the Treasury can sell bonds to our creditors.

"This three-part failure," Collender said, "is the best evidence yet that Congress has become either unwilling or unable to deal with the federal budget."

It has abrogated its fiscal responsibilities at every step in this year's debate except when the decisions — like a tax cut — were politically easy.

Tax cuts they can do. With bipartisanship, they've passed a \$143 billion bonanza for corporations of every sort, shortly after extending what the lawmakers were pleased to call a "middle-class" tax cut of \$146 billion.

You may be surprised to learn, as I was, where that "middle class" tax relief actually goes.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center, households in the middle 20 percent of the income scale — the "middle class" — receive only 9 percent of the benefits.

Their average saving will be \$162. Those in households with incomes from \$200,000 to \$500,000 will be \$2,390 better off.

It is important to remember that these latest tax cuts are all being financed with borrowed money — money that at some point will have to be paid back. That was the point made by Pete Peterson, the former Nixon administration secretary of commerce, in a terrific piece that business reporter Paul Solman did for PBS' "News Hour with Jim Lehrer," the other night.

Noting that today's deficits will burden future generations, Peterson said, "The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world it leaves to its children. And as I think about the concept that we're slipping our own kids and grandkids a check for our free lunch, I say we're failing the moral test."

Morality aside, there's the little matter of piling up even more IOUs instead of the savings that will be needed to finance the retirement and health care costs of the 77 million baby boomers now nearing retirement.

That responsibility ought to weigh heavily on every man, and woman, running for federal office, but it is hard to find a campaign where it is being discussed with any degree of candor and realism.

It would be nice to pretend that once next month's election is out of the way, the winners will buckle down and address this crisis.

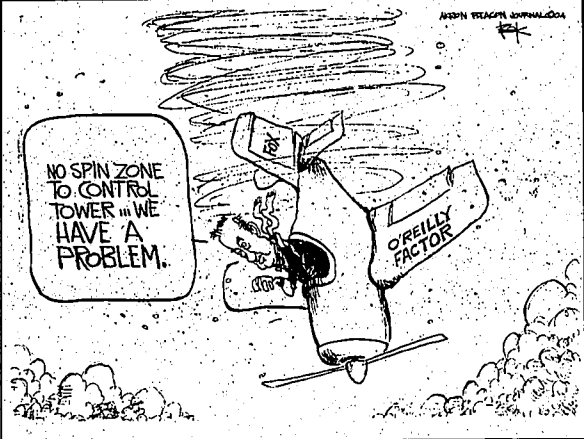
But both Collender and Phillip Joyce, a George Washington University professor, suggest that the whole budget-making process in Congress may be on the verge of breakdown.

As Joyce put it, in an article for a forthcoming scholarly journal, "The failure of the Congress to agree on a budget resolution for three recent fiscal years — 1999, 2003 and 2005 — suggests that the budget process may be at a crisis point, and this crisis may be exacerbated by the uncertainty associated with the cost and the duration of the war on terrorism."

If a consensus is not reached on a goal for fiscal policy, the budget committees and the budget resolution are in danger of becoming irrelevant."

This would be a dangerous time to lose the best tool for dealing with our fiscal mess.

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LETTERS

Taxpayers can't afford another Childers case

In *The Times-News* letters to the editor for May 22 was a powerful endorsement for candidate Wayne Childers who was running for Jerome County sheriff in the primaries. It came from a native son of Jerome County who is very successful in the field of law. Jim Jones represented Mr. Childers in court concerning wrongful dismissal from his position by a former Jerome County sheriff.

Upon winning the suit, Mr. Childers did not seek monetary damages as he knew his friends and neighbors would be the financial losers. He just wished to clear his name.

This article makes two profound points. One, Mr. Childers is a moral man with high ethics and, two, it shows how an unknowledgeable sheriff can cost all the taxpayers dearly.

Let's re-elect Jim Weaver for sheriff.
GLEN CAPPS
Jerome

Democratic ticket turns its back on the unborn

Something to think about when choosing the man you will be voting for as president of our great country:

One who will compromise his values and core beliefs for additional votes is a poor choice.

Do you actually know what partial-birth abortion is? No way can it be to save the life of the mother. It is just a way of killing a living baby.

The baby is old enough to live outside of the mother's body.

The baby's body is delivered except for the head. Then the doctor, and I hate to even call a person doctor who is willing to sully the honored name of the grand profession, takes a pair of scissors and jabs it in the nape of the baby's neck at the base of the skull. This causes excruciating pain. Then this person crushes the baby's skull, pulls the dead baby the rest of the way out and it is tossed aside. Does this sicken you? It should.

Past-President Clinton vetoed the bill to ban partial-birth abortion three times. President Bush supported this ban and enacted it into law.

Kerry and Edwards are for partial-birth abortion and, if elected, will side with the few liberal judges that are trying to overturn the will of a ma-

majority of people and make this murder of healthy, living babies legal again.

The animal rights folks would be outraged if this was done to animals; where is the outrage in support of babies?

John Kerry turned against the soldiers still imprisoned in Vietnam, and he now turns against the teaching of his church.

Think of these babies when you are in the voting booth. I, for one, will not vote for two men who believe this practice is sane.

RUTH BROWN
Gooding

Weaver deserves support of Jerome County

Upon my resignation from the U.S. Air Force to bring up my three young sons in the rural atmosphere of southern Idaho, I cast my first Idaho vote at Jerome in 1956.

Even though I moved to Boise and on to the West Coast for many years for business reasons, I voted absentee in Jerome County until circa 1982.

From 1953 until 1995, I paid taxes in Jerome County as a farm owner and/or farm operator in Jerome County's east end.

Every election cycle brings out the best of cartoonist pundits such as the photos of Richard Nixon with the attached caption: "Would you buy a used car from this man?"

As a matter of fact, I did buy a used car from Pee Wee Silver, which I lived to regret.

My wounds from that episode have healed, and my only regret is that living out of county, I cannot vote for Jim Weaver.

Looking back from my arrival in 1953, I have known most of the county sheriffs who have served up until the present, three of which were outstanding good sheriffs and good citizens; and Jim Weaver is one among that special three — and his deputy is no slouch!

L.S. "TIP" TIPPETT
Twin Falls

Changes need to come to Idaho Legislature

It is a fact, I am not a lackey for selfish or special interests. I was raised by my parents to work for the good of the whole community, not just the greed of the few at the top.

As I went out into the world, I came to the realization that the community was

more than just my family, friends and neighbors; that it also included the air, land and water that sustains the community and the other life forms that share this place with us.

I have been and will continue to be an advocate for protecting our precious natural resources, the inalienable rights of all people, speaking out when the public health, safety and welfare are at risk.

I support renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and industry, a dynamic and creative education system.

Our current economic and energy models and policies are a road map to economic and environmental disaster and constant war.

We need to change models, the global economic model and industrial ag models are dinosaurs doomed to extinction; they are not sustainable.

We need to invest in solutions, not constantly throwing money and resources at pork barrel problems, the bastions of the good 'ol boys.

I've spent most of my adult life trying to change the minds of our political and business leaders.

It is clear to me now that it is time to change our political leaders.

We are short on time. We must start now and we must start with new leaders that possess vision and courage.

We must also recognize that we all have a stake in this and must end the mindless partisan battles that prevent us from moving forward.

BILL CHISHOLM
(Editor's note: Bill Chisholm is the Democratic candidate for the state senate in District 23, which covers western Twin Falls Owyhee counties.)

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REED B. DAY
Twin Falls

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Above, with a towel over his face to keep both light and noise at bay, Pfc. Joseph Sellers of Blackfoot rests after a long mission.
Top, First Lt. Charles Cathcart of South Carolina, left, and Spc. Rick Ayala of Orofino plan their squad's next move after they got their humvee personnel carrier's tracks fixed during the battle at 'Sadq.'



Sunlight bursts through the barracks tent door as Sgt. Val Hobson transfers boxes of Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs, to another tent.

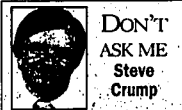


Above, soldiers with the 2-116 Brigade Combat Team rush toward homes in search of insurgents that opened fire on their convoy during a mock mission that started as a humanitarian mission but quickly turned into a battle.
Left, Spc. David Hughes of Twin Falls, front, lies waiting for a medic after getting 'shot in the leg' by enemy fire, while Sgt. Jacob Schwabedissen, also of Twin Falls, keeps guard through the same window Hughes was shot through during a mock battle in the Iraqi village of 'Sadq.'

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In some families, politics is a contact sport

At the family summer picnic when I was 12, my Aunt Chloe threw a Jell-O ring at my Cousin Duncan for calling Lyndon Johnson "Khrushchev in lizard-skin boots."



My family is persuaded that John Kerry is Bill Clinton on the Atkins Diet. The Democratic Crumps believe that George W. Bush is the greatest practical joke ever perpetrated on the American commonwealth.

The Republican Crumps all got to work in reaction to Frank Church, Idaho's last Democratic senator and an unabashed liberal. They're all pretty sure that Church was solely responsible for giving away the Panama Canal — and they want it back.

KING OF THE PATCH



Kendall Shaw, 3, of Palo Alto, Calif., plays atop the winning pumpkin as his mother, Atsuko Shaw, right, looks on at the 31st Annual World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Monday in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Boy with 'werewolf' disease awaits transplant

OROFINO (AP) — As cartoons flicker in the background, 3-year-old Nicholas Ashley buses himself in the family room of the modern, double-wide trailer overlooking Orofino Creek.

to deal with Nicholas' illness. They recently went at the couple's Orofino home, a move that bonded them closer as they face the challenges ahead.

anally admitted him to the hospital. His red blood cell count was 16,500, dangerously close to brain damage levels. Normal levels for an adult are four million to five million.

Jackpot looks at new facility, street lights

By Sam Feltman Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — This border community is one step closer to getting a new public works and sheriff's department building, plus a new five-lane highway through town.

The hair is beginning to grow on Nicholas' body, says his mother, Robert Ashley, 39. She raises his T-shirt to reveal a soft covering of brown hair on his back, the same shade as on his head.

For most of Nicholas' three years he has had sores on his hands and face. People often stare. If they say anything at all, it is to ask if he has chicken pox.

Over the first few months of this year, Nicholas underwent many more tests before a dermatologist in Coeur d'Alene finally closed in on a diagnosis. A geneticist confirmed the blood disorder. He was immediately taken as a patient at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

Jackpot Advisory Board Chairman Gene Frank said lighting the community's intersections should do the job. He also suggested fewer lights could save the trick if they were brighter.

Frightened young bear breaks into Idaho home

OSBJRN (AP) — A young bear apparently frightened by a car decided the safest place to hide was in the driver's home.

He said, "I couldn't believe it." Hip Stein said. The man opened his front door and the garage door, hoping the animal would wander back outside, but the bear never left.

Actress will serve as spokeswoman for Kootenai holiday fund-raiser

COEUR D'ALENE — Kootenai County resident and Hollywood actress Patty Duke-Pearce is serving as spokeswoman for this year's Festival of Trees, a holiday fund-raiser for the Kootenai Medical Center Foundation.

Idaho in brief Officials look for missing man in Idaho Falls IDAHO FALLS — Bonneville County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a man believed to be missing for a long time.

Lawyers want a sequestered jury for kidnapping trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Attorneys for the man accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart have filed a pretrial motion for the jury to be sequestered during the three-week trial in February.

IDAHO/WEST

Healthcare measure may affect agenda

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In the year since Gov. Gray Davis was recalled from office, some of his final legacies — including the higher car tax and driver's license projects, a 2003 law that has been excised from California law as completely as Davis was removed.

Now, one of the Democratic governors' last and most significant projects, a 2003 law that requires businesses with 50 or more employees to provide workers with health insurance, is embroiled in a fight for its life as Proposition 72 on the ballot.

The California Chamber of Commerce and the state's restaurant and retail industries put the proposition on the ballot in an attempt to repeal the law, which has not yet taken effect.

"Everybody is watching California," said Robert J. Blendon, a Harvard School of Public Health professor who studies politics and public opinion.

"If it goes under in California, it's just going to say that there's not a will out there to ask employers to contribute—and all that's left is tiny tax credits and expanding children's coverage," he said. "If it goes down, for a decade it won't show up on anybody's political agenda."

Conversely, Blendon said, "if California hangs in, I think you'll see other states and future candidates nationally asking for employer contributions."

The fight over the proposition has been a \$15 million affair so far. Businesses say the new mandates would bankrupt them or make them flee California. Supporters of the law argue it would alleviate the financial pressures on institutions that are uninsured people's last resort: emergency rooms and California's public programs for the poor.

Idaho student dies after LSD overdose

Manslaughter charge pending

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A North Idaho College student who went into a coma after an apparent overdose on LSD has died.

Gloria Discerni, 18, of Cottage Grove, Ore. died Friday, said police spokeswoman Sgt. Christie Wood. She had been in a coma since Tuesday night after willingly drinking orange juice spiked with the hallucinogenic drug.

Wood said prosecutors would likely file manslaughter charges Monday against the student who gave Discerni the drug — 18-year-old Cameron James Jester, of Lincoln, Neb.

"It's up to the prosecutors what level of manslaughter, voluntary or involuntary," said police Lt. Don Jiran.

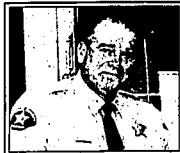
Jester, who was arrested Wednesday when he tried to visit Discerni in the hospital, is being held under suicide watch

at the Kootenai County jail on \$100,000 bail.

He was originally charged with felony distribution of LSD and misdemeanor possession of psilocybin mushrooms. Records show Jester told investigators he gave the woman a dozen doses of the hallucinogen in a drink and then let her have some of his drink, which also had a dozen doses.

She became quickly comatose and friends took her to the hospital.

Police are awaiting toxicology results to determine if the drug was actually LSD or if Discerni had taken any other medications or had any other medical conditions which might have contributed to her death.



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Traffic drives by the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument sign seen through a rain-dappled window near Elk Rock Viewpoint near the famous volcano Saturday in southwest Washington. Low clouds and rain expected to last through the weekend are making it difficult for visitors to view any mountain activity.

Military finalizes plans for Utah germ lab expansion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A mock city built to test chemical and biological terrorism is among the components of an expansion planned for a top-secret Army facility in Utah's remote-west desert, according to a final military plan.

Dugway Proving Ground was already the nation's leading bioweapon and defense test military zone. But the proposal would double testing on the base — a Rhode Island-size patch of desert 60 miles southwest of Salt Lake City — and increase counterterrorism training.

The report released Friday calls for a permanent annex to the Lothar Salomon Life Sciences Test Facility, a 32,000 square-foot building used to conduct biological defense trials.

A command and control facility for testing activities and a building to test protective equipment also would be constructed.

Dugway is the only Army installation large and remote enough to conduct "comprehensive and realistic" testing of biological and chemical systems, munitions, smoke and obscurants without posing a

risk to public safety, according to the three-volume proposal.

The facility's mission expanded after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 and the United States found Iraq capable of germ warfare. In 1991, Dugway began anthrax testing, eventually testing several deadly germs in order to find a way to detect bioterrorists in times of war. Dugway now stores the pathogens in a secure laboratory.

The environmental impacts of proposed expansion has concerned some Utah residents, who say the military is trying to hide the expansion by taking care of public disclosure requirements with small-print declarations in the legal notices section on the backs of newspapers.

Utah Sen. Gene Davis, D-Salt Lake City, is sponsoring a bill to resurrect the Utah Federal Research Committee that would monitor the Army's expansion on behalf of the state.

An earlier incarnation of that body first heard in 1979 about the infamous MX mobile nuclear missile program planned to crisscross the desert in tunnels between Salt Lake City and Reno.

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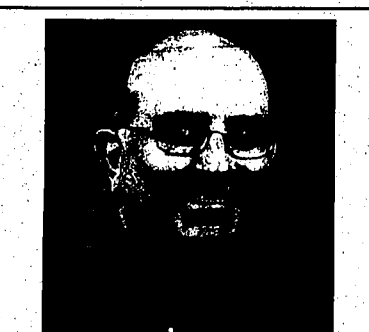
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SPORTSQUOTE

"It was deliberate. I am sure some people think that I have not got the brains to be that clever, but I do have the brains. . . I knew I will be out for a few weeks, so I thought: 'Let's get the yellow card out of the way.'"

"England soccer captain David Beckham, who thought he was being clever by deliberately getting a yellow card in a World Cup qualifying win over Wales. He has since been fined."

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
What California (Berkeley) quarterback was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1975 NFL draft?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

TFHS holds golf fund-raiser today

TWIN FALLS — The annual Bruin Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Registration is open to all, with a fee of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. All proceeds go to the Twin Falls High School Golf Teams. Team and individual prizes will be awarded. To sign up, contact the Municipal Golf Course or sign up in person from 8-9 a.m. on Oct. 17th. For additional information, contact Paul Stover, golf coach, at Twin Falls High School (733-6551) or call the Municipal Golf Course (733-3326).

Youth basketball registration ends

Jerome — The Jerome Recreation District is holding registration for 7th-8th grade boys and 7th-8th grade girls basketball through Oct. 16. Cost is \$20 with a \$5 fee for a youth sports shirt. Games will begin on Saturday, Oct. 30, with the season scheduled for six games. A coaches draft will be held on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Jerome Recreation District Office. All players should plan on attending. Registration will be accepted at the Jerome Recreation District office, located at 2444 S. Lincoln, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

O'Leary boosters meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The O'Leary Jr. High School Booster Club will be holding a meeting Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the O'Leary Jr. High Office Team meeting room. All interested parents are encouraged to attend. Items for discussion are the Fall Sports Dessert Banquet and other sports needs. For more information call Kathleen Olmstead at 734-7285 or Dawnne Ward at 733-5410.

Cozy Guy pulls upset at Cal Cup Classic

ARCADIA, Calif. — Cozy Guy rallied to win the \$250,000 California Cup Classic by defeating three-quarters of a length over Lava Man on Saturday, giving trainer Dan Hendricks his biggest victory since being trained and placed in an accident three months ago. Cozy Guy, a 20-1 shot, paid \$43.20 to win, the second biggest payoff in the horse world for California-bred horses worth \$1,325 million.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Steve Bartkowski, who was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons.

Lady Wolves pull off upset

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

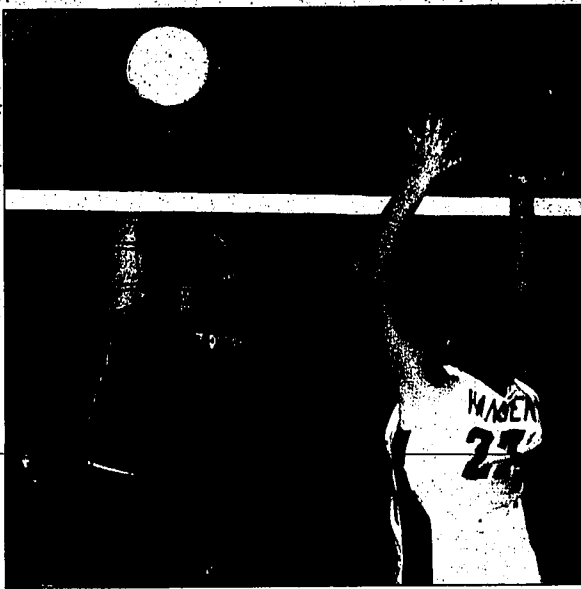
HANSEN — The Castleford Lady Wolves volleyball team picked the right time to go. After coming out on the short end of the stick in its final two matches of the regular season, sixth-seeded Castleford put all the pieces together for a 25-24, 26-25, 25-20 victory over third-seeded Raft River in the first round of the Magic Valley Southside Conference volleyball tournament Saturday at Hansen High School.

"We've just been waiting for our girls to arrive, basically," Castleford coach Randy Maves said. "It was just those little things you go through with girls trying to get them to play together and stuff."

But the signs were there that the Wolves (9-10 overall, 7-8 Southside) were coming together after losing a heartbreaker in five games to eventual conference champion Oakley this past Thursday. "Later, we hadn't really been playing that well," Castleford outside hitter Rachel Maves said. "But then when we came really close to beating Oakley on Thursday night, that's when we really came together."

Castleford displayed plenty of offense Saturday. The Wolves finished the match with 31 kills led by Bryce Chen, with eight kills and Maves with seven.

"They didn't give us a lot of easy balls back, but when we get hits that we can play up and hit that's when it's hard to beat," Randy Maves said.



Murtaugh's Drue Tolman, left, spikes the ball against Hansen's Jessica Thorpe during Game 2 of their Magic Valley Conference (Volleyball) Tournament match in Hansen Saturday.

A lot of the credit for the smooth Wolves attack goes to setter Larissa Blick. Blick finished with 14 assists.

"She hasn't been getting as

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Raft River carves up Oakley 58-8

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

MALTA — Raft River gave the Golden Eagles a lesson on the anatomy of a blowout in Saturday's 58-8, Trojan Homecoming football win.

The skeleton of the blowout was laid on six takeways by the Trojans defense. First it was senior linebacker Andy James who scooped up an Oakley fumble on the Raft River 5-yard line to end a Hornets first-quarter scoring threat.

In the second, it was C.J. Tuckett who dropped on an Oakley fumble at the Trojans 19-yard line to give Raft River its second zone take-aways. Braden Barnett scooped up another Hornets fumble in the second, as did Joe Edwards in the fourth. Tick on two interceptions by blitzed junior Paden "Spud" Baker, and the framework for the Trojans' (6-0, 3-0) victory was set.

"If you fumble the ball in the next two times, it's going to kill you, and I did," Hornets co-head coach Nick Greenwell said.

The blood vessels — the veins and arteries of the blowout — were created by the Trojans offensive line. Edwards, the Trojans fullback, ran for 135 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries. Quarterback Landon Hansen carried three times for

87 yards and two touchdowns, while Tuckett added 94 yards rushing.

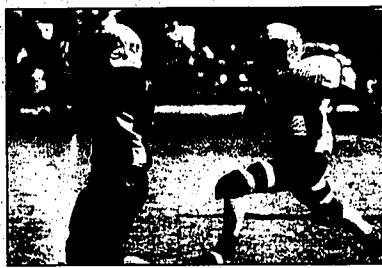
"We're still pretty much a ground team," Trojan coach Randy Spaeth said. "We get 3 or 4 yards, per carry, and we're pretty dang happy."

"The meat of the blowout came with the Trojans trademark big-play ability. Hansen threw for 148 yards and three touchdowns on 5-of-8 passing. Tuckett caught touchdown strikes of 23 and 81 yards, while Baker caught a Hansen toss from 6 yards out. Edwards scored on a 66-yard scamper, as did Hansen on runs of 57 and 31 yards.

"I think it's more our kids going out and executing our plays well rather than looking for the big play," Spaeth said. "We run these plays looking for 3 or 4 yards, but then a back makes a move, or we get a big block and we're off."

Though Oakley (3-4, 0-4) was able to move the ball on the Trojan defense, turnovers kept them out of the end zone, save for a Bryce Adams four-yard run against Raft River's second-string defense. Hornets halfback Evan McBride rushed for 109 yards on 30 carries, while quarterback Elliott Thorn added 94 yards on keepers.

"We have all the tools and we moved it on them," Greenwell said.



Raft River halfback C.J. Tuckett hauls in a Landon Hansen pass ahead of Oakley's Bryce Adams before scampering 81 yards for a touchdown in the Trojans' 58-8 home win Saturday.

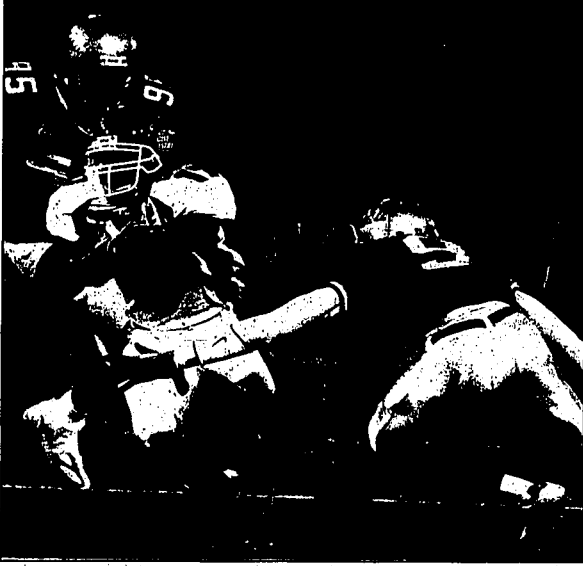
said. "We just haven't figured how to put it all together yet."

The Trojans travel to Hansen Friday, while Oakley has a bye week before facing the Huskies in the final week of the regular season.

Raft River 58, Oakley 8	
Q1	RR 14-0; O 0-7
Q2	RR 10-0; O 0-0
Q3	RR 14-0; O 0-0
Q4	RR 10-0; O 0-0
Total	
RR	58
O	8
*Oakley's scores were 6-0 and 2-0.	

MIDWINTER STATISTICS	
Raft River	2-2
Oakley	3-4
Hansen	1-1
Malta	1-1
Golden	1-1
Trojans	6-0
Husky	2-1
Eagles	0-1
Hornets	1-1
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SPORTS



Boise State running back Lee Marks slides Tulsa's Oliver Fletcher (9) as Josh Walker (85) closes in during the first half in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday.

Broncos survive another scare

TULSA, Okla. — Antwaan Carter scored on a 2-yard run with less than two minutes remaining, and Tyler Jones kicked a 46-yard field goal with 3 seconds left, rallying No. 21 Boise State to a 45-42 win over Tulsa on Saturday night.

Saturday night football

Tulsa had one last chance at its own 33 with 1 second left, but the Broncos recovered Ashton Davis' intentional fumble at the Boise State 48 as time expired.

However, the Spartans played with heart, crowding the box and playing physical soccer. As the only one goal in the onslaught found net, a short chip from the right by Ireland King...

Upset

continued from C1. much praise as she deserves," Rachel Maves said. "She just makes the whole offense happen."

Murtaugh 3, Hansen 1

Murtaugh received 18 kills from junior Dane Tolman on the way to a 25-16, 25-17, 17-25, 25-12 win over Hansen in a first-round matchup.

Murtaugh 3, Hansen 1

Murtaugh (9-12, 7-8) built big leads in all three games it won. The Red Devils held jumped out to a 17-9 edge in Game 1, 13-5 in Game 2 and 19-4 in Game 4.

Murtaugh 10-4 in Game 4

Coming from behind just didn't happen (Saturday)," Hansen coach Galen Stimpson said.

Burley

Continued from C1. gradually began to turn the tide. In the 70th minute, Burley right forward Erick Llanos burned the Wood River defense for a great scoring chance. A terrific save by Wolverines keeper Kristian Timmons kept the score tied. Not only was it an invaluable confidence boost, but the Bobcat offense had found a chunk in the Wolverine defense.

Wood River girls book ticket to state

The Times-News

WOOD RIVER — If the Wood River girls soccer team doesn't wreck some havoc in the state tournament, it won't be for lack of talent. The top-seeded Wolverines demonstrated conclusively that they've got the goods Saturday morning, rolling past Minico 4-0 in the Great Basin West conference title game to earn a berth in the state tournament in Boise Oct. 28-30.

"That's been our goal from the beginning," said Wood River coach Greg Guzdas. "We played hard."

Wood River out shot the Spartans 31-0. The Wolverines keepers didn't touch the ball a single time over the course of the game.

Nor did Wood River waste any time asserting themselves, scoring 15 seconds into the game when junior forward Margi Driscoll took a loose ball in the box and chested off to the keeper and knocked it in.

The Wolverines played dominant, ball-control soccer that kept the ball squarely on the Minico side of the field for almost the entire game.

Wood River took a 2-0 advantage into the half, with sophomore Kaitlin Gasenica scoring a solo shot in the 32nd minute. The Wolverines earned up their twenty-two-fold in the second half, unleashing 15 shots in the first 30 minutes.

However, the Spartans played with heart, crowding the box and playing physical soccer. As the only one goal in the onslaught found net, a short chip from the right by Ireland King...

Local sports

"I thought our defense played very well," said Minico coach Armando Tapia. "They've got a lot of speed."

Sophomore Tara Cappel drove the final nail in the 77th minute, making it 4-0. The Spartans will get one more shot at state on Tuesday, taking on 3-15 Burley at 4:30 p.m. in Paul at West Minico High School.

Burley 2, Jerome 0, loser-out

BURLEY — Burley's defense and midfield stifled the Jerome offense, eliminating the Tigers 2-0 Saturday afternoon.

Cynthia Rios scored in the 25th minute off a pass from the midfield. Jenna Williams added the clincher in the 55th minute. "The girls put the whole package together today," said Bobcats coach Shina Ogden. "Hopefully we'll continue this little peak against Minico."

5A Region Four-Five-Six

HIGHLAND 3, Twin Falls 0 POCATELLO — Highland pulled away with three goals in the second half to defeat Twin Falls High 3-0 in the opening round of the regional tournament.

"We played a very good first half," said Bruins coach Steve Schmid. "We just fell apart in the second half."

The Lady Rams' goals were scored by Mallory Sudweeks in

the 51st minute, Celeste Hill in the 60th and Amanda Stachovsky in the 70th.

The Bruins play at Idaho Falls at 4 p.m. Tuesday for automatic contest. The Tigers lost to No. 2 seed Skyline 2-1 Saturday.

Boys soccer

5A Region Four-Five-Six

Twin Falls 2, Idaho Falls 1

IDAHO FALLS — Twin Falls held on for a 2-1 win over Idaho Falls Saturday in Region Four-Five-Six boys soccer. Skyline beat Highland 1-0 to advance.

The Grizzlies host the Bruins at 4 p.m. Tuesday for an automatic state tournament berth. On Saturday, the Bruins took a 1-0 lead into the break after a tremendous diving save by sophomore goalkeeper Drew Davis.

"We'd have been in a world of hurt if Idaho Falls had tied it going into the half," Twin Falls coach Trent Felton said to the Idaho Falls Post Register. "Idaho Falls had a lot of opportunities. We were fortunate to capitalize on the one shot we did have in the first half."

The Bruins made good on the few opportunities they did get. Deane Panjovic scored on a long-shot midway through the first half, and Rene Garcia converted on a penalty kick in the second half.

Idaho Falls now hosts Highland at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The winner will face the loser of the Skyline-Bruins match at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Top seeds advance in SCIC tournament

By Diane Phibbin

Times-News writer

GOODING — The Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference top seeds prevailed at the district tournament, held in Gooding Saturday. No. 1 seed Gooding defeated No. 4 Kimberly in the final contest of Saturday's play and will face No. 2 Filer Tuesday at 6 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., No. 3 Buhl and No. 5 Declo played in an elimination game with the winner moving on to meet Kimberly at 7:30 p.m.

Second round Filer 3, Buhl 1

No. 2 Filer defeated No. 3 Buhl after a four hard-fought games, 25-19, 28-30, 25-23, 25-19.

"We played tough until the third game when we seemed to lose our momentum," Buhl coach Chisty Watley said. Filer senior standout Lindsay Heinke certainly may have had something to do with that.

With the score 23-22, Buhl, Heinke scored a point for Filer. After going to her knees for the initial dig, Heinke was able to volley the third hit over the net for a winner tying the score at 23-23.

Filer senior setter Ashley Root received the last two points to win

15-25-23 and make the match, 2-1 Filer.

All four seniors had high numbers on the stat sheet with Heinke leading the way with 15 kills and 17 digs.

Emmitt Mechem had eight kills and 11 digs followed by Rachel Jaynes with six kills.

Root had 38 assists and kept controlling various hitters kept Buhl from being able to concentrate on any one hitter.

Freshman Natalie Hoyt had 10 digs and sophomore Kendra Kille had a solid back row with 11 digs.

Buhl junior Cassie Tipton had 14 blocks and Abbe Reynolds had 12 kills.

Gooding 3, Kimberly 0

Top seeded Gooding took advantage of some late sluggish play by Kimberly and defeated the Bulldogs, 25-16, 25-19, 25-14.

"We attacked and kept attacking," Gooding coach Joellen Tice said. The distribution of kills, digs, and service points demonstrates the good offensive and defensive balance by the Senators, the top seed in the conference.

Gooding was led by senior hitter Cady Coates with eight kills and 14 blocks followed by Ashley Abramovics with seven kills, 10 digs and Teri Lebr with six kills, nine blocks including one stuff, and 10 digs.

Buhl holds off determined Declo

By Joe Paisley

Times-News writer

BUHL — Down a man with 26 minutes left, Declo dug deep and nearly rallied to force overtime against No. 3 seed Buhl.

The host Indians defense bent, but did not break as Buhl held on for a 1-0 win Saturday at Community Field in the first round of the 3A District IV boys soccer tournament. The loss ended the Hornets' season.

Indians head coach Bill Fields knew he'd been through a hard one, as expected. "They played tough," Fields said. "We've never lost to them but they always play outstanding soccer."

Buhl scored when senior Miguel Maya, a standout basketball player for Castledorf, used his superior speed to get behind the Declo defense.

He controlled a crossing pass from freshman Rui Medina, beating Hornets goalkeeper Braden Turner for a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute. Medina passed the ball to the Indians' speedy left side and found Maya in a crowd in front.

Buhl simply had a few more high-caliber soccer players compared to Declo and it showed. The Indians' speedy left side was called for nine offside during the game to two for Declo.

Declo had a couple good

3A soccer playoffs

chances early in the second half, including a senior Trevor Dschaek header from close range that went off the right post in the 46th minute.

Neither team backed down in a physical contest that featured two yellow cards and a red card against the Hornets.

The second yellow and red card came about after the Declo goalkeeper, defender and a Buhl forward collided while going for a loose ball near the left post.

It set up a penalty kick for Maya, but Turner was up to the task, making a diving stop to his right for the defensive play of the game.

"That play and the red card in the 54th minute fired up an already frustrated Hornets squad and Declo pressed forward, putting the Buhl defense on its heels."

"They stepped up there and showed a lot of character," said Declo coach Tim Henriksen. "I'm so proud of them."

Buhl (6-8-1) travels to No. 1 seed The Community School for a 9 p.m. semifinal Monday.

Wendell 9,

Filer/M.V. Christian 0

WENDELL — Wendell eliminated Filer/Magic Valley Christian 9-0 in first round play Saturday in the 3A District IV boys soccer tournament behind three goals and an assist apiece

Junior Brittanee Toone had four serving cuts, 10 digs, and 20 service points.

Serice Kalyun Pereira had 17 assists and nine digs to go with 17 blocks and points and Lesley Sullivan had 11 kills.

Kimberly junior Stacey Walters paced the Bulldogs offense. Kimberly defeated Filer in the junior varsity championship match.

First round Kimberly 3, Declo 2

No. 4 Kimberly opened the season with a 3-2 win over No. 5 Declo 25-20, 18-25, 25-20, 22-25, 19-17.

Game 5 worked to Kimberly's advantage as its rotation put senior Beodan Diaz in a key serving position with the game tied at 17-17. Dilie put in two critical serves and Kimberly came away with the win.

Kimberly junior hitter Megan Strmley led the Bulldogs with 14 kills followed by senior Whitney Funk and Walters with nine.

Declo junior setter Aliah Zollinger played a hustling match, setting out 26 assists and eight service points.

Senior outside hitter Chelsea Christensen has 13 kills, 17 digs, and 13 service points and junior setter Britt Darlington had nine kills, 15 service points, and four blocks.

from Jose Salazar and Damian Diaz.

Wendell (7-3-2) next plays at No. 2 seed Bliss in the tournament semifinals at 4 p.m. Monday. The loss ends Filer's season.

Girls soccer

Community School 5, Buhl 0

DECLO 2, Wendell 1. KETCHUM — The Community School might be peaking at the right time, setting up a 3A District IV title game against No. 2 seed Declo as expected.

Cassidy Doucette scored two goals, including the Cutthroats past Buhl 5-0 Saturday afternoon in the first round of the 3A District IV girls soccer tournament.

"We worked really hard to push the ball," said coach Kelly Feldman. "Our passing was on. We played up to our ability for the first time this season."

Cutthroats captain Lexie Praegastis, Sara Berzant and Krista Dewteler also scored.

Declo scored on a direct kick with no time remaining. Jennifer Martinez scored Wendell's goal in the second half to tie it after the Hornets went up 1-0 on an own goal in the first. gabby Martinez got the Trojans' assist.

The Cutthroats (7-3) next play at 4 p.m. Tuesday against Declo. The winner of that game advances to state. Buhl plays Tuesday in a loser-out game at Wendell at 4 p.m.

Magic Valley Southside Volleyball Tournament

First Round No. 5 Murtaugh def. No. 4 Hansen 25-16, 25-17, 17-25, 25-12

No. 2 Hagerman def. No. 7 M.V.C.S. 25-17, 25-17, 25-14 No. 6 Castledorf def. No. 3 Raft River 25-22, 24-26, 25-45, 25-20

Second Round No. 1 Oakley def. No. 5 Murtaugh 25-15, 25-23, 25-19 No. 2 Hagerman def. No. 6 Castledorf 19-9, 19-9

She also recorded two aces during the run. Senior Jessica Thorpe paced fourth-seeded Hansen (8-8, 8-7) with 11 kills.

Hagerman 3, M.V. Christian 0

The Hagerman Pirates (20-4, 13-2) recorded five early goals in the first two games to hold off pesky Magic Valley Christian 25-17, 25-17, 25-14 in a first-round contest.

Hagerman scored the final nine points of Game 1 to put away the Conquerors (3-13, 0-13). Junior Lacey Lemmon was the main gun during the run, recording three service aces and a kill. Teammate Sara Jackson also had three kills during that span.

The Pirates led just 18-16 in Game 2 before Jackson took over, notching four attack kills and one block kill the rest of the way.

Lemmon paced Hagerman with 15 kills for the match while Jackson recorded 14. Shannell Knight added nine kills for the Pirates.

Magic Valley Christian had just 19 kills for the match compared to Hagerman's 39. "We didn't block like we can and should have to stop that," Conquerors coach Lisa Van Esch said. "They've got some good hitters, no doubt. But they're blockable."

Freshman Jodi Lund led the Conquerors with nine kills.

ford 25-22, 25-13, 25-19

Monday's Matches

Loser Out

Hansen High School No. 3 Raft River vs. No. 7 M.V.C.S., 5:30 p.m. No. 4 Hansen vs. No. 6 Castledorf, 6:45 p.m. No. 5 Murtaugh vs. No. 3 Raft River, 7 p.m. M.V.C.S. winner, 8 p.m.

"We controlled the ball in the second half but we were never able to find the back of the net," said Jerome coach Brent Rogers. "It was a good game. We have next year to look forward to."

"We scored first and gained a little confidence," said Spartans coach Dennis Haynes. "The last two games have been the most consistent we've been. We've played better but then let down the next game."

Garner's goals came in the 12th and 24th minutes in the first half.

Jerome (4-12-1) tried to battle back, trimming the lead to 2-1 on a score by Miguel Diaz off an assist from Emilio Banuelos in the 34th minute.

"We controlled the ball in the second half but we were never able to find the back of the net," said Jerome coach Brent Rogers. "It was a good game. We have next year to look forward to."

Johnson pulls off season sweep at Lowe's

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson thought he'd find a victory to jump back into contention for the Nextel Cup championship. He got it, and it still wasn't enough. Johnson won the UAW-GM Quality 500 at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Saturday night...



lap to salvage stellar finishes and retain their hold on the top of the point standings. Busch finished fourth and now holds a 24-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished third. Gordon, who also had a second minor accident midway through the race, is 74 points back. Despite a series of bad breaks to most of the contenders, nine of the 10 finished 14th or better. That meant Johnson, whose victory gave him a season sweep at Lowe's Motor Speedway, gained just one spot in the standings. The lowly number one driver is eighth, 222 points

behind Busch, because of the first two weeks. It made no difference to Johnson, who had no intention of becoming the first driver to sweep the Lowe's races since the late Dale Earnhardt did it in 1986 with a series of blunders. "What a way to come back and right the ship after the bad luck we've had," Johnson said. Johnson, the most dominant driver for the first seven months of the season, is now on the verge of title contention. The championship hunt has become a three-man race, and unless the trio has a ton of trouble, no one is going to catch them. But 10 seconds into the race, it looked as if the rest of the con-

tenders had gotten a lucky break. Scott Riggs missed a shift at the start of the race that prevented him from taking off. He tried to get his car out of the way, but there was too much traffic behind him and a chain-reaction crash stacked up behind him. It caused minor damage to Busch and Gordon, who had to pit several times to make repairs. When racing resumed, Busch was 30th and Gordon 40th. Another accident brought out the caution just two laps later, and Busch's Roush Racing team used the time to assess his car. Teammate Matt Kenseth eyeballed the damage, and realized that his Busch still needed more repairs on a fender.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Shaughnessy loses to 15-year-old Czech

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Second-seeded Meghann Shaughnessy was hurt by poor serving and lost to 15-year-old Nicole Pietrangola of the Czech Republic 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (1) Saturday in the semifinals of the Tashkent Open. Valdivosoa advanced to Sunday's title match against Francis Virginia Razzano, who defeated fifth-seeded Anca Barna of Germany 6-2, 6-2. Valdivosoa and Shaughnessy traded breaks in the third set, setting up a tiebreaker. Sistes Adriana and Antonella Serra Zanetti of Italy won the doubles final, beating Marion Bartoli of France and Mara Santangelo of Italy 6-3, 6-4.

Davenport falls in Kremlin Cup semifinals

MOSCOW — A weakened Lindsay Davenport lost to defending champion Anastasia Myskina 6-4, 7-6 (1) Saturday in the Kremlin Cup semifinals but will still retain the No. 1 ranking next week. Elena Dementieva defeated Elena Bovina 6-4, 7-5 in the other semifinal and will face Myskina in the final all-Russian final at the Kremlin Cup. Myskina is seeking her third title this season. In the men's semis, Greg Rusedski of Britain upset fourth-seeded Dmitri Khristyev of Russia 6-4, 6-3. He will not play eighth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, who topped fifth-seeded countryman Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-7 (5-7), 5-7. Davydenko is going for a straight set in the final, and fifth of his career.

Canas, Lopez advance to CA Trophy final

VIENNA, Austria — Argentina's Guillermo Canas beat Tommy Haas of Germany 6-4, 6-3 Saturday to advance to the final of the CA Trophy. The sixth-seeded Canas will face Spain's Feliciano Lopez, who beat David Sangueti of Italy 6-3, 6-3. Canas, who lost to Haas in the 2001 final, took a 3-1 lead after an early break and won the opening set in 45 minutes.

Hawks' Crawford will miss season with injury

ATLANTA — Chris Crawford of the Atlanta Hawks will miss the entire season because of a torn ligament in his right knee. Crawford was injured Thursday during an exhibition game in Birmingham, Ala., when he was fouled by Minnesota's Kevin Garnett as Crawford tried to convert a steal into a transition basket. An MRI revealed that Crawford tore the anterior cruciate ligament, sprained the medial collateral ligament, and tore the lateral collateral ligament. Crawford said Saturday that he will miss the entire season. He plans to consult with the medical staff before deciding on surgery. "This is certainly a tough thing for Chris personally and for our team," Hawks general manager Billy King said. "It was a blow for him because he's worked diligently to recover from past injuries, and would have been a major part of our rotation. We wish him all the best in his recovery."

Cuneo wins the Tour of Lombardy

COMO, Italy — Giro d'Italia champion Damiano Cuneo of Italy won a five-day Tour of Lombardy while countryman and Olympic champion Paolo Bettini clinched his third consecutive World Cup title by finishing with 340 points, 13 ahead of Rebellin. The yearly 100-km race competition, which started in 1899, will be replaced by a 30-km race for beginning in 2005. Bettini, who rides with the Quick Step team, is the only cyclist to win the World Cup three times. He took the trophy this year without a single stage, capitalizing on 13th-place placings. Cuneo recorded his 13th victory of the year, springing ahead of Dutchman Michael Rogger in the final straightaway. Italy's Ivan Basso was third, followed by Australia's Cadel Evans and Italy's Daniele Nardello. "It was the perfect end for a sensational season, and it came in very important form," said Cuneo, who defeated his Saeco captain, Gilberto Simoni, in this year's Giro.

Bodine wins second straight trucks race

FORT WORTH, Texas — Todd Bodine won his second straight NASCAR truck race Saturday, leading the final 38 laps in a lengthy red flag race. Bodine, the 60-year-old former Nextel Cup driver, finished a full second ahead of Johnny Benson, another former Cup driver also in a Toyota. Benson's average speed was 115.179 mph and he became the first driver this season to win consecutive races. "The truck was perfect, absolutely perfect," Bodine said. "But last run, I was barely lifting out of the throttle. When you can do that, it's awesome." Bodine regained the lead on the 105th lap, the first green-flag lap after the race had been stopped for 28 minutes because of a crash involving five trucks. Bill Lester got loose on lap 104, then slid up into David Reutimann's. Both trucks landed in a ditch, and the wall coming out of the truck got into the other's fourth turn, and three other trucks got into the aftermath. Series points leader Bobby Hamilton finished eighth in the Chase, ahead of the Chevrolet's David Starr and Jack Sprague. Ted Musgrave, the winner at Texas in June, was sixth in his Dodge. In four races left, Hamilton has a 79-point lead over Dennis Setzer. Musgrave is third and Earl Edwards is fourth. "Setzer finished eighth in Texas. Edwards was ninth then immediately left for a flight to Lowe's Motor Speedway in North Carolina for the Nextel Cup race Saturday night."

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SPORTS

DEVASTATING LOSS



New York Yankees Hideki Matsui, left, hits a two-run homer to center, scoring Bubba Crosby in the ninth inning at Boston's Fenway Park in Game 3 of the ALCS against the Boston Red Sox on Saturday. Catching for the Red Sox is Jason Varitek.

Yankees pound Red Sox in brutal fashion

BOSTON (AP) — The Yankees kept circling the bases, battering Boston's beleaguered pitching staff. By the time the long night ended with a devastating 19-8 rout over the Red Sox, the dreaded New Yorkers were just one game away from a shocking sweep.

Gary Sheffield, Hideki Matsui and Alex Rodriguez turned Game 3 of the AL championship series into one big round of batting practice Saturday night.

Sheffield broke a 6-all tie with a three-run homer off Curtis Leskanen in the fourth inning. Matsui had five hits, five RBIs and five runs scored, and Rodriguez homered and scored five times.

New York, which has won six straight postseason games, had 22 hits in all, more than enough on a night Javier Vazquez relieved Kevin Brown to get just his second win in more than two months.

No major league baseball team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven series, and 20 of the 25 that lost the first three games went down in four straight. The Yankees now have four tries to get the one victory they need for the seventh AL pennant in nine seasons since Joe Torre took over as manager, their 40th overall.

This game took 4 hours, 20 minutes, the longest nine-inning game in postseason history. It was a tribute to the batters and an embarrassment to pitchers, many of them resembling castoffs from cellar-dwellers rather than key components of contenders.

Even when the Yankees took an 11-6 lead in a five-run fourth, the crowd of 35,126 at Fenway Park remained, knowing the Red Sox had nearly overcome an eight-run deficit in Tuesday's opener. But New York kept scoring and the fans grew quiet, as if doom already had descended

on a town that wants nothing more than to shake The Curse.

The hits and runs came so quickly that it was hard to keep track how many the Yankees put up. The person running the hand-operated board fell behind in the ninth inning and couldn't replace the panels fast enough.

Orlando Hernandez will try to close it out Sunday night for the Yankees, with Boston most likely starting Derek Lowe. Tim Lincecum, originally slated to start Game 4, was used in relief in this one.

There were 170 pitches in the first three innings, which took 1:45 to play. Brown and Boston's Bronson Arroyo didn't make it to the third.

Vazquez, with just one win in 10 starts since Aug. 6, wasn't particularly effective, but it was good enough. He allowed four runs and seven hits in a 1-3 innings before Paul Quantrill came in the seventh, one out

after a two-run homer by Jason Varitek.

Boston, which finished with 15 hits, had taken the Yankees to the 11th inning of Game 7 last year and dominated the Yankees during the regular season, going 11-8 — including 7-3 at home.

The scoring began 13 pitches in, when Rodriguez doubled home Derek Jeter. Matsui's two-run homer into the right-field bullpen then made it 3-0.

Sheffield threw out Ramirez at third base to end the bottom half following David Ortiz's single to right, but the Red Sox beat up on Brown in the second. They went ahead 4-3 on Trot Nixon's two-run homer into the right-field seats, an RBI single off first baseman John Olerud by Johnny Damon, who had been 0-for-9 in the series, and a run-scoring error by Jeter, who allowed Ramirez's hard grounder to shortstop to kick off his glove.

Hawks expect life to return to normal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli says running drills like he always does, offering encouragement, and barking at a few flustered players who dared sit down.

The Hawks' players went about the business of basketball, working on left-handed layups or dropping down for 10 push-ups each time one lost a free throw drill.

"It felt like, well, a normal practice."

No fans, no swarms of cameras, no relentless memorabilia collectors awaited the Hawks, who resumed the life of an ordinary team Saturday, a season after being college basketball's darlings.

The Hawks were even booted from their home court because of an admissions open house, practicing instead at an auxiliary gym tucked inside Alumni Fieldhouse where college students regularly convene for an intramural basketball league.

Talk of last season was officially over.

"At 9 o'clock this morning last season ended," Martelli said. "It belongs in a nice case, it's on the shelf and it's over."

But who can forget it?

There were 27 straight wins to open the season, the first No. 1 ranking and first No. 1 NCAA tournament seed in team history, a 30-win season, a trip to the regional final for the first time since 1981, and the first All-America nod (Jameer Nelson) in team history.

Now all the hoopla is gone, and so are Nelson and Delonte West, the two NBA first-round picks who formed perhaps the best backcourt in the nation last season.

This year, the Hawks don't have any news about the rankings and talk of national rankings and long winning streaks has been muted for now.

Practices are still open/However, this year, there are plenty of good seats available.

Last year, everyone from fans to the media to NBA personnel stopped by Hawk Hill. Security even had to be called during one practice when some autograph dealers harassed the players on their way to the locker room and Nelson was crushed in a mob of fans outside the locker room.

"There's not going to be 20 cameras at the beginning and after every single practice we have this year," forward Pat Carroll said.

"It's not going to be as crazy as it was, but we're still keeping Saint Joe's at a competitive level among all the top schools in the nation."

Not that it's easy to completely erase last year, especially when Nelson's freshly mowed No. 14 banner, hangs on the wall and newspaper clippings with bold-print headlines about perfection are tacked outside the basketball office.

Inside, there are the framed magazine covers, a poster with championship rings touting "The Perfect Season," and a slender Top 25 poll with the Hawks planted firmly at the top.

Last year was magical, but it's over. "We've got to forget it," forward John Bryant said. "It's not going to help us win any games. We can remember what we did and move forward."

For the Hawks, moving forward starts with the Nov. 23 opener at Kansas.

Clemens contains Cardinals in 'must win'

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens isn't done yet, and neither are the Houston Astros.

Putting aside talk this might be his final game, Clemens focuses on something more important — pitching to save their season.

Clemens slowed down St. Louis for seven innings, closer Brad Lidge came in to finish off the Cardinals and Houston won 5-2 Sunday, cutting its deficit to 2-1 in the NL championship series.

"It was a must-win for us," Clemens said.

"There was a chance this might have been Clemens' farewell, especially if the Cardinals win the next two games and he decides to retire — for real, this time."

Yet at 42, and possibly in line for his seventh Cy Young award, he's got his eyes on a bigger prize: pitching his hometown team to its first trip to the World Series.

"Obviously, I want to pitch again," he said. "Not once did I ever think that could be my last start."

Jeff Kent's two-run homer capped a three-run burst in the first inning. Carlos Beltran homered yet again, connecting along with Lance Berkman in the eighth to further highlight a series featuring sluggers.

Clemens overcame a first-inning homer by Larry Walker and a later shot by Jim Edmonds, lasting long enough so that Houston manager Phil Garner could avoid using his shaky middle reliever.

"What you saw today was exactly what he's done for us so many times," Garner said. "He finds a way to get it done."

No team in baseball's postseason has ever rallied from a 3-0 hole. The Astros won't have to try, either, and will start 20-game winner Roy Oswalt against Jason Marquis on Sunday in hopes of leveling the best-of-seven, match-up.

Clemens completed his outing by striking out pinch-hitter Roger Cedeno, then hopped off



Houston Astros' Roger Clemens throws against the St. Louis Cardinals during the first inning of Game 3 of the National League Championship Series in Houston on Saturday.

the mound and pumped his fist. He stalked and snarled his way back to the dugout, muttering to himself all the way.

Clemens' wife, Debbie, celebrating by double high-fiving a friend in the stands and the fans roared right along.

"No matter my age or what I've done in the past, you want to make a good showing," he said.

With the crowd raising a ruckus, Lidge relieved Clemens

and blew away the Cardinals, striking out Walker and Game 2 star Scott Rolen.

"When it was 3-2 and we were in the middle of the game and everybody was cruising along, we felt like that we had a good shot to get something done," Rolen said. "They just kept making pitches."

Beltran added insurance when he homered in his fourth straight postseason game, tying the record set by Jeffery Leonard

in the 1987 NLCS. The solo shot was Beltran's seventh homer in the playoffs and, combined with Berkman's drive, gave Lidge extra room to work.

Clemens became the oldest starting pitcher to win a postseason game — he bettered the mark he set earlier this month when he beat Atlanta in the first round.

Clemens gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked two.

POISED TO WIN



South Africa's Ernie Els takes a shot on the 14th fairway at Wentworth Golf Course as he comes in to beat Ireland's Padraig Harrington in the World Match Play Championship on Saturday.

Els is in position for sixth straight Match Play title

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — Defending champion Ernie Els beat Padraig Harrington 5 and 4 Saturday to stay on course for a record sixth World Match Play title.

Els, who shares the record of five victories with Gary Player and Seve Ballesteros, will face Lee Westwood, a 1-up winner over Miguel Angel Jimenez in the other semifinal.

The winner Sunday will earn \$1.8 million, billed as the biggest prize in golf.

Els, who turns 35 Sunday will be appearing in the final for a record seventh time. His only loss in the final came against Vijay Singh in 1997.

Westwood has beaten Els in the only two matches the two have played in the second round in 1998 and the semifinals in 2000.

Golf roundup

for a birdie 3 on No. 18. The 5-under round moved Wie, in the event on a sponsor's exemption, from 19th to 15th going into the final 18 holes.

Park continues to lead at Samsung event

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Grace Park shot a 1-under 71 to hold onto the third-round lead in the Samsung World Championship while Amanda Sorrentino and Cristie Kerr moved within three shots.

Lehman ties Gelberger at Chrysler Classic

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tom Lehman bounced back from an early bogey for a 3-under 69 to join Brent Gelberger (7) at the top of the leaderboard in the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro at 12 under.

McNulty leads the SBC Championship

SAN ANTONIO — Zimbabwesi Mark McNulty had eagle and five birdies in a seven-hole stretch to take a big second-round lead in the SBC Championship.

Kerr, who won the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am in February in his Champions Tour debut, finished with an 8-under 63 for a 12-under 130 total and a four-stroke advantage. Gary McCord, 2000 winner Dana Quigley and Morris Hatalasky were tied for second after 66 on the Oak Hills Country Club course.

Four players — including 2001 PGA champ David Toms — were one shot back, with another 10 players within four strokes of the lead.

Last week in Las Vegas, Lehman led going into the final day before eventually tying for second, one shot back. The 45-year-old Minnesota has five career victories but none since the 2000 Phoenix Open.

No. 1 USC smites No. 15 Sun Devils

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Top-ranked USC took command early against Arizona State and routed the 15th-ranked Sun Devils 45-7.

ASU (5-1, 2-1 Pac-10) was the third straight unbeaten opponent to challenge USC (6-0, 3-0). Stanford and Cal extended the Trojans, losing by a combined nine points. But the Sun Devils presented no such challenge, trailing 42-7 at halftime.

In the first half, Matt Leinart completed 11 of 16 passes for 183 yards and four touchdowns and ran for another TD. He finished 13-of-24 for 224 yards with no interceptions and was sacked once, before sitting out the fourth quarter.

Freshman Dwayne Jarrett, filling in for the injured Steve Smith, made four receptions for 121 yards and three TDs in the first half and five catches for 139 yards overall. Lendale White gained 68 yards on 16 carries to lead USC's ground game.

ASU's Andrew Walter completed 19 of 34 passes for 181 yards and no TDs with two interceptions, one leading to a touchdown.

No. 2 Oklahoma 31, Kansas St. 21

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jason White threw for four touchdowns, two each to Travis Wilson and Mark Clayton in the Oklahoma win.

Freshman star Adrian Peterson added 130 yards rushing — all but 26 of those after the half — and helped the Sooners (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) control the tempo in the fourth quarter. He is the only Oklahoma freshman to go over 100 yards in each of his first six games.

Kansas State, which beat Oklahoma 35-7 for the Big 12 title a year ago, led three times but dropped to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in conference play for the first time since 2001.

White finished the game 20-for-31 for 256 yards with one interception.

Darren Sproles, Kansas State's America running back, was held to 34 yards on 13 carries.

No. 4 Auburn 38, Arkansas 20

AUBURN, Ala. — Jason Campbell passed for a career-high 237 yards and three touchdowns to lead Auburn.

With Campbell completing 19 of 35 passes — the first three of 19 carries — the Tigers (7-0, 4-0 SEC) won their third straight game and lived up to their highest ranking in 10 years.

Orton scored on its first five possessions for a 30-0 lead against a team that had given

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the Tigers fits in recent years. Devin Aromashodu had four catches for a career-high 102 yards and one TD.

The Razorbacks (3-3, 1-2) all but fell out of contention in the SEC West. Quarterback Matt Jones was 12-of-27 passing for 169 yards with two TDs.

No. 9 Texas 28, Missouri 20

AUSTIN, Texas — Cedric Benson rushed for 150 yards and two touchdowns against Missouri.

Texas (5-1, 2-1 Big 12) won despite a shaky passing game as quarterbacks Vince Young and Chance Mock threw for just 58 yards and two interceptions. Benson overcame three fumbles to score Texas' final two touchdowns. His 14-yard run early in the fourth quarter gave the Longhorns some needed breathing room with a 28-14 lead.

The Tigers (4-2, 2-1), who had rallied from a 14-0 deficit and knocked Young out of the game with a hard hit in the second quarter, cut it to 28-20 on Brad Smith's 1-yard TD run on fourth down — but missed the extra point when Smith dropped the snap.

Smith led the Tigers with 185 yards passing and one touchdown but threw two interceptions.

No. 12 Georgia 33, Vanderbilt 3

ATHERENS, Ga. — David Greene passed for two touchdowns in the third quarter and ran for another in a rout of Vanderbilt. He finished 14 of 21 for 191 yards.

Georgia's freshman running backs Danny Ware (127 yards) and Thomas Brown (122) became the first Bulldogs pair to rush for more than 100 yards in 12 years. Brown also added a touchdown for Georgia (5-1, 3-1 SEC).

Vanderbilt (1-5, 1-3) is only one defeat from its 22nd straight losing season. Georgia piled up a season-high 527 yards, holding the Commodores to just 187.

No. 14 Michigan 30, Illinois 19

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Michael Hart rushed for 234 yards and No. 14 Michigan rallied from a halftime deficit, sending the Illini to their 12th consecutive conference loss.

The Wolverines, who struggled through the air in the first half, rushed 39 times and outscored Illinois 20-2 in the



Southern Cal's Shaun Cody, left, and Lofa Tatupu, right, wrap Arizona State tailback Hakim Hill for no gain during the second quarter of the PAC 10 football game Saturday at the Coliseum in Los Angeles.

No. 22 Florida 52, Middle Tennessee St. 16

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Michigan State 51, No. 19 Minnesota 17

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State's Drew Stanton passed for 308 yards and ran for 102 more, tying a school record for total offense. The win kept bowl hopes alive for the resurgent Spartans (4-3, 3-1 Big Ten). Minnesota (5-2, 2-2) has lost two straight.

Michigan State gained 407 yards in the first half, a school record, while taking a 31-10 lead. The Spartans finished with 636 yards of total offense.

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never got untracked against Alabama (5-2). The Crimson Tide limited Southern Miss to 148 yards rushing and only 23 yards passing.

Alabama last beat a ranked team on Nov. 16, 2002, a 31-0 victory at then-No. 11 LSU under former coach Dennis Franchione. Alabama still needs one more win to be eligible for its first bowl trip since 2001.

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Wandals quiet Ragin' Cajuns

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Antwan Sherman returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, leading Idaho to a 38-25 Sun Belt Conference victory over Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday.

Idaho (1-2 in SBC play, 2-5 overall) also had two running backs eclipse the 100-yard barrier. Jayson Bird racked up 134 yards on 16 carries, and classmate Rolly Lumumba added 125 yards on 22 attempts.

The Vandals led 21-0 early in the second quarter, but USC (1-2, 3-4) crept back, scoring 11



Idaho linebacker Josh Bouieyan (35) tries to bring down Louisiana-Lafayette running back Dwight Lindon during the second half Saturday, in Moscow.

completed 16 of 20 attempts for 185 yards. Barb Ullis sophomore quarterback, threw for 229 yards and ran for 79 more.

Montana St. 31, Portland St. 24, OT

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Justin Domineck ran for 75 yards and three touchdowns Saturday, including a 17-yard TD run in overtime, as Montana State rallied to a 31-24 victory over Portland State Saturday afternoon.

The Vikings (3-3, 1-2 Big Sky) did not move the ball in their overtime possession.

The Bobcats (4-2, 3-0) bounced back from a 14-3 halftime deficit, but still trailed 24-17 when they began their final drive in 1:55, running down Montana State. Montana State marched 82

yards in 18 plays, capped by a 1-yard drive by Domineck as time expired. MSU had three fourth-down conversions on the final drive.

El Cochrane, who had missed field goals in the second and third quarters, kicked the extra point to tie the score in regulation and added the PAT in overtime.

MSU quarterback Travis Luluy passed for a career-high 375 yards, as the Bobcats rallied for their third straight conference win.

Oregon State 29, Washington 14

SEATTLE — The last time most of the country saw Alexis Serna, he had just missed three extra points in a one-point overtime loss to LSU.

Against Washington, all Oregon State needed was Serna's right leg to break a 19-year curse and defeat the Huskies 29-14.

Serna outscored Washington by himself, kicking five field goals as the Beavers won at Husky Stadium Saturday for the first time since 1985.

Clemson 35, Utah State 6

CLEMSON, S.C. — Reggie Merrinweather ran for two of Clemson's four rushing touchdowns and the Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 35-6 victory over Utah State on Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers' defenders had 11 sacks, the most in a game in coach Tommy Bowden's six seasons, and held Utah State to minus-26 yards rushing.

No. 10 Wisconsin stuns No. 5 Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Scott Green returned a fumble by Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton 40 yards for a touchdown in the closing minutes to lift 10th-ranked Wisconsin to a 20-17 win over No. 5 Purdue on Saturday.

The Boiler-makers (5-1, 2-1 Big Ten) were clinging to a 17-14 lead late in the game when Orton took a naked bootleg and lunged for a first down. Starks hit Orton low and safety Robert Brooks hit him high, forcing the fumble.

Starks scooped up the loose ball and sprinted to the end zone with 2:56 to play, capping a stunning comeback for the Badgers (7-0, 4-0), who have straight wins for just the second time since 1912.

The play was reviewed, and replays showed the ball was hit before Orton's run but out before Orton's ball was hit by the ground.

Orton tried to recover on the ensuing series, driving the Boiler-makers to the Wisconsin 25. But Ben Jones' 42-yard field goal was wide right, and the Badgers ran out the clock.

Until Starks' big play, the Boiler-makers — not the Badgers — appeared poised to join Michigan as the only teams with perfect conference records.

Orton scored from 6 yards out with 8 minutes to play to give Purdue a 17-7 lead. But Badgers' quarterback John Sopper calmly led a 73-yard drive and hit Booker Stanley for a 7-yard TD that pulled Wisconsin to 17-14.

game, but Orton and company were shut down on Saturday. They had yet to face a defense as tough as Wisconsin's, which entered the contest leading the nation in scoring defense with 6.3 points a game.

Orton, one of the front-runners for the Heisman Trophy and a touchdown, but he had three turnovers — he was picked off once and fumbled twice in critical situations.

Badgers' defensive end Erasmus James was in the middle of much of the trouble. James had two sacks and countless pressures on Orton.

He forced an interception when he hit Orton's arm in the first half and also caused a fumble on a sack deep in Wisconsin territory at the end of the second quarter to give the Badgers a 7-0 lead.

It wasn't until James' 7-0 lead that the game with a left ankle injury in the third quarter that Purdue finally got going.

Davis scored from six yards out to give the Badgers a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Stocco was 17-for-32 for 211 yards and a touchdown on 21 attempts and Davis rushed for 66 yards and a score for Wisconsin.

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Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot Champions

UNDER-EIGHT GIRLS



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The Rupert Elks held its second annual Soccer Shoot recently. Winners in the under-eight girls division were, first, Salva Casteneda; second, Jessica Endres; and third, Stephanie Pezzaniti/Bergstrom. With the winners is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-10 GIRLS



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Winners of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot in the under-10 girls division were from left, Araceli Santana, first; Kattie Wilkins, second; and Sara Watson, third. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-14 BOYS



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Winners of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot in the under-14 boys division were from left, Miguel Miranda, first; Collin Johnson, second; and Challen Anderson, third. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-10 BOYS



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Winners of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot in the under-10 boys division were from left, Braxton May, first; Christopher Endres, second; and Fernando Santana, third. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-EIGHT BOYS



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Winners of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot in the under-eight boys division were from left, Austin Fisher, second and Trevor Phillips, third. Not pictured is Jaydon Lindauer who placed first. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-12 DIVISION



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In the Under-12 division of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot winners were Gustavo Casteneda for boys and Tayllor Phillips for girls. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

UNDER-14 GIRLS



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Winners of the second annual Rupert Elks Soccer Shoot in the under-14 girls division were from left, Brianna Santana, first and Rachel Watson, second. Presenting the awards is Ed Phillips of the Rupert Elks.

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Columbus Day Doubles winners are announced

TWIN FALLS — This past week end was the Columbus Day Doubles for men and for women.

The format was bowl four games and throw out your lowest.

Had several requests to throw out two and bowl a fifth, but you know how it is, have to follow the rules.

Taking first on the men's side was the Old Man's Club: Ed Hunt and Steve Tangyu. Hunt entered with a 188 average and scored a 643 series for an average of 214.

Tanguy's average was 138 and bowled a 556 for an average of 185, with 90 percent of a 220 handicap, their total was 1,502.

They rolled 221 pins over average. Wow! That is the way to win tournaments.

Second went to the Tom Tojias: Tom Draper and Tom Morgan with 1,483. They rolled



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

The next tournament is Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 is the Idaho State Senior Championship.

To bowl in this event, you "only" have to be a minimum age of 55. Four men and for women will qualify to receive, in addition to the top prize money, a prepaid entry into the National Senior Tournament to be held May 3-4, 2005 in Reno, Nev.

Entry into this tournament closes on Oct. 22 and entry forms can be found at your local bowling center.

A satellite no top tournament is being conducted on the same dates. This is a doubles event and entries close at beginning of the last quad.

So, get those entry forms in and "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thelma writes a column for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-4357 or by e-mail at tucker@magicklink.com.

BOWLING

Here are some of the scores reported from the above bowling for the current week.

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New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison (37) celebrates a third quarter sack of Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler in New England's 24-10 win at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. last Sunday. The win was New England's 19th in a row. At rear is defensive back Eugene Wilmon.

Another week, another streak for Patriots

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP)—At the mere mention of the word, Joe Andruzzi flopped his head back and let out an exasperated sigh. It's true: The New England Patriots have another streak on the line. "Oh, gosh," the Patriots' offensive lineman said this week as he prepared to play the Seattle Seahawks for what could be an NFL record-tying 17th consecutive regular-season win.

The Patriots, who haven't lost since Sept. 28, 2003, won their 19th straight game last week when they beat Miami 24-10. That streak, which included their run to the Super Bowl title, was the all-inclusive NFL record, and the Patriots thought they had put a rest to all the streak talk.

But a win this week would tie the regular-season record set by the Chicago Bears in 1933-34. "I could care less," Seattle's running back Shaun Alexander said. "We want to go out there and be a Super Bowl team, and New England is in the way, so we have got to go play. I think it's sweet that they are as good as they are — two-time Super Bowl champs in three years. It kind of makes it exciting for me."

"(But) the Patriots like us have, or everything else?" he said. "Who cares?"

Not the Patriots, or so they say, after they won the last 12 games of the regular season last year, three more in the playoffs and then their first four this year. After beating Indianapolis in the

regular season opener—the only blemish on the Colts' record, Joe Andruzzi flopped his head back and let out an exasperated sigh. It's true: The New England Patriots have another win, among them.

Now comes a stretch in which New England plays Seattle (3-1), the New York Jets (4-0), the Pittsburgh Steelers (4-1) and the St. Louis Rams (3-2). Seattle's modest streak ended last week after St. Louis milled from a 17-point deficit to tie the game, then won it on a 52-yard touchdown pass in overtime.

"They lost last week, but they were in that game and I'm sure they felt like they should have won that game," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "We are playing a team that is basically undefeated. It is a great challenge for us."

Brady has a challenge of his own: He's coming off the worst performance of his career. The two-time Super Bowl MVP completed just seven passes for 76 yards on Sunday and finished the game with a sore shoulder and four stitches on his chin.

"That makes me nervous," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said, "because I don't think he's going to do that too often."

Before Seattle went from undefeated to "basically" undefeated, the Seahawks were being mentioned as possible Super Bowl contenders. They had allowed just 13 points in their first 15.5 quarters before allowing 23 in the last 8.5 minutes and overtime against St. Louis.

"People have been talking

about us in a really positive way, and talking about us going really far," quarterback Matt Hasselbeck said. "The difference is that's just talk, and the Patriots act on it. I really don't think us, as the Seattle Seahawks, can even say we're anywhere near the caliber of team that the Patriots are."

"We never even won a playoff game," he said. "I think it's almost disrespectful to the teams in the NFC that have been there or been so close, and to the Patriots who have actually been there and done it, to just start throwing our name around the way people have. On one hand, yes, it's nice that people think we have a good team, but on the other hand it doesn't mean anything. We need to go out and earn some respect."

The Seahawks have not lost to the Patriots since 1988, though the teams haven't met at all since '93. Hasselbeck knows a little something about the Patriots — his father, Don, played for the team from 1977-83; Matt and his brothers used to hang around, playing catch with the receivers, helping the quarterbacks warm up, even folding the towels in the laundry room.

"I just spent a lot of time down there," he said. "I just learn a lot being around those guys. Those guys were great to me, really took care of me. I can't say enough for the experience and the help that it was being around those guys ... It was a great experience."

But later, as defenses were able to disrupt the intricate timing of the offense, coaches countered by varying their formations from Walsh's standard offense with two running backs, one tight end and two wide receivers, said Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

Gates proves a slam dunk for Chargers

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — If this truly is the year the San Diego Chargers rebound, how fortunate for them that former college basketball star Antonio Gates has become one of their go-to guys. Just 2.5 years ago, Gates helped take the Kent State Golden Flashes within one win of the Final Four. Now he's the Chargers' starting tight end, nicely complementing star running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

So far, it's been a slam dunk for a team that desperately needed one. And Gates' transition has been pretty amazing, considering he hadn't played football for five years until signing with San Diego in May 2003 as an undrafted rookie.

"It hasn't necessarily sunk in," Gates said. "When you're in the moment, things happen."

Gates has become Drew Brees' favorite target, catching a team-high 31 passes for 342 yards and three touchdowns, including two in last Sunday's 34-21 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars that improved the Chargers to 3-2.

Former general manager Bobby Beathard used to take chances on track guys — most failed miserably — and current GM A.J. Smith took a gamble with Gates, who turned to the NFL because he was undrafted for the NBA.

Gates was recommended by an agent. The Chargers liked what they saw, even though they couldn't get a hold of Gates' game films from Detroit's Central High.

"Sometimes you get lucky," Smith admitted. "We're not going to take credit for identifying a great talent. We're very fortunate. We thought he had all the ability in the world, but we had no idea he would advance this quickly."

Gates started the final nine games last year, when San Diego was an NFL-worst 4-12. He had 24 catches for 389 yards and two touchdowns.

Offensive coordinator Cam Cameron can appreciate Gates' transition, having played quarterback at Indiana as well as hoops for Bobby Knight.

He may be a little bit unique in that even though he was a basketball player, the Lord has blessed him with a football player's body," Cameron said.

Gates is 6-foot-4, 260 pounds. Cameron credits tight ends coach Tim Brewster, as well as



San Diego Chargers tight end Antonio Gates drags a Jacksonville Jaguars defender as he fights for yardage after a reception during the Chargers victory last Sunday in San Diego. Gates, a former college basketball player at Kent State, has emerged as the Chargers' go-to receiver and has three touchdown receptions.

coach Marty Schottenheimer's system, with helping Gates develop. He also remembers Gates telling him: "I came into the NFL with no bad habits."

"He bought into the way he's being taught and he wants the football," Cameron said. "You can't have too many guys like that, who are willing to listen, be coachable, and yet at the same time want the ball in critical situations."

Said Gates: "Everything I'm learning is firsthand."

Gates, who bounced around three colleges before settling at Kent State, said he doesn't think about basketball during the

NFL season. But he's not shy about using his hoops skills on the field.

"When the ball is thrown to me, I'm in an attack mode because I'm so used to boxing out guys who are bigger than me and taller than me," said Gates, who was a physical rebounder at Kent State and an honorable mention AP All-American as a senior.

He hopes teams keep covering him one-on-one.

"That little shake that I had in basketball, it's kind of like, 'I'm glad it's man coverage.' Granted I get jammed, but I feel when a guy's holding me man-to-man, he can't guard me because he couldn't do that with a basketball in my hand, and now I'm free."

Gates has caught six more balls than all the Chargers' wide receivers combined.

"Gates is very good right now, but he's only going to get better," Brees said. "I'm not sure if he even knows how good he can actually be."



Evolution makes West Coast offense a misnomer

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—In the 16 years since he retired as coach of the San Francisco 49ers, Bill Walsh has watched his West Coast offense go national.

But today's West Coast offense looks much different from what Walsh concocted in 1970 as an assistant with the Cincinnati Bengals to cater to a weak-armed quarterback named Virgil Carter.

"It doesn't resemble, too much what we did in '69 or '70. It's OK to call it that, but if you'll

excuse me it's kind of a lazy term," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren.

The pure West Coast came from Bill Walsh," Reid said.

The offense began its development when Walsh needed to design a passing game that took advantage of the talents of Carter, a heady, athletic quarterback who lacked the arm strength of Greg Cook, who was injured.

"The essence of it is for the quarterback to have a primary

receiver, an alternate receiver and an outlet receiver and then to run. And those decisions need to be made very quickly," said Walsh.

But later, as defenses were able to disrupt the intricate timing of the offense, coaches countered by varying their formations from Walsh's standard offense with two running backs, one tight end and two wide receivers, said Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

NFL

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October? Not the 'Niners. Hmm. More like zombies, just shuffling around while various appendages fall off. Jets by 13.

• **Mortal Lock Game of the Week:** Carolina (1-3) at Philadelphia (4-0) — Eagles favored by 9: How far have the Panthers fallen? From Super Bowl team to being on the wrong end of a Mortal Lock. Let's check in as a reporter asks Panther RB Stephen Davis if he's ready to come off the injury list: "As I prepared? I've done this for the last seven or eight years. Why shouldn't I be prepared? Yeah, I'm prepared." OK, no tension there. Eagles by 14 over ill-prepared Panthers.

• **Houston (2-3) at Tennessee (2-3)** — Titans favored by 6.5. As a special treat, I've written a little country song about this game and it goes something like this: "Texans fallin' on up; Titans fallin' on down. They getting it together today with a meedin' in Medicity Town." Thank you, thank you very much. Tone deaf Titans by just 2.

• **Pittsburgh (4-1) at Dallas (2-2)** — Cowboys favored by 3. Announcer Randy Crone recently

described Pitt rookie QB Ben Roethlisberger as a "scoocher," saying "sometimes it's better to be a scoocher than a scrumbler." Meanwhile, Vinny Testaverde is looking for his pants. In a Who's Your Fantasy Upset Special, scooching Steelers by 6.

• **Denver (4-1) at Oakland (2-3)** — Broncos favored by 2. We interrupt this column to remind you the Raiders were coached by Bill Callahan last year and he called them "the dumbest team in America" on his way out the door. This is the same Bill Callahan who led Nebraska to a 70-10 defeat last week. We now return you to normal programming, Broncos by 7.

• **Cheese Head Game of the Week:** Green Bay (1-4) at Detroit (2-1) — Lions favored by 3. We've got to change that picture of cheese because it doesn't look nearly mucky enough to represent the Packers. Talking about turnovers, Cheese Head Coach Mike Sherman said, "We will work diligently on that part of the game." No need, coach. You do that turnover thing better than anybody in football. Op-

portunistic Lions by 7.

• **Minnesota (3-1) at New Orleans (2-3)** — Vikings favored by 0.4 Sunday night. Aints QB Aaron Brooks was asked about his future in New Orleans and said: "It's tough. I know I'm the leader of all this, but I'm tired of it." Well, other than that, Aaron, how's it going? Piling Vikings by 9.

• **Tampa Bay (1-4) at St. Louis (3-2)** — Rams favored by 6.5 on Monday. Yuks Coach Jon Gruden does that Chucky scowl when he's losing, but Rams Coach Mike Martz is worse with that "excited little boy" dance when he wins. They both creep me out, but especially Martz. Creepier Rams by 11.

• **On vacation:** Indianapolis.

• **At boot camp:** East Rutherford.

• **Community service:** Baltimore.

• **Alone in the desert on a horse with no name:** Arizona.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI center offers free workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Center for Southern Idaho is offering a free occupational research workshop.

The workshop aims to help participants "sort out" their options for training and careers, and weigh the factors of expected pay and required investment in training.

Many people have narrowed down their career choices but need more information to help them make an educated decision, organizers said. In a statement, participants "will have a hands-on approach to researching areas of interest for an occupation and compare occupational choices," organizers said.

The informal free workshop is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. The session is open for individualized help. Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680. Registration deadline is Wednesday.

Idaho Horse Board accepts grant requests

JEROME - The Idaho Horse Board is accepting requests for its annual grants to projects which benefit the Idaho horse industry in areas of education, research and promotion.

The Idaho Legislature in 1987 passed legislation creating the Idaho Horse Board. The first such horse board in the United States set up to manage check-off funds collected by the state brand inspector. Each time a horse is branded, the fee is collected and turned over to the Idaho Horse Board and used for grant purposes.

To date, grants to horse projects throughout the state total more than \$239,886. Grants have been used to improve public horse facilities, for educational programs, to promote the Horse Expo held in Boise, for college research and teaching projects, and to help fund public television horse productions.

Grants are given in January each year. Grant requests must be received by Dec. 1. Call the Idaho Horse Board at 324-2336 for a grant application, or mail a request to the Idaho Horse Board, P.O. Box 69, Jerome, ID 83336.

Commission, business center host workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Fair Housing Commission and the Idaho Small Business Development Center will host a workshop for landlords and tenants. "Landlord/Tenant Rights, Responsibilities and Remedies," from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in Room 277 of the Taylor building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Presenters will respond to questions and comments after the presentation. Topics include how to avoid risk business, rights and obligations of tenants, Fair Housing laws and more.

Cost is \$20 for each landlord, property manager or Realtor. Admission is free for tenants. Deadline to register is noon Oct. 29.

For information or to sign up, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

Business development center gives workshop

HAILEY - The Idaho Small Business Development Center will present a tax workshop from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 in Room 113 at the College of Southern Idaho's Halley Center, in the Old Wood River High School.

"Ever Wondering You Want and Need to Know About Business Taxes" is designed to help business owners better understand the taxes they must pay and learn about techniques to reduce them. The workshop will help participants understand the law and apply planning strategies to their own businesses. The class will cover recent tax law changes, structuring the business identity, records and maintaining a check-keeping system and more.

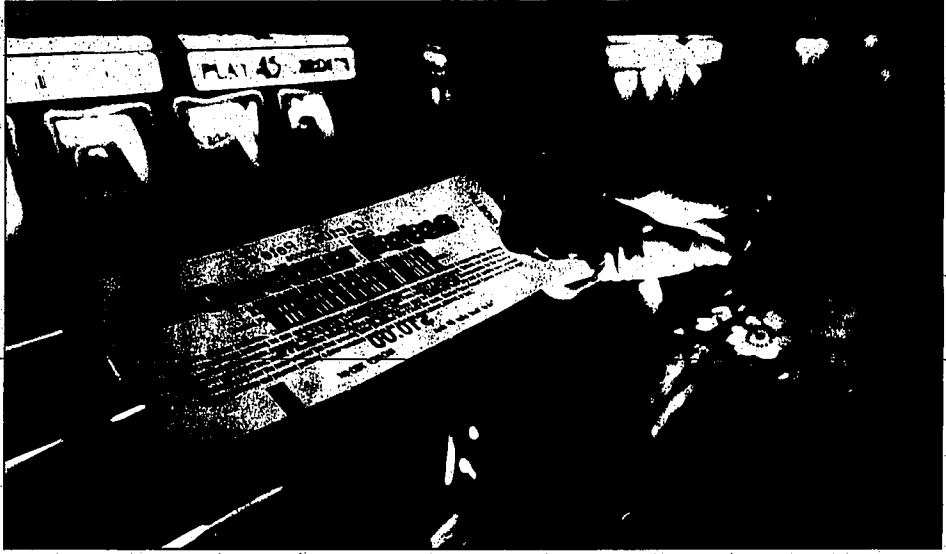
The fee is \$40 per person. A spouse or business partner can enroll for an additional \$10.

Deadline to register is Wednesday. To register, call 788-2038.

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Kira Ann Brown of Cactus Petes Resort Casino holds a paper receipt from a coinless slot machine. The receipts are used to cash in winnings instead of coins.

Casinos switch to coinless slots

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

JACKPOT Nev. - It's a familiar sight in casinos: Gamblers lugging plastic buckets full of coins from slot machine to slot machine, then cashing in the coin buckets for dollar bills.

But that sight is gradually disappearing, as many casinos make the switch to coinless slot machines.

Unlike traditional slots that accept quarters, nickels or casino tokens, coinless slots accept only bills ranging from \$1 to \$100. The machines pay out winnings in the form of bar-coded paper tickets.

Customers can take a ticket from one machine and insert it into other machines or take the ticket to a cashier and receive cash.

Casinos say the new technology makes playing easier and more enjoyable, and it boosts revenue.

Support groups for problem gamblers are cautious, watching to see whether coinless slots will change gamblers' ways.

The company benefits

Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot has 886 slot machines, about 40 percent of which are coinless, said Jack David, the casino's director of slot operations. The casino has plans to increase the number of coinless slots in the future, he said. That follows a trend started by Cactus Petes' parent company, Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc.

Ameristar - whose chairman and chief executive, Craig H. Nuislen, is a Twin Falls native - also owns Jackpot's Horseshu Hotel and Casino.

David said Ameristar was the industry's first company to introduce coinless slot machines. Its six casinos

Need help with a gambling addiction?

The Twin Falls chapter of Gamblers Anonymous meets at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N.,

also include properties in Missouri, Iowa and Mississippi. At the end of 2003, David said, 75 percent of slot machines at Ameristar's casinos were coinless.

The technology seems to be a boon for Ameristar's bottom line. In February, the company said its net income in fourth quarter 2003 nearly doubled from the year prior. Ameristar gave some of the credit to its implementation of coinless slots.

Players like the changes

The coinless slot technology has existed for some time, but the casino industry resisted at first, said Connie Fox, spokeswoman for IGT of Reno, Nev., the largest manufacturer of slot machines.

"I think a lot of people in casinos felt that players wouldn't like it," Fox said. "But at some point several casinos did install ticket technology and found that the players, in fact, loved getting rid of buckets of coins."

The coinless slots eliminate a number of hassles for gamblers, David said. For example, coin-operated slot machines frequently run out of coins in the middle of paying out larger jackpots - which can be as little as \$60 on some nickel machines. Customers find themselves waiting for slot attendants to refill the machines' coin hoppers. And coins are dirty, leading

customers to rely on disposable hand wipes provided throughout the casino.

"Once our guests have played on coinless games, they realize how clean and efficient this system is," David said.

The coinless slot technology has allowed casinos like Cactus Petes to offer penny and two-cent slot machines, which have proven popular with customers, said Kathleen Callahan, Ameristar's director of communications.

"You'd never be able to have penny games or two-cent games without this system," Callahan said. "How could you ever have that many pennies?"

While the familiar clink of coins, falling from the machines is gone, some machines provide a computer-simulated imitation when a player wins.

"It makes a sound like coins," Callahan said.

New job descriptions

Coinless slots mean less machine maintenance on the part of slot attendants - meaning no heavy bags of coins to carry and fewer instances of coin malfunctions.

Attendants now will take on more customer service responsibilities and serve as a kind of "tech support" for gamblers unfamiliar with the new technology. The changes don't necessarily mean fewer slot attendants, at least at Cactus Petes, David said.

"The addition of coinless slot machines will have little impact on current team members," he said. "Ticketing allows team members to focus less on money handling and more on interacting with guests and delivering even better guest service."

Watching with caution

Coinless slots are another example of how the gaming industry has kept up with the latest technology, Callahan said. And as technology evolves, so does the gaming experience for players.

"Every year, there's always something new" she said.

But the technology evolution is viewed with caution by problem gambling advocacy groups.

When gamblers put bills into coinless machines, the money is translated into credits. Credits can make some players feel like they're not spending real money, said Carol O'Hare, executive director of the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling.

"If you aren't actually handling money when you gamble, are you actually thinking of it as money?" O'Hare said.

And since coinless slots speed up the playing process by eliminating hassles, the machines could increase the amount of time gamblers spend playing them - and how much money they spend, O'Hare said. That's not an issue for gamblers who play the games for entertainment, but it could pose a problem for players predisposed to problem gambling, she said.

In Nevada, casinos like Cactus Petes and the Horseshu are required to post information on problem gambling, including help-line numbers and brochures.

"If you speed up the ability of the game to be faster and more high-tech, I would hope the same approach is being taken to improve people's understanding of risk," O'Hare said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Energy costs hit budgets, but economy proves harder to dent

By Brad Foss
Press writer

Angela Sullivan scoots around in a Ford Escort to run errands and sets the thermostat in her home each night at 66 degrees. In other words, she's hardly a fuel hog.

But with gasoline near \$2 a gallon and home-heating costs on the rise, the 29-year-old resident of Fredrickburg, Va., says there's less money for food, clothing and entertainment - which nowadays means a trip to Blockbuster, not the local movie theater.

"We've been getting by, but it's hard," said Sullivan, who hasn't worked in three years and whose husband is a truck driver. Just as \$54-a-barrel oil chips away at economic growth, it also cuts into the budgets of many small businesses and

Gas price breakdown

Gasoline prices vary by region due to different taxes, refinery costs and local market conditions. The increase in cost benefits all operations.

Average gasoline retail price, regular grade
Crude oil
Federal and state taxes
Refining costs and profits
Distributing and marketing
2002 - \$1.35 per gallon
2003 - \$1.56 per gallon
2004 - \$1.56 per gallon

NOTE: May not equal total due to rounding.

SOURCE: Department of Energy

spent about \$26 billion more on gasoline in the first nine months of the year than they did over the same period in 2003, a 16 percent increase. And they can expect to pay \$14 billion more - at the very least - than they did last year on home-heating costs, another double-digit percentage increase, according to recent estimates from the Energy Department.

Yet while there is growing evidence that higher energy prices have contributed to a recent dip in consumer confidence and spending, they have not risen enough - at least not yet - to dent the country's financial recovery. Oil prices would have to rise to \$80 a barrel to match the 1981 peak, on an inflation-adjusted basis, while gasoline would have to climb to about \$3 a gallon.

That helps explain how, in

spite of the headline-grabbing energy prices, economists are forecasting that the economy expanded at an annualized rate of 3.5 percent to 4 percent in the third quarter ended Sept. 30, topping the 3.3 percent pace in the second quarter. One reason: As long as interest rates remain low, that enables consumers to borrow money cheaply to pay for new cars and new homes, and encourages them to rack up more credit card debt.

"When prices go up, everybody complains," said Tony Wenz, 28, who manages a small convenience store in Minneapolis. "But they're not going to stop buying things."

Jim Logan, 57, part owner of the River Lake True Value in Minneapolis, said he has been able to offset his own rising energy costs by charging more for the hardware he sells. "People

notice it, but not like they notice it at the gas station," he said.

That kind of pricing power is showing up elsewhere in the economy, but with a few exceptions, today's soaring energy costs have not triggered a surge in inflation. The government reported Friday that wholesale prices rose only 0.1 percent in September.

That in part because the combination of better technology, planned conservation and the shrinking of the industrial sector has made America considerably more energy efficient than it was in the 1970s, when soaring fuel prices sank the country into a recession. Productivity gains have also helped companies maintain growth while limiting the need to add new workers.

On Friday, Federal Reserve

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THE GIFT OF READING



Students in Mr. Losser's first-grade class at Kimberly Elementary School enjoy books donated by Dell Inc. Molly Murray and Jaime Stewart, in the back row, representing their team from Dell, presented the books to the class. Kimberly Elementary School was chosen to receive the books from Stewart and Murray's Dell Team as part of Dell's volunteer program.

FILLED WITH FLOWERS



Volunteers from Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, along with community members, plant 200 red tulip bulbs at Twin Falls' visitor center on Oct. 9, and clean out the flower beds surrounding the center's main building. The Home Depot donated the tulips.

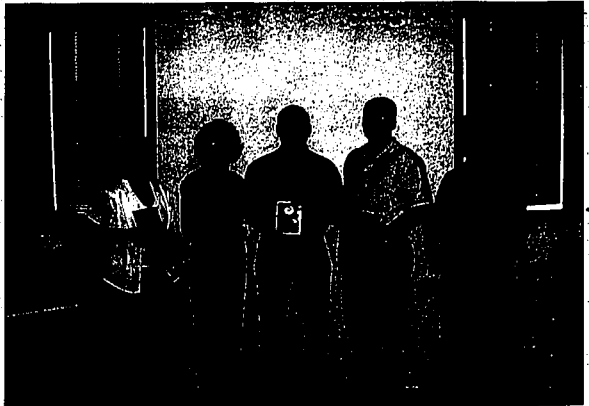
FUND-RAISING RAFFLE



Bill Blisse, Twin Falls County Fair Foundation president, congratulates Kevin White on winning the Honda FourTrax Rancher ATV, valued at \$6,000, donated by Wes Wall of Adventure Motorsports. The raffle by the foundation raised nearly \$5,000 for capital improvements to Twin Falls County's fairgrounds.

CAREER MOVES

REALTORS RAISING MONEY



The Mini-Casella Association of Realtors was recognized by the Idaho Association of Realtors for the most money raised for the Realtors Political Action Committee and the greatest percentage of participation for the most voters category. Individuals receiving recognition for contributions to RPAC include: President's Club Award to Sheryl Koyle, Rocky Mountain Real Estate Brokerage; and Chairman Awards to Sheila Adams, Century 21 Riverside Realty; Larry Roberts, Burley Land Title and Escrow; Doug Meyers, Rupert Land Title and Escrow; and Kevin Welch, First Federal Savings Bank in Burley.

Key Cysdale

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Bank's Real Estate Department promoted Key Cysdale to residential mortgage loan officer.

Over the past five years with Magic Valley Bank, Cysdale has worked as a lending assistant and senior lending assistant. Prior to joining Magic Valley Bank, Cysdale worked for 12 years as a consumer loan officer and branch manager at a local credit union.

Owned by shareholders throughout the valley, Magic Valley Bank is a full-service community bank with offices in Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls.



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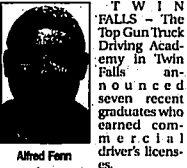


Donald Knudson Alain Serrantes-Cortez



E. Dale Hanson Adam Mix

Commercial drivers



Mark Gale of Burley graduated on Oct. 1. Mitchell Smith Jr. of Twin Falls, Donald Knudson

of Jerome, Alain Serrantes-Cortez of Hollister and E. Dale Hanson of Jerome graduated on Oct. 8. Adam Mix of Twin Falls and Alfred Fenn of Buhl graduated on Oct. 15.

Caregivers

RUPERT — Caregivers affiliated with Comfort Keepers, owned by Robyn and Jerry Maxfield, were recognized during the Comfort Keepers National Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Caregiver of the Month awards were presented to Peggy Masilo of Heyburn for January, Christine Rodriguez of Heyburn for February, Nancy Wadley of Burley for March and Nancy Grace of Rupert for April. Each caregiver received an employee of the month pin, a certificate and a monetary gift. Rodriguez also was named Caregiver of the Quarter for January through March and received a certificate, pin and monetary gift for that award. Comfort Keepers provides nonmedical, in-home care services.

Phone representatives

TWIN FALLS — Joe Shelton, Danny Crystal, Shane Surber and Dustin Shelton of White Cloud/Auto Phone Communications attended a Motorola training session in Seattle, Oct. 12-13.

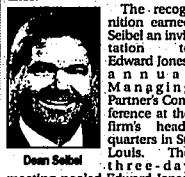
Topics covered included Motorola's full line of Project 25

subscribers, Community Shield systems, dispatch solutions and data products including the Mobile Video Enforcer.

White Cloud/Auto Phone Communications sales representatives cover all of Magic Valley and will be able to answer questions concerning two-way radios for homeland security. They can be reached at 733-5470.

Dean Selbel

TWIN FALLS — Dean Selbel, investment representative for Edward Jones, was honored by the firm for his job performance.



The recognition earned Selbel an invitation to Edward Jones' annual M a n a g i n g Partner's Conference at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis. The three-day meeting pooled Edward Jones' most successful representatives for a discussion with Douglas E. Hill, Edward Jones' managing partner, on issues facing the firm and the financial-services industry. Selbel was one of 300 investment representatives out of more than 9,400 Edward Jones brokers attending the conference.

This year's conference featured speaker Kristen Forbes, President Bush's economic adviser.



Noel Erickson Donna Erickson

Noel and Donna Erickson

TWIN FALLS — Noel and Donna Erickson, owners and managers of the local Kitchen Tune-Up franchise, received the Kitchen of the Month Award from their national franchiser this month.

The award was based on before and after photos they submitted of the kitchen they refaced for Penny Mathews of Twin Falls. The award was accompanied by a \$50 gift certificate.

The Mathews kitchen is featured this month on the company's Web site, www.kitchentuneup.com. Viewers can see it by clicking on Photo Gallery on the home page menu, and then clicking on Kitchen of the Month.

The Ericksons can be contacted from the Web site or at 736-1036.

MILESTONES

J-U-B Engineers celebrates 50 years

TWIN FALLS — J-U-B Engineers Inc. is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. J-U-B Engineers' history began in 1954 in Nampa. The firm has since grown into 13 regional offices in Twin Falls, Pocatello, Boise, Nampa and Coeur d'Alene; Kaysville, Orem, Logan and Salt Lake City, Utah; Kennewick and Spokane, Wash.; Ft. Collins, Colo.; and Bend, Ore.

It. James Coleman, president of J-U-B, credits the success of the company to "building long-lasting relationships with great clients and striving to improve the quality of life for our communities."

J-U-B was noted in Engineering News Record magazine as a Top 500 engineering firm in the nation. "The relationships we have developed over the years with our clients are extremely important to us," said Robert Hegstrom, Twin Falls area manager.

"Our employees are generally very involved in our community and live here by choice. Because of our overall size, we come to the table with a lot of depth and breadth, but we're still the local home-town team who not only understands local issues, but really cares what happens to the area we live in."

J-U-B has diverse civil engineering expertise, including water and wastewater engi-

neering, transportation planning and design, structural design, land use planning and surveying.

J-U-B also has three subsidiary companies: Gateway Mapping, which plans and develops Geographic Information Systems for cities, counties and cemeteries; The Langdon Group, which specializes in public conflict resolution; and Civic Mind Media, which provides Web solutions for the public and private sectors.

Cold Stone Creamery will open in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — A franchisee of Cold Stone Creamery, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based ice cream clinic, is opening store No. 1272 at 799 Cheney Drive in Twin Falls at the beginning of November, with a grand opening scheduled for Nov. 20.

Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet are made fresh daily at each creamery. Customers can customize the ice cream and yogurt with one or more mix-ins, including fresh fruit and nuts, pie fillings, brand name chocolate and gummy candies, cookie dough, freshly baked brownies and more.

Employees fold the mix-ins and the ice cream together on a frozen granite stone set at 16 degrees.

The Twin Falls storeowner is Kent Lee of Jerome. With more than 800 stores from coast to coast, Cold Stone Creamery is an independently owned franchise system. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.coldstonecreamery.com.

Edgo Wireless gains regional recognition

TWIN FALLS — Edgo Wireless, which has offices in Burley, Halley, Jerome and Twin Falls, gained international attention and regional recognition for its cellular service and customer-oriented focus.

Presented by Nortel Networks, an international telecommunications equipment provider, the Excellence Award denotes Edgo's superior-

ty in providing Idaho and Wyoming residents with reliable wireless offerings. Al Anderson, public relations consultant for Edgo Wireless in Idaho Falls, said in a press release.

The award was presented Wednesday in Idaho Falls.

Henningsen Cold Storage receives Golden Penguin

TWIN FALLS — The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods As-

sociation said Henningsen Cold Storage Co., which has a facility in Twin Falls, will take home a Golden Penguin Award at its annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Henningsen is receiving the Golden Penguin for its work during June's National Dairy Month.

The award recognizes dedication, innovation and success in promotion of frozen and refrigerated foods.

The Golden Penguin awards

program attracts entries nationwide and from professionals in all aspects of the frozen and refrigerated foods industry.

Based in Hillsboro, Ore., Henningsen Cold Storage has operations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. For information, call (800) 791-COLD or visit www.henningsen.com.

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DONATION FOR THE TROOPS



Bruce Breshers of Bonanza Motors presents a check for \$5,300 to the Barbaraan Wilcox Club, a community organization that has been attempting to raise money to bring local military personnel home before they are deployed to Iraq. Bonanza Motors pledged to donate \$100 for every car sold during September. From left are Breshers, Jamie Eckley, Brandi Boud, Jennie Mitchell and their children Zayne and Coby Eckley, Garrett Davidson and Taylor Mitchell.

MILESTONES

Comfort Keepers

earns national awards
 RUPERT — Comfort Keepers offices owned by Robyn and Terry Whuddell earned national awards during the 2004 Comfort Keepers National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Entrepreneur magazine and The Wall Street Journal. The Whuddells opened the Rupert office in March 2001 and recently moved into new space just off the Rupert Square at 423 53rd St. They also have an office at 257 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Each Comfort Keepers office is locally owned and operated, with the corporate office in Dayton, Ohio.

The business provides non-medical, in-home care services. The Rupert office can be reached at 434-8888.

The offices, located in Rupert, Twin Falls and Pocatello, were recognized for growth in 2003 by

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, Times-News wants to hear about it:

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Energy

Continued from D1.
 Chairman Alan Greenspan said the rise in energy prices is likely to have far less of an impact on the economy than the oil shocks of the 1970s. He predicted that the global economy will adjust by boosting energy exploration and production and by increasing fuel efficiency. But he conceded that the transition period could feature unexpected bumps.
 Even if oil prices were to rise to \$80 a barrel, "it's much more difficult to create a recession in the United States than it once was" as a result of greater energy efficiency, said Peter Morici, an economist at the University of Maryland.

Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight in Waltham, Mass. Even so, he estimates that on an annualized basis U.S. gross domestic product has taken only a 0.4 percent hit this year due to higher energy prices. That figure could rise to 0.7 percent next year if oil prices stay in the mid-\$40-\$50 range, he said.

On Friday, futures for November delivery fell 31 cents to \$54.45 a barrel in afternoon trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.
 "We forecasted a scenario where we looked at the impact of \$65 oil for a couple of quarters," Behravesh said, "and it's enough to push the economy to a very slow growth period of 2-2.5 percent. Under that scenario we would see definitely see unemployment rise."
 Stuart G. Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group, blamed the high price of energy for much of the stock market's malaise this year, saying investors are concerned about the outlook for corporate profits.
 The thing to look for to determine whether these fears are ultimately justified, Hoffman said, "is to see if the rise in energy prices spreads into the core inflation rate."
 Although manufacturers of tires, paint and carpet have all raised prices in recent months on account of the higher cost of their petroleum-based raw materials, Hoffman, Behravesh and other economists said inflation remains benign.

The manufacturing and transportation industries have nevertheless taken a hard hit, since natural gas, diesel and jet fuel are still the lifeblood of their operations. Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest carrier, could be thrust into bankruptcy any day, since natural gas fuel prices are up almost 80 percent from a year ago.
 Retailers have experienced a milder pain as consumers faced with higher pump prices have fewer dollars left over for apparel, CDs and other goods. Think of it as Exxon Mobil Corp. tapping shoppers' wallets before Wal-Mart Stores Inc. gets a chance.

Gene Stuckland, 40, who runs a mortgage brokerage in Denver, said higher energy prices and the "overall instability" in the economy have led him to ease back on personal and business spending, such as going out for coffee or taking employees out to sporting events.
 "There's not as much frivolity as there was," he said.
 Slay's two-year-old Denver resident Josephine Martinez said she no longer shops for clothes at Dillard's or Wal-Mart. "Why go pay for name brands when you can get pick those up at the Goodwill for a lot cheaper?" she said.

"It's quite clear that higher oil prices are having an impact on consumer spending," said

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Disaster aid will benefit Idaho

BLACKFOOT — Gem State producers who suffered the ill effects of drought the past two years will gain a boost in the form of federal disaster aid. Weather-related disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers was tacked onto an appropriations bill for military construction.

In addition to \$10 billion for military appropriations, the bill includes another \$2.84 billion for farm and ranch disaster relief. A second bill — aimed at job creation — brings tax relief to ranchers who were hit with drought losses.
 Keith Frank, public information director for Potato Growers of Idaho, praised the disaster relief.
 "It could provide some badly needed relief," he said.
 The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be handling distributions to those who suffered drought-related crop disaster in 2003 or 2004 with a cap of \$80,000 per grower, he said. Details of the distribution will most likely be available in January, Frank added.



Klamath Basin farmer Steve Kandra of Merrill, Ore., checks for surviving alfalfa after a year without water. Farmers there have been embroiled in a tussle over water withheld for fish recovery. Drought has not helped their plight. But farmers there will join others in Idaho and across the country in claiming weather-related disaster relief just passed by Congress.

Canada BSE reports

revive mad cow issue
 WASHINGTON — Not talking about it won't make it go away. Nevertheless, Jim Rogers, Animal-Plant-Health Inspection Service spokesman, opted for a "trumps the word" approach to an issue that has stirred up the beef industry pot once again.
 "I am not talking about it anymore," said Rogers when asked what and when his agency knew that the Canadian cow diagnosed with mad cow disease in May 2003 was turned into feed and probably fed to other cows.

"That disturbing news came earlier this month from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In an ongoing investigation, the CBC obtained documents from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency saying animals as perhaps as many as 1,800 farms and 200 cattle operations may have eaten feed contaminated with bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
 Shae Dodson, communications coordinator for the

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Ranchers-Cattlemen's Action Legal Fund USA, said her office had received so many calls from members and media about the CBC report, that "we decided to address the issue in a press release."
 Part of R-CALF's unsettling discovery was an APHIS report dated October 2003 acknowledging the infected Canadian cow was rendered into animal feed and distributed.

Dodson said APHIS has known about the possibility of contaminated feed for more than a year.

Sill Rogers said, "I have no comment."
Ag Department says sugar yields may be low
 BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) —

Sugar content is higher but overall yields may be lower in this year's cane crop, the state Agriculture Department said.
 "An increase in sugar content over previous years will definitely be a boost for the industry," Agriculture Commissioner Bob Odum said Tuesday as the sugarcane harvest was getting into full swing. "But, we're expecting yield to be lower than usual. That's the way agriculture always works."
 Lucille Theriot, general manager of the Louisiana Sugarcane Cooperative, said she expects an average of 27 to 28 tons per acre, a decrease of about 10 percent from the normal 30 to 31 tons per acre. Odum said the final figures for this year's cane crop will not be available until early 2005.

Meat processor

critical of USDA suits
 BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A Montana meat processor who tried to warn federal officials about contaminated beef from a large meatpacker is suing the U.S. Department of Agriculture,

saying he faced retaliation for criticizing the agency's actions in protecting the beef supply.
 John Munsell of Miles City is seeking unspecified damages from the USDA, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Substantiated Lead, identified as a district office manager with the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

Munsell claims in the lawsuit that the government retaliated against him and that he was required numerous times to rewrite a plan detailing potential hazards and controls "on threat of withdrawal of USDA inspectors" and approval of the company's beef products.

The dispute dates to January 2002, when Munsell, an owner of Montana Quality Foods and Processing Inc., was notified by an FSIS "recall committee" that a ground beef sample taken from his facility was positive for E. coli bacteria. Munsell, according to the lawsuit, told officials the contaminated beef had come from a large plant. He contends his warnings were ignored and federal officials declined to trace the source.

Yes, fun at work can be encouraged

By Carol Kleiman
 Chicago Tribune

"Fun: amusement, especially lively or playful ... fun and games." Readers Digest Oxford "Complete Wordfinder."
 In 2001, Bob Nelson did a dissertation for his doctorate titled, "Factors that encourage or inhibit the use of non-monetary recognition by U.S. managers."

What Nelson, president of Nelson Motivation Inc., a management training consulting firm based in San Diego, was talking about in very scholarly terms was simple: fun. Fun in the workplace.
 That's a subject that Nelson, whose firm specializes in employee recognition and motivation, has been focusing on for 10 years.

"It's an important piece in the spectrum of a motivating work environment, a competitive advantage," said Nelson, co-author with Dean Spitzer, also a consultant, of "100 Rewards & Recognition Fieldbook," (Workman, \$17.95).
 And Nelson, who has a doctorate in management and an MBA in organizational behavior, posits this definition of fun: "It's the ability to play in the

workplace — it's the opposite of fear." The executive, a founder of the National Association for Employee Recognition, added: "It's a certain freedom employees know they have that relates back to trust, satisfaction and comfort. People who play don't have a fear of negative repercussions. They know it's OK."

Having relaxing moments at work isn't all fun and games. "It's not about being silly at work, although there is an aspect of silliness," said Nelson. "People who have fun are truly engaged and connected, care about the customer, get the work done and don't leave their jobs."
 "Fun has a bottom-line payoff, too; it's important to the employer because it allows a freedom of spirit, and with that goes an attitude of experimentation, of taking risks — both of which relieve stress," And, he adds, "in particular, celebrating success and performance — that's fun. But fun shouldn't have an agenda. When it does, it isn't fun anymore."

When Nelson talks about "play," he doesn't mean water fights that might turn out to be harmful or intellectual contests that some might not excel at. Instead, he suggests fun works best when it's based on corporate values and aligned to recognition of the employee's achievements.
 "For instance, a large entertainment-park company in Florida gives tokens to supervisors to give to any employees they see doing something in line with the company's goals," said the executive, who has worked with more than 1,000 businesses. "It captures the moment and emphasizes that's what the company is looking for. The tokens, which are worth \$10 each, can be turned into payroll to appear on the next paycheck. But hardly anyone turns them in. They make your day — and they're fun."
 Another corporation allows employees who play musical instruments to bring them to work to serenade employees of the month. "It's a hoot," said Nelson.
 A law firm has a fun committee with five anonymous members. One of the things they did was give a party on the roof of the office building in downtown Seattle.
 "The best fun usually is free,"

said Nelson. "Some companies do spend a lot of money on it — such as bringing in expensive entertainment and dropping a lot of money — but my concern is that the more you spend, the more you have to justify it, and the more likely it is to be cut. It's more important to do something unique and fun, even if it only costs one dollar."
 The executive describes his business as "small, only four employees." But he still manages to provide the kind of fun that means a lot to workers.
 "One man on my sales staff was into sports cars, and when he exceeded his sales goals I rented a sports car for him for one week," Nelson said. "When I took the staff to Disneyland, I hired a limo driver who was an Elvis impersonator."
 And one of his "favorites" is providing employees with free shoulder and neck massages by professionals.

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House blend features social, economic justice

Los Angeles Times

Lutherans joke that coffee is their sacrament, just behind the bread and wine of communion. But the love of java after worship services is hardly unique to Lutherans.

“As Christians, our faith should be threaded through every area of our lives. It was an easy link to explore how our lives as Christians can be lived out by the choices we make in the coffee we drink.”

—Brenda Meler, director of the Lutheran World Relief coffee project

For decades, places of worship have harnessed coffee's power to bring people together — long before Starbucks turned it into a business strategy.

This year for caffeine among the faithful, combined with a divine command to help the poor, has created a thriving market for "fair-trade" coffee. The product is sold at above-market prices to give small farmers a better chance at a sustainable life.

From 2001 to 2003, the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Program sales in the United States increased 233 percent, according to statistics from Equal Exchange, a for-profit coffee company that instituted the program. More than 400,000 pounds were bought last year by religious groups, and this year's sales are far ahead of that pace, Equal Exchange officials said.

"The numbers are taking off incredibly," said Anna Utech, a program coordinator with Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative based in Vermont.

"When people of faith learn about the farmers' suffering, they feel a special call to respond."

To keep those growers in business, fair-trade deals guarantee a price of \$1.16 per pound for organic coffee and \$1.26 for non-organic — paid directly to farmer cooperatives. This compares with about 80 cents for regularly traded coffee, a price that also pays the middlemen along the distribution chain.

The fair-trade market has dramatically expanded in recent years as small farmers in Central America, Africa and Asia have suffered from plummeting prices on the open market, and socially conscious coffee drinkers have elected to pay more to keep them in business.

Including faith-based groups and other charitable and commercial efforts, 18.7 million pounds of fair-trade coffee was sold in 2003, nearly a 100 percent increase from the year before. The Third-World farmers received additional revenue of \$16 million from fair-trade coffee sales.

Despite its growth, fair-trade coffee's \$208 million in retail sales remains a sliver of the \$5-billion coffee industry. Religious leaders say they are not discouraged, they have the patience to change the social conscience of their congregants one cup of gourmet joe at a time.

"They believe their congregation has the collective power to bring economic well-being to poor growers and their villages — all for about 2 additional cents per cup of coffee for Fellowship Blend."

"We're taught that what we consume and the way we act in the world needs to be consistent with the values of our tradition," said Rabbi Josh Zwiellback of Congregation Beth Am, a Reform synagogue in Los Altos in Northern California.

"Fair-trade coffee is a perfect fit."

The first denominational-wide push into the fair-trade coffee market began in 1996 when officials with Lutheran World Relief, in partnership with Equal Exchange, started a fair-trade program.

Fair-trade coffee was an ideal subject matter for Lutherans because of the traditional connection between church, fe-

Banks, credit unions go fishing

By Ieva M. Augstums
The Dallas Morning News

Steve Middlebrook says he will not open an account at a bank. High-quality service, better rates and low fees are just some of the features that have kept the 43-year-old Dallas businessman at Community Credit Union in Richardson, Texas, since he was in high school.

Gerald Hays, on the other hand, has never really given much thought to joining a credit union. The 61-year-old Duncannonville, Texas, resident says his banks offer more products and are more convenient than a credit union. He is a customer of Bank of America and Inwood National Bank.

Banks and credit unions compete intensely for customers. But in the end, is one type of financial institution much better than the other?

Not really, experts say. As credit unions try to be more full-service and banks try to be more customer-friendly, differences are narrowing. At both institutions, you can get anything from car loans to mortgages to basic checking and savings accounts.

"What it boils down to is convenience and what best suits the customer's needs," says Scott Alaniz, who studies the banking industry for Sandler O'Neill & Partners LP.

"Credit unions today can do pretty much anything a bank can do."

Still, there are some distinct pros and cons on which you can base your choice.

"To understand the pros and cons of a bank vs. a credit union, you have to understand how the two institutions are structured."

Credit unions are cooperatives owned by the members they serve. In essence, members pool their money and make loans to one another. There are membership restrictions, such as working for specific employers or living in a certain county. This keeps credit unions relatively small.

The primary function of banks, on the other hand, is to earn profit for their owners. They can grow about as large as

Bank vs. credit union rates

A comparison of average rates from Dec. 23, 2002, to Jan. 23, 2003. The better rate is in bold type.

	Bank	Credit union
Loans		
15-year mortgage	5.36%	5.42%
30-year mortgage	5.95%	6.03%
Personal loan	14.51%	13.18%
Fixed-rate credit card	13.93%	12.66%
Variable-rate credit card	12.97%	10.85%
Deposits		
Money market yield	0.57%	1.48%
1-year CD yield	1.21%	2.20%
2.5-year CD yield	1.73%	2.64%
5-year CD yield	2.88%	3.99%

Source: Bankrate. Graphic: The Dallas Morning News

they want it, if the banks' leaders think it is a good business decision.

Credit unions are nonprofit institutions, so they pay no corporate income taxes. For that reason, credit unions are generally able to offer better interest rates on loans and deposits than banks.

And banks do not like that. Having to pay taxes when credit unions do not puts banks at a disadvantage, says Steve Scurluck, executive vice president of Independent Bankers Association of Texas.

"We believe the system is to favor our side," Scurluck says. "It impacts our ability to offer products and services and to be competitive."

Maybe so, but it is not like credit unions are taking over the industry.

Credit unions lay claim to only a small portion of the U.S. financial services market — about 6.3 percent of the total assets of banks and thrifts.

But lately they have been trying to gain more customers by offering a broader range of products.

A look at interest rates by Bankrate.com found credit unions' average rates from Dec. 23, 2002, to Jan. 23, 2003, were beating banks on most loan and deposit products, though banks had the edge on 15-year and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages and home equity lines of credit.

"Because we don't have that profit motive, we can look at our product offerings in a whole dif-

ferent way," says Dick Ensslewer, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Credit Union League, an industry trade group.

"We can adjust our prices to better serve our members."

"There are so many credit unions from which to pick," he says. "Almost anyone is eligible for at least one."

The boundaries around credit union eligibility have evolved since the first American credit union was founded in the early 1900s, when membership was predominantly based on an individual's place of employment.

Today, membership criteria can be geographic, social, civic, professional or even religious.

But the small size of credit unions leads to the biggest argument against them: limited access. That is especially important for ATM users, who usually are hit with annoying fees whenever they use someone else's ATM.

"Not everyone's shop-on-rate alone," says John Hall, spokesman with the American Bankers Association, an industry trade group.

Some people may prefer a package of services offered by a big bank. Those who have a lot of business transactions or are of great means may be better off at a bank while someone building credit for the first time might benefit from a credit union membership.

Middlebrook says he is happy with the services he receives at Community Credit Union, but says he would be happier if

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there were a branch near him.

The closest is in Addison, Texas. But Middlebrook is willing to drive the 15 or so miles because he knows he will receive great customer service.

"They seem more like a local bank to me, and they give me personalized service," Middlebrook says.

He says he prefers the convenience provided by his banks. "I just don't see many credit unions out there. I've maybe seen two or three," he says, adding his banks' branches are everywhere.

But more branches do not necessarily mean better customer service. Many customers complain about the service they get at large banks, which can give the impression you are known not by your name, but by your account number.

"You call their number and if it goes to customer service, you may be talking to someone in India," Hays says.

Medium to large banks are more likely to be merged or acquired by other banks and to institute cost-cutting moves such as overseas call centers or changing customers for talking to a teller.

But in the end, a small community bank can be nearly indistinguishable from a small community credit union.

Looking for more personalized service, Hays says he may move some of his accounts to a local community bank.

Poll: Workplaces may be safer from sexual harassment

The Associated Press

SEX HARASSMENT: Our work environments may be safer from sexual harassment than they were a decade ago, employees in a recent poll said. The reason is that employers have become attuned to training and litigation.

Nearly a third of workers said their work is "significantly safer" these days and 49 percent said it was "somewhat safer."

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lready in the program.

Other fair-trade coffee suppliers work with individual faith-based groups, but Equal Exchange has the largest coordinated program.

Those in the Interfaith Coffee Program are provided with a variety of materials, including church bulletins inserts, complete with graphics and fund-raising ideas and profiles of farming families the program helps.

Lutherans maintain a large lead when it comes to buying fair-trade coffee. More than 2 million of coffee were sold this year to 4,100 Lutheran churches in the United States. Their campaign slogan: "Pour Justice to the World."

Lutheran World Relief even produced a 28-minute video, "Grounds for Hope," to be used as a sales tool.

Buoyed by the Lutherans' success, Catholic Relief Services signed on last year, hoping to get 10 percent of America's 19,000 Catholic parishes to serve fair-trade coffee.

The Web site for Catholic Relief Services offers a virtual tour of the farmers and land in Nicaragua that produce some of the fair-trade coffee.

The photographs were taken by staff members who traveled there to meet the growers they were helping.

"This is an opportunity for Catholics to apply their faith outside of Mass on Sunday," said Michael Sheridan, fair trade program officer for Catholic Relief Services. "It is a daily habit that allows people to help stop the exploitation of their brothers and sisters overseas."

Holy Family Church in South Pasadena, Calif., has made the switch to fair-trade coffee for its staffers, and hopes to take the program parish wide soon.

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Infomercials, a \$256B business, turn 20

The Washington Post

Last year, people sitting at home watching television spent \$91 billion on products they saw on infomercials; more than the gross domestic product of New Zealand. They lapped up products that claimed to make them look prettier, get skinner, cook tastier, grow richer, remember better and love longer. Like everyone, infomercial customers have needs and desires. Unlike everyone, they act on them. You can find them on the Internet, which, for infomercial patrons, is a megaphone, complaint desk and Father Confessor.

On www.infomercialscams.com, you will find the name, also known as plaudits, Denise writes of the AB-DOU exercise bench (\$150). "My pastor's wife used it and still uses it. She went from a Size 16-18 to a Size 8. Yes."

Else on the other hand, ordered the Igla Pore Cleanser (\$30). "I have blackheads and I believed the infomercial description of this product. The instructions said that if you have trouble you should use after a long bath or shower when the pores will be open. I took a very hot bath for one hour and I still didn't see anything out of my skin."

The infomercial turns 20 this year, an occasion most people probably are as eager to mark as the 30-year anniversary of the invention of the leisure suit. Veg-O-Matic daddy Ron Popell often thought of his father of the infomercial, first bought 60-second television commercials in the 1950s. But until 1984 the Federal Communications Commission did not allow more than 15 minutes of advertising per hour, with two-minute spots the maximum length.

The restriction was lifted that year, owing to the proliferation of cable stations and industry lobbying, and the 30-minute infomercial was born. Herbalife nutritional product infomercials appeared on USA Network. Soon after, Bill Guthy, who owned a cassette-tape copying business, and resort secretary, Henker started an infomercial studio, Guthy-Renker. They signed former NFL quarterback Fran Tarkenton to pitch motivational books.

Their next client was Tony Robbins, whose "Personal Power" motivational books, tapes and seminars became a juggernaut. His infomercials showed him hanging with celebrities and royal, befriending children and piloting his own helicopter. The towering Robbins' mesmerizing positivism proved irresistible to buyers. (Do not look directly at him.)

Today, infomercials are a \$256 billion-per-year industry (including its business-to-business component), according to the Electronic Retailing Association, the trade group of companies that sell via radio, television, and the Internet. Of that figure, the association estimates that last year, consumers spent \$91 billion on products advertised on 30-minute infomercials and 30- and 60-second ads that included a call to action. Example: A 30-second ad for the Bowflex home gym is considered in the same category as a 30-minute Bowflex infomercial, because both include a phone number and a command to buy. This differs from a standard television commercial, such as for a Chevy truck, that simply aims to create brand recognition.

A new sort of infomercial doesn't ask the consumer to buy immediately. Mainstream manufacturers such as Procter & Gamble are buying half-hour promotional slots, hoping you'll remember them in the stores. But the traditional infomercial format remains the same: The commercials frequently feature a full-volume pitchman, armed up like a candidate in a tranquilizer-gun take-down (The Bo's Billy Blanks, Tony Little with the Gazelle exerciser, Billy Mays for OxiClean), hawking an "amazing product" accompanied by an incredulous interviewer (often a former actress).

Recent entrants are infomercials for male-enhancement pills/supplements/pumps and penis extenders. The science of infomercial features a studio audience and legendary porn star Ron "The Hedgehog" Perry.

PRODUCT (CURRENTHROUGH 9/22)	TIMES AIRED*
Carlton H. Sheets "No Down Payment Real Estate Investment Program"	4,152
Slim in 6 "Reshape your body in only 6 weeks"	3,545
Bowflex home gym "Get the results you want in only 20 minutes a day 3 days a week."	3,496
Ionic Breeds From Sharper Image "Ionic breeze air purifier circulates in silence."	3,158
Magic Bullet blender "Your blender, coffee grinder, food processor and kitchen knife have just become obsolete."	2,902



Bowflex Home Gym system sells for between \$400 and \$2,000.

PRODUCT (AIR-TIME)**	TIMES AIRED
Carlton H. Sheets "No Down Payment Real Estate Investment Program"	38,789
Proactiv Solution "Get the skin you want now!" say Vanessa Williams and other celebrities.	25,092
Attacking Anxiety & Depression audio tapes "It will provide the resources for you to become confident, assertive and independent."	21,229
Don Lappas's Making Money "Small ads, big profits." "The 1-900 Business" and other schemes.	21,059
Total Gym "More than a machine, it's a solution."	20,931



*On the 40 national cable channels monitored by IMS. Figure does not include airtime on local television stations, which typically would show those on cable. **Since IMS began its database in 1992. SOURCE: Infomercial Monitoring Services Inc.

And boy howdy, do they rake in the most-desired infomercial for the "Total Gym," which features actor Christie Brinkley and supermodel Chuck Norris (walk, reread that), sold more than \$1 billion worth of Total Gyms in a six-year run, the association said. Guthy-Renker grosses more than \$1 billion annually, as do Popell's inventions.

The infomercial industry is growing at a clip of 10 percent annually, the association said. Each month, 250,000 infomercials air on cable and broadcast channels in the United States and Canada, said Sam Catanese, who runs Infomercial Monitoring Service Inc., which tracks where and how often infomercials air and sells Nielsen-like reports to advertisers.

May 2004 was the busiest month ever for the introduction of new infomercials, he said. Each day in May, three new infomercials hit the air.

Just take a moment to turn that over in your mind. OK, now continue reading.

The industry says that misconceptions about it abound, that the perception of the average customer as an anti-social, insomniac shut-in with impulsive-control issues is grossly exaggerated and unfair.

"They're you and me," said Barbara Tullpane, president of the Electronic Retailing Association, the trade group of infomercial makers. "Typically, they're multi-taskers. They're not sitting down, glued to the TV. They're probably making dinner; they've got kids in the room studying, reading, talking."

An April study commissioned by Tullpane's association found the typical infomercial shopper is a single mother 18 to 34 years old. The fact that she has less education than her peers does not stop on-line, according to the study, doesn't prevent her from making \$50,000 to \$99,000 per year. Generally, an infomercial must hit a 2-to-1 sales-to-cost ratio to survive, said Catanese, who also produces infomercials for advertisers. In other words, if the advertiser spends \$1 million per week to air the infomercial, the product had better gross \$2 million in week-by-week sales.

It can cost an advertiser \$10,000 to more than \$500,000 to produce a 30-minute infomercial, Catanese said. After that comes the continuing expense of buying airtime. In the early days of infomercials, when cable channels were screaming for programming to fill their gaping 24-7 schedules, airtime could be had for next to nothing. An independently owned television station in a small market in the middle of the night, an advertiser can still get its 30-minute infomercial aired for \$50, said Dan Danielson, chief executive of Mercury Media, which bought \$152 million worth of airtime for infomercials last year.

After that, prices go way up. The most-desired infomercial slots - during the day on Saturday and Sunday, especially in the winter, when people are trapped indoors - can run as high as \$10,000 to \$15,000 for one half-hour slot at a big-city station. Infomercials typically account for 3 to 5 percent of a station's total ad revenue. But viewers are probably most likely to see infomercials

on the scores of cable channels available nowadays. Those in the industry say it's another misconception that infomercials are night-grazing for the stay-awake set, but a look at the Infomercial Monitoring Service grid from midnight to 8 a.m. suggests otherwise. Almost all CNBC's overnight programming can consist of infomercials, with other big cable channels such as FX, SciFi, Oxy-

Infomercial hall of fame

The Washington Post

Some memorable infomercials and their makers:

The Real Vu's Real Estate Seminar

In the late '80s and early '90s, the Vietnamese immigrant butchered English and hawked his system of buying and selling distressed real estate while sitting on a yacht surrounded by bikini-clad models and exclaiming "losers."

Where is he now? - Sued in 1992 by his former students who claimed he used mind-control tactics at his seminar to force them to hand over \$50,000 each. Vu settled some suits and fought others. He appeared in a new infomercial in 1993.

Tony Robbins' "Personal Power"

What's more spellbinding? The fact that Robbins has given pep talks to royal families, celebrities and CEOs, or his Svengali-like presence? Where is he now? - Still piloting his helicopters and selling out arenas. Had a cameo in 2001's "Shallow Hal."

Susan Powter's "Stop the Insanity!"

The screaming former fatty was a human exclamation mark in the '90s with her spiked platinum hairdo and weight-loss system. Where is she now? - Soccer mom turned self-proclaimed radical feminist lesbian. Has a new book and one-woman act. Opened for the Indigo Girls on tour earlier this year.

Ron Popell's gadgets

The granddaddy of them all. Popell's Pocket Spray-on, Veg-O-Matic, frypan hair and other Ronco products have generated sales of more than \$1 billion. Where is he now? - Semi-retired in California; where he fishes on his boat, the Popell Pocket.

gen and Lifetime selling as many as half their overnight slots for infomercials. In a nifty bit of knowing-your-audience, Et entertainment channel has followed its "Wild On ..." program, which documents young nearly-naked vacationers partying in hotspots around the world, with the infomercial for "Girls Gone Wild," a videotape oeuvre largely devoted to recording young women pulling their shirts up/bikini tops down. (You there, on the sofa - put down that phone and ask a real girl out. No, not now. It's 2 a.m.) Thirty-minute time slots in

the weekend daytime hours on a popular-cable-channel-such as Lifetime can cost up to \$40,000 per spot because they're reaching millions of viewers, Danielson said. Like broadcast stations, cable networks count on infomercial revenue for about 5 percent of their total ad dollars. Danielson said some stations recently have backed off selling time to infomercials. "Stations are more wary now because of some of the bad things that have happened," he said. "But it's a cyclical business. There's a backlash, then that'll wear away after a while."

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Young African professionals return home

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — African immigrant Ibrahima Gueye has it all: A top executive job with a future. A two-story, four-bath deluxe home. Servants to cook his food, clean his house and wash his clothes. A live-in nanny for his children.

But not in Europe or the United States — in Africa. Like a large number of African expatriate returnees, the 38-year-old financial analyst has given up his lucrative job in Europe, deciding West isn't necessarily best — and the quality of life is at home.

"People just don't realize that though you make a lot of money living in the West, you don't even enjoy all that cash," said Gueye, recalling how he spent most of his free time in France — where he lived for 14 years — working around the house and grocery shopping.

Hundreds of thousands of educated Africans have left the continent to escape poverty and high unemployment, and millions more yearn to.

But some are also moving in the opposite direction — attracted by lower costs of living, the desire to be close to family and the chance to take on more senior positions than they'd likely get abroad.

As head of the finance department of an oil and gas refinery company in Senegal's capital, Dakar, Gueye makes a salary equivalent to what he made in Paris as a senior accountant.

"Basically, I have my life back," said Gueye, dressed in an immaculate suit, barking orders over the phone in his air-conditioned office.

"Now, I can spend the weekend at the beach with my family," he said. "Cooking is definitely a thing of the past."

According to the International



Ibrahima Gueye, 38, stands near the African Refinery Co. where he is the head of the finance department in the M'Bao District on the outskirts of Dakar, Senegal, on Sept. 16. Like a large number of African expatriate returnees, the 38-year-old financial analyst has given up his lucrative job in Europe, deciding West isn't necessarily best and the quality of life is at home.

Organization for Migration, 250,000 African professionals work in Europe and North America alone. UNESCO says at least 30,000 Africans abroad hold doctorates.

"The exodus is part of a worldwide 'brain drain' that's seen trained workers flee poor countries for wealthier ones —

leaving home countries with deficits of doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

Statistics on the number of educated Africans heading back to Africa are hard to come by. In Senegal, no organization keeps track, but hundreds have returned in recent years, said Pape Madike Diop, who heads a job

recruitment agency.

African nations have tried to woo expatriate nationals with patriotic calls to help rebuild shattered economies, but it's a hard sell.

Around 300 million of Africa's 880 million people live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than a dollar a day and without

access to clean water, adequate sanitation, health care or a decent education.

In Senegal, a relatively prosperous and peaceful country in war-ravaged West Africa, the unemployment rate is about 9%.

Some Africans overseas recognize the difficulties. Concerned

about brain drain, they're trying to encourage other Africans to return by helping them find jobs back home.

The Britain-based nonprofit organization — African Returnees founded in 1989 by a group of expatriates from Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Ghana, has helped more than 200 African professionals relocate to the continent, the organization's chief executive Iyabo Bankole said from London.

On AfricanReturnees' Web site, skilled Africans abroad can register on a database, search for jobs and consult a list of potential employers in Africa.

Houssou Ka, a Senegalese who once worked in France as a consultant for Deloitte & Touche, said "it was never a question of 'if' but finding the right time to return."

Ka was among 25 foreigners who graduated from France's Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées — the national engineering school — along with 105 French students he believes had an advantage in the French job market.

Competing with Senegalese on his home turf instead would give him the advantage, Ka says.

Returning last year, he got a job as a financial engineer at a bank in Dakar — a senior management post with an internationally competitive salary.

"My ambition had always been to be at the top, not just a simple engineer," he said.

An added bonus was more living space. Ka lives in a three-bedroom apartment in Dakar that costs the same as his one-bedroom apartment in Paris.

After long days in the office, he and his wife now walk into an apartment tidied by a maid who washes, irons and folds their clothes.

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Over 1.020 sq. ft. of multi-use
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• \$320,000 • MLS#111700/11702
• Kimberly • 4 bedrooms, 2 baths
Home, courts, riding arena, terrific shop
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PC#5012
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• 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths
Golf course, open, spacious, beautiful
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• \$524,000 • Twin Falls • MLS#1110912
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Beautiful brick, approx. 4000 sq. ft., 3.4 acres
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TWIN FALLS Room wanted, \$250/mo, util. pd, 373-0973

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I once was an overly protective mom. To hear my husband tell it, I still am. But I like to think I learned a few lessons along the child-rearing way.

I do remember my husband and I having the "bailing kids out" conversation quite a few times.

I would always be the one to get the calls from school. Obviously, my kids weren't stupid.

"Mom," they would say, "I found my lunch in the baseball uniform — my homework — my brain — you fill in the blank. Deep inside myself, I could hear my husband saying, 'Don't bail them out. They have to learn to be responsible.' Then I would take them the stuff."



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

And I would talk to the school secretaries about how they would leave work to take stuff to their own kids.

I think it's a mom thing. My own mom did everything for me. She watched over me carefully, too, long after she needed to. Eventually, it got pretty annoying.

I don't think she ever let me ride my bicycle in the street until after I had gotten my drivers license.

It's never easy to know when to hold on and when to let go — the age-old struggle between freedom and responsibility. It all makes sense until you become a parent.

Then you read about a child being kidnapped and this suddenly becomes a big possibility to worry about. I mean, I still need to remind myself not to tell my adult children to look both ways when they cross the street.

My first-born was the gulper pig. I remember hitting a sister for her when she was 12, and had already completed the baby-sitting class at the hospital.

Several times after my son being brought completely home being overly protective with him.

"I did OK with you," I remember responding.

"Mom, I'm totally neurotic," she countered.

"Well, except for that."

I thought I was better after the first one left home. So we built a second-floor master bedroom onto the house and let our 12-year-old son have the downstairs sleeping quarters. I was OK with that until I read somewhere that the reasoning ability part of a child's brain isn't completely developed until his early 20s. That's when I started to agonize about leaving my son downstairs alone at night.

And he's the one with the broken bed in jail.

Then there's the teen-age curfew issue. I never have figured out why the moms are the ones who stay awake listening for the door while the dads snore away the night so peacefully.

Once, when my son was a little late coming home, I remember punching my husband awake and throwing a little fit.

"Calm down," he said.

"But I heard a siren out there. What if he's hurt?"

"I heard a cricket out there, too," my long-suffering spouse replied, "but that doesn't mean he's being attacked by bugs."

At least I was never as bad as that mom on the TV talk show who said she finally did accept the fact that her son was going to marry and leave her, but she sewed nametags into his clothes before he left on his honeymoon.

Or maybe I am that bad. Last year when my first child left for college, I sent him off with all the stuff he needed and with all the other stuff I decided he needed. There were nicely boxed dish towels, coasters, houseplants, and stationery for him to use in writing to me. He politely thanked it all into his bag.

When we went to help him move home for the summer, all of us was still boxed up. None of us said much about it.

I just stored it for the summer and sent it back with him this year.

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The Wood River Journal

Benefit concert Saturday

Chad and Jeremy's benefit concert for Tyler Shelly will start at 7 p.m. Saturday at the newStage Theater in Ketchum. Wine and food donated by several caterers will be available for purchase.

Several prizes will also be raffled off, including a private Chad and Jeremy concert. And there will be several informational displays, including one about pulmonary hypertension set up by Tyler's sister, Cassi, who has a graduate degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Tickets are \$20, \$50 and \$100 and available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and Iconoclast Books in Ketchum and Halley.

How to help

Send get-well cards for Tyler Shelly to the University of Utah Hospital, Intensive Care Unit, Second Floor, 50 N. Medical Drive, Salt Lake City 84143. An account for Shelly has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank, which has branches throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys.

BELLEVUE — It seemed like more than any young boy should have to face when Tyler Shelly lost his left hand in a car accident.

Now the teen-ager is lying in a Utah hospital hooked up to life support as he struggles to overcome a double lung transplant and a rare disease that has shut down his body.

But he's getting a little help from his friends — namely, his former guitar teacher Chad Stuart, who is enlisting the help of his singing partner Jeremy Clyde to throw a benefit concert for the boy.

The concert, featuring the British pop duo Chad and Jeremy will be Saturday at the newStage Theater in Ketchum. "I don't care how good your insurance is," said Stuart, who has lived in the Wood River Valley since 1990. "By the time you look at the auxiliary costs — the travel, the staying in other cities, the cost of several Life Flights — it adds up. We're here to do the only thing we can do — try to help the family with the awesome expense."

Shelly, a lanky 6-foot-1165-pound 19-year-old with a mop of dark brown hair, was 10 when he was struck by a car while crossing the highway on the outskirts of Bellevue. The accident severed his left hand and prompted Bellevue leaders to lower the speed limit there from 55 miles an hour to 35.

Doctors reattached his hand with the help of eight surgeries, skin grafts and nerve transfers. "That didn't prevent young Tyler from having a sudden burning desire to learn to play the guitar, even though he didn't have enough strength in his left hand to hold a guitar pick for years after his accident."

"We were riding home from the doctor one day when he said, 'I wish I could play the guitar, but I can't because of my hand,'" recalled his mother, Judy Shelly, a teacher at Bellevue Elementary School. "I told him, 'Sure you can learn to play with the other hand.' And he did and he became phenomenal."

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts awarded Shelly a couple thousand dollars to take guitar lessons from Stuart. He taught on Saturday, hit it off when Stuart's idol Jimi Hendrix.

"I have huge admiration for this boy," said Clyde, who also learned to play guitar from Stuart. "Not only does he just have one hand, but he learned to play guitar the other way — and

that's not easy."

Shelly turned out to be a talented guitar player, said Stuart, who knows a little bit about challenge, having suffered an eye injury that required several eye surgeries over a couple years, causing Chad and Jeremy's plans to record a comeback album in 1982.

"He's the only student I know of who practiced hours and hours a day," Stuart said. "It meant more to him because of what had happened. He's very good at playing heavy metal, which requires a great virtuosity. I can't hear all that screaming and howling but it can be amazing to listen to heavy metal guitar players."

A couple years ago, armed with more than \$6,000 worth of scholarships, Shelly headed for the Musicians Institute in Los Angeles, which boasts such teachers as Eric Clapton.

"I want to learn how to live off my music even if it means living in a shack," Shelly told a reporter upon his graduation from Silver Creek Alternative School. "I like being able to play out my emotions through my guitar. It's my passion."

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM — Yes, "Yesterday's Gone," but Chad and Jeremy are back, thanks to last summer's PBS Series Pop Rock Reunion that featured the British pop duo, along with artists like The Grass Roots, Tommy James and the Shondells and others.

Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde, who will perform at a benefit concert for Tyler Shelly on Saturday, hit it off when Stuart met Clyde at drama school in their native England.

David Stuart Chadwick became a boy singer at Durham Cathedral School. And Michael Thomas Jeremy Clyde — the great-great-grandson of the man who defeated Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo — was an aspiring talented actor and filmmaker who had won an Amateur Oscar while at Bron.



Chad Stuart and Jeremy Clyde, musical partners off and on for 42 years, will sing together again Saturday in Ketchum.

Shelly met some great guitar players at the college, including Stevie Wonder. And he overcame his shyness to perform his style of classic 1960s and '70s rock and heavy metal in front of groups of people.

He graduated early and returned in the Wood River Valley last winter to teach guitar and work as a landscaper. He had just been accepted to a guitar building school in British Columbia when he started experiencing shortness of breath.

At first, doctors attributed it to allergies and asthma. Then, in May, one pinpointed it as an extremely aggressive form of primary pulmonary hyperten-

sion, a run disorder often characterized as high blood pressure of the lungs.

The arteries that supplied blood to Shelly's lungs had become constricted, limiting the blood flow to the lungs and causing high blood pressure to develop within the lungs.

"It's worse than cancer," said Judy Shelly, who has been looking after Tyler with his father John Shelly, who works for the Forest Service in Fairfield. "It's a hideous disease that comes on fast. And the type Tyler has is very rare — less than 20 families in the United States carry this gene."

By last summer Tyler — who loved to swim and hike —

couldn't walk from his bedroom to the living room without having to sit down. Tubes from his oxygen tanks snaked across the living room like octopus tentacles.

"I was amazed when I came back from England and saw him," Clyde recalled. "I could hardly play guitar anymore. He was too exhausted to lift a spoon. If he lifted his arm, his pulse rate would go up tremendously."

Discouraged at first, Tyler rallied as his disease worsened. Even the doctors have been amazed at his resolve to live. "Two days ago, the doctor said Tyler was as close to death

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Summer comes again for C&J

The two started parading their two-part harmonies before the world after an actor's strike prevented Clyde from landing an acting gig upon graduation.

Soon the two well-groomed, lithe-haired, intellectuals were appealing to U.S. teen-hoppers, as well as their moms and dads, with songs like "Summer Song," "Yesterday's Gone," "I Love You" and even "Batman," in an episode where the Catwoman stole the duo's voices.

And they were starring in all the hit TV shows of the day, including Patty Duke, Dick Van Dyke, Mike Douglas, "Hullabaloo" and even "Batman," in an episode where the Catwoman stole the duo's voices.

The pop-tops split at the end of the 1960s as teen-agers' tastes shifted from their acoustic harmony more hard-edged stuff. The two had made some bad music choices, such as letting Simon and Garfunkel get away with "Homeward Bound." And Clyde had a hankering to return

to theater, anyway.

But the two remained friends, starting in the British version of Broadway's "Pump Boys and Dinettes," even as they turned down recording deals and concert gigs.

"Nothing's worse than hearing Stuart, 60, whose hair today is shaggier than it was in the '60s. 'But, life is not just a putting 'Love You' and 'Willow Weep for Me.'"

The seeds for Chad and Jeremy's first reunion were planted about 17 years ago when Vanity Fair magazine published a long article about the British invasion, helping to launch a British Invasion II Tour starring Chad and Jeremy, Gerry and the Pacemakers and others.

It was the tour Chad and Jeremy had always sworn they'd never do. But they warmed up as they saw listeners crying as they played "A Summer Song" and showering them with heartfelt thanks for coming back.

"We made the mistake earlier of thinking we would turn into our parents when we got older. In fact, Jeremy even did a spoof on that," Stuart said, imitating how Clyde would click his fingers and sing as if he were Frank Sinatra. "How silly of course we didn't turn into our parents."

"And the '60s — it still has an extraordinary glow about it. Even young people are today are in awe of it."

Nevertheless, when the tour was over, Clyde returned to the UK to fulfill a previous commitment to film the TV series "The Adventures of William Tell." He went on to act in a stage revival of "Calvadeo," work with actor John Hurt in a BBC series and film a movie version of Alexander Dumas' "The Musketeer." He just finished a film in India.

After flourishing in Hollywood for a few years, Stuart snuck the rat race of Southern California and followed fellow British actor David Hemmings to the Wood River Valley

in 1990.

Here he hosted a radio program for a few years, taught music, wrote a children's book, starred as Fagan in a community theater production of "Oliver" and continued to write and arrange music in a studio he built in his home.

The two got back together last summer for the PBS concert. After a few small-potatoes engagements, including an appearance at the Great Wigout Days Duck Race in Rotary Park, they branched out into bigger concerts.

They played before 8,000 people not too long ago in Stamford, Conn. They played before 6,000 people in Seattle. And now they're off for a concert tour in the Philippines.

"We figured acoustic music — what we do — had come back," Stuart said. "It was fashionable once again — even Simon and Garfunkel are back," Stuart said. "And very few of the

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FAMILY LIFE

ANNIVERSARY

THE HALLS

MALTA — Mr. and Mrs. Rodney N. Hall of Malta will celebrate at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary...



Rodney and Jane Hall.



The couple has 13 grandchildren.

COOK-JEWKES

RAFT RIVER — Vaughn D. and Lorna Cook of Raft River announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Jane Cook...



Emily Cook and Jeffery Jewkes.

STUART-KASPER

TWIN FALLS — Ken and Katie Stuart of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Stuart...



Mark Kasper and Elizabeth Stuart.

BERRY-BROWN

TWIN FALLS — Joe and Cindy Berry of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Patrice Berry...



David Brown and Patrice Berry.

EWALT-ARCHER

TWIN FALLS — Susan Ewalt of Twin Falls and George Ewalt of Hamilton, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Sue Ewalt...



Amber Ewalt and Justin Archer.

WEDDING

TAYLOR-LOONEY

TWIN FALLS — Candl Taylor and Dana DeLooney are married on Oct. 16 at the White House in Twin Falls. The bride is the daughter of Barbara Taylor of Tuhl and the late Ronald C. Taylor...



Candl and Dana Looney.

GRADY-HIGGINS

WENDELL — Dennis Grady of LaVerne, Calif., and Joyce Grady of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon R. Grady...



Christopher Higgins and Sharon Grady.

CONNELL-KARARIC

TWIN FALLS — Calvin and Sassy Connell and Shellee and John Thompson, all of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lenore Connell...



Elvis Kararic and Jessica Connell.

Here comes the bride, so look out

The Stamford Advocate

Bridezilla (brid zil/la) n. a bride who is greedy, thoughtless and rude. It's a combination of bride andzilla and believes her friends and family should cater to all of her desires...

filled with loads of anecdotal evidence. "These anecdotes can serve as examples of bad behavior, says Dunson...

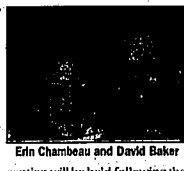
hour late, inconveniencing 200 people," says Loretta Stagen of Loretta Stagen Floral Designs in Stamford, Conn.

have or wish they had. They obviously want to make it better for their child, but when they take over and answer for the bride, I think it gets a little weird...

ENGAGEMENTS

CHAMBEAU-BAKER

TWIN FALLS — James and Tina Gibson and Linda and Delmar Scholl, all of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Michelle Chambeau...



Erin Chambeau and David Baker.

Young Cuban couple defies odds in a lottery of a lifetime

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — All the guests wanted a piece of the wedding cake. You could hardly like them. I was a delicate, elegant, covered with fluffy white icing, shot through with tendrils of raspberry mousse...

United States in the first place, and they certainly never would have found themselves getting married at Walt Disney World last week and spending their honeymoon there, all expenses paid.

They were the best kind of lucky. They were lucky in love. So it was no wonder that an especially avid cluster of wedding guests gathered around the cake after the ceremony at Disney's lavish wedding chapel...

It was a time when it seemed that fate was against Bocourt and Suarez. They met four years ago, while both were students in Havana. He asked her to be his girlfriend. She turned him down. "Girls are like that," she confides. "We never say yes the first time..."

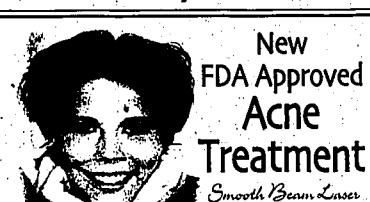
just two of the countless true tales described in "Bridezilla: True Tales From Etiquette Hell" (Sahadi Press, \$14.95) by Gail Dunson, an etiquette expert and wedding planner...

"A wedding can bring out the best in a person, but unfortunately it can also bring out the worst in some," says Dunson: whose pen name is Noe Spacemink. "She is a control freak. She has to nitpick every detail to the point where she has few friends left and forgets to have a good time."

Beware of bridezilla! If a deposit slip or registry card is included in a wedding invitation, or a padlocked cash box is prominently displayed at a bridal shower or reception with signs welcoming contributions...

There is a bridezilla on the premises if she announces the monetary value of a gift, treats her bridal party like dress-up dolls or discusses her wedding plans ad nauseam with guests down the aisle singing, 'I Love You.' Stories inevitably include warnings...

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.00 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Menu:
Monday: Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, bread, peach crisp.
Tuesday: Taco salad, fruit, dessert.
Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, scalloped potato, green beans, jell-O salad, roll, pudding w/ fruit.
Thursday: Sweet and sour beef, baked potatoes, Oriental vegetables, salad, hot bread pudding.
Friday: Chicken Alfredo w/ noodles, vegetables, bread, hot inn salad, mint chutney clouds.

West End

Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
Menu:
Today: Turkey dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Beef stews, salad, biscuits, peaches, dessert
Wednesday: Chef salad, cottage cheese, fresh fruit, bread, dessert
Thursday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, strawberries, bananas, bread, pudding, cookies
Friday: Closed
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Farmers Market, 5-7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Jacket trip, leave center at 4:30 p.m.; leave jacket at 10 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Lunch-delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menu:
Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, rice, collard.
Thursday: Pineapple juice, hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered carrots, three-bean salad, fruit sauce

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menu:
Monday: Liver and onions, oat grain potatoes, mixed veggies, pickled beets, fruit, cookies.
Tuesday: Chicken alla kingover potatoes, green beans, jell-O, fruit, apple crisp.
Wednesday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, carrot/rainin salad, fruit, tapioca pudding.
Thursday: Chicken Greenball, potatoes and gravy, carrots, green salad, strawberry shurricane.
Friday: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes and gravy, peas and pearl onions, three-bean salad, custard and ice cream.
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Gene Stone Fiddlers, noon
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Saturday: Pinochle and bridge tournament, noon

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Menu:
Monday: Potato soup, sandwich, jell-O, crackers, brownies
Wednesday: Beef fritters, rice, sweet and sour sauce, mixed veggies, tossed salad, rolls, dessert
Friday: Barbecue beef on a bun, Mexi corn, hash browns, tossed salad, bread and butter, peaches, cookies
Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 1:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

300 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menu:
Monday: Beefy noodles, vegetables, coleslaw, bread, cake
Tuesday: Matlbu chicken, baked potato, corn, penny carrot salad, bread, pudding
Wednesday: Pizza, green salad, relishes, dessert
Thursday: Pit ham, scalloped

potatoes, brussels sprouts, four-bean salad, roll, strawberry shortcake

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
SHIBA, 11 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
TOFS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Howling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Menu:
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Roast: beef, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad, bread, banana cream pie
Friday: Potato bar w/ chili, salads and desserts

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.
Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, coleslaw, peas, cookies
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, cottage cheese, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens, Inc.

218 N. Ball St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Tuesday: Chicken ala king over baking powder-biscuits, pea salad, molded fruit salad, cream puffs
Thursday: I am salad sandwich, split pea soup, carrot sticks, banana cream pie
Friday: Turkey, ham, various pies, hot dinner rolls
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Beef stew, cheese slices, hot dinner rolls, green salad, apple crisp
Thursday: Chili hot dogs, tossed salad, french fries, custard pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menu:
Tuesday: Veggie or bacon quiche, hashbrown casserole, morning glory murgins, fruit salad, tossed green salad, feed brownies
Wednesday: Swedish meatballs, noodles, tossed green salad, broccoli or chili w/ grilled cheese sandwich, peaches with orange pound cake

Friday: Roast pork w/ dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potato crunch, cream style corn, appleauce J-O salad, hot rolls, sunshing carrot cake

Activities:
Monday: Dinner and a movie, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Poetry group, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Carey lunch, noon
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Friday: Red hat day. Ladies wear a red hat and purple clothing

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Lunch is served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 - 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50, children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menu:

Tuesday: Chicken fried patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas; fruit
Wednesday: Chili dogs, potato salad, green beans, fruit, dessert
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, jell-O with fruit, rolls, dessert
Activities:
Tuesday: Pool Quilting
Bingo puzzles
Wednesday: Pool Quilting
Bingo puzzles
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m.
Friday: Pool Quilting
Bingo puzzles

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

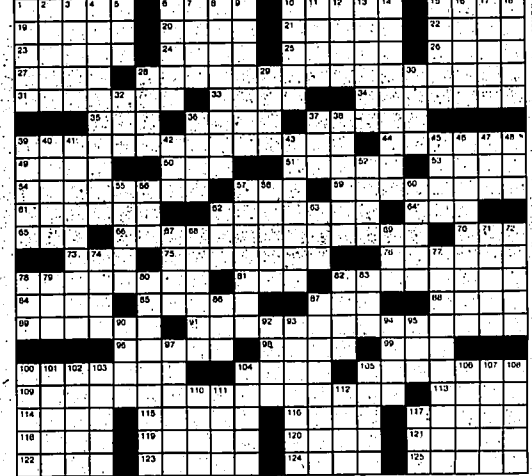
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday: Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: SHIBA, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Call George, 436-9107.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Gate Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menu:
Monday: Oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli Normandy, whipped jell-O, Parker roll, bread pudding
Tuesday: Potato soup, baked ham and cheese sandwich, fruit jell-O, brownies
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, summer veggies, roll, Clara's salad, apple crisp
Thursday: Cabbage rolls, hashbrowns, mixed veggies, mixed fruit, chesseecake
Friday: Lasagna, hard roll, tossed salad, green beans, peach cake
Activities:
Monday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dinners, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Woodcarving class, 9 a.m.
Root nut farms, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons
Mini pinochle, 7 p.m.
Hearing aid assistance, 11 a.m.
Jacket trip, 3 p.m. \$5.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Welch
PET PHRASES By Alan P. Olshwang, Huntington Beach, California

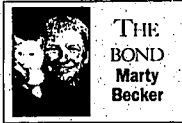


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How to keep your pet safe at home

There are some pet dangers lurking in your home, several of which involve poisons. To prevent your pet becoming accidentally poisoned, the experts at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) Poison Control Center offer these guidelines:

- If a product is labeled for use in a dog, don't use it on a cat, and vice a versa.
- Make sure pets don't go on lawns or in gardens treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides until they have dried completely. Always store such products in areas that are inaccessible to your pets.
- Be alert to antifreeze leaking from your vehicle. Consider using animal safe products that use propylene glycol rather than those with ethylene glycol.
- When using rat, mouse or slug baits or ant or roach traps place the products in inaccessible, using animal safe products that use propylene glycol rather than those with ethylene glycol.



THE BOND Marty Becker
Smelling inert ingredients such as peanut butter, jelly or sugar.
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HOMECOMING ROYALTY

Twin Falls High School homecoming royalty nominee Jayme Hamilton congratulates homecoming queen Nicole Bulcher.



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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Flier girl wins title at national talent showcase

Chloe Morrin of Filer won first place in the children's division of the USA World Showcase, a model and talent search, in June in Las Vegas, Nev.

The show was broadcast nationwide on PAX Television in August.

Chloe, 10, a fifth-grader, is the daughter of Nate and

Kayte Laughery.

In December 2003, Chloe auditioned and was one of 150 contestants chosen from 33,000 applicants, her mother reported. Chloe sang for the competition and trained with voice coaches Kim Kolk and Shari Cowger. Her dance performance was choreographed by Cassia Myers.

She also performed the dance at the Idaho Dance Fest in Pocatello and Canyon Rim Dance Classic in Twin Falls, winning a trophy and award of excellence at both.

After the showcase, Chloe met with agents and trained at the Aaron Spieser Acting Studio in Los Angeles, Calif., her moth-

er reported. She will attend a week of intensive "boot camp" this month for young performers, directed by Donnajeanne Goheen of Young Performers Studio in Studio City, Calif.

Chloe also will appear in ads for gEMINI-girl, an online shopping site, and in American Cheerleader Junior Magazine and four or five other teen magazines, reported her mother.

Chloe studies with the Magic Valley Performing Arts of Twin Falls and participated in gymnastics, soccer and cheerleading.

Castleford student receives dalrymen award

The United Dalrymen of Idaho has awarded Castleford High School senior Laura Zavala the Distinguished Student Award.

She has a 4.0 grade point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, an Idaho Top Scholar and listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students. She also has served as a tutor, was her junior class president and sophomore class representative, organized and is president of Castleford Hispanic Opportunities, was president of Family Career and Community Leaders of America and was

junior homecoming princess. Her volunteer activities include the Christmas food drive, trick or treat for UNICEF, the Idaho Food Bank and Natural Helpers.

Aimo student earns college scholarship

Stephanie Durfee of Aimo, a senior at Raft River High School in Malin, has been selected to receive a \$20,000 college scholarship through the Saunstrup-American Legion program.

The selection committee awarded the scholarships on the basis of academic record, involvement in school and community activities and financial need. Students must be direct descendants of American wartime veterans.

Gallery presents award of merit to T.F. student

Elizabeth James of Ivin Falls, a student at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., has received an Award of Merit in the Kansas Collegiate Aesthetics 2004 Exhibition at the Biggar Sanders Memorial Gallery in Lindborg, Kan.

James' entry, "Five Piece Box Assemblage," a ceramic work, will show at the exhibition through Oct. 24.

Craft shows can list event in T-N publication

TWIN FALLS - On Oct. 29, *The Times-News* will publish a free list of area craft shows and bazaars. To have a bazaar included, send the name, date and place of the bazaar, along with some information about the items to be sold, to Denise Turner, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0549, or to *The Times-News* Bureau, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318, e-mail the information to denise@magvalley.com, or fax to 734-5536. Include name, address and phone number. The deadline is Oct. 22.

For more information, call 733-0931, ext. 243.

Hansen Library adds books to shelves

HAANSEN - The Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple Ave. W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Christian fiction: "Coming Home" by David Lewis; "A Steadfast Surrender" and "The Ultimatum" by Nancy Moser; "The Dead Don't Dance" by Charles Martin; "Hold Tight the Thread" by Jane Kirkpatrick; "The Moon by Night," by Lynn and Gilbert Morris; "Beyond a Doubt" by Colleen Coble; "The Royal Handmaid" and "The Yellow Rose" by Gilbert Morris; "Secret Tides" by Gary E. Parker; "And the Shofar Blew" by Francine Rivers; "Land of My Heart" and "The Coming Storm" by Tracy Peterson; "Poor Mrs. Bigsby" by Kathy Herman; "No Dark Valley" by Jamie Langston Turner, and "The

Buck Stops Here" by Mindy Starns Clark.

For more information, call 423-4122.

Minidoka Senior Center holds potluck dinner

RUPERT - A senior potluck dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St. Those attending should bring a main dish, side dish, dessert or salad and their own table service.

For more information, call 436-9107.

Desert Art Guild holds opening social

BURLEY - The Desert Art Guild will hold its opening social from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Springdale Art School, 495 E. 200 S.

Punch and soup will be served. Still life displays and easels will be set up for painting. There is no cost for this event.

Artists are invited to display any of their finished or in progress work featuring women subjects or anything else appropriate in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For more information, call DeAnn Goodwin at 678-3273.

Haunted mansion opens for the fourth year

RUPERT - Big River REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams) and United Fliers Intercom will have their fourth annual Haunted Mansion from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday through Nov. 1

(closed Oct. 24) at Gym-Mania, 349 W. 100 N.

A costume contest for children age 12 and under will be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

Admission is \$3 at the door or \$2.50 in advance. For more information, call Doc at 808-5031.

College seeks fund-raising committee

GOODING - Western States College is seeking people to help its volunteer fund-raising committee with a goal of raising money to fund the LOS AIK (At Risk Kids) Films program serving the juvenile justice system in Idaho.

The program works with at-risk teens and other youngsters, teaching them filmmaking, audio production, screenwriting, marketing and other skills for use in the entertainment industry.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 733-7625 or visit www.westernstatescollege.com

CSI offers computer workshops for seniors

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering zero-credit workshops for those seniors interested in learning computer skills in a hassle-free setting and without the pressure.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Lillian Eva Cluff, daughter of Jennifer Dee and Benjamin John Cluff of Ivin Falls, was born Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004.

Heath Austin Daughenbaugh, born to Jonna Ann and Darren Dale Daughenbaugh of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2004.

Emma Lee Hannebaum, daughter of Tammie Gayle and Todd Allen Hannebaum of Filer, was born Friday, Oct. 6, 2004.

Elway James Kingston, son of Shanda May Kingston of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Zander Scott Roseborough, son of Lindsey Razez and Derrick Roseborough of Ivin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Keelyn Joan and Jace Adam Hall, twin daughter and son of Gregg and Karen Hall of Filer, were born Monday, Sept. 27, 2004.

To announce a birth certificate to: Jami Whited 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 Jami at 735-3278

AARP HONORS



Above left, the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) recognized several people for their sponsorship of the organization's safe driving course.

Above right, Matt Stokes, a State Farm Insurance agent, receives a plaque from Mary Inman, a course instructor.

Left, Jim Fields, left, director of the Office on Aging, receives a plaque from Charlie Siegel, AARP assistant state coordinator.

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T.F. Marine completes training in California

Marine Corps Pvt. Kenneth R. Kerneghan, son of Sandra M. Turner of Twin Falls, and Mark W. Kerneghan of Wofford Heights, Calif., has completed 12 weeks of basic training at

Service News

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. Designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Kerneghan spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments that included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival,

marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Kerneghan is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

but feed a need to build extra confidence to proceed. This class meets in the Shields Building, room 101.

"Computers for Seniors II" will further explore the Internet, e-mail and word processing and can be tailored to the needs of the individual class. This class meets in the Shields Building, room 201.

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

'Christmas in Sweden' featured at Lodge meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge of the Sons of Norway is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Highway Ave. E.

The video, "Christmas in Sweden," will be featured. Officers for the upcoming year will be elected.

For more information, call 324-4085.

Square dance club holds potluck dinner, dance

HERMIE - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club is having a potluck dinner and dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall.

Everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish. For more information, call 734-4647.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

Oct. 6: first, Joyce Astorquia and Bonnie Asplund; second, Renee Bulcher and Marilyn Botkin; third, Wilma Driscoll and Evelyn Meyer; and fourth, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant.

Oct. 4: first, Milo Pearson and Diane Schrepper; second, Jim Holden and Mary Tucker; third, three/fourth, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner with Vi Coshaw and Beverly Reed; and light B, Nancy Strand and Dar Wagner.

Oct. 5: first, Joyce Johnston and Maxine Watkins; second, Bonnie Asplund and Mary Ann Siegel; third, Emma Lou Andrews and Veta Roberts; and fourth, Enid Cox and Beverly Reed.

Oct. 6 for north/south: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and third, Peggy Hackley and Mary Klenin. East/west: tied for first/second, Marilyn Botkin and Sam Smutny with Harold Bulcher and Ruth Rahe; and third, Joyce Astorquia and Jessie Lingnav.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and 1 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Parkinson's Support Group hears updates

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the KMVT Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Nichole Whitener will present updates from the American Parkinson's Disease Association conference.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

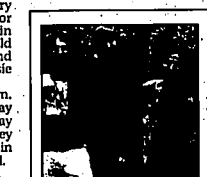
Dance Force holds fund-raising event

RUPERT - The Spartan Dance Force will hold a Benefit Extravaganza at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Minico High School auditorium, 292 W. 100 S.

The event will be hosted by Thom Stimpson, the "Singing Janitor," and will include performances by singers, dancers and cloggers.

Admission is by donation. Money raised will be used to help send the Dance Force to Florida to perform in the Gator Bowl.

For more information, call 436-9283.



National Merit makings. Monday In School Days.



Centennial

Centennial Editor: Virginia S. Hutchins - 735-3242

BUILT OF ROCKS

Family home demonstrates pioneer resourcefulness

Edmund and Mary Ulrich came to Idaho from Elk Creek, Neb., in 1919 when their son Milton was just a baby.

They took out a homestead on 40 acres in Clover. They attended the Clover Lutheran Church, and their nine children were students at the Clover Lutheran School.

PIONEER PORTRAITS
Donna Scott



Idaho pioneers were endowed with a quality of courage, which enabled them to blaze a trail in a new country. This required a resourceful characteristic, which allowed them to take advantage of what was at hand to fill their needs. If you couldn't afford the lumber to build a stick frame house, look around — all those rocks that had to be cleared from the fields so you could farm the land were just staring you in the face, waiting to be stacked on top of each other. That's what resourceful means.

Edmund had 400 hives of bees and sold honey products to earn a living.

They raised chickens and sold both chickens and eggs for additional income. Mary baked fruit pies from their orchard and made eight loaves of rye bread every other day to feed their large family.

And the rocks? Mary built a house with them. When she finished that she built a milking barn, a brooder house for her chickens and a greenhouse for her flowers. These buildings still stand, and though the family no longer lives there, the current owners have allowed the Ulrich family to hold reunions there for 300 family descendants.

Linda Ulrich-Morris has been collecting recipes from family members and finally had enough to put them into one big cookbook, complete with photographs of each family. It was her gift to each member at the 2003 reunion.

Did this titbit catch your interest? A fuller account of this family along with stories of other local residents throughout the past century, was published by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee in a book titled "Gifts of Heritage."



Photo courtesy of LINDA MORRIS of Hagerman

Mary Ulrich, at left, built the Buhl rock house in which she lived with her husband, Edmund Ulrich, at right, and her nine children. Three of the couple's children are pictured here.



Photo courtesy of LINDA MORRIS of Hagerman

In 1920, Mary Ulrich and her baby, Loretta, and toddlers, Milton, pose in the family's Model T Ford. Standing in front, from left, are Alfred, Wilbur and Roland Ulrich, their father, Edmund Ulrich, and their aunt, Ida Beeth.



Photo courtesy of LINDA MORRIS of Hagerman

Mary and Edmund Ulrich marry in 1911 in Elk Creek, Neb. The couple arrived in Idaho in 1919 and took out a homestead on 40 acres in Clover.

Edible heritage: Woman collects recipes from relatives

For 10 years, Linda Morris collected recipes from relatives of her father, Milton Ulrich.

Morris finished the cookbook last year, in time for the annual Ulrich reunion, and she made it available to the public this year at \$10 per copy. She can be reached at 837-1490.

"Cooking with the Ulrichs"

features family photos as well as fried rice, fish fry bitter and fruity breakfast punch.

Each of the book's nine sections is dedicated to one of the children of Edmund and Mary Ulrich and to that person's spouse and children.

And each recipe has the family member it came from. The Pumpkin Pie, for instance, is

from Grandma Mary herself. Grandson John Walters is credited with the Rhubarb Dream Bars, and Ted Tutley with the Super Slappy Joes.

The latter recipe is accompanied by this note: "Ted really did create this recipe. Ted is the son of Scott and Kimbra. Kimbra is the daughter of Janice Ulrich Backer."

Even among relatives, that sort

of explanation is necessary in a family of the Ulrichs' size. At the time of the cookbook's printing in 2003, Morris called Mary and Edmund Ulrich's descendants as nine children, 52 grandchildren, 116 great-grandchildren and 86 great-great-grandchildren.

No wonder some folks in the family learned to cook.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

Magic Valley scrapbooks

On the Clover Tract in 1915, the Clover City Hotel welcomes former Nebraska residents settling on the tract. Among those pictured are Frederick and Clara Wegener (grandparents of Maureen Butler of Twin Falls) and four of the Wegeners' children, Lillian, Richard, Lou and Edith. Also pictured is Faye Lierman-Jagels, a longtime family friend whose family rode from Nebraska to Idaho on the same train as the Wegeners. The Clover hotel, Butler says, "burned down in later years and was never rebuilt."

Photo courtesy of MAUREEN BUTLER of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of GEORGE WALTON of Twin Falls

At Rock Creek, Ellen Margrethe Larsen, at center, spends a Sunday afternoon in the early 1890s with John Hansen, left, and Lawrence Hansen, second from right, and the two men's wives.



Photo courtesy of NAZEL ASLETT of Twin Falls

Marion-district schoolchildren ride from their families' farms to school in the early 1920s.



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Ketchum holds a parade in 1923.

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