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Coping with CROWS

Winged invaders still draw mixed reviews

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Deal with it. For the most part, that's just what business owners and patrons will have to do this season with the thousands of crows who have claimed downtown Twin Falls as their home. At their last meeting, Twin Falls City Council members approved the use of poisonous bait and "selective reinforcement" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to thin the number of crows that descended upon the area late last fall. However, the time for acting on those measures essentially has passed — to the frustration of some, and the fascination of others.

"What we were told is that by late spring or early summer, the crows would leave the downtown area," said Tom Courtney, city manager.

Therefore, the USDA won't be able to act until next fall. Since the birds likely will return to the downtown area after the first frost, the key is to bait the crows where they are roosting out of town, Courtney said.

"That's not the answer one downtown business owner wanted to hear. 'I think it's affecting a lot of people's habits in coming down here,' said Vince Evans, who operates Sign's."

"They've cost us a lot in car washes and cleanup," Evans' daughter, Amanda, who works

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Bird droppings from the thousands of crows that perch in downtown Twin Falls cover the sidewalk Saturday. "I think it's affecting a lot of people's habits in coming down here," said Vince Evans, who operates Sign's.

Budget writers disregard governor

Members seek lower ed spending

By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Legislative budget writers have imposed a 4 percent ceiling on increases for agency and education appropriations for 2006.

But it remains to be seen if that kind of austerity will sit well with the governor.

In January, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended a 6.7 percent increase in agency and education budgets. His spokesman Mike Journee said Friday that budget is conservative enough.

"The governor very deliberately put this budget together. He pared back requests as far as he thought he could," Journee said.

The state budget for fiscal year 2006 totals about \$2 billion.

But the \$23 million shortfall in February tax collections has only reinforced lawmakers' resolve to save money. Not only are lawmakers willing to challenge the governor, but now House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is sending Senate bills with a fiscal impact to the House Ways and Means Committee. House leadership sits on the House Ways and Means Committee. Members use the committee to change bills if they see fit.

The main goal of Newcomb and many other lawmakers is to get through the next two years with a balanced budget after the 1 cent sales tax ends June 30, said legislative financial analyst Jeff Youtz. "It's probably due to more refunds than were expected, because of people using the Internet to file their taxes," Youtz said. "Revenues will probably be less up. There's a natural ebb and flow from month to month."

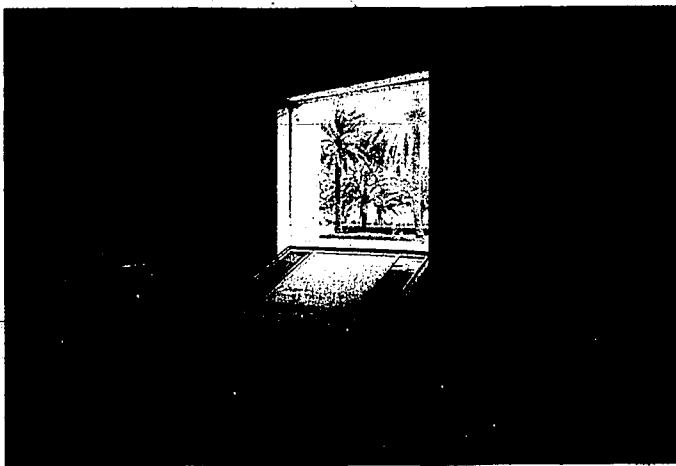
The sales tax generated about \$180 million this past year for general fund money after the recession that started in 2001. Controlled spending coupled with the sales tax revenues is allowing the state to carry over \$120 million to the 2006 budget without tapping out all the one-time money accounts, Youtz said. One-time money accounts include the tobacco settlement, one-time carryover money and the state's rainy-day account.

Budget writers are hoping the state will be able to carry \$45 million into 2007.

"The plan all along has been that economic growth would take care of removing the sales tax," he said. "We're trying to

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BACK IN IRAQ



U.S. Army Pfc. Joshua Butler, from Jackson, Mo., guards a blown-in window after helping secure a presidential palace in Baghdad, Iraq, on April 9, 2003. His company, code-named Attack, was among the first to roll into Baghdad in 2003. Nearly two years after they first entered Baghdad, the Fort Stewart, Ga.-based 3rd Infantry is back in Iraq, taking charge of the Baghdad metropolitan area.

Soldiers who captured Baghdad return for Round 2

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Their enemy has changed, from Iraqi soldiers in uniform to insurgents in civilian clothes. But for the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division returning to Baghdad, some things remain the same.

The smell, for instance — a mixture of "oil, smog, rotting garbage and sewage."

"It's only here, it's only in Iraq," said Staff Sgt. Jason Barr of Roswell, Mich. "I don't know what it is, but it gets to you."

Nearly two years after they first entered Baghdad, the Fort Stewart, Ga.-based 3rd Infantry is back in Iraq, taking charge of the Baghdad metropolitan area. While some of the soldiers are here for the first time, most were

part of the invasion and capture of Baghdad in April 2003.

Sgt. Joshua Butler of Jackson, Mo., is a team leader in A Co. 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. His company, code-named Attack, was among the first to roll into Baghdad and spent four months in Iraq in 2003. Bivouacked in an old barracks in south Baghdad, he feels as though he never left.

"The last time I was here, my guard was up 24/7 and I went back home and everything relaxed and it was fine," Butler said. "Now we're back and that feeling is there again all of a sudden."

Butler's life, like that of many of the returning soldiers, has changed since the invasion. He

has been promoted from private first class to sergeant. He has married, has a child and owns a house.

"This time I have to think about having a wife and a daughter back home," he said. "I'm responsible now for bringing home my guys alive to their family."

The quick redeployment to Iraq takes a toll on families.

"Just as you begin to get relaxed and get back into a normal rhythm with your family, it starts all over again, the pressure of getting ready to leave again," said Barr, a father of two.

"It's not just being gone that's the hard part; the hard part is getting ready to leave, preparing your family for it and everything

you do to prepare your family for it reminds them, and yourself, that you're leaving," he added. "The few months before you leave are hard; the first few months after you get back are hard."

The soldiers say what they fear most this time around are roadside bombs — they were at least 10 in January alone.

Parrolling southern Baghdad will be more dangerous this time around, said Spc. Jacob Pilster of Buffalo, N.Y., because the insurgents fight from the shadows.

"In a direct firefight, we've got them hands down. But what you have to worry about is what you don't see, driving up and a guy has got a bomb on the side of the road," Pilster said.

The Associated Press

The allegations that a churchgoing, married father of two was Kansas' infamous BTK murderer have shaken the Hollywood image of the serial killer as disenfranchised loner. And it has people wondering just how many of their mild-mannered colleagues, spouses

Rader admits to BTK killings, reports say

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and fellow parishioners' might secretly be monsters. Estimates of how many serial killers are operating in the United

States at any given time are, like the killers themselves, all over the map. Jack Levin, who studies violence at Boston's Northeastern University, estimates conservatively that there are about 20 serial killers operating nationwide, accounting for about 200 victims a year. Ann Rule, a true-crime author and serial killer expert from Seattle, figures there

are about 300 such predators lurking "just below our level of awareness."

A few years ago, the FBI — which defines a serial killer as someone who has killed three or more over a period of time — declared that the country was experiencing an epi-

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Dennis Rader

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Pleasant temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Highs, 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows, lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds and wind, maybe a shower late. Highs, mid 50s to near 60.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, mid 50s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows, lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Becoming mostly cloudy with increasing winds and maybe an overnight shower. High near 60.

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Clouds will be on the increase over the next couple of days. An incoming weather disturbance on Monday should trigger a few milder to soft snow showers.

BOISE
Temperature will stay above average into the near future. A weather disturbance traveling through on Monday may produce a few sprinkles of rain, but we will likely see more wind.

NORTHERN UTAH
Good traveling weather until complete with mostly cloudy to partly cloudy skies will continue through Monday.

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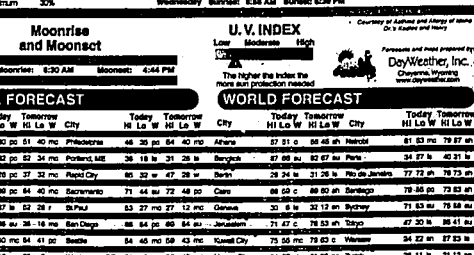
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Sources: Rader admits to killings

Knight Rider News Service

WICHITA, Kan. — Dennis L. Rader has confessed to all 10 killings he has been charged with. The Eagle has confirmed through several independent sources.

The confirmation follows reports by other media that he had confessed to six of the murders from six to 10 murders. Eagle sources with knowledge of the investigation say Rader talked with police detectives for hours after his arrest Feb. 25.

Rader, who turns 60 on Wednesday, has been charged with eight murders police had attributed to the serial killer BTK, as well as the slayings of two Park City women. Those two deaths had not been officially connected to BTK until Sedgewick County Sheriff Gary Steed announced at the press conference revealing Rader's arrest that the deaths of Marine Flight instructor Dolores Davis had been solved.

In other developments:
After checking its archives, The Eagle found a previously unreported classified advertisement — published shortly before the death of BTK victim Vicki Wegler in 1986 — that includes a reference to a phrase used by the serial killer in a 1978 letter.

A Reno County Sheriff Randy Henderson said he has not yet received word from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation about whether DNA links Rader to an unsolved 1977 Hutchinson murder.

The Sedgewick County district attorney's office announced Friday evening that some family members of BTK victims had asked not to be contacted directly by members of the media. But some family members told The Eagle that they had been pressured in recent days to not talk to reporters.

The police have tried in the past to communicate with

BTK through the classified ad section of The Eagle. In 1974, police placed an ad that said in part "BTK Help is available."

Friday an Eagle staff member searching back issues of the newspaper spotted an ad that ran for several days in late August and early September 1986, a little more than a week before BTK is believed to have killed Vicki Wegler. Nestled among come-ons for ESP readings and exotic dancers under the Special Interests category it said: "Relief from Factor X is available at P.O. Box 48265."

In his 1978 letter to KAKE-TV, BTK wrote that he was driven to kill by what he called "factor-X," saying it motivated fellow serial killer Son of Sam in New York, and Jack-the-Ripper in London and the Hillside Strangler in Los Angeles.

"It seems senseless but we cannot help it," BTK wrote. "The only way to cure it, no cure except death or being caught and put away."

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demic of serial killings, and estimated that the number from 20 to 50 were providing the country. But the bureau has since backed away from trying to quantify the threat.

"In the past we have had people here on our staff that have tried to make educated — or uneducated, guesses," says FBI spokesman Ken Goss. He said the FBI's headquarters offices were working with state and local officials on 16 cases they believe are connected to serial killers, but there may be others not involving the headquarters.

Last week's arrest of Dennis Rader, a 59-year-old code enforcement officer and former Cub Scout troop leader, in the Wichita area's "Blind, Torture, Kill" slayings is yet another blow to some of the long-held myths about serial killers. Katherine Ramsland says the sooner people are disabused of such outdated notions, the safer they'll be.

"There's no single profile, despite what people are writing," says Ramsland, a forensic psychology professor at Pennsylvania's DeSales University who's written a book on serial killers.

Ramsland cringes when she hears that serial killers are most likely white and male, when she knows that have been many of black and female killers across history.

"They get perpetuated from one source to another," she says. "That's why someone like Dennis Rader can get away with what he's doing, because these social stereotypes crop up. ... We have cultural assumptions that they exploit."

Even Tuesday and Sunday night, Rader sat beside a good-looking younger man, answering calls from people in crisis, people on the brink of suicide. The Victorian house where the trial operated was in a tough Seattle neighborhood, so when they finished their shift at 4 a.m., the clean-cut young man would escort Rader to her car.

"He would say, 'Please be careful. I don't want anything to happen to you on the way home. And keep your doors locked,'" she recalls.

That man was Ted Bundy.

who would one day confess to killing 28 young women, though he was suspected of slaying dozens more.

"If there was any danger in him, I never spotted any clue at all," says Rader, a former police officer. "Mostly it's because they wear a perfect mask, that the world sees. And that mask never, slips until it's too late, and the victims see it when they're far away from any help."

So why didn't Bundy come after Rader? Because she was a 34-year-old, slightly chubby divorced mother of four with Auburn hair she says — not a slender coed with long dark hair parted in the middle.

"I was not his type." While about half of all serial killers are caught within a year, Levin says many are hard to run down because of the victims they often choose — prostitutes and runaways who were strangers to the killer.

"What happens is the police typically have the dump site, but not the crime scene," says Levin, who recently published "Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder."

"And by the time they locate the body, they're left with skeletal remains. They don't have DNA, they don't have fibers, they don't have fingerprints."

"They're lucky if they can identify the victim, let alone the killer."

Since serial killers are individuals with their own histories and motives, it is very hard to talk of them generally, Ramsland says. One common trait, she says, is that they are psychopaths, who brain scan studies show fail to process "the emotional content of situations," such as empathy, concern or alarm.

Back when he coined the phrase "serial killer," former FBI profiler Robert Ressler could safely say that most of his prey were single, white, unemployed males. And it seemed the United States had the market cornered.

Now, he travels the world, lecturing on black, Hispanic and Asian killers, on killers who target acquaintances, not just strangers. And keep your doors locked," she recalls.

"These things emerge and change," he says. "The old rules of the '70s just don't apply anymore."

Crows

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as a cashier in the T-shirt store on Main Street, says the crows have chased her from the back parking lot into the shop.

"It's a big problem," Amanda said. "We can't put any of our racks outside anymore."

Some business owners and residents have complained to the city that the birds not only make a mess, but also pose a public health risk. Bites such as insecting lights and nose-pickers have proven unsuccessful in scaring away the crows.

"The only effective way to control the crow population long term is through poisoning," Courtney said.

The USDA would poison the crows simply at the request of the city council, said department spokeswoman Teresa Howes. Instead, the USDA will evaluate whether the action is necessary when the time comes.

"There's several things that have to happen," she said. "Our agency isn't going to walk you out there and apply this poison."

The USDA opts for poison baiting, the agency will use DRC-1339 avicide, Howes said. The poison shuts down the

bird's kidneys, killing it where it is roosting, she said. The avicide, however, works its way out of the bird's system before the crow dies; therefore, the poison does not pose a secondary threat to pets or people.

"This is one tool in the toolbox," Howes said. "When communities are overwhelmed, it's almost like a last measure, to help manage the situation."

The city of Twin Falls isn't the only community overwhelmed by crows.

The city of Caldwell gave the police department the authority to shoot crows in an attempt to ease the community's bird problem. The police department will then file the crow carcasses in trees where crows have roosted in an attempt to scare the birds away. Howes called this the "effigy" method, or tool, in dealing with crows.

"The theory on effigies is to say, 'This isn't the place you want to be,'" Howes said. "The birds tend to build up a resistance or tolerance to the effigies just as they do other scare tactics."

Yet, tolerance is just what David Nelson, of downtown's

Sav-Mar Drug Store, says the community needs to exercise.

"I don't think we should poison them," Nelson said. "I think we should tolerate it. Let's just leave well enough alone."

Rider's bike home in the evenings, Nelson takes pleasure in the display nature puts in front of him.

"It's really quite fascinating to look at," he said. "I've seen the philosophy of 'if other citizens on this earth get in our way, let's kill them.'"

Nelson gave an analogy for exhibiting patience with the crows: "Can occasionally get in Nelson's path as he makes his way to and from the shop on his bicycle.

"Should I shoot them?" he said. "No, I try to get along with them."

However, Nelson could sympathize with the crow opponents. His new car recently took a hit from Security Avenue one evening recently.

"I'd almost did not appreciate that very much."

Budget

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work our way out of the one-time dollars." Kempthorne's budget proposal would leave the state with a \$4.6 million carryover into the 2007 budget, Youtz said.

But lawmakers have seen Kempthorne veto bills before, and it's something budget writers know he might do again if he decides the 2 percent to 4 percent increases are insufficient.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairwoman of the House Ap-

propriations Committee, said she's hoping lawmakers won't have a showdown.

"But if the veto stamp comes out, she said lawmakers will have to override Kempthorne. That requires a two-thirds majority.

"I hope that doesn't happen," Bell said. "I hope he can understand our view of the world."

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Senate votes on minimum wage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is gearing up for a vote on whether to raise the minimum wage for the first time in eight years as Democrats and Republicans offer competing proposals they want to add to bankruptcy legislation.

Lightly ahead to the expected votes Monday evening, the Democratic plan would increase the current \$5.15 hourly minimum by more than \$2. The GOP proposal couples a more modest raise with a change to the 40-hour work week.

The plan from Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., also includes tax and regulatory breaks for small businesses. His amendment would lift the minimum wage by \$1.10 over 18 months, in two steps of 55 cents.

The rival proposal from Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., would boost the wage to \$7.25 in three increments over 26 months.

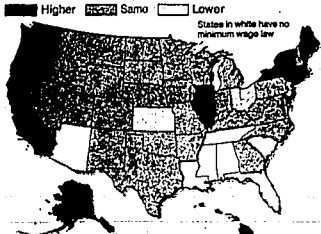
The bankruptcy bill, long a priority for Republicans, is intended to make it more difficult for people to eliminate personal debts by declaring bankruptcy.

The minimum wage amendments will need 60 votes to

Most states match federal wage rate

The majority of states follow the federal minimum wage rate. The rate was last changed to \$5.15 per hour in 1997.

State rates compared to federal minimum wage rate



SOURCE: Department of Labor

survive; it is not clear if either one has that support.

A minimum wage increase faces a tougher road in the more conservative House. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay,

under the condition that the Senate reject any further substantive amendments.

DeLay also had said that the House had no plans to vote this year on a minimum wage increase, which business groups claim would drive up costs and force small businesses to lay off workers.

Santorum's proposal contains an idea that Republicans have advocated, without success, for years: "flex-time," which gives employees the option of shifting their work hours over a two-week period. Supporters say this would allow workers to adjust their schedules to meet family needs.

Kennedy said this would end the 40-hour workweek by denying workers overtime pay for up to 10 hours every two weeks.

Kennedy also said restaurant workers would be harmed because Santorum's proposal allows tips to be credited for purposes of complying with any future minimum wage increases in states where tips are not now credited. Santorum said his plan would not reduce cash wages in any way.

R-Texas, and the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said late last week that the House was ready to quickly pass the Senate's bankruptcy bill

U.S. prosecutors must decide on second trial in bomb case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jurors just weren't convinced that the city's top medical examiner would tie himself up with barbed wire and hang a bomb around his neck — all because he craved attention.

Now federal prosecutors must decide if they want to try former medical examiner O.C. Smith again and hope for better luck with a different group of jurors.

"I will say that retrials usually favor the government," U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins said after Smith's three-week trial ended with a hung jury Tuesday.

Jurors said they were practically at each others' throats by the end of three days of arguing. Nine wanted to acquit, and

three wanted to convict.

Prosecutors are expected to decide by April 19 if they will take Smith to trial again on charges — filed after a yearlong investigation by 17 law enforcement agencies — of lying to investigators and illegally possessing a bomb. They say the bizarre incident put several police officers in danger.

Smith was found at 12:30 a.m. on June 2, 2002, in an outside stairwell of the Shelby County morgue padlocked to a window screen with his feet, wrists and head wrapped in barbed wire. A homemade bomb was hung at his neck. He told authorities he was attacked by someone who threw a chemical in his face, causing minor burns.

Journalist's shooting by U.S. troops stirs anger

ROME (AP) — Italy demanded answers Saturday as former hostage Giuliana Sgrena was taken off a flight from Iraq wrapped in a plaid blanket and hooked to an intravenous drip for a shoulder wound inflicted when American troops fired on a car taking her to the Baghdad airport. The Italian agent who negotiated her freedom was hit and died in her arms.



AP Photo

The shooting at a U.S. checkpoint in Baghdad stoked anti-war sentiment in Italy, where the public was widely opposed to the government's decision to send 3,000 troops to help U.S.-led efforts to secure the country from a violent insurgency. President Bush promised a full investigation.

About 100 demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Rome blocked traffic and one banner read: "USA, war criminals." A few dozen communist demonstrators at the U.S. Consulate in Milan handed out leaflets reading "Shame on you, Bush."

Sgrena, a 56-year-old journalist for the communist newspaper *il Manifesto*, was flown from Baghdad on an Italian government plane. She then was taken by ambulance to a military hospital in Rome, a day after undergoing surgery at a U.S. military hospital in Iraq to remove shrapnel from her shoulder. Doctors examined her and said late Saturday that another operation was not needed.

From her hospital bed, Sgrena recounted the ordeal that unfolded shortly after she was released by insurgents in Iraq after a month in captivity. She gave no details about the circumstances surrounding her release. "We thought the danger was over after my rescue," she told RAI News 24 television by telephone. "And instead suddenly there was this shooting, we were hit by a spray of fire. I was talking to Nicola ... when he leaned over me, probably to defend me, and then he slumped over. That was a truly terrible thing."

Pier Sciarri, the journalist's boyfriend, said the toll him: "The most difficult moment was when I saw the person who had saved me die in my arms," the

freed Italian Journalist Giuliana Sgrena is helped out of an aircraft at Ciampino military airport in Rome, Saturday.

ANSA news agency reported. Calipari, 50, was the brother of a priest who serves on a Vatican advisory body. Vatican radio reported Saturday, and Pope John Paul II sent a message of condolence to the slain agent's family. The Italian government awarded Calipari a medal of valor.

Italy said two other agents were wounded. One was seriously injured and remained hospitalized in Iraq, while the other returned on Sgrena's flight. Italian state television said Calipari's body was being flown back to Italy late Saturday.

The U.S. military said the car in which Sgrena was riding after her release was speeding as it approached a coalition checkpoint in western Baghdad on its way to the airport. American authorities said soldiers shot into the engine block only after trying to warn the driver to stop by "hand and arm signals, flashing white lights and firing warning shots."

Sgrena, who was interviewed by prosecutors at the Rome hospital, denied the car was speeding, news reports said.

The shooting dealt a new blow to center-right Premier Silvio Berlusconi, a strong Bush ally. Tens of thousands of Italians regularly demonstrated against the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

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Henry Swann, 27, is back in Maryland with his mother, Ann, after service in Iraq, but she is awaiting the return of his two brothers.

BROTHERS IN ARMS

Mom lobbies to end sons' concurrent deployments

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Ann Swann's twin sons were deployed to Iraq with the Marine Corps Reserve last year, she fired off a letter to President Bush. Her oldest son already was serving there with the Army Reserve, she explained, and she wanted one of her boys brought home.

"This letter is from a concerned mother," wrote Swann, 53, principal of Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary in Prince George's County, Md. "I request that if at all possible, you conference with me to discuss the reasons that all three of my sons (my only family left) are serving in Iraq."

What Swann discovered since sending her letter in the fall has surprised her. The Department of Defense has no prohibition on sending every child in a family into combat — even in the same unit at the same location.

The only way to get her sons back early would be if one were killed, captured, maimed or missing.

Then the so-called Sullivan rule, named for the Iowa family who lost five sons on the USS Juneau after it was attacked in 1942, would apply. Swann could request that her remaining sons be excluded from combat or any duty that would expose them to hostile fire.

That's what John and Lori Wimer did when their daughter Michelle, 20, was killed in Iraq last year serving in the Wisconsin National Guard. Her sister Rachel, 25, who served with her in the 32nd Military Police Company, and her twin sister, Charity, 21, a medic, did not return to Iraq after their parents pleaded that they be allowed to remain stateside.

"Common sense would say that one hero per family should be enough," John Wimer of New Berlin, Wis., said in a telephone interview. "That way, the brothers and sisters wouldn't have to be put in the position of feeling like they deserted their families if they went back or that they deserted their country, if they stayed home."

Their decision led to death threats and criticism from some who thought the other daughters should return to their units despite their sister's death, he said. Radio stations held call-in discussions and the family received numerous threatening phone calls.

Swann said she believes a pol-



The deployment of twins Ryan and Bryan Swann in June prompted their mother's appeals to the White House and lawmakers to have one son returned.

icy should take effect before a parent loses any children.

"When you have men and women who are in the family tree who are deployed to war, there is a chance that a branch might break," said Swann, whose eldest son, Henry, a sergeant, returned to the family home in Glenn Dale two weeks ago after his deployment ended.

"Lacking all the children from families and putting them in harm's way could stunt the growth of those family trees and endanger those families."

She has persuaded Rep. Albert Wynn, D-Md., to take a look at the issue.

In an interview, Wynn said there should be a mechanism to keep all the siblings in a family from being deployed "into a war zone" if one of the children or a parent disagrees. He said he has asked his staff to investigate and believes a bill may be needed to open debate on the issue.

"You should avoid having them all in harm's way," he said. "I thought there was a general policy about that dating back to World War II, but now I realize that the rule only applies if one sibling has died. ... I don't think there's ever been a discussion if the siblings are alive and in a combat zone. I think it deserves review."

Military officials acknowledge that there probably are many families who have more than one child deployed, but they say they have no way of tracking them.

"Some siblings don't have the same name, and then you also get into half siblings and step-siblings," said Staff Sgt. Christina Delal, a Marine spokeswoman.

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Security tight for funeral for judge's slain husband

Officials seize letters from supremacist

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Amid tight security, hundreds of mourners on Saturday filed past the casket of a federal judge's slain husband, his trademark gray fedora resting on top.



A member of the Evanston Police Department stands guard outside St. Luke's Episcopal Church as mourners walk inside for the funeral of Michael Lefkow on Saturday, in Evanston, Ill.

U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow and the couple's children greeted mourners at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Several of the daughters were crying, but Lefkow appeared to be comforting some mourners. The family has been in protective custody since the judge discovered the bodies of her husband and mother in the basement of her home Monday. About 25 uniformed police—plus several federal marshals—were outside the church Saturday morning. The line to enter the church stretched down the block. Funeral services for Judge Lefkow's mother, 89-year-old Donna Humphrey, are expected to take place in Denver. FBI officials said Friday they don't have a suspect and asked the nation's courts to decide the crime, along with offering a \$50,000 reward to try to shake loose information in the case.

FBI Agent Robert D. Grant said one avenue of investigation was white supremacist Matthew Hale and his followers. Hale, 33, is facing sentencing next month for soliciting an FBI informant to kill Lefkow, after she ruled against him in a trademark lawsuit. He has denied any involvement in the slayings, which he called a "heinous crime." A friend of Hale's, Kathleen Robertazzo, told The New York

Times and Chicago Tribune in Saturday's editions that authorities seized 100 letters Hale sent her from prison and made copies of her computer hard drive. Robertazzo told The Times the idea that Hale would be involved "defies logic." In the letters, she said, Hale describes singing opera in jail, taking Prozac and being buoyed by the presence of a man with the same name as Adolf Hitler's boyhood friend.

Chicago violence underscores concern about welfare of judges

CHICAGO (AP) — In an era when Americans are security conscious as never before, the men and women who preside over the nation's courts and decide the fate of criminals and terrorists go about their daily lives largely unprotected. That lack of routine security has been underscored by the murders of the husband and 89-year-old mother of U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow in the basement of their home on an affluent street on Chicago's High Side.

Some fellow judges say it shows the need for better security outside the courthouse, and security experts said it highlights the importance of careful threat assessment. Lefkow had received special protection after a threat, but it was withdrawn two years ago. "Clearly, it was an error to remove security so quickly, so the assessment wasn't adequate," says Robert McCrie, a professor at New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice and authority on security administration. Federal marshals dispute any notion that they erred in assess-

ing the risk to Lefkow. "Mr. McCrie is entitled to his opinion but we don't know how he can formulate an opinion on a process that he has never been privy to," said Shannon Metzger, a spokeswoman for the marshal's office in Chicago. She said the marshals stand behind the assessment they made in the Lefkow case after consulting the FBI, prosecutors and the judge herself. Inside courthouses, judges are protected by marshals, bailiffs, court security, police and FBI agents. But outside, they have no special protection unless a threat is recognized. They drive themselves home from work, eat out at restaurants, visit shopping centers and walk in their neighborhoods like anyone else. When a threat is recognized, guards can be assigned to them and their children, police can be posted outside their homes, and burglar alarms can be installed as well. Statistically, violence against federal judges is unusual. Only three have ever been murdered, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Young woman pleads guilty in assault

BALTIMORE (AP) — A teen charged in the brutal beating of a 12-year-old girl at a birthday party last year pleaded guilty Friday to first-degree assault. Seletta Broadbudd, 16, was one of seven women and girls charged with beating Nicole Townes in an attack prompted by a kiss on the cheek from a boy acting on a dare. Three defendants, including the birthday girl's mother, pleaded guilty Thursday.

Prosecutors said Townes went into a three-week coma after she was beaten and kicked at the February 2004 sleepover, but she is improving. Her 11-year-old sister also was beaten. After Broadbudd's guilty plea in Baltimore Circuit Court, her case was transferred to juvenile court, where she faces five years in custody at a sentencing. Monday, said Joe Svatko, a spokesman for the Baltimore state's attorney.

Tempest Baldwin, 15, also appeared Friday in court, where a motion to transfer her case to juvenile court was granted. Two other juveniles were sentenced earlier in juvenile court.

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A drug-resistant hospital infection is spreading to the wider world. Monday in Image

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Diplomat flees U.S. over sex charges

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A United Arab Emirates diplomat living in Fairfax County Va., has left the United States to avoid prosecution on charges of soliciting sex from a 13-year-old girl over the Internet, officials said Friday.

Bedford County law enforcement officials said a sheriff's deputy trained to identify predators posed as a child on the

Internet. Throughout February, Salem Al-Mazrooei, 40, chatted online with the deputy, and on Feb. 23 he was lured to Bedford, about four hours from his Vienna home, they said.

As investigators closed in on him near a Bedford shopping mall, where he had arranged to meet the girl he thought was a seventh-grader, Al-Mazrooei tried to flee in his sport-utility vehicle, which had diplomatic plates, said Commonwealth's

Attorney Randy Krantz. Inside the vehicle, they found a computer printout of a map with directions to the meeting site, Krantz said. Al-Mazrooei requested diplomatic immunity.

A call to the U.S. State Department that day by Bedford officials confirmed his identity, and he was released from police custody, Krantz said. It was a blow for the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, which actively prowls the Internet for predators

under a federally funded program dubbed Operation Blue Ridge-Thunder.

Bedford law enforcement officials received what appeared to be the case's death knell this week, when State Department officials called to report that the diplomat had been terminated from his job as director of the embassy's scholarship program. He then left the country with his family last weekend, the State Department confirmed.

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Gruesome chimp attack doesn't shock primate experts

HAVILAH, Calif. (AP) — Chimpanzees come across to the public as little darlings, often in diapers and always willing to hold hands. But they're really aggressors, primate experts say, more than capable of carrying out attacks as violent as one that left a man fighting for his life.

Generally weighing between 120 and 150 pounds with strength much greater than man, chimps in the wild are known to kill chimps from neighboring groups, hunt other primates and even attack humans.

Male chimps are intensely territorial. They defend their territory against any perceived threat," said Craig Stanford, a professor at the University of Southern California who studies primate behavior.

"Chimps can be violent at times just as humans can be."

On Friday, authorities continued to investigate how two chimps at an animal sanctuary escaped from their cage and mauled St. James Davis, 62. They were shot to death during Thursday's attack by the son-in-law of the sanctuary's owners, Virginia and Ralph Brauer.

Animal Haven Ranch, about 30 miles east of Bakersfield, has held state permits to shelter exotic animals since 1985. It is allowed to house up to nine primates at one time and is home to one spider monkey and six chimpanzees.

"A big part of the investigation will be figuring out whether the owners were in compliance with regulations," Sheriff's Cmdr. Hal Chealander said.

State wildlife and county health authorities were testing the chimps for rabies and other diseases that could affect the victims' health, Chealander said.

Davis and his wife, LaDonna Davis, 64, were visiting the sanctuary to celebrate the birthday of a 39-year-old chimpanzee, Moe, who was taken from their home in 1999 after biting off part of a woman's finger.

The couple had brought Moe a cake and were standing outside his cage when the two young male chimps, Ollie and Buddy, attacked the man.

Two other chimps, females named Susie and Bones, also escaped from the cage. They were recovered outside the sanctuary five hours later.

Susie and Bones could have played a role in the attack, primate experts said.

"We know that one of the most reliable predictors of increased male aggression is the presence of sexually receptive females," said Jeffrey French, a psychologist who studies primate behavior at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

The chimps chewed off most of Davis' face, tore off his foot and attacked his limbs and genitals. Davis was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he had surgery late Thursday night.

The medical center would not release any information about Davis' condition on Friday. Hospital spokeswoman Julie Smith said the family requested confidentiality.

LaDonna Davis was bitten on the hand. She was released from the hospital Friday.

The Brauers would not speak to reporters, but a family friend gave a statement to The Associated Press, which read: "All of us here at Animal Haven Ranch pray for the recovery of St. James Davis and LaDonna Davis."

The attack is the only incident in 20 years of operation, the statement said.



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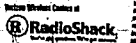
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Shiite leader calls for unity

Alliance vows government by March 15

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) — The spiritual leader of Iraqi Shiites majority called on bickering politicians Saturday to set aside differences and form a government more than a month after landmark elections.

A roadside bomb killed three Iraqi army soldiers in Baghdad's Bab al-Mu'adam area early Saturday, according to Wisam Mubal, an official at al-Kindi Hospital. Four soldiers were injured.

CNN also broadcast what appeared to be new photographs of Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the al-Qaida-linked militant believed responsible for many of the bombings, kidnappings and beatings that have plagued Iraq since the U.S. invasion.

It was unclear when or where the photos were taken, but they showed a smiling, bearded man with closely cut hair who is believed to be al-Zarqawi. The photos show the man either sitting alone against a white wall or

seated next to two different men. The authenticity of the photos could not be verified.

Members of the Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance, the big winner in the Jan. 30 election, met in central Baghdad and agreed to try to form a government and convene the 275-member National Assembly "no later than March 15," deputy Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum said.

The alliance — which has the backing of Shiite spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani — already has missed two previous target dates, and the decision to set a new deadline came after the elderly cleric demanded that its members stop bickering.

The alliance gained 140 seats in the assembly during the election but is hoping to get the backing from the 76 seats held by Kurdish political parties so it can muster the required two-thirds majority to ensure control of top posts in the new government.

Another deputy, Fatah al-Sheik, said pressure would be put on interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and the Kurds so a cabinet could be ready by that date.

Allawi's party finished third with 40 seats in the assembly. He

has been trying to build his own coalition in an effort to keep his job.

Sheik Fawaz al-Jarba, one of the few Sunni Arabs in the alliance, said after meeting al-Sistani in Najaf that the cleric urged the group "to unite and to form the new government as soon as possible and not to delay this issue any longer, and that the interests of Iraq and Iraqis should be their first priority."

The alliance wants to name Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the leader of the conservative Islamic Dawa Party and one of the country's two current interim vice presidents, to the prime minister's post.

"Al-Sistani demanded that we put aside minor matters and that we should be united. I am not comfortable with the delay in holding the assembly," said Muthar Shawkat, a senior official in Ahmad Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress.

Shawkat said failure to convene the assembly "represents an insult to Iraqi voters."

Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of the two parties in the Kurdish coalition, has long been the Kurds' choice for president.

Abbas Hassan Mousa Al-Bay-

at, head of the alliance's Turkmen bloc, said a parliament speaker would be named on the day the National Assembly convened.

"It seems that the general opinion is leaning toward the parliament speaker being a Sunni Arab and the president being Mr. Talabani," al-Bayati said.

A Sunni Arab speaker would go far toward appeasing the minority, which is believed to make up the core of the insurgency, and, like the Kurds, makes up 15-20 percent of Iraq's estimated 26 million people. But unlike the Kurds, Sunni Arabs largely stayed away from the election to protest the U.S. presence in the country.

Al-Bayati said the candidates would include interim President Ghazi al-Fayser and Interim Minister of Industry Hajim al-Hassani.

The main sticking point in forming a government has been the alliance's inability to broker a deal with the Kurds.

Kurdish leaders have demanded constitutional guarantees for their northern regions, including self-rule and reversal of what they call the "Arabization" of areas including oil-rich Kirkuk.



Hundreds demonstrate in condemnation of Monday's suicide bombing of the blast site in Hillah, Iraq, on Tuesday.

Anger against insurgents grows

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) — As more people lose loved ones to the relentless violence, Iraqis are becoming increasingly angry at insurgents, even staging public demonstrations condemning militants.

While it is impossible to precisely gauge public opinion, it is clear many Iraqis have grown tired of two years of insecurity, and some are directing their wrath at those behind the bombings and attacks.

"I demand that they be put in the zoo along with the other scavengers because that is where they belong," said Basam Yassin, who lost his brother to an insurgent attack in Mosul. He spoke Wednesday after relatives of victims protested outside a police station in that northern city.

Iraq's majority Shiite Arabs and ethnic Kurds have long criticized the largely Sunni Arab insurgency, portraying the militants as terrorists, loyalists of the Saddam Hussein regime and foreign fighters.

But the insurgents are now also being criticized publicly by prominent Sunnis, including opponents of the U.S. presence.

"The real resistance should only target the occupiers, and to normal person should consider dozens of dead people to be some kind of collateral damage while you are trying to kill somebody else," cleric Ahmed al-Ubaidi-Ghafur told worshippers Friday at Um al-Qura, the main Sunni mosque in Baghdad.

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Anger against insurgents is being fed, in part, by a government television campaign. Last week, U.S.-financed Al-Iraqiya TV aired a series of reports showing men describing themselves as insurgents calmly talking about how they had beheaded dozens of people, kidnapped others for ransom, and raped women and girls before killing them.

"People are realizing that the captured insurgents are not superheros. They are timid people who kill for money and they have nothing to do with jihad," said Karim Humadi, head of programming for Al-Iraqiya.

Insurgents have attacked Ninewa TV Al-Iraqiya's affiliate in Mosul, where most of the purported confessions were taped. Last week, gunmen kidnapped one of the Mosul station's anchorwomen, shot her four times in the head and dumped her near her home. The victim, Raleedah Mohammed Wajeh Wazan, had called the insurgents "terrorists" on air.

The anger over deaths caused by insurgents does not always translate into acceptance of U.S. troops, who are still widely blamed for the chaos in Iraq. And many people support the insurgents, arguing they are fighting a just war to rid the country of U.S.-led troops who invaded in 2003.

The Iraqi people are brave and won't accept any foreigner on their soil. They will fight the occupation troops until they force us to leave Iraq," said Halitham Abdul Razak, who was a captain in Saddam's army, which was disbanded by U.S. authorities.

Although American military deaths in Iraq passed 1,500 last week, they do not approach the toll among Iraqi civilians and their security forces. Bombings and other attacks killed more than 300 Iraqis just in February.

Groups like Abu Musab al-Zarqawi al-Qaida in Iraq have made no secret that they hope attacks aimed at Iraqi Shiites majority will provoke Shiites into a sectarian war with Sunni Arabs, who make up the core of the insurgency.

They hope such a war will mobilize the Sunni Arab community, thought to comprise 15 percent to 20 percent of Iraq's 26 million people but who dominated under Saddam's regime.

U.N. report: Iraq sites were stripped, razed

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Satellite imagery has revealed that approximately 30 sites used by Iraq for chemical and biological weapons research and production were stripped of equipment or razed, the chief U.N. weapons inspector said in a report Friday.

Domenico Perrica said experts from the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, which he leads, also noted repairs and new construction at 10 sites.

The commission, known as UNMOVIC, previously reported the looting and razing of sites that contained equipment and materials that were subject to inspection because of their potential for use in chemical or biological weapons or the long-range missiles to deliver them. Friday's report to the U.N. Security Council was the first to provide information on the extent of the disappearance and destruction.

While the U.S.-led military is in Iraq and the chief U.S. arms hunter Charles Duelfer found no evidence of weapons programs, the insecurity in the country — and the disappearance of equipment and the disappearance of some pieces in scrapyards in Jordan and the Netherlands — has raised concerns.

U.N. inspectors checked 411 sites in the months before they left Iraq ahead of the U.S.-led war in March 2003. The U.S. government has barred the inspectors from returning, but UNMOVIC experts have acquired and analyzed post-war satellite imagery of 353 sites, "including those considered the most important," the report said.

Experts determined that 70 of the sites sustained bomb damage, the commission said, and about 90 of the 353 sites with sensitive equipment and materials were stripped or razed.

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How prison helped Martha turn it around

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart came off as Mean Martha: rude, demanding, cheap, the kind of person who would threaten to pull her business from a brokerage because she didn't like the music she heard when her call was on hold.

Then she went to prison and turned into St. Martha: advocate for the oppressed, friend to the lonely and forger for wild greens to spice up the jailhouse food. On Friday, her first day outside the lockup, she waved graciously, crated amibally and served hot cocoa to the press.

The transformation of Martha Stewart's image dates to five months ago, when she called a news conference to announce she was reporting to prison early, despite a pending legal appeal.

Wearing a white suit against a backdrop of color swatches, Stewart projected a change in attitude that has helped repair her reputation and propel her company forward again.

"Going to jail was a good thing," says Paul Argenti, a professor at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. "She had to do that, and fighting it was a bad idea."

Indeed, stock prices for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which had lagged, quickly doubled. And as she worked off time in a West Virginia prison, scrubbing floors and picking dandelion greens, she found herself popular enough to be given starring roles in two upcoming TV shows.

"The thing about Americans is we like throwing you to the ground, and making you cry uncle," image consultant Eric Dezenhall said. "But if you do cry uncle we'll let you up."

Stewart's tasteful, if chilly, image had taken a beating in trial testimony. Jurors laughed when Douglas Faneuil, an assistant to Stewart's stockbroker, told the court she went into a trade when she was put on hold, complaining about how bad the music was and threatening to leave if it wasn't changed.

The daily news coverage of her entering the courthouse, accompanied by details about her pricey, bandhags or stylish heels, didn't help.



Martha Stewart holds up some lemons she retrieved from a greenhouse outside of her home in Katonah, N.Y., Friday. Stewart referred to the saying about turning lemons into lemonade and said she was going inside to make some hot lemonade.

Glance at Martha Stewart appeal

Martha Stewart may have served her time in prison, but her lawyers will appeal the verdict at a March 17 hearing. Her case at a glance:

Claims: Stewart says federal prosecutors improperly suggested at her trial that she was charged with insider trading. (She was charged with lying about the stock sale, not selling for improper reasons.) She also claims the trial judge erred by not thoroughly investigating charges that a juror lied to get on the panel. And she notes

that a government expert witness, link expert Larry Stewart, was charged with perjury. (He was acquitted.)

Purpose: Stewart and her lawyers have said the main purpose of the appeal is to clear her name. **Options:** The appeals court could uphold the verdict or overturn it. A reversal would theoretically give prosecutors the option to bring the case again — but legal experts say such a move is extremely unlikely, given that Stewart has already served prison time.

"People already knew she was a perfectionist," said Melissa Click, a research instructor at the University of Missouri-Columbia who is writing a book about Stewart. "But they didn't necessarily want to hear that she was mean."

When she was sentenced in July, an unrepentant Stewart said her "small personal matter" had become "an almost fatal circus event of unprecedented proportions." She also took the

opportunity to boldly pitch her products and magazine.

The same day, her Web site erroneously posted a draft of a letter she wrote to the judge, saying her punishment was "unfairly" in the judge's hands.

This was not the prim, proper and controlled Martha Stewart who had amassed a billion-dollar domestic empire by being adored as an expert tastemaker in millions of homes around the country.

On Sept. 15, Stewart asked the judge to start her sentence as soon as possible. She lamented she would miss her dogs and her horses, her cats and her canaries, and wanted to be home in time to plant a spring garden.

But she also came closer than ever to contrition, saying she wanted to end the "immense difficulty, immense sacrifice and immense agony" the ordeal had caused those close to her.

Three weeks later, Stewart was fingerprinted and strip-searched at the federal prison in Alderson, W.Va., then assigned a bunk bed in a building with 60 inmates and two showers.

By all accounts, she made friends there. At Christmas, in an open letter published on a Web site, she asked her fans to think of her fellow inmates and seek sentencing reforms.

She left prison Thursday in a cape made by a fellow inmate, according to a friend.

Museum may challenge MLK Memorial for donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a disappointing year of raising money, the project to build a National Mall memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. enters a critical phase with a looming rival for donors' dollars.

Organizers insist there are plenty of generous people willing to give to both the King project and a proposed National

Museum of African American History and Culture, which last month got a major boost when President Bush said the building belongs on the mall.

"I do not believe we'll be in direct competition," said Harry Johnson, president of the King Memorial Foundation. "I believe there is enough support to make both of them happen."

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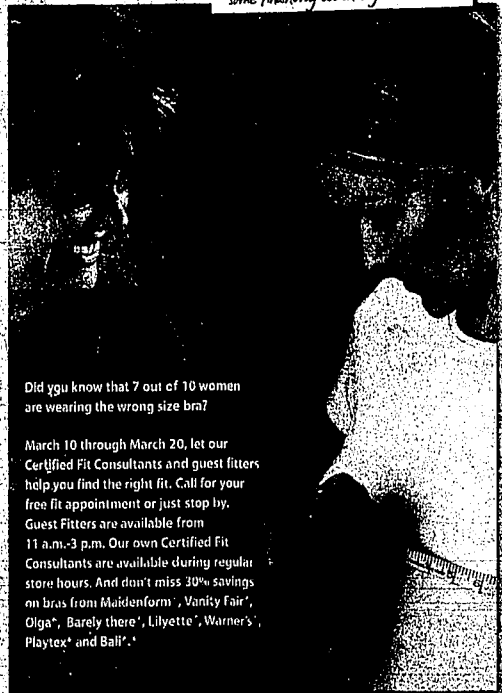
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Israeli troops have eye in sky

Tiny video screens give view from air

HOLON, Israel (AP) — Israeli troops are now sporting gear that Dick Tracy would be proud of: tiny video screens, worn on the wrist, which display video shot by unmanned airplanes.

Similar screens have been in use for close to a year in the Israeli military's attack helicopters, helping pilots identify and strike Palestinian militants within seconds.

The technology, which is also in use in tanks and armored vehicles, was a closely guarded secret until the company that developed it offered reporters a rare glimpse at the system this week.

"We are fulfilling the science fiction movies that we see," said Itzhak Benli, chief executive of the Elira Group/Tadran Electronic Systems and Tadran Spectralink companies.

Benli said the communications system has "shortened tremendously" the amount of time it takes to identify and strike a target.

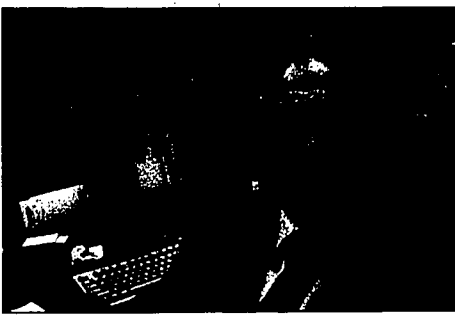
"Before it was minutes, 10 to 12 minutes. Now it's a matter of seconds," he said.

Benli agreed to halt its policy of "targeted killings" under an informal cease-fire declared last month by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. But after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed five Israelis last week, Israel said it would consider resuming the practice.

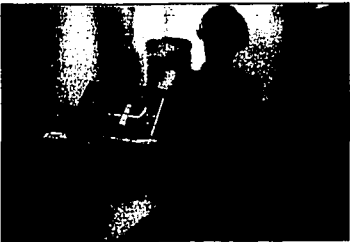
The Israeli army declined to comment about the new technology. But Israeli security officials have acknowledged experiencing a greatly improved ability to carry out airstrikes to the point that targeted militants no longer have time to die, in contrast to the early days of fighting in late 2000. They cite improvements in many areas, not any single technology.

The screens being field-tested by a limited number of footsoldiers is about 3 inches wide, and weighs just a few ounces. Codenamed V-Rambo, it's attached to the wrist by a velcro strap.

The LCD screens display color video that is beamed directly from drones in real time at 30 frames per second — the



Itzhak Benli, the President and CEO of Tadran Spectralink, Ltd., sits in his office, in Cholom, just south of Tel Aviv, Israel, Tuesday.



An employee of Tadran Spectralink, Ltd., displays a new model of wrist-monitor which would allow soldiers in the field to see overhead views of video captured by unmanned aircraft, at a Tadran plant, in Cholom, Israel, Tuesday.

same rate as broadcast TV. Attack helicopters have been fitted with five-inch screens. The "Video Receiver" systems also include small reception units that are installed on the vehicles and helicopters or carried in soldiers' vests.

The new technology is considered much more than a novelty.

Military drones have been used by Israel since the early 1980s. But until recently, the information they gathered was sent to a ground command center that interpreted it and then shared it with forces in the field. The Tadran systems allow the information to be received instantly by the various forces, company officials said.

The drones are still controlled by a ground command center, but the various forces have the ability to guide the camera to meet their specific needs.

like a case of overkill."

Tadran only recently received clearance to show the system to the public. It plans to unveil the system formally next week at a Tel Aviv conference on urban warfare and "low intensity" conflict.

The company also showed off a system resembling a video game that allows soldiers to control unmanned ground vehicles. The green console has a small flat screen and two joysticks, one on each side. One joystick controls the vehicle, while the other controls the items on the vehicle, such as its cameras.

The computer screen shows other information, including video footage from drones and detailed maps of the battlefield.

The technology is expected to be part of the "Gladiator" unmanned ground vehicles being developed by the U.S. Marines. The company announced the Gladiator contract, which includes partners Carnegie Mellon University and United Defense Industries Inc., last month.

It also has identified NATO countries and nations in the Far East as potential customers for its technologies, Benli said.

This week's conference, which kicks off Monday, will focus on "how to fight terrorist and guerrilla entities that use force," said Brig. Gen. Yossi Heymann, one of the planners.

Abbas vows no law until Israelis leave

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — West Bank lawlessness won't end until Israel hands over control of cities there, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Saturday, calling on Israel to return to the transfer talks that were suspended after a Tel Aviv suicide bombing.

Abbas had promised to hand over five cities after a Feb. 8 cease-fire declaration but suspended talks after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed five Israelis at a Tel Aviv night club last weekend.

"We have no control on the ground," Abbas told reporters in Ramallah.

Israeli officials said there would be no more talks until the Palestinians find those behind the Feb. 25 Tel Aviv bombing, and they accused Abbas of dragging his feet. Islamic Jihad leaders claimed responsibility for the attack.

Abbas, Palestinian officials said, will go to Washington at the end of the month to meet President Bush, making him the first Palestinian leader to visit the U.S. capital since the outbreak of Palestinian-Israeli violence in September 2000. The United States refused to deal with Abbas's predecessor, Yasser Arafat, accusing him of fomenting violence.

No exact date has been set for the visit, the official said on condition of anonymity. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice invited Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to Washington during her visit to the region last month.

In a positive sign that efforts to make peace are alive, Jordan's foreign minister arrived in Israel Saturday for the first time since the Palestinian uprising started. Speaking after a meeting with his Israeli counterpart Silvan Shalom, Al-Mulqi urged both sides to reach a comprehensive peace deal.

"We have to stop the terror

right away, we have to make peace right away," he said, adding that peace between Israel and the Palestinians would quickly lead to peace for Israel with other Arab states.

Earlier in the day Al-Mulqi met with Abbas in Ramallah. Al-Mulqi said he had discussed ways to boost security cooperation with the Palestinians, including sending over Jordanian trained forces.

Abbas, who has been under pressure from Israel and the United States to crack down on militants, said Palestinian forces would only be effective once Israeli troops leave West Bank cities.

"Nobody can say we hold responsibility for the situation because we do not have a presence in the cities," he said.

Abbas has been trying to persuade armed men to disarm, resisting calls from Israel to forcibly disarm them if necessary. But many of the militants have become virtual rulers of the Palestinian cities during the last four years of violence and are reluctant to give up their power.

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ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — A team of U.S. and Ethiopian scientists has discovered the fossilized remains of what they believe is humankind's first walking ancestor, a hominid that lived in the wooded grasslands of the Horn of Africa nearly 4 million years ago.

The bones were discovered in February at a new site called Mile, in the northeastern Afar region of Ethiopia, said Bruce Latimer, director of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in Ohio. They are estimated to be 3.8-4 million years old.

The fossils include a complete tibia from the lower part of the leg, parts of a humerus, ribs, vertebrae, a collarbone, pelvis and a complete shoulder blade, or scapula. There also is an ankle bone which, with the tibia, proves the creature walked upright, said Latimer, co-leader of the team that discovered the fossils.

The bones are the latest in a growing collection of early human fragments that help explain the evolutionary history of man.

"Right now we can say this is the oldest bipedal (an animal walking on two feet) and what makes this significant is because what makes us human is walking upright," Latimer said.

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Los Angeles Times

BRAND, Germany — Not long ago a pessimist could have safely muttered: "You can't find paradise in a zeppelin hangar." Well, brush the snow off your coat and step inside. It's balmy. An exotic bird is twittering. Lots of exotic birds are twittering. Is that a banana tree? That's an awfully big beach. Are those Brazilian dancers? This fruit drink is very nice. "Waiter! ..."

The sun is fake. In this nation of unfrozen winter clouds, there are inevitably a few glitches when conjuring paradise. The new Tropical Islands Resort unfolds in artificial splendor in an abandoned airship hangar at the edge of a pine forest one hour south of Berlin. There's a lagoon, a waterfall, thatched Amazon huts, the facade from a Bali temple, a 43,000-square-foot sea and a lot of puffy, slightly puzzled Germans wandering around in Speedos and wondering if they should be stoned.

Tropical Islands is the work of Colin Au, a Malaysian businessman who specializes in cruises and casinos. Two years ago, an associate told Au about the largest free-standing building in the world. Rising like a huge blister near a decrepit Cold War-era runway, the hangar was built in 1959 by a government-subsidized aeronautical company that went bankrupt in a region with 20 percent unemployment.

Au inspected the 16-acre hangar and decided that this echoing cavern would be an ideal escape from Germany's mean-spirited weather. The 70-million-euro (\$90-million) project has created 600 jobs, including a troupe of Chinese acrobats, yoga instructors and a few Thai masseuses with powdered faces and sparkly shoes in their hair. There are 500 species totaling 12,000 plants and trees imported from Asia, South America and Florida.

"This will be a real tropical forest one day," says Alexander Hess, a public relations officer whose business card is shaped like a rising (or is it setting?) sun. "We keep the overall temperature at about 25 degrees centigrade (77 degrees Fahrenheit). The temperature of the lagoon water is 32 degrees. The path through the rain forest is one kilometer long. ... We have the sounds of the forest," birdcalls and various other

grunts and yowls rise from speakers disguised as rocks. But no real wildlife lurks in this paradise. Imagine the insurance liability to have a panther darning around.

Hess looks to the domed ceiling. "The Statue of Liberty fits in here standing up," he says. "The Eiffel Tower fits in lying down." He then points to an ornate teak-looking building to his left. "This is the Thai House. Workers came here from Thailand to build it. ... You can have a business event or get married in there."

A man and a boy float toward the ceiling in a large helium balloon. A Chinese acrobat with painted eyes is rolling on a can near the food court. Children giggle.

Landscape artist Sven Herria, cuddling with Sandra Fiebig on a lounge chair, says it's his second trip to Tropical Islands, which opened in December.

"All in all, it's OK," he says. "It's quite astonishing how quickly they built this thing. The plans still look a bit withered, though. They need to let some more sun in here. But progress has been made over the last three weeks." He dips his head. "The workers could smile more."

The state of Brandenburg is expected to give Tropical Islands about 13 million euros in subsidies this year. Government officials hope the resort is a whimsical yet wise investment for a beleaguered economy. So far, it is faring better than the site's last tenant, CargoLifter, which miscalculated the demand for airships and abandoned the hangar after failing to sell a single zeppelin. Tropical Islands attracted 100,000 visitors in its first month of business.

Erich Floper is on a scouting mission. He sits with a camera near the waterfall and lagoon; one gets the feeling that Elvis Presley will appear with a bathing suit and a ukulele. Floper has been here before. But his buddies near Cologne want to see pictures before they book a group trip. Floper volunteered and drove six hours through the snow. Like many Germans, he is a ruminator of details but is amazed at Au's imagination — a brochure come to life without having to pay \$2,000 for a plane ticket to Iceland.

"I hope it works. It'll be good for the economy of the region," he says. "But nowadays people want perfection. I, myself, like this paradise. Look at the nice women. If you can't be happy when there's nice women running around, what really can you be happy with?" He laughs amid a wisp of Asian music and the recorded twitter of an unknown exotic bird.

"All in all, it's OK. It's quite astonishing how quickly they built this thing."

— Sven Herria, landscape artist

Syria announces pullback

President says Syrian troops will withdraw to the Lebanese border

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad on Saturday announced a two-stage pullback of Syrian forces to the Lebanese border, but failed to address broad international demands that he completely withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops after nearly 30 years in the country.

Assad also did not respond to President Bush's demand just a day earlier that Syria withdraw all its troops and intelligence agents from Lebanon before its parliamentary elections in May. Instead, Assad said his plan would put Syria in full compliance with international agreements and U.N. demands.

"By carrying out this measure, Syria will have fulfilled requirements of the Tif agreement and implemented U.N. Resolution 1559," the Syrian leader said in a rare address to parliament.

Assad was vague about the pullback leaving it unclear if Syrian forces would eventually leave Lebanon or remain inside the country near the Syrian frontier. He said Syrian and Lebanese authorities would negotiate this week.

Later Saturday, however, Syrian Immigration Minister Bushaina Shaabana told Lebanese Broadcast Corp. television that withdrawal would be complete. "The matter is very clear. When an army withdraws it withdraws to inside the country's border."

The United States issued a strong statement of dissatisfaction with Assad's most recent



Syrian President Bashar Assad waves to people from outside the parliament building on Saturday before delivering a speech announcing a two-stage Lebanese pullback.

comments, which came after four weeks of political turmoil in Lebanon set off by the assassination of a popular former prime minister.

"As President Bush said Friday, when the United States and France say withdraw, we mean complete withdrawal — no half-hearted measures," the statement said.

France, which co-authored with Washington a U.N. resolution demanding Syrian withdrawal, also stood by its demands.

Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom dismissed the Syrian president's speech as falling to meet international requirements, which he said include "a complete withdrawal of all Syrian troops from Lebanon."

Outside Damascus, People's Assembly, thousands of Syrians watching the speech on large screens chanted pro-Assad slogans and waved the country's red, white and black flags.

the Lebanese to be very careful about the wording and not to be happy over the general meaning.

But Walid Jumblat, a prominent opposition figure, was conciliatory.

"Before casting doubt, let's see the implementation on the ground," he told LBC.

Assad's speech also came at the end of a week of Arab pressure, including Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah telling the Syrian leader that he must remove his forces from Lebanon quickly.

Assad said Syria would be in compliance with the 1989 Arab-brokered Taif Accord, which called for Syria to move its troops to the Lebanese border and for both countries to then negotiate the withdrawal, and the U.N. resolution drafted by the United States and France.

Thousands of Lebanese have staged almost daily protests since the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in Beirut, which many in Lebanon blame on the pro-Syrian Lebanese government and its Syrian backers. Both the Beirut government and Syria deny involvement.

Hariri, 60, resigned last year amid opposition to a Syrian-backed constitutional amendment that enabled his rival, President Emile Lahoud, to extend his term in office.

Syria has kept troops in Lebanon since 1976, when they were sent as peacekeepers during that country's 1975-1990 civil war. When the war ended, the troops remained and Damascus continued to wield decisive influence with Lebanese officials.

In the carefully worded address, Assad said, "We would not stay one day if there was Lebanese consensus on the departure of Syria."

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MOVING HIS FLOCK?

Authorities close in on polygamous town; prophet may decide to move



Warren Jeffs

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — No one in this secluded polygamous town along the Arizona border is necessarily sure what it'll look like a month from now. They don't know where they'll live, who will live with them or whether they'll be torn from their families and neighbors as suspected two states away.

At least, if they do know, they're not saying. And neither is the man who will make that decision for them — the reclusive prophet of the polygamous Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who is reportedly building a new, heavily fortified compound in Texas where he and his closest supporters will live.

"I'm not in a position where I would know much about it. So I don't know that I could really comment one way or the other," said church member David Zizing, who is also Hildale's mayor. "I just can't say what's going to happen."

Observers of the FLDS church, however, are convinced church prophet Warren Jeffs — who has reportedly 50-70 wives — is pulling his flock and preparing the most devoted followers for the move to Texas to avoid prosecution in Utah on allegations of forced child marriages, sexual abuse, welfare fraud and tax evasion. Authorities say the claims have produced criminal charges because they can't get anyone to talk to them in this distrustful enclave.

"Warren's going to pick out the most devoted followers of him, and then move them (to Texas). He's got to keep (the cities) going because they're his slaves," said Sam Brower, a detective hired by former church members who's investigated the sect for two years.

Aside from a 1953 raid in which authorities swept in and arrested polygamists and took custody of children, this town,

like fingers into the sky with deep, weathered lines etching their sides. It is a strange mix of apparent wealth and poverty — paved streets number almost evenly with those packed' of clay, and enormous homes sit alongside modest two- and three-bedroom houses.

Since Jeffs took over the FLDS church after his father died, observers say he has guided the church with a ruthless hand and an endless ambition to displace anyone who threatens his leadership. As prophet and leader of a church in which women and children are considered property, Jeffs has the singular authority to reassign wives and children, and their belongings, and excommunicate anyone.

Even his siblings have not been spared harsh punishment. Brother Blaine Jeffs now lives in a trailer next to the convenience store he used to own, Brower noted during a recent tour of the town.

"These people are never told what they've done wrong," Brower said.

In the meantime, they're required to write the prophet weekly letters confessing various sins in hope they'll be reaccepted into the church and community they've been born into, and the only way of life they know.

Shurtleff has called Jeffs an "evil genius" who knows how to manipulate people and the welfare and legal systems to retain power.

"For three years now, he's been doing everything he can to keep people from cooperating with us and to take steps to avoid our efforts," he said.

Shurtleff said Shurtleff and anti-polygamy advocates are buying too much into the stories of ex-church members, who can be biased and lack credibility.

That's the view of the disidents. It's not the view of the people who wish to continue to be involved in that church," he said.

Jeffs has barred church members from public schools; children are only allowed to attend private schools until the sixth, seventh or eighth grades.

Brower said. Most residents are considered to be functionally illiterate, with the exception of Jeffs himself.

In audio copies of speeches heard by The Associated Press, the reclusive prophet mesmerizes in calm, almost detached, but learned language.

His voice sounds almost like the speaker on a self-help tape, even when he's explaining to followers that blacks exist so Satan can have a presence on earth, and that they are "uncouth, rude, filthy and seemingly deprived of nearly all the blessings that are generally bestowed upon mankind."

The estimated 6,000 to 10,000 residents and church followers wear simple clothing and lead simple lives, without television, radio or the Internet. News in the polygamous communities is driven by speculation and whisper, which Brower calls a "highly refined rumor mill."

Since Jeffs' decisions are made through Jeffs' pronouncement and revelation, and he hasn't been seen publicly in more than a year, speculation is all they have, observers and investigators say.

Now, those close to the culture say fear permeates every aspect of life in this community — fear that Jeffs will leave them behind on the move to Texas and fear that the outside world will again raid the villages and upend their lives.

The church has purchased land near Eldorado, Texas, and set construction on a breakneck pace. Brower has flown over the compound there, and says it's guarded by sentry 24 hours a day and monitored by cameras.

On about 2,000 acres, he said, it now includes about eight "homes" roughly the sizes of motels, a big meeting hall, a towering temple and about four other buildings.

The church has also purchased a 60-acre plot near the southwestern Colorado town of Mancos, though it's not clear what's planned for that land.

Word filtered through investigators by excommunicated and disfellowed church members is that the move to Texas may come around April 6.

Liquor stores face charges in allegedly selling to bootleggers

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Three liquor stores near the Navajo reservation could lose their liquor license after being accused of knowingly selling large amounts of booze to bootleggers.

The charges are a result of an 18-month investigation into liquor retailers by a multi-agency task force.

The retailers who were charged are: Hank's Trading Post, 26 miles north of Flagstaff on North Highway 89, owned by Joe Freeman; Wagnette's Trading Post, 32 miles north of

Flagstaff on North Highway 89, owned by Mickey Irizarry; Hatch's Quick Stop, 2310 Navajo Blvd., Holbrook, owned by Tim Hatch.

The three stores are the first in the state to ever face such charges from state liquor control officials. Now that the retailers have been notified that they are facing administrative violations, they will soon meet with the compliance department regarding the alleged violations, said Sgt. Wes Kuhl of the state liquor department.

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EDITORIAL

Teacher pay should increase as other reforms take effect

Kathy Phelan, president of the Idaho Education Association, is right. Idaho's public school teachers need to bring home more bacon. The state can and should aim higher in regard to teacher pay over the next few years.

But to make it happen, Phelan and Idaho's educators will have to meet taxpayers half way.

Phelan traveled across Idaho last week rallying for a Senate resolution that would raise teacher salaries significantly in coming years. The bill would establish a state goal of lifting starting teacher salaries to \$35,000 by 2008. It would also work toward lifting average teacher salary based on experience and education — to \$55,000 annually.

In 2004, Idaho legislators took a step in that direction lifting the starting teacher salary to \$27,500 from its previous level of \$25,000. (In reality, it was previously \$23,500 since the state gave local districts the option of meeting the \$25,000 mandate.) Meanwhile, the average teacher salary in Idaho is around \$41,080.

Those pay levels are good, but they can be better. Just last month, Idaho Commerce and Labor released a study showing the correlation between earning a college education and a higher paying job. The study showed the average salary for a worker with a bachelor's degree is \$24.99 an hour — or just under \$52,000. The numbers go even higher for those with graduate degrees, to the \$28 to \$35 per hour range.

Yet somehow the state hasn't come close to that range with teachers, many of whom hold graduate degrees. So it makes sense for Idaho to prepare for the future and compensate teachers with better pay.

But if taxpayers are going to ante up for higher education salaries, they'll also want some other reforms in

return. Therefore, teachers and the union should be willing to consider two conditions that come with higher pay.

Pay for performance: Teaching is a unique profession that fosters learning and discovery in all its forms and timelines. But it's also a profession no different than careers that recognize and compensate those who excel.

Merit pay for teachers: It is a difficult issue to navigate but it needs to happen. Finding the right formula should take time and involve all sides of education — including teachers and the IEA.

In a recent meeting with *The Times-News*, Phelan and regional IEA members remained cautious of individual merit pay, although they were open to a system that rewards individual schools.

That's a good start, but eventually individual teachers should be able to stand on their own in the merit pay process.

Loss of tenure: This point may be more controversial than the first. But if teachers are to be paid the equivalent of other professions with similar levels of education, they should likewise be subject to the same conditions — other workers face — without the protection of tenure.

The vast majority of teachers are dedicated, supportive, diligent and love to see their students excel. But there are also those who are a poor fit in the classroom, and yet they are almost impossible to remove from that setting. Remove the barrier of tenure, however, and suddenly those teachers will recognize they need to improve or move on.

Asking the union to surrender one of its key tools may seem laughable. But the IEA just might be doing itself some profound good by showing flexibility to taxpayers in exchange for more dedication.

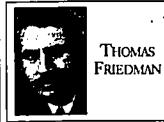
If teachers are worth the higher pay, and they certainly are, all players need to participate.

Our view: Lifting Idaho teachers' salaries is possible but other reforms will have to come with it.

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

Brave, young and Muslim

The last couple of years have not been easy for anyone, myself included, who hoped that the Iraq war would produce a decent, democratizing outcome. And even in the wake of the remarkable Iraqi election, the toppling of the Lebanese Cabinet and



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the reforms brewing in Egypt, it is too soon for anyone to declare victory. We're dealing with some very unstable elements. But what makes me more hopeful today is precisely what made me hopeful that the Iraq war might work out, and that is the number of Arab-Muslim youth I've encountered since 9/11 who have urged me to keep writing about the need for democracy and reform in their part of the world.

Of course, many Americans are skeptical of this. America has treated the Arab-Muslim states for 50 years as a collection of gas stations. All we cared about was that their pumps were open and their prices low, and that they be nice to the Israelis. As long as the regimes did that, we said, they could do whatever they wanted "out back." They could treat their women however they wanted, they could write about America in their newspapers however they wanted, and they could preach intolerance of other religions all they wanted — just keep their pumps open and prices low and be nice to the Israelis. On 9/11, we got hit with everything that was going on "out back."

Since then, it's been clear to me that unless we partner with Arabs and Muslims to change their context, unless we help them with everything that's for a war of ideas that will allow for a new discussion out front and out back, we're just begging for



another 9/11. I always knew we had partners there, but the democratic movements that have now emerged have shown me just how many young people there want to give voice to their aspirations and achieve their full potential — something their governments and spiritual leaders have been blocking.

If you want to get a taste of what they sound like, read *Irshad Manji's* courageous book "The Trouble With Islam Today," and the letters and debates from young Muslims on her Web site (www.muslim-refusenik.com). Manji is a 36-year-old Canadian Muslim feminist who has dared to write a book calling for a reformation of Islam.

"There's no bigger idea for the Muslim world today — and consequently for all of us — than reopening the gates of independent thinking," she said. "That's the main point of my book — to show that Islam once had a pluralistic tradition of critical debate and dissent, and that we Muslims need to rediscover this tradition to update Islam for the 21st century. That's not being radical. That's being faithful."

Born in Uganda of an Indian-Muslim father and a mother with Egyptian roots who immigrated to Canada, Manji is a frequent lecturer about diversity on college campuses. "Even before 9/11 and my book, I noticed that after my lectures and young Muslims would gather at the side of the stage, wait for everyone else to leave and then walk over and say things like, 'Irshad, we need more voices to help open up this religion of ours, because if it doesn't open up we are leaving it.' That is what the clerics don't get. We're saving Islam by showing the emerging generation how they can be part of a pluralistic world and be faithful Muslims."

To that end, Manji has just launched what she calls Project *Ijtihad*. "The goal," she explained, "is to create a leadership center that will attract young, reform-minded Muslims to network with one another so they can work not alone, to develop the confidence to openly dissent with conformity to Islam and to learn about the golden age of Islam, when Muslims, Jews, Christians worked together to preserve and

expand knowledge — something we're rarely if ever, taught in our public schools or in our Islamic religious schools."

At the urging of students, Manji recently had her book translated into Arabic and Urdu and posted on her Web site. Young Arabs and Christians are now downloading it in private and discussing it. In a week she was approached by a small Arabic publisher who operates in Lebanon and Germany — and has just opened in Baghdad — offering to publish her book in Iraq!

"I can't help but appreciate the symbolism," she said. "Baghdad was the seat of the Islamic enlightenment from the eighth to 12th centuries. It was a crossroads of goods, services, big ideas."

"This will take time to play out, and a decent outcome is not assured. But the good news is that young Arabs and Muslims are starting to have a very different conversation 'out back,' and more and more of them are demanding to have it out front."

Thomas Friedman is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

Time to end justices' lifetime tenure

DOUG BANDOW

An activist judiciary has joined the legislative and executive branches in making public policy. The influence of judges has been magnified by their relative immunity from political pressure.

Although the courts sometimes follow the election returns, in many cases, such as abortion, judicial decisions have short-circuited normal political discourse.

That fact alone makes judicial appointments important. Their significance is increased by life tenure enjoyed by federal judges, particularly Supreme Court justices. Lose the battle over filling a Supreme Court slot and you suffer the consequences for decades.

There are other consequences of lifetime tenure. The appointment process has become ever more arbitrary as judges hang on despite advancing age.

The last justice to retire was Harry Blackmun in 1981, who served 24 years. Before 1970, the average term served was a bit over 15 years. Since 1970, justices have averaged 25.5 years. The age at retirement has

jumped a decade, to nearly 70 years. Only Clarence Thomas is under the traditional retirement age of 65.

Most Supreme Court members have avoided obvious aging. However, William O. Douglas, who served more than 36 years before retiring in 1975, was evidently falling after a stroke. Chief Justice William Howard Taft pressured aging Associate Justice Joseph McKenna to quit in 1925. Current Chief Justice William Rehnquist is seriously ill with thyroid cancer.

Another concern is that long-serving justices tend to be less conversant with current culture. Proper constitutional interpretation obviously can survive a lack of familiarity with, say, rap music. More serious, however, is the concern that comfortable patterns of thinking can go unchallenged for years.

The justification for lifetime tenure is most obviously histo-

ry: It is enshrined in the Constitution. More important, lifetime appointments help insulate the courts from transient political pressures.

Such protection is necessary if judges are to sometimes make unpopular decisions upholding the nation's fundamental law. And judicial independence is important to the rule of law.

Still, the judiciary, no less than the executive and legislative branches, must be held accountable. Unreviewable power is always dangerous.

The best means of responding to these concerns is to appoint judges to fixed terms rather than for life. Ten or 12 years would allow extended service while ensuring turnover.

The advantages of such a step would be many. First, judicial nominations no longer would become political armagions. Supreme Court appointments would always be

important, but there would be less incentive to vilify and fill-buster nominees. After all, the new justice would serve only a limited term. Moreover, her lifetime would ensure a steady transformation of the court's membership. An enfeebled justice could not hang on in an attempt to outlast a president.

Most important, fixed terms would improve judicial accountability. Judges still would be independent, largely insulated from attack. However, elective officials could eventually reassess control without doing violence to the judicial institution. Yet it still would not be easy, and the process would allow time for ephemeral popular passions to subside.

Judicial independence is important, but so is judicial accountability. Appointing Supreme Court justices to fixed terms would balance the two competing principles.

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Second trial becomes unnecessary in case

The Times-News reported Sunday, Feb. 20, "Judge orders new trial in Kanau case." It's about inconsistencies, right? Strange ones, for sure. Or is it about money the jury awarded to former Heyburn Elementary School Principal Nancy Kanau?

The judge says that the jury instructions were the target of his scrutiny. We told that the instructions confounded the jury and resulted in an inconsistent verdict. Who gave the instructions? Why did no one question the instructions until after the verdict? The trial was thorough and fair, so why should there be a new trial? We attended part of the eight-day trial. Who is to benefit from a new trial? Perhaps the lawyers and the school district? The judge did his job, was "fair," attentive and did exactly what this court asked it to do," according to Judge Carlson. So what part of their job does the

judge not understand? Speaking of inconsistencies, Kurt Catmull made the false accusations against Nancy Kanau. Why was he never charged? Why did our school board members and superintendent not do their job in dealing with the accusations? They allowed Nancy Kanau's name to be defamed, causing her to file a lawsuit to clear her name.

Please, let it be known that a trial was held. We heard the verdict from the jury, and it is clear that the accusations against Nancy Kanau were false. The inconsistencies are in the justice system and should not have occurred. She deserves to be compensated for the troubles this accusation has caused her. The compensation awarded by the jury in December is small compared to the damage to her reputation. However, a second trial should not be necessary.
DOROTHY AND HOWARD CAVENER
Paul

Bridge discussion ignores Jerome County

I moved to Jerome County from northern Idaho 32 years ago, and the first thing I noticed in listening to the local media was this "Mason Dixon" line rhetoric. Whatever Twin Falls and Twin Falls County were against. Over the years, there have been so-called attempts to bind those wounds, but the bleeding has never really subsided.

Now, once again, the rift has been opened. The governor has proposed a new bridge between the two counties, and once again it appears the governor, as well as the media, think this is only a Twin Falls issue. Well, I'm here to tell you there are two sides to that canyon, and I haven't found very many people in my neigh-

borhood that are holding their hands out for the governor's money. When will the state officials understand that if and when they want to join two entities, they had best talk to both and not be perceived as letting one side speak for both?

I have a good friend who is now a Jerome County commissioner, and when I asked him if he was going to a meeting involving the Idaho Transportation Department officials (set up by Twin Falls Chamber) to have a discussion about GARVEE bonding as well as a new bridge crossing, his comment was that (Jerome County commissioners) had not received any notification or an invitation! I had that absolutely incredulous, since by far and away the biggest impacts from a right-of-way standpoint are on the north side of the canyon.

LETTERS

My guess is this continually festering issue goes way back to when the interstate route was chosen to go through Jerome County instead of Twin Falls County, or even before. So be it! Let Twin Falls stew in its own quagmire of poor planning in the name of the almighty dollar and economic development! But if for one intent to write to my legislators and inform them of my feelings and opinions over this bridge proposal, then I do not know why he should have two sides to the canyon.
LINDA HUMPHREY
Jerome

Senato needs to oust Jack Noble

I have been following the story of Sen. Jack Noble. I do not know why he should deserve the respect of being

called senator after lying to the Senate State Affairs Committee. It is time for our legislators to prove that they can be trusted by ousting this person.

It seems to me our representatives should be held to a higher standard than the average citizen. Maybe we need a background check on any candidate the same as teachers and bankers.
JIM PATRICK
Twin Falls

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Boise jury spares man from death penalty

BOISE (AP)—The man found guilty of first-degree murder for the execution-style shooting death of a teenager was barely spared from the death penalty Saturday because of a deadlocked jury.

Jurors began deliberations Wednesday, but announced Saturday they could not agree whether Jason McDermott should receive the death penalty in the murder of Zachariah Street, 18.

Eleven of the 12 jurors believed McDermott's actions met the aggravating factor required for a death penalty, but the one holdout means McDermott's sentencing falls to 4th District Judge Chen Copsey.

McDermott faces 10 years to life in prison, but Copsey cannot sentence him to death when she sees, likely in June, an Idaho law passed in 2003 calls for juries, not judges, to issue the death penalty.

The same jury found McDermott, 24, guilty last week of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

Committee wants to put stop to new specialty license plates

COEUR D'ALENE (AP)—The Idaho House Transportation Committee passed legislation that would put a stop to specialty license plates.

Idaho now has 44 special license plates, which benefit applicants from local schools to snowmobiling to wildlife.

The plates cost up to \$35 the first time an owner chooses to buy it, and \$25 each year it's renewed. Of those fees, the state gets \$10 to compensate for the cost of the plate, and the remainder of the money is allocated to the specific cause.

Last year the Idaho Transportation Department collected \$885,000, while \$1.5 million was split between the organizations that would put a stop to specialty license plates.

Despite the revenue, state Rep. JoAn Wood, R-Rigby, said the state should stop issuing specialty plates, especially since about another 250 causes want their own plates.

"The program has been over-used and become unnecessarily burdensome in its implementation," Wood wrote in her bill, which will now be sent to the full House.

Wood said many counties do not have either the time or

space to issue and house the specialty plates.

Advocates of Wood's proposal agree the plates are bogging down the system.

"County assessors are turning into retail merchants," said Rep. Richard Willis, R-Glenns Ferry. "People spend 15 minutes deciding what plate they want when they used to spend five. We've got to draw the line somewhere."

Opponents say it is unfair to cut off groups waiting to profit from a specialty plate when the state has allowed so many already.

Bill allows state colleges to charge tuition

LEWISTON (AP)—State House lawmakers approved legislation that would allow Idaho colleges and universities to charge tuition, sending the measure to the Senate on a 49-18 partisan vote.

State law prohibits public schools from charging resident tuition. But in 1981, lawmakers defined tuition as only the cost of instruction at colleges and universities —

leaving the state free to charge fees for school maintenance, student services, institutional support and other costs that go along with running a university.

University presidents back the bill because they say it will clarify where student fees are spent.

The legislation would allow the Idaho State Board of Education to set fees and

tuition at Idaho State University, Boise State University and Lewis-Clark State College.

The proposal won't affect the University of Idaho in Moscow, since its charter is anchored in the state constitution, and any changes repealing the tuition prohibition would have to come as a constitutional amendment, requiring a vote of Idaho residents.

Northwest states fear record drought

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—Skies are blue and mountaintops are bereft of snow across the Northwest this year. And while many people might be reveling in the unexpected early spring, water managers in several states are crossing their fingers and hoping winter will make another appearance.

"It's all about staving off the drought if we don't get snow," said Ted Day, a hydraulic engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Boise.

Authorities are bracing for a seventh year of drought in Montana, where the mountains are so bare that peaks will need three times the usual snowfall between now and when the spring runoff begins just to reach average levels.

In Idaho, snowpack is at about 50 percent of average with the lone bright spot — albeit a rather dim one — being Eastern Idaho at 75 percent of average. Parts of the state already have endured five straight years of drought.

Conditions are even grimmer in Washington, where snowpack stands at just 16 percent of average in some places. Spokane saw the driest February since record-keeping started in 1881.

In famously rainy Seattle, joggers in shorts crowd waterfront sidewalks to enjoy the unusual sunshine, while the almost snow-free peaks of the Olympic Mountains loom across Puget Sound.

The Northwest hasn't been this parched in the winter in nearly three decades, raising concerns about early wildfires and low streamflows, which

could limit the hydropower supply, reduce water for irrigators and threaten endangered fish.

Water managers looked to the west, sending the record in Washington state — to find the last time winter precipitation was this sparse. That year, though, conditions turned around somewhat with a wet spring.

"We're kind of reduced to crossing our fingers and hoping something like that happens again this year," Day said.

The bleak, long-term forecast for spring calls for more of the same: above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation.

Metereologists blame a weak El Niño, which brought mild weather to the Northwest in January and February and sent precipitation that usually falls in the region to the north and south.

Snowpack in Canada is closer to normal at 90 percent of average in most places. Snowpack and rainfall also have been heavier in California, Utah and Nevada, leaving Washington, Idaho, Montana and parts of Oregon as the odd states out, Day said.

"Right now the way things look, I don't think there's any doubt we will have reduced water to deliver this year," said Jack Carpenter of central Washington's Kittitas Reclamation District, which serves about 2,500 landowners.

"There's absolutely nothing we can do at this point in time," Carpenter said. "We know we will have a reduced bucket, we just don't know if this is going to be the worst-ever bucket we will receive."

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Buddy, can you spare a 3-legged nickel?

I'm sure my Uncle Fred turned over in his grave last week.

That's because Buffalo Nickels — 97 million of 'em — are back, and he can't get his hands on any.

After 67 years, the Treasury Department is stamping out Buffalo Nickels again to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

That would be of great interest to Fred, who was a farmer in Soda Springs with a passion for money — especially for Buffalo Nickels and their copper counterparts, "Indian-head" Pennies, which the Treasury stopped making in 1909.

"Coin collector" is too tepid a term to describe Fred; he was a coin guru.

And he cut this deal with the fella who ran the only bank in Soda Springs at the time: Every time an armored car pulled up outside the bank and disgorged sacks of coin, the banker would call Fred.

Fifteen minutes later, Fred would come screeching up to the bank in his '55 Chevy station wagon. He'd write the banker a cashier's check in the amount of all the change the bank could spare, load all those coins in the back of his car, and speed home.

For the next day or so, Fred and whomever he could drag down into the task would sit at his kitchen table and pore through thousands of dollars' worth of coins, looking for valuable specimens — Buffalo Nickels and Indian-head Pennies in particular.

Trouble was, that left the banker with maybe 35 cents in the kitty, so when the situation became dire enough — defined, I guess, as depositors pounding on the front door, the banker would call and say, "I need those coins back now, Fred."

"But I'm almost done looking through them!" Fred would inevitably retort.

"Now, Fred," the banker would retort.

This was always problematic because all those coins had come from the bank in rolls, and there would be, say, \$1,500 worth of nickels piled in the middle of the kitchen table.

They would finally run the coins into a coin-wrapping machine, but it would take them down under pressure, so Aunt Hazel, myself, Fred's brother Dube and anybody else who happened to be on the premises would frantically run nickels into paper tubes, hoping the banker wouldn't call the FBI and G-men descend on the house with guns drawn.

There were times when Fred gave up, filled Hazel's pillowcases with nickels and lugged them back to the bank. The banker would make him stay there for hours, until he'd rolled up all the coins using the bank's machine.

One time, during a not-uncommon April blizzard, Fred handed a pillowcase full of nickels to the bank of his station wagon and it broke open on the sidewalk in front of the bank.

Now the bank was located at the top of a small hill, so Fred lit

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% Avg.	% Norm.
Salmon	64%	44%
Snake	62%	52%
Little Wood	69%	58%
Big Lost	68%	53%
Little Lost	67%	52%
Honey/Fork/Wilton	74%	62%
Upper Snake Basin	72%	60%
Oakley	71%	62%
Salmon Falls	74%	63%

*A compilation of data accumulated by the Dept. of Water, with a 30-year average.

Commissioners approve pay raises

Each official gets a boost in base pay

By Duke Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome County's three commissioners have voted to revise the way they're compensated, increasing their base pay and eliminating the need to keep a log of their hours.

Newly elected Republican commissioners Charles Howell and Joe Davidson will now make \$1,900 per month, or \$22,800 per year. That's a 51 percent increase in base pay compared with the previous salaries of former commissioners Alvin Chojnacky and John Elorrieta, who each made \$1,256 per month, or \$15,072 per year in base pay.

Veronica Lierman will now make \$2,900 a month, or \$34,800 per year. This represents a 16 percent increase from her previous \$2,500 monthly salary, which translated into \$30,000 per year in base pay.

The previous pay structure gave Chojnacky and Elorrieta \$1,256 per month for up to 15 hours of work per week and Chairwoman Lierman \$2,500 per month for 30 hours of work a week. However, the commissioners used to keep track of their hours and were paid more than \$20 an hour for each hour worked above their designated amount. All told, a combined \$75,532 was spent in 2004 to compensate the three commissioners.

Under the new formula, a combined \$80,400 will be spent to compensate Howell, Davidson and Lierman annually. And they'll no longer be keeping track of their hours, regardless of whether they work 10 hours or 60, Howell said.

"I am more concerned with getting the job done than how many hours we work," he said.

Both Howell and Davidson, who've been on the job for two months, say they consider their jobs full-time work and their new salaries still don't reflect the amount of time they put in.

During recent salary negotiations, there was some disagreement among the commissioners regarding their levels of compensation.

Compensating Commissioners

Jerome County has used several different structures in recent years to compensate its three commissioners. Here's what's been spent on their combined salaries and overtime work the past five years:

Year	Total
2000	\$71,798
2001	\$55,945
2002	\$60,320
2003	\$69,823
2004	\$75,532
2005	\$80,400*

* Reflects what the new structure will pay annually.

Lierman said that since she's been a commissioner for 12 years and carries a larger share of the workload she should get a higher salary than the newly

electd commissioners. If the other commissioner's salaries were set at \$1,900, she said she should get \$3,000 per month.

"Davidson disagreed, however, saying the salaries should be more equitable. He noted that he was 'one third of the commission, took one third of the heat when things went wrong' and had only one vote counted no more or less than the other commissioners."

But Howell said he did agree that Lierman had a larger workload and should be compensated for it. He suggested the \$2,900 for her monthly salary, which was approved.

Jerome County has changed the way it pays its commissioners several times in recent years. In 1999, the commission was composed of one full-time commissioner who was paid

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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

STUD FOR HIRE



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Suzanne Broner, a Rock Creek Rebels 4-H Club leader, prepares "Lucky Buck" for the club's annual service auction at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Saturday. Lucky Buck was one of 34 horses to be auctioned off by the 4-H Club.

Stallion service auction benefits 4-H horse club

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Amy Telly decided she was going to do something just a bit different for her birthday.

"I'm pimping for the Los Horses Ranch," said the 83-year-old.

Telly sat behind a table Saturday at the Rock Creek Rebels 4-H Horse Club's fourth annual Stallion Service Auction and Truck Sale, with information spread

out before her about the ranch's breeding stallions.

Los Horses Paint and Quarter Horse Ranch near Dietrich, which is owned by Telly's daughter and son-in-law, was one of several ranches that donated a stallion service for Saturday's sale.

The money raised at the sale was donated to the Rock Creek Rebels, whose members will use the funds to help pay entry fees and dues when it's time to show their horses at the Twin Falls County

Fair, said Suzanne Broner, one of the club's leaders.

Often the stallion services auctioned off fetch more than the normal \$400 price tag that ranches such as Los Flores usually charge. That's because people understand that the money is for a good cause, said Carol Boudreau.

"Kids that get wrapped up with horses stay out of trouble," Boudreau said. "They are too busy with their horses to

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Rupert's wastewater plant costs increase

By Rose Marie Parsons
For The Times-News

RUPERT — Another \$2 million grant has been approved to help fund the city of Rupert's new wastewater treatment plant.

City officials received the good news about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers grant Thursday after learning earlier in the week that the cost of the project has risen about 30 percent.

China's purchase of steel, stainless steel, concrete and plastics is one factor affecting the price tag for construction of a modern activated sludge treatment plant, said Forsgren Associates, project manager Rudd Conover.

Rupert taxpayers approved a

\$14.2 million sewer bond last May to finance upgrades to the wastewater treatment facility. The improvements will eliminate odor problems documented by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and accommodate residential and industrial growth.

The construction cost is estimated to be \$17.6 million. Funding obtained up to now is \$18 million, leaving the city \$5 million to \$6 million short, Conover said.

City Administrator Roger Bagley said meetings are scheduled with several funding agencies in the coming weeks to find the additional money. The Army Corps of Engineers was one of those.

Conover said the search for money is focusing on grants and low pay-back loans. In addition, there are some contingencies in the budget.

"I think we're going to get the funding needed for this project," Conover said.

Conover said the wastewater facility project has progressed from the planning stage to a 30 percent design review. He said the project will be bid in February 2006 with completion expected in August 2008.

The auction system will be completed first, eliminating the odor problems, Conover said.

An unexpected increase in the strength of industrial waste is another factor in the increased cost estimates for the

project, Conover said.

Forsgren's planning study indicated industrial "loading" would level out and then decrease. Instead, recent tests show the loading has actually increased, Conover said.

Conover said he's "dialoguing" with Rupert's industrial users about technology they could use to prevent waste. There's proven technology that could reduce the amount of solids by one-fifth, but it has never been used before in Idaho, he said.

It's not the city's responsibility to provide pre-treatment of the waste, Conover said.

"If we don't deal with pre-treatment, there won't be room for growth in the new plant," Bagley said.

Groups argue for placing pygmy rabbit on endangered list

The Times-News

BOISE — What's small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, but big enough to cause a stir between federal officials and environmentalists.

The pygmy rabbit may be the smallest rabbit in North America, but it has allied the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service against citizen groups hoping to see the animal listed under the Endangered Species Act.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill approved a settlement agreement between the Fish and Wildlife Service and several special interest organizations requiring the federal agency to determine whether the groups' petition to list the pygmy rabbit warrants a year-long study of the species.

"We are pleased that the Fish and Wildlife Service has finally agreed to comply with the law," Todd Ruess, the lead attorney for the coalition of groups, said

in a press release. "Now we will be watching the service very closely to ensure that they employ science, and not politics, in determining whether the pygmy rabbit needs protection under the ESA."

The pygmy rabbit weighs only 1 pound and primarily inhabits sagebrush habitat, similar to that of sage grouse. Earlier this year, the Fish and Wildlife Service released its decision not to list sage grouse over the pleas of environmentalists. Listing the bird

would have placed restrictions on grazing, oil and gas leasing and hunting on sagebrush steppe habitat across the West.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has 90 days, or until May 16, to submit its preliminary findings on pursuing further studies of the pygmy rabbit. If the federal agency determines additional research is necessary, it would be required to publish the 12-month findings in the federal register by Feb. 16, 2006.

Fairfield's health clinic changes ownership

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Health care in Camas County just got more family friendly.

With a new sliding-scale fee, Camas Family Health Services now offers cancer screening, nutritional counseling, family planning, emergency care and other services to patients who might not have been able to afford them before.

To learn more
For more information on Family Health Services, visit www.fhslid.org or call the clinic at 764-2811.
The clinic is located at 401 W. Camas, Fairfield, Howland, from room to 5 p.m. Monday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.

Family Health Services, a private nonprofit health care provider, took over when former Fairfield-based Medical Clinic in February. The transition was made possible by a grant from the federal Bureau of Primary Health Care, which also paid for a new center in Burley in January.

FHS also has clinics in Twin Falls, Jerome and Buhl. A Family Health Services mobile medical unit takes children with health care services throughout Magic Valley.

"Our goal as a community health center is to be a medical home for those people who have a barrier to health care," said Fatty Klunkopf, Family Health Services' chief operations officer.

"We don't see ourselves as competing with the private sector because we're seeing those people who would have an access problem," she said.

Because the Fairfield clinic is designated as a Community/Migrant Health Center and accepts federal funding, fees are charged on a sliding-scale based on federal poverty guidelines. Patients receive a bill of income, which is kept confidential.

Family Health Services accepts all insurance carriers, including Medicaid and Medicare, and also serves self-pay uninsured patients. Patients may be asked for a partial payment at the time of treatment.

"We're starting out small, but Fairfield's small is self-pay sized. But it's a growing community. We're here for the growth. We'd like to come in and be a part of the community. If the people of Fairfield want these services, we offer excellent care."

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Frances Laura Priebe

WUNDELL — Frances Laura Priebe passed away on March 2, 2005, at home with her family by her side.

Frances was born on April 29, 1919, in London, Ark., to Fred and Valley Berlekman where she was one of nine children. She lived there until 1938 when she moved to Tracy, Calif., with her husband, Otto Priebe. While in Tracy, Frances raised her family and was active in 4-H, the Lutheran's Women Missionary League, and actively participated in the local school activities where her children attended. After Otto's death, she later moved to Wendell, Idaho, in 1958. Not one to sit around, she began volunteering at the Wendell Senior Center, using her vibrant imagination to create crafts for the senior luncheon group. She also became active in the Christ Lutheran Church and the Gooding Senior Center. Frances had a love for life, a



wonderful sense of humor, and a kind and giving spirit, which she gladly shared with her family, friends, and anyone else who happened across her path. While we joyfully acknowledge that she now resides with her Lord, Frances will truly be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her children, Marvin (Sonya) Priebe,

Karl (Margaret) Priebe, Fred (Joan) Priebe, Elaine (Robert) Olgun and Diana (David) Archibald; grandchildren, Kenneth, Kathleen (Brian), Karen (Steve), Kurt (Louise), Steven (Anna), Suzanne (William) Gregory (Leslie), Thomas, Leah, Matthew, Derek (Kristine), Dana (Christopher) and Daniel; and great-grandchildren, Christopher, Craig, Stephanie, William, Clayton, Ethan and Zachary.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell. Family and friends may call between 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Demary's Wendell Chapel. A service will also be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Tracy, Calif. Frances will be buried next to her husband, Otto, in Tracy, Calif. Flowers may be sent or donations may be given to the Wendell Senior Center, P.O. Box 513, Wendell, ID 83355.

Charles 'Sonny' A. Lee Sr.

TWIN FALLS — Charles "Sonny" A. Lee Sr., age 75, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2005, at Helgrew-Evans Assisted Living. He was born April 14, 1929, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Vern and Florence Lee. Sonny entered the United States Navy and faithfully served his country. He married Dolores Allen who passed away in 2002. He enjoyed hunting,

fishing, camping, out-of-doors, crafts, and panning for gold. Sonny is survived by his children, Charles (Shirley) Lee Jr., Imogene (Bill) Hamilton and Jackie Lee, sisters, Lavern (Arlet) Aslett, Juanita (Bill) Dzienis and Joyce (Duane) Welke; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Dolores, he was preceded in death by a

son, Mickey Lee; sister, Pat Resch; stepmother, Rhoda Lee; and his parents. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Twin Falls Cemetery with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Family will greet friends from 4 until 8 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." For more information, please go to www.whitemortuary.com.

Mae Williams

TWIN FALLS — Mae Williams, 87, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at SunBrite Care Center. Mae was born Feb. 18, 1918, in Gibson County, Utah. She was the seventh of 13 children born to Peter Sonberg and Pansy Davis Sonberg. The family moved to Twin Falls when Mae was 14 after her father was laid away. She married Williams on Sept. 20, 1935. In

Twin Falls, they farmed in Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls. They had two children. Survivors include her daughter, Ora Deahl, and son, Verne Williams, and his wife, Peggy, all of Twin Falls; grandsons, Ross Deahl and Mark Williams of Twin Falls, Larry Deahl of Washington D.C., and Clay Williams of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She

was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; son-in-law, Victor Deahl; one grandson, Steven Williams; eight sisters; and four brothers. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Pastor Robert G. 'Bob' Daniel

TWIN FALLS — Pastor Robert G. "Bob" Daniel, 81, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 4, 2005, at SunBrite Care and Rehabilitation Center. Bob was born July 29, 1913, in Wickes, Ark. He grew up in Arkansas and, at a young age, moved to Idaho, working on his sister's farm at Buhl. It was at Buhl that he met and married Evelyn Hagedorn on Aug. 20, 1939. Bob received his master's degree at San Jose Bible College and, for many years, served as pastor at churches in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He served at the Christian churches in Kimberly and Buhl and, following Evelyn's death, preached at the Larkin Community Church in Carey for several years. Bob died at the age of 88. On March 26, 1986, Bob married Allene West in Twin Falls. Bob also worked for several years at the Twin Falls Clinic



and at Checker Auto. Typical of career pastors, Bob still volunteered his time wherever needed, preaching all over the valley. Bob especially enjoyed photography, traveling, studying the Bible and visiting with his family. Bob is survived by his wife, Allene of Twin Falls; his chil-

dren, Robert Dean Daniel of Reno, Nev.; Janet (George) Plev of Minnesota; Grace (Calvin) Palmer of Twin Falls; Linda (Kenneth) McDrummond, also of Twin Falls; and Pam (Larry) Quigley of Buhl; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving Bob is a nephew, Bobby Loyd Daniel of Arkansas; nieces, Nadine Miller and Arynne Strode, both of Oregon; and numerous friends. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; a son, Floyd Daniel; his parents; two brothers and two sisters. A funeral will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Pastor Jim Tubbs of First Christian Church in Twin Falls will officiate. Friends may call from 3 until 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Chapel.

SERVICES

Richard Andrew Williams Sr. of Siler City, N.C., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Oakwood Cemetery, North Chatham Avenue, Siler City (Smith & Buckner Funeral Home).

Harry Wilson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Joe K. Thomson of Heyburn, graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Ruth A. Bahl of Gooding, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; viewing for family and friends from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the chapel.

Fred Walter Koch of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Buhl Community of Christ, 20264 Highway 30; friends and family may call from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Doris-Evelyn Stark of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls Cemetery; viewing will be held before the service Monday morning at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Pamela Smith of Oakley, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Douglas Paul McAdams of Twin Falls, funeral at 4 p.m. Monday at Rock Creek Community Church, visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Charles E. Harris of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Harriet Phton Meacham of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Winifred Ellen Stambaugh of Boise and formerly of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian.

Bill aims at keeping equipment at FMC

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho legislators are considering a bill that could encourage a nutrient fertilizer producer outside of Pocatello not to strip some idled equipment from the site. The bill, which passed scrutiny of a House Revenue and Taxation subcommittee, would allow county commissioners across the state to give tax exemptions to owners of unused infrastructure at shuttered industrial sites. Backers including Ralph Moon Wheeler, a former Republican lawmaker from American Falls, say the bill could convince those opposing the former FMC Corporation elemental phosphorus plant to leave railroad tracks and a water system in place.

Surplus lessens need for large tuition hikes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A large state budget surplus has lessened fears of large tuition hikes at Utah's state colleges and universities. Most schools are banking on a 3.5 percent boost across the board and additional jumps ranging from 3 percent to 8 percent at individual institutions. That's lower than anticipated because lawmakers were able to give Utah's nine public colleges and universities more than \$57 million in new money. Students won't know precisely

how much more they will pay until the state Board of Regents meets March 18 to approve the 3.5 percent first-tier hike and the schools' varying second-tier increases. For now, the University of Utah is planning an overall 8.5 percent jump. That would raise resident tuition by about \$340 a year — based on the current \$4,000 tab. Paul Brinkman, the university's vice president for budget and planning, said administrators will meet with students Monday about the schools' proposed 4 percent to 6 percent

increase in second-tier tuition. Utah State is looking at a 9.7 percent overall boost — or \$322 more for resident tuition — for the fall, must lower than an earlier proposed 43 percent tuition hike over three years. The current cost is \$3,321 a year for resident tuition and fees.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

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Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Fish sticks
Friday: No school

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Bacon/egg pockets
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Turkey and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Chili Fritos
Friday: Barbecue sandwich

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal. Burley High School offers a hamburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
Monday: Churros
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Bagel and cream cheese
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Yogurt
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Pigs in a blanket or seahurger
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza or cheese square
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Hamburger, cheese-burger or burrito

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Doughnuts
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Breakfast muffin
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Ham and cheese roll-ups
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Cheeseburgers
Friday: Turkey and gravy

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Taco nachos
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Chicken and noodles

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Turkey sandwich
Friday: Idaho haystack

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Egg muffin
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cheeseburgers
Tuesday: Hot turkey

sandwich
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Potato soup
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Taco salad
Thursday: Chicken strips
Friday: Pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza pocket
Tuesday: Deli sub sandwich
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Cheese uncrustible

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza pocket
Tuesday: Deli submarine sandwich
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Cheese uncrustible

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chicken tenders
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Fish sticks
Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Tamale pie
Tuesday: Submarine sandwich
Wednesday: Grilled chicken alfredo
Thursday: Stew
Friday: Spaghetti

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Pepperoni hot pocket
Tuesday: Shaker salad
Wednesday: Country pork patty
Thursday: Beef tacos
Friday: Papa John's pizza

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Granola bar
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Fish sandwich
Thursday: Turkey
Friday: Chili

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Taster tarts or granola bar
Tuesday: Hashbrowns
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Ham and cheese pocket or breakfast cookie
Friday: Breakfast burrito
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Baked or whipped potatoes with hamburger gravy
Tuesday: Chicken wrap
Wednesday: Spaghetti or Italian dunkers

Thursday: Popcorn chicken or chicken nuggets
Friday: Turkey noodle soup and ham sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Deli sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza pockets
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Chicken nuggets

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast hot pocket
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken fried steak
Tuesday: Italian sandwich
Wednesday: Pepperoni hot pocket
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Turkey
Wednesday: Italian dunkers
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Rainbow treasures

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast hot pocket

Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Deli sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
Wednesday: French bread pizza
Thursday: Chili and crackers
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day. Taco Please see LUNCHES, Page B5

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MINDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Mindoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Christen Edger, 24, violation of protection order/domestic violence, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Christina Kalanopoulos Marada, 35, violation of court order, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Scott H. Mori, 22, inattentive/lewdness, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Samuel T. Zerkle, 18, one count purchase of alcohol/possession, alcoholic beverage by minor, pleaded guilty \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs, four months probation, one count pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, five days in jail (suspended), Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Andra D. Barren, 20, driving without privileges, attempted to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$65.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Sean M. Brunner, 22, disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Daniel Brian Edwards, 27, one count driving without privileges, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 28 days suspended, two days credited time, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.

Court records

Stephanie V. Fowler, 21, failure to provide proof of insurance, found guilty, \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
Janie Garcia, 35, check fraud/retail account, amended to insufficient funds/check fraud, transferred in from Cassia County, Cassia Case 23 0403, pleaded guilty, \$46.50 fine, \$58.50 court costs, restitution: \$44.84, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail (suspended); Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Adrian Tapia Gutierrez, 27, one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Felony dismissals

Shane Alan Tucker, 31, burglary, dismissed, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Felony sentencing

Indeterminate sentence: 20, possession of controlled substance, sentenced to 180 days, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 78 days suspended, two days credited time; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Adam James Smith, 26, one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, dismissed, one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail (suspended); Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Ernesto D. Vega, 18, one count driving without privileges, dismissed, one count reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$136.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 25 days suspended, four days credited time, two days M/V work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.

Driving under the influence sentencing

Michael Grant Barron, 26, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$103.50 court costs, indeterminate time: three years six months, retained jurisdiction, preliminary suspended; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Davona Larue Kniss, 49, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail with 58 days suspended, two days M/V work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Juan Anthony Rebolledo, 25, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, driver's license suspended 18 months, 12 months probation, two days credited time; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Withheld Judgments

Joseph Robert Nelson, 53, driving under the influence, disposition withheld; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.
Lyndal Nowinski, 32, one count burglary, disposition withheld; one count burglary, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.
Spencer D. Orinshaw, 18, represented to statutory rape, disposition withheld; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Juvenile sentencing

Felicia Ochoa, 16, failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Vincente Martinez, 15, failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Commercial truck driving sentencing

Jose J. Vega, 45, violation of size of vehicle and load restrictions, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

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Courts

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provision: one count fail to provide proof of insurance, pleaded guilty \$100 fine, \$75 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Derrick Maurice Barnes, 28, 2026 Elizabeth, No. 34, Twin Falls: possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, unconditional, 180 days in jail with 74 suspended, credit for 106 days served, 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Justin Devin Hanston, 18, 3966 6th St. E., Twin Falls: observing an officer, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail with nine suspended, credit for one day served, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Nancy J. Bock.

Lance Daniel Barnes, 22, 990 Locust St. N., Twin Falls: possession of a mutilated, suspended, revoked driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Sara J. Hopkins, 22, 500 Normal Ave., Burley, petit theft, amended to with concealment, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee, 50 days in jail with 56 suspended, credit for 34 days served, 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Luis Ivan Navarro, 21, 600 Elmore, No. 25, Jerome: driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee, 100 days in jail with 90 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 180 days, 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Koy Lee Hayes, 59, P.O. Box 852, Kimberly: one count fail to provide proof of insurance, second offense, \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs, six months probation; one count driving without privileges, amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, six months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Christopher Charles Chouinard, 40, no street address available, Twin Falls: driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$78.50 court costs, unconditional, 180 days in jail with 120 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 180 days, 24 months probation; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Marilyn Kathleen Edge, 18, 548 Wincing Ave., Twin Falls: one count possession of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days in jail with 82 suspended, credit for four days served, 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee, submit to alcohol/drug testing to obtain alcohol/substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; one count possession of marijuana, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Thomas Edward Anderson, 28, 1431 Elizabeth, Twin Falls: domestic battery, amended to disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days in jail with 82 suspended, credit for four days served, 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee, submit to alcohol/drug testing to obtain alcohol/substance abuse evaluation and complete domestic violence counseling; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Gregory Dean Hanson, 39, 4111 VVA Circle, Twin Falls: possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine with \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee, 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for two days served, 12 months probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing, obtain alcohol/substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Shari Rene Johnson, 43, 412 11th Ave. N.E., Twin Falls: witness protection, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stock.



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Magic Valley In brief

The deadline to apply is March 15.

Animal shelter group meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Animal Shelter Advisory Commission will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 321 Second Ave. E. The agenda includes approval of minutes from February, a report from the shelter director on the shelter tracking system, discussion on adoption outreach programs and volunteer efforts, a citizen survey and new business.

Filer gets \$5,000 awards for 'teach' awards

FILER — Best Buy recently awarded \$5,000 in teach awards to Filer High School — \$2,500 for the digital photography and social studies programs. Teachers Karen Fothergill and Kristy Forster each applied for the Best Buy

teach award after learning about it through Filer High School Principal Len Madsen. The funds received will be used to support programs in digital photography classes by allowing students to purchase eight new digital cameras and in social studies classes by allowing the school to purchase two new LCD projectors. These upgrades in educational technology will allow students to expand their learning.

Teach awards recognize and reward schools that make learning fun by integrating interactive technology into the K-12 curriculum. Best Buy said in a press release. The awards are available to elementary, middle and secondary schools located within 25 miles of a U.S.-based Best Buy store.

English teachers may apply for Institute

CALDWELL — Idaho elementary and secondary teachers of English, history and other disciplines are invited to apply to the Idaho Humanities

Council's 2005 summer institute. "Nothing But the Truth: Survival and Celebration in the Native American Literature," scheduled for July 17 to 23 at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell.

"Nothing But the Truth" will explore works that scholars consider "new classics" of contemporary Native American literature. Participants will study five major writers as representatives of the emergence of contemporary native writing. Texts will include N. Scott Momaday's "The Way to Rainy Mountain," Leslie Marmon Silko's "Storyteller," Louise Erdrich's "Tracks," James Welch's "Fools Crow," and Sherman Alexie's "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven."

Successful applicants will receive room and board, texts and a modest stipend to apply toward travel costs or college credit. Teachers interested in more information should contact the Idaho Humanities Council at (888) 345-5346. Application deadline is March 15. — compiled from staff reports

Geologist did not need permit for role with Naylor Farms

MOSCOW (AP) — State officials who charged a geologist with performing consulting work without having the proper credentials have now backedtrack, saying he doesn't need them.

The state sued the geologist as a consultant for Naylor Farms, which received the single largest water right in Latah and Whitman counties. He was

warned in January he's not licensed to provide services in Idaho by the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists.

But the board now says Nisbet did not break or violate any laws or regulations for working in the state without a license.

Nisbet testified several times about a geological formation on the Ralph Naylor Farms proper-

ty five miles north of Moscow when the money raised was given to help build the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

The event was held at the Fine Arts Auditorium where the stullens were led across the stage, he said.

"It was all glitzy," Patty Brown said.

"I'm sure you wouldn't be able to do that now," Taylor Brown added.

Broner has been pleased with the support shown for the event over the past four years. She's sure it has something to do with participants' knowledge of the

benefits of 4-H. "It teaches (4-Hers) to be responsible," Nisbet said. "Also there is some competition involved."

Getting together for trail rides and other club events is a fun detour to keeping children out of trouble, Broner said.

"I watch the kids grow as they are involved with the horses," she said. "That's why I do it."

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Stud

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to drugs."

Tad Brown, who owns South Hills Ranch near Kimberley with his wife Patty, agreed that Saturday's event was a good cause. But he also noted it was a business.

"It helps the community in different ways and it is a good way of advertising," he said.

Those who donate services are not allowed to set up tables with information about their stallions.

Those who attend the sale can walk through the barn and have a close look at the horses.

"This is his first trip to town," Dick Stables near Burley, said about his stallion. "It gives people an opportunity to see him."

Hooker's wife, Boo, has been a 4-H leader for 20 years and participated in 4-H clubs as a child.

"It's a good program," she said.

The couple said that donating a stallion service is a good way to give something back to 4-H.

Like the Hookers, the Browns have been involved in 4-H and horse shows for many years.

Taylor recalled a similar stallion service sale back in the 1970s

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in pursuit of several hundred dollars' worth of nickels, which were rolling downhill toward a nearby pond. He stepped on either the nickels or the ice, drew out his back and ended in traction.

"That turned out to be the only search of the bank's vaults as far as I know that I never got to inspect. The bank was bought out by a larger regional bank shortly thereafter, and the new owners wouldn't let me inventory the coins."

He was sure that among the coins he lost that April day was one of the rarest Buffalo Nickels, the 1937 "three-legged nickel" coin, struck with a faulty die at the Denver Mint.

He removed the buffalo's front leg. It was worth a lot of money, even in the early 1960s.

Years later, he had a coin collector in Soda Springs actually discovered a three-legged Buffalo Nickel using a metal detector.

"I found it, I understand, in the park."

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Pay

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\$42,516 annually and two part-time commissioners who were paid \$14,208 each.

After the 2000 election, the commissioners changed the structure so that all three were part time with a base salary of \$12,435 per month for 16 hours work per week. However, each commissioner began keeping track of his hours and was paid additional money for each hour over 15.

The structure was changed again in 2004 so that two commissioners were to work up to 15 hours per week at \$1,256 per month while the chairman worked 30 hours a week at \$2,500 per month.

Under previous formulas, Lieman said commissioners were paid between \$20 and \$22 for each additional hour worked.

Each current commissioner maintains other forms of compensation. Lieman works part-time in a financial planning office, while Howell is a self-employed electrician and Davidson is a farmer.

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TRIVIA QUESTION:

How old was Tiger Woods when he made his first hole in one?
...answer below

IN BRIEF Register for Babe Ruth Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding registration for players ages 13-19 on Tuesday, March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harmon Park Recreation Building.
A \$65 playing fee, which includes hat, a release form signed by a parent, and a copy of the player's birth certificate for-fee-5856 view to the league are required at registration.
League play begins in May and runs through June. For more information, contact Linda Brittain at 734-2633 or Bret Jussel at 734-6384.

T.F. Park & Rec offers soccer

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks & Recreation department is currently taking registration through March 11 for spring soccer.
The league is for boys and girls in kindergarten through seventh grade. Teams usually play twice a week for five weeks, beginning the week of April 11. Game times are 5:45 and 7 p.m. Volunteer coaches are needed.
Fees are \$12-\$20, depending on whether or not a player needs a jersey. AS10 late fee will be assessed for registration after March 11. For more information, call 736-2265.

Parks & Rec softball meeting is Monday

TWIN FALLS — The first meeting for the Twin Falls men's softball league will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 7 at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office. For information or questions, contact Chris Lewis at 825-9257.

St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk offered

HAGERMAN — Register now for Madal George St. Patrick's Day Run/Walk which will be held Saturday, March 12 at Madal George State Park. All races begin at 10 a.m. This event is the premier fun run/walk of the spring. The fee is \$20 through March 8 and \$25 after. Entrants have a choice of a 3.5 mile walk, 3.5 mile run or a 5.5 mile run.
Participants can pick up registration blanks in Twin Falls at the YMCA, Gold's Gym, and Donnelly Sports as well as Racketeers, and Donnelly Sports in Burley, Bandana Running Shop in Boise and at other locations throughout southern Idaho.
For more information, call the two service offices at 837-9131, or Bill Hart, race chairman, at 543-4451.

Compiled from staff reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
Six.

Eagles prepare for postseason

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now is a great time for tunecups. It's time to take the car to the shop to get it ready for that spring excursion whenever it may be. It's time for students to begin preparing for final exams with midterms.
For the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, its tunecup came Saturday night with a 75-54 victory over Snow College at CSI Gymnasium.
With the Region 10 Tournament right around the corner, the top-ranked Golden Eagles (20-1 overall, 17-4 Scenic West Athletic Conference) used the game to fine-tune its defense. CSI held Snow (11-16, 6-12) to

just 28 percent shooting for the game. 17 percent in the first half.
'It was (good defense), especially in the first half,' CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. 'That's a team that's real physical.'
'At no point did I think we were in real trouble. I thought we had a lot of breakdowns with individual defense but the team defense kind of helped us out.'
Denisa Svarova led the Eagles for the second straight night, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Delicia Jernigan and Joanna Hixon each chipped in with nine points while

CSI Hall of Fame Inductees

- CSI rodeo coach Shawn Davis
• Former CSI cowboy Cody Hancock
• Former CSI men's basketball player Kim Goetz
• Former CSI volleyball player Becky Oliver

Nakeya Isabell notched five points, eight rebounds and seven assists.
Kristina Peterson scored 16 points to lead the Badgers. Rana McMurtrey added 13 points and Corissa Kesterson 11.

CSI Men 91, Snow College 77

TWIN FALLS — No. 6 CSI (28-2, 16-2) jumped out to a 20-11 lead before coasting to a 91-77 win over Snow (21-6, 13-5).
The Eagles led 46-37 at half-time. Snow trimmed the lead to 46-39 after a Kasey Winters basket to open the second half, but CSI's Bruno Claudio hit a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession to open up a double-figure edge the Eagles wouldn't relinquish.
The win came one night after CSI beat Snow to clinch the SWAC championship.
'A lot of people were asking us, 'How're you going to play in a game that doesn't mean any-

thing.' CSI head coach Gab Amis said. 'I don't think the guys ever thought that this one didn't count. They played hard the entire time.'
Jamaal Brown led CSI with 16 points and 13 assists. Matt Davis scored 14 points and dished out nine assists. Biggie Larry chipped in with 13 points and eight rebounds.
Winters scored 19 points to lead the Badgers.
CSI's Dan Hazut injured an ankle after scoring the first basket of the game. He left the game and did not return.
The extent of the injury is unknown as of Saturday night.
Saturday's box scores will be published Monday.

Bruins: Third place is OK

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

CALDWELL — It might not be the one the Twin Falls Bruins had hoped for, but the 2005 Class 5A State Basketball Tournament third place trophy will still look nice in the cases outside Raun Gymnasium.
'Third is OK,' Bruins senior point guard Tanner Hazelbaker said. 'We'll take it. We came out and played hard today. Yesterday, if we played like this, we probably would have won. Right now, I feel pretty good about it. Taking two third-place trophies in two years isn't bad.'
A whirlwind season came to an end Saturday morning for the 25-1 Twin Falls Bruins, who played creature basketball on their way to a 75-65 victory over a talented Eagle Mustangs squad. Holding a narrow 67-65 lead with 1:34 left in the game, junior guard Brandon Stokes sank one of two free throw attempts to give the Bruins a three-point lead. Eagle's Trevor Wright fired off an errant 3-point attempt on the ensuing possession that Twin Falls' senior point guard Todd Cook collected before being fouled by Ryan Douglas. Cook sank both free throw attempts to give the Bruins a 70-65 lead with 52.3 seconds left in the game.

The Bruins would go on to make 8-of-12 attempts at the charity stripe in the game's final 1:08 to seal the victory. Hazelbaker led the Bruins with a game-high 19 points, while Mike Smith and Brandon Stokes both added 15. Mitch Smith dropped in 11 points before leaving the game midway through the second quarter with an ankle injury.
Third place isn't what they wanted, though the Bruins were happy to hold a trophy and end their season being congratulated by fans on the Vallue High School court, rather than hanging their heads in the locker room.
'We just expect to win every time we step on the court,' Hazelbaker said.
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Twin Falls guard Tanner Hazelbaker gets by Eagle defender Dakota Mason during the third quarter of their Class 5A state tournament third-place game at Vallue High School in Caldwell Saturday.

Declo boys take fourth at 3A state

By John Derr Times-News writer

MERIDIAN — Second ball struggles for the six-on-six tournament game sent the Hornets home without a trophy as they fell to the Marsh Valley Eagles 53-49 in the third place game at the 3A state boys' basketball tournament Saturday morning at Meridian High School.
Marsh Valley seized control with a 17-3 edge in the third quarter, including a 10 run to open the half.
'That third quarter just drilled us,' said Declo coach Dennis Sawyer. 'We always talk about how important it is to come out that first four minutes.'

The Hornets finished the game hitting just 29 percent of their shots including 6 of 22 at the second half, a consequence from a late night loss in the semifinals to Snake River, the Hornets got going quickly, Jordan Anderson and Trent Jones each converted in after late in the quick, 4-0 lead. Jones finished with 10 points, the only Hornet in double figures. Anderson, who added nine points, chipped in another jumper as Declo led 10-6 after one.
The Hornets attacked the boards, getting second and third opportunities to score. Chase Matson and Spencer Stoker both converted put backs as the lead grew to six. Jones knocked down his third jumper of the game putting...

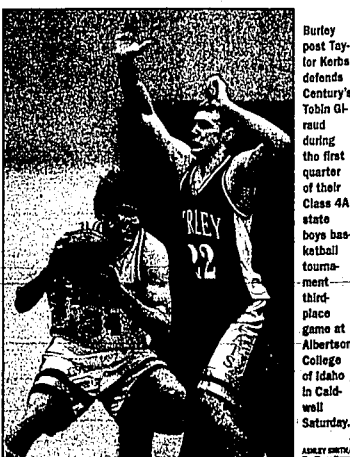
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Class 3A State Tournament
Saturday's results
Consolation
Kellogg 52, Fruitland 49
Third
Marsh Valley 55, Declo 49
Championship
Snake River 37, Shelley 35

Century controls Bobcats

By Mark Jones For the Times-News

CALDWELL — The Century Diamondbacks knocked off Burley in the third-place game of the 4A Boys' High Dairy Shootout Saturday afternoon at Alberson College in Caldwell, 61-51.
The Diamondbacks, who led from wire to wire, defeated Burley for the third time this season.
Century opened the game with a 10-2 run and appeared to be on the verge of blowing out the Bobcats. However, Burley countered with a 10-5 run to close the period to pull to within three at 15-12.
Century's Benham and Brian Fletcher each scored five points in the period for the Bobcats.
In the second stanza, the Bobcats edged Century, 9-8, to inch closer to the Diamondbacks.
However, Century used a 22-14 advantage in the third period to seal the game.
That is two southern Idaho rivals played to a 19-19 tie in the final period.
Jacques Wilson led Century with a game-high 24 points, while Alex Head finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for



Burley post Taylor Kerbs defends Century's Tobin Gilraud during the first quarter of their Class 4A state boys basketball tournament third-place game at Alberson College of Idaho in Caldwell Saturday.

Wendell runs away with 2A third place

By Dustin Lappay Times-News correspondent

BOISE — They didn't win the state 2A title, but the six Trojan seniors and their teammates did win their last game of the season and brought home a third-place trophy to Wendell High.
There are only three teams that end with a win and were one of them, Wendell head coach Allen Kelsey said. 'It's disappointing to lose a game like that (referring to Friday's overtime loss to champion Malad), but I feel good about it. I'm proud of the boys.'
The Trojans got 21 points from junior Zac Davis and held New Plymouth to 10 first-half points in the 53-37 win over the Pilgrims Saturday morning at Capital High in Boise.
Davis picked up his third foul with 1:46 remaining in the first quarter and had to play careful the remainder of the game. He never did up his fourth.
Davis led the Trojans with six assists and drained a pair of 3-pointers on back-to-back plays to counter a Pilgrim rally in the third.

Class 2A State Tournament
Saturday's results
Consolation
West Jefferson 67, Kamiah 46
Third
Wendell 53, New Plymouth 37
Championship
Malad 69, Soda Springs 55

The Pilgrims shot a dismal 13.6 percent from the floor (3-of-22) in the first half and scored only 10 points. New Plymouth went on a scoreless streak for more than seven minutes through the first and second quarters and only made one bucket in the second quarter, a putback by Pilgrim post Jordan Frates.
The 6-foot-6 Frates tallied a double-double for New Plymouth with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Frates also blocked five shots.
'That's a big man down there,' Wendell junior post T.J. King said. 'He swatted me.'
King led the Trojans inside with 10 boards and added nine points.
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Raft River boys go to Lapwai

Class 1A State Tournament

Saturday's results
Consolation
Lapwai 51, Raft River 46
Fourth
Boise 53, Notus 51
Third
Coeur d'Alene 57
Championship
Boise 71, Mackay 48

That lead quickly evaporated as three Trojan rimmers led to six wild attempts.

Ernest finally got Raft River's first points of the period nearly four minutes in. It would be three more minutes before Mason grabbed the steal and made the layup to pull the Trojans within three.

Tried to foul late, the Trojans had a chance as with Lupo missing the second free throw, but on that straight possession the Wildcats got the offensive rebound. It turned into six points.

That foul off-shut the door on Raft River's comeback. The Wildcats added game-highs with 10 points and 10 rebounds in the final game as a Trojan, Lupo finished with 15 points.

They had a great season and they are great kids and they come a long way. The team has a never say die attitude and they kept playing hard to the end," Greenwald said.

Lapwai 51, Raft River 46

Class 5A State Tournament

Saturday's results
Consolation
Coeur d'Alene 60, Lewiston 47
Third
Twin Falls 75, Eagle 65
Championship
Boise 61, Highland 53

gies like this, but since the referees they leave. The ninth and eighth grade kids are in the gym and really excited about the program. (The seniors) really put their backs on the map. I think we're starting to get some respect from the Boise valley."

True, another banner would be nice, but stoking a winning tradition that could bring the Bruins back to the tournament nine and again is the legacy the 2001-05 Bruins hope to leave behind. A legacy that could result in more than one banner in their years to come.

Twin Falls 75, Eagle 65

Hornets

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Class 4A State Tournament

Saturday's scores
Consolation
Post Falls 61, Bonnevile 48
Third
Century 61, Burley 51
Championship
Shwylow 79, Bishop Kelly 65

with a 14-11 record.

Century 61, Burley 51

Bucks make it 14 straight against Bulls

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Desmond Mason scored 20 points, Maurice Williams and Michael Redd added 16 points each and the Bucks defeated the Chicago Bulls in Milwaukee for the 14th consecutive time.

The Bulls' losing streak at the Bradley Center dates to March 29, 1998, the year Michael Jordan led the team to the last of its six NBA championships.

Joe Smith added 11 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for the Bucks, whose last 16 points came from the free-throw line. Milwaukee hit 17 of 21 free throws in the fourth quarter.

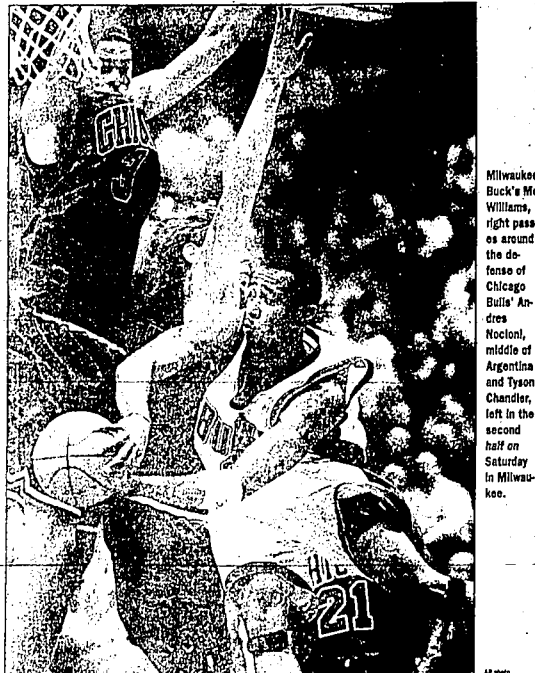
Wizards 86, Bobcats 84
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Pridill tipped in a layup to miss with 31 seconds to play to give the Washington Wizards an 86-84 victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Saturday night.

The Wizards missed a late free-throw shot as the Wizards' final possession. Jason Kapono's shot was blocked by Ben Gordon. The Wizards called timeout and ran down the clock before getting the ball to Deon in the left corner. His shot bounced off the rim and was under the basket and tipped in.

Magic 105, Nets 81
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Steve Francis scored 26 points and rookie backcourt mate Jameer Nelson added a career-high 22 as the Orlando Magic took an early lead and blew out the Nets.

Kelvin Carter added 16 points for the Magic, who had four players in double figures. Nelson, further entrenched in the Orlando starting lineup, and Donyell Marshall was placed on the injured list. Shaq O'Neal had three assists.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 20 points. The Bulls' third game's lead by 10 points.



Milwaukee Bucks' Michael Williams, right, passes around the defense of Chicago Bulls' Andre Nocioni, middle and Argentina and Tyson Chandler, left in the second half on Saturday in Milwaukee.

76ers 98, Hawks 97
ATLANTA — Matt Barnes had a pair of free throws with 17 seconds remaining and Allen Iverson sealed Atlanta's escape a fourth place as Philadelphia defeated the Hawks' home team, 98-97.

Iverson, who hit all 13 of his free throws in a game, scored 23 points but was just 4 for 19 at the free-throw line in the second half.

Suns 129, Trail Blazers 116
PHOENIX — Shawn Marion had 24 points and nine rebounds, and the Phoenix Suns outlasted the Portland Trail Blazers for the third time this season.

Coach Alvin Williams rested starter Antonio Daniels. Antonio Stoudamire and Steve Nash for the entire fourth quarter after Daniels went ahead 102-78 after three.

Stoudamire contributed 20 points, but Nash was his string of 12. Nash, who finished with eight, was trying to become the first player with 11 or more assists in 13 consecutive games since John Stockton in 1990-91. Damon Stoudamire had 30 points and Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 25 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers.

No. 5 Boston College wins Big East title

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Boston College made its final season in the Big East Conference a championship one.

The Eagles (24-3, 13-3) clinched the conference regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in next week's Big East tournament by beating Rutgers 70-60 on Saturday night behind a 21-point, 11 rebound performance by guard guard Mike St. John.

Boston College finished tied with Connecticut for the best record, but it won the tiebreaker, or having beaten the Huskies 75-70 in January.

This will mark the fifth time the Eagles have entered the conference tournament with a top seed. It has won two tournaments, the last in 2001.

UTEP 78, Boise St. 64
EL PASO, Texas — Omar Domond had 22 points and 12 rebounds as UTEP ended the regular season with a 78-64 win over Boise State Saturday.

Mason Williams scored 15 points and Alberto Rivera added 13 for UTEP. UTEP 78-64.

Western Athletic Conference, which will be the second seed in the WAC tournament that begins Tuesday.

The win set a school record for conference victories in a season by UTEP, which has been in the WAC for 26 years.

The ranked Boise State (13-17, 6-12) with 17 points, freshman Blackburn added 16 points on 7-for-11 shooting.

The loss drops the Broncos to the eighth seed in next week's tournament.

and another outright conference title for the Arizona Wildcats after an afternoon of high drama against their often-overlooked in-state rivals.

Salm Stoudamire's apparent shuffle of the feet went undetected and his double-pump 14-foot jumper went in with six seconds of a second to play to give the 11th-ranked Wildcats a 70-68 victory over Arizona State.

The Wildcats (25-5, 15-3) won their 11th conference title and ninth outright because No. 10 Washington lost at Stanford earlier in the day, and Arizona's 20th victory in its first 21 meetings with Arizona State was a thriller.

CSU (18-5, 5-3) SWAC hosts Fresno Valley Community College Tuesday and then

hus off seven hits in only three innings against Salt Lake starter Eric King.

"The first three innings we hit as well as we have all season," Walker said.

A poor start to Game 2 sank CSU. A double play by Salt Lake with the bases loaded erased the Eagles' threat. SLCC then jumped out on a 3-0 lead, chasing starter Carson Bryant after one out, and then crushed to an R victory.

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Wendell

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points and two steals. Wendell out-rebounded New Plymouth 53-32, despite Frates' height advantage.

Matt Myers added six points and six boards and Michael Chandler also had six points, all from the free-throw line. Nine Trojans scored altogether.

Wendell shot 23-of-33 from the stripe since New Plymouth was called for 25 personal fouls. The Pilgrims shot 7-of-17 from the line.

Declo

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Declo hit 21-42. Alex Buck took down a pair of putbacks and the Hornets led by eight at the half.

But it was all Eagles after the break. Marsh's jumper pushed the action with a full-court press and forced five turnovers to ignite a 15-0 run, taking the lead.

The Hornets missed 10 shots before Buck hit a free throw with a minute left in the quarter. Anderson followed with a bucket off an inbounds play, but Declo trailed 36-30 heading into the final period.

Declo continued to struggle from the field, Jones converted on the drive at the 1:41 mark making the score, 51-45, but Declo would get no closer.

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Slovakia beats Spain in Davis Cup opener

Defending champion Spain was eliminated from the Davis Cup on Saturday when Slovakia defeated Spain 3-0 following a doubles victory.

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SPORTS



Detroit Pistons' Tayshaun Prince (22) can't stop Phoenix Suns' Amare Stoudemire from scoring during the fourth quarter Thursday, in Phoenix. The Suns won 100-87.

Easygoing coach brings Italian flavor, fun to NBA

By Bob Baum Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Mike D'Antoni is an easygoing mix of small-town West Virginia and cosmopolitan Milan, and he's brought a taste of Italy to spice up the bland NBA game.

His audacious philosophy as coach of the Phoenix Suns' Let the players play — and the faster the better. "It's the players' game," he said. "To me, a coach has a big role in it, and we can mess it up. I don't want to mess these guys up. I want to put them in the best light I can to perform at the highest level. They're the ones who are going to get us over the top."

Phoenix and its frenetic style have lit up the NBA this season, routinely ringing up triple-digit scores and keeping pace with San Antonio for the league's best record, an astonishing turnaround from last season's 29-53 team. The Suns lured Steve Nash away from Dallas, and his talents mesh perfectly with D'Antoni's vision of how the game should be played. "He finds that great balance between letting guys play their game and be confident," Nash said, "and at the same time being accountable. I think he's a terrific coach."

D'Antoni, 53, grew up in Mullens, W.Va. the son of a longtime, highly successful basketball coach in a town that was crazy for the sport. He went on to Marshall University, then played two-plus seasons for the Kansas City Kings and another year with the ABA's Spirits of St. Louis.

He was released after two games with "San Antonio" in 1977. "That's when I went to Europe and spent the next 20 years," he said.

D'Antoni's two decades in Italy, as a player and then a coach, shaped his view of basketball and the world. He learned the language, and he met his wife Laura, an American fashion model.

As an intense point guard with an Italian-sounding name, he became a fan favorite for his hustling defense and playmaking ability. "They talk about the heart and passion for the game," D'Antoni said. "That's their big thing. Their fans are like that and their society is like that a little bit. It's just kind of fit what I was doing."

He played 13 seasons for Milan, leading the team to five Italian League titles, two Cups of Europe, two Cups of Italy, one Korac Cup and one Intercontinental Cup.

"They were the powerhouse," said Suns' assistant Marc Iannone, who played against and briefly with D'Antoni in Italy. "He was big, because they gave him dual citizenship and tried to get him on their national team. He was the head of the snake, like Steve is the head of the snake here."

Along the way, D'Antoni fell in love with Italy. "I like their rhythm of life, and their passion for life," he said, "and also what they deem important and not important. I think they have it right."

The camaraderie among players was incredible, he said. "After every game we went to a restaurant as a team — friends, family, everybody. D'Antoni said, 'There were about 30 or 40 of us every night, and we'd sit there and we would eat for five or six hours. You drink wine, talk, laugh and get to know everybody. That was the best experience. You develop bonds that are just incredible as you're winning and playing."

When his playing career ended, D'Antoni turned to coaching, directing Benetton Treviso to the Cup of Europe and Cup of Italy in 1995 and the league title in 1996-97.

As much as he enjoyed Italy, the lure of the NBA was too much. Friend Alamo Bristow made him director of player personnel, then assistant coach in Denver. D'Antoni was promoted to head coach, but after going 14-36 in the lockout-shortened 1999 season, he was fired and general manager Dan Issel named himself coach.

D'Antoni went on to scout for San Antonio, then spent a season as an assistant to Mike Dunleavy in Portland. With his NBA situation uncertain, D'Antoni went back to Italy and coached Benetton to another Italian League title.

When Suns general manager Bryan Colangelo was looking for experienced assistants to work under Frank Johnson, D'Antoni was one of the picks. Again, he couldn't resist the NBA, particularly with an organization with a good reputation, and in a city that appealed to him.

The Suns made the playoffs in D'Antoni's first year as an assistant, but they faltered badly last season, and Johnson was fired. The job went to D'Antoni, who he convinced it but worried.

"It was more 'here we go again,'" he joked, "because I wanted to be here a long time, and once you get the head spot, you don't go away dramatically that you're not going to be here a long time."

Then came the big trade that sent Stephen Marbury and Steve Nash to the New York Knicks, clearing huge cap room but dooming the Suns to a miserable season. D'Antoni supported the move as necessary in the long term, and he gave his players the go-ahead extension at the end of the season.

The blockbuster deal cleared the way for signing Nash and Quentin Richardson, and D'Antoni had the players to go with the style he favored. The results have been beyond the coach's expectations. "The first month we'd go in at halftime," he said, "and we were thinking, 'What are we going to tell the team?' I mean, we were playing so well it's almost like Man, I don't want to talk to them because I don't want to mess anything up."

Around the NBA, the Suns became the symbol of a refreshing renascence of fast-paced play. America West Arena is rocking again. The fans love the style, and so do the players.

"It's nuts," D'Antoni said, "to say you have to walk it up and play ugly to win."

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Matt Haryasz had a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds, and an inspired Stanford team shocked No. 10 Washington 77-67 on Saturday, dashing the Huskies' hopes of at least a share of their first Pac-10 title in two decades.

Washington had to wait to see if Arizona State could upset first-place Arizona and throw the conference championship into a tie. The Huskies (24-5, 14-4 Pac-10) haven't won a league title since tying with Southern California in 1985.

Brandon Roy had 16 points and eight rebounds, but the cat-shooting Huskies never found any rhythm only two days after making a school-record 19-pointers in a 106-77 victory at California. Washington has lost 12 straight games at Maples Pavilion, where a sellout crowd of 7,233 made their high 18 points for the Huskies all day. Hundreds of students dressed in red ran onto the floor to celebrate when the final buzzer sounded.

The Huskies had won four straight and eight of nine, and their frustration was evident when Roy hammered Fred Washington under the basket with 26.5 seconds left for an inopportune foul.

Stanford (17-11, 11-7), the win was huge on the heels of an embarrassing 59-48 loss to Washington State on Thursday. The Cardinal, who have reached the tournament's second round each of the past 10 seasons, did a lot to boost their NCAA tournament chances with the victory.

Jason Haas scored a career-high 18 points, and Chris Hernandez and Robinson each added 12 to the Cardinal, who kept the Huskies from reaching their most victories since the 1979-80 season in total, 28-3, and went on to the program's only Final Four.

Washington hasn't won at Maples since a 69-67 victory Jan. 30, 1993, and hasn't swept its annual Big Ten trip since the '84-85 season.

No. 9 Louisville 66, DePaul 62. ROSEMONT, Ill. — Larry O'Bannon scored 24 points, including 10 in the final six minutes Saturday, and No. 9 Louisville clinched the conference title by beating DePaul 66-62.

The Cardinals (26-4, 14-2), who already clinched the top seed in the conference tournament, will play the 15th seed in 16 games and finished 9-0 on the road.

O'Bannon had 18 of his points in the second half. He finished the game 6-for-7 from the field, while hitting all five of his 3-point attempts.

Sammy Mejia led DePaul (19-9, 10-6) with 21 points and Drake Diener pitched in 15 for the Blue Devils, who are hoping for a bid to the NCAA tournament despite four losses in their final six games.

No. 19 Villanova 70, St. John's 68. NEW YORK — Allan Ray scored 22 points and Villanova



Stanford forward Matt Haryasz celebrates after Stanford upset Washington 77-67, Saturday, in Stanford, Calif. Haryasz was the game high scorer with 24 points.

No. 15 Connecticut 88, No. 13 Syracuse 70. STORRS, Conn. — Denham Brown scored 21 points and No. 15 Connecticut beat No. 13 Syracuse 88-70 on Saturday to earn at least a share of the Big East regular season championship, the Huskies' record ninth conference title.

Connecticut (21-6, 13-3) would win the title outright if Boston College lost at Rutgers on Saturday night. If the Eagles win, they would be the No. 1 seed in next week's Big East tournament.

The Huskies used some impressive second-half defense to beat the Orange (19-6, 11-5) and win for the ninth time in 10 games. The only loss in that stretch was a nonconference game against North Carolina.

It is the third time in four seasons Connecticut has won at least a share of the title and it broke the tie with Syracuse for most in conference history.

The Huskies pulled away from a 37-37 halftime tie with a 7-2 run. A 9-2 run capped by a layup by Josh Boone gave Connecticut a 53-43 lead with 14:45 to play.

No. 16 Utah 72, San Diego St. 60. SALT LAKE CITY — Andrew Bogut recorded his 20th double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds in what was likely his final college home game. Although he's just a sophomore, Utah honored the 7-foot Australian before the season first, a tradition usually reserved for seniors.

Bogut opened the game for the Utes (25-4, 13-1 Mountain West) with a two-handed dunk and all but ended it late in the second half with a 3-pointer to help Utah complete a perfect 16-0 season at home.

Ute fans chanted "One more year" and gave Bogut a standing ovation when he left the game with 1:56 remaining.

Brandon Heath led San Diego State (10-17, 4-9) with 23 points.

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jumped out to a big lead early in the second half before holding off St. John's.

Will Sheridan added 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-6, 11-5 Big East), who have won seven straight and appear headed for their first NCAA tournament berth since 1999. Villanova is assured a first-round bye in the Big East tournament, which starts Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

Darryl Hill scored 31 points and Lamont Hamilton had 20 for St. John's (9-18, 3-13), which ended its season with its fourth straight loss.

No. 21 Alabama 68, Mississippi St. 63. STARKEVILLE, Miss. — Kennedy Winston had 21 points as Alabama clinched the SEC West title.

Ronald Steele gave Alabama the lead for good when his 3-pointer with 2:20 left began a 9-0 run. It helped wrap up the Crimson's first 162 seconds run since 2002 and an opening-round bye in next week's SEC tournament.

Steele and Juan Felix each had 13 points, and Ernest Stewart added 11 for Alabama (23-6, 12-4). Lawrence Roberts had 13 of his 15 points in the second half and finished with 11 rebounds for Mississippi State (21-9, 9-7).

No. 22 Cincinnati 62, Memphis 60. MEMPHIS, Tenn. — James White hit an 8-foot baseline jumper with 1:62 seconds remaining to give No. 22 Cincinnati a 62-60 victory over Memphis on Saturday.

White scored after Armetin Kljancic missed a 3-pointer, giving the Bearcat (24-12, 12-7 conference USA) their sixth straight victory.

Memphis called timeout with 5:2 seconds left, but Rodney Brown hit the ball on the inbounds play, sending the Tigers (16-14, 9-7) to their fourth straight loss.

No. 23 Wisconsin 64, Purdue 52. MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin

spoiled the last regular-season stop on Gene Keady's frustrating farewell season, ensuring the first 20-loss season for Purdue in the Boilermakers' 107-year history.

Mike Wilkinson and Alando Tucker each scored 14 points — Tucker's all came in the first half — and Kamrunn Taylor added 11 for the Badgers (20-7, 11-5 Big Ten).

David Teague's 17 points led the Boilermakers (7-20, 3-13 Big Ten).

No. 24 Pittsburgh 85, Notre Dame 77. SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Chris Turk had a career-high 28 points and Pittsburgh scored 56 points in the paint. Chevon Trotman had 20 points and Carl Krauser added 15 for the Panthers (20-7, 10-6), who posted their fourth straight 20-win season.

The Irish (17-9, 9-7) lost for the third time in four games. Torin Francis had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Irish.

Women No. 4 Miami 64, Miami 57. GREENSBORO, N.C. —

Fourths-ranked North Carolina barely avoided a stunning end to its pursuit of an Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

After trailing nearly the entire game, the Tar Heels (25-3) went ahead to stay on a late 3-pointer from Ivory Latta and held on for a 64-57 win against Miami in the ACC tournament quarterfinals Saturday.

Tamara Jaraun had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead Miami (13-16).

North Carolina advanced to Sunday's semifinals to play fifth-seeded Virginia, which beat Florida State 61-57 in overtime.

Texas Christian 87, No. 12 DePaul 77. CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sandora Irvin had 24 points and 13 rebounds to lead Texas Christian to an upset of DePaul in the semifinals of the Conference USA tournament.

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Mexico's Goeters wins pole in first Busch race

By John Rice Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Some NASCAR teams worried about security as they made their first trip south of the border, but they had reason for concern: Somebody stole the pole.

Mexico's Jorge Goeters thrilled hometown fans Saturday night by leading the field for Sunday's Telcel-Motorsports 200, edging Nextel Cup winner Robby Gordon.

"It was really cool to see that guy get the pole, to see all that fans going crazy with the air horns going," said defending series champ Martin Truex Jr., who was third Saturday. "I don't think they'd have done that for me."

It also was good news for NASCAR, adding to local interest in a race that it hopes will help build an enduring relationship with fans in Mexico and with Hispanic fans in the United States as well.

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Gordon said he had been told that he would have to drop to the back of the pack due to an engine change after practice on Friday. But NASCAR officials said that could not start in the front row because the change came before qualifying.

He expected the slick, winding track to produce a lot of yellow flags on race day. "I'm going to take a number and say 12."

"We're going to run three laps and we're going to have a caution. We're going to run five laps and we're going to have a caution."

Road course specialists Boris Said and Ron Fellows qualified fourth and fifth, following by series points leader Kevin Harvick.

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After years of futility, Bulls return to playoff hunt

CHICAGO (AP) — Go to a Chicago Bulls game, and it's tempting to look like the good old days.

The United Center is rocking, with loud, passionate fans packing every last seat. Even the level of booing is high up in the rafters they may as well be on the roof, are occupied. Team gear is back in fashion, too. There's no shame in busting out that Bulls sweatshirt, going to OK to replace an old-school Michael Jordan jersey with something a little more current.

After six years of mind-

numbing futility, where the only thing left to play for at this time was avoiding last place, the Bulls have come roaring back. With one of the most remarkable turnarounds in the NBA, Chicago is on the verge of making the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

The Bulls have been abysmal since Jordan and friends won the last of Chicago's six NBA titles. They lost 341 games from 1999-2004, so in fact they made even the Clippers look good. They're on their third coach since Phil Jackson left, and so many players have come and gone they could

form their own league.

So when the Bulls began the year 0-9, matching the franchise record for worst start, even some of the players thought, "Here we go again."

The turning point came Nov. 24, when the Bulls beat the Utah Jazz. Not only was their first win, but it snapped Chicago's 37-game, six-year losing streak on its annual November road trip.

When we won that game, that gave us some confidence," rookie Ben Gordon said. "We got our first win in 50-and-so years. That was something pos-

sitive to build off of."

The Bulls won five straight in mid-December, their longest winning streak since Jordan's last season. They were 20-8 from Jan. 1 to March 1, second-best in the NBA behind only the defending champion Detroit Pistons.

With 23 victories heading into the weekend, they already had surpassed last year's win total and were just one victory shy of matching their high-water mark in the post-Jordan era. If the season ended today, they'd be the sixth seed in the playoffs.

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Braves find a new set of pitching aces

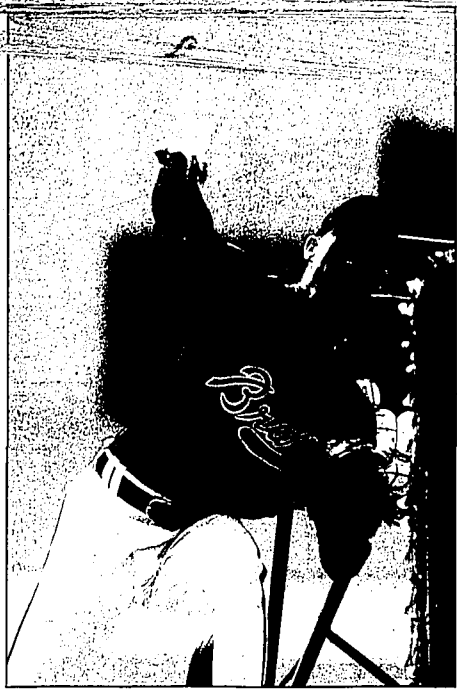
KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The Atlanta Braves entered the offseason with their starting rotation in shambles. **Jaret Wright, Russ Ortiz and Paul Byrd** were free agents. **Mike Hampton** and **Horacio Ramirez** needed surgery. **John Thomson** has a lingering pain in his side. But, as always, the Braves managed to come up with another set of aces.

And this one might be their best yet. It starts with the old and the new — **John Smoltz**, moving back to the rotation after three years as the closer, and **Tim Hudson**, helmed from the budget-conscious Oakland Athletics. On the health front, **Hampton** and **Ramirez** seem to have recovered from their time in the operating room, while **Thomson** pulled oblique muscle has healed.

"We decided to go back to the old-fashioned Braves way — dominate with pitching," general manager **John Schuerholz** said.

The Braves will go into the new season with two former 20-game winners at the top of the rotation, and three other guys who seem fully capable of putting up 15 wins or more. "From top to bottom, this is the best I've ever been on," said **Hudson**, who was part of Oakland's "Big Three" with **Mark Mulder** and **Barry Zito**. "There's not a typical No. 5 in the rotation. I don't know if we have a 4 or 5 on this team. That's pretty good when you can find that. Most teams struggle to find a 1, 2 and 3."

If everybody can stay healthy throughout the season, it could be a big if — the Braves should have a rotation that rivals any of those from their run of 13 straight division titles. For a team that's had every-



Atlanta Braves ace pitcher **Tim Hudson** throws batting practice last Monday, during spring training workouts in Kissimmee, Fla.

one from **Greg Maddux** to **Tom Glavine**, that's no small feat. In 1991, the first year of their record-setting run, the Braves sent **Glavine** (20-11), **Steve Avery** (18-8), **Charlie Leibrandt** (15-13) and **Smoltz** (14-13) to the mound of a regular basis. Two years later, the rotation consisted of **Glavine** (22-6),

Maddux (20-10), **Avery** (18-8) and **Smoltz** (15-11). But neither of those teams had a solid fifth starter. The gold standard of Atlanta rotations was the 1998 five-some: **Glavine** (20-6), **Maddux** (18-9), **Smoltz** (17-3), **Kevin Millwood** (17-8) and **Denny Neagle** (16-11) led the Braves to

a franchise-record 106 wins. This one has similar potential. **Smoltz**, the winningest pitcher in postseason history, spent the last three years as one of baseball's most dominant closers. But he yearned to return to the starting rotation, where he's getting his wish when the

Hudson, Smoltz anchor a formidable rotation

With the signing of **Tim Hudson** from Oakland and **John Smoltz** back into the rotation after being this team's closer, Atlanta's 2005 set of starters could be their best ever.

	Tim Hudson	John Smoltz	Mike Hampton	John Thomson	Horacio Ramirez
2004 W-L	12-6	0-1	13-9	14-8	2-4
ERA	3.53	2.76	4.28	3.72	2.39
IP*	188.2	81.2	172.1	198.1	60.1
SO (BV)	103	85 (44)	87	133	31
Had 92 wins and a .702 winning percentage in six seasons with As	Hasn't been a starter over the course of an entire season since 1999	18-8 with a 3.00 ERA after the All-Star break the past two seasons	His 14 wins was one more than his career-best with the Rangers	Injured the nerves in his left shoulder in last May, missing rest of season	

SOURCE: Major League Baseball

Braves traded for All-Star closer **Dan Kolb**. **Hudson**, signed recently to a four-year contract extension, has a career record of 92-39, giving him the third-best winning percentage (.702) among starters since 1900.

Hampton (13-9, 4.28) and **Thomson** (14-8, 3.72) are coming off solid seasons, and the 25-year-old **Ramirez** might be the most intriguing starter of all.

A 12-game winner as a rookie in 2003, **Ramirez** had a 2.28 ERA through his first nine starts last season. But his left shoulder began hurting, and he wound up pitching only one more inning all season. Initially diagnosed with a nerve problem, he eventually underwent surgery for a frayed rotator cuff. If **Ramirez** is fully recovered

he says the shoulder feels fine — the Braves are loaded from top to bottom. "Four of the top five guys are pretty much established major league starters," catcher **Johnny Estrada** said. "And **Horacio** showed at the beginning of last season that he can be a dominant force. If he can stay healthy, we'll have the best five starters in baseball."

But lingering injuries can cause concern. "We're only going to be as good as our health," **Smoltz** said. "If we're healthy, we can be very, very good."

The Braves hierarchy is reluctant to make comparisons between these starters and those that came before them.

Pitching coach **Leo Mazzone** said he looks at every group separately, though he concedes that the current rotation has a chance to be more dominating than that last year's.

"Those guys were blue collar," **Mazzone** said. "They didn't put up spectacular numbers, but they got the job done. All they did was win."

Kolb can't wait to finish up for this group. He figures to get plenty of save opportunities, considering the five guys who will get things started each game.

"This is the best rotation I've ever been associated with," said **Kolb**, who spent the last two years with lowly Milwaukee. "We don't even need everyone to have their best year. If everyone just has a solid year, that should pretty much take us where we need to go."

Father and son reunite

Moises happy to be playing for his dad

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Back home in the Dominican Republic, a much younger **Felipe Alou** took a risk and threw it as far as he could into the sea. His teenage son, **Moises**, followed suit, and threw his rock nearly twice as far. "I didn't say anything," **Felipe Alou** recalled.

More than two decades later, **Moises** is the Giants' new right fielder — reunited with his father, then franchise manager. By that time **Felipe** was in his 30th special seasons at the end of their careers.

"This is one of the years I've been looking forward to the most, coming back to play for my dad and play for a great team," **Moises** said. "In '38, but you never stop learning in this game. I'm going to take advantage of watching him and listening to him."

Felipe Alou married four times and fathered 11 children. **Moises** was born in Atlanta, where his dad played four of his 17 major league seasons. **Felipe** spent his last two years from team to team and town, and **Moises** had limited time with his father.

"They are determined to cherish their time together now. With subtle steps, they're working to strengthen a father-son bond that never fully developed — even when they were together previously in their careers."

Felipe managed his son in Montreal from 1992-98, but



San Francisco Giants' right fielder **Moises Alou**, left, poses for a photo with his father, manager **Felipe Alou**, right, at the end of a workout during spring training in Scottsdale, Ariz., Wednesday.

went out of his way to treat his son just like all of the other players he managed. That's still the case to some degree: He typically refers to his son as "Moises Alou" or "Mo."

But given the path both men have traveled, those days with the Expos seem ages ago. "I've got to thank God for this reunion at the end of our careers here," **Felipe** said. "But he's not here to be together with me. This guy is here to do damage with his bat. He knows his way around the big leagues now and plays better than I do."

Felipe and younger brothers **Marty** and **Jesús** made up an all-Alou outfield for the Giants for several games in 1963. **Moises** is thrilled that he is yet another Alou to play for this franchise. "I'm very proud," said **Moises**. "Everywhere I go in the Dominican Republic, people ask about my dad and my uncle and tell me how they carried themselves off the field. It made me a better person and player."

"I just remember how proud I was whenever my dad picked me up at school. I want to show my dad I'm a lot better player than I was in Montreal."

Felipe eventually put **Moises** in the Manny Mota league, but "not with the intent of him being a player." **Moises** later learned that his best ticket out of the Dominican Republic would be the baseball, just like his dad. And, as evidenced by his rock-throwing display, he was a natural.

Felipe is proud the Alou name has carried on this long in baseball.

"It's a family legacy," **Felipe** said. "The Alou legacy is a legacy in itself. I see all of us together being a force going through this game, and still going. The respect, I'm proud of that, and length of service."

Ordonez wants to focus on batting

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Magglio Ordonez is tired of talking about his troublesome knee and the Chicago White Sox.

During the first two weeks of spring training, those have been the hot topics at Ordonez's locker. He's politely answered questions about both issues. But the four-time All-Star outfielder would much rather discuss how his bat and glove will help the Detroit Tigers after signing a complicated contract that could be worth \$105 million over seven seasons.

"It motivates me when people keep asking about my knee," Ordonez said. "I don't feel like I have to prove anything to critics, but I want to show the Tigers they made a good decision bringing me here."

The White Sox know what they did to me. I took a beating because they told people I was done, but I want to leave that alone.

White Sox manager **Ozzie Guillen** lashed back at Ordonez last week, telling him to move on. Chicago general manager **Ken Williams** said the team was rebuffed during the offseason when it wanted to evaluate Ordonez's knee before declining to offer him arbitration.

Before problems with Ordonez's left knee limited him to just 52 games last season, he had established himself as one of the American League's top hitters.

"I don't think he ever got the credit he deserved in Chicago, if you look at his numbers, and maybe that's because he's kind of a quiet guy," said **Dmitri Young**, whose locker is next to Ordonez's in Lakeland. "We really needed a big bat in our lineup, and he's got one."

Ordonez averaged 32 homers and 118 RBIs while batting better than .300 for the White Sox



Detroit Tigers catcher **Ivan Rodriguez**, left, and outfielder **Magglio Ordonez**, right, trade places in the batting cage Wednesday in Lakeland, Fla.

from 1999-2003, and played between 153 and 160 games each season.

"Losing Magglio, he's one of the best players in the game, there's no doubt that hurts," former teammate **Paul Konerko** said.

Though Ordonez is ahead of schedule rehabbing his knee, which required two surgeries last year, Tigers manager **Alan Trammell** said the team doesn't expect him to play during the first week of spring training games.

"I think he could play, but there's still no need," **Trammell** said. "We're just being cautious."

Ordonez hit 292 last season with nine homers and 37 RBIs in 202 at-bats. He missed 36 games after hurting his knee May 19 — then went on the disabled list for good July 22.

"He's a guy who usually plays about 150 games and he was only able to play 52 last year, so

obviously it was a significant injury," said Detroit's head athletic trainer, **Kevin Rand**.

Rand said a similar condition ended **Terrill Davis'** career in the NFL, but he's pleased with Ordonez's progress and expects him to be ready when the season starts.

"He's done everything we've asked him to do," **Rand** said. "Our goal is to have him in the lineup on opening day on April 4, and I think he'll be ready far that."

The 31-year-old Ordonez said last month he didn't expect to be 100 percent healthy until the middle of spring training, but he's been encouraged by how he feels when running, hitting and fielding during workouts.

"I'm doing everything that everybody else is doing and I feel great," he said. "I'm ahead of schedule. I know I can do more right now, but this is not the time to go crazy."

"But the facts speak for themselves."

MLB commissioner says positive steroid tests dropped dramatically last season

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The number of positive tests for steroids in major league baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last season, commissioner **Bud Selig** said Saturday, and he predicted the elimination of the drug from the sport this year.

The new figures, based on just under 1,200 tests, compare with 5 to 7 percent positive re-

sults in 2003, the first season that major league players were tested.

"Selig said the test results 'startled me and a lot of other people.' "I'm very confident that we will effectively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season," he said at a news conference.

The tests in 2003-04 were done under the 2002 collective

bargaining agreement adhering to a program far less stringent than the one adopted by major league baseball and the players' union this year. The new program implemented this week includes an unnamed test of every player, another random testing and tests in the offseason.

"I'm comfortable in telling you that we've not only dealt

with our problem, but we will finish where we started," **Selig** said. "There always will be some exceptions, but I'm very comfortable with what we've done."

Selig also said the minor league testing program has dropped from 11 percent positive tests in 2001 to 1.7 percent last season. The commissioner emphati-

cally refuted the notion that ball club owners looked the other way from the steroid problem because they loved the popularity of the home-run bingers of the late 1990s. He said he had never had an owner, manager, player or anyone else involved in the sport voice that feeling.

"Do I wish that I knew in 1995 or 1996 what I know today

SPORTS



Phil Mickelson hits out of a sand trap on the 14th green during the third round at Ford Championship at Doral on Saturday, in Miami.

Mickelson, Woods duel at Doral

MIAMI (AP) — Phil Mickelson heard the roars of a dynamic charge ahead of him. Every time he glanced at the leaderboard, he noticed Tiger Woods taking another shot off his lead until it was down to two Saturday in the Ford Championship at Doral.

Lefty was loving it. "I had a different feeling today," Mickelson said after his 6-under 66. "I wanted to play well. I want to go head-to-head with him. I've been looking forward to the chance to play head-to-head against him. If I'm able to turn things around from the past and come out on top, it will make for a very special week.

Doral could not have asked for a better duel. Mickelson continued to bully the Blue Monster with a variety of wedge shots from thick rough that gave him birdie chances, and left him at 20-under 196 and in the lead for the 10th consecutive round in stroke play.

Woods energized the monstrous gallery with his power, driving the green on the 347-yard 16th hole and making good on a birdie pledge to his father to shoot a low round. His 8-foot birdie on the final hole gave him a 9-under 63, the low score of the tournament, and put him two shots behind.

"We're going to have a bunch of fun tomorrow," Woods said. "It's going to be competitive, and I think we're both going to be focused on making a bunch of birdies."

The gallery might not realize this, but there were other players with an outside chance at Doral.

Golf

Zach Johnson, who had to pull out of the pro-am with a bad back, shot a 64 and was six shots behind at 14 under, along with James Driscoll (67) and defending champion Craig Parry (67).

Vijay Singh couldn't keep pace with a 68 and was seven shots behind, joined by two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal (70) and former U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk (67).

But all that mattered to anyone were two of the biggest names in golf — Phil and Tiger. They last played in the final group at the 2003 Buick Invitational, after Lefty had made his infamous "inferior equipment" comment. Woods went on to win by four, with Mickelson six shots behind.

Mickelson repeatedly said his record was not so stellar against Woods, although he usually is having to make up ground. He is one of three players on the PGA Tour to beat him from behind, at the 2000 Tour Championship.

"Five years ago — great," Mickelson deadpanned. Lefty was plenty loose as he considered a Sunday showdown against a player he described as "tough," and someone whom "just a fraction off of his best is still better than just about anybody in the game."

While it looks like a two-man race on Sunday, Mickelson cautioned not to forget about the rest of the field.

Kerr leads at LPGA MasterCard Classic

HUQUILUCAN, Mexico — Cristie Kerr shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Moira Dunn and South Korea's Sae-Hye Son into the final round of the MasterCard Classic, the first LPGA Tour event in Mexico since 1975.

Annika Sorenstam, playing her first event of the year, was three strokes behind after a 71, while Mexico's Lorena Ochoa shot a 75 to fall eight back at 2 over.

Kerr, second to Jennifer Rossales last week in the SBS Open in Hawaii, had six birdies — four on the back nine — and two bogeys to reach 6 under on the Bosque Real Country Club course. Dunn shot a 72, and Son had her second straight 70.

Sorenstam, an eight-time winner last year on the LPGA Tour, was 3 under through 14 holes, but dropped two strokes with a double bogey on No. 15.

Jimenez paces field at Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez avoided the mistakes that slowed Ernie Els, shooting a 4-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead over the South African star in the Dubai Desert Classic.

Jimenez had a 16-under 200 total. Els shot a 67. He took four putts from 26 feet for a double bogey on the opening hole, then recovered with seven birdies.

Scotland's Colin Montgomerie (66) was three strokes back.

Tight end's dad on duty in Iraq

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Curtis has an extra reason to remember the date Sept. 11.

Three years to the day after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, Curtis found out his father, Pete, was being dispatched to Iraq. Pete Curtis not only is Tony's biggest fan, but his mentor.

The 48-year-old is in Iraq now, serving as a cook, and Tony has settled for detailing his pursuit of the NFL dream via e-mail and infrequent phone calls from his dad.

"At first we didn't think he'd have to go," Curtis said at the NFL combine. "We thought he'd just be in Virginia helping the troops get ready to go overseas. He was in the reserves, but he had been out since 1992."

"It's really kind of weird. I was looking forward to him watching my last year in college."

Instead, Pete Curtis shunned from army base to army base in the States before heading overseas. He missed all but one of his son's games for Portland State's dad.

When the Vikings played at Sacramento State in October, Pete Curtis sat in the stands. He arrived after the game began, so Tony had no idea his father was on hand.

"We blew them out," Tony said of the 31-0 win, "and when I saw him it was a real nice surprise."

It would be a real nice surprise if Curtis, a tight end, goes before the second day of the draft. While he has good size at 6-foot-6, 269 pounds, he isn't on the top prospects at the position.

"I think he's a second-day person," said Bill Brandt, the NFL's draft consultant. "He won't be hurt by the school, if you look at the Super Bowl this year, 17 players were from Division I-AA or lower. And schools like Montana and Portland State, they do a good job of developing players, or getting some good players because of the scholarship limits at the bigger schools."

It's a second-team All-Big Sky choice, hold his own at the Hula Bowl and Gridiron Classic. He believes those performances, his workouts at Make Plays, Inc. in Phoenix, the same place where Don and Michael trains in the offseason — and his work at the combine have gotten him noticed and will get him drafted.

"I saw me at two All-Star games and they scooped me at school," he said. "My first time in the All-Star game, I felt maybe there would be a difference in the way they (scouts) felt. But I held my own. I thought



Portland State's Tony Curtis (88) celebrates his touchdown against Idaho State with Joe Wiser (4), Antonio Harbace (81), and Micah Jackson-Settler (70) in the first half in Portland, Ore., in his Nov. 6 photo. Curtis' biggest fan throughout his college career was his father. But the Portland State tight end is on his own now — his dad, Pete Curtis, has been dispatched to Iraq as a cook.

that would be harder than it was. I was in with the Division I guys and I was as big or bigger."

"He went on ESPN and all that, but the ultimate goal is to get to the (All-Star) games and to the combine and to get drafted."

If Curtis does get chosen on April 23 or 24, it's unlikely his father immediately will be aware of it. It could be days before Pete Curtis finds out.

When Tony is at home, he speaks with his father a few times a week. But when the youngster is at school, it's more of an e-mail exchange and it doesn't occur very often.

"It's always in the back of my mind where he is," Tony said. "I'm relieved he doesn't have to go out and fight, but he tells us he can hear the shots and gunfire sometimes."

"I don't know when he'll hear about the draft. He has to call us and I doubt he can watch it. I'll just have to wait for a call."

Tony Curtis, 22, is used to the military life, even though he's never served in the armed forces. He was born on the Fort Lewis, Wash., army base and grew up in Tacoma.

"He's got used to his father's cooking, which while not exactly gourmet is 'real good.'"

"I'm sure I'm making too much of the chicken and soul food," he says. "He's probably just making a

whole lot of stuff and serving it."

Pete Curtis played prep football in New York and attended the University of Florida, but never played for the Gators. Instead, he joined the Army, never thinking he'd be in a war zone at age 46.

"Tony said his father always believed his son could play football on the highest levels. After Tony played defense at Fresno Community College and injured his ankle, none of the major schools recruited him. When a recruiter from Portland State came to a Fresno game to scout another player, he noticed how effective Curtis was and offered a scholarship."

Curtis switched to tight end, where his main strength was, well, his strength. He's a solid blocker, and most scouting reports say he needs to work on finding the dead spots in defenses and on being more effective after catching the ball.

"His size and athletic skills make him attractive, though when told one scout blamed Curtis in build to Chiefs star Tony Gonzalez, Curtis smiled."

"I've modeled my game after 'Tony Gonzalez,' he said, "so that's a real compliment for me."

Curtis doesn't make it in the pros; he would like to open a restaurant. He already knows a good cook to run the kitchen.

Americans fall behind as Bryan twins lose

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Twins Mike and Bob Bryan are the first Americans to win a Davis Cup match for the first time in Davis Cup play Saturday and Croatia took the lead against the favored United States.

Ivan Ljubicic and Mario Ancic defeated the Bryans 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-1 for Croatia's second win in three matches in the best-of-five first round.

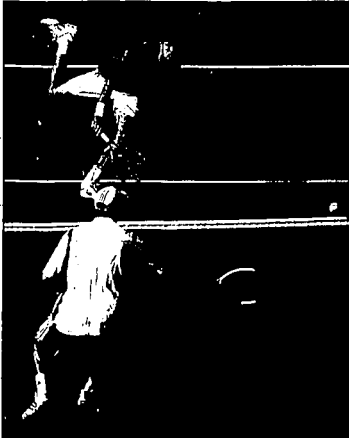
The Bryans were 5-0 in Davis Cup going in against Ljubicic and Ancic, bronze medalists in the 2004 Olympics and playing Davis Cup doubles together for just the second time.

Down 2-1, the Americans' hopes rest with Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi and their remaining singles matches.

Roddick plays Ljubicic in Sunday's first match then Agassi will face Ancic in the fifth and final match — if the Croatians haven't clinched by then.

Croatia ousted the United States in the opening round of the 2003 Cup play, the only previous meeting between the two countries. Ljubicic won both his singles matches and teamed for a doubles victory in that competition in Zagreb.

America hasn't won the Davis Cup since 1995, the country's longest drought in 68 years.



Croatia's Mario Ancic, top, looks on as his ball bounce over the net past United States' Bob Bryan during the first round doubles match of Davis Cup at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., Saturday.

Ljubicic served 13 aces — including three in a row for a 5-3 lead in the fourth set — and Ancic had eight. The Bryans combined had eight.

A day earlier, Roddick defeated Ancic 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 after Ljubicic opened the three days of matches by downing Agassi in straight sets.

Monday, is playing Davis Cup for the first time in five years. Ljubicic 6-3, 7-6 (10), 6-3 win over Mike was only Agassi's sixth loss in 35 Davis Cup matches.

If Agassi does play Ancic in the final match of the round, he will be spotting the Croatian a few years — Ancic, 28, was a toddler when Agassi first played Davis Cup in 1988.

Iditarod champ goes for fifth title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Fearless, foxtrotty or just plain stubborn, four-time champion Martin Buser cheerfully stalled the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, a few days after the middle finger on his right hand was amputated above the second joint.

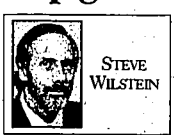
Buser loaded up on painkillers, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory pills, wore bandages and a special cast on his mangled hand — he also had stitches up the inside length of his ring finger and two stitches on his index finger from a cable saw accident Tuesday — and stuffed "it inside" an over-sized black mitten.

Yet there he was at the festive, ceremonial start of the 33rd Iditarod, the four-time champion — he's left-handed — and posing for photographs with fans on a crisp, sunny morning before setting off on a journey. To name that is perilous even for mushers in the best of health.

The first day was easy, starting out on trucked-in snow down town, then taking a slow run for 11 miles with reduced teams of 12 dogs hauling "Iditardiers" who paid for the trail. The race really gets going Sunday with a rest stop on Willy's ridge north of the city. From there it's a danger-filled trail through steep gorges, along frozen rivers and over menacing mountain passes in subzero temperatures with howling winds.

Buser, 46, born in Switzerland and living in Alaska since 1979, has won the race four times. In 1978, he was the only musher to finish, as are some of the other 78 mushers. This is his 22nd Iditarod and he's out to claim the \$75,000 top prize.

"It's not the expectation, with the realization that if my health deteriorates I'm going to have to regroup," said Buser, who last won in 2002 and is seeking to tie Ben Swenson for record of five victories. "It would be foolish to jeopardize my long-term health. I don't want to get blood poisoning or infections. But as long as everything



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goes good, we're racing for first."

Buser, who lost an inch and a half of his middle finger is carrying various contraptions to get him through the race. He hopes to switch in a few days from the cumbersome splint for a lighter one that will give him more freedom to move his fingers if some of the dexterity comes back.

Throughout the race he'll have to take on his mangled fingers with ointments and taking antibiotics. With sleep deprivation a factor for all mushers — more than a few have fallen off their sleds over the years after dozing off — Buser will try to limit the painkillers so they don't make him too drowsy.

What he can't do is simply rely on his left hand. "It can't be a one-handed race," Buser said. "I can't do my dog chores effectively with one hand — for taking on this kind of help from my index finger and my thumb, especially to put on booties and ointments to the various dogs. That's a daily chore that we do five or six times a day."

"To those who would call Buser reckless — ridding his own safety and the lives of his dogs — for taking on this nine- to-10-day challenge in his condition, he responds that this is his livelihood. His physician, Mike McManam, examined his hand at the start and said it was healing well.

"Those of us who only get one paycheck a year, we would say we can't miss out on the day we get paid," said Buser, though he also has a thriving kennel business, numerous sponsors and competes in other races.

The people who say well, you shouldn't go, they probably don't know what you're doing one day. It's an experience. It's a proving ground, a testing ground for my dogs and myself and my whole operation. It's a lifestyle. When I don't work I'm doing this year-round. It would be foolish, if it's at all humanly possible to do it, to stay home."

The Iditarod, which features a 1,100-mile trail along with the youngest of rookies and grizzled veterans in their 60s, is filled with compelling personal drama.

Richard Sedoris, who sees his dogs and the trail only as blobs and blurs, became the first legless blind musher to start the Iditarod. Aided by a "visual interpreter" named one week ahead of her — former power-lifter, professional wrestler and 2000 Iditarod competitor Paul Eklring — the 20-year-old Sedoris fulfilled a lifetime dream when she took on her No. 10 bib and took off from 4th Avenue and H Street at exactly 10:10 a.m.

"God, I'm so nervous!" said Sedoris. "I've never had sensitive eyes shielded from the bright sun by black leather-tinted sunglasses. Just the fact that I'm here and this is the ceremonial start of the Iditarod is pretty overwhelming. I'm sure once I get out there everything will be fun."

Defending champion Mitchell Semov put the trail along with two of his sons, Dallas, who turned 18 on Friday and is the youngest Iditarod starter in his year, five-time winner Swenson and 2002 runner-up, four-time winner Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont., and three-time winner Jeff King of Denali Park, Alaska.

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Redskins deal Coles to Jets for Moss

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The Washington Redskins finally traded disgruntled receiver Laveranues Coles back to the New York Jets on Saturday and got the speedy Santana Moss in return.

Moss' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said in a phone interview the deal was contingent on both players passing physicals. Moss had his physical scheduled for Monday at Redskins Park. A source within the league, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, also said Coles got the new deal he wanted, which held up the trade for the last week.

Terms of the deal weren't available. A message left for Coles' agent, Roosevelt Barnes, was not immediately returned. Coles met with coach Joe Gibbs early in the season to state his desire to leave the Redskins, following an unsatisfying year in the team's conservative offense.

He had 90 catches for 950 yards for a career-low 10.6 yards a catch and only one touch-down in the Redskins' 6-10 season. The year before, under pass-oriented coach Steve Spurrier, Coles had 82 receptions for 1,204 yards and six touchdowns.

Coles emerged as a favorite of Chad Pennington in 2002, but left the Jets as a restricted free agent after the season, when the team declined to match the Redskins' seven-year, \$35 million offer — including a \$13 million bonus. He was critical of the Jets and coach Herman Edwards after he left, though it appears the organization is willing to look past that.

As for Moss, the game-breaking receiver had a breakout year in 2003, with 1,105 yards and 10 touchdowns. But his productivity slipped in 2004, when he had 45 catches for 838 yards and five touchdowns while battling through a sore hamstring. He also was critical of his role in the Jets' conservative offense, wondering why he didn't get the ball more.

Moss is entering the final year of his contract, and Rosenhaus expects to have the receiver



Redskins wide receiver Laveranues Coles (80) catches a pass in front of diving Cleveland Browns defender Earl Little for 45 yards in the third quarter in this Oct. 3 photo. In Cleveland, Coles' catch went for naught as Washington only managed to score one second-quarter touchdown and two field goals and lost to Cleveland, 17-13. The Washington Redskins finally traded disgruntled receiver Laveranues Coles back to the New York Jets on Saturday and got the speedy Santana Moss in return.

signed to a new deal shortly after the trade is completed.

"He's very pleased," Rosenhaus said. "It's not because he wanted to leave New York, but Washington offers him some great opportunities. He's going to be a focal point of their offense. I anticipate that we'll be able to work out a very lucrative extension for him."

Moss will pair up with another big-play receiver in David Patten, who signed a five-year, \$13 million contract with a \$3.5 million signing bonus earlier this week as a free agent from New England.

One area of concern for the Jets could be a chronic toe injury that has plagued Coles the last two seasons. The Redskins wanted him to have surgery, but Coles was reluctant to undergo any procedure. If he is healthy, Coles provides the Jets with a solid receiver under new coordinator Mike Helmerdingler to go with Justin McCarens.

Cardinals bolster offensive line

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals strengthened their offensive line Friday night by signing right tackle Oliver Ross to a five-year contract.

Ross played last season for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The 6-foot-5, 322-pound lineman started all 16 games and both of Pittsburgh's playoff games.

The addition of Ross, Arizona's first of the free-agency signing period, suggests that disgruntled tackles L.J. Shelton and Anthony Clement will be traded.

Browns ink DB Baxter

CLEVELAND — Former Baltimore Ravens cornerback Gary Baxter signed a six-year contract Friday night with the Cleveland Browns, who moved quickly to fill one of the biggest holes in their defense.

Anthony Henry, who led the Browns with four interceptions

last season, signed with the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday, leaving Cleveland in the market for a proven cornerback.

Baxter started 16 games at right cornerback for the Ravens last season, getting two sacks and an interception. He left the Ravens as an unrestricted free agent, signing with an AFC Central rival that was only 4-12 last season.

Bills sign backup QB

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Quarterback Kelly Holcomb agreed to a four-year deal with the Buffalo Bills on Friday night to serve as J.P. Losman's backup.

Holcomb accepted the Bills' offer, which includes a \$2 million bonus, after growing frustrated in his attempts to re-sign with Cleveland. Holcomb's agent Frank Bauer told The Associated Press.

The Bills declined comment other than to announce the move in a news release.



Colorado Rockies catcher Charles Johnson stretches prior to Colorado's spring training game against the Los Angeles Angels, Saturday, in Tempe, Ariz.

One-time star looks for path out of Colorado

By Eddie Peña
Associated Press writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — With his four gold gloves and his World Series ring, Charles Johnson has the kind of resume that draws attention. The only time he's at the forefront with the Colorado Rockies these days, though, is when the subject of a trade comes up.

Johnson is a 33-year-old catcher on a team full of 25-year-olds. He's a guy with a \$9 million contract on a team full of players who don't make one-third that much. He is to put it simply, a player who doesn't fit in with the Rockies, who have jettisoned nearly every experienced player on the roster as part of their massive youth movement.

In a spring training game against the Angels on Saturday, he made a rare start, going 0-for-2 with a walk and allowing one wild pitch to get past him in five innings behind the plate. Not that it matters much to the Rockies. At this point, they're not much interested in what he can do. Instead, they're extending him a courtesy, giving him a chance to showcase himself for other teams that might be interested.

Long known as one of the best defensive catchers in the game, Johnson was a key part of Florida's championship team in 1997. He set a major league record with 172 straight games without an error. But when the Marlins started their post-championship fire sale, Johnson eventually be-

came part of it.

What ensued was a four-year odyssey with four teams — Los Angeles, Baltimore, the White Sox and Florida again — until he wound up with the Rockies, where he was a full-time starter in 2003 and 2004.

Most of 2004, that is.

At the end of last season, with Johnson still fielding well but hitting only around .230, the Rockies decided their future at catcher was with 25-year-old rookie J.D. Closser. They notified Johnson and he got all of 15 at-bats in September.

"They told me exactly what they were going to do," Johnson said. "They were going with a youth movement. I knew that. There have been no surprises to this point."

Actually, the main surprise is that Johnson is still with the team.

Colorado came close to trading him in the offseason, but deals with the Pirates and Devil Rays fell through. In large part because of a clause in his contract that called for him to be paid an extra \$1 million if he was traded.

Johnson still has some limited no-trade language in his deal. The Rockies insist they're still interested in trading him.

And so, for Johnson, spring training meanders on. He keeps working out, getting his occasional at-bats, trying to help the young guys, but knowing he almost certainly won't be around to see them do much this season.

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Matthew Brady

TWIN FALLS — Matthew Brady started work last week as city editor of *The Times-News* and will help direct general news coverage for Magic Valley.

An Oklahoma native, Brady previously worked eight years as a reporter and editor at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* in Texas and four years as an editor at *The Oklahoman* in Oklahoma City. He also worked several years in hospital public relations.

Brady is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. He can be reached at 735-3234.

Janice Yardley

TWIN FALLS — Janice Yardley, previous editor of Class Act Salon, joined the team at Sabia's Salon, 202 Shoshone St. E.

Yardley specializes in updos, permanents and color. She is available Tuesdays through Saturdays (walk-ins are welcome), and evenings by appointment. She can be reached at 735-0307.

Ruth Kozelski

JEROME — Ruth Kozelski of Twin Falls, a teacher at Horizon Elementary School in Jerome, was awarded Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level I certification by Renaissance Learning Inc., based in Madison, Wis.

The certification indicates that Kozelski's efforts to adopt Reading Renaissance methods have resulted in measurable increases in student reading performance.

To receive the certification, teachers must demonstrate that their students receive a minimum of 60 minutes of reading practice time daily. In addition, teachers must work with individual students to meet Renaissance-recommended standards for reading achievement.

In addition to national recognition, Horizon Elementary School will receive a merchandise certificate for \$50 in recognition of Kozelski's achievement and a discount on educational staff development opportunities.

Chalee Giles

JEROME — Chalee Giles is a new independent consultant for Big Yellow Box by Crayola, a national in-home selling program from Binney & Smith, the maker of Crayola products based in Easton, Pa.

Giles does in-home presentations of a line of Big Yellow Box crafting projects for families and children. Participants make projects-to-take-home-while learning about the whole collection. All craft projects are designed to be functional and decorative. Activities for any occasion are offered.

The line of wearable, usable and displayable Big Yellow Box products is sold only through in-home parties and is different from the Crayola art materials found in stores.

Giles can be reached at 324-1440 or chaleegiles@bby.com. For information, visit the Web site at www.bigyellowbox.net/chalee.

Terry Tipton

CALDWELL — Terry L. Tipton retired March 1 after 28 years in Idaho law enforcement. Tipton most recently was chief marshal of the Ada County Marshal's Department in Boise. He also was chief of police in Buhl and worked for the Meridian Police Department, Idaho State Police (POST) and the Filer Police Department.

Mary Fischer

TWIN FALLS — Rehab Systems Inc. hired Mary Fischer, who is certified by the American Board of Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics as an orthotist and board member.

Fischer graduated from the University of Washington and holds a bachelor's degree in prosthetics/orthotics. She recently moved to Magic Valley from Spokane, Wash., where she completed her prosthetic and orthotic residencies. She is involved with several multidisciplinary children's clinics and practices in Twin Falls and Boise.

Pet care providers

RUPERT — Owner Cathy Kraus and employee Connie Martin of Four Paws Bed and Bath in Rupert attended the American Boarding Kennels Association's annual convention and trade show, where they learned about advances in the pet care industry.

The event, held in Portland, Ore., consisted of seminars presented by industry experts, discussion groups, a certification exam and an exhibit hall featuring industry suppliers and new equipment and services. Topics included animal care procedures, kennel design and construction, vaccination protocol, pet nutrition, industry trends and grooming techniques.

Four Paws Bed and Bath, at 370 W. 200 S. in Rupert, offers a variety of services including boarding, day care, self-serve pet wash, grooming and a gift shop. It also breeds Labrador retrievers.

The facility can be reached at 438-4444.

Virgil Johnson

TWIN FALLS — DL Evans, Bank of America appointed Virgil Johnson vice president and commercial loan officer for its Blue Lakes office in Twin Falls.

Johnson has more than 24 years of banking experience. His duties will include commercial, consumer, Small Business Administration, commercial real estate and agricultural loans.

Johnson and his family have lived in Magic Valley for more than 18 years. The bank's Blue Lakes branch is at 215 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Commercial drivers



TWIN FALLS — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced three new graduates who earned Class A commercial driver's licenses with all endorsements.

Scott King of Jerome, Chaun McClellan of Hagerman and Alejandro Ortiz of Buhl graduated Feb. 25.

Louis Rodriguez

TWIN FALLS — Professional Truck Driving School said Louis Rodriguez graduated Feb. 11 with tankers, doubles-triples, and hazardous materials endorsements.

Rodriguez will work for Werner.

Del Benkula

TWIN FALLS — The 2004 Frito-Lay All-District Performance Award was presented to Del Benkula for achieving the highest district ranking and providing outstanding sales and service.

Benkula has been a member of the Frito-Lay team in Twin Falls for four years. His route covers Wendell, Gooding, Bliss, Hagerman and Shoshone. He and his wife and two sons live in Jerome.

MILESTONES

POWER Engineers forms POWER Food Equipment

HAILEY — Hailey-based POWER Engineers Inc. acquired ATEC, a privately owned custom equipment design and fabrication company in Pocatello.

The transaction establishes a presence for POWER Engineers in the manufacturing arena with the expertise of design engineers, machinists and assembly professionals specializing in food processing, packaging and material handling equipment. ATEC, now operating under the name POWER Food Equipment Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of POWER Engineers.

"This acquisition allows us to offer full-service solutions to our clients, from engineering design through equipment fabrication and/or modification," said Mike Keough, POWER Engineers' director of industrial packaging and POWER Food Equipment chairman.

POWER Engineers already offers multidisciplinary engineering services for building and infrastructure "process controls" and systems integration, process design, packaging systems design and material handling.

With the POWER Food Equipment addition, POWER Engineers now has three Idaho office locations — the Hailey headquarters, Boise and Pocatello.



Sherry Johnson is a certified massage therapist and said she is proficient in five techniques of massage: Swedish massage, chair massage, shiatsu, energetics and mind/body therapy.

Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Johnson is married to Max Johnson and worked in his chiropractic office for five years. She then attended Magic Valley Academy of Massage Therapy and Twin Falls Institute of Holistic Studies. She plans to continue her education and add more massage techniques.

The business can be reached at 678-1704.

Wells Fargo leader in small business lending

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo said it is the leading small business lender both in Idaho and in the nation, according to the company's analysis of Community Reinvestment Act data.

In Idaho in 2003, Wells Fargo made 5,379 loans of less than \$100,000 to small businesses. The loans totaled more than \$120 million, which was 163 percent more than the \$46 million loaned by the second leading lender, US Bank. The total was also 23 percent higher than Wells Fargo's loan volume in Idaho in 2002.

Nationally in 2003, Wells Fargo extended more than \$110 billion in loans under \$100,000

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Business hours are 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment Saturday.

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Bank reports network of ATMs are Web-enabled

TWIN FALLS — San Francisco-based Wells Fargo & Co. said its entire network of over 6,200 ATMs is now Web-enabled.

Wells Fargo's webATM machines feature six language screen options; customizable fast-cash requests and receipt preferences; access to 22 financial accounts; high-level security; and colorful, large-font touch-screens. In addition, all of Wells Fargo's ATM locations have a talking machine, offering voice instructions for the visually impaired in both English and Spanish.

Wells Fargo also installed more than 3,000 online stations in nearly all of its community banking stores.

Today more than 51 percent of our checking accounts are accessed online, and our customers are conducting as many transactions at our ATMs as they do with our tellers," said Jonathan Welline, head of Wells Fargo's ATM banking.



The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce holds a ribbon cutting at Magic Valley Realty, 1288 Addison Ave. E., to celebrate its recent remodeling project. Pictured from left in the front are Susan Stevens, Naomi Sedano, Tony Backus (with scissors), Steve Kathopp, Shawn Applewhite and Ahele Goodman; in the second row, Kay Wolverson, Kathleen Hale, Kendra Jenks, Bobbe Gooden, Nancy Ryan and Judy Holland; and in the third row, David Watson, Wayne Bosh, Jorod Bosh and Bob Adams. Magic Valley Realty can be reached at 734-1934.

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Simcoe Credit Union cuts a ribbon at its new building in Heyburn. From left are Audrey Newirth, Verla McLaws, Chrissy Bailey, Lareta Shaw, Carleen Clayville, Pam Trost, June Potter, Sharon Moncur, Chuck Reese, Kari Pawson, James Bowers, Carlo Call, Steve Gulbranson, Brian Doan and Michael Oppelt.

Simcoe Credit Union holds ribbon cutting
HEYBURN — Simcoe Credit Union held a ribbon cutting for its new location, 510 21st St. in Heyburn.
 Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
 The member-owned cooperative, governed by an elected board of directors, offers financial products and services such as checking, savings, debit cards, credit cards, loans, money orders and travelers checks.
 Simcoe Credit Union was

formed in 1960. For years it maintained its offices on the Simplot plant site until the need for more space spurred a move to a rented office in Burley. Due to the recent closure of the Simplot plant in Heyburn, Simcoe changed its field of membership to include any residents of Minidoka and Cassia counties.
 The business phone number is 677-4519.
 Contractor for the Simcoe building was Gary D. Jones, and the architect and builder was Chad Jones.



Cameo Special Events Center and Party Rentals, at 584 E. Fifth N. in Burley, cuts a ribbon to mark its grand opening. The business is family owned and operated by Jean Phillips. In center with the scissors. The business offers space for events in addition to outdoor and on-location event planning. The center seats 350-200 people for weddings, receptions, parties, meetings, banquets, bridal or baby showers and the like. The business offers rentals including chairs, tablecloths, centerpieces, a chocolate fountain, backdrops, tents, tables, flowers and popcorn, snow cone and cotton candy machines. Cameo can be reached at 679-7000.



Hospice Vison & Hospice Home, at 209 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls, celebrates its new location with a grand opening and ribbon cutting with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured left to right are Tami Slatter and Flo Slatter. Hospice Vison & Hospice Home can be reached at 735-0122.

Farm managers and appraisers group meets
TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Region — of the Idaho Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers will meet at 7 a.m. Monday at Depot Grill, 545

Shoshone St. S.
 Shawn Bergan, president and chief executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "Business Issues in the Magic Valley."
 For information, contact Doug Howard at 736-2190 or dhoward@defc.state.id.us.



Karnation Intimate Apparel Inc., at 649 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, celebrates opening for business with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured left to right are owners Bill and Michelle Meyer. The store can be reached at 733-4951.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and ambassadors hold a ribbon cutting to celebrate new chamber membership for Cedar Lanes on U.S. Highway 30 in Filer.
 Pictured are owners Juliet and Tracey Ridgeway, who said Cedar Lanes is a smoke-free bowling alley. It has automatic bumper bowling for children and is a place for family entertainment, including birthday and any other kind of parties. Cedar Lanes can be reached at 328-6902.



Tony Hoggarth, Middlekauff sales manager, presents Vinco Gibson, coach of the Twin Falls Rapids U-17 girls team, with a \$1,500 check for team warm-ups. Pictured from the team, from left in the back row, are Tasha Stanzak, Samatha Slaton, Angie Hegman and Madri Fisher. In front are Ashton Ford, Annie Watkins, Laura Filas and Erin Donnelly.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Amertstar Casinos Inc., which owns Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., and other casinos throughout the United States, donated \$122,228 to the Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Unit is the only rehabilitation program in Idaho accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for its spinal cord system of care. The unit also is one of a handful of rehabilitation programs in the western United States with accreditations for its brain injury program, spinal cord system of care and its general comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation, Ross said.

Corporate donation over to the medical center's rehabilitation services program, said Dave Enns, interim public relations manager at Saint Alphonsus.
 Patrick Ross, director of rehabilitation services, said the donation is significant in helping the hospital fund new equipment and supplies to enhance rehabilitation of spinal-cord injured patients in both in-patient and out-patient settings.
 The donation includes \$72,228 in contributions from the Amertstar Cares Workplace Giving Campaign, an annual program in which Amertstar provides a dollar-for-dollar match on employee donations. An additional \$50,000 is from the private foundation of Amertstar Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer Craig H. Neilson, a former Twin Falls resident.
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■ **Curves, 30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Center in Burley will join Curves International Inc.'s food drive to benefit local food banks.**
 Anyone joining Curves this week may bring a bag of groceries and have the company's normal service fee waived. Anyone may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours in March.
 Franchisee Sue Newkirk is owner of the Burley club, at 2147 Alhion Ave. can be reached at 678-2754.



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Zach Lowe and members of Minico High School's bowling team play on the Riverside Daily bowling team at the recent organization of Rupert Business Bowling Fund-raiser at the Snake River Bowl. The event raises money for scholarships for graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue careers in business.

Disney offers internships for CSI students

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students interested in a one-semester internship at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., next fall may apply when a Disney representative visits the CSI campus in March.
 Betty Giffin, hospitality management program coordinator at CSI, encourages part- and

full-time students age 18 and older to look into the program. Over the last few years, more than 50 CSI students have done the internships, which provide resort work experience and college credit for the classes the students take while in Florida.
 "We've never seen anyone finish the internship who wasn't changed for the better as a result

of the experience," Giffin said.
 Jobs at the resort range from custodial and food service to life-guarding, merchandising, vacation planning and, in some cases, being Disney cast members. Students can choose from seven college-level programs during the internship, each of which teach an ele-

ment of the hospitality industry.
 Students interested in applying may come to Room 276 of the CSI Taylor Building at 2 p.m. Tuesday for an interview.
 For information, contact Giffin at 732-6407 or bgiffin@csi.edu. Details can be found at www.wdcollegeprogram.com.

Commission will sponsor sexual harassment workshop

The Times-News
BOISE — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Idaho Human Rights Commission are co-sponsoring a free interactive workshop in Boise for small-business owners and managers concerning sexual harassment and their businesses.
 The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday in the community room of the Towne Square Library, on the upper level of Towne Square Mall.
 Sexual harassment is a frequent and sometimes costly

problem for employers, said a press release from the Idaho Human Rights Commission. It forms the basis for many claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Idaho Human Rights Commission. The workshop is an opportunity to learn about state and federal laws regulating sexual harassment and hear about best practices in prevention from the experiences of the presenters and other employers.
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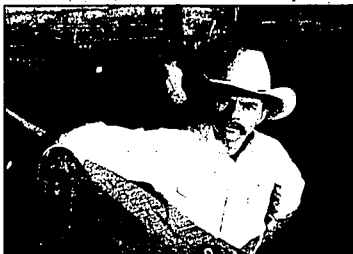
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District judge puts a halt to USDA border reopening

BILLINGS, Mont. — Plans by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to re-open the U.S. border to live Canadian cattle under 30 months of age has been put on hold.

The action is the result of a lawsuit filed against the USDA by a Montana based national cattlemen's group, R-CALF USA.

District Judge Richard Cebull issued a preliminary injunction Wednesday just five days before Canadian cattle trade was scheduled to resume. Cebull's ruling will keep the border closed until "a full trial can take place," said Bill Bullard, R-CALF CEO.



Bill Bullard, CEO of R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America, poses for a photo at the Public Auction Yards in Billings, Mont., on Wednesday. That same day, a federal judge blocked the reopening of the U.S. border to cattle and expanded beef imports from Canada because of BSE fears.

R-CALF challenged USDA's final rule to open the border saying "there are volumes of scientific data that suggest Canada's risk status for BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) should not be considered minimal."

Nor has the USDA clarified what "low-risk" means in the context of the spread of BSE when Canadian cattle gain entry into the United States, R-CALF contends.

Lloyd Knight, executive director of Idaho Cattle Association said, "We are hoping this doesn't indicate the judge's final decision."

NCBA changes position on opening border

TWIN FALLS — Two national cattlemen's organizations have long butted heads over industry issues, but a move by National Cattlemen's Beef Association would appear to bring that organization more in line with R-CALF USA, a growing grassroots group.

At the annual convention in San Antonio in February, NCBA membership passed an 11-point directive that changes its position on opening the border to Canadian cattle and beef products.

While R-CALF has opposed opening the border until strict safeguards are in place, NCBA has pushed for reopening, contending adequate firewalls are in place.

With the recent discovery of two more BSE cases in Canadian cattle, concerns among NCBA's members has grown, despite a February report that an NCBA inspection team that Canadian protocols were copacetic and reopening was good to go.

The 11-point directive contains NCBA's position on the issue.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

face, said Joe Schweick, NCBA director of trade media.

"We still philosophically support opening of the border and normalization of trade. But it (NCBA's position) shifted to one of general philosophical support but subject to certain standards," he said.

Snowpack dwindles as outlook grows dim

BOISE — Water users could be forgiven for thinking Mother Nature had forgotten about Idaho in February.

While the Bear River Basin, in southeastern Idaho, received the greatest precipitation in February — 74 percent of average — much of the rest of the state averaged less than half.

The West-Lost Basin recorded the lowest precipitation for last month at just 20 percent of normal for the month.

From the central mountains to the west-central mountains to the Panhandle, the snowpack is less than half of last year and stream-flow projections for the summer are at near record lows.

Those basins received just 20 to 25 percent of average precipitation in February, which

translates into 1 to 2 inches of actual water.

"That's more typical of summer weather patterns than the dead of winter," said Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

Pork producers support emissions agreement

TWIN FALLS — It's better to take change by the hand before it grabs you by the throat, said Dave Roper, a Kimberly, Idaho, hog producer.

Roper referred to a recent agreement between the nation's pork producers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Called the Air Emissions Consent Agreement, poultry and egg producers joined the pork industry to participate in studies on air emissions from animal feeding operations.

The National Pork Producers Council called the agreement "historic between the livestock sector and a government agency." In the works for three years, it will allow the EPA to develop accurate scientific methods to measure air emissions from confined animal feeding operations in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

Livestock operations have traditionally been exempt from air emissions regulations so there has been no concrete way to calculate amounts of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia produced by these entities.

Get new IDs after changing your name

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — You may change your name when you get married, divorced or even when you just feel like it. But a new name means more than a new identification — to get a job, get paid, drive and do any number of things.

To change the name on your Social Security card, visit the Social Security Administration, www.ssa.gov and download the application, or call (800) 772-1213. You can also visit your local Social Security office. You will need to supply documentation for your old name and your new one.

To change the name on your driver's license, bring your new Social Security card and other forms to your local Department of Motor Vehicles.

Be sure to also notify the following:

- Your employer. Talk to your immediate supervisors, human resources office and the payroll department.
- The post office.
- Anyone you pay bills to — including the phone company, utilities, and your landlord.
- Credit-card companies.
- Banks and other financial institutions with whom you do business. Be sure to change the name on any outstanding mortgages, loans, or leases.
- Insurance representatives.
- Your lawyer. Your name will be changed on important legal documents such as your will.
- The clerk of the county or district in which you are registered to vote.
- Family and friends.

Organizations you must notify about your name change may ask for your Social Security card or your driver's license, so change those first. If you're getting married or divorced, you may also need to supply a certified copy of the marriage certificate or divorce decree.

Target

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research to determine the viability of new pharmacies in existing stores, Weyland said.

Target also plans to hire 30 or 40 new temporary employees during the project and up to 10 permanent employees when it's completed.

Wal-Mart's plans to build a Twin Falls store at the intersection of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North could mean another discount retailer within a mile of Target. Naturally, there would be some competition between the stores, but Weyland said Target does not change its marketing strategy in response to Wal-Mart. Target shoppers could see some lower prices as a result of the competition.

"It will increase competition, but competition is good," Weyland said. "You might get your Td 5 cents cheaper (here)."

The remodeling and expansion will start soon and are slated to be completed sometime between April and July, Weyland said. The store won't close during construction; rather, construction workers will do their jobs before, during and after business hours.

"There will be some inconvenience for customers," Weyland said. "Some parts of the stores will be moved around overnight, but it will be a fairly quiet transition — about eight weeks."

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Statewide entrepreneur event features variety of workshops

The Times-News

BOISE — Macintosh evangelist and founder/CEO of Garage Technology Ventures, Greg Kawasaki, will be the featured speaker at "Kickstart — The Northwest's Premier Entrepreneur Event" this spring in Boise, Idaho.

The event will run April 4-6 at Boise State University's Student Union Building and the Morrison Center. Kawasaki, author of the new book "The Art of the Start" will keynote the event at 7 p.m. April 5 in the Morrison Center. A series of workshops focusing on entrepreneurship and innovators will be held April 6 in the Student Union

Building.

The 16 individual workshops will consist of four tracks: creation, implementation, execution and resources. Seminar topics include: assessing opportunity, intellectual property, marketing a business, university and Idaho National Lab resources, presenting to investors and many others. Ticket prices are \$25 for the Kawasaki keynote speech. Cost for the day of seminars on April 6 is \$20, breakfast and lunch.

The event will also serve as a boot camp for Idaho businesses interested in competing in June's second annual TechLaunch competition, Idaho

Commerce and Labor said. TechLaunch trains emerging companies in doing business-plan presentations, and cash awards are given to winners.

Kickstart will run in conjunction with BSU's Northwest Venture Championship, an annual student business plan competition that draws international competitors. The championship will provide opportunity for entrepreneurs looking for ideas as well as students looking to learn and make contacts.

Registration is limited. For information, call Brian Critchfield at (208) 426-6634 or visit the event Web site at www.kickstartidaho.com.

Groups sponsor technology summit

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NAMPA — The Intermountain Chapter of the Surface Mount Technology Association and SpecTeK, a division of Milcon, are co-sponsoring a Pb-Free Technology Summit on Thursday at SpecTeK in Nampa.

The event will feature presentations by industry experts, a vendor show and a tour of a lead-free prototype production line. Cost is \$75 for SMTA members and \$85 for nonmembers. Sign up by contacting Kent

Langston, president of SMTA's Intermountain Chapter, at klangston@preco.com, and complete the attendee registration form at www.smtaibc.org.

The seminar offers presentations on topics ranging from lead-free component selection to rework and wave soldering. Presenters include industry experts such as Ronald C. Lasky, senior technologist at Indium Corp., who will talk about implementation strategy; Katherine Hickey, consultant and co-founder of Biotech, who will speak about

protocol for WEEE and RoHS compliance; Don Saunders, who will present on solder joint integrity; and Tim Jensen, product specialist with Indium, who will present on the challenges of implementing Pb-free.

In addition, attendees will see a demonstration of Pb-free assembly on SpecTeK's prototype line.

For information, contact Pat Ryan at (315) 534-3316, Kent Langston, at (208) 321-3826 or SpecTeK at (208) 353-4508, or visit www.smtaibc.org.

Administration sponsors veterans conference

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BOISE — The U.S. Small Business Administration is sponsoring a free Veterans Business & Benefits Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 26 at Boise State University's Student Union Building.

Section one of the conference includes four business trainings

presented twice per day: "Financing Your Business," "Marketing Your Business," "Selling to the Government and Prime Contractors" and "Finding the Right Franchisee."

Section two of the conference is meeting one-on-one with buyers from a variety of federal agencies and prime contractors to discuss how a company's

products and service can fulfill their purchasing needs.

Section three of the conference is a Veteran's Service Providers Trade Show where participants can check out the latest information on veteran entitlements and business assistance.

For information or to register, go online to www.idahoosbdc.org or call (208) 426-3875.

Grocery

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Killpack sent one-sentence response by e-mail: "We have no comment at this time — thank!"

City Council members last week discussed the possibility that Albertsons might not proceed with the investment if Wal-Mart succeeds in opening a Twin Falls store.

The Boise grocery chain has had troubles elsewhere in the nation.

In late February, Albertsons lowered its sales and earnings forecast for the latest fiscal year, citing a slew of factors including expenses related to union agreements, intense price competition in Southern California and a weaker-than-expected fly season

that hurt pharmacy sales.

In Twin Falls, the clock is ticking again for Albertsons.

"They have to commence work on this permit by July 27, 2005, or else they'll need to get a

new permit," Barker said.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at 502 4th Street, Boise, Idaho until 2:00 PM, local time on March 24, 2005, for DPW Project No. 05111, HVAC, Old Administration Building, located at the intersection of the 4th and 5th Streets, Boise, Idaho. Further information, including information regarding the project, is available at the DPW Pre-Bid Conference, availability of documents for review and bid bond requirements, is at www.state.idaho.gov/procurement/bids or by contacting the DPW Procurement Manager, Division of Public Works, at 502 4th Street, Boise, Idaho 83725. Estimated Cost: \$150,000. **PUBLISH:** March 4, 5 and 6, 2005

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Notice of Trustee's Sale
T.S. No. 2004-03372 - 23461 Loan No. 50286389 48072205 at 11:00 am (Pacific and local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of First American Title Company, 420 Victoria Avenue, North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee will sell at public auction the highest bidder for cash, in full payment of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Block 19, Range 13 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 13, beginning at the Northwest corner of the NE1/4SE1/4 of section 13, thence West along the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 485 feet; thence South parallel with the North line of the NE1/4SE1/4 160 feet; thence East along the NE1/4SE1/4 to a point in the East line of said NE1/4SE1/4, thence North 150 feet along the East line to the point of beginning. Excluding therefrom: A parcel of land described as all that portion of NE1/4SE1/4, Section 13, Township 13 South, Range 13 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, lying North of the centerline of the Twin Falls Canal Company's Lateral No. 10, and exclusive remedy for the failure to perform the description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with the deed of trust executed by Robert L. Scofield and Karen M. Scofield, husband and wife, as grantors, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Northwest Mortgage, Inc. Now known as Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 07/15/1999, and recorded in the Boise County Instrument Register 013701, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are not to be held liable for any taxes, liens, or encumbrances on the above property, whether or not they are presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default by the grantors shall be made to the lender or their assignee, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 07/15/1999. The monthly installments for principal, interest and impound (if applicable) of \$43.94 due per month for the months of 9/1/2004 through 1/26/2005, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$102,014.48, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from 06/01/2004. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accrued, together with all taxes, liens, or encumbrances, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary deems to be in default of the obligation. It is the intent of the grantors to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1-27-05. First American Title Insurance Company, 420 Victoria Avenue, North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. For statement and Pay-Off Request: 540-622-3388. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND TO ENFORCE A LEGAL OBLIGATION. IF YOU DISPUTE THIS FOR THAT PURPOSE, BY: Kathleen M. Mayo, Ass. Sec ASAP632372

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LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
DWF, 39, loves laughter, romance, the outdoors, most moves. Seeking similar active, romantic man to seek out with for a while. Hollister TB606393

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 26, 5'5", red/blue, likes rodeos, movies, more. Seeking honest, outgoing SWM, 26-30, smoker, with kids ok, for friendship and dating, possible LTR. Eko TB609016

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Vibrant, funny, communicative SF, 33, well-traveled, studying Raw foods. Alternate ways of heating, yoga and learning about myself. I'm originally from the Magic Valley, returning in Nov. ISO needs dating! Hollister TB522525 @ mdelvino33

SEEKING GOOD FRIEND
Attractive SF, 49, 5'4", 130lbs, cancer, likes dancing, seeking open, honest SM, 45-55, to befriend and develop a relationship. TB679162

WHY NOT TRY?
SWF, 62, self-employed rancher, looking to meet similar SM who enjoys farming, riding, animals, dancing, simple times, to share fun times, lakes and maybe more. Lone Star TB595957

SMILE!
SWF, 34, non-smoker, enjoys outdoors, reading, hanging out with my children. Looking for non-smoking male, 32-40, for friendship or more. Burley TB595696 @ ybnormal

NO HEAD LINES
SWF, 37, strong-willed, loves being herself and won't change for anything. Seeking like-minded SM, 36-45. Hollister TB522929 @ painterbaet1

SHARE THESE INTERESTS?
SWF, young SA, grandmother, average build, enjoys country and jazz, movies, outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing, horseback riding. Looking for SWM, 40-63, for friendship or more. Hollister TB600409

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SF enjoys camping, working, gardening, dancing, dining, outdoors, travel, picnics, romance, cuddling on the couch. Seeking SM, 35-50, for friendship first, possible LTR. Burley TB581253

LADY SEeks GENTLEMAN
SWF, 40, honest, friendly, a real lady, seeks a real gentleman, 27-40, to be a good friend first, because friends make the best partners. Burley TB606611 @ katchow

MUST LIKE CHILDREN
Marriage-minded SWF, 20, mother, enjoys camping, family time, friends, meals at home, meals. Seeking SWM, 19-25, for possible relationship. Gooding TB580354

ARE YOU OUTGOING?
Enjoy doing things outdoors! Me too. SF, 40, seeks honest, caring SWM, 38-49, who enjoys having kids and family around. Kimberly TB583303

JUST MOVED HERE
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FRIENDSHIP, FUN & DATING
DWF, 31, 5'4", Brazilian, dimples, ISO SM, medium build, W/M, tall and I seek non-smoker, non-drug user, light drinker ok. Education and intelligence a must. Twin Falls TB457842

HOPE I'S YOU?
DWF, 57, 6'3", mother/grandmother, enjoys travel, dancing, football, bowling, movies, more. Seeking a friend to share dinner, games, talks and simple times. Hansen TB521878

READY FOR FINAL SEARCH
Genuine, honest, loving, kind, fun, spontaneous SWF, 48, enjoys the outdoors, doing movies, friends, more. Seeking down-to-earth SM, 45-55, for friendship, possible relationship. Hollister TB482779 @ bwende, sue

SEEKING A FRIEND
SF, 19; student; outgoing and spontaneous, seeks friendly, cute SM, who loves animals, quiet walks, and quality time. Right night dining, friendship and possibly more. Hollister TB527142

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Outgoing SF, 51", slim, blonde hair, smoker, seeks steady relationship with good-looking guy, 19-21. If you're adventurous & spontaneous, give me a call. Hollister TB527945

IS IT YOU?
SF, 21, brown/brown, medium build, enjoys dancing, camping, hunting. Seeking chis-trimmed, honest, kind, like-minded SM, to share friendship, casual dates, talks and possibly more. Applion TB542957

FROM HERE TO FOREVER

SWF, 36, 5'6", 135lbs, blonde/blue, into race cars, football, hunting, camping, romantic quiet evening. Seeking honest, sincere SWM, 30-44, possible relationship. Hollister TB972555

BE MY BABY
SWF, 33, likes to camp out under the stars, try new restaurants, go on outings and long drives. If you like the same, give me a call. Hollister TB592946 @ lucky2011

IS IT YOU?
Employed SHF, 32, 5', black/brown, mother loves music, concerts, Italian cuisine, camping. Seeking a kind man not about games, who's spontaneous, family-oriented and fun, for sharing life and possible LTR. Hollister TB463945

NEED A LITTLE TLC
SWF, 21, nursing and acute business student, great listener, loves horses, the outdoors, snuggling, hanging out. Seeking SM, 18-34, who is a good friend, maybe more. Hollister TB595510 @ nlsmo5054

SINGLE IN IDAHO
Likes movies, dinner out, I'm a 55-year-old SWF looking for a relationship with the right man. I have one daughter at home. She's 19. I'm a homemaker and lady. Hollister TB531152 @ ilwoment32003

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR?
ISO SM, 19-21 year old guy who enjoys to party but also enjoys a quiet night at home cuddling. I'm a SHF. 18 years old college student looking for LTR. Burley TB437137 @ sweet_guys5

BE YOURSELF
SWF, 30, is looking for a man who is honest, not afraid to be himself, a tall of the outdoors as well as staying in. Hollister TB582632 @ grrlls

FUN AND LOVEABLE
Separated woman, 34, with 8-year-old son, enjoys family activities. Seeking a family-oriented man 27-42 for friendship first. Applion TB525015 @ Barachetta

LOVES TO LAUGH
SWF, 38, not afraid of hard work, enjoys hiking, riding, enjoys movies, music, being outdoors, romance, seeking a SM, 34-45, who loves romance, an adult night clubbers. Hollister TB557547 @ mail19663301

LET'S MEET!

SM, 19, 5'11", brown/blue, chef, seeks SF, 18-22, who enjoys sports, jet-skiing, fishing, camping, outdoors. Curry TB588172

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greatest girl in the world. Do you know her, are you her? Not looking for a good friend with similar interests, but friendship, possible LTR. Acquia TB525435 @ mlcman

SOULD LIKE YOU?
DWM, 37, enjoys Italian food, cooking, hiking, skiing (snow/river), road trips. Seeking outgoing, sincere SF, 27-43, interested in having fun, lasting friendship and possible romance. Hollister TB527042 @ mdelvino33

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SWM, 29, 5'10", 170lbs, light drinker, N/S, business owner, enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, movies, more. Seeking honest WF, 24-30; N/S; light drinker with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Acquia TB525435 @ mlcman

IS SHE OUT THERE
SM, 61, ISO lady who enjoys fishing, hiking, outdoors, mountains, snow, high-tops, bicycals, restaurants, movies, concerts, downs 'n' smokes, antique shops, second hand stores. If male, you smile. Haley TB11073 @ yeszifrah

SEARCHING FOR YOU
W/M, 63', brown/blue, loves being outdoors, fishing, camping, horseback riding, animals and more. Seeking caring female, 18-35, who likes to talk. Twin Falls TB433303

THERE FOR YOU ALWAYS
Lonely, loyal SHF, 33, Gemini, N/S, certified welder, loves to laugh, seeks slender, blonde SWF, 18-30, N/S, for excellent relationship. Acquia TB57679

AGING GYPSY...
55, light smoker, getting tired of talking to nobody but my dog! Looking for clean/shower-bath lady, 30-40, to spend some time with. Dietrich TB606942 @ lostblue

WILL TREAT YOU WELL
honest W/M, 42, 6'2", 190lbs, brown/brn hair, enjoys music, parks and just about anything. Fun. Looking for an attractive woman, 30-55, for dating. Middleton TB488916

JUST A CALL AWAY
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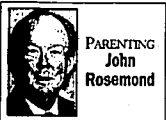
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Readiness, not reading, essential for starting school

Through my Web site (www.rosemond.com), a mother recently asked my opinion of teaching her 4-year-old son to read. The child had not expressed any specific interest in learning to read, but Mom noted that most of her friends were teaching their preschoolers to read, and she did not want her little one to "fall behind."

I pointed out that by the time children of similar ability reach the third grade, it is virtually impossible to distinguish those who came to kindergarten having spontaneously learned to read from those who did not even know their ABCs.



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Unfortunately, many of today's moms are caught up in the race for having the first reader on the block because the new standard of good mothering has it that the best mom is the mom with the highest-achieving child. She thinks "women's liberation" was nothing more than the trading of one confine for another.) Research also finds that the earlier children are taught to read, the more likely it is they will develop a learning disability (probably due, in some measure, to not having been taught properly). That is not to say, however, that a child who asks to be taught to read should not be taught, but we must realize that teaching is developmentally appropriate, based on phonics as opposed to "wifole language," and that the instructor knows what he/she is doing.

It is significant to note that 52 years ago when I entered first grade in Charleston, S.C., I did not know my ABCs. Neither did most of the other 49 kids in my class, which was taught by one teacher. In that regard, we were a typical group of first-graders in 1952. Yet, at the end of that school year, we (referring now to my generation) were doing better than today's kids, many of whom come to kindergarten already reading. I was smarter than today's kids, mind you, but despite our lack of "book learning," we came to school better prepared. Quite simply, we were far, far better behaved, and it is a good behavior, not a high IQ or pre-school reading skills, that defines the good student.

So I advised said 4-year-old's mom to not waste precious time teaching him to read rather, to spend her energies more wisely by teaching him good manners, respect for authority, and so on. Within days, a number of teachers had chimed in to affirm my advice.

One: "This first-grade teacher says a big Amen to not teaching children to read before they begin first grade. I'd rather have children who know right from left and right from front and back, not a high IQ or pre-school reading skills to read to pay attention to an adult and are eager to learn. (which many kids who've been force-taught to read are not). Keep on telling it like it is!"

To closing a little dirty. Let children be carefree when they are small. Teach character, not characters, and help their manners grow tall. Read to them a lot and discipline them well, and they will do their best when rings the school bell.

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Dad's promise



Bosnian immigrant and College of Southern Idaho freshman Meliha Mustafic studies for a class recently. Mustafic, who also works as a custodian at Bickel Elementary and was named February Employee of the Month, has aspirations of becoming a teacher.

COURTESY: THE TIMES-NEWS

Immigrant went through hell to find a future

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At her father's urging in 1993, 16-year-old Meliha Mustafic fled with her mother and brother from the eastern Bosnian city of Zvornik to Sebrnitski, seeking haven from the civil war between Muslims, Serbs and Croats that has erupted a year earlier.

Along with hundreds of other Muslim women and children, the family began a two-day journey — on foot — despite the snow that covered much of the route.

"The memories of that trip are still vivid. "We were cold and hungry," said Mustafic, and on the first day of their flight-for-life exodus, she lost one of her shoes. Still, they continued walking and by the time they arrived in Muslim-held Srebrenik, Mustafic had lost the feeling in one foot — and in most of her leg.

But through it all, she never lost sight of the promise her father had made: That he would someday meet them again.

"Go with my mom. I'll be there," is what he told her, Mustafic remembered.

"But he never came," she said.

Her dad was killed two years

after their tearful departure from Serb-dominated Zvornik, but it was seven years before his family knew.

"After his death was confirmed, the Mustafics' mind-set was: 'Why stay here?'"

The family began its search for a new life, arriving in America in 2001. Eventually they were assigned Twin Falls, Idaho — to a magical valley.

"I want to be a teacher," said Mustafic, and to help make that dream a reality, she has mastered enough English to become a full-time student at the College of Southern Idaho.

"While Mustafic has only been in the English 01 class for a short time, she's very eager to learn the language and works very hard to do so," said Kim Jones, who teaches the remedial course — in English composition at CSI.

With "a bright smile, she takes her education very seriously," Jones said.

"I and she shows.

Mustafic has already declared a major in Early Childhood Education.

Although her struggle with a new language is far from over, with the help she received as a student in English courses at CSI and the Refugee Center, she's mainstreaming," Jones said.

But her studies are only part

About the Bosnian civil war

Muslims, Croats and Serbs had lived side-by-side in the Balkan region called Bosnia and Herzegovina for hundreds of years. In 1946, Bosnia and Herzegovina became one of the six constituent republics of Yugoslavia. Under the communist regime led by Josip Broz Tito, Bosnia remained relatively undeveloped. Economic problems and ethnic quarrels during the 1980s led to widespread dissatisfaction with the central government, but the event that eventually led to independence was the death of Tito in 1980.

In October 1992, following the secession of Slovenia, Croatia and Macedonia from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, the Croats and Muslims of Bosnia and Herzegovina — fearing Serbian domination — voted for a declaration of independence from Yugoslavia. In 1992, the sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina was recognized by the 14 European Union and the United States, and it entered the United Nations. Many Bosnian Serbs opposed the new republic, in which they were a minority, and Serb troops from the now-dissolved Yugoslav army began to carve out the Serb-populated areas and declared the Serbian Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Croats in Bosnia, also fearing Muslim domination, declared their own Croatian Community of

Herzegovina.

An arms embargo reinforced the disparity between the well-armed Serbs and their foes, and Muslims were forced from their homes and towns as part of an "ethnic cleansing" policy carried out mostly by the Serbs. Thousands were killed, many were placed in detention camps, and many more fled the country. The major Western powers rejected military intervention but endorsed the establishment of six "safe areas" with a United Nations presence, where Muslims would supposedly not be attacked.

Fighting between Muslims and Croats intensified in 1993. Shelling, mainly by Serb forces, destroyed much of the capital of Sarajevo and laid waste to other cities throughout the country. In 1994, Yugoslav and Croatian forces fought in support of Bosnian Serbs and Croats, respectively. The Bosnian government army launched major offensives from Bihac and elsewhere, and the balance of power among Serbs, Croats and Muslims shifted from time to time.

In 1994, Bosnian Muslims and Croats agreed to a cease-fire and established a joint Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. During 1995, Serb

forces shelled the besieged capital of Sarajevo and launched attacks on the U.N.-protected safe areas of Tuzla, Zepce, and Srebrenica. There were mass deportations of Muslims and widespread instances of rape and execution of civilians, especially in Srebrenica. Croat and Muslim forces later made heavy assaults against Serbs in western Bosnia.

In late 1995, the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government and the leaders of Croats and Serbs met under U.S. auspices in Dayton, Ohio, and negotiated a peace accord. It called for a Bosnian republic with a central government and two autonomous regions, roughly equal in size, one dominated by Serbs, the other by Muslims and Croats in federation. The accord provided for the dispatch of NATO-led troops for peacekeeping purposes; the forces originally were to stay until June 1998. Although the agreement was implemented and conditions have slowly improved, much distrust remains among members of all three communities, who now typically live in ethnically homogeneous areas. Foreign peacekeeping forces remain in the region. Bosnian disagreements with the moderates who had held power since 1998 resulted in electoral victories for the ethnic nationalist parties in the 2002.

of the workload. Mustafic carries on a daily basis.

To help make ends meet,

the 21-year-old also puts in a 40-hour work week at Bickel Elementary School, pushing

a broom.

Please see IMMIGRANT, Page E3

Tips on making your trip to the dentist more tolerable

Scared of going to the dentist? You're not alone.

"When the teeth are hurting the pain is exquisite," said Rita Cowan, a Onyaboga Falls psychologist who specializes in pain management. "And human beings are designed for pain tolerance. That is, we would rather feel pain than have a dull-in mechanism around that."

Cowan offers these tips to help patients make their next visit to the dentist more tolerable:

- Visit the practice before selecting a new dentist. Make sure you like the style of the dentist and his or her staff.
- Ask the dentist questions about approaches used to control pain.
- Practice breathing techniques before your appointment to help you relax

during stressful moments.

• Cool the nostrils and hot air going out the mouth," Cowan said.

- Use visualization to imagine yourself somewhere more pleasant during your appointment — perhaps an ocean-side vacation or favorite hiking spot.
- Try aromatherapy and find a scent that soothes and calms you. Bring a little tube of that oil with you to your appointment.
- Ask your dentist if you can use headphones to listen to your favorite music or a book on tape if the practice doesn't already provide them.

—Source: Akron Beacon-Journal

How to transform YOUR WORK SPACE into your OWN

The Hartford Courant

Fridays are frequently highlighted at Peter, Cook & Epstein Architects in Hartford, Conn. For the occasion, architect and palm-tree lover Michael Wazkolewicz, 50, narrows his shiny-artificial-palm tree from a closet and hangs it from the ventilation system above his cubicle.

The palm could be an oddity, but light Wazkolewicz's cubicle is filled with live plants, diminishing the prominence of the fake tree. Covering one partition of the cubicle are posters from Florida (with palm trees) and pictures of

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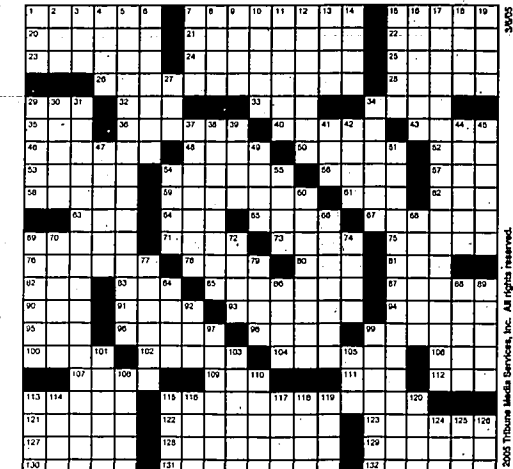


Martin Khodabakhshian, an associate producer at ESPN, has a cubicle loaded with sports and TV figurines.

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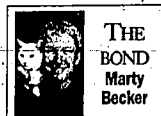
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Fortified diet, good environment allow dogs to grow old gracefully



THE BOND Mary Becker

Aging is inevitable, but what we all wish for is aging gracefully. However, many of us face the heartache of hearing the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in someone we love. Like humans, our four-legged friends face age-related conditions, but too often dog owners don't recognize signs of canine brain aging or accept it as part of a normal pet-aging process.

Just like people, dogs in the 21st century are living longer and are prone to many of the same age-related health problems as their human companions. One of the most devastating is canine brain aging, a condition that affects millions of dogs, leads to reduced brain function, and often results in behavioral changes. As many as 1.5 million dogs per year are put to sleep, removed from the home, or sent to an animal shelter because of behavior problems such as house soiling, personality problems, and compulsive behaviors like circling or obsessive grooming. In older dogs, these behavior problems may be associated with brain aging.

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A recent study published in the January 2005 issue of *Neurobiology of Aging* led by researchers at the University of Toronto, Hill's Pet Nutrition, and supported by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), showed that a diet rich in antioxidants combined with a stimulating environment slowed the development of the signs of canine brain aging.

To determine the effects of diet and environment on canine brain aging, the scientists involved in the two-year study divided the 48 beagles (ages 7 to 11) into four groups. One group was fed a regular diet and received standard laboratory care; the second group received standard care but was fed a food rich in antioxidants and nutrients, Prescription Diet Canine b/d; the third was fed a regular diet but their environment was enriched (i.e., regular exercise, socialization with other dogs, and access to novel toys); and the fourth group received both Prescription Diet Canine b/d and an enriched environment.

The results of this study are very provocative. Certainly one of the questions that this study raises is "could we improve or delay aging and potentially other diseases by increasing supplementation at an earlier age?" says Andrea J. Fascetti, VMD PhD, Associate Professor of Nutrition at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Scientists suspect that antioxidants might reduce free radical damage to neurons in the brain, which they believe is involved in age-associated learning and memory problems.

To identify canine brain aging behavior changes, look for one of the following warning signs: disorientation, interaction changes, sleep pattern changes, and house soiling.

If your dog is exhibiting any of these signs, speak with your veterinarian.

Your senior dog should get a complete physical examination

and blood and urine collected to rule-out medical causes of behavior change such as kidney disease, endocrine disease such as diabetes and Cushing's Disease, and cancer," says Sandy Wright DVM, Diplomat American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and small animal internal medicine consultant with Antech Diagnostics. If the tests are normal, ask about nutrition and activities that can help slow the progress of brain aging.

Kim Bork was devastated after discovering that her dog Taylor, a 14 year-old Basset Hound was displaying signs of canine brain aging. "When I first noticed changes in his behavior, it reminded me of Alzheimer's. I was very sad. He was less alert, sluggish, and seemed generally disinterested in his favorite things. Watching him have less interest in life was horrible. I dreaded coming home to find he had done something to expect next."

Kim marvelled at the positive change in Taylor after putting him on a diet rich in antioxidants and nutrients. "His good behavior returned. He was more alert, and responsive. Now he beats me up the stairs before I had to wait a few minutes for him to catch up with me. It's like I have my old buddy back again."

With this recent study suggesting that canine brain aging can be slowed, you can now let your canine companion enjoy their senior years by implementing both a fortified diet and an enriched environment. For more information on age-related behavior changes and the important role of nutrition, be sure to speak with your veterinarian.

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Woman no longer in hot affair goes back to lukewarm marriage

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old married woman. "Vern" and I have been married for 10 years and are childless by choice. We have had our share of problems, but for the most part, we've learned to put them in perspective.

Eight months ago, I started flirting with a guy at work. "Jason" is married with two small children. At first the flirtation seemed harmless. The next thing I knew, we were having a hot-and-heavy affair.

I have never been so drawn to any man. I became convinced that feeling this way about Jason meant I was no longer in love with Vern, so I left my husband.

Vern was devastated. I didn't tell him there was someone else. I said I was unhappy, which was the truth. I got my own place, and the affair continued until Jason's wife became suspicious. Then Jason started pulling back. He said he was worried about not being able to see his kids.

Finally, Jason told me he thought it would be a good idea for me to go back to Vern. I begged him to change his mind and said I'd be his other woman for as long as it takes. I was so in love.

He made me laugh, listened to me, and made me feel special. He was everything my husband wasn't.

I am now back with Vern. I care for him, but the spark is long gone. He goes out of his way to make things right for



DEAR ABBY Jeannie Phillips

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me, but he no longer trusts me because his heart rumors. I want our marriage to work, but all I do is think about Jason. What should I do?

—CONFUSED IN ALASKA
DEAR CONFUSED: While you're thinking about Jason, please remember that although he was amusing and a good listener, and the chemistry was strong, he was also a liar and a cheater. He may have made you feel special, but when the chips were down, his wife and children were more important to him.

Your husband wasn't born yesterday. He still loves you. Vern took you back in spite of the rumors. You now have a second chance, but only if you reorganize your priorities. If you want your marriage to work, you and Vern will have to admit that you had issues before you moved out and seek professional counseling to

work on them.

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Jerry" for four years. We met through my ex-boyfriend. "Paul." We have been dating for about nine months.

Paul and I have a child together, our daughter, "Ellie," just turned 5. My ex and I rarely speak to each other, and when we do, it's only about Ellie.

I love Jerry with all my heart and would never cheat on him. How can I convince him that I am no longer interested in Paul? Whenever we have an argument, he says "Go back to Paul—maybe he can make you happy."

Would I be out of line if I told Jerry, "If you don't like the idea of my talking to my child's father, there's the door, and don't let it hit you on your way out?" We don't even live together, and he's trying to control me. How do you think it would be if we started living together—which we have discussed?

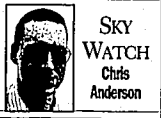
—ANGRY
IN PENNSYLVANIA
DEAR ANGRY: Jerry is insecure. Since you love him, do not give him an ultimatum. Because you share a child with Paul, there will always be contact of some sort.

If Jerry is going to build a future with you, he will have to accept that fact. Do not live with him until he is mature enough to do so.

—Dear Abby is written by Jeannie Phillips.

This week offers best of Mercury in '05

On average, Mercury is 60 percent closer to the sun than earth. As a result, it speeds around the sun once every 88 days, spending most of its time lost in solar glare. Nonetheless it makes a maximum excursion from the sun, an event known as greatest elongation.



Sky calendar

of the vernal equinox (March 20 this year), the plane of the solar system (known as the ecliptic), stands nearly perpendicular to the horizon. Thus Mercury's 18 degrees of separation gives it an altitude of nearly 18 degrees above the western horizon at sunset, which is about as good as it gets.

Compare this favorable geometry to Mercury's final evening appearance of the year in November, when it will be 24 degrees from the sun, but only 7 degrees above the horizon at sunset.

Although this best-of-the-year appearance of Mercury is on Saturday, you need wait until the weekend to see it. Start looking low in the west around 7 p.m. Mercury will set after 8

Planets:
• One hour before sunrise: Mars; SE, very low
Jupiter: WSW, low
• One hour after sunset: Mercury, W, very low
Saturn: SE, very high
• Moon: Moon Thursday, 2:10 a.m.
Below Mars this morning.
Close to Mercury Friday evening.
p.m., so the longer you wait the lower it will be, but the darker the sky. On Friday the thin waxing crescent moon will sit just above and to the left of Mercury, making a pretty scene. Go take a look!

Next week: Gemini's sextuplet star.

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Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes
Pain in upper teeth	Sometimes	No
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Lounge room available for tele-visions, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, spinach, fruit salad, dessert
Tuesday: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, mixed vegetables, salad, dessert
Wednesday: Stuffed peppers, tomatoes and cheese, peas, bread, Jell-O salad with peaches, cake
Thursday: Veal parmesan, butter noodles, Italian vegetables, French bread, blueberry bar
Friday: Fish or chicken, red potatoes, cream cauliflower, green salad, cookies, bread, applesauce

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting
Exercise class
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Tax aide
Wednesday: Quilting
Elsas Cant Club
Exercise class
Foot clinic
Jackpot trip
Thursday: Center Pinochle, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Tax aide
Friday: Lunch bingo
Blood pressure
Exercise class
Quilting
Saturday: Super bingo
Boy Scouts of America Banquet, 7 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Today: Fried chicken dinner, 1 p.m.
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, California salad, fried bread, dessert
Wednesday: Turkey enchilada, Spanish rice, refried beans, tortillas, cauliflower pudding
Thursday: Lemon pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, salad, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit, dessert
Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Farmer's Market, 5 to 7 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure check, noon
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinner served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.
Menu:
Tuesday: Sliced ham, potato casserole, green peas, carrot raisin salad, fruit sauce, cookies
Thursday: Spaghetti, coleslaw, French bread, cook's choice dessert
Activities:
Monday: Ham and beans, green salad, fruit cookies, corn bread
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit, cream puffs
Wednesday: Pork chow mein over rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon cake
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, green salad, strawberry cheese cake
Friday: Chicken salad, creamed corn, fruit salad, peach crisp
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 22 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic and blood pressure
Friday: BJ and friends, 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 Elm Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Menu:
Monday: Ham and beans, green salad, fruit cookies, corn bread
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit, cream puffs
Wednesday: Pork chow mein over rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, cinnamon cake
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, broccoli, green salad, strawberry cheese cake
Friday: Chicken salad, creamed corn, fruit salad, peach crisp
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 22 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Foot clinic and blood pressure
Friday: BJ and friends, 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee and tea served.
Menu:
Monday: Biscuits and sausage gravy, link sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, peas
Wednesday: Purpura creamed peas, red potatoes, creamed peas, relish, hot, Jell-O/mandarin oranges
Friday: Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes and peas, coleslaw, biscuits, blueberries, chocolate pudding parfait
Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menu:
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken, creamed potatoes and peas, coleslaw, biscuits, blueberries, chocolate pudding parfait

stewed tomatoes, bread, fruit cocktail, cookies

Activities:
Today: Roast beef dinner, noon to 2 p.m. Seniors are \$6, children under age 12 are \$3.50.
Monday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Gta runway, 1 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Menu:
Monday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, peas, fruit, vegetables, bread, cookies
Tuesday: Beef stew, pineapple with cottage cheese, cornbread, peas
Wednesday: Chef's choice, smorgasbord
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts, coleslaw, rolls, cake

Activities:
Today: Jackpot
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1:30 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Today: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors 64 and children under 12, \$2.
Menu:
Monday: Spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, fruit, green salad, garlic bread, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken vegetable soup, tuna sandwiches, fruit, salad, dessert
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, fruit, rolls, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

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Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are chuncheon rolls and apple bar bake days.
Menu:
Tuesday: Beef stew, cheese wedge, cauliflower, Jell-O salad, peaches, cookie
Wednesday: Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, pumpkin pie
Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Tuesday: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit cocktail, cream puffs
Wednesday: Tomato soup, tuna fish sandwich, peach pie
Friday: Chicken pie, vegetables, green salad, biscuits, topioca pudding
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early to bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Menu:
Monday: Fried fish, coleslaw, fried potatoes, creamed vegetables, green beans, peas
Thursday: Lentil soup, egg salad sandwich, fruit Jell-O salad, sweet potato pie

Wednesday: Taco salad bar, Mexican corn, lettuce, pears and cottage cheese salad, orange sherbet with water
Friday: Roast beef with gravy or fish, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, deviled eggs, spinach salad, apple pie and ice cream

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 noon, meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Menu:
Tuesday: Spaghetti, peas, garlic bread, salad, fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Ham and beans, cornbread, salad, fruit, dessert
Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, fruit, dessert

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Open shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Menu:
Monday: Assorted salad, ham and scalloped potatoes, vegetables, muffins, pudding
Tuesday: Cream salad, barbecue on a bun, French fries, vegetables, blueberry cobbler
Wednesday: Coleslaw, finger steaks, french fries, carrots, Texas toast, brownies
Thursday: Fruit salad, potato soup, vegetables, biscuits, sherbert
Friday: Smorgasbord
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Call: George, 436 to 9107.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Butley
Menu:
Monday: Cheeseburger casserole, mixed greens, bread, peas and cottage cheese, cookies
Tuesday: Ham and beans, corn bread, vegetables, assorted desserts
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Beefy tomato macaroni, peas and carrots, salad, fruit cup, berry cheese cake
Friday: Fish burgers, fries, vegetables, roll, orange frosted pies
Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.

New technology opens doors for seniors

The Washington Post

Sometimes the residents of the Kensington Park Retirement Community in Maryland don't know quite what to make of Carolyn Layton.
At lunch one recent afternoon, Layton, 74, pulled up in her motorized chair to her usual table in the dining room, festive, her regular lunch companion, was already there, picking the toppings off her pizza.
"You should sell the rest of it or eat it," Layton joked.
"What's that? Focaccia called?"
"It's an auction," Layton explained.
"Oh."
Layton went back to her grilled cheese and tomato. By now, she's used to the people around her not always understanding her. But she would give a little bit of a misfit that gave up her Internet connection—even if it did a-lap.
Layton uses the motorized chair because of a degenerative disease in her spine. But her legs are agile. Without e-mail and the

internet, her world would not stretch beyond the confines of her retirement home, where the highlight of the day for many is a session of "SilverScreen" or a van ride to Target. Layton says she still loves papers on-line. Instant-messages from neighbors in Maine and downloaded bits of animation to attach to e-mails.
Layton thinks her neighbors, some of whom suffer from early Alzheimer's, would benefit from time spent on-line.
"I feel the people here are bored," she said. Surfing the Internet "would keep their synapses firing."
This notion that technology is the key to maintaining not only the health of the mind but also the active 65-year-old retiree to the homebound 80-year-old—but also their social lives and their minds is taking hold in boardrooms, research labs and government agencies.
By technology, we're talking about more than defibrillators and hearing aids. We're talking retirement homes built with

high-speed Internet connections, about speed-up caller ID that not only identifies who is calling but reminds you of the people you know in common and the subject of your last conversation. We mean "Smart houses" that tell you how many times you opened the refrigerator or got up off the sofa during the day, so she can call or stop by if she thinks something is wrong.
That high-tech companies are even focused on mature adults marks an industry sea change, said Ken Dychtwald, a gerontologist and president of AgeWave, a San Francisco marketing firm. When the Internet came along, "it was a party, and a lot of people were not invited," he said. "All the language, the media, the marketing, Wired magazine, was about the new, the young, the hip, the cool, the real." About Grandma. To their amazement, however, though they weren't invited, seniors began climbing the castle walls and crashing the party.

Immigrant

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And she gives the job as evening custodian her all.
"She's such a good person — very dedicated — and goes over and beyond what is required," Black principal Kelli Schroeder said.
In appreciation, Mustafic was named the Twin Falls School District Employee of the Month in February.
"I was a bit out of high school had the drive she has to be successful," Schroeder said.
And her workday is not over when she arrives home — most evenings around 11:30 p.m.
Her duties also include helping her mother — who is disabled — with household chores that need attending.
Other responsibilities include tutoring her mom to doctor's appointments, shopping for groceries and keeping tabs on her 17-year-old brother, Adnan.
"What does she do in her spare time?"
"I spend all my free time doing 'homework,'" said Mustafic, fluently.
According to Ron Black, director of the Refugee Program, refugees are assigned to an area after applying for resettlement in the United States. They come on the basis of family reunifica-

tion or as free case assignments.
Under a federal program, arriving families are helped by a designated resettlement worker. They get assistance finding homes, furnishings and food — all paid for through federal grants, Black said.
Refugee families are met at the airport and given "a general orientation as to what they can expect," he said.
Once they've settled in, there is a series of health checks, including verification of immunizations required for enrollment in school, according to Black.
Through the week, families attend English as Second Language class and also a Language Lab course that is popular at the center.
Fridays are set aside for job-development arrangements, or for medical issues that may still need some follow-up.
"I've seen a lot of employable, transportation issues that can be arranged, he said.
Continued benefits and food stamps are based on income. The desired time frame for finding a job is 4 1/2 months, Black says.
It takes a lot of determination on the part of all concerned.

"(Refugees) would like to learn a lot of English — quickly," Black said. "And it's pretty traumatic."
In the Twin Falls area over the past 15 years, the high point of resettlement was 287 in one year. In contrast, last year's number was only 37 cases, Black says.
"And as of October, we're already at 80," Black said.
Applications for refugee status are processed in the United States but must be channeled through the United Nations. The United States then decides how many immigrants it will accept from around the world.
After that, all applications are followed by background checks and security clearances before refugees can come to America.
"Applicants must pay their own airfare with loans that must be repaid."
Mustafic's influence has had a positive effect on her brother, who shared her harrowing past.
"I want to be a doctor," Adnan said, "and education is very important."
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Cubicle

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more palm trees. It appears Waskielewicz likes the green stuff.
"It's calming it makes you feel nice," she says, adding lightly. "The oxygen helps, too."
Cubicle space, much like the invisible personal space people create around them, is a conjured room giving the space, privacy and individuality in the workplace. The definition of what makes a cubicle an ideal work space varies from person to person and from profession to profession.
"As architects, designers, artists, it's nice to be able to express artistic freedom in your space," Waskielewicz says.
Cubicles are like a second home for some, and they decorate them as such. Waskielewicz, for instance, says his home decorations are much like his cubicle. Other things of their cubicles as strictly related to work and keep their office space devoid of family photos or personal trinkets.
"Some people really distinguish their home life from their offices," says Steven Schiavo, professor of psychology at Wellesley College. Schiavo conducted a study on faculty cubicles at Wellesley and found that professors who decorated their offices were more attached to their workplace and, therefore, made it more homelike.
"The items that are really linked to a sense of ownership — this is my space; this is my territory," Schiavo says.
In a cubicle environment, where office privacy, decorations are also a way of making a connection with others, he explains. Called "impression management," decorating a vis-

ible space is a way to showcase what one wants to reveal about oneself.
"You might say that the person in the cubicle is doing it not just for herself or himself but for the visitor of the cubicle," says Rhoda E. Green, a New York City organizational consultant specializing in career and business planning.
This may be why some companies invest in individual cubicles can decorate their cubicles. Companies feel they must uphold a professional atmosphere to reflect the company's philosophy, especially for visitors.
Cubicle decorations are expressions of individuality, Green says, and people feel a need to express themselves at work, just as they do at home.
They're looking to humanize the corporate setting," she says.
Zita Christian, coordinator of educational programs at Hartford's Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, has done just that, creating a Zen-like atmosphere in her cubicle. Christian, 57, has designed her space to represent the four elements of nature, which emphasize a spiritual path Christian is taking. A dragon sitting on the window sill represents fire; blue fabric beneath the dragon represents water; plants represent earth; and a butterfly represents air.
NewAge music emanates softly.
"The items that are really linked to a sense of ownership — this is my space; this is my territory," Schiavo says.
In a cubicle environment, where office privacy, decorations are also a way of making a connection with others, he explains. Called "impression management," decorating a vis-

job a couple of years ago, Christian's cubicle is filled with numerous family tragedies. "The decorating requires a kind of energy that I just didn't have," she said.
Designer Laura Bordeaux of E.D. Design in Glastonbury, Conn., specializes in cubicle reconfiguring office space and developing color and structural schemes to create a more productive environment. Bordeaux says it is important that people personalize their workstations.
"So that they have pictures of their family members or pets or children's drawings and things like that — so they see why they are working," she says.
Natascha Reithke, interactive art director at Mintz & Hoke, a marketing communications agency in Avon, Conn., maintains what she calls "the obligatory husband-and-son-on-vacation photo." But Reithke's space is surprisingly bare for a creative employee who designs WebSites.
"I have so many diverse clients that I must get into their mindsets and their aesthetics," Reithke, 40, says. "Having my own decorations and memorabilia around clutter my creative process." Reithke's decorations consist mainly of design books and other forms of inspiration specific to her current project.
"The office world of Marlin from 'The Book of David,' 30, couldn't be more different. An associate producer at ESPN in Bristol, Conn., Knodabakhshian's tiny cubicle, which is used only to place phone calls, is filled with Todd McFarlane sports and Guinness movie-character figures.
"I'll get my inspiration here," he says.

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Michelle McRoberts, Alyson Loosle, Andrea Powers, Amanda Johnson, Melissa McRill, Jamie Cunningham, Jyde Graham, Whitney Egbert

Miss Kimberly pageant hits the stage

KIMBERLY - The Miss Kimberly Scholarship Pageant will feature "A Night in Hatanana" at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly High School Old Gym. The cost is \$5 per person. Miss Kimberly will win a \$700 scholarship; first runner up, \$500; and second runner up, \$400. Several of the winners also will receive College of Southern Idaho Presidential Scholarships. Also given is a \$250 Kimberly Lions Spirit of Community Scholarship and all participants receive \$100 participation scholarships. There also is a Queen for a Day program where Kimberly girls in the fourth and fifth

grades are chosen to join the Miss Kimberly contestants the day of the pageant for shopping, a breakfast and make over. The candidates, who all attend Kimberly High School, are: Michelle McRoberts, 17, the daughter of Wally and Boba McRoberts, is a senior and member of the swim team and bowling team and plans to attend Boise State University and the Art Institute of Seattle to study interior design. Alyson Loosle, 17, the daughter of Wendy and Kent Loosle, is a senior member of the track team and National Honor Society, enjoys playing the piano and plans to attend

Brigham Young University Idaho to study accounting and music. Andrea Powers, 17, the daughter of Denise and Kevin Powers, is a senior and member of the bowling team, enjoys gymnastics and plans to attend CSI to be a veterinarian technician. Amanda Johnson, 18, the daughter of Bill and Marion Johnson, is a senior; enjoys reading, singing and traveling and plans to study business, music and theater. Melissa McRill, 18, the daughter of John and Billie Jo McRill, is a senior and cheerleader, plays softball, enjoys art

and will study interior design. Jamie Cunningham, 18, the daughter of Greg and Ginger Cunningham, is a senior and member of the band; enjoys music, camping and motorcycle riding and plans to attend Trinity Bible School in Ellendale, N. D. to study pastoral ministries. Jyde Graham, 17, the granddaughter of Deanna and Floyd Finney, is a senior; enjoys reading, writing and hiking and plans to attend BSU to study business and communication. Whitney Egbert, 18, the daughter Jeff and Kathi Egbert, is a senior, plays flute, enjoys reading and running and plans to study accounting and music.



The Burley Elks Lodge held an Americanism essay contest for fifth-through eighth-graders in the Cassia County schools. The topic was "What Old Glory means to Me." Fifth-grade winners were, from left, Megan Graham, first; Steven Ortiz, second; and Janelle Peterson, third. Back is Karlyv Butcher, Burley Elks president; and Mel Rodrigues, Idaho Elks State president.



The Burley Elks Lodge Americanism essay contest sixth-grade winners were, from left, Danell Manning, first; Cannon Hansen, second; and Elll Alves, third. Back is Kevin Butcher, Burley Elks president; and Mel Rodrigues, Idaho Elks State president. No entries were received in the seventh- and eighth-grade categories.



The Beavers and Protective Order of Elks reports that it is second only to the U.S. government for giving away scholarships. One of the Elks scholarships is the Most Valuable Student, which is available to all high school seniors. In Cassia County, the Burley Elks scholarship recipients include Trevor Dachak and Heather Westergard, center. Left is Kevin Butcher, Burley Elks president, and right is Mel Rodrigues, Idaho Elks State president.



A new Elks program is the Dictionary Project, where Elks nationwide purchase dictionaries for all third-graders to keep for use at school or home. The Burley Elks Lodge presented dictionaries to representatives from various Cassia County elementary schools. From left are Kevin Butcher, Burley Elks president; Irma Bushman, Dworshak; Mel Rodrigues, Idaho Elks State president; Laurie Copman, Declo; Della Valdez, Mountain View; and Jeff Birch, Raft River and Almo.

ROCK AND GEM SHOW



Photo courtesy of KELSO OMBROSOVICH

Julia McInn, assistant chairman, and Harold O. Waggoner, show chairman, sit at the grab bags table at a Magic Valley Gem Club Rock and Gem Show. This year's show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road. The cost is \$2. Children under age 12 are free with an adult. The event will include a silent auction, demonstrations, displays, wheel of fortune, mineral table and door prizes.

ELKS POSTER WINNERS



Photo by TERRY TEAM for The Times-News

The Burley Elks Lodge held a poster contest with the Cassia County elementary schools on the subject of safety. Winners were, from left, front: Josh Lind, first; D.J. Zevenberg, second; and Brody Bell, third. Back is Kevin Butcher, Burley Elks president; and Mel Rodrigues, Idaho Elks State president. All posters are displayed at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Jaren Dominic Nejezchleba, son of Tara R. Nejezchleba of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.

Jerrika G. Wilcox, daughter of Suzen Ann Eggerd of Gooding, was born Friday, Feb. 11, 2005.

Aubree Faith Williams, daughter of Melissa Muzaj and Klade Gayle Williams of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Alexandria Heather Ornelas, daughter of Melind Rae and Isidro G. Ornelas of Carey, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Elyon Avery Bornes, son of Shelley Lynn and Daniel Lynn Bornes of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Ryleigh Anne Prescott, daughter of Katharyn Anne and Kurt Matthew Prescott of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Preston Luke Jesser, son of Angela Elaine and Jerred Luke Jesser of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Carsen Levi Eggleston, son of Quina Mae and Jerry Ray Eggleston of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Yareli Mendez, daughter of Rosa Hella and Jose Luis Mendez Jr. of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005.

Angilina Renae Driesel, daughter of Chanel Shastina and Larry Alan Driesel of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

Austin Wayne Franson, son of Christal Lynn and Brian Wayne Franson of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

Ashlynn Marie Thomas, daughter of Teri Ann and Ryan Scott Thomas of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

Madison Mad McCulliston, son of Lindsey and Chad Alvin McCulliston of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

Zackary Alan Heath, son of Jennifer Anne and David Ken-

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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neth Heath of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

Joy Daniel Peterson, son of Pamela Michelle and Casey Adam Peterson of Buhl, was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

Keon Michael Trease, son of Karly Joy and Chans Read Trease of Jerome, was born Friday, Feb. 25, 2005.

Cassidy Bradshaw, daughter of Kacy Ann and Chester Glenn Bradshaw of Gooding, was born Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

Morgan Scott Miller, son of Martha Ann and Larry Ray Miller of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 28, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kiole Ortley, daughter of Cory and Melanie Otley of Declo, was born Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

Haylee Lynn Stroud, daughter of Heath and Lorien Stroud of Burley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Carter Styles Kurin, son of Jaquel Perrymann of Halley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.

Jacob Alan Freestren, son of Cristina and Andrew Freestren of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Historical society hears about British constables

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the National Park Service Building in Hagerman.

Joanne Klein, assistant history professor at Boise State University, will speak on the everyday life of the English police constables with a broader interest in modern British policing. She uses the murder mystery as a mirror of British society, exploring the best and worst of what British history has to offer.

The program is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 837-4753.

Gooding hospital sponsors scholarships

GOODING - The Gooding County Memorial Hospital

Foundation is sponsoring scholarships to high school seniors going into the health care profession.

Forms are available in counselor's offices. Eligible schools are Gooding, Bliss, Hagerman and Wendell. Application forms may be sent to Nancy Hughs, 629 Third Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330.

The deadline date is April 1.

Boy Scouts Recognition Dinner takes place

TWIN FALLS - The Boy Scouts of America Council Recognition Dinner will be held Saturday, beginning with a fellowship at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

Participants have the choice of chicken or stuffed pork. The cost is \$20. Reservations are needed by Wednesday to the Boy Scouts of America office, 2888 Falls Ave. E.

Mike Chandler, Max Excell, Patti Dixon, David Robinson, Paul Robertson, Steve Southwick, Randy Steen and Debra Brown will receive the Silver Beaver Award.

For more information, call the Gloria or Karen at 733-2067.

American Legion holds annual birthday dinner

FAIRFIELD - The American Legion in Fairfield is having its annual birthday dinner beginning with a happy hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the legion hall on Camas Street.

Awards and installation of officers will take place.

For more information, call Gene Behunin at 934-5796.

Senior Celebration Committee seeks help

RUPERT - The Senior Celebration Committee is again planning to provide Minico

High School seniors with a drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration and seeks sponsors and donors.

Last year's celebration was attended by about 95 percent of the graduating seniors, the committee reported.

Tickets will be sold for \$10 per graduate beginning mid-May, which includes admission and a commemorative graduation item. The Minico Senior Celebration begins at 5:30 p.m., following graduation May 24 and lasts until 5 a.m., with chaptered activities such as games, a hypnotist, food and raffle prizes.

Without assistance from businesses and individuals, the committee would not be able to offer the celebration, organizers say.

Anyone interested in supporting the event can send a tax deductible donation to "Minico Senior Celebration," P.O. Box 821, Rupert, ID 83350. For more information, call Ja-

nine McManus at 436-5670.

T.F. Bank employees will meet Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bank & Trust employees will meet for a no-host lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

All former Bank & Trust employees are invited. For more information or to make reservations, call Ann Anderson at 423-5493 by Friday.

Local fitness centers schedule food drive

TWIN FALLS - Curves weight loss and fitness centers in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley are having a food drive to benefit local food banks.

Anyone joining Curves the week of March 7 may bring a bag of groceries and have the service fee waived. Non-perishable food items may be

dropped off during regular business hours Monday through Friday during the month of March at the centers.

The Twin Falls location, 698 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., will also have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. For more information, call 734-7300, 324-7222 or 678-2754.

Filter class of 1955 seeks alumni for reunion

FILTER - The Filter class of 1955 is having its 50th reunion on July 16 and wants to locate the following classmates: Martha (Butow) McDonald; Carol (Bever) Christian, Mobly (Duffy) Hall, Ruth (Sova) Johnson, Donna (Stansell) Ghan, Juanita Peeks, LeRoy White, Bill Bonnichsen, Bob Chestnut, Dorothy Curless and Phyllis Edwards.

For more information or to submit information, call Richard Edwards at 328-5441 or Walter Katter at 543-6815.

ENGAGEMENTS

CAPPS-HORNBACHER

GOODING — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Capps of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Karrie Lisa Capps, to David Erwin Hornbacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hornbacher of Jerome.

Capps is a 2004 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho, where she majored in hospital management. She is employed at CSI.

Hornbacher attended Dorrit College in Sioux County, Iowa. He is employed by Dell Inc. in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for



David Hornbacher and Karrie Capps 230 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at New Life Community Church in Wendell. The reception will be held following the ceremony.

PETROCH-FREIBERG

GOODING — Robert and Leanne Petroch of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Petroch, to David Freiberg, son of Billy and Kathy Freiberg of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Petroch is a graduate of Idaho State University. She is employed at Gooding High School.

Freiberg is a graduate of University of Montana at Missoula. He is employed at the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 19. A reception



Rebecca Petroch and David Freiberg will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Gooding Basque Center.

LOTT-DARRINGTON

DECLIO — Krisandra LaDawn Lott and Layne Nielsen Darrington announce their engagement.

Lott is the daughter of Gayla Cottan and Dana Lott of Orofino. Darrington is the son of Val and Teresa Darrington of Declo.

Lott is a 2001 graduate of Orofino High School. She is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in elementary education.

Darrington is a 2002 graduate of Declo High School. He is currently working with his father in Declo.

The wedding is planned for Friday, March 11, at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held



Krisandra Lott and Layne Darrington from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Declo LDS Stake Center. The couple will reside in the Declo area.

STROM-STEWART

BURLEY — Deon and Linda Strom of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jo Strom, to Chad James Stewart, son of Kelly and Leslie Stewart of West Jordan, Utah.

Strom is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School. She moved to Logan, Utah, and worked before serving an LDS mission in Phoenix, Ariz.

Stewart is a 2001 graduate of West Jordan High School and attended one year at Westminster College before serving an LDS mission in Phoenix, Ariz.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 12, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held that evening in Utah. A second



Chad Stewart and Amy Strom reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at Camco Special Events Center, 584 E. 5th St. N., Burley. They will reside in West Jordan, Utah, where he will continue his education at the University of Utah and she will attend cosmetology school this summer.

CARDENAS-MORA

TWIN FALLS — John R. and Bonny Cardenas of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Bianca Cardenas, to Roy Mora, son of Jacob and Mallan Mora of Barva, Heredia, Costa Rica.

Mora is employed at Rite Stuff Foods in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, March 6. A reception will be held at a later date.



Bianca Cardenas and Roy Mora

ALLEN-SHERLEY

BLISS — Randal and Monaleen Allen of Bliss announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Louise Allen, to Dusty Allen Sherley, son of Peggy and Roger Anderson of Twin Falls and J.C. and K.J. Sherley of Helena, Mont.

Allen is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is a file clerk at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Sherley is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is a finance manager at Latham Motors in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 28, at the Allen residence. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the



Dusty Sherley and Samantha Allen American Legion Post 7 in Twin Falls.

COLLINS-STEWART

JEROME — Debra Collins and Charles Collins, both of Jerome, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Elise Collins, to Paul Benton Stewart III, son of Crystal and Paul Stewart of Jerome.

Collins is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School. She is attending Boise State University and student teaching in the Meridian School District.

Stewart is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School and a 2004 graduate of BSU. He is employed as a manager at Rocky Mountain Turf in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Paul Stewart and Kelsey Collins



STRAUBHAAR-TEAL

BURLEY — Terry and Kelli Spann of Burley announce the wedding of their daughter, Kira Straubhaar, to Steve Teal, son of Billy and Mary Lou Teal of Burley and Angela Teal of Poetsville.

Straubhaar is a 2002 graduate of Central High School in Burley. She is employed at the Burley Inn, Cheyron.

Teal is a 2002 graduate of Mini-co High School. He is employed at Eastern Idaho Railroad.



Kira Straubhaar and Steve Teal spent Elks Lodge. A reception and dance to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Elks Lodge.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE GASKILLS

FAIRFIELD — Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gaskill of Fairfield will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Camas County Senior Center, 129 W. Willow, Fairfield.

Gaskill and Beverly Van Stone will married March 12, 1955, at

the Shongo Methodist Church in Shongo, N.Y.

They have lived in Fairfield since their cross-country honeymoon. He worked as a farmer until his retirement. She worked as a chef of the school district for 24 years.

They have been active in the senior center and also volunteering at the school.

The event is hosted by their daughter, Roxane (Met) Olson of Whitby Island, Wash.

THE MEULEMANS

HAZELTON — Mr. and Mrs. Guy Meuleman of the Kaseco-Hazelton area were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 12 with a family dinner at Jokers in Twin Falls.

Meuleman and Mildred J. Jones were married Feb. 12, 1955, at the Burley Christian Church.

They have lived on a farm in Kasota for 48 years. Together, they own and operate Snake River Seed and Aqua Control in Rupert.

They are members of the First Baptist Church in Paul. She has been active in the Kasota Sage-hub and Soroptimists in Rupert.

The event was hosted by their



Mildred and Guy Meuleman children, Connie (Ray) Grondahl of Nampa and GayAllyn Meuleman of Boise. They have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Special guests at the event were Helen Smith and Leon and Bobbee Terry, all of Twin Falls.

THE SMITHS

HEYBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Devon Smith of Heyburn will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary Wednesday, March 9.

Smith and Dorothy Leavitt were married March 9, 1940, in Logan, Utah.

They have lived in Heyburn for 50 years. He worked hauling milk and in farming.

They have been active in various church activities.

Their children include Marilyn (Tom) Butters, Carolyn (Terry) Konrad, Jean Nelbaur, Leann



Devon and Dorothy Smith Smith and David (Jeanie) Smith. They have 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. A dinner will be held for family members in the spring.

Focus on career, Virgo

IF MARCH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: 2005 should bring both reward and tranquility. This is a golden time for you to push your own agenda and make permanent progress with your career. But you miss out on something highly lucrative, look for similar chances in August when there will be other opportunities for advancement. Go with a low, trust your intuitions and start jobs or relationships in July when your ability to attain long lasting happiness is at a height.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Long hours and heavy responsibilities can mean burning the candle at both ends for a day or two. Others may show a willingness to forgive tense situations and irritability, so remember to act appreciative.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Mixed celestial alignments make this a poor day to start anything important. Strive to obtain cooperation from friends and expect a silver lining to appear behind some dark cloud.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Even though minor spats may erupt or a frantic rush might try your patience, there is compensating factor somewhere. Be sure to keep your promises and others will honor theirs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Others may seem extremely picky and pushy today, but you are able to keep your feathers unruled by remaining unmoved by controversy. Look forward to the comforts of your own nest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A rush to judgment can bring both support and conflict. These stars call for adept handling of nagging obligations while stirring the pot for future success. You can't go wrong if you honor commitments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on career and business obligations, not your love life. Even if romantic fantasies are stifled by

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Jeraldine Saunders

dull routine and drudgery keep an ear open for wise advice from a valued companion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partners, co-workers or friends could be intent on pushing all your buttons, so concentrating on being a team player might be the best approach. It may be wise to temporarily sacrifice your own wishes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A choice might appear that affects your pocketbook — and since there is a 50-50 chance of being wrong, it could be best to hold off on major decisions. Remain magnanimous in the face of small irritations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Jockeying for the best position could cause bruised egos, but your sincerity and warmth will have a better chance of success. Make sure you pay your bills on time as creditors may be exacting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Mixed aspects bring both blessings and a test of your fortune. Your heightened ambition may run headlong into a few roadblocks and frustrations, but there is a helping hand on another front.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Those egging you on may not have your best interests at heart, but you can profit from their zeal. Take criticism and gossip with a grain of salt and hold off on important matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel prodded to work extra hard to keep up with friends or to realize a treasured objective. Avoid being best interests at heart, but you will be rewarded — and eventually, long-term security will be achieved.

WEDDING

LOVELAND-RODGERS

DECLIO — Lindsay M. Loveland and William J. Rodgers Jr. were married Dec. 11, 2004, at the Timberline Lodge Government Camp in Oregon.

The bride is the daughter of Mary (Brown) and Tom Taylor of Camas, Wash. Her grandparents

include Scott and Vera Mae Loveland of Declo and the late Howard and Had Brown.

The bridegroom is the son of Lyle and Kitty Byrn of Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Rodgers Sr. of Camas, Wash.

The maid of honor was Kelle Loveland-Harty of Burley.

The best man was Jason Rodgers of Vancouver, Wash.

Jason Ramsey served as usher. A reception to honor the couple was held following the ceremony with dinner and dancing at the home of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The "bride" attended Burley High School and is a graduate of Central High School in Camas, Wash. She is currently attending

Central Oregon Community College. She is reservation supervisor for the Bend of the Seven Mountains in Bend, Ore.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Camas High School and Washington State University. He is employed with Central Oregon Motorcycles.

The couple resides in Bend, Ore.

Decades later, high school sweethearts reunite

Cox News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — In a tiny chapel at Riverbend Church on Feb. 24, two octogenarians who were high school sweethearts 67 years ago formally reunited.

In his 81 years, John Swanson has labored at careers in the Navy, banking and real estate. He met and pulled out a 1991 high school alumni book. Swanson hadn't thought about his high school girlfriend, Joan Cole, in years. After moving to Austin to be close to his sister, he used the address in the alumni book to write Cole a letter.

Swanson and Cole started at

East High School in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1938. Cole says that first Swanson was just "another kid that hung around the house all day." But eventually things got serious. After graduating from the three-year school, Swanson joined the Navy and the couple drifted apart. A year later, Swanson was in Camas, Cole, 82, had been living in Madison, S.D., for more than 50 years, having moved there with her late husband to start a gas company. He died eight years ago.

When she got Swanson's letter, she hesitated, but then changed her mind. "Every time

I answered it, I got a letter right back," said Cole.

The couple's epistolary correspondence flourished, leading to phone calls — 500 hours worth since May. When Swanson visited Cole for Thanksgiving, they planned for a spring wedding. But when he arrived in Austin a month and a half ago for a visit, they decided they couldn't wait.

Cole's family were shocked at first, but meeting Swanson made the difference. "Now, all of the sudden they think it's pretty great," said Cole.

Make pickups using the least worn-out socks.

Resist buying too many cute patterned socks. Get them in one color or style.

Despite what your mom says, nobody turns out any more. So why keep the ones with holes? Turn them into dust

How to keep your socks a little longer

The Associated Press

Some suggestions from Patching Machine for handling your family's sock supply:

- Wash and dry socks in a mesh bag. Even better, give a different color bag to each kid to cut sorting time.
- Put socks that are missing

their mate in one basket in the laundry room. If the pair doesn't turn up the next time you do a load, toss it.

- Resist buying too many cute patterned socks. Get them in one color or style.
- Despite what your mom says, nobody turns out any more. So why keep the ones with holes? Turn them into dust

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Magic Valley scrapbooks

Today, we present a handful of the thousands of business ventures that helped to build Magic Valley's cities in the desert.

In these selections from our readers' private collections are a restaurant, a lodging house, a hotel, a service station and a couple of banks that helped get the valley's commerce humming decades ago, supplying the needs of a growing population.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of FRED O. HAEGER of Twin Falls

Directors, officers and employees of Twin Falls Bank & Trust dress in 1905-style costumes at the bank's 50th anniversary celebration in 1955. The bank's main office at Main Avenue and Shoshone Street — where this photo was taken — later bore the First Security name and now the Wells Fargo name after two acquisitions.

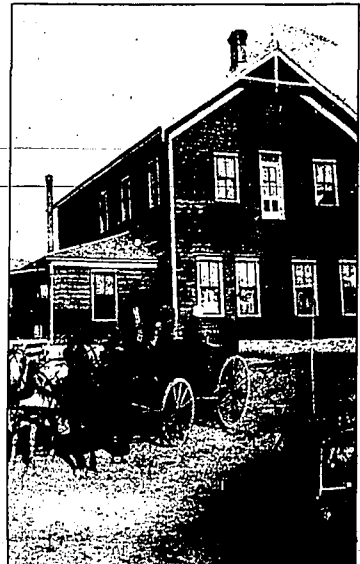


Photo courtesy of RUTH RECORD of Twin Falls

L.E. Prothero and Tom Logan, atop a delivery wagon, pause at the Shoshone Falls Hotel. Constructed in 1888, the hotel burned down in 1915. This photograph was taken sometime after August 1903, when Prothero's family took up residence on the Twin Falls tract.



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Jerome State Bank is pictured in 1908, on Jerome's Main Street East. The bank's officers were W.S. Kuhn, president; D.C. MacWaters, vice president; F.E. Eichelberger, cashier; and H.E. Gundelfinger, assistant cashier.



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This early Twin Falls restaurant later gave way to construction of the Idaho Department Store.

Kimberly plans tree planting, fireworks

The Times-News

KIMBERLY — Plans are materializing for Kimberly's year of celebrating its first century.

An Arbor Day celebration will kick off the centennial festivities with tree planting and a party in Kimberly's park on April 29. Pizza and pop, old-fashioned children's games and other activities are planned for that day.

Canisters have been placed around town to collect donations for a fireworks display on Good Neighbor Day, the town's annual early-summer festival. Organizers hope people will make donations early.

to take advantage of a discount on early fireworks orders. Ginger Butler designed the colorful containers and has been collecting the money for the event.

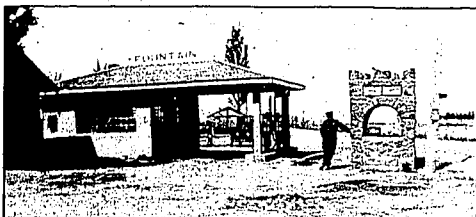
A tour of early-day homes is planned for sometime this summer, along with displays of pioneer equipment.

The centennial planning group's next meeting will be at 7 p.m., March 14, in the City Council chamber next to Kimberly's library. Co-chairwoman Julie Reeves is urging residents to attend the group's meetings and contribute their ideas and their knowledge of local history.



The Jerome Lodging House — at Jerome's West Avenue A and Lincoln Street — is shown in 1907.

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Leo Royster poses at the Fountain Service Station in Buhl in 1927. Royster and his wife purchased and operated the station, and they sold Dodge automobiles there. "My parents were equal partners who accomplished a lot in a short time," says son Don Royster of Buhl.

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