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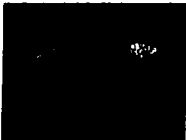
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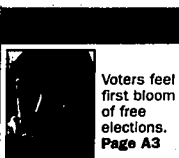
Long lines, joy, violence

Iraqis vote in large numbers, despite some insurgent attacks

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqis embraced democracy in large numbers Sunday, standing in long lines to vote in defiance of mortar attacks, suicide bombers and boycott calls. Pushed in wheelchairs or cars if they couldn't walk, the elderly, the young and women in veils cast ballots in Iraq's first free election in a half-century.

"We broke a barrier of fear," said Mijm Tawirish, an election official.



Voters feel first bloom of free elections. Page A3

Uncertain Sunni turnout, a string of insurgent attacks that killed 44 and the crash of a British military plane drove home that chaos in Iraq isn't over yet.

Yet the mere fact the vote went off seemed to ricochet instantly around a world hoping for Arab democracy and fearing Islamic extremism.

"I am doing this because I love my country, and I love the sons of my nation," said Shamal



Separate queues of men and women are shown at a school polling station in the Al Maeeel area of Basra, southern Iraq, Sunday.

Hakeib, 53, who walked with his wife 20 minutes to a polling station in the heart of Baghdad. Inside, the tight security included at least four body searches, and a ban on lighters, cell phone batteries, cigarette packs and even pens.

With helicopters flying low and gunfire close by, at least 200

The feeling was sometimes festive. One election volunteer escorted a blind man back to his home after he cast his vote. A woman too frail to walk by herself arrived on a cart pushed

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CLEAR TO LAND



Photos by COREY MYERS/The Times-News

A passing jet leaves a vapor trail or 'contrail' above the air traffic control tower at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Federal Aviation Administration employees keep track of and direct all incoming and departing aircraft at the airport.

Air traffic controllers keep airport flowing

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On a slightly foggy morning, a small, red and white aircraft slowly circles the airport.

Neither the light fog nor a heavy schedule of air traffic prevents the plane from landing. But out of one of the six windows on top of the air traffic control tower, Phil Lapp's twinkling blue eyes keep watch over the aircraft.

"Cherokee-eight-juliet, clear for the option," Lapp says into a black telephone receiver.

Five strips of paper rest neatly in front of Lapp. Arrivals go on the right, departures on the

Pilot receives honor for keeping his wings for 60 years.

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left. A panel that runs around the better part of the tower sports red and green lighted switches. And, a small map with circles and lines around the runway is taped to Lapp's left.

The pilot of a small red and white aircraft — a student — is practicing taking off and landing during a full in air traffic at the Magic Valley Regional Airport, Lapp says.

Lapp and Steve Storey, man-

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Air traffic controller Phil Lapp gives the proper approach pattern into Burley to a pilot who was performing instrument testing recently.

Lee Enterprises agrees to \$1.46 billion acquisition of 14 papers

The Times-News

The parent company of The Times-News announced its \$1.46 billion acquisition Sunday of 14 newspapers owned by Pulitzer Inc., including the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, Ariz.

Iowa-based Lee Enterprises said it will become the fourth largest U.S. newspaper publisher in terms of dailies owned and seventh largest in circulation, growing from 44 to 58 daily newspapers in 23 states, with new total circulation of 1.7 million daily and 20 million Sunday. Combining calendar 2004 results, Lee's revenue will rise by more than \$440 million, to \$1.14 billion. In the combined company, Pulitzer will represent about 39 percent of the revenue and 34 percent of the daily circulation.

The acquisition, which is expected to close later this spring, is comparable to the 2002 pur-

chase of Howard Publications Inc. At that time, Lee grew by 50 percent in revenue and 75 percent in circulation. The Pulitzer acquisition will increase Lee's size by 60 percent in revenue and 50 percent in circulation.

"It's another terrific acquisition for Lee — and, in both order of magnitude and revenue growth opportunities, remarkably similar to our highly successful purchase of the 16 Howard newspapers three years ago," said Mary Junck, Lee chairman and chief executive. "The acquisition of Pulitzer allows us to take an exciting and logical next step into another exceptionally attractive group of markets, exactly the kind where we excel as an industry leader in building revenue and circulation."

Lee bought The Times-News in 2002 as part of the \$694 million Howard acquisition. Last year, the company bought the South Idaho Press in Burley, the Wood

River Journal in Halley and the Elko Daily Free Press in Elko, Nev. It also owns weekly newspapers in Jerome, Gooding and Shoshone.

"Just like in Lee, Pulitzer's newspapers are, far and away, the primary source for news, information and advertising in their markets," Junck said.

Under the agreement, Pulitzer Inc. will become a Lee subsidiary. With the addition of about 4,000 people from Pulitzer, Lee will have about 10,700 employees.

Robert C. Woodworth, chief executive of St. Louis-based Pulitzer, said: "Lee is among the best newspaper operators in the industry, with an especially impressive record for revenue growth. When people ask me what to expect under the new ownership, the answer is obvious: Nothing breeds success like success, and Mary Junck has put together an impressive team at Lee that delivers results."

About Pulitzer Inc.

Pulitzer operates 14 daily newspapers, including the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, founded by legendary publisher Joseph Pulitzer in 1878. Others are the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, Ariz.; The Daily Herald, Provo, Utah; the Santa Maria Times, Santa Maria, Calif.; The Napa Valley Register, Napa, Calif.; The World, Coos Bay, Ore.; The Sentinel, Hanford, Calif.; the Arizona Daily Sun, Flagstaff, Ariz.; the Daily Chronicle, DeKalb, Ill.; The Garden Island, Lihue, Hawaii;

the Daily Journal, Park Hills, Mo.; The Lampoon Record, Lompoc, Calif.; and The Daily News, Rhineclaire, Wis. Pulitzer also operates more than 100 weekly newspapers, shoppees, and niche publications, including the Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis, a group of 38 weekly newspapers and niche publications with distribution of more than a million copies a week. Pulitzer also owns leading Web sites such as STLtoday.com in St. Louis and azstarnet.com in Tucson.

Junck said Lee will apply its five top operating priorities at the new newspapers, focusing on revenue growth, leadership and circulation, strong local news, online strength and careful cost controls.

"Our management team is

strong, experienced and enthusiastic about this opportunity, and our success with Howard has prepared us exceedingly well — and from what we've seen already, the Pulitzer management is equally enthusiastic and receptive," she said.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Morning fog possible, then fair to partly cloudy. High near 40.
 Tonight: A few scattered clouds, but dry. Lows near 20.
 Tomorrow: Slightly warmer than average with continued partly cloudy skies. Highs, lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Areas of morning fog, then turning partly cloudy. Highs near 40.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy and dry. Lows near 20.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy to variably cloudy. Highs, lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 A rather quiet weather pattern is shaping up to thrive in today and for the start of February. Other than a small chance for flurries, precipitation is going to be hard to come by.

BOISE
 The end of January and the beginning of February will be quiet on the weather front. With the jet stream to the north, conditions will be mainly dry and temperatures will be near average.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Areas of morning fog will be all that travelers will have to be concerned about. Otherwise, expect partly cloudy skies.

Weather Key: S=sunny; B=blue; C=cloudy; F=fog; H=heavy; L=light; M=moderate; N=no; P=partly; R=rain; S=sunny; T=thunder; W=wind; X=other.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | | | | | |
| Partly cloudy skies | Fair to partly cloudy | Mainly dry with a few clouds | Scattered clouds | Continued partly cloudy | Partly cloudy, chance showers overnight |
| High 40 | Low 21 | 41/22 | 42/25 | 44/24 | 45/26 |

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

| Temperature | Precipitation | Humidity | Barometric Pressure | Sunrise and Sunset | Pollen Count |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Yesterday's Low: 18° | 0.00" | Yesterday's High: 42° | 30.15 in. | 7:01 AM | Low |
| Today's Low: 20° | 0.00" | Today's High: 40° | 30.15 in. | 7:01 AM | Low |
| Record High: 84° in 1982 | 0.00" | Record Low: 11° in 1982 | 30.15 in. | 7:01 AM | Low |

MOON PHASES

| Feb 2 | Feb 9 | Feb 16 | Feb 23 |
|----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| New Moon | First Quarter | Full Moon | Third Quarter |

REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow |
|---------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|
| Boise | 32-40 | 32-40 | Idaho Falls | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Burley | 32-40 | 32-40 | Jerome | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Chubbuck | 32-40 | 32-40 | Shoshone | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 32-40 | 32-40 | Donnerstag | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Elgin | 32-40 | 32-40 | Drummond | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Gooding | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chamberlain | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Hammond | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Idaho Falls | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Jerome | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Lewiston | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Malheur | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| McCall | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Payson | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Rupert | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Shoshone | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Sun Valley | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Twin Falls | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Valley View | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chambersburg | 32-40 | 32-40 |

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

| Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 12:59 AM | 1:00 AM | 11:58 PM | 11:59 PM |

WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | City | Today | Tomorrow |
|-----------------|-------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 32-40 | 32-40 | Chicago | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Anchorage | 32-40 | 32-40 | Cincinnati | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Atlanta | 32-40 | 32-40 | Cleveland | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Baltimore | 32-40 | 32-40 | Columbus | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Birmingham | 32-40 | 32-40 | Dallas | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Butte | 32-40 | 32-40 | Denver | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Cambridge | 32-40 | 32-40 | Des Moines | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Charlottesville | 32-40 | 32-40 | Detroit | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Chattanooga | 32-40 | 32-40 | El Paso | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Chickasha | 32-40 | 32-40 | Fort Worth | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Cincinnati | 32-40 | 32-40 | Houston | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Cleveland | 32-40 | 32-40 | Indianapolis | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Columbus | 32-40 | 32-40 | Jacksonville | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Dallas | 32-40 | 32-40 | Kansas City | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Denver | 32-40 | 32-40 | Lafayette | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Des Moines | 32-40 | 32-40 | Little Rock | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Detroit | 32-40 | 32-40 | Los Angeles | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| El Paso | 32-40 | 32-40 | Madison | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Fort Worth | 32-40 | 32-40 | Manassas | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Houston | 32-40 | 32-40 | Memphis | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Indianapolis | 32-40 | 32-40 | Mobile | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Jacksonville | 32-40 | 32-40 | New Orleans | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Kansas City | 32-40 | 32-40 | New York | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Lafayette | 32-40 | 32-40 | Oakland | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Little Rock | 32-40 | 32-40 | Omaha | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Los Angeles | 32-40 | 32-40 | Portland | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Madison | 32-40 | 32-40 | Raleigh | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Manassas | 32-40 | 32-40 | San Antonio | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Memphis | 32-40 | 32-40 | San Diego | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Mobile | 32-40 | 32-40 | Seattle | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| New Orleans | 32-40 | 32-40 | St. Louis | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| New York | 32-40 | 32-40 | Tampa | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Oakland | 32-40 | 32-40 | Wichita | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Omaha | 32-40 | 32-40 | Yonkers | 32-40 | 32-40 |
| Portland | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| Raleigh | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| San Antonio | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| San Diego | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| Seattle | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| St. Louis | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| Tampa | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| Wichita | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |
| Yonkers | 32-40 | 32-40 | | | |

Yesterday's Weather

| City | Hi | Lo | Prep |
|---------------|----|----|-------|
| Boise | 34 | 30 | 0.00" |
| Coeur d'Alene | 41 | 38 | 0.00" |
| Idaho Falls | 38 | 28 | 0.00" |
| Jerome | 38 | 28 | 0.00" |
| Lowell | 38 | 28 | 0.00" |
| Malheur | 39 | 28 | 0.00" |
| McCall | 39 | 28 | 0.00" |
| Payson | 33 | 20 | 0.00" |
| Shoshone | 36 | 7 | 0.00" |

Barometric Pressure

| Today | Yesterday | Record |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 30.15 in. | 30.15 in. | 30.15 in. |

Sunrise and Sunset

| Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| 7:01 AM | 7:02 AM | 5:52 PM | 5:53 PM |

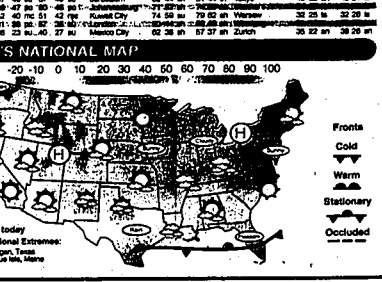
Pollen Count

| Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow |
|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| Low | Low | Low | Low |

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| Today | Tomorrow | Today | Tomorrow |
|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| Low | Low | Low | Low |

Today's National Map



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Senate Democratic leader will call for Iraq exit strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a pre-State of the Union challenge to President Bush, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid intends to call today for the administration to outline an exit strategy for Iraq.

Reid plans to raise the issue as part of back-to-back speeches in which he and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi will sketch out their differences with Bush on two issues likely to dominate Congress' work this year: the war on terror and Social Security.

"The president needs to spell out a real and understandable plan for the unfinished work ahead: defeat the growing insurgency, new subscriptions, vacation stops, and other questions. If you do not receive your paper by 7 a.m., call the number for your area before 10 a.m. for redelivery."

Air

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ager of the control tower, both have been helping planes take off and land safely for quite a while. Storey started at the airport in Twin Falls in 1986; Lapp has been there seven years. Both men have previous experience in the business.

"I don't think there's anything not to like about it," Lapp said. "It's a pretty good job."

However, air traffic control isn't a job for everyone. The Federal Aviation Administration screens potential candidates, but controllers receive the bulk of their training on the job, Storey said.

"You have to be able to think in three dimensions," he said. "You're receiving information from multiple sources at one time."

Additionally, an air traffic controller should be able to multitask and prioritize well, Storey said.

At the Magic Valley Regional Airport, a total of seven air traf-

fic controllers fill eight-hour shifts beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. seven days a week. Two controllers work the tower at a time, though it is set up to accommodate three, Storey said.

The airport is not equipped with radar technology. Instead, pilots either use instrument landing systems or navigate visually. Air traffic controllers communicate conditions and positions to the pilots. Each controller's work station contains a sensor display that shows wind pressure, temperature, dew point, and altimeter.

Additionally, "we weather observers ourselves," Storey said.

Pilots without instrument training struggle in fog and stormy weather. They lose reference to the horizon, Storey said.

"You basically don't know up from down," he said. "It's up to air traffic control to help the pilots get their bearings."

Several pairs of binoculars can be found in the tower and can be a handy tool in assisting in landings.

"It's a little easier to work when you get a visual on a guy," Storey said.

As far as air traffic, the airport sees about 100 to 150 planes during the winter and up to 200 to 300 in the summer, he said. Holidays are the busiest time of year for air traffic controllers, Storey said.

Three to four times a winter, air traffic controllers experience a situation like the one that occurred a week ago when other airports in the region shut down. Planes already in the tower were forced to land in Twin Falls.

"It gets real busy it can get pretty exciting I guess," Storey said.

Lawsuits

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owns the money they think it's worth," he said. Then, after the construction starts, the property owners can revisit the issue in court to try and get more money, he said.

That's what happened in all of the Pole Line properties, said Scott Malone, assistant district engineer for the Idaho Department of Transportation.

All the land that was taken was in the right of way," he said. "It's eminent domain, so we are able to go ahead with the property."

Part of the disagreement over values comes from what the property owners think their property is worth, how much their property will be impacted

Iraq

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by a young relative. Entire families showed up in their finest clothes.

But for the country's minority Sunni Arabs, who held a privileged position under Saddam Hussein, the day was not as welcome.

No more than 400 people were in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, and in the heavily Sunni northern Baghdad neighborhood of Azamiyah, where Saddam made his last known public appearance in early April 2003, the four polling places never even opened.

The electoral commission said it believed, based on that anecdotal information, that turnout among the estimated 14 million eligible Iraqi voters appeared higher than the 57 percent that had been predicted, although it would be some time before any precise turnout figure was confirmed.

The ticket endorsed by the Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani was the pre-voting favorite, while Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's slate was also considered strong, but officials said it might take 10 days to determine the vote's winner.

"The vote is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," said French President Jacques Chirac, who called the election a success. He promised the United States would continue training Iraqi soldiers, hoping they can soon secure a country America invaded nearly two years ago to topple Saddam.

Iraqis, the U.S. president said, had "firmly rejected the anti-democratic ideology" of terrorism.

The vote to elect a 275-National Assembly and 18 provincial legislatures was only the first step on Iraq's road to self-rule and stability. One result is that it could take weeks or months before a new prime minister and government are picked by the new assembly.

If that government proves successful in drawing in the minority Sunni Arabs who partly shunned the election, the country could stabilize, hastening the day when 150,000 U.S. troops can go home.

Iraqi interior minister, Falah

al-Ngadi, told Britain's Channel 4 News he expected there would be no need for U.S. troops any longer than 18 months because that's when he anticipates Iraq's security forces will be trained well enough to handle the job themselves.

But in comments to CBS' "Face the Nation," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would leave the country in great numbers now that the vote is complete, and Bush did not mention any U.S. military withdrawals in his statement.

On Sunday, coalition soldiers raced through Baghdad's streets in Humvees and tried to coax people to vote with loudspeakers in Ramadi, a Sunni city where anti-U.S. attacks are frequent. Iraqi police served as guards at most polling stations and U.S. troops had strict orders to stay away unless Iraqi security forces called for help.

At the Louisiana National Guard headquarters near Baghdad, nervous U.S. officers paced the halls, muttering, "So far, so good," after the first 30 minutes of polling passed without attack.

But the violence soon broke out.

While a driving ban seemed to discourage some of the insurgents, improvised, strapping on belts of explosives to launch their suicide missions.

At least 44 died in the suicide and mortar attacks on polling stations, including the suicide bombers. The al-Qaida affiliate led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for at least four attacks.

Most attacks were in Baghdad, but one of the deadliest came in Hillah to the south, where a bomber got onto a military carrying voters and detonated his explosives, killing himself and at least four others.

In another reminder of the dangers that persist in Iraq, a British C-130 Hercules transport plane crashed north of Baghdad. The wreckage was strewn over a large area. No cause was given, but British Press Association, quoting military sources, said about 10 British troops were believed to have died.

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Church on Pole Line

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Road. The second phase of project will connect that construction with Highway 30.

"Just because cases have been filed doesn't mean they can't all be worked out outside of court," Malone said.

He said he expects that to happen for the properties that haven't court-acted, and possibly some of the owners who have.

Court dates have not been set yet for any of the cases. Construction on Pole Line Road is expected to begin later this year.

Times-News correspondent

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FIRST DAY FOR FREEDOM

Voters feel bloom of elections without Saddam

ASKAN, Iraq (AP) — In the "triangle of death," where voting is a life-threatening experience, Karfa Abbasi held up her ink-stained finger, elated that for the first time she has been able to cast a ballot for someone besides Saddam Hussein.

"This is democracy," Abbasi said. "This is the first day I feel freedom."

For U.S. Marines helping guard Sunday's vote, the streams of men and women walking into the gritty polling places of this area south of Baghdad was a payoff more impressive than the toppling of Saddam's statue in the capital during the fall of his regime in April 2003 — less spectacular but tougher to bring off. That was a work of triumphs — those are always easy. This is the hard work of democracy now.

Lt. Col. Bob Durkin of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines said Sunday morning from a rooftop where Marine marksmen stood watch over voting sites.

"Even my Marines are saying, 'Boy, we're doing a good thing.' Lt. Col. Vinny Coglianese said in the largely Shiite town of Seddah, where scores of voters lined up outside.

The election for a National Assembly was Iraq's first free vote in more than 50 years, and voters showed up in defiance of insurgents' threats to kill anyone who cast a ballot — a warning that rang especially dire in the collection of towns and villages south of Baghdad.

In the past year, the region has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent and deadly ambushes on the roads crossing through it from the capital to the south. Shites have been particularly at risk in the region, falling victim to shootings and checkpoints set up by Sunni guerrillas.

Dozens of Iraqis were killed in attacks on the elections Sunday — mostly in Baghdad. Just to the southeast, a suicide bomber climbed on a bus full of voters and blew himself up, killing at least four people.

But the triangle of death had no deaths reported in attacks Sunday. Not that there wasn't violence. The night before the vote, green and red tracer fire and white muzzle blasts lit up parts of the sky in heavy shooting. And in the morning, mortar blasts woke the heavily Shiite town of



An Iraqi woman holds up her hand and shows a purple finger, indicating she has just voted, as she leaves a polling station in the center of Az Zubayr, southern Iraq, Sunday.

Musayyib to election day. In the long stretch before dawn, U.S. troops moved the last concrete bomb barriers and razor-wire streamers into place around polling sites and police stations. They scoured for explosives, sealed off roads and bridges, and ferried last-minute needs — like metal detectors, and

then batteries to run them — to election workers.

Daylight brought crowded streets, women's black shrouds billowing side to side as parents walked with their children to schoolhouse polling stations.

"We voted before but it was not democracy. You had to choose Saddam," said Abbasi,

whose finger — like those of all voters — was stained with blue indelible ink to prevent multiple votes.

Abel Ilumli, a stooped, whiskered man who walked an hour with his wife to reach a polling site in Musayyib, "God is generous to give us this day," he said.

Arabs follow election in Iraq closely; reactions are mixed

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A young man in a Saudi cafe worries that Iraq's elections could lead to civil war. On the banks of the Nile, a student strolling with his girlfriend dismisses the polls as an American sham. Yemeni students, chewing their nubby stimulating khat leaves, express hope the United States will pressure other tyrannical regimes to change.

The Arab world paid close attention to Sunday's polling in Iraq, which has major implications for the entire region.

The Iraq vote will almost certainly bring to power the country's long-suppressed Shiite Muslims, boosting the sect's influence in this Sunni Muslim-dominated area and worrying countries with Shiite minorities. It also will mean a success for

Washington's drive to bring democracy to Iraq — a precedent that could shake up the autocratic Arab world.

"Arab governments may not say it, but they don't want Iraq's democratic experiment to succeed," said Turki al-Hamad, a prominent Saudi columnist and former political science professor. "Such a success would embarrass them and present them with the dilemma of either changing or being changed."

Arabs had mixed feelings about the poll. Many said U.S. involvement reinforced their distrust.

"This election is an American movie made to convince Iraqis to go to the polls so that the United States will stay in Iraq and control its oil," said Jordanian Mohammed Fakhri, 28,

owner of a mobile phone shop. "There will be ... a government with Iraqi stooges serving U.S. and Israeli interests."

An Egyptian flower vendor who gave her name only as Um Abdel Rahman dismissed the poll as "a sedative for the people. Democracy is just a decoration."

Wouldn't she like to participate in free elections? "Women speak their minds all the time. I don't need to vote," she said.

However, others hoped the poll would be a catalyst for a nationwide democratic push.

The elections are a "good omen for getting rid of dictatorship," Yemeni political science student Fathi al-Uraiqi said,

cheving khat with friends. "But I hope America is not driven by its own interests but by a genuine desire to spread democracy in the rest of the region."

The rise of Iraq's Shiite community was of major interest to their Shiite brethren in neighboring Saudi Arabia — and a concern to the kingdom's leadership. The Shiite minority in the country, centered in its Eastern Province, has long complained of discrimination.

"People are glued to their TV screens" in al-Qatif and Thsaa, Shiite-dominated towns in Eastern Province, said Muhammad Mafooz, a Shiite editor of a cultural magazine.

Audit says U.S. occupation can't account for nearly \$9B

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. occupation authority in Iraq was unable to keep track of nearly \$9 billion it transferred to government ministries, which lacked financial controls, security, communications and adequate staff, an inspector general has found.

The U.S. officials relied on Iraqi audit agencies to account for the funds but those offices were not even functioning when the funds were transferred between October 2003 and June 2004, according to an audit by a special U.S. inspector general.

The findings were released Sunday by Stuart Bowen Jr., special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction. Bowen issued several reports on the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the U.S. occupation government that ruled Iraq from June 2003 to June 2004.

The official who led the CPA, Paul Bremer III, submitted a blistering written reply to the findings, saying the report had "many misconceptions and inaccuracies," and lacked professional judgment.

Bremer complained the report "assumes that Western-style budgeting and accounting procedures could be immediately and fully implemented in the midst of a war."

The inspector general said the occupying agency disbursed \$1.8 billion to Iraqi ministries "without assurance the moneys were properly accounted for."

U.S. officials, the report said,

"did not establish or implement sufficient managerial, financial and contractual controls." There was no way to verify that the money was used for its intended purposes of helping humanitarian needs, economic reconstruction, repair of facilities, disarmament and civil administration.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Sunday the authority was hamstrung by "extraordinary conditions" under which it worked throughout its mission.

"We simply disagree with the audit's conclusion that the CPA provided less than adequate controls," Whitman said.

"Turning over the money" was in keeping with the CPA's responsibility to transfer those funds and administrative responsibilities to the Iraqi ministries as an essential part of restoring Iraqi governance.

The inspector general cited an "interim" Monetary Fund assessment in October 2003 on the poor state of Iraqi government offices. The assessment found ministries suffered from staff shortages, poor security, disruptions in communications, damage and looting of government buildings, and lack of financial policies.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. council will look at land plats

TWIN FALLS - Several plat considerations are on the agenda for tonight's Twin Falls City Council meeting, as well as discussion of the Library Expansion Bond. No public hearings are scheduled.

The council meeting begins at 5 p.m. at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

CSI offers award for distinguished alumni

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the organization's first Distinguished Alumni Award.

In addition to the association's other activities, the group wants to honor one outstanding former student each year during CSI's graduation exercises in May. Nominations are encouraged to list community involvement as well as academic and professional achievements and associations. Each year's recipient will have a plaque on a Distinguished CSI Alumni Wall of Fame that will be created on campus, as well as receiving campus and community recognition.

The CSI Alumni Association was founded in November 2004 and has nearly 300 members so far. Anyone who has taken credit classes at CSI is welcome to become a member and can be nominated for the award.

For more information, contact Julie Lickley, alumni coordinator, at 732-6294 or at jlickley@csi.edu.

Experimental aircraft association meets

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1405 will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the dormitories area at Gentle's Brick oven cookery.

All aviation enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call Erik at 731-1009.

Filer seeks tree commission members

FILER - The city of Filer is seeking volunteers to serve on the Filer City Tree Commission.

The tree commission is responsible for assisting the city with policies concerning selection, planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs and other plants in the city.

Anyone interested in serving, or those who have questions, are encouraged to call the city office during regular business hours at 326-5000.

CSI seeks historic photos of campus

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is looking for older photos that show the campus, its students and activities through the years.

"We would like photos that show our campus, facilities, students, faculty and events," Scanto said. "The photos may also be used in future marketing materials or on the CSI Web site."

Scanto said people's old photos will be handled carefully, scanned into digital images and returned. People who have already had their photos scanned are welcome to submit images on compact discs. Those photos should be 300 dpi of resolution, if possible, and saved as "JPG" images of at least 4 by 5 inches.

For information on photo submission, please contact Scanto at 732-6963 or at scanto@csi.edu.

- compiled from staff reports

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| Waterhead | % of Avg. | % of Norm. |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| Salmon | 67 | 40 |
| Big Wood | 78 | 50 |
| Little Wood | 80 | 50 |
| Big Lost | 86 | 50 |
| Little Lost | 82 | 48 |
| Henry's Fork/Trout | 86 | 62 |
| Upper Snake Basin | 77 | 47 |
| Oakley | 86 | 54 |
| Camden Falls | 88 | 56 |

As of Jan. 30

*A comparison of basin snowpack to the 1971-72 and 1991-92 averages.

CSI might eye smoking ban

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Board might consider a smoking ban on the main part of campus at its meeting tonight.

The college's student senate is working on a recommendation to ban smoking in the buildings and on grounds within the college's circular road. The recommendation was first presented in the senate last week, but Dean of Students Graydon Stanley said the senators will

Meeting tonight

The College of Southern Idaho Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building. The meeting is open to the public.

likely put it on the fast track for a vote today at its 4 p.m. meeting. The recommendation follows one made last semester to enact a smoking ban within 30 feet of building entrances and use \$24,000 in extra money to build

huts for smokers. The recommendation was first adopted, then rescinded while senators sought more feedback.

Using both a paper and an online survey, the senators found that more than two thirds of those who participated wanted a non-smoking campus, according to the resolution.

Only the college's board can adopt a smoking ban.

Julie Heithecker, last year's president of the faculty senate, surveyed the group. She said the informal e-mail survey found

that out of about 85 responses, about 50 people favored no change, or a ban inside the circle.

Other items on tonight's agenda include:

• **Enrollment** - The board will hear an update on spring 2005 student enrollment.

• **Construction updates** - President Jerry Meyerhoeffer will update the board on plans to build a student recreation center and plans to renovate the college's Falls Avenue entrance this summer.

PILOT FOR THE AGES



Alfred Lacy Johnson stands next to a Cessna 182 aircraft at the Magic Valley Regional Airport Friday. Johnson, who learned to fly in 1943, recently received The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the Federal Aviation Administration. The award is given to pilots who have been flying for more than 50 years.

Local man receives honor for flying for more than 60 years

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - He claims he isn't a war hero.

But Alfred Lacy Johnson, who recently received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, trained many cadets in the United States Army Air Corps who most likely were considered heroes.

"Every month or two you got a different class of pilots," he said.

The master pilot award is given to pilots who have been certified by the FAA for 50 or more consecutive years, with no revocations or suspensions. Johnson has flown for more than 60 years.

At 83, Johnson has flown 32 different kinds of airplanes. He first soloed in a PT-19 in 1943 and went on to train in the BT-13 and AT-6 aircraft, in which he later trained other pilots. He went on to fly B-25, B-17 and B-29 bombers.

And at least one cadet returned once with just his parachute. "He fell out and the airplane kept on going," Johnson said. "They found it somewhere. It was long ways away."

It was more common to lose pilots during World War II. Of the four friends with whom Johnson joined the Air Corps, one was lost in the English Channel, one in Germany, one in the Pacific and one in Japan.

"They are the real heroes," said Johnson, who has been forced to land a few times. A fire in flight on the engine of a B-29 was the reason for one such landing, and another was with a BT-13.

"One time I was doing aerobatics," he said. "Part of the canopy came off and hit the tail section."

Those landings were listed on the application Johnson filled out for the master pilot award. Under the question that asked if the pilot had had any accidents, Johnson noted the forced landing he had in the B-29 that caught on fire, said John Goostrey,

Federal Aviation Administration flight services safety program manager.

After getting out of the US Army Air Corps, Johnson worked as a flight instructor, did some bush flying and flew for the U.S. Forest Service.

He has flown planes dropping fire retardant, a smok jumper and supplies to those on fire lines.

Goostrey said Johnson has gone above and beyond what is required for the reward.

"He's gone ahead and got his ratings," Goostrey said. "That shows a dedication."

He told about ratings Johnson has received, which require more training than a pilot certificate. Those ratings include commercial license, single-engine and multi-engine land (for landing on land), flight instructor rating, a sea rating (for

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After World War II there was a surplus of pilots and not a lot of commercial airplanes. That is reversed now. The field is wide open. Opportunities are much better now. People can learn to fly if they want to.

- Alfred Lacy Johnson

Aero club meeting

The Magic Valley Aero Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month in the Joslin Room at the Twin Falls Airport. The club is open to anyone who is interested in aviation.

(landing on water), an instrument rating and more. Each rating requires a certain amount of training and a check-ride, which requires the pilot to demonstrate his ability to fly.

"He went through quite a bit of exams for these," Goostrey said.

John Ellis was one of three people who recommended Johnson for the master pilot award. "I've flown with Lacy a number of times. He's a very careful pilot. He's skilled and experienced," Ellis said. "He's more than qualified for the award."

"He's an inspiration for the whole flying community."

Johnson has some advice for young people who want to learn how to fly: Join the ROTC.

"After World War II there was a surplus of pilots and not a lot of commercial airplanes," he said. "That is reversed now. The field is wide open."

"Opportunities are much better now. People can learn to fly if they want to."

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 208-438-0446 or lcavener@pmi.org.

Oakley residents vote on new irrigation district

The Times-News

Election

• What: To approve the formation of the Goose Creek Irrigation District and to elect its three directors.

• When: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

• Where to vote: Oakley Canal Company office, 205 S. Center St., Oakley.

• What's on the ballot: David Pickett, Zone 1; Ryan Cranney, Zone 2; and Nolan Critchfield, Zone 3.

OAKLEY - The Goose Creek Irrigation District Formation election will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the office of the Oakley Canal Company, 205 S. Center St., Oakley.

The election is held to approve the formation of the district and to elect directors for the three zones within the district.

Those running for the initial board and the zones they represent will be David Pickett,

Zone 1; Ryan Cranney, Zone 2; and Nolan Critchfield, Zone 3. All three prospective directors are farmers.

Land owners within the boundary of the proposed district are eligible to vote. The initial boundary of the proposed district overlaps the boundary of the Oakley Canal Company. The district boundaries have been drawn to exclude the city of Oakley.

For details regarding the election or the overall purpose of the proposed district call Clint Muhlestein at the Oakley

Canal Company office at 862-3330.

The Goose Creek Irrigation District is being formed to help develop irrigation systems at to expand alternatives for sources of funding. The district will also allow for joint management and measurement of both ground and surface water. The Goose Creek Irrigation District will not replace the Oakley Canal Company. The district looks to complement the Oakley Canal Company as it looks for ways to maximize efficiency in water use and delivery.

Police step up efforts to enforce seat belts

The Times-News

BOISE - Law enforcement agencies throughout Idaho will conduct seat belt saturation patrols Feb. 7-19 to enforce the state's seat belt law.

The stepped-up enforcement coincides with National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week and is part of the "Click It, Don't Risk It" campaign to increase seat belt use, the Idaho Transportation Department announced in a recent press release.

"Drivers need to take Idaho's seat belt law seriously," said Mary Hunter, with the department's Office of Traffic and Highway Safety. "It is the driver who is responsible for making sure all underage passengers are buckled up and that children are properly secured in a safety seat that's right for their age and size."

Idaho law requires all passengers to wear a seat belt. Adult drivers can be ticketed if passengers younger than 18 are not properly restrained. Court costs are added to the fine when the driver is younger than 18, and the driver or any occupant younger than 18 fails to wear a seat belt.

"Seat belts are your single best defense against injury or death in the event of a crash," Hunter added. "That alone is reason enough to buckle up, but it's also the law."

Seat belts prevent fatalities and serious injuries more than half of the time, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In Idaho, 239 people were killed in crashes during 2003; 150 were not wearing seat belts.

Idahoans, not the individuals involved in those crashes, pay for 85 percent of all medical costs for crash victims, according to NHTSA. These costs are paid through insurance premiums, federal, state and local taxes, and increased charges for medical care. In Idaho, that amounts to \$148 per person.

The Office of Traffic and Highway Safety recommends booster seats for children age 4 to 8 and 48 inches tall. A booster seat elevates a child so a seat belt can fit correctly. Most seat belts are designed to protect an average-sized adult male. Young children and small seat belts are at risk of injuries to the abdomen and spine, and are four times more likely to suffer a serious head injury in a crash if they are not secured in a booster seat.

Between 2001 and 2003 in Idaho, nine children ages 4 to 8 died and 73 were seriously injured in passenger vehicle crashes. Thirty-five of the injured children were unrestrained.

During the same period, among children ages 9 to 14, 14 died and 134 were seriously injured. Fifty-seven percent of those children were not wearing seat belts.

Child safety tips

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration offers four simple ways to increase safety for children riding in motor vehicles.

1. Rear-facing infant seats in the back seat for children between birth and 1 year old and less than 20 pounds.
2. Forward-facing toddler seats in the back seat from age 1 to about age 4, or 20 to 40 pounds.
3. Booster seats in the back seat from about age 4 to at least age 8, or taller than 4 feet 9 inches.
4. Safety belts at age 8 or older, or taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Children 12 or younger, or less than 100 pounds, should ride in the back seat and never in front of an air bag.

For more information on seat belts or child passenger safety in Idaho, go to idaho.gov/ohs or www.NHTSA.gov.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Drug dog begins police training

For The Times-News

RUPERT - It may be a perfect angel, but Mindoka County Sheriff Kevin Halverson said he hopes the department's newest addition will be a devil when it comes to sniffing out drugs.

"Angel," a shaggy-black Lab cross dog, is the county's newestest K-9. The dog is training with a new handler and partner, Deputy Joe Moore, to track drugs.

Heuburn Police Chief George Warrell Jr., a certified K-9 trainer, is working with Moore to get Angel ready for her future job in law enforcement.

"Angel is a unique dog," Warrell said. "You can see in her eyes that she has what it takes to be a drug dog."

"She has an excessive desire to work, she's just what we look for in a drug dog and her size also sets her apart from the rest. She is smaller than most drug dogs but she has a heart just as big as most."

Angel showed her true colors on day one of her training. It took her only seconds to find a drug-laced toy hidden in a set of training boxes.

"She keyed right on it and really wasn't even shown what we wanted. She's a natural," Warrell said.

"I've worked with literally dozens of dogs and she's one of the most intelligent dogs I've seen. She gets so excited she just quivers when she sees you with her toy."

Angel was provided by Tom and Teri Wells, of Idaho Falls. The couple obtained Angel as a



Mindoka County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Moore is shown with Angel, a new drug dog that was donated to the sheriff's department by an Idaho Falls couple.

ANGEL WELLS
For The Times-News

puppy three years ago while living in Twin Falls. Having been married only a few months, Teri was at home alone all day while Tom worked and said she wanted something to occupy her time, so Tom brought a puppy home to her.

"When I saw Angel, I was really drawn to her because she was so playful," Tom said.

"It was like she was not going to let me see anything I liked about the other pups. She wanted all my attention and, consequently, I really liked her." Because Angel was so active, Teri immediately saw the need to get her obedience trained, but the couple couldn't afford a professional trainer and neither had

any experience with training dogs.

Teri visited the library and picked up some books on dog obedience. She began Angel's training with the help of the books and ended up with an exceptionally smart and obedient dog.

"It was great when it was just Angel and I," Teri said. "But a few months later, our first daughter was born and suddenly I just didn't have as much time to devote to Angel."

The dog took the new family member in stride, even becoming a help by learning to deposit soiled diapers in the kitchen garbage can.

In 2002, Tom was injured and

was bedridden for several months. Angel again proved her value, as she learned to take Tom his water bottles, socks, shoes, medicine and other items.

A transfer from Twin Falls to Idaho Falls last fall prompted the Wells' to consider finding a new home for Angel. Their new apartment did not allow pets and Teri was expecting her second child.

"We didn't want Angel to go to someone who would not appreciate her intelligence," Teri said.

"I really wanted to see if she had what it would take to be a drug dog. I felt like if we had to give her up, I wanted her to be doing the kind of thing that would make her detector officer loves to be working, playing, doing anything that keeps her active."

When Halverson announced he would be interested in increasing the number of K-9 officers in the department, the Wells' decided to see if he would be interested in Angel.

It took only a few minutes of watching Angel work to convince Halverson to put her on his staff.

"She's the perfect sized dog to be a K-9, and her personality is one that will work great with the county's young people," Halverson said.

"I anticipate she will work well in both enforcement and education when we get programs set up with the school district."

Angel will train for a few weeks and become an official member of the Mindoka County Sheriff's Department upon completion of her certification process.

Police laud court decision on K-9s

By Renee Wells

For The Times-News

RUPERT - Local law enforcement officials are applauding a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision supporting the use of K-9 drug dogs.

In a decision rendered last week, the court vacated an Illinois Supreme Court decision that overturned the conviction of Roy Cabelles on charges of narcotics possession.

Cabelles was stopped for speeding and during the stop an Illinois state trooper officer walked his K-9 around Cabelles' vehicle while another officer wrote a warning ticket. The dog indicated on the trunk of the car where officers found marijuana and arrested Cabelles on narcotics charges.

Cabelles attorneys petitioned the court to throw the evidence out, saying the search was illegal because the officers did not have probable cause to search his car. But the court held the dog's reaction was probable cause.

"This is a giant leap for K-9s, to affirm where we are trying to go with drug dogs," said Heuburn Police Chief and K-9 trainer George Warrell Jr.

The dogs are a valuable tool for us in our fight against drugs - without which our hands would be really tied. And the dogs are not intrusive of anyone's right to privacy." Cabelles was convicted, sentenced to 12 years in prison and fined \$256,136.

The Illinois Supreme Court said Cabelles' right to privacy was invaded by the search because there was no reason for the officers to suspect anything illegal in the car.

The U.S. Supreme Court said, unlike the use of infrared detectors that provide a more intimate display, drug-sniffing dogs rely on the scent of drugs alone and thereby do not indicate probable cause unless contraband is present.

"It is not an invasion of a person's rights for a drug dog to be used to go around a vehicle or sniff the outside of a suitcase or a person," said Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus.

"This decision is a wonderful win for law enforcement in their effort to take our fight against drugs one further step. People do not have a constitutional right to possess illegal drugs."

Barrus said high courts have ruled against the use of infrared detectors because they provide law enforcement with a more intimate observation of a person's personal space than should constitutionally be allowed.

"But the dogs rely on scent alone and, while people have a right to be secure on their own private property, they have no right to grow dope up in this case, transport it," Barrus said.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 234.

CSI Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

Tuesday

"Edit 173" art show at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science (through March 26).

CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.

CSI Interclub weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 115.

CSI and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare of State and adoption pre-service meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Syxx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Thursday

Students Accessing Their Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 248.

CSI and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare foster and adoption pre-service meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

Friday

University of Idaho and Far West Agribusiness Association certified crop advisor exam, all day, Taylor 276.

CSI Lunar New Year celebration and Asian buffet, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Student Union first floor (35 general admission).

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

Faulkner Planetarium. Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Saturday

Magic Valley Youth Orchestra rehearsal, 9 a.m., Fine Arts 121 and 133.

United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

Twin Falls All Star Cheer Extravaganza, 11 a.m., gym.

"The Greatest Wonder of the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Mystery of the Missing Seasons" and live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Today

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.

Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S, Hailey.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison N.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St.

Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls County Historic

Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30.

Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.

Kimberly Public Library board, 7 p.m., library, 120 Madison W.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Ronald Craig Bean, 30; speeding, amended to burglary of garage in Albion, dismissed; \$200 fine.

Jasper Riley White, 22; one count retailing officers, dismissed; one count possession of burglary tools, dismissed; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Robert Anne Curtis, 30; battery, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Quinn Pena, 20; probation violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Quinton Beau Anderson, 20; possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Misdemeanor sentences

Heidi Lynn Bray, 43; pedestrian under the influence, pleaded guilty, two days in jail, two days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Mario Navarrete Analon, 41; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Kyle Tina May, 30; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 180 days drivers' license suspension, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 176 days suspended, one day credited; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Elizabeth J. McVicar, 61; failure to notify upon striking fixtures on highway, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$98.50 court costs, six months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Quinn Pena, 20; probation violation, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$98.50 court costs, six months probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

John R. Vela, 28; one count open container, pleaded guilty, \$30 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months probation; one count failure to present identification for beer, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juan Castro Banuelos, 22; probation violation, pleaded guilty, 20 days in jail, 20 days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Driving under the influence sentences

Everett Seylar Edwards, 29; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, one day credited, two days MC work in lieu of jail; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Kenneth D. Lege, 53; motor carrier law book violations, pleaded guilty, \$450 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Kelly S. Sildaway, 51; does not speak English, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Melvin Lansing, 42; vehicle over lengths violations, pleaded guilty.

\$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Roland Dean Durfee, 34; failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Oleg V. Shably, 30; failure to have proper reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolter.

Without judgment:

Nicole Adine Allen, 15; failure to purchase a driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Kirt C. Stokes, 23; misdemeanor driving under the influence; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences:

Alec H. Helms, 16; leaving the scene of an accident, amended to failure to notify upon striking an unattended vehicle, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$98.50 court costs, six months probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Jury selection begins for trial of pop star

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The child molestation case against Michael Jackson is finally ready for a trial that promises to be like no other.

Jury selection begins today, with Jackson expected to appear. In a case that has become a symbol of the American obsession with celebrity. Early Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his Web site, calling recent media leaks in the case "disturbing and false" and predicting he would be acquitted.

"Please keep an open mind and let me have my day in court," Jackson said, looking directly into the camera. "I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen. I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told."

The uphill task of finding jurors who haven't prejudged the case is a mere prelude to a courtroom contest that will include testimony from the boy who accuses the pop icon of molesting him.

On the defense side of court sits a glittering superstar who appears in makeup and theatrical outfits and has millions of fans worldwide who don't believe he could be a pedophile. Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the cancer patient — then age 13, now 15 — after plying him with alcohol.

On the prosecution side is Jackson's longtime nemesis, a balding, mustachioed Santa Barbara County district attorney. For more than a decade Tom Sneddon has pursued Jackson and what happens at his Neverland Ranch. Jackson has derided him in song as a "cold man" with a vendetta and likened the case to persecution. Sneddon, 61, recently asked the judge to stop attacks on his motives. If the defense continues to call the case a crude attempt to "take down a major celebrity" the prosecution wrote, Sneddon will reveal "everything he knows about this defendant."

Prosecutors have complained that defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. uses courtroom injective not only to hammer his opponents but also to brand the



Michael Jackson speaks at a news conference after his arraignment at the Santa Maria, Calif., courthouse, April 30.

child witnesses — the accuser and his brother — as liars manipulated by their greedy mother. Mesereau is a tall, imposing man with a mane of white hair, known for winning seemingly hopeless death penalty cases in the South.

The referee is Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville, 63, a veteran of the bench who has refused to tolerate tardiness, or even, in one case, a bathroom break for the defendant.

At the final pretrial hearing Friday, Melville made it clear that a gag order stands and he won't abide lawyers attacking each other.

"I expect and know that you will, on both sides, carry the burden of showing the world what a fine system we have," Melville said.

From the start Melville has tried to clamp an extraordinary lid of secrecy on information. His decisions to withhold many documents — and heavily edit those he does release — have triggered protests from the news media, whose lawyers assert Melville is violating First Amendment guarantees of public access to court information.

As jury selection neared, competition for a scoop undermined Melville's efforts. The 1,500-page transcript of the case prosecutors presented to the grand jury that indicted Jackson was leaked this month to thesmokinggun.com and ABC News.

Fence project stings environmentalists

Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — On the southwestern-most tip of the United States, just across the border from Tijuana, rugged canyons drop down to a rich Pacific estuary, where millions have been spent restoring fresh and salt-water marshes that sustain the

California brown pelican and other rare birds and plants.

But this natural landscape also represents a gaping hole in U.S. defenses against terrorists, drug traffickers and other criminals, federal officials say.

At some points, a worn-out border fence teeters atop cliffs. In at least one spot along the sloping side of a canyon, erosion has buried so much of the fence that migrants and other travelers can step over it. Near the windswept shoreline of Border Field State Park, the 10-foot-tall steel panels that make up the fence are pocked and gouged with holes.

The Bush administration proposes closing off this final 3 1/2 mile stretch of border between the United States and Mexico by moving massive amounts of dirt from nearby mesas into canyons to create a long earthen berm. On the berm, parallel to the existing border fence, a second fence and a patrol road would be constructed.

Environmentalists say a project of that size would create an ecological disaster.

In recent years, more than 10 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border along the San Diego County line has been fortified. But objections from the California Coastal Commission and local

environmental groups have stymied efforts to finish the last few miles.

That soon could change. Last week U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., introduced immigration legislation that calls for completing the border fence.

Members of the Coastal Commission said they did not want to stop the federal government from bolstering border security, but rather believed the government could scale down the project and protect the natural setting and wildlife habitat without sacrificing security.

So far, however, efforts to reach a compromise have failed. That reflects, at least in part, a widening chasm between conservatives in Congress and the administration who favor a no-holds-barred approach to beefing up national security, and environmentalists and im-

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Solution to wild horses lies at the dinner table

The Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

The bison, open spaces, huge mountain ranges, snow-capped peaks. These iconic images have come to identify our western life, but none more so than the horse. Whether it be the beast of burden, the painted pony of the wild, or the animal has become so entwined with the mythos of the West.

Truism, there are too many of them. They overgraze and trample a fragile environment. The Bureau of Land Management is charged with dealing with them, under a law enacted by Congress more than 30 years ago. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act authorized removal of wild equines from public lands, with two options: a public adoption program of tame horses and land, or destruction of the animals.

The BLM has emphasized the adoption program, rounding up the animals and offering them for sale to the public. Currently the BLM is warehousing more than 15,000 horses waiting for adoption. Estimates are

that more than 35,000 wild horses and 4,000 burros are roaming the Western states of Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming.

Clearly, adoption has proven to be only a partial answer to the problem of increasing herds. Last year Montana Sen. Conrad Burns added a provision to a spending bill that allowed adoptions of wild horses, sending them who knows where. An alternative is to maintain a present system of expensive feedlots, some in less than sanitary conditions.

The government cannot continue to pay to warehouse wild horses. Horse lovers are attempting to create a sanctuary in Mexico for some horses but there will be still more.

Perhaps a verification program would help, but another solution suggests itself. Eat the critters, as some Europeans do. We could be seeing the nascent development of a new market force that could challenge the cattle industry.

It's time for meat eaters to pony up, you could say.

I'm herewith resigning as a member of the liberal media elite.

I'm joining up with the conservative media elite. They get paid less, but they get paid better. First comes news that Armstrong Williams got nearly a quarter of a million from the Education Department to plug No Child Left Behind.

Then millions of soldiers killed in Iraq get a paltry \$12,000. But good publicity? Priceless.



MAUREEN DOWD

Williams helped out the first President Bush and Clarence Thomas during the Anita Hill scandal. Williams, who served as Thomas' personal assistant at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission when the future Supreme Court justice was getting policies that would help blacks, gleefully attacked Hill, saying, "Sister has emotional problems," and telling The Wall Street Journal "there is a thin line between sanity and insanity."

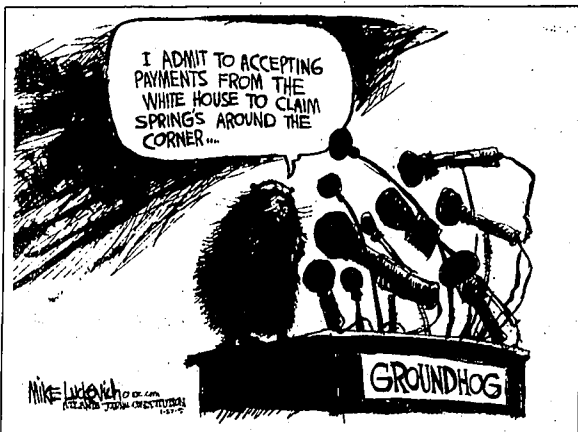
Now we learn from media reporter Howard Kurtz that syndicated columnist Maggie Gallagher had a \$21,500 contract from the Health and Human Services Department to work on material promoting the agency's \$300-million initiative to encourage marriage.

Gallagher earned her money, even praising Bush in print as a "genius" at playing "laddy" to the nation, "Mommies feel your pain," she wrote in 2002.

"Daddies give you confidence that you can ignore the pain and get on with life."

Genius? Not so much. Spendthrift? Definitely. W's ad-mission was running up his astounding deficit paying "journalists" to do what they would be happy to do for free, just to be friends with benefactors, getting access that tougher writers are denied.

Williams is a conservative, Charles Krauthammer, who went to the White House on



Jan. 10 for what? The Washington Post termed a "consultation" on the inaugural speech, and then praised the Jan. 20th address on Fox News as "revolutionary," said Media Matters, a liberal watchdog group.

I still have many Christmas bills to pay. So I'd like to send a message to the administration: THIS SPACE AVAILABLE. I could write about the strong dollar and the shrinking deficit. Or defend Torture Bay. I mean, the esteemed and sage Alberto Gonzales, or remind readers of the terrific job Condoleezza did coordinating national security before 9/11 — who could have interpreted a memo titled "Bin Laden Determined to Attack Inside the United States" as a credible threat? — not to mention her indefatigable energy obscuring information under-

standing the vice president's denunciation on Iraq.

My preference is to get a contract with Rummy. It would be cost effective, compared with the latest \$80 billion he needs to train more hard security forces to be blown up. For

half a mil, I could write a doozy of a column promoting Rummy's phantasmagoric policies.

What is all this hand-wringing about the 31 Marines who died in a helicopter crash in Iraq on Wednesday? It's only slightly more than the number of people who died in traffic accidents in California last Memorial Day. The president set the right tone, avoiding pathos when asked about the crash. "Obviously," he said, "any time we lose life it is a sad moment."

Who can blame Rummy for carrying out policies of torture? We're in an information age. Information is power. If people are not giving you the intelligence you want, you have to customize to get the intelligence you want to hear.

That's why Rummy also had to twist U.S. laws to secretly farm his own CIA. A Pentagon memo said Rummy's recruited agents could include "notorious figures," whose lies to the U.S. would be embarrassing if revealed, according to The Washington Post. Why should

n't a notorious figure like Rummy recruit notorious figures?

I could write a column denouncing John McCain for trying to call hearings into Rummy's new spy unit, suggesting the senator is just jealous because Rummy's sexy enough to play James Bond. The president might need my help as well. He looked out of it on Wednesday when asked why his foreign policy is so drastically different from the one laid out in Foreign Affairs magazine in 2000 by Rice — a preview that did not emphasize promoting democracy and liberty around the world. "I didn't read the article," Bush said. Why should he? He looked out of it on Wednesday when asked why his foreign policy is so drastically different from the one laid out in Foreign Affairs magazine in 2000 by Rice — a preview that did not emphasize promoting democracy and liberty around the world. "I didn't read the article," Bush said.

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Delays are real injustice in capital punishment

The Modesto (Calif.) Bee

The execution last week of convicted murderer Donald J. Beardslee again focuses the public debate on the death penalty and the fairness of an appeals process that allowed the Beardslee case to drag on for more than two decades.

Beardslee's right to due process was protected by a system that allows the victims of heinous crimes as afterthoughts. When Beardslee was finally put to death on Jan. 19, justice was finally done.

Lost in this debate is that Beardslee's actions were the reason the state put him to death. He was not the victim. The real injustice was the length of the appeals process.

While the death penalty deters many Americans, California voters have repeatedly supported it yes. Even so, the state has

rarely used the death penalty, resulting in more than 600 inmates waiting on California's death row.

The facts in the Beardslee case were in dispute. While on parole for a previous murder in Missouri, Beardslee in 1981 used a shotgun to kill Patty Giddling, 23, and then slashed the throat of Stacey Benjamin, 19. The two women were killed by his apartment in Redwood City in a single, botched \$105 drug deal.

While we argue caution in the handling of death penalty cases to ensure that the "suspect's" rights are protected, that their legal representation is adequate and that the facts are correct, it shouldn't take more than 20 years to make those determinations.

Beardslee was on death row longer than he allowed his young victims to live. That's not justice.

Quandary of lottery hits Oregon's capital

Newport (Ore.) News-Times

The 2005 Oregon Legislative session just opened a month old, and it's already a storm brewing in Salem.

This tug-of-war pits video poker machine dealers and the Oregon Restaurant Association against the Oregon Lottery Commission and the Oregon Education Association, along with other school advocates.

The prize is in lottery dollars — a lot of lottery dollars. And the battle lines being drawn are over the percentage of those dollars that should stay in the hands of restaurant, tavern and bar owners if slot machines are added to the state's sanctioned gambling mix.

Now, this is Governor Ted Kulongoski's idea. Under his "Joins for cups" proposal he wants to allow retailers to install "non-poker" video games in return for a cut in their share of game proceeds. A larger share of video profits, then, would be used for education and other state services, or to stabilize state police funding.

But video poker retailers are crying foul, since their percentage of lottery dollars has steadily decreased since video poker first became legal in Oregon: from a 35 percent share in 1982 to 20 percent under a new contract negotiated in 2004. The dealers are now facing a possible decrease to 25% under a current proposal by lottery manager Dale Perry.

Granted, it takes a considerable time and plenty of paperwork to have state lottery games in a place of business. But we have a hard time coming up with lottery dealers adding having their share of profits reduced by a percentage point or two — especially when total lottery profits have soared from a mere \$500 million in 1982 to more than \$600 million last year.

While not entirely happy to see so much of our state budget being supported by gambling, we can't quite blame the plan to put more lottery money where it is needed most — in education, public safety and social services. We can only hope that lottery retailers will agree.

Environmental factors should stop coal plant

The plan for a coal-fired power plant at Glenn Ferry or become is frightening. I am an asthmatic, which was caused by the Palatka Forests Fuel Mill in Lewiston, Idaho. I had lived in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., prior to my move to Lewiston in 1968 and never had any lung problems. After five years of breathing the sulfur dioxide and particulates from the mill, it caused severe asthma symptoms, and my doctor (who was a hunting buddy) advised me to "move or die." This is the reason I transferred to jersey with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in 1971.

Sulfur dioxide and particulates are the same type of air pollution to be expected from a coal fired plant. I have noticed the people promoting the coal-fired plant have been subtly avoided the water question. When are the people going to realize we already are short of water in southern Idaho? Are we then going to have to shut down even more wells to provide water for a coal fired plant?

One fact the local people have ignored is the history of the proposed Bliss coal-fired plant proposed many years ago. I was a member of the committee that fought it, and the main reason it was never built was Idaho Power had over-calculated the need for additional power in Idaho. My argument, then as now, was

"Turn off Las Vegas before we sacrifice our lifestyle here. There is no need for its glaring neon signs and fountains day or night in a 3-inch rainfall area."

There is a social issue here also. I was in the Oregon area when 2,500 transient day workers built the Dorrshak dam. Crime in that area went up several hundred percent and overcrowding in the schools was a serious problem. They had to build jury-rigged classrooms to accommodate the extra students.

What will happen in small towns like Glenn Ferry and Jerome when a 1,000-person work force (destined by the promoters of the coal-fired plant) hits these small towns. The extra money provided by the temporary workers is not worth the additional social costs.

A large project like this should be decided by the Idaho Legislature, not county officials. A new siting law is needed in Idaho to control this type of development.

A final thought is non-polluting wind power has a great potential for producing Idaho's power needs in the future.

STUART L. MURRELL
Jerome

Counties should stop harassing sugar producers

What Minidoka County is trying to do in raising the valuation of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. property is shifting the cost of county government

from county taxpayers to a relatively few farmers who grow sugarcane. The sugar company is owned by the farmers who grow the sugarcane.

And this at a time when the sugar industry is in dire straits with too much sugar and low prices to the farmers.

For years, the government has maintained a policy of restricted imports of sugar to hold the amount of sugar to a manageable quantity. But with so-called "free trade" agreements of recent years, the government has created a surplus of sugar and depressed the price to sugar producers.

The program has cost the taxpayer nothing rather, the supply has been held in check by restricted imports. Even now, the industry is threatened with the Central American Free Trade Agreement, which will further increase the surplus if it is approved by the Congress.

One would think county officials would take a look at this situation and hold off on harassing a major industry in the valley with increased taxes. If they continue to demand this increased tax liability on the sugar company, they could be sued.

Amalgamated has other factors in Twin Falls and Burgo, both threatened with similar tax increases. The company has already announced the closing of its Nysa, Ore., plant.

RALPH W. MAUGHAN
Rupert

Group shows progress in aiding Fish and Game

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife: Any of you hunters out there that do not belong to Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife or have the chance to see the winter issue of the Sportsman's Voice should definitely check it out.

What they have done the last 10 years in Utah is hopefully going to get done here in Idaho. Utah is producing more than 1,500 trophy bulls a year, plus a lot of trophy mule deer. One has to look at the photos to really believe it — and taken on public lands to boot!

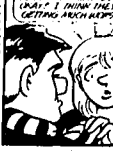
It just shows how poor of job our Fish and Game and our elected officials have done. They have failed miserably, and it is time for a change. We hunters know how to manage game better than the ones that are supposed to be doing it. The Fish and Game thinks hunting promotion is the answer, but they should be producing a product, big bucks and bulls.

Starting with the governor and right down the line, we have got to get a new mindset and definitely new people. If we don't, we will all be heading to Utah. So I say we should get involved, support Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, get the word out and do not let all the Fish and Game's smoke and mirror theories and propaganda why it does things — it is not working! It is up to us!

DAN NUTSCH
Kimberly

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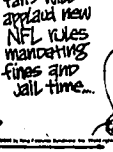
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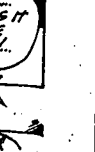
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PC police clog the debate over gender

WASHINGTON—Larry Summers—the economist who was President Clinton's last treasury secretary and is now Harvard's president—has a knack for getting into trouble. He did it again the other day by seeming to suggest that inherent differences between men and women might explain why so few women go into science and engineering. Well, the proverbial dung hit the proverbial fan. "Harvard Chief's Comments on Women Assailed," headlined The Washington Post. That was typical. Actually, the furor Summers provoked is more revealing than anything he said.

Everyone knows there are differences between men and women, boys and girls. But let someone allude to these differences, particularly a man in a position of authority, and he'll get slammed by the sledgehammer of political correctness. He'll be denounced as sexist, reactionary and insensitive. Too



ROBERT SAMUELSON

bad. The differences need to be discussed, because they matter for government policy—especially concerning schools, jobs and families. Likewise, only open discussion can dispel ill-informed stereotypes. Ironically, that may apply to Summers' comments.

No one denies that fewer women go into science and engineering than men. Women now constitute nearly half the labor force (46.8 percent in 2003), but they represent only 9 percent of civil engineers, 6 percent of mechanical engineers and 8 percent of physicists and astronomers.

Summers spoke at a conference, called by the National Bureau of Economic Research, to explore this situation. Ac-

cording to press reports, he suggested that one reason may be that women don't do as well as men in high-level math. Where he really jumped into scalding water was implying the gap might be genetic. He indirectly cited his own daughter as evidence. As a toddler, she'd been given two trucks precisely to defeat sex stereotypes. She soon began calling one truck the "daddy truck" and the other the "baby truck."

The apparent point: some sex differences can't be willed away. True, more men than women score in the top 5 percent on math exams. But regardless of whether this difference is genetic, it isn't a major source of sex gaps in science and math careers, says sociologist Kimberlee Shauman of the University of California-Davis, co-author of "Women in Science: Career Processes and Outcomes." Many men in the top 5 percent don't go into science and engineering, she says, and below the top 5 percent, men and

women are about equal in math. Women actually favor some jobs where math matters: 59 percent of accountants and auditors are women.

"Still, we have this fact: women are less interested in science," Shauman says. Out-right discrimination isn't likely the major explanation. Law and medicine were once male bastions. In 1960, only 7 percent of doctors and 2 percent of lawyers were women. Now, women are approaching 30 percent of both and represent almost half of law and medical students. On balance, medicine and law seem as intellectually demanding and time-consuming as science and engineering. Why are women more numerous in law and medicine?

For starters, they pay better. In a Labor Department survey of 427 occupations, doctors ranked second, lawyers 14th, physicists 27th and civil engineers 69th. In women, science and engineering jobs are exceptionally difficult to balance with family

responsibilities, says Shauman. Taking time off from the job can be fatal to a career. "Because of the rapid advance in knowledge,"

But many women probably reject science and engineering for another reason: they simply don't find the work appealing. Just as they generally don't like football. On average—and this doesn't apply to individuals—men and women have different tastes. Even in the sciences, some specialties are favored: 46 percent of biologists and 30 percent of environmental scientists are women. The idea that men and women should be equally represented in all occupations is unrealistic and undesirable.

These are complicated issues; we cannot understand them without discussing gender differences openly. Our reluctance to do so may explain, for example, the highest under-covered story in education: how poorly boys do.

Women now earn a dined more bachelors' degrees than

men (712,331 against 531,440 in 2001). But that merely culminates many adverse trends. "Boys are doing miserably," USA Today editorialized recently, with much supporting data. Compared with girls, more are high-school dropouts (12.2 percent vs. 9.3 percent) among 16- to 24-year-olds; and the gap between boys and girls on reading tests is widening. But you probably haven't heard much about this. The taboos against discussing gender differences are powerful.

The uproar against Summers' comments is telling. Once, sex segregation and stereotyping were pervasive. Gender roles were supposedly fixed and, therefore, need not be discussed. Decades later, sex roles have altered and blurred. But the remaining differences now can be discussed only selectively. There are still sanctioned silences that are broken at one peril.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Living well may be killing us too early

The San Francisco City Council recently banned smoking in city parks. This may or may not seem absurd to us, depending on one's informed opinion or simple conjecture about the dangers of tobacco. Similar ordinances designed to clean the air in other places of human habitation (restaurants, public buildings, etc.) have been enacted in many jurisdictions around the nation. Even the most addicted person in denial must know that smoking is profoundly risky to health.

One of the arguments supporting prohibition of smoking is that an extra financial burden is borne by taxpayers, as well as the health insured, for treatment of smoking-related illness. Additional burden to society in general is the added cost of products and services resulting from absenteeism from work by ill smokers. Only a minority of smokers have the good luck to live a long life in good health and, therefore, not affect our medical costs any more than non-smokers.

However, the foregoing begs many questions: How about all of the other habits of modern living that risks life and health and adds to financial cost to us? Medical researchers find more and more evidence that conditions such as excessive body weight leads to disease and early death. Overindulgence in alcohol, sugar, butter, liver-diluent foods, sedentary habits, etc., also contribute to poor health and untimely death. Activities and conditions associated with driving cars and operating machinery (i.e., reflex impairment, drinking, eating, too much beer, drowsiness, cell-phonning, prescription drugs, illegal drugs, etc.) causes injury and sudden death. Careful attention to health maintenance and safe habits, or ignoring them, won't matter if an 18-wheeler collides with

you. Lots of "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" can kill us in a moment in spite of well-nerved life. Why bother with diet or exercise, some of us would say. Others would counter: "I want to be healthy when I'm killed or otherwise stricken." Still others might say, "Pax on both of you. I'm going to paradise and it's a better place than here anyway."

Perhaps, the relevant question is not how long we live but how long we are well while living? We risk our lives and endanger each other in many complicated ways. Should some things be banned but not others? Aren't we entwined in such profound, complex ways that selecting fairly what ought to be banned is impossible? I'm asking. My mind is open.

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

Culture diversity includes religious home schooling

In response to Gary Eller's comments and questions, I submit:

Religiosity is not part of protecting one's children from the godless humanistic and evolutionary teachings of our public schools. The Christians who choose to home school are not trying to destroy the public school system, nor are they trying to force godliness, morality and good citizenship onto those who reject God and morality.

Public schools do have some good teachers who are hindered by the liberals from even mentioning God and the Bible in the classroom. Mr. Eller called diversity a good thing. Wouldn't diversity include school children being taught about Christian principles that our nation was founded on and the Christian's claim that God did create the world and man and that evolution is an unproven theory riddled with manufactured fraudulent

claims by evolutionists, including the family and social consequences of those who embrace evolution, which denies the God of the Bible?

With diversity and the evolutionary concept of there is no God, we save the whales, kill the babies and accept sodomy as an acceptable lifestyle.

Mr. Eller compared the Baptist schools to the Islamic schools without noting that some Islamic schools and much of the Islam culture teaches that the United States is the great Satan and killing non-Muslims is serving Allah.

From 632 on, militant Muslims were on their ever-continuing jihad invading, conquering and spoiling many countries, including Europe and Asia. Many of the captured became slaves, women supplied Arab-Muslim harems and men became Islamic soldiers. Baptist schools do not teach violence but to do good to all men and, when possible, to live peaceably with all men. A major difference between Islam and the Baptist schools.

Although newspapers continually refer to Baptists as the largest Protestant religion, please note Baptists are not Protestants. Baptist heritage goes back before the Catholic Church came into existence between 300 and 400. Because Baptists would never allow themselves with Rome, it is reported the Catholics martyred more than 60 million Baptists during the dark ages.

CARTER KILLINGER
Twin Falls

Public can give input for daycare reforms

As we all know, there is great concern about the quality of child care being offered in Twin Falls. We are sure that everyone has an opinion on the situation at Kid Works Child Care, whether pro or con.

The Snake River Association for the Education of Young Chil-

dren was already in the process of developing, printing and distributing surveys concerning child care in Twin Falls. We are planning to tabulate the responses and use the information to increase the standards and laws for child care.

There are four surveys—one for parents, one for childcare providers, one for businesses and one for the general public. We want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to get a copy of the survey, complete and return it. We need as much input as possible.

The Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children's primary concern is the safety of children. We understand that changing laws will not always prevent incidents from happening, but if we have

laws in place and appropriate enforcement is known, then it will be clear what action will be taken by authorities. We, as a community, need to have higher expectations of what quality child care is and raise these standards. Quality child care in the Magic Valley will provide long-term benefits for our community as well as the quality of family life.

Again, please help us in our effort to improve childcare regulations. Contact Tiffany at 732-6857 or smacey@gmail.com. GENA ANDERSON
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(Editor's note: Gena Anderson is chairman of the Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children Public Policy Committee, and Tiffany Eden is a member of the committee.)

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Study: Lean years batter states

The Associated Press

The financial downturn of the last few years left states with ailing tax systems, neglected infrastructure and aging work forces, a new nationwide analysis concludes. It also says that many states struggle with basic flaws in their tax systems, bringing their governments too little money to pay for everything from roads to health care to schools.

The silver lining, according to the Government Performance Project released Monday, was that the fiscal crisis drove many states to become innovative and more efficient. The authors of the report, academics drawn from across the country and journalists at *Governing* magazine, hope that state leaders will share examples of good governance highlighted in the analysis.

"There isn't any state that can't learn from the others," said Don Kettl, a political science professor at the University of Pennsylvania and the project's academic coordinator. "No state really has everything under control. And different states have different lessons to teach."

The study, a project of the University of Richmond that was funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, an independent, nonpartisan group, awarded letter grades to each state on how it handled finances, personnel, infrastructure and modern information systems through the downturn, plus an overall grade.

No state failed. Utah and Virginia scored the highest overall, each with an "A-minus." Alabama and California scored the worst, each with a "C-minus." Idaho received a "B-minus."

The report sought to accen-

tuate the positive, and particularly praised:

- Virginia's management of finances, which includes six-year plans. State leaders also have sought to modernize the state's tax system.

- Georgia's handling of personnel. The state considers its work force needs along with operating strategy.

- Utah's work to keep its infra-

structure — roads, bridges, government buildings — well-maintained. Future maintenance costs are included in the operating budget for all new construction.

The project leaders plan to speak to state leaders and other groups about their findings, which will be published in *Governing* magazine and online, and encourage discussion.

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Who is moving on to the state tournament?

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“This could be interesting, although attempting to say ‘Shizzle’ might cause the spittle-filled Cowher to unleash a tidal wave of slobber.”

— Randy Hill of FoxSports.com after suggesting Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher could look into a career in rap. Snopce Dogg offered to replace him after the Steelers lost last weekend.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

On Jan. 25, 1981, the Oakland Raiders defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 27-10, in Super Bowl XV. What was most significant about the Raiders' triumph?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School
BOYS BASKETBALL
Twin Falls Christian Academy at Lighthouse Christian, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
POSTSEASON
Magic Valley Northside Tournament, Shoshone
Dietrich vs. Carey, 6 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Southside Tournament, Murtha
Hagerman vs. Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
WRESTLING
Gooding at Filer, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI boosters hold luncheon today

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club luncheon will be held at noon today in the Taylor Administration Building's Room 277. Fans and boosters are welcome to attend. Coaches will be on hand to discuss their teams.
Fans and boosters can go through the food line in the cafeteria, buy their food and bring it to Room 277.

T.F. Legion will hold parents meeting

TWIN FALLS—Parents of players interested in playing Twin Falls American Legion baseball this summer are asked to attend an important meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2 in the small gym at Twin Falls High School.

Soldier Mountain hosts youth ski race

FAIRFIELD—The Soldier Mountain Youth Ski Team will be hosting a youth ski race on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. at Soldier Mountain Ski Resort.

The cost is a lift ticket to the mountain and a \$5 donation to the Soldier Mountain Ski Team. Awards will be given to the top three in each age class.
For more information, call Jake Cowden, head ski coach, at (208) 212-0125 or Heather Cowden at (208) 539-6842.

Twin Falls Parks and Rec holds open gym

TWIN FALLS—Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and Twin Falls School District will hold a free open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High School on Sundays through Feb. 27. The gym is open from noon-3 p.m. for adults and from 3-4 p.m. for children.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

They became the first wild-card team to win a Super Bowl, after finishing second to the San Diego Chargers in the AFC West. They defeated the Chargers in the AFC championship game, 34-27.

Maloney shines in sophomore season

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

SHERIDAN, Wyo.—There's confidence in former Twin Falls high standout Danielle Maloney's voice, for good reason.

The sophomore guard at Sheridan (Wyo.) College is enjoying a breakout season following a solid freshman junior college campaign for the Lady Generals.

Maloney leads Region 9 in scoring with a 16 points per game average and adds six rebounds and three assists per contest.

"That doesn't surprise me," said Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard. "I only coached her for one year but she was a very strong player for us. She was one of the ones who led us to state for the first time in 18 years."

Maloney didn't struggle with any freshmen last year, averaging 11 points toward the end of the season as head coach Frank McCarthy's sixth man.

There was a little bit of an adjustment with the quickness of the game, Maloney admits.

The College Report

"But it didn't take long."

She had plenty of familiar faces to see along the way including teammates Jennifer Pond of Jerome and Liz Brice of Burley. Pond and Brice have both come up big Sheridan's wins this season.

"It's awesome," she said. "We were all good friends during high school. It's a blast."

Her offensive production has garnered some attention, notably the Big Sky Conference's Montana State-Bozeman, Ohio University of the Mid-American Conference and NCAA Division II Montana-State Billings.

Other schools looking at the future sports medicine/sports management major include the NCAA's Carroll (Mont.) College and Black Hills (S.D.) State.

Maloney is hopeful that the high-level of play in Region 9, which includes second-ranked Western Nebraska CC, has prepared her for the next step at a four-year program. Sheridan was 15-7 and 1-1 in the region entering this past weekend.

"It's hard to get out of the region to the national tournament," she said. "We have a really good chance."

And judging from the confidence in her voice, the Generals probably do.

The following was compiled by sportswriter Eric Larsen:

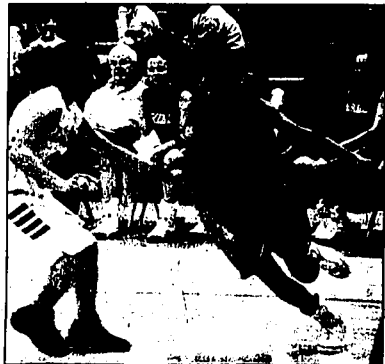
Linsey Abo, Burley

The freshman on the University of Idaho track team began her college career at the Jan. 22 Washington State University Open with a 15-foot, 3.25-inch long jump.

Tiffany Anderson, Burley

The junior sprinter for the Idaho State University track team qualified for the upcoming Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

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Sheridan (Wyo.) College Lady Generals sophomore guard Danielle Maloney drives along the baseline against Dawson Community College (Mont.) earlier this season.

2005 AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Grand again

Safin ends five-year major drought, wins Aussie Open

By John Pye
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia—Seeing somebody else unravel was different for Marat Safin. So was winning the Australian Open.

After losing two of the last three finals at Melbourne Park, Safin defeated Lleyton Hewitt 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Sunday night, defeating a crowd hungering for an Australian winner. This was the Russian's second Grand Slam tournament title, his other coming at the 2000 U.S. Open against Pete Sampras in the final.

"It's psychological — you start to have doubts, like really I could do this or not," said Safin, a player known for his racket-busting outbursts. "It's the third time, you get so nervous, so uptight."

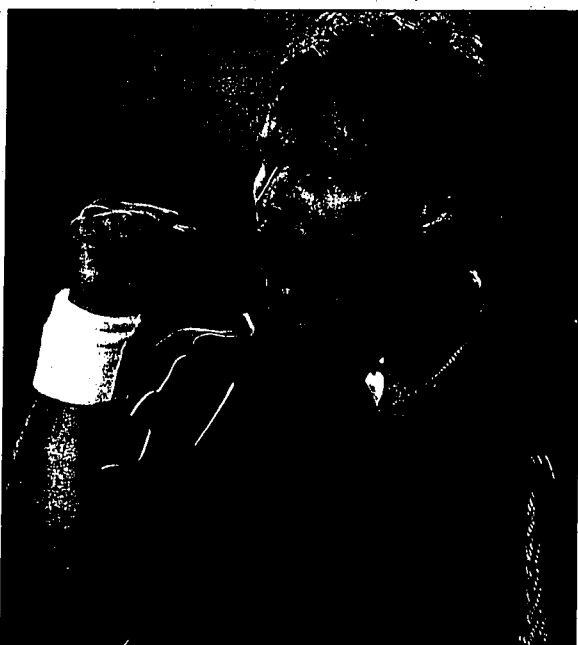
Safin, who defeated top-ranked Roger Federer in the semifinals, was the wildest of champions by Hewitt.

"You knocked off the guy who's nearly been impossible," Hewitt told Safin. "You thoroughly deserve it."

After the third-seeded Hewitt shanked a forehand on match point, Safin was surprisingly subdued, making only one last pump. Hewitt told him, "Mate, too good."

Hewitt was hoping to be the first Australian man to win the national championship since Mark Edmondson in 1976. And he seemed in command and on his way in the first set, making only one unforced error. He led 3-0 in the third set and Safin was on the edge, smashing his racket into the court three times in eight points.

But that seemed to clear his



Fourth-seeded Marat Safin of Russia yells during his men's singles final victory over third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt of Australia at the Australian Open at Rod Laver Arena at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia on Sunday. Safin won, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

head while Hewitt lost his. The Aussie became enraged at a line judge who called him for a foot fault on a break point in the seventh game of the third set.

Hewitt saved the break point and then screamed at the line judge, pointing his finger twice at his face. That earned Hewitt a code violation from the umpire.

"I'm human and I'm disappointed — to come that close, train so hard to put yourself in a position — it's hard to take at the moment," Hewitt said.

'Dirt Man' grooms fields with passion

By Mark Long
Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—George Toma walks to the middle of Alltel Stadium, gets on his hands and knees and starts scouring the ground for sprigs of grass.

He finds some seeds, several sprouts and plenty of optimism.

"It's coming along nicely," Toma says about a week before the Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Then he picks up a metal hand tool with three prongs on one end and plunges it into the sod. He twists the tool purposefully, then lifts and sinks it in. No dirt. No damage. Just a few small indentations.

"We could play the game today and not have any problems," he says.

He should know. The confident, charming and expert Toma has been the NFL's turf consultant for every Super Bowl, responsible for getting the playing field ready for sports' biggest game. His job is always pivotal, sometimes challenging

and often overlooked.

"Toma loves every aspect of it. Even though he turns 76 on Wednesday, his prostate cancer and has been retired for several years, he refuses to slow down."

"I can't sit still," he says. "I tried to slow down and take it easy, but that didn't work for me. I just couldn't do it. I need to stay busy."

Toma estimates that in the six years since retiring as head groundskeeper for the Kansas City Royals, he has spent less than 150 days at home in Kansas City, Mo. He's been on the road even more in the last six months.

He first arrived in Jacksonville in July to begin preparation for the Super Bowl. Working through the four hurricanes that affected Florida, Toma built one practice field at the University of North Florida and two more at Bartram Trail High School. He even did most of the physical labor himself.

He worked until late November before heading to Hawaii for five

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George Toma, the NFL's natural and artificial turf consultant, works at the Bartram Trail High School football field in this July 27 photo in Jacksonville, Fla.

Patriots hungry as ever

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The New England Patriots are too well-versed in this Super Bowl stuff and far too classy to get involved in a war of words a full week before the big game.

Well, maybe not.

The Patriots are angry about comments last week from Philadelphia receiver Freddie Mitchell. The defending champions made it clear Sunday when they arrived in Jacksonville that they aren't about to ignore Mitchell dishing their secondary, particularly star safety Rodney Harrison.

"When he says something like that," linebacker-lineman Willie McGinest said of Mitchell, "he's disrespecting our whole defense. Not only Rodney, but me and Teddy Brusett and Mike Vrabel and all the rest of us."

That Mitchell has been an undisciplined backup for Terrell Owens hasn't escaped New England's notice. Owens, sidelined since Game 14 with torn ankle ligaments, still hasn't practiced but is now running and no longer has a limp.

But even if the All-Pro receiver returns — coach Andy Reid said he will be evaluated daily — he isn't likely to be a focal point of Philadelphia's offense. And he probably won't get away from the attention from the Patriots during their media sessions as Mitchell will receive.

Or already has received. "Maybe he was drinking before he started talking," Harrison said, "because that was clearly a mistake. No one in this league would attack somebody a week before the Super Bowl."

"I'm not really surprised because you're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch, just like (Mike) Vanderpyle," added Harrison, who also verbally feuded with the Indianapolis kicker during the playoffs. "You're always going to find one guy like that who wants some attention and wants to do something to try and stir up the emotions of the game."

It's very early in Super Bowl week to running at the mouth. For the veteran Patriots to dive headfirst into such a fray is almost astonishing.

Many of the Eagles recognize that. Even though this is the team's first trip to the Super Bowl in 24 years, they came across Sunday as the more experienced, resolute bunch.

"They were meaningless comments," linebacker McGinest said. "Freddie didn't mean anything by it. It's sad that people have to blow them up to make them into a story."

Freddie apologized if someone needs those comments to get up for a game like this. They don't need to be here. This is the Super Bowl. This is the ultimate.

SPORTS



Justin Leonard tees off on Hole No. 18 during the final round of the Bob Hope Classic at the PGA West course in La Quinta, Calif., on Sunday. Leonard won the tournament shooting a 5-under par round of 67 on Sunday for an overall score of 23-under par.

Leonard catches Ogilvie at Hope

By Ken Peters
Associated Press writer

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Justin Leonard knows what the previous two Bob Hope Chrysler Classic champions went on to accomplish, although he isn't phoning in his coat size to Augusta just yet.

Leonard came from three shots back to pass starting front-runner Joe Ogilvie on the third hole Sunday on his way to a 5-under 67 and three-shot victory over Ogilvie and Tim Clark.

Last year's champion, Phil Mickelson used the Hope as an early springboard to win the Masters, his first major title. Mike Weir, the 2003 Hope winner, went on to win the green jacket at Augusta that year.

"I would say it's just coincidence, but look at the two guys who won this tournament the previous two years," Leonard said.

"Two pretty good players that probably set up pretty well for Augusta."

Leonard, the 1997 British Open champion, avoided a wireless string that stretched back almost two years.

Leonard finished the 90-hole tournament at 28-under 332.

Ogilvie, winless in his six years on the tour, had a closing 73. Clark, who won the South African Open in his native country a week earlier, shot 69.

Coming off his worst year

since joining the tour full-time in 1995, Leonard rolled in six birdie putts and had just one bogey in the final round at PGA West's Palmer Course.

He began the day three shots behind Ogilvie.

"The rain dance didn't work," Ogilvie said, joking. "I was trying for a rainout today, but that didn't happen."

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Wade leads Heat, 104-95

MIAMI (AP) — With Dwyane Wade around, the Miami Heat can afford the occasional off-game from Shaquille O'Neal.

Wade had 30 points, eight rebounds and six assists, leading a balanced attack that carried the Heat to a 104-95 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

O'Neal only took 11 shots and finished with 15 points and five rebounds. Udonis Haslem hit his first seven shots from the floor and finished with 16 for Miami, as did Damon Jones.

Tracy McGrady had 28 points for Houston, which lost for the first time in its last four road games. Yao Ming had 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for the Rockets, and Bob Sura added 21 — 15 of those coming in the game's first 13 minutes.

Miami improved to 33-13, moving 20 games over the .500 mark for the first time since the end of the 1999-2000 season —

and giving coach Stan Van Gundy a 2-1 lead in the all-time series against his brother, Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy.

Yao's layup with 1:05 remaining drew Houston within 97-90. But on Miami's next trip, Haslem found an open O'Neal under the basket for a three-point play that sealed the Heat's third straight victory.

Including the playoffs, it was the eighth time in 12 meetings that O'Neal came away victorious from a matchup against Yao. But the matchup of the two leading votegetters for this year's All-Star game didn't exactly turn into a memorable showdown.

Both marquee centers missed long stretches of the game with foul trouble; O'Neal played only 27 minutes, and allowed his frustration to level off over an one stretch.

Kings 94, Timberwolves 84

MINNEAPOLIS — Brad Miller had 27 points, 15 rebounds and plenty of help picking up the slack for two injured Kings stars.

The Sacramento backcourt, Gattino Mobley (23 points) and Mike Bibby (21 points), com-

bined for 34 points over the final two quarters following a slow first half. All-Star forwards Peja Stojakovic (back spasms) and Chris Webber (sore left knee) didn't dress for the Kings.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota, which had its five-game winning streak end raggedly. The quiet crowd that showed up for the Timberwolves' first afternoon tipoff of the season boomed when the final buzzer sounded.

Suns 123, Raptors 105

TORONTO — Amaré Stoudemire scored 19 of his 27 points in the third quarter and the Suns won their fifth straight.

Phoenix outscored Toronto 46-26 in the third quarter, the most points the Raptors have allowed in any quarter in their 10-year history.

Shawn Marion added 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Suns, who went 4-0 on their four-game road trip. Steve Nash had 19 points and 12 assists as all five Phoenix starters scored at least 17 points.

Chris Bosh tied a career high with 27 points for the Raptors, who have lost three straight.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Ray William Freeman, 38, 1980 Highland Ave. E., No. 3, Twin Falls; domestic battery; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$1,500 bond.

Tracy Lynn Towle, 40, 711 Alpha Circle, Twin Falls; battery; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$500 bond.

Desiree Dawn Osterhout, 22, 235 Lincoln, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 8; \$500 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond.

James Glen Dotson, 36, 740 Second, N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 8; \$500 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond.

Karenzie H. Fox, 23, 1171 Imperial St., Twin Falls; alteration and/or concealment of evidence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond.

\$25,000 bond.

Darin Andrew Becker, 47, 816 Washington St. S., Twin Falls; forgery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$15,000 bond.

Charles D. Voorhees, 22, 1825 Maple St., No. 32, Buhl; fail to appear possession of drug paraphernalia; no plea entered; public defender appointed; court trial set for March 28; \$1,500 bond; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$2,500 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$5,000 bond.

Gregory Dean Hanson, 39, 211 Villa Circle, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$500 bond.

Ricardo R. Perez, 21, 328 Harrison, Twin Falls; probation violation—minor consumption of alcohol; no plea entered; public defender denied; evidentiary hearing set for Feb. 15; \$100 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$500 bond.

Jeremy Stuart Meyer, 26, 111 Elder, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; \$1,500 bond.

Demetrius L. Fox, 35, 137 Harrison, Twin Falls; driving under the



influence; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary conference set for Feb. 4; \$25,000 bond.

Gay Umbricht, 37, 456 Adams, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$10,000 bond.

Reina Ladawn Hayer, 39, 2118 Sherry Lane, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; released on own recognizance; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance.

Rene A. Arlanza, 25, 509 Marble Drive, Kimberly; resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance; receiving fraudulently obtained money; pleaded innocent; a financial transaction card; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance.

Rebecca M. Barnes, 28, 2026 Elizabeth, No. 34, Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of marijuana; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 15; \$10,000 bond; fail to appear—possession of drug paraphernalia; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 15; \$25,000 bond.

Tonya L. Harty, 21, 236 Sycamore, Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance.

for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance.

Bartholomew J. Duran, 29, 557 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; \$1,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond.

Jacob Kade Sison, 26, 1825 W. Maple, No. 25, Buhl; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; \$2,500 bond; probation violation—malicious injury to property; destruction of telecommunication device; no plea entered; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for Feb. 3; \$10,000 bond.

Rebecca M. Barnes, 28, 2026 Elizabeth, No. 34, Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of marijuana; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 15; \$10,000 bond; fail to appear—possession of drug paraphernalia; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 15; \$25,000 bond.

Tonya L. Harty, 21, 236 Sycamore, Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; released on own recognizance.

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possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for Feb. 15; \$1,500 bond.

Steven J. Henry, 50, P.O. Box 184, Willow Creek, Mont.; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; released on own recognizance.

Carlos C. Soria, 15, 815 Walnut, Buhl; fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; minor consumption of alcohol; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; released on own recognizance.

Ethan R. Christensen, 19, 557 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; fail to appear—possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 1; \$5,000 bond; petty theft; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 29; released on own recognizance.

William P. Matreza, 44, Buhl; fugitive; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$20,000 bond.

James Logan Bartel, 19, 1034 Maricopa St., Twin Falls; surgery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond.

David R. Kennedy, 24, 401 11th Ave. N., Buhl; battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; preliminary conference set for March 8; \$500 bond.

Victor Copado, 15, 650 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; robbery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$10,000 bond.

Matthew James M. Prangell, 21, 910 Moonlight Road, No. 10, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; \$1,500 bond; possession of paraphernalia with intent to use; public defender appointed; preliminary conference set for March 8; released on own recognizance.

Owen Ladd, 25, Filer; out of county warrant—Bonneville; \$45,000 bond.

James Kevan, 601 W. Fifth St., Filer; trespassing; waived counsel; preliminary conference set for March 29; released on own recognizance.

Brandy Dawn Kepner, 33, 629 Morningstar, Twin Falls; probation violation—possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; evidentiary hearing set for Feb. 4; posted bond.

Laura Ann Sinclair, 41, 824 11th St. N., Buhl; grand theft by unauthorized control; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; summons issued.

Alex C. Freeman, 22, 121 Quincy, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4; released under own recognizance.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencing

Twain Havens, 52, 1201 Park Ave. W., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750.00 driver's license; 90 days in jail with 150 days suspended; credit for one day served; balance to be served under house arrest; private physician's report for 90 days; 18 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend alcohol school; comply with all alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Brett R. Oman, 36, 1750 E. 1300 N., Rogerson; one count driving under the influence; recommended sentence: 90 days in jail with 80 days suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend alcohol school; one count open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Kevin A. Richardson, 30, 3824 S. St., Buhl; burglary; offender: amended to driving vehicle without owners consent; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 100 days in jail with 150 suspended; credit for 20 days served; probation; \$35 per month probation fee; submit to alcohol/drug testing; obtain substance control; comply with all alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Dennis Marie Edger, 31, 1401B Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls; one count fail to provide proof of insurance; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; public defender fee; 10 days in jail with nine days suspended; credit for one day served; four months probation; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

John Joel Johnson, 31, 2483 E. 3700 N., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; recommended sentence: 90 days in jail with 150 days suspended; credit for one day served; four months probation; one count driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Joseph Walter Livick, 43, 2725 Jerry Lane, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Jamesa Medora, 19, 1556 E. 4200 N., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Arthur J. Crider, 57, 2515 Longbow Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; dismissed by court; insufficient evidence; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Jeremy Todd Hill, 27, 598 Madison, Twin Falls; fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Felony sentencing

Benjamin Christopher Hamilton, 22, 447 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls; grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; three years determinate; six years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$1,000 fine; \$50 court costs; current with other case; \$5,720 restitution; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Tammy Sue Whitesides, 31, 1805 Bitterroot Drive, Twin Falls; one count lottery fraud; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; one year determinate; four years indeterminate; \$1,500 fine; \$85.00 court costs; to be served concurrently with 2004 case; and consecutively to 2001 case; restitution as ordered; one count forgery; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Hustin R. Beeson, 19, 361 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count burglary; pleaded guilty; five and one half years penitentiary; two years determinate; three and one half years indeterminate; suspended; four years probation; 90 days in jail with 50 days suspended; 90 days in jail with 50 days suspended; \$1,000 fine; \$50 court costs; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; 100 hours community service; \$485.28 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Rory J. Winkle, 18, 1068 Sunrise Blvd., Twin Falls; one count burglary; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment granted; three years probation; \$68.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; 100 hours community service; \$485.28 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Robert Sean Orth, 30, 407 Maryland Ave., Nampa; grand theft by unauthorized control; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; \$1,000 fine; \$50 court costs; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; 100 hours community service; \$485.28 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

restitution as ordered; abide by terms of alcohol/substance abuse evaluation; write letter of apology to victim; comply with all alcohol/drug testing; Genetic Marker Database Act; one count grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Melissa Chantell Peterson, 24, 4043 1/2 Highway 33, Filer; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; cocaine; amended to possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; 65 days in jail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; 100 hours community service; \$485.28 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Victor Omar Salazar, 19, 313 Tyler St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; 100 hours community service; \$485.28 restitution; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

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Board of Corrections; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

William Edith Berks, 44, 435 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; six years penitentiary; three years determinate; three years indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Corrections; to be served concurrently with all other cases; to participate in the Residential Substance Abuse Program; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

David Perry Heck, 45, 133 Clear Creek Drive, Buhl; battery; pleaded guilty; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$88.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; maintain employment or be enrolled in school; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

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State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services and Family Care Services; Seeking establishment of paternity; \$186 monthly support plus \$2 per child; medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

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Israel will transfer control of West Bank cities

JERUSALEM — Israel is planning to transfer security control of five West Bank cities to the Palestinians in the coming days, the latest in a flurry of gestures aimed at paving the way for a high-level meeting between the warring sides.

The long-sidelined U.S. "road map" to peace calls for such a withdrawal, and Israeli and Palestinian officials now say they're ready to resume negotiations to end more than four years of bloodshed.

Sunday's announcement follows similar conciliatory gestures over the past week that include an unofficial Palestinian cease-fire and the deployment of Palestinian security patrols in the Gaza Strip to prevent attacks against Israeli targets.

The announcement, however, was greeted with Palestinian skepticism and with a reminder that there's strong opposition in Israel to such troop withdrawals.

More than 100,000 Israelis, by unofficial media counts, gathered Sunday near the Israeli parliament in Jerusalem to protest a separate plan to pull Israeli troops and settlers from the Gaza Strip this summer. The protesters demanded a referendum on the Gaza plan.

World in brief

Afghan authorities try to collect missiles

KABUL, Afghanistan — Authorities are launching a new push to collect U.S.-made Stinger missiles distributed to Afghans fighting Soviet troops in the 1980s in an effort to keep the weapons from terrorists and governments — including Iran, an Afghan official said Sunday.

The Afghan intelligence service is offering to buy the anti-aircraft missiles for an undisclosed sum, taking up a CIA program to recover weapons given to Islamic fundamentalists who battled the Soviets alongside Osama bin Laden in the 1980s.

Hussein Fakhr, a senior intelligence official, confirmed a report of the offer on Afghan state television but would not elaborate.

The CIA in the 1980s supplied an estimated 2,000 Stingers to Afghan mujahideen rebels who put the heat-seeking, shoulder-fired missiles to deadly use against Soviet helicopters and transport planes.

But since the Soviet withdrawal in 1989, the United States has

been trying to buy back unused missiles.

It is unclear how many remain unaccounted for, despite cash offers reportedly as high as \$150,000 each.

Qatar pushes plans to privatize Al Jazeera

WASHINGTON — The government of Qatar is pushing forward with plans to privatize Al Jazeera, the popular and controversial Arab television network that has often drawn the ire of U.S. administration officials, a spokesman said.

Details of the plan are yet to be worked out, and await a final report that should be completed shortly, said Ihsan Ballout, a spokesman in Doha. Al Jazeera is highly popular in the Arab world, but has repeatedly drawn criticism from the Bush administration about its coverage of the war in Iraq and other hot button issues in the Middle East.

Pressure from American officials has caused the government of Qatar, which bankrolls Al Jazeera, to accelerate the spin-off, according to a story Sunday in the New York Times, which cited an unnamed senior Qatari official.

Ballout said he has heard reports about such pressure, but has no first-hand knowledge of it. He said he knew of no attempts to interfere with the network's independence, and emphasized that Al Jazeera's code of ethics forbade it from succumbing to any commercial or political pressure.

Economic forum ends with notes of optimism

DAVOS, Switzerland — If talk produces action, the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum that concluded here Sunday could herald progress on issues such as fighting misery in the developing world and achieving Middle East peace.

Prominent political and business leaders used the five-day event to unveil pledges of aid to poor nations with a focus on concrete solutions, such as speeding the flow to Africa of generic drugs to combat AIDS and mosquito nets to prevent malaria.

In addition, upbeat Israeli-Palestinian conversations raised hopes that 2005 could bring new areas of international consensus.

"There is a meeting of moods as well as of minds," said Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres dur-

ing a panel discussion with Palestinian counterparts last week.

Nonetheless, the hopeful mood was tinged with concern about perennial triggers for global strife: Iran's nuclear program, transatlantic discord, and U.S. deficits that could threaten world economic stability.

Hopes dim for formal truce in Aceh province

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Workers buried more tsunami victims in Aceh province Sunday as a premature end to cease-fire talks between the Indonesian government and separatist rebels dampened hopes for a quick resolution to a 30-year-old conflict in the devastated province.

Five weeks after the tsunami disaster, the government said nearly 5,000 dead were found over the past week in Aceh, increasing the death toll to between 150,000 and 178,000 across 11 nations. Some 26,500 to 142,000 are missing most of whom are presumed dead.

The variation in numbers reflects differing figures released by separate government agencies in both Sri Lanka and Indonesia, the countries hit hardest by the Dec. 26 disaster.

There had been optimism that the immensity of the disaster in Aceh on the northern tip of Sumatra island would spur Indonesia's government and rebels to find a way to end fighting and focus on rebuilding. But hopes were dashed when truce negotiations in Helsinki, Finland, broke off.

Screening of controversial movie gets scrapped

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Citing security concerns, organizers of the Rotterdam Film Festival called off Sunday's screening of a short film by murdered Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh that has outraged some Muslims.

A suspected Islamic extremist allegedly shot and stabbed van Gogh to death in November shortly after the release of the film, "Submission," which is a fierce critique of the treatment of women under Islam written by an anti-immigration member of parliament.

Column Productions, which holds the rights to the film, said the decision to cancel the showing was made "on the basis of security concerns," but did not elaborate.

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Services Required:
•School-based health related services including but not limited to developmental therapy, intensive behavior intervention, and psychosocial rehabilitation;
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The Board of Trustees reserves the right to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, or reject any bid, or reject all bids and publish notice to bids, as before. Bids are to be held firm for ninety (90) days after date of submission. Cancellation of bid may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days. Any bidder may withdraw his bid by written request at any time prior to the time set for bid opening.

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Sunscreen always does a body good

DEAR PAULA: I recently read an article about infant skin care, which advised that sunscreen not be applied to infants until they're 6 months of age because the chemicals are absorbed by their skin and go into



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their bloodstream. This got me thinking about my own sunscreen lotion and the chemicals my skin is absorbing. I was at an Aveda store today buying some foundation and the salesperson informed me that their foundation had a "mineral-based" rather than "chemical-based" sunscreen in it. She said it was much healthier because minerals are not chemicals and are not absorbed by the skin. I am curious what your thoughts are on this issue. I would really appreciate your expertise regarding this issue.

— BETTY, VIA E-MAIL

DEAR BETTY: You have no idea how difficult your question is. Let me start by saying that the article you read was incorrect about recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) regarding babies and sunscreen. In a press release from the AAP (www.aap.org/advocacy/pressroom/summertips.htm), they state that "...when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen to small areas, such as the face and the back of the hands." In other words, unprotected sun exposure is bad for babies.

Regarding the Aveda salesperson's information about the issue of mineral sunscreen ingredients (that means titanium dioxide or zinc oxide — also chemicals by the way) versus synthetic ingredients (there are more than 30 of these), there is some research showing that all of these ingredients may have some negative effects on skin. Yes, even mineral sunscreens may be problematic. A recent article in cosmetic industry insider newsletter The Rose Sheet (Aug. 9, 2004, page 5) stated that "(Small particles) of zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, and iron oxides, currently used in cosmetics and sunscreens, (are) raising concerns about (these) ingredients' ability to penetrate the protective layers of the skin and reach the DNA, thereby damaging DNA."

There are also concerns about some of the synthetic sunscreen agents, and researchers are looking into these. I wish it weren't true; I would rather the issue of sun protection be plain and simple, but alas, that isn't the case.

It is important to recognize that even exposure to sunlight and oxygen, each a vital element for life, is seriously problematic for health. Sun exposure and the presence of oxygen are both detrimental to skin, each in their own way (and there are copious sources proving this to be true to list them here). Nevertheless, most experts believe that whatever potential problems may exist for sunscreen ingredients, the protective benefits they provide are far more important and necessary, and using them should become a habit from infancy (over 6 months of age) onward.

I think the evidence for using sunscreen 365 days a year is undeniable. The Aveda product mentioned is a good option. There are other options, as well, including Clinique City Block Oil-Free Daily Face Protector SPF 15 (\$15 for 1.4 ounces), Neutrogena Sensitive Skin UVA/UVB Block SPF 30 (\$9.99 for 4 ounces), and Shiseido Gentle Sun Block Cream SPF 22 (\$20 for 3.8 ounces).

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Bantam Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98148 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Mr. holistic health



Bob Willhite, a retired federal park ranger, works with people as a holistic health coach and works with his wife Marsha out of their home near Bliss.

Harvard-trained ex-park ranger finds niche in alternative medicine

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

BLISS — Alternative-medicine practitioner Bob Willhite doesn't hang out a shingle to blow in the wind.

Doesn't need to. The ex-National Park Service ranger's name is written on every aspect of his chosen home-of-healing environment.

And his prescription for wellness is reflected in the natural landscape that surrounds his home's setting along the Snake River Canyon ridges near Bliss.

"It's 'Energy Medicine,'" said Willhite, and it's nothing new.

Willhite grew up roaming the wide-open near the orange orchards of California, and throughout his life and chosen careers. For as long as he can remember, he's maintained a connection with nature.

But in the past few years, he's learned to read for himself what nature had been telling him all along. That knowledge defines his life, he says.

So coupled with his father's advice given early in his life to "enjoy what you do" and a personal respect of nature, the Harvard University graduate draws from his life experiences to teach others the art of listening to their own inner selves.

And he does it in the name of health.

With a degree of ecology background, a longstanding directorship of forestry management near Lake Tahoe in California, and his years spent as chief ranger at the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, the 56-year-old is teaching the art of understanding one's

own intuition.

For health, he says, begins with knowledge.

Each person is a system of moving molecules, Willhite says, and the motion of energy he perceives puts out specific messages.

"I've convinced that he learns from what he feels."

"I believe when we stop learning we're probably close to leaving," he said.

Where teaching is concerned, "nothing does it better" than nature. Willhite is persuaded that Western medicine doesn't look at the whole picture.

"And it leads to the concept that I have to do is take a pill," he said.

He sees a person as "a complex package" and teaches people to be more aware of their abilities.

But he wasn't always a teacher. "I was the typical arrogant man," Willhite said.

What's more, his father's advice was short-lived.

As a manager of forest properties — right out of college — he found work more stressful than he wanted to admit, and though the pay was great, the job took its toll.

That's when his wife stepped in.

Her advice changed her husband's life — and their place of residence.

"We've got to move to Idaho," said Marsha Willhite, a certified natural health consultant who had just returned from visiting family in southern Idaho.

But it took some convincing.

Moving to an area where job opportunities were limited at best, the prospect was met with trepidation by Bob.

"I thought I knew it all, but she was

my catalyst to wake me up to what health is all about," he said.

"I had some pretty big blind spots," Bob confessed.

"I put him on a pedestal," Marsha said. "I'm happy, supportive, level-headed and focused, and he wakes up with a smile."

"I know that sounds manufactured, but it's not," she said.

The couple is surrounded by a menagerie, beginning with Bob's companion "Sir Vivor," an Arabian stallion he was advised against adopting, and dog named "Second Chance."

From a wife's perspective, that's admirable.

"What more can you ask for (in a man) than a sense of humor?" Marsha said.

Within a year of the Willhites' move to Idaho, a job opened up at the new national monument near Hagerman.

As its first employee, Bob wore the hat of chief ranger.

After 10 years with the National Park Service, he "let go of the 'ranger' to teach the spiritual."

According to Willhite's Web site (<http://www.bobwillhite.com>), Bob considers himself to be a professional intuitive, an energy and spiritual leader with more than 20 years' experience. He has completed several programs to develop his own abilities.

Along with using the art of meditation, Bob attended Church of Divine Mind's seminars and upon graduation joined the school's teaching staff.

His other training includes holistic and herbal healing. Bob writes for various health publications, has been certified as an Alternative Medi-

cal Practitioner by the American Alternative Medical Association and teaches classes at the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center in Twin Falls.

A religious man, Willhite doesn't how to any particular faith system.

"The Qi Gong that I use with clients is called Medical Qi Gong," he said. "This differentiates it from Qi Gong movements that are similar to 'Tai-Chi' movements."

Bob believes that the path each individual chooses is the right one for his or her connection to what Willhite calls the Divine source, stemming from the rule "thou shalt not judge."

Holistically, he teaches that everybody has unique nutritional requirements.

A person's age, stress, lifestyle, physiological needs, use of medications, other toxins and deficiencies in food increase nutritional requirements far beyond what can be obtained simply by eating a balanced diet, Willhite says.

"It's a gentle compassionate person," said friend and colleague Julie Willmott, an acupuncturist and Chinese-medicine practitioner in Hagerman.

"And he's not motivated by the dollar, but by healing people — it's what he wants to do," she said.

According to Willhite, everything boils down to attitude.

"You get what you put out," he said. "We're all here for a reason — and it's all about the life journey."

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Gently worn clothing makes a stylish splash

Cox News Service

ATLANTA — When Cynthia Craig goes shopping, the last thing she wants is something new. But that doesn't mean the makeup artist doesn't want to be fashionable.

Craig — and a growing number of shoppers — buys "gently worn clothing" to diversify her wardrobe and save a little money.

"I've been shopping vintage for 25 years," she said. "I get quality pieces for a fraction of the cost of something new."

Hollywood has been a driving force behind this buying trend, which has taken off in recent years. TV shows such as "That '70s Show" and "American Dreams" have made old clothes look new again. Off camera, actresses Sarah Jessica Parker, Jennifer Garner and Madonna have taught fans that vintage goods can be just as glam as contemporary pieces. Garner hit the red carpet on Sunday at the Golden Globes in a red vintage Valentino while Glenn Close chose Geoffrey Beene's black gown from her own closet.

"When celebrities wear vintage, they legitimize it," said Rebecca Burkhardt, co-owner with Tom Murphy of Stefani's Vintage Clothing

boutique in Atlanta.

Parker in particular is known for a mix-and-match approach to vintage that most retailers like the Gap are adopting. "The 'Sex and the City' star combines old (a Fred Leighton diamond brooch) and new pieces (a Gap sweater) to create eclectic outfits in a series of Gap ads."

Lately, mainstream department stores have stepped onto the bandwagon with retro-looking fashions — beaded cardigans, full skirts, fur collars and stoles. Lines from high-end fashion designers such as Prada and Marc Jacobs have also played a role in the vintage revival.

Call them what you want — vintage shops, consignment stores or resale shops — more and more are popping up around the country. And there are varying levels for each person's wallet.

Some opt for vintage stores like Stefani's, where owners buy their stock from auctions, estate sales and liquidators. Vintage items can range from '20s bapper dresses to '70s and '80s T-shirts or jackets. Since vintage is based on the quality and the age of the item, prices can vary widely. Nondesigner, '40s-'50s-style items can range from as low as \$10 to several hundred dollars. At Luxe vintage store, a designer Pucci dress is \$875.

Consignment stores such as Fantastic Finds in metro Atlanta and Chickieba Couture/Designer Resale Boutique sell items on behalf of individual owners and take a profit on these transactions.

Thrift stores, like the well-known Salvation Army and Goodwill stores, are typically owned and run by not-for-profit or a consignment or donation basis. Resale stores like the Lucky Exchange Resales for Men and Women in Midtown Atlanta purchase used clothing and products to sell. New stores pop up on a regular basis.

The National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops estimates there are more than 20,000 resale shops across the country, and the number increases yearly. According to Adele Meyer, the association's director, these shops are a multi-billion dollar industry, growing at a rate of about 5 percent a year.

"This segment of retail is healthy and growing for a number of reasons," said Jim Neal, a retail strategist at the consulting firm, Kurt Salmon Associates. "There's the value shopper who has to watch her money. And then there's the vintage shopper who wants to buy something old that's cool, whether it's an old T-shirt or a '20s evening gown."

Craig definitely falls into the latter



Sarah Jessica Parker, seen here in a new ad for The Gap, specializes in mixing old and new clothing.

Photo courtesy of The Gap

category. She visits Stefani's at least every two weeks, and always finds something to buy. On a recent Friday, Craig wandered through the store in a '50s pleated cotton print skirt, (purchased for about \$40), with a contemporary tank top and cardigan sweater. She accessorized the outfit with new flats, a '50s bag and plenty of vintage jewelry.

"Some of the older dresses I've bought look just like new Pradas," said Craig.

IMAGE

ADVANCEMENT IN MEDICINE

Implantable lenses open doors for vision impaired

The Baltimore Sun

When Cheryl Flood's husband had laser eye surgery to correct poor vision a few years ago, she was more than envious. "I was downright resentful," said the 40-year-old mother of two. "He qualified for the surgery, but I didn't. It seemed unfair."

Like many people, Flood wasn't a good candidate for conventional LASIK or other laser procedures because of corneal irregularities.

Still, she persevered in her quest for a glasses-free existence. She called her doctor, Sheri Rowen, every few months for nearly three years. She plunked money into her tax-free health care spending account in the hopes that new technology would come along.

Eventually it did. Last month, Flood was one of the first people in the United States to receive a new type of approved implantable lenses in a surgery by Rowen at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore.

The synthetic lenses, widely used in Europe for more than a decade, were approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September. It will be marketed under the brand name Verisyse by Advanced Medical Optics Inc. of Santa Ana, Calif. A second lens by another company is expected on the market in the spring.

These implantable lenses are the crux of the "miracle," Rowen said. "They have the ability to correct vision with exact precision without altering the shape of the cornea." And unlike laser procedures, which do alter the shape of the cornea, implantable lenses are permanent, although they can be removed if there are problems. Flood, an energetic woman with auburn hair and bright blue eyes, arrived at Mercy Medical Center on a Wednesday morning with her sister, another LASIK patient whose vision was corrected several years ago.

"I'm excited," said Flood, whose uncorrected vision was worse than 20/400. "And I can't wait to get rid of these," she added, motioning to her thick glasses.

By 1 p.m., Flood had been lightly sedated and prepped for surgery on her left eye. In most eye surgeries, it's standard procedure to operate on only one eye at a time, in case there are complications. Her right eye was scheduled to be done at another time.

"No rock 'n' roll music," she said, joking with Rowen. "Not while I'm operating," responded the 51-year-old surgeon.

Rowen cut the bottom of Flood's cornea and suctioned up some blood. Then she slid surgical instruments beneath the cornea into the inner chambers of the eye.

Next, Rowen used tweezers to lift a synthetic lens from an operating table. The lens looked no different from any contact lens, except that it was slightly smaller. She then lifted the corneal tissue and placed the lens across the iris, over Flood's pupil.

In 10 minutes, the lens was in place. Rowen lifted muscle from the iris to anchor the lens. Then, using tweezers, she sewed the cornea back together with nylon thread thinner than a human hair.

"That should do it," she said. "The arrival of implantable lenses marks a departure from recent advances in corrective



Dr. Sheri Rowen, an ophthalmologist at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, places an implantable lens in Cheryl Flood's left eye. Unlike LASIK treatment, the new surgery does not involve reshaping the eye's cornea. The implantable lens is permanent but can be removed if there are any problems.

eye surgery. In the 1990s, doctors pioneered conventional LASIK treatments, which use lasers to reshape the cornea for sharper vision.

In recent years, computer and other technologies have refined the precision of laser surgery. In addition, doctors have begun using surface ablation procedures, such as LASEK and Epi-LASIK, which correct vision by reshaping the cornea without making any incisions in the eye. But implantable lenses piggyback on an entirely different idea that has been around since the 1940s to correct cataracts, a clouding of the natural crystalline lens that causes blindness. Doctors have long treated cataracts by replacing the eye's natural lens with a synthetic lens.

This approach saves vision, but artificial lenses are not as pliable or responsive as the eye's natural lens. Two decades ago, researchers in the Netherlands got the idea of placing an implantable lens into the eye to correct vision without removing the natural lens.

Today, researchers are working on these lenses, called phakic lenses, to cure a host of vision problems. Eventually, doctors hope to be able to inject a substance into the eye to create lenses, which could then be altered by light rays to exact vision prescriptions. That technology is years off, Rowen said.

The Verisyse lens that Flood received is approved for use only on people who are moderately or severely nearsighted.

Market analysts estimate that roughly 20 percent of Americans have vision problems that can be corrected with surgery. Most people opt for laser procedures because they are cheaper, treat common vision problems and have proven track records. The Verisyse manufacturer estimates that as many as 2.8 million Americans could be candidates for the implantable lens. The procedure, which is not covered by insurance, costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per eye.

Company officials said they are being selective about which doctors they will train because the surgery is so specialized. Some doctors worry that if unskilled practitioners attempt the procedure they could run into complications and sour the public on the emerging technology. "This is an exciting first step," said Dr. Terrence O'Brien of the

Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute. O'Brien performed a handful of lens implants during the U.S. clinical trials. "This is in no way like [putting in] a contact lens. We are operating within the eye. So we are proceeding with great caution."

"The surgery is very complex," he added, "and should be reserved for select patients with no other options."

During seven years of U.S. clinical trials, more than 1,100 patients were treated at 22 centers, according to the FDA. All patients saw 20/40 or better after the procedure. Ninety percent reported satisfaction. Three patients developed cataracts, but no patients developed swelling of the cornea.

David Harmon, president of Market Scope, the leading newsletter tracking the industry, said the implantable lens market may be smaller than laser procedures. "But for the individuals who benefit from the surgery," he added, "the lenses are nothing short of a miracle."

That may be the case for Cheryl Flood. When the surgery was done, Flood surprised Rowen by sitting up and putting her new lens to work. Before her eyes were bandaged, she could make out objects on a far shelf and count the fingers on an operating room attendant's hand.

"Wow," Flood said. "This is amazing."

She was scheduled to return the next day for an examination before heading back to her home in Fairfax, Va.

"The operation went great," Rowen said. "She's already on her way, and it is only going to get better."

The Washington Post

Mary E. Frank, a primary care doctor in Holmdel Park, Calif., says her practice usually places an order about now for the flu shots she will give her patients in the fall.

Not this year. The flu vaccine makers and large distributors aren't accepting pre-orders as they did the past. In an advisory on its Web site, for example, vaccine distributor ASD Healthcare said it didn't know when it would take orders or whether customers would ultimately receive their full orders.

"It's January. Doctors need to order soon. And we just don't have a clue by this season's shortage," said Frank, who is president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. "A lot of us are very nervous."

The flu vaccine shortage that turned into a surplus this season has created uncertainty and confusion among doctors and hospitals, vaccine manufacturers and federal health officials who are trying to plan for next season. Nobody knows which manufacturers will produce the vaccine, how much will be available.

The uncertainty comes at a key time. Companies usually begin plotting strategy now for a complicated and time-consuming production process.

"Things are really still up in the air," said Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md. "We just don't really know what's going to happen."

The current flu season began with a vaccine shortage in October, when contamination problems at a plant in England forced Chiron Corp. of Emeryville, Calif., to scrap 48 million doses of flu vaccine.

Knight Ridder News Service

Minimally invasive procedures are gaining popularity in lung, orthopedic and gall bladder as well as heart valve surgeries.

The benefits for the patient are less pain, shorter hospital stays and smaller scars, says Dr. Robert Rega, chairman of surgery at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. However, the procedures, many of them covered by insurance, are more expensive than open surgeries and require special training.

"The surgeon has to be very comfortable with valve surgery," says Dr. Joseph Lamelas, a Miami cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon who performs this surgery on heart valves. "It's not something a surgeon just finishing his training should do."

Anytime you work through a small incision, it's harder.

Take, for example, a colon removal.

about half of the U.S. supply. Public health officials urged that shots from other manufacturers be saved for high-risk patients. Now there's a shortage of more than 5 million shots nationally, and federal authorities said they may soon urge anyone who wants a shot to get one quickly.

The chain of events has left confusion about both supply and demand for next season.

On the supply side, the government had hoped to have about 110 million shots available next season. But Chiron's plant remains shut, and the company says it doesn't know when it can resume production. Lured partly by this season's shortage, two companies that are trying to enter the market for the first time could produce a total of about 30 million doses. But the companies, GlaxoSmithKline PLC of Britain and ID Biomedical Corp. of Canada, still must clear the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory hurdles.

Medimmune Inc. of Gaithersburg, Md., could produce upward of 10 million doses of its nasal flu vaccine FluMist for next season. But the company won't say how many doses it will manufacture until it knows more about the nation's supply and whether the government will ease manufacturing and shipping requirements for FluMist and loosen restrictions, so that the vaccine can be offered to people over age 49.

This has left the focus on Sanofi Pasteur, formerly Aventis Pasteur and the only other licensed flu vaccine provider in the United States. But the company, which is the vaccines group of Sanofi-Aventis in Paris, says it can stretch to produce only 60 million shots, about 40 million shy of the government's goal.

Then there's the question of

demand. After making do without flu shots this season, well millions of Americans decide they can get by without a shot again next season. Or will they flock to doctors and drugstores that give shots to anyone?

"It's an open question as to what the fundamental underlying demand will be," said Alex Little, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "Companies want to be reasonably sure of selling this stuff. How can you calculate what to do?"

Unable to calculate next season's market, the major distributors of flu vaccine are putting everything on hold. Henry Schein Inc. of Melville, N.Y., isn't solidifying advance orders, as it normally does by now. FFP Enterprises Inc. of Temecula, Calif., has been telling health care providers attempting to book orders that it will get back to them once the situation becomes clearer.

"It's really a cat and mouse game right now," said Neil Heron, executive vice president and general manager of ASD Healthcare, an Addison, Texas-based subsidiary of AmerisourceBergens Corp. "It would be ridiculous to go out and pre-book not knowing what the supply will be. Not knowing what the price will be. That's a high-risk game. You could really get egg on your face. So we'll have to wait."

Heron said he doesn't expect his company to begin taking orders for flu shots until the end of March, which is usually when orders trail off.

With all the uncertainty, Frank's organization of family physicians has recommended that its more than 93,000 members stock only enough flu shots for their patients in high-risk groups—children under 2, the elderly and those with chronic health problems—once vaccine makers and distributors start taking orders.

Less invasive options benefit surgery patients

"Doing a colectomy is more challenging because when you tackle the colon, nothing is stationary; everything is moving," said Dr. Thomas Vargal, chairman of the department of surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Atul Madan, chief of the minimally invasive section in the department of surgery at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, says learning the new procedures is like learning to use chop sticks after years of eating with your hands.



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Center holds avoiding back injuries class on Wednesday

Back School, an education course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on the basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries and disease that lead to back pain, and instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury.

Participants will be provided with written materials. The class is offered on-site at local businesses if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Physical Therapy Department at 737-2126.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Moms Club."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Parenting program

NuParent, a parenting program, will be offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Fireside Room at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

NuParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, 733-4343, ext. 175.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend the class to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through March 2, in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the newborn, including breastfeeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

To do for you

room instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the newborn, including breastfeeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required, call 732-3148.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through March 9, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class.

To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Registration also can be completed by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

Parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer 1-2-3-4 Parents, a parenting classes for parents with children, ages 1-4. The classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursdays through Feb. 17, at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is free. To register or for more information, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

Big Kids class

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

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The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby.

Cost is \$7.50 per family with one child or \$10 per family with two or more children. To register, call 737-2900.

First aid, CPR classes

The South Central District of the American Red Cross will offer first aid and adult, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses in February in Twin Falls and Ketchum. Participants must register in advance.

In Twin Falls, the classes will be held at the Red Cross office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, and will include:

- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Feb. 17.
- First aid, adult CPR, infant and child CPR review, 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 10 and Feb. 24.
- Family services, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 28.

In Ketchum, the classes will be held at the American Legion Hall, 220 Cottonwood, and will include:

- Family services, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 19.

No classes are scheduled for February in Burley.

For more information on the cost or to register for a class, call the American Red Cross office at 733-6464, ext. 300 or (800) 853-2570, ext. 300.

Diabetes education

A free diabetes education class, "Could An Insulin Pump Be Right For You?" will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Speaker will be Cynthia Fielding, RN, of Medtronic Minimed.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 9 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center will be given.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

EYES ON THE FRIES

McDonald's misses trans fat deadline

The Dallas Morning News

Two years after McDonald's own deadline for reducing trans fats, the french fry has thus far snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

The heavyweight among fast food chains had announced with fanfare that the amount of trans fats in its cooking oil would be cut almost in half by February 2003. After that, a more ambitious goal: McDonald's planned to eliminate this form of disease-causing grease, right down to the last McNugget.

Today, however, an order of fries remains as trans-laden as ever, leaving consumer advocates with a super-sized disbelief. "It's astonishing," says Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. He and many other nutrition experts now feel burned for their accolades in September 2002, when McDonald's announced its intention, "if a big company holds a press conference, you'd think they would have planned things out."

They thought they had, says company spokesman Walt Riker. Despite the best intentions, McDonald's found that an oil change wasn't so easy, he says. "We realized we needed additional testing."

One of the main problems was that the oil formulated in 2002 appeared to alter the taste of McDonald's fries. The popular fries are a company hallmark, with a taste and crispness on an almost sacred plane. The fries are such a state secret, Riker won't even discuss the components of the oil they're fried in.

The news is better for chicken lovers. McNuggets and other chicken products are now fried in an oil that is about 15 percent lower in trans fat.

Riker won't say when trans fats will be phased out. "It's still a work in progress, so I don't want to get into any specifics."

McDonald's has been using trans fats since 1990. At the time it turned trans, the company was looking for a way to reduce the saturated fat and cholesterol coming out of its fryers. Trans fats are called, can extend the shelf life of manufactured goods. In the fast food industry, hydrogenated oils mean fryers don't have to be changed out as frequently.

But the evidence against trans fat was already gathering, and it has now become one of the major controversies in the American food industry. The new U.S. Dietary Guidelines, released just this month, urge Americans to keep their trans-fat consumption as close to zero as possible.

The problem is that trans fats have a singular ability to harm the heart and blood vessels. "It's not something we were evolved to encounter," says Dr. Meir Stampfer from the Harvard School of Public Health. "It's something new for our metabolism."

Unlike most other forms of fat, the vast majority of trans fats are artificially made. They form when a liquid vegetable oil gets bombarded with hydrogen.

The liquid becomes solid, giving baked goods a full, buttery feel in the mouth.

The discovery has been a boon to the food industry. Partially hydrogenated oils, as trans fats are called, can extend the shelf life of manufactured goods. In the fast food industry, hydrogenated oils mean fryers don't have to be changed out as frequently.

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DENVER (AP) — Legend has it the so-called Pearl of Allah was created as a symbol of peace 250 years ago in ancient China.

To Victor Barish, the 14-pound gem has been nothing but a big headache.

The football-sized grayish lump has been tied to enough greed, drama and intrigue to rival any Agatha Christie mystery, including two contract killings and a court fight that ended with one of the largest jury awards of its type in Colorado history.

"It draws the wrong type of people," said Barish, the pearl's majority owner who lives in Colorado Springs. "It's only a pearl. It has a nice history. It was made to do something good, apparently, but what's been drawing it's been terrible."

Barish says he kept the pearl in a Denver bank vault and a series of safe deposit boxes over the years, but he won't disclose its present location, even though he'd like to unload the gem to a museum or library.

How the pearl wound up in Colorado is quite a story — an extraordinary one, if the rumors are to be believed. It is purportedly a former ancestor of Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu, who is said to have owned his leg and those of Confucius and Buddha into its surface. It was then planted in successively larger clams for generations, the consensus on its surface resemble a human brain.

According to legend, the pearl was lost in a shipwreck centuries ago, then found in 1934 off Palawan Island in the Philippines by a diver who drowned when he reached into a huge clam to take it. The clam and the diver were pulled to shore and the diver's chest, in the Philippines, who named the pearl, took possession.

About five years later, William Dowell Galt saved the life of the chief's son and was given the pearl in gratitude. Galt's heirs sold it in 1980 for \$200,000 to Beverly Hills jeweler Peter Hallman, who in turn sold part ownership to Barish.

The two men formed the now-defunct World's Largest Pearl Co. Inc. in California and made money by selling interests in the pearl to investors including the Bonicelli.

This is where the history turns bloody.

The pearl is now part of the largest wrongful-death judgment in Colorado history after a jury recently awarded \$32.4 million to Bonicelli's adult children, who sued over the 1975 death of their mother in a water killing. After Bonicelli's death in 1998, police said they determined that the decades-old killing was done at his behest.

His children want the pearl sold so they can be paid the settlement they won against their father's estate. They plan to use the money to establish a foundation in their mother's name to help abused women and children, their lawyer, Richard Tegmeyer, said.

Bonicelli left his estate to his youngest daughter, whom he fathered with his second wife. Neither her attorney nor Phillips' attorney returned calls.

Appraisers have valued the pearl at up to \$40 million, Tegmeyer said.

He said further court action will be necessary to determine how his clients will receive their money, but it will have to include selling the pearl.

Barish just wants to be rid of it, but on his terms.

"We are donating that pearl," he said. "We can't get the money for it. We want it to go to a charity for everybody to see and view, either a museum or a presidential library."

Soldier's souvenirs spark war of words

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Adam," came home from Iraq for a two-week visit. He brought with him some T-shirts for his father, his sister and me. They were last-minute purchases. Now my mother is furious that she didn't get a souvenir from Iraq.

Our extended family is huge, and Adam didn't have room to bring something for everyone. No one else in the family is upset about it. They're just glad he came home healthy and safe.

My mother complained to her sister, "Irene," and Aunt Irene sent Adam a card in Iraq ordering him to send my mother something. It upset him because he barely knows Aunt Irene.

When I defended my son, Mother said: "I am the grandmother. I should have gotten something."



DEAR ABBY
Joanne Phillips

something. I told her no one expected anything from him. Is she being unreasonable or am I? Adam is furious that this nonsense is going on while he's risking his life in Baghdad. I will forward your response to him.

—PROUD MOM IN OHIO
DEAR PROUD MOM: Please tell Adam that he is in my thoughts and prayers for his safe return from a dangerous tour of duty — which his grandmother apparently has confused with a night-sneaking tour. Your son doesn't owe any-

one a gift. His gift to the family will be his safe return.

DEAR ABBY: I married my husband, "Greg," a year ago. He's a wonderful man from a wonderful family. His parents are upper-middle class and have always had money. Greg and I are just starting out, so we don't have a lot. His mother, "Ruth," has been generous and thoughtful enough to buy us many of the things we needed to establish our home.

Recently she has started buying me things from very expensive places. Ruth has terrific taste and I love everything she gets me. I always say thank you, and sometimes send her notes. Greg tells me she keeps buying me things because she sees that I use everything she gives me.

I want to do something nice

for Ruth that will really be special, but our funds are very limited. No one has ever been so nice to me, much less bought me things, and I want her to know how touched and grateful I am. Any suggestions on how to show my appreciation?

—BLESSED
IN NORTH CAROLINA
DEAR BLESSED: Just one. Take out pen and paper and write your mother-in-law a letter telling her how blessed you are to have someone so loving and generous as she in your life. A love letter is one of those gifts that keep on giving joy to the recipient. I guarantee, it's something she will keep for a lifetime.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old boy who was molested ever since I was 8. I told the police, and we are going to court

about it — but I can't stop thinking about it. I need help forgetting about it. I can't let my boyfriend near me. Please help.

—"MISSY" IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR "MISSY": You did the right thing in telling the police what happened. However, as big a step in the right direction as that was, there is more to do before you can heal from the abuse. Please clip this letter and give it to your mother. Counseling can help you to put the abuse behind you, and an excellent place to get it would be the nearest rape crisis center. An organization called R.A.I.N.N. will help your mother locate one for you. The toll-free number for its national sex-assault hotline is (800) 656-4673. You are a brave girl, and I wish you the best of luck.

Libra: Don't let insecurities undermine confidence

IF JANUARY 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Life is just a bowl full of cherries ripe for picking in the next several weeks, so be on the alert for helpful people and advantageous situations. In April and July, generous Jupiter will be sending energy your direction; cash in on opportunities and make permanent improvements in those things that are dearest to your heart. With this helpful planet passing by this year, you can forge important connections and get the guidance you need it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone close may be turning on the last few days, but prepare for warm cuddles this evening and a strengthening of commitment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The amount of love you receive back from others will show you how well you are doing. You are a magnet that attracts both

HOROSCOPE
Jeraline Saunders

money and love, so capitalize on helpful stars and make your move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Minor turbulence within personal finances can be solved with the help of a significant other. Joining financial forces can be beneficial if you don't go overboard. The stars are perfect for seductions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rules may cramp your style. If you are down in the dumps, be assured the mood won't last long. Get serious business done early so you can relax and take advantage of amorous stars later tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Down-to-earth analysis will put financial matters into proper perspective. It is easy to

speak from the heart and make helpful agreements. Your love life is receiving a boost from the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No problems can arise if choices and decisions are made from the heart. Your creative genius is at an all-time high. It is a great evening for luscious lovemaking or indulging your passions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let little insecurities undermine your confidence. Romantic magic is settling into place for this evening, so make arrangements to be with a loving partner. Commitments can be made now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Amorous hookups formed today may be highly committed, but you will need to watch out for extravagant spending. Exotic relationships can reach the heights of ecstasy as the night sizzles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): You may find the magic key to unlock the door to a new source of income or increase your net worth. Don't be a slave to a surge of loving generosity and squander your gains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A true soulmate could be knocking on your door. Practical matters could take up much of your daytime hours but by evening turn on the charm and play frivolous seductive games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Fascinating attractions of yesterday may prove to be more than a flash in a pan. Maybe it is more about what you have in common than a case of opposites attracting. Look for common ground.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can attain your heart's desire this evening where love and affection are concerned. New friends can help you make progress with your goals but you may be compelled to match their extravagance.

Guy Fawkes was put to death on this date in 1606

This day in history: On Jan. 31, 1606, England executed Guy Fawkes for plotting to kill King James I and nearly all government officials. He was caught with 35 kegs of gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament right before its opening ceremonies began. When tortured on the rack, Fawkes revealed the other 10 conspirators, who were also killed.

A baby has dozens more bones than you do. Many of the bones fuse together as you grow. By adulthood, most people are down to a mere 206.

When playing ice golf, there are no rules against using standard white balls, but you'll wish you had a few. If you're green, orange or purple work best if you ever want to see your ball again.

E. coli bacteria from undercooked meat can be deadly. However, you do have your trusty hand of E. coli in your intestines. It helps create vitamin K and digest leafy greens. Without them, we wouldn't live very long.

In the United States, ever-growing prison population, 10 million people are there for non-violent crimes.

Not only is the violin the smallest and highest of the modern string instruments, it is older than its modern cousins like the cello, viola and double bass.

"Anacardic" sounds like a word that has to do with your heart, but it's an adjective describing anything associated with cashew nuts.

The record speed for a unicycle is 118.5 miles per hour.



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Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

The superstition of 13 diners being unlucky may come from the Last Supper, or it may come from a similarly disastrous table arrangement in a Norse myth. Regardless, people have taken it seriously. In France, it was customary to hire a 14 diner if 13 showed up. The Savoy Hotel in London provides a carved wooden table in the dining hall in case you have 13 human diners. They claim it keeps the bad luck away.

When Bill Clinton became governor of Arkansas in 1978, he was 32 years old, making him the youngest governor in the nation. He also became the youngest to ever take the seat in Arkansas history.

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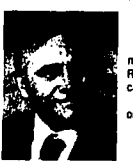
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SCHOOL DAYS

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Shoshone gets new pep band, club

By Kristin Davidson
Special to The Times-News

SHOSHONE — There is a new Shoshone High School Pep Band and a new Pep Club to go with the new school year.

Shannon Harris, Pep Club adviser, says that it's important to have a pep club to promote school spirit.

"I love Pep Club, and I think others would enjoy it, too," said Christina Gedeberg, a senior.

The Pep Club is open to anyone in grades nine through 12. The group cheers for the high school's sports games, and the volleyball players say the cheering made a big difference at the state tournament this year.

"Shannon is super cool and we're very grateful that she's been in charge of it. She's done a great job," said Anna Gedeberg, a junior.

Junior Karla Davis said that Pep Club is "a great way for students to be involved in their

school without having to be audibly inclined."

Meanwhile, the Pep Band plays for most home athletic events.

Members are Katee Bollar, Talena Boothe, Vance Bullock, Mandy Cooper, Kristin Davidson, Jared Fitzgerald, David Fuller, Anna Gedeberg, Christina Gedeberg, Ian Ingram, Crikette Jensen, Simon Jensen, Mark Mastrolini, Rob Merrick, Ashley Montgomery, Devon Morrison, Miryah Morrison, John Murphy, Josh Olsen, Valerie Pantone, Jade Peyman, Geoff Plumb, Emilia Silva, Marlin Vega and Lynne Watts.

Senior Katee Bollar encourages people to join the Pep Band because "it's fun and you can watch the game, too."

"We need more people," added Rob Merrick, a sophomore.

Pep Band adviser Ross Gedeberg agreed the Pep Band can



The Shoshone High School Pep Band and Pep Club help keep up spirit at athletic events.

use more members. "What we've had some years was parents and former students playing with us. Anyone who wants to come and play is welcome."

Kristin Davidson is the Shoshone High School War-Wheels reporter.

Buhl students will begin second semester

With a sigh of relief that finals are over, we begin on our next challenge, second semester.

For some of us, this is the last semester of our high school career, then off to new things. For others, it is another semester of homework and tests before summer.

Our school had three students chosen to be pages at the Idaho State Senate. Two of them, Ali Lauda and Jenni Hurley, left two weeks ago for the first legislative session, and I will go in the middle of February for the second legislative session. Each session lasts approximately six weeks. It is a great honor to have so many selected.

The student council is planning a fund-raiser to help the tsunami relief during the month of February. We want to involve area schools and hold a school-to-school competition. Our school has set a goal of \$500 and is hoping to reach that and more. We welcome community



BUHL BEAT
Alyssa Welch

support. Poppewell Elementary and Buhl Middle School are also holding fund-raisers for the same cause.

"The Standards" performed at our school last week and put on a great show, as well as a workshop for our choir class. We thank you.

The National Honor Society members read to the Head Start children last week. The children were wonderful and both the high school students and children had a blast.

Alyssa Welch is Buhl High School student body president.

Filer HS honors students who volunteer

We would like to recognize Filer High School students who are contributing their time to various projects with "service" as our Weekly Wildcat word.

The FCCLA chapter is serving the community through STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. STAR is a competition designed to encourage the development of a student's role as a family member, community leader and career holder. Examples include: Kristin Peters is working on a project for the Career Investigation Event; Hannah Mock, Courtney Bahb and Sara Hanman organized a chapter service project and donated more than 100 fleece hats and



WILDCAT WORD
Diana Haffiger and Amy Huddleston

blankets to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Megan Miller and Hailey Atkins have developed and presented to third-graders a program on the importance of hand washing; and Roxanne York and Kayla Oltrogge organized a

school assembly to help increase awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Emily Hamman is the state officer in charge of STAR events for the district and planning and organizing the entire competition.

This year, seniors are required to be community-service oriented in the final stages of their senior project. From organizing sports camps for children to designing and sewing dresses as a fund-raiser for breast cancer, seniors are getting creative as they come up with ways to serve their community.

These next few weeks promise to be busy, as the first of

several service-hour checks approach. Five-service hours are due by Feb. 23. A total of 15 service hours must be turned in to complete the project. In addition, seniors must create a portfolio of recommendation letters and mentor forms, along with a presentation of their project in front of a panel of judges. Portfolios and projects will be completed by May.

Whether it is simply for the good of the community or a requirement for graduation, students are springing into action this semester.

Diana Haffiger and Amy Huddleston are Filer High School students.

Dietrich students explore variety of careers

DIETRICH — This semester, a Dietrich High School class was treated to a variety of guest speakers to learn about careers and communicating.

Instructor Carol Perron said the weekly speakers gave students in the communications class the opportunity to introduce a speaker, hear career information and discuss and critique different speaking styles. Each guest was asked to speak about their profession and how they use oral and written communication on the job.

Speakers included former

Dietrich student, LeCl Bono, an instructor in the Idaho State University Dental Hygiene Program; Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram; Jarrett Porter, school board chairman and Idaho Department of Transportation employee; Jeff Weber, local rancher; Lisa Cresswell, Bureau of Land Management archeologist; Debi Bingham, veterinary technician; Ed Simons, school superintendent; and Wendy Jaquet, state representative.

I surveyed the class to see where their interests fell and tried to bring in the careers and speakers the students

were interested in," Perron said. People were very willing to come. "Guest speakers seemed a good approach for the communications class."

The students agreed. "Having guest speakers taught me more about what is expected from me after school in the world," said tenth-grader, Jackson Hill.

"Mrs. Perron brought in a lot of different people," student Patrick Ross said, "but I especially liked hearing my brother."

His brother Brian, a counselor for Shell Vacation Co. in San Francisco, Calif., spoke while visiting with his family.



State Rep. Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum addresses a communications class at Dietrich High School.

READ-A-THON

Third-graders at I.B. Perrine Elementary participated in a celebrity read-a-thon this fall. Celebrity readers included Vice Principal Terry Steiman, Principal Kent Anderson, Capt. Brian Pike of the Twin Falls Police Department, attorney Emil Pike and Twin Falls Schools District Superintendent Willy Dobbs. After each celebrity read, there was a question and answer session about their career. Dobbs also donated "The Grim Grotto" by Lemmy Snicket to the library. The read-a-thon was organized by third-grade teachers Amy Jones and Sarah Easterday Sporer.



Photo courtesy of SARAH EASTERDAY SPORER

SCHOOL NEWS

Wood River MS PTO meets Thursday

HAILLEY — The Wood River Middle School PTO will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the library.

New software and a new program, called Plato will be discussed.

TFHS students perform dramatic pieces

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School drama students will perform their award-winning pieces at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Howard Miller Memorial Theatre in Room D-5 at the high school.

The following students all qualified recently for State Drama Competition:

Kyle Lopez and Jesse Maher, ensemble humorists; Nikki Watts and Hope Long-Claus, ensemble pantomimes; Scott McMurtry, original serious; Jennifer Lewis, original serious; Scott McMurtry

and Eric Morrow, original humorists; Ian Jerome, Kyle Lopez, James Slaymaker and Mark Langford, original humorists; Nikki Watts, solo pantomime; Katy McKellips, solo audition; Cori Sterling, solo audition; and Aubrey Olsen and Katy McKellips, technical theater costume design. Cori Sterling was also fourth place overall, as well as Aubrey Olsen and Katy McKellips for their costume design.

The drama department's upcoming shows are "The Magic Flute" on May 2-7 and "She Stoops to Conquer" on May 18-21.

Gooding Learning Center announces honor roll

GOODING — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center released the third-block honor roll.

All A: Tatiana Brown, Sarah Eaves and Brenda Garcia.

All B+ Cade Goeckner, Charles Legaspe, Tom Mong, Chase Regnier and Izak Woodford.

Perfect attendance: Sarah Eaves, Tim Engman, Thomas Jones, Cody Koski, Daniel Owens, Jennifer Strout and Mark Uecker.

Student seeks items for military care packages

FILER — Filer High School senior, Aubrey Helzelman, is focusing her senior project on soldiers' morale in wartime, and is seeking items for care packages for military personnel.

For donation information, call Aubrey at (208) 404-2195 or 734-5337 or at the school, 326-5944.

She is seeking donations of the following items:

Powdered Gatorade, Kool-Aid (presweetened), single servings of bagged chips, candy, gum, Rice Krispie Treats, beef jerky, granola bars, lollipops, Clorox and Baby Wipes, razors, shaving cream, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, lip balm, sun block lotion, dental floss, baby powder, foot powder,

combs, brushes, eye drops, contact lens cleaner, nail files, clippers, puzzles, squirt guns, stress balls or other small activity items.

She also is seeking money donations for items and postage.

Hagerman students take pledges for Spell-A-Thon

HAGERMAN — Hagerman Elementary students are again taking pledges for the annual Spell-A-Thon.

Students will collect pledges from sponsors through Friday and will take the 100-word spelling test between Feb. 7 to 11.

Parent teacher volunteer Patty Emerson said that 30 percent of the funds raised will go to teachers for use in their classrooms. The remainder will be used for student enrichment, such as assemblies. There also will be prizes for students bringing in the most money in each grade, and medals for students

who score a 90 percent or better on their test.

The class with the most participation per student will also win a root beer float party.

Emerson said last year's fund-raiser brought in more than \$9,700, and they hope to do as well this year.

For more information, call the school at 837-4777, or Kimberly Van Dyke at 539-7704.

Kimberly holds Military Family Recognition Night

KIMBERLY — Military Family Recognition Night will be held Sunday at the Kimberly High School Gymnasium.

The Kimberly Bulldogs will play the Declo Hornets for a series of three games starting at 4:15 p.m. That night will also be dedicated to local military men and women and their family and friends.

Community residents are asked to bring at least one item for care packages that will be

sent to troops.

Veteran Gary Eller also will speak.

Anyone with a valid military identification or a copy of soldier's orders can attend for free. Otherwise, regular admission rates apply: \$4 for adults and students, with a discount with student activity card.

Jerome HS Spirit Team sponsors Hawaiian night

JEROME — The Jerome High School Tiger Spirit Team will sponsor an Hawaiian Night Friday at the boys basketball game vs. Minico.

The Jerome High School Marching Band will host a luau from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The cost is \$2.50 for children, \$5 for adults or \$15 for a family. Proceeds will help fund the band to the Mountain West Band Competition in Pocatello.

For more information, call Ms. Heinerman at 324-8137, ext. #124.

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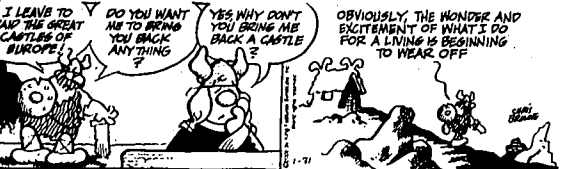
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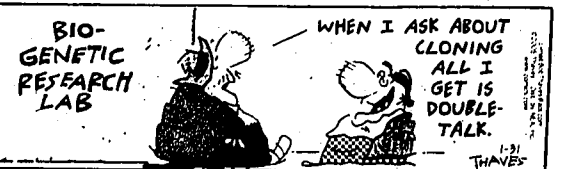
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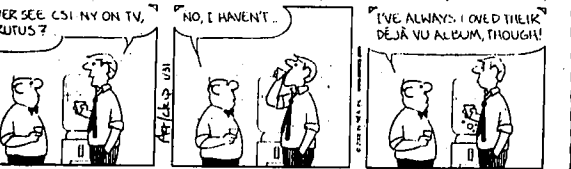
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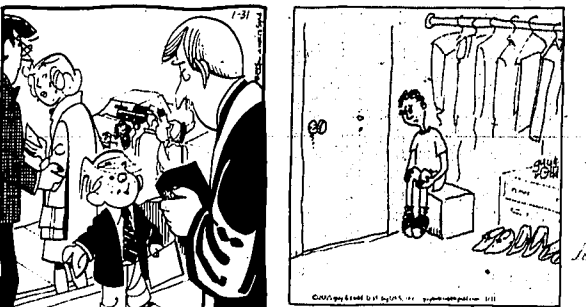


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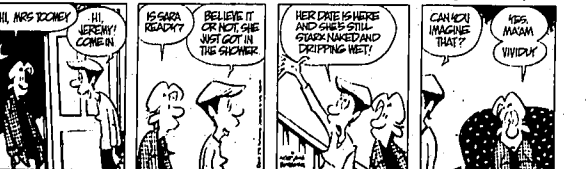
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