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Kansas bound!



College of Southern Idaho forward Joanna Hixon, left, hugs head coach Randy Rogers after capturing the Region 18 title by defeating Salt Lake City Community College on the CSI campus Saturday night. Both the women's and men's Golden Eagles basketball teams will compete on Tuesday, March 22 in their national junior college tournaments in Kansas.

CSI men, women advance to nationals

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The top-ranked College of Southern Idaho women overcame two sick key players and a scrappy Salt Lake City Community College team to win back-to-back Region 18 titles and a second-straight trip to the national tournament in Salina, Kan.

Joining them in Kansas for the second year in a row will be the sixth-ranked Golden Eagles men, who defeated Salt Lake CC 70-62 later Saturday at the CSI gymnasium.

The whole year comes down to 40 minutes." CSI

Read more about the victories. See page C1.

men's head coach GIB Arnold said to 1270AM KTFI. "We struggled for a little bit there, a bit of nervousness of the year.

"This team deserves to go to nationals. They're the best team in the conference by a mile." The CSI men (80-2) will play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 against the Northeastern JC (Colo.) Flaminians in Hutchinson, Kan.

The CSI women (31-1) defeated the Bruins 83-71 to advance, and will play in the first round at 5:15 p.m. on March 22.

"It wasn't easy," said women's coach Randy Rogers. "I got scary there when we tried to stop scoring, playing not to lose. But hey, it doesn't matter now. It's over and we're the champs."

Leading scorer Sidney Orndorff and leading rebounder Denisa Svorova both became ill late Friday night.

Both played Saturday but Orndorff was clearly the wear of wear of the two, as roommate and teammate Delicia Jernigan related.

"She was so sick," she said. "But every single player on our team would do that. That's CSI basketball. It meant a lot that she was out there."

The CSI women's last home loss was on Jan. 10, 2004, a regular season setback to SLCC.

The Golden Eagles defeated the Bruins 62-56 in last year's Region 18 championship.

"The CSI men defeated Snow 80-74 last March in Twin Falls to advance to Hutch. That year, the host site was determined by the women's regular season champion.

Legislator questions road plan

Rep. Smith sees need for restraint

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, is waging what he figures is a losing war.

"I feel like the little guy who stood in front of the tank in Beijing Square," he said Friday.

Smith is battling against a wholesale buy-in of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's "Connecting Idaho" plan, an ambitious proposal to issue bonds to build highway projects and pay them off with future federal highway pay-

ments. Kempthorne unveiled his plan in his State of the State speech at the beginning of the 2005 Legislature.

The bonding program goes by the name of GARVEE, which stands for Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle. Seven states use the tool to build highway projects much smaller than the ones they had to wait for federal revenues.

The high-profile projects are estimated to cost \$1.6 billion, although that could grow to roughly \$3 billion with interest over the lifetime of the bonds.

Included in the 258 miles of projects is a third Snake River Canyon bridge in Magic Valley. It would allow travelers to bypass Twin Falls with a connection between Interstate 84 on the north side of the canyon with U.S. Highway 93 on the south side.

The governor's staff has spent two months presenting the plan to legislators and taking it around the state. The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Twin Falls City Council, the Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee and county commissioners have all signaled their support of the project.

After being rewritten numerous times, the Senate State Affairs Committee passed the governor's plan to the Senate floor on Friday in an 8-1 vote. The Magic Valley legislators on the committee — Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Keetchikan, and Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo — voted in favor.

Many other Magic Valley legislators say they're reserving judgment until they see more, but Smith is on the attack. The former Idaho Transportation Board chairman and licensed civil engineer and attorney said he's not necessarily against Kempthorne's plan.

"I think GARVEE bonding has

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Damaged care Investigation reveals problems at Gooding nursing home

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

GOODING — The state's latest report on Gooding Rehab and Living Center reveals some serious problems — bedsores that could have been prevented with proper care, a resident lying in a urine-soaked bed for hours, a man whose wrists were bruised when workers wrestled his package of cigarettes from his hands.

It's not the first time the nursing home has had a poor report from the Department of Health and Welfare's Bureau of Facility Standards.

"It's had a checkered past and difficulties over the years," said Ross Mason, a spokesman for the bureau.

But most of the nursing home's residents and their families have been unaware of that checkered past because the nursing home kept its state survey results in an out-of-the-way location near the dining room. It was just one of the 37 violations of state and federal regulations the Bureau of Facility Standards found during a surprise investigation last month.

The Gooding Rehab and Living Center

had far worse problems than the discreet posting of its survey results. The investigation found that the nursing home did not protect its residents from staff abuse. Two licensed staff members restrained a resident while another licensed staff member gave him a flu shot against his will. Staff at the nursing home forcibly took another man's pack of cigarettes from his hands, bruising his wrists. And when the abuse was reported to the facility's administrators, they didn't investigate in a timely manner, according to the report.

"This is not a good report," Mason said. "They've got some serious problems."

But Mason said the incidents of abuse were isolated.

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11/5/04 resident #2 was physically restrained by 2 licensed staff while a 3rd licensed staff gave him a flu shot. On 12/10/04 staff attempted to dump something on resident #2's legs. On 1/22/05 resident #9 was physically restrained by 2 CNAs and cigarettes were forcibly taken from him. Resident #3 also received a DVD player as a Christmas gift that was reported missing and never investigated or replaced.

"The resident rights here are typically not upheld. The chart is in an upright and 8 punitive manager. Documentation on resident file issues are not followed in the chart not addressed @ all. Several residents 'give down' on resident. I fear for my residents. I would be willing to give details but can't do that here. I can't afford to lose my job."

The Associated Press

Law officers apprehend Atlanta murder suspect

The Associated Press

DULUTH, GA. — The search for a rape suspect accused of shooting a judge and two others at a courthouse ended Saturday after authorities surrounded a suburban apartment complex where he had taken a

woman hostage in her home.

The suspect, 33-year-old Brian Nichols, set off a massive manhunt in the Atlanta area after he allegedly overpowering a court deputy Friday, took her gun and fatally shot three people, including the judge on his rape

case.

During the night, Nichols approached a woman as she entered her suburban Atlanta apartment and introduced himself as a wanted man, authorities said.

"It's my understanding that he had told her, 'If you do what I say, I won't kill

you," Georgia Bureau of Investigation Director Vernon Keenan said.

The woman either escaped or was allowed to leave and called 911. A SWAT team gathered outside and Nichols turned himself in after watching the manhunt on television,

Gwinnett County Police Chief Charles Walters said.

"He literally waved a white flag or a T-shirt and came out to our folks," Walters said.

The arrest came hours after a construction worker found the body of U.S. Im-

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a stiff breeze developing. Lows 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezy to windy. Highs upper 40s to lower 50s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Early clouds giving way to partial afternoon sunshine. Highs upper 40s.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and cool. Lows 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with a stiff breeze developing. Highs 40s.

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Clouds will dissipate today with no moisture expected.
A quick shot of snow will come to pass early Monday with otherwise no big changes in the weather expected.

BOISE
Occasionally breezy, but generally sunny and dry weather will persist through Monday. Temperature will be running a bit cool for most of the upcoming week.

NORTHERN UTAH
A cooling trend will develop this week with a slight chance of rain and snow showers moving through on Monday.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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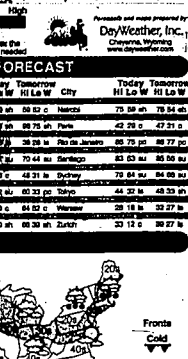
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Rice leaves door open for 2008

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice described herself Friday as "mildly pro-choice" and "kind of libertarian" on abortion, and left the door open for a presidential race in 2008.



Condoleezza Rice

record was murky. "If you go back to 2000 when I helped formulate the message in the campaign," she said, "I said that I was, in effect, kind of libertarian on this issue. And meaning by that, that I have been concerned about a government role in this issue. I am a strong proponent of parental choice — of parental notification. I am a strong proponent of a ban on late-term abortion. These are all things that I think unite people and I think that that's where we should be. I've called myself at times mildly pro-choice."

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migation and Customs Enforcement agent David Wilhelm, who had been shot to death about 15 miles away inside a house that the agent was having built. His blue pickup truck pistol and badge were missing.

shot at while I was running than to just stand there and be executed," O'Brian wrote in Saturday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution.
The man pistol whipped him as he tried to escape. O'Brian felt, but got up and ran again. "I scrambled into the street, waiting for the shots to come, but they didn't come," he wrote. "I guess it just wasn't my day to die."

Roads

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Smith said. "I also think it has to be restricted and it has to have legislative oversight."
He's written his own legislation, which would require a cap on debt service, plus it requires that all GARVEE projects come through both the House and Senate transportation committees.

Unreliable federal revenue stream

Federal highway funds have just been approved by the House of Representatives in Washington for the next six years. The amount is a 35 percent increase nationwide, Chuck Wicks, chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board, it has to work its way through the Senate, but Smith and others note that Idaho gets back more money for roads than 30 percent of the federal government in taxes.

More deteriorating roads

Smith said when he became a member of the highway board in the early 1990s, the percentage of state and federal highways needing serious overhaul throughout the state was 30 percent. By 2002, that had been whittled down to 15 percent. It's climbing again, with 20 percent of roads falling apart.

Unrealistic estimates?

Smith says the governor's plan has many projects for which the cost is underestimated. For example, a two-lane highway planned in the panhandle to Canada has a \$37 million cost, yet the governor's plan outlines a four-lane highway with twice as many bridges for the same distance of 15 miles for only \$31 million, Smith said.

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Nichols was accused of bursting into his ex-girlfriend's home with a loaded machine gun, blasting her with tape and bullets, and assaulting her over three days. Howard said Nichols brought a cooler of food in case he was hungry. Nichols claimed the pair had consensual sex.
Nichols then went to the courtroom where his case was being heard and allegedly killed the judge presiding over the case and a court reporter. As he escaped the courthouse, he fatally shot a deputy who confronted him, officials said.

NATION

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Law officers puzzle over lives, careers of 'Mafia Cops'

NEW YORK (AP) — One was fat, flashy and liked by fellow cops, a rough-and-tumble detective with a storied career despite having convictions by the Mob. The other was skinnier and quieter, and had spent years in the nerve center of Mafia murder investigations.

Prosecutors charge that they moonlighted for more than a decade as Mafia hit men who kidnaped, killed and engineered the slayings of at least eight gangsters for a vicious underboss in the Luchese crime family, Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso. The government says they were paid thousands of dollars a month.

They were arrested Wednesday at a restaurant in Las Vegas, where they both retired, and were being held without bail.

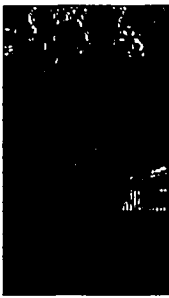
Law-enforcement veterans puzzled over the lives and careers of men who won medals, fame and respect while carrying out what prosecutors called sickening betrayal of public trust.

Eppolito, 56, is the greater enigma. The son, grandson and nephew of Gambino crime family members entered the police department in 1969 and quickly developed a reputation as a cops' cop, a tough guy with a knack for knocking heads and solving difficult crimes.

"He was a hard charger and he made lots of arrests," said one retired detective, who speaks on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation. "He was a rough-and-tumble, roll-on-the-ground kind of street cop."

In his 1992 book "Mafia Cop: The Story of an Honest Cop Whose Family Was the Mob," Eppolito described himself as the department's 11th most-decorated officer.

At a ball hearing Friday in Las Vegas, where the former partners both retired in the early



Louis Eppolito is taken to a building at the Las Vegas Detention Center in Las Vegas on Thursday.

1990s, Eppolito's lawyer offered a list of awards, medals and citations which the former

detective first-grade, one of the department's most coveted ranks.

Some investigators believe Eppolito built his impressive record by using Mafia connections to gather inside information on crimes.

"He was getting heads-up information that would make his look good," said Brooklyn District Attorney Charles J. Hynes. "I've been involved in a lot of police corruption investigations over the years and I've never heard anything like this. It reaches a level of utter disbelief."

But others familiar with the case say Eppolito's Mob ties cannot explain his long history of tough investigations and arrests in some of Brooklyn's grittiest neighborhoods.

"He was really perceived as a great street cop," said another investigator familiar with the case, also speaking on condition of anonymity. "I've seen him put together cases that were fairly complex and highly circumstantial."

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GOOD LIFE, SAD ENDING

Daughter questions care of mother who died in 2001

By Sandy Miller
Times-Herald writer

GOODING—In the pre-dawn hours of March 11, 2001, aides found 57-year-old Kathryn Koonce lying on her back on the floor of her room at Gooding Rehab and Living Center, in a small pool of blood from a head injury. "Oh, my God!" one of the aides screamed and then called out for the licensed nurse on duty. The nurse took one look and called 911.

Koonce, who was still conscious, was taken to a nearby hospital. She died of an intracranial hemorrhage 36 hours later.

Ruth Miller said her mother's life story deserved a better ending. "I know her days were numbered and so did her family because of her age," Miller said. "But a woman who had lived as long as she had and as well as she had should, I believe, been able to simply go to sleep one night and not die in hospital pain."

A state study showed that although "Gooding Rehab" and "Northwest Bee-Corp" were cited for failing to meet acceptable standards of nursing practice and failure to provide adequate supervision to meet resident needs. "Koonce was susceptible to falls and the nursing home's staff had not monitored her closely enough, even though she had an extremely low blood pressure reading the day before her fall, state investigators concluded."

Miller said not all of the nursing home's staff was unresponsive to her mother's needs. "There are really good people on board and I appreciate their work and dedication," Miller said. "But it would appear that of the corporate policies and hiring policies lead to less than good care in many instances."

Miller said the nursing home's "Northwest Bee-Corp" turned a deaf ear to the problems at the facility even after her mother's death. "We never felt her death or any of the other problems seemed to make any impression on them," Miller said. "The only thing that was dear to them was their bottom line."

Northwest Bee-Corp did not respond to phone calls or e-mails from *The Times-Herald*.

An investigation conducted by the Health and Welfare Department's Bureau of Facility Standards the summer after Koonce's death revealed a number of problems at the nursing home. The facility failed to provide adequate care to prevent its residents from developing health issues. "It is clear that the necessary supervision to protect them from falls. Today, four years later, the bureau's most recent investigation shows those problems remain."

Ross Mason, the spokesman for the Bureau of Facility Standards, has some good advice for people looking for a nursing home. "It is important that you do this thing first and to get it fixed now," Mason said. "This is a pretty stiff fine. Two hundred and fifty dollars a day is going to add up pretty quickly."

The state put the nursing home on a provisional license and it cannot accept new residents. Mason said Northwest Bee-Corp is currently in the process of firing the nursing home administrator, assistant administrator, behavioral health unit director and a registered nurse.

The nursing home said submitting a plan to the state showing how it intends to fix the problems at the facility. Sharon Galindo, the administrator at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center, also owned by Northwest Bee-Corp, is in charge of changes at the Gooding nursing home. Galindo referred questions regarding the latest investigation to Northwest Bee-Corp, and the company did not respond to phone calls or e-mails from *The Times-Herald*.

"We're going from today forward," Galindo said. "We're not looking back."

However, a look back shows this isn't the first time the nursing home has been under fire. "A state investigation last summer found that the nursing home failed to supervise a resident who was sexually and physically harassing other residents. The staff later found the man in another resident's bed. One resident's leg got infected because the nursing home staff didn't assess his wound soon enough to treat it properly. The nursing home didn't supervise its residents to prevent accidents and injury, a violation repeated in the most recent investigation."

Harry Wilcox of Richfield has good reason to be concerned about problems at the nursing home. His wife has lived there for almost five years. He said the facility should work harder to employ qualified employees. "I'd like to see them seek out and employ capable people in each of their positions," Wilcox said. "There has been too much of an inclination to hire almost anyone to fill those positions."

Mason said the changes should start at the top. "There's a systemic problem," Mason said. "Administration is looking the other way on the abuse issues. Northwest Bee is ultimately responsible for that facility. They need to make sure they have good administration in there."

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Finding the right nursing home

- Is there cheerful, respectful, pleasant and warm interactions among staff and residents?
- Does the administrator seem to know the residents and enjoy being with them?
- Do the poses of the residents appear to reflect the individuality of their occupants?
- Are rooms, hallways and meal tables clean?
- Do residents look clean, well-groomed, well-fed and free from bruises?
- Do many residents seem happy and peaceful?
- Is the signs free from unpleasant smells?
- Are residents calling out if so, do they get an appropriate response from staff?
- Do the meals look appetizing? Are residents eating most of their food? Are staff members

patiently feeding residents who need it?

- Are residents in physical restraints (formal or informal devices that tie residents to beds, chairs and wheelchairs)? Why?
- Are residents engaged in meaningful and pleasant activities by themselves or with others?

Source: The National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform

Watching out for loved ones

Do you have concerns about how a loved one is being treated in a nursing home? Call Ombudsman Mary Edgar at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 318

responsible the staff is to their concerns." Mason added that it's important for the family to stay involved in their loved ones care. "That connection with family is very important," Mason said. "On the fourth anniversary of her mother's death, Miller said everyone needs to look out for the vulnerable ones."

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ltime for a loved one. "Walk in and take a good look at the facility to see how it's run," Mason said. "Look to see if people are happy and if they appear to be comfortable and well-taken care of. There's nothing tricky about this. Go look and see what kind of activities they have. Is it clean? Are employees happy? Is there a good relationship between the employees and the clients?"

Mary Edgar, the ombudsman at the local office on Aging, agreed.

When the nursing homes and talk to residents who are living there. Edgar said, "If you can find a family member visiting, talk to them, too. Ask them how

responsive the staff is to their concerns."

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Home

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"Most of these employees are probably pretty good employees," he said.

In fact, it was an employee who signed a note to state investigators during their nine-day investigation telling them that, "The resident rights here are typically not upheld. The units are run in an uptight and punitive manner." The employee went on to say he or she would be willing to give details, but was afraid of being fired.

The nursing home had other serious problems. The investigation found residents with bedsores that could have been prevented; one resident had a bedsores so advanced it got infected. Another resident lay in his own urine for hours before someone helped him. One resident was taken to the hospital with a urinary tract infection with complications of dehydration. The facility didn't document how her medical condition had deteriorated until she was unresponsive and needed hospital treatment. Another resident spent much of his day sleeping because his medication was being adequately monitored.

"If there's a bright spot, these serious deficiencies are isolated," Mason said. "You didn't find them with every resident in the home. Those things can be fixed. When you have a real problem, it will be an extraordinary large number of abuse incidents. This doesn't appear to be the case at this point. They should be able to correct them pretty quickly."

The state gave the nursing home a one-time \$5,000 fine, and since Feb. 3, has been fining the facility \$250 a day until the problems are corrected, Mason said.

"This is impetus for them to do this thing first and to get it fixed now," Mason said. "This is a pretty stiff fine. Two hundred and fifty dollars a day is going to add up pretty quickly."

The state put the nursing home on a provisional license and it cannot accept new residents. Mason said Northwest Bee-Corp is currently in the process of firing the nursing home administrator, assistant administrator, behavioral health unit director and a registered nurse.

The nursing home said submitting a plan to the state showing how it intends to fix the problems at the facility. Sharon Galindo, the administrator at the Shoshone Rehab and Living Center, also owned by Northwest Bee-Corp, is in charge of changes at the Gooding nursing home. Galindo referred questions regarding the latest investigation to Northwest Bee-Corp, and the company did not respond to phone calls or e-mails from *The Times-Herald*.

"We're going from today forward," Galindo said. "We're not looking back."

However, a look back shows this isn't the first time the nursing home has been under fire. "A state investigation last summer found that the nursing home failed to supervise a resident who was sexually and physically harassing other residents. The staff later found the man in another resident's bed. One resident's leg got infected because the nursing home staff didn't assess his wound soon enough to treat it properly. The nursing home didn't supervise its residents to prevent accidents and injury, a violation repeated in the most recent investigation."

Harry Wilcox of Richfield has good reason to be concerned about problems at the nursing home. His wife has lived there for almost five years. He said the facility should work harder to employ qualified employees. "I'd like to see them seek out and employ capable people in each of their positions," Wilcox said. "There has been too much of an inclination to hire almost anyone to fill those positions."

Mason said the changes should start at the top. "There's a systemic problem," Mason said. "Administration is looking the other way on the abuse issues. Northwest Bee is ultimately responsible for that facility. They need to make sure they have good administration in there."

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ltime for a loved one. "Walk in and take a good look at the facility to see how it's run," Mason said. "Look to see if people are happy and if they appear to be comfortable and well-taken care of. There's nothing tricky about this. Go look and see what kind of activities they have. Is it clean? Are employees happy? Is there a good relationship between the employees and the clients?"

Mary Edgar, the ombudsman at the local office on Aging, agreed.

When the nursing homes and talk to residents who are living there. Edgar said, "If you can find a family member visiting, talk to them, too. Ask them how

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor James Hahn is limping toward a May runoff with clear paths to a second term, mostly deserted by his fragile political coalition in one of the nation's most diverse cities.

Hahn squeaked into a runoff against city Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa with a tally of 24 percent of the vote in Tuesday's primary, having squandered his good will with the two constituencies pledged with vaulting him into office four years ago: South Los Angeles blacks and the moderate-to-conservative voters in the San Fernando Valley.

Hahn's support among black voters in the 12-candidate primary shrank drastically from 2001 — when the two Democrats also faced each other in a runoff — and the more liberal Villaraigosa beat him in the valley, according to an exit poll.

Black union members, whose leaders switched allegiances and endorsed Hahn this year, threw most of their support to Villaraigosa, helping him reach 33 percent overall.

The primary showed Hahn has no identifiable group in the city that is the base of his support," said Raphael Sosenstein, a political consultant in California.

State University, Fullerton. He "has to reconstruct something that isn't there anymore."

Will Hahn, a former city attorney with long-standing familial ties to the black community, is able to reclaim his base in largely black South Los Angeles, where some voters feel he hasn't lived up to promises. Or will Villaraigosa, the son of a Mexican immigrant, overcome historic rivalries between blacks and Hispanics?

The Jewish vote also is in play for the May 17 election, now that "third-place" candidate Bob Hertzberg is off. So are Republicans, who also gravitated to

Hertzberg, along with the valley and the largely white, liberal-tilting west side. "If the black vote sits at home, the Jewish vote becomes very important," said Frank Gilliam, a political scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "There is a social justice vote in the Jewish community, in particular, and they may decide it's time for a Latino mayor."

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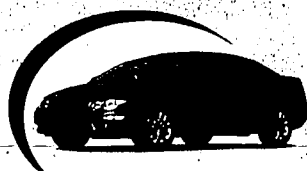
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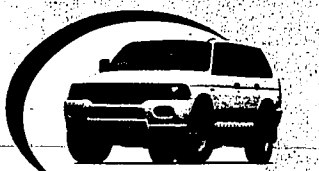
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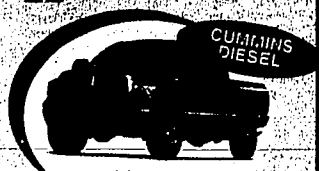
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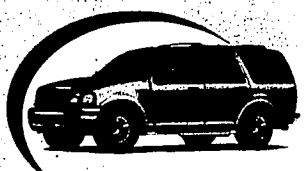


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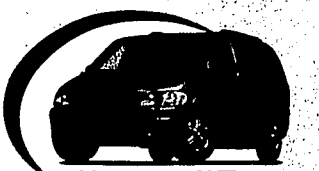
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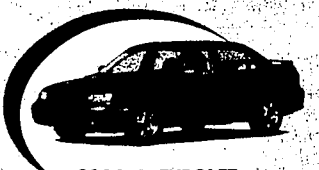
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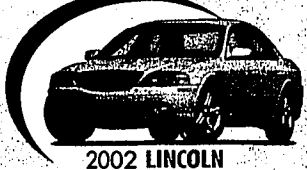
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Bush veers from Social Security

President forced to emphasize other parts of agenda

By Tom Rasm
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Running into heavy resistance to his Social Security overhaul, President Bush has started emphasizing other parts of his domestic agenda and is promoting his foreign policy goals of defeating terrorism and spreading democracy.

"These are amazing times," he tells audiences. Yet no matter which way he turns, he is finding a bumpy road.

Just short of two months into his second term, Bush still weeds vast political clout and, by his accounts, has plenty of "political capital" left to spend. Still, polls show his approval ratings are at around 50 percent. Failure to generate more public support for his plan for individual investment accounts for Social Security seems to have thrown the rest of his agenda offside.

Among recent setbacks:

- His initiative to control power plant emissions was rejected last week by a Republican-controlled Senate committee. His energy plan remains stalled after two unsuccessful attempts to get it through Congress in his first term.
- His proposal to extend tax cuts for five years ran into opposition from Senate GOP leaders.



President Bush talks about reforming the Social Security program in Louisiana on Friday. The public's lukewarm response to his plan has forced Bush to focus on other parts of his agenda.

Analysis

who were supporting a budget that holds tax cuts at \$70 billion, rather than the \$100 billion Bush proposed.

Bush's effort to allow religious groups receiving federal grants to consider a job applicant's religious beliefs has an uncertain future in the Senate after close passage in the House.

On the international front, Bush can draw comfort from successful Iraqi elections and democratic stringing across the Middle East.

But his demands that Syria withdraw from Lebanon was

undercut somewhat by a rally in Beirut that drew hundreds of thousands of pro-Syrian supporters. The demonstration was organized by Hezbollah, the Shiite Muslim guerrilla group that the United States has branded a terrorist organization.

There was a fragile agreement at week's end with Europe over offering economic incentives to Iran to end its nuclear program. Nonetheless, trans-Atlantic strains are evident when it comes to Iran and European plans to resume arms sales to China.

Washington's relations with Italy has frayed after U.S. troops killed an Italian intelligence agent in Baghdad and wounded an Italian journalist.

Washington's relations with St. Patrick's Day celebration at the White House was clouded by political intrigue.

The peace process in Northern Ireland has suffered setbacks. Allegations have arisen about the Irish Republican Army's involvement in a bank heist and a tavern murder. As a result, Bush has scratched from the White House several political leaders who attended for 10 years. That includes Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing.

Bush has kept promoting his Social Security proposals. But the message and the itinerary were changed because of Republican jitters over Bush's desire for personal investment accounts — and the trillions in capital. A bill to limit medical malpractice judgments seems to be advancing.

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The chairman of the Senate

Finance Committee, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, has suggested that Congress focus on solvency of Social Security rather than personal accounts. That's not helping Bush's cause.

The president took his case to four Republican states last week. It was a strategy shift. He began his 60-day, 60-city offensive by stumping in states where Democratic lawmakers were seen as capable of being persuaded. But Democrats have displayed rare unity on Social Security issues.

Also, the administration has signaled more flexibility about other suggestions. For example, a proposal by Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., to raise the retirement age to 68 and reduce benefits by tying them to life expectancy.

"All I can bring them forward, I'm interested in listening," Bush said Friday in Memphis, Tenn. "There will be no political retribution when you put an arm on the table. As a matter of fact, you will get kudos."

To be sure, Bush can claim some second-term victories. His proposal to limit class-action liability lawsuits has become law. A Bush-supported bankruptcy bill to make it harder to shed consumer debt won Senate approval last week and is headed toward House approval. A bill to limit medical malpractice judgments seems to be advancing.

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Group funded DeLay trips

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Clients of a lobbyist under investigation for influence peddling donated a total of \$50,000 to the conservative think tank that said it funded Majority Leader Tom DeLay's trip to Great Britain in 2000, the head of that nonprofit group confirmed Saturday.

Amy Rideout, president of the National Center for Public Policy Research, said the money from an Indian tribe and a gambling services company were not specifically earmarked for the \$70,000 trip that included DeLay, R-Texas, his wife and two aides.

The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday that lobbyist Jack Abramoff arranged trips that included golf junkets to

Scotland for Congressman Tom Feeney, R-Fla., Robert Ney, R-Ohio, and DeLay. All three had travel disclosure statements listing the National Center as sponsor of those trips.

The public policy group acknowledged funding DeLay's travel but denied sponsoring or paying for any of Ney or Feeney's trips.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that Abramoff arranged for his clients — the Mississippi Band of Choctaws and eLottery — to each send \$25,000 checks to the Center covering most of the travel costs. Two months later, DeLay sided with the Choctaws and eLottery, voting against a bill that would have restricted internet gambling, according to the Post.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry's wife sang about how happy she is that he wasn't elected. Karl Rove revealed his successful strategy for winning President Bush a second term. Wannabe generalists more public dates pressed for advantage in the 2008 race.

It was as close to "Saturday Night Live" as Washington gets, as pundits assumed the personas of politicians in song, dance and wisecracks at the Gridiron Club's 120th annual dinner.

In a nod to 2003, they parodied the White House aspirations of Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, featured speakers at the white-tie dinner.

Richardson compared the Bush administration's treatment of U.S. allies over the Iraq war to the NCAA basketball tournament.

"Sixty-four teams start and they're whittled down to just one," Richardson said in preparation for the kind of criticism of what we've done with our allies." Hagel paid tribute to Johnny Carson, a Nebraska legend, by impersonating "Carnas the Magnificent," one of the late comedian's characters.

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Hagel said, "What do Democrats call my Social Security plan?"

Following another close presidential election, the show poked fun at despondent Democrats and smug Republicans.

Prison-stripped Democratic leaders were seen trying to figure a way out of "Glimo," the U.S. facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where the government is holding suspected terrorists.

One sketch had Massachusetts Sen. Kerry singing a lament about "why, oh why, why did I ever lose Ohio?" while

in the next scene wife Teresa Heinz Kerry appeared positively gliding over her husband's loss.

"Thank heaven, he lost the '03," her character sang to the tune of "Thank Heaven for Little Girls." "Now I can tell the press just how and when and where to go, and I'm allowed my wine and escargots!"

Republicans were singled, too. To the tune of "Do Wah Diddy Diddy," a Karl Rove impersonator sang about the challenges of turning Bush into presidential timber. He looked

smug, he looked dim. How we gonna win with him?" he sang. Bush and his wife, Laura, were in the audience.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was rapped for his Iraq war plans. "Rummy, have you some spare Teflon coating that we could wear?" soldiers sang to the tune of "Mister Sandman." "You said we'd win Iraq with ease, Mr. Rumsfeld, we need Humvees."

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Ukraine begins pullout; groups say Iraq won't be Islamic state

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Ukraine withdrew 150 servicemen from Iraq on Saturday, beginning a gradual pullout, as Shiite and Kurdish politicians refined plans to form a coalition government that officials said includes an agreement not to turn the country into an Islamic state.

In Mosul, gunmen killed three policemen and wounded a fourth at a funeral procession, the second time in as many days that mourners have been targeted in that northern city.

It was unclear if the mourners were Shiites, but the police officers were participating in a procession for a colleague's wife and two children who died in a roadside bomb attack a day earlier, policeman Ammar Hussein said.

Insurgents led by Sunni Arabs, a minority that was dominant under Saddam Hussein, are targeting Shiite funeral processions and ceremonies in an apparent campaign to spark a sectarian war.

On Friday, relatives gathered in small groups to bury 50 people killed a day earlier by a suicide bomber in Mosul. A mass funeral procession was canceled for fear of another attack.

The Ukrainian company that was based near Suwayyah, 25 miles south of Baghdad, left Iraq and was expected to return home by Tuesday, the Ukrainian Defense Ministry said.

Earlier this month, President Viktor Yushchenko and top defense officials ordered a phased withdrawal of Ukraine's 1,650-strong contingent from the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. Ukraine has lost 17 soldiers in Iraq and the deployment is deeply unpopular among people in the former Soviet republic.

Bulgarian military investigators, meanwhile, said U.S. troops who killed a Bulgarian soldier had opened fire without warning but did not "deliberately" kill Pvt. Gardi Gardiev on March 4.

The shooting occurred on the same day U.S. forces killed an Italian intelligence agent and wounded an Italian journalist who had been held for a month as a hostage of insurgents.



A private security guard paid for by the Shiite community, right, guards the second day of a funeral for three members of the same household who were killed in Thursday's suicide bomb attack in Mosul, Iraq, on Saturday.

straining relations two of the Bush administrations rare European partners in Iraq.

The U.S. military also said a U.S. soldier was killed Friday during operations west of the Iraqi capital in the volatile Anbar province "in a non-hostile accident." The military said it was investigating the death but gave no other details.

As of Friday, at least 1,513 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In political developments, the country's main Shiite and Kurdish coalitions were punting the finishing touches on an agreement they hope to sign on Monday forming a coalition government. Any U.S. exit strategy hinges on having a new government organize Iraq's army and police to take over responsibility for security.

A senior member of the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance, Ahmad Chalabi, traveled late Friday to Sulaimaniyah, 160 miles northeast of Baghdad, for talks with Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader who is slated to become Iraq's next president.

The Kurds have agreed that conservative Islamic Dawaa party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari will be Iraq's prime minister.

"There is discussion and there

is an agreement on the basic principles. But there is not final agreement on all the details. This visit was on invitation by Talabani to Chalabi. The atmosphere was positive," said alliance member Ali al-Faisal.

Kurds and alliance officials said both sides agreed that Iraq would not become an Islamic state, a desire also expressed by the country's most powerful Shiite cleric — Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Masoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, said the Kurds would oppose any attempt to turn Iraq into an Islamic state.

"I think the Shiites well understand that implementing an Islamic government ... will bring a lot of problems," Barzani told Dubai's Al-Arabia television. "We have an alliance with the Shiites. We were both oppressed, and we both struggled against the old regime, but if they insist on having a religious government we will oppose to them."

An alliance member, Ali al-Dabagh, said there were no plans to turn Iraq into a religious state or a secular one. "We neither want to establish a religious nor a secular state in Iraq, we want a state that respects the identity of the Iraqi people and the identities of others," al-Dabagh said.

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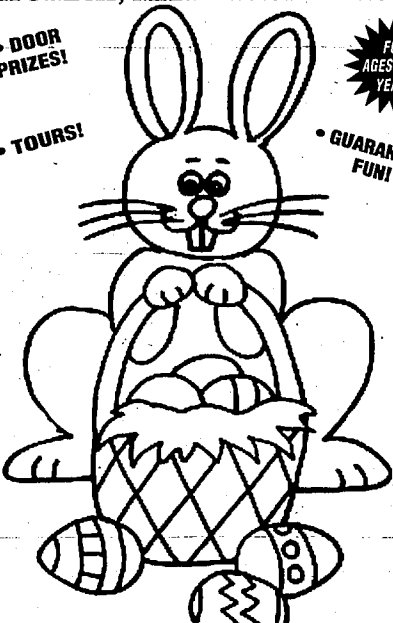
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What is the Relay for Life?

In May 1985 Dr. Gensly Klatt walked, jogged and ran around a Tacoma, WA, track for 24 hours and raised \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The following year 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this over-night event and the Relay for Life was born.

Over the last 18 years, relay for Life has spread to more than 4,200 communities in the United States and nine countries. Last year the Magic Valley Relay for Life raised \$129,000 and our goal this year is \$150,000.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity offering everyone in the community to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of 10 to 15 people camp out overnight at the Filer track and take turns walking around the track. Each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times during the event.

As the Relay begins teams pitch tents and some even decorate their campsite. This year's theme is "Hope In A Cure". Throughout the evening and into the next day everyone enjoys entertainment, fun and camaraderie.

Each team pays and entry fee of \$100 and each team member should raise \$100 or more. You can raise money as a team or individually. Two very special and touching events at the Relay are the Survivor Ceremony and the Luminary Ceremony.

Cancer survivors young and old from the community are invited to begin the Relay by walking the Survivor's Victory Lap. This opening to the event is a declaration to the community that we are there to celebrate cancer survivorship and help the community see the cancer survivorship is real — that we are making progress in the battle against cancer.

After dark candles are lit in luminary bags in memory of those who have lost the battle with cancer and in honor of those who continue the fight. The names of those honored are remembered in a touching ceremony. The luminaia ceremony is another visual reminder of why everyone has joined together to support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Light from the luminaia bags glow for team members throughout the night lighting the way along the track until sunrise. With these lit luminaia, Hope Lights the Way.

The power of Relay is that it allows a community to give for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of those who have survived. Relay for Life offers the opportunity to share our sorrow and our joy with others — friends, as survivors, as caregivers, as a community.

The American Cancer Society has some goals set that by the year 2015 we can reduce cancer deaths by 50%, reduce the number of people diagnosed with cancer by 25%, and increase the quality of life for those touched by cancer.

The funds raised at the Relay for Life go to:

1. Cancer Research — As a result of progress in research the relative five-year survival rate for cancer is now up to 60%.
2. It goes to Advocacy to enact laws to help the cancer patient.
3. It goes to Advocacy to relieve the suffering of those diagnosed with cancer such as:

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4. It also goes to Education. Did you know that lifestyle choices such as avoiding tobacco use and eating right could prevent more than 380,000 deaths from cancer each year? The American Cancer Society is working to make sure kids grow up healthy by learning how the choices they make can reduce their risk for cancer later in life. For many types of cancer, finding the disease in any early, high treatable stage can make the difference between life and death. The American Cancer Society provides checkup guidelines physician education, and advocacy efforts to make screening tests accessible to all.

Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Team Captain Meeting Schedule All Meetings at Bridgeview-Great Room
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The Relay for Life is searching for local bands or acts to perform at the relay. If you are interested please contact Larry @ 208-308-3388.

To participate in the Relay and gather a team contact Leann Taylor: 208-324-8423.

WORLD

Iran rejects overtures over nuke program

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran scoffed at U.S. incentives aimed at coaxing the Islamic republic to drop its nuclear ambitions and declared Saturday that Washington's overtures did nothing to change Tehran's plans to push ahead with its nuclear program.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said neither threats nor incentives would alter Iran's determination to develop peaceful nuclear technology. Washington insists Tehran's uranium enrichment program is designed to build a nuclear weapon, not merely to provide an alternative energy source.

Asefi issued his defiant response a day after the Bush administration softened its

stance on how to thwart Iran's nuclear development and agreed to support a European plan that offers economic incentives for Iran to give up any weapons ambitions.

The U.S. concessions, announced by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, include an offer to American opposition to Iran's application for membership in the World Trade Organization and a partial lifting of the ban on sales of some spare

parts for Iran's civilian aircraft. Rice signaled that Iran should quickly accept — or face the threat of harsh United Nations Security Council sanctions.

Asefi said Rice's offer was no offer at all. "The restrictions on spare parts that have no military purpose should have not been imposed from the beginning, and lifting them is not an incentive," state-run radio quoted Asefi as saying.

Pope may leave hospital soon

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II is preparing to leave the hospital this week, possibly as soon as Monday or Tuesday, for his return to the Vatican in time for Holy Week, according to a priest from the pontiff's hometown.

The Rev. Richard Nitschke, who spoke to the pope's personal secretary during a visit Saturday, was the first person to publicly offer details on a possible discharge date since the fall 84-year-old pope was rushed to hospital after surgery on Feb. 24 to ease his breathing.

The Vatican did not confirm the date. But it has said the pontiff would be back home in time for Holy Week celebrations that begin a week from now, on March 20, and culminate with Easter Sunday. The celebrations are among the most holy in the Roman Catholic Church's calendar. Nitschke, visiting the hospital with pilgrims from the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, said he met with John Paul's personal secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, who assured him that "everything is going well."

Syrian president offers timeline for withdrawal

JEDDEHAT YABOUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad reiterated his commitment to withdrawing all Syrian troops and intelligence agents from Lebanon, a U.N. envoy said Saturday, indicating that he had received a timetable for the pull-out. Meanwhile, a convoy of Syrian troops returning home received a rousing welcome.

The long convoy of vehicles carrying Syrian soldiers returned home amid a heavy snowfall early Saturday to the cheers of Syrian well-wishers, who chanted "Syria! Syria!" handed out flowers and threw rice.

U.N. envoy Terje Roed-Larsen did not give any details about timing after meeting with Assad in the northern city of Aleppo, but said he would discuss the matter at the United Nations next week.

"I will present U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan with further

details of the timetable for a complete Syrian pullout from Lebanon upon arrival in New York early next week," Roed-Larsen said in a statement read to The Associated Press by Roed-Larsen's spokesman Najib Frijil.

Chants of "Syria we love you" erupted from a crowd of about 300 men, women and children at 22 military trucks loaded with supplies, eight buses hauling soldiers and jeeps carrying officers crossed into Syria. The convoy also included a battle tank and a flatbed truck. The civilians, sheltering in the cold under the roof of a Syrian customs drivethrough point, also waved Syrian flags or blew whistles. A heavy snowfall delayed the crossing for several hours.

Some people handed flowers to the soldiers, others threw rice, rose petals and sweets at the vehicles in the traditional



A Lebanese man stops to look at Syrian military images left at a former position after Syrian troops evacuated the building in a redeployment of troops near the Bekaa Valley, in the village of Aley, Lebanon, on Saturday.

Arab welcome. A group sang nationalist songs to the beat of drums.

Soldiers responded by flashing victory signs. One climbed atop a vehicle to hold a picture of Assad.

A Syrian officer at the border, speaking on condition of anonymity, said about 1,000 soldiers made the crossing.

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Analysts: China sword-rattling is aimed at keeping the peace

BEIJING (AP) — A proposed Chinese law on possible military action against Taiwan and the island's plans for war games are raising tensions, but analysts say the developments instead appear to be aimed at keeping the peace.

China's legislature is expected on Monday to endorse in law Beijing's longtime threat to attack Taiwan if the self-named island pursues formal independence. Taiwanese leaders, in turn, say their military will practice repelling an assault.

The law is intended as a deterrent, not as an excuse for taking some drastic action, said William Overholt, Asia policy chair at RAND Corp., a Santa Monica, California-based think tank.

Beijing says its goal is peaceful unification with Taiwan, which split from the communist mainland in 1949. But Chinese leaders' immediate concern is to discourage Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian from pursuing what his mainland counterpart, Hu Jintao, calls

"creeping independence." "It's a response to the near-paranoia in Beijing that Chen Shui-bian is an evil genius who is likely to make some decisive move," Overholt said.

On Sunday, Chen demanded that Beijing withdraw the measure, warning that it "risks raising tensions and setting off a crisis, causing a setback in already tenuous relations." "If they really count on the Taiwanese people, they must not misjudge the situation," Chen said at a meeting of his ruling party. "They should try to understand and respect the Taiwanese."

Despite China's rising military strength and diplomatic stance, its foreign policy remains defensive, analysts say. Having seen what it believes is a drift in Taiwan toward independence, Beijing felt it had to set limits.

"For the time being, I don't know how many years, they have to stay calm," said Takashi Inoguchi, a professor of international relations.

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Suit alleges Scouts imprisoned campers

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America falsely imprisoned participants at an eastern Idaho camp and allowed them to be assaulted, a new court case alleges.

The case was brought by two brothers who had already reported that a Boy Scout leader was molesting kids at the Camp Little Lemhi in Swan Valley in 1997, according to a copyright story in Saturday editions of the Idaho Falls Post Register.

Ben and Adam Steed now accuse the Boy Scouts, the Grand

Teton Council and Brad Stowell of gross negligence.

The latest case was filed in February in Bannock County Court.

The complaint says Stowell, a former camp program director, used his position to molest campers.

Stowell has admitted to molesting at least 24 children, many of them at camp.

He pleaded guilty to molesting two boys after being arrested in 1997. Stowell, now 32, served 150 days in jail.

He has declined to comment on the case, other to say he has been unfairly targeted by the media and that he apologizes for the abuse.

Stowell is now married, has five children and lives in Idaho Falls. He was recently accepted to law school.

On the first night of camp nearly a decade ago, Adam and Ben Steed heard staffers joking about child molesters, according to court records.

The brothers later reported Stowell after they saw him molest a camper, the documents said.

Adam Steed, 14 at the time he was at Camp Little Lemhi and now a junior at Brigham Young University, initially was told to stay quiet, the complaint said.

He continued complaints to the camp director until the brothers were finally allowed to call police, the complaint alleges.

Afterward, the camp director ordered Adam and Ben not to tell their parents what had happened, the complaint said.

S. Utah hopes to avoid flooding

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Southern Utah water officials say the area shouldn't have any more flooding — as long there isn't much rain on top of the melting snowpack.

"My guess is that we're going to have a long, high, big spring runoff," said Ron Thompson, director of the Washington County Water Conservancy District. "We're starting to see some snowmelt right now. As long as we don't get rain on it, I think we'll have a big spring runoff with little flooding."

measurement sites in Iron and Washington counties are breaking records, he said.

One site, located at the top of the Sewer drainage system above Cedar City, is loaded with 58 inches of water in about 11 feet of snowpack, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Snowpack at Kolob Mountain, which lies just north of Zion National Park in the Virgin River drainage system, is holding 27 inches of water in about 11.4 inches of snowpack — 340 percent of normal.

Mormon president celebrates anniversary

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Members of the top leadership council for the Mormon church spent Friday reflecting on accomplishments as the three men marked their 10 years serving as the First Presidency.

President Gordon B. Hinckley and his top two counselors, James E. Faust and Thomas S. Monson, detailed church advances during they began serving March 12, 1995.

Hinckley noted several initiatives during the past 10 years, including the formation and expansion of the Perpetual Education Fund.

"When we announced that, we didn't have a thing. But through the generosity of our people, that corpus has grown to a point where we can now educate some 18,000 young people," he said. "Lifting them out of a place of poverty to rise above what they've known all their lives to a far better position."

Construction of the Conference Center downtown has been a "very significant thing. We did not know the Tabernacle was as worn out as it is," he said.

The world-famous home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and that corpus has grown to a point where we can now educate some 18,000 young people," he said. "Lifting them out of a place of poverty to rise above what they've known all their lives to a far better position."

Hinckley also noted the growing dispersal of the Book of Mormon, some 51 million copies of which have been distributed in the past 10 years, including a hardback version released late last year in conjunction with a commercial publisher and geared toward a general audience.

The church has also distributed \$641 million in humanitarian aid during the past decade, he said, to assist those in need — the majority of them not members of the LDS Church.

Millions of children have been vaccinated against measles in the past couple of years through a donation by the church in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Monson, first counselor in the First Presidency, said the church has expanded its cooperative efforts with people of other faiths to help the less fortunate.

He detailed LDS cooperation with Catholics, Jews, Muslims and those of other faiths to supply food and volunteers for local soup kitchens, provide financial relief and provide clothing and relief supplies at home and abroad.

Faust, second counselor, said he sees a wider acceptance and understanding about Latter-day Saints reflected in the growing number of congressional representatives who are LDS — three U.S. senators and four congressmen from outside Utah.

When asked if America is ready to elect a Latter-day Saint to serve as U.S. president — whether in the person of Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (whose name often has been mentioned) or another candidate — he noted that many believe years ago that American voters would never elect a Catholic, which changed with John F. Kennedy's election.

But that day came, I expect that day will come for a Mormon," he said.

Even though Mormons dominate the Utah Legislature, Faust said the church doesn't endorse political parties or candidates.

Ex-stripper sentenced in \$7M theft case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A former stripper and her lover were sentenced Friday to one to five years in prison for stealing a fortune in silver ending a long, sordid tale involving buried treasure and the mysterious death of a casino heir.

Sandra Murphy, 33, and Rick Tabish, 33, were acquitted in November of charges they murdered Ted Binlon, son of legendary casino owner Benny Binlon. Ted Binlon, 55, was found dead at his home on Sept. 17, 1998.

But the pair were found guilty of conspiracy, burglary and grand larceny relating to the theft of an estimated \$7 million in silver that Binlon had buried in the southern Nevada desert.

It was the second trial for Murphy and Tabish, who were convicted of murdering Binlon in a sensational case that drew international headlines in 2000.

Murphy and Tabish were a few years into lengthy prison sentences when the Nevada Supreme Court overturned their convictions in 2003 and ordered a new trial.

Because Murphy served nearly four years on the origi-

nal murder conviction, her lawyer said he expects her to spend little or no time in prison for the theft sentence.

"I feel relieved," Murphy told reporters outside court. "I'm just ready to go home."

During the trial, Murphy was out on bail. On Friday, the judge allowed her to remain free pending her appeal of the theft conviction.

Tabish, who is serving time on separate extortion charges, remained in custody.

During the most recent trial, prosecutors portrayed Murphy as Binlon's greedy girlfriend who was having an affair with Tabish, a former contractor from Missoula, Mont., who was friends with Binlon.

Prosecutors said the two hatched a plot to kill the wealthy former casino executive by forcing him to ingest lethal levels of heroin and the anti-depressant Xanax and then suffocate him to hasten his death.

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EDITORIAL

How many license plates does Idaho need?

The current session of the Idaho Legislature is far from over, but we already have a blue ribbon for "best original legislation."

The House Transportation Committee passed a bill earlier this month to stop issuing any more specialty license plates.

Free to stand and applaud. If there's a more solid idea to come out of Boise this year, we haven't seen it.

Our view: Idaho legislators should put an end to the deluge of specialty license plates. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But after that, the trend has morphed into a hodgepodge of feel-good recognition. We have plates celebrating Lewis and Clark, whitewater, agriculture, timber, School Transportation Safety Awareness, Corvettes, Appaloosa horses, Historic Lewiston, and even more.

The flood of specialty plates almost makes you long for the days when Idaho's highway registration was based on the bland green-on-white, "Famous Potatoes" plates.

That all change when Idaho issues a centennial plate in the mid-1980s with an appealing red, white and blue sunset design. The centennial design won national awards, and rightfully so. But it seems like ever since, we're just spreading more frosting on the cake.

Critics of Woods' bill say its unfair to stop special plates now, since the state has already allowed so many. But that's a short-sighted response. If we don't limit special editions now, the demand for more will never end. Woods says there's another 250 who want their own specialty plates.

This year is no different. There's already legislation proposing new plates for the Basque community, Science and Technology, Albertson College, Northwest Nazarene College and BYU-Idaho.

At this rate, special plates celebrating Sputnik and television inventor Philo T. Farnsworth would be far behind. Please legislators, do something to blunt our overblown sense of pride.

Like most states, Idaho offers collegiate plates for most of its colleges, including College of Southern Idaho. And if you served in the military, there's a host of selections that seem worthy and appropriate. (But we're curious to know how many vets are still driving around with World War I decal plates.)

Add to that the popular wildlife editions, adorned with your choice of elk, moose, bear, bison and goat, throat trout, and it's obvious the state has a decent variety of plates.

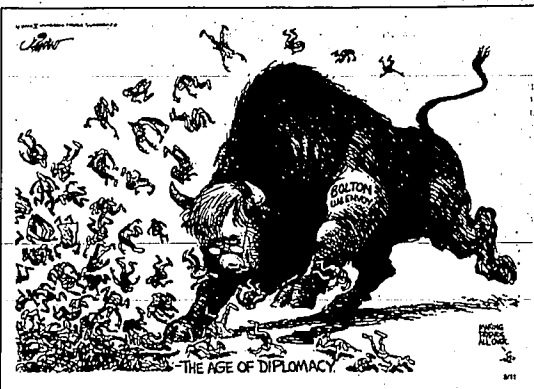
A new man for U.N. job

For the record, let me begin by repeating a few quotes from John Bolton, newly appointed as ambassador to the United Nations, just so that no one can accuse me of naivete. He has said, "The Secretary building in New York has 38 stories. If I lost ten stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference." He has said that "wishful thinking about the United Nations... ran into a wall of reality in Kosovo." He has been vocal of U.N. peacekeeping operations, skeptical of the U.S. obligation to pay its U.N. dues, skeptical of just about everything, really, to do with the United Nations.

ANNE APPLEBAUM

All of which makes him an ideal candidate to be America's U.N. ambassador. Bolton - whom I've met but don't know well - is blunt, which is a virtue in an institution where words are more often used to disguise meanings than to elucidate. He is unafraid of being unpopular, which is an advantage in a place where everyone will dislike him. In the past he has been unafraid of arguing his points, even in Europe, where they are deeply unpopular. Most of all, though, Bolton, who has been writing about the United Nations for decades, is one of the few people in public life willing to draw the distinction between what the United Nations actually is and what everybody would like it to be.

The United Nations is not a popularly elected world government. It isn't even a collection of well-meaning people who just want peace. It is a group of different agencies with different agendas, some of which are relatively benign, and some of which are ineffective or even dangerous. The United Nations provides the relief workers who are coordinating international aid for tsunami victims, and people delivering aid and democracy assistance in



Afghanistan. The U.N. umbrella includes critical agencies such as the World Health Organization, whose work to prevent another flu pandemic could save millions of lives. Yet the United Nations also contains such institutions as its Commission on Human Rights, recently chaired by Libya, that is not based on human rights. To annual meetings of the commission is complete without ritual condemnations of the United States and Israel, and strenuous diplomatic efforts to prevent any condemnations of China or Sudan. Last year's meeting also featured a brawl, started when a Cuban delegate attacked his American counterpart.

Infamously, the United Nations has lately been implicated in a vast and tangled scandal, the oil-for-food scam. It was not the only culprit - dozens of other international institutions, including the U.N., were also involved. It is precisely this corruption is part of a larger pattern. Financial scandals have plagued U.N. operations in Cambodia. Trafficking scandals plagued U.N. operations in Kosovo. What the

world body spends on pointless conferences and unnecessary publications would feed many, many children in Africa.

But for the United Nations isn't good in and of itself, neither is it evil. It is only as good or bad as its employees, all political appointees whose activities are, by ordinary government or business standards, subjected to shocking little oversight. Unlike, say, the U.S. civil service, or the Japanese bureaucracy, the U.N. bureaucracy is not beholden to a democratic government or even a sovereign government. There is no electorate that can toss the Libyans out of the human rights commission's chair, no judicial system that can try corrupt officials. As I understand Bolton's critique of the United Nations and other international institutions (when he isn't being flummoxed in his turn of phrase) it is precisely this that concerns him: indeed, he has spoken and written for many years on the threats to America's sovereignty - and everyone else's sovereignty - from international institutions that owe nobody

any allegiance, are subject to no independent review and have no democratic legitimacy of their own.

The trouble with many U.N. defenders is that they refuse to see this fundamental problem, and demand a constantly expanding role for the United Nations without explaining how its lack of democratic accountability is to be addressed. The trouble with many U.N. detractors, in Congress and elsewhere, is that they see the corruption and nothing else. But there is a role for U.N. institutions - in Afghanistan, or in international health - as long as that role is limited in time and cost. And there is a desperate need for U.N. reform. In defense of John Bolton: He may, if he can get confirmed, be one of the few U.N. ambassadors who has thought a good deal about how to set such limits and make such reforms. And if he isn't invited to a few cocktail parties along the way, at least he won't mind.

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America's defense remains offensively weak

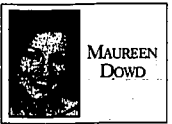
In sports, the offense is more glamorous. It moves the ball, scores, and everybody breaks out the high-fives. It's all about flash and glory.

Defense, on the other hand, toils in anonymity. It's about preventing the opponent from getting in your heels and fighting the opposition for every inch. The most important unit of the last undefeated team in the National Football League, the 1972 Miami Dolphins, was tagged the No-Name Defense.

Republicans understand the public advantage of a relentless offense. They had a flashy offense in W's two presidential campaigns and two wars, and in their war on the press. In his 2002 pre-emptive doctrine, saying the groundwork for attacking Iraq was done, President Bush was reputed to have written the line, "We recognize that our best defense is a good offense."

Was successfully countering the invasion of Iraq an offensive thrust in the war on terror, even though Iraq had played no role in the attacks, has not had weapons to share with terrorists. But 9/11 was an emasculating blow, and the White House had to strike back at someone.

What the administration doesn't acknowledge, as it crow



MAUREEN DOWD

about democracy, is that our defense against terrorists who want to attack here is full of holes, and that the war in Iraq may have made it even worse. Despite the pending election, the war has created more insurgents and given them a training ground. It has siphoned off attention, money and troops that could have been used to catch Osama, pursue al-Qaida and secure our own country. And it has alienated not only many Arabs, but also allies who were eager, after 9/11, to help us fight al-Qaida - even Italians are mad now.

Every time we turn around, some administration official charged with our protection is claiming that it will take three more years, or five more, to fix something that should have been put in place right after 9/11 - or even 20 years ago. The FBI has also used its latest computer files: the \$170 million effort to upgrade the bureau's computer system so

analysts can accomplish such difficult tasks as simultaneously searching for "aviation" and "schools." Now it's going to take at least 3 1/2 years to develop a new system. Bill Gates has been donating computers and software to poor grade schools; maybe he could take pity on the poor FBI and donate a system that works.

One of the first big stories I covered was the homecoming of the hostages from Iran in 1981. Nearly a quarter of a century later, we still don't have good intelligence on Iran. The Times reported Wednesday that a bipartisan presidential panel is set to report that the lack of American intelligence on Iran's nuclear capability is scandalously inadequate. Our intelligence on Iraq weapons systems was so bad that we had to go to war to find out that Iraq didn't have any.

Our intelligence services are only now trying to recruit agents who speak Arabic and Farsi? Who didn't realize after the Iranian hostage crisis that it might be easier to have spies who could infiltrate the places that were calling us Satan? President Jimmy Carter lost an election because he didn't know what was going on in Iran, and President Bush still doesn't know.

Now that they've belatedly started to recruit Arabic speak-

ers - after the military forced out more than 300 linguists considered important to the war in terror in the past decade because they happened to be gay - our intelligence agencies are not sure whether they're signing up the good guys or the bad guys. We can't get into al-Qaida's inner councils, but has al-Qaida gotten inside ours? The Los Angeles Times reported on Tuesday that about 40 Americans seeking jobs at U.S. intelligence agencies were turned away because of possible ties to terrorist groups. Paul Redmond, a longtime CIA officer, said it was an "accidental certainty" that spies had infiltrated U.S. security agencies: "I think we were worse off than we've ever been before."

At the same time, dozens of terror suspects on federal watch lists have been allowed to buy firearms legally in our country, according to a CIA investigation. No wonder Porter Goss, the new CIA director, seems dazed and confused.

While the president and the nation try to have spies who could infiltrate the places that were calling us Satan? President Jimmy Carter lost an election because he didn't know what was going on in Iran, and President Bush still doesn't know.

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LETTER

Opponents stack cards unfairly against Lucky's

I guess congratulations are in order for Lucky's Dance Club for claiming a small victory at the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Tuesday evening. (Round 1 - I'll explain later.) Lucky's owners were very fortunate to obtain such an opportunity deal in bringing a new dance hall to Twin Falls' downtown. From reading all the articles from The Times-News and letters to the editor, it seems that the price we set high right from the get-go. The "if I can't broke, don't fix it" mentality arose when there was word there was another bar going in when it was obviously only welcomed by you. There was even brief word of a "conspiracy," which didn't make any sense to me. Lucky's had made it through a bumpy, yet smooth and successful eight months before someone's stack had blown.

Apparently from the alleged 66 police calls, they've had their hands full, or did they? Wednesday's article stated the commission dropped the issue because of insufficient factual evidence. What is going on here? They hadn't been cited once for violation, why are they a problem downtown? I have been a Lucky's patron a handful of times and I had a pleasant evening every time. So a bar that sells alcoholic beverages will have those visitors who abuse the bar, but how far do the owners (b) have to go to baby-sit? I would be dis-

appointed to receive the blame and punishment for my neighbor's actions for just simply being somewhat in the area. Twin Falls' downtown is a wonderful place, and Lucky's would be a great addition to the business venture where it was conveniently located for all of Twin Falls and surrounding counties to enjoy.

Now as for Round 2: Wednesday's article concluded that it was anticipated this wouldn't be the last we'll hear of it. It just opened the door for those naysayers to begin the citation process to "officially" start rolling in - sparking yet another meeting to revoke Lucky's permit. Wow, Big Brother is watching.

There is there is plenty of room in Twin Falls to support Lucky's and think that there can be a compromise. Good luck, Lucky's and to the other bar/dance establishments. If all the night clubs and alcohol-related businesses are run out of town, more of the Twin Falls residents, including myself, will be forced to spend our dollars out of town as well.

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Courts target female victims in Pena case

Seeing the article, Tuesday, March 2, concerning the Pena case, I wonder what justice is. The grand jury charged Pena after investigating the charges of the two women involved, even to an Investigator listening in on a wire! The prosecuting attorney requested a no-contact so Pena would not be able to make contact with the women victims involved. Then Melanson (who was the head of the grand jury) granted Pamela Pena's lawyer, to interview the victims, but that the same as Pena talking to them is

Should he not only cross examine them in court? This sounds like a shake-down to me. After the victims had the courage to expose Pena! How many has there been without that courage? Where is our women's advocates for these brave women? Come on, let's get behind these brave, let's a girlfriend with Pena with his girlfriends? Are the children in the house for this? Is this justice?

Block stands firm for foster care needs
I almost fell out of my chair

when, while researching a book manuscript, I came across the comments of Rep. Sharon Block (Feb. 23, Times-News on the foster care budget.

Idaho is an unusual state to have such support in Legislature for the full funding of foster care and adoption subsidy. Admittedly, foster care has proven no panacea for kids who were abused and neglected, and its use can create a whole new set of problems. However, there is no question that proper funding of homes, court systems and case workers can make it considerably more effective in bringing about just outcomes for kids

and families in custody, while shortening their stay. I hope there is equal support in Idaho for successful programs that help keep kids out of foster care in the first place, as long-term savings in money and damaged lives can be demonstrated.

In any case, I applaud Rep. Block for funding of kids first in her plea for thinking. It is a rare thing these days. **WES GREENSHAW, Ph.D.,** Lawrence, Kan. (Editor's note: Wes Greenshaw is a licensed psychologist, certified member of the American Board of Professional Psychology and director of the Family Therapy Institute Midwest.)

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Jargon on hazardous waste form confuses emergency responders

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When a brew of acids leaked from the corroded sides of a railroad tank car last weekend, forcing the evacuation of 6,000 people, first-responders who they faced the emergency armed with a baffling invoice of chemical codes that left the tanks contents a mystery.

The spill on the Union Pacific mainline in southern Salt Lake sent an orange cloud of potentially lethal gases over a several-block

area. Several roads and highways, including a stretch of Interstate 15, were shut down for almost a day.

Watching a crew member poke a pen through the tanker's solid steel wall, South Salt Lake Fire Chief Steve Foote had no clue exactly what he was dealing with.

"It wasn't until two days after the incident that we had the state lab bring the results," Foote said Wednesday. "There

was a lot of misinformation." At issue is the tanker's Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, a federal government form as bureaucratic as it sounds — full of confusing numbers and dry legalese.

It's supposed to provide a complete paper trail of a hazardous shipment, and it should be a source for police, firefighters and any others who need accurate and accessible information to safely respond to

toxic spills.

But critics say police and firefighters, who respond to a wide range of emergencies, can't be expected to make sense of the arcane jargon on the form.

"It's a whole plethora of numbers, codes and abbreviations, and that makes it difficult to follow through on what these things mean," Foote said. The manifest for last weekend's tank car was so puzzling that he assigned an entire team to make sense of it.

"Their whole responsibility was to research this product, find out what we could or could not do and how to neutralize it," Foote said.

The cost of Sunday's response and resulting cleanup will easily top \$500,000, Foote said. He's convinced the operation could have cost a lot less — and been a lot safer — if crews had full information to respond quickly.

Allan Moorn, environmental program manager with the

Utah Department of Environmental Quality, said the manifests often don't spell out contents in plain English.

The Environmental Protection Agency says it is working now on making the manifest less burdensome for generators and transporters. A 2001 proposal, currently under review, would enable electronic manifest tracking, a big cost-saver. But the benefit in clarity is less evident.

Ethical lapses raise questions

BOISE (AP) — Former Sen. Jack Noble's historic flamboyant in the Legislature over the past year might be the last they face, they faced the state's lack of ethics laws — regulating how much financial information lawmakers must reveal about their personal lives and businesses, some ethics experts say.

But if lawmakers review the rules governing their ethical behavior in the next six months or so, they could also consider other potential pitfalls, including disclosure requirements for lobbyists.

Michigan are the only states in which there is no financial disclosures required for legislative officials, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity.

"I see no reason why Idaho shouldn't have a financial disclosure law," said Patricia Fredericksen, an associate professor in public policy and administration at Boise State University who teaches a course on ethics.

"I think the majority of people who work in government try to do the right thing. But a few people who make bad decisions like this make it extraordinarily difficult for all of us."

Noble, a Kuna Republican, resigned on Monday, one day before the full Senate was expected to take up a damning ethics committee report saying Noble tried to enact laws that would have added value to his family business and then lied about it under oath.

Throughout the ordeal, Rep. Bruce Pearce stuck by the side of Noble, with whom he shared an office. Pearce acted as Noble's counselor and friend at a time when others seemed to shun him.

"If you were in trouble, wouldn't you want some of your buddies to come and help you?" said Pearce, a tall, beefy rancher from New Plymouth.

Pearce acknowledged that next year, lawmakers should review his ethics laws.

"People have gotten loose, and some (others) have had the occasion to lie," Pearce said.

In Fredericksen's ethics class, discussions range from governmental corruption to torture and use of violence. While Noble's lying under oath doesn't equate to those sorts of abuses, it's still completely unacceptable, she said.

"I think it's huge. Lying under oath — or even if you don't take an oath — is a heinous thing to do," Fredericksen said.

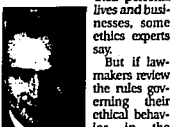
The Center for Public Integrity tracks a host of ethical issues in state governments, such as laws covering gifts, honorariums, nepotism and so-called "revolving door" laws designed to make public officials and servants accountable.

Enter this session, Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, sponsored legislation that would have required a one-year "cooling off" period for public officials — elected or state employees — to wait before they could take a job in a private-sector job where they had significant influence.

The Senate State Affairs Committee — the same committee that initially questioned Noble's truthfulness — rejected the proposal.

Leah Rush, Director of State Projects for the Center for Public Integrity, acknowledged that Idaho's system "worked" in Noble's case.

"While Idaho is one of the 27 states where legislators have sole oversight of their own conduct and it is only one of three states in the country with no mandatory outside interest disclosure, the mechanisms in place appear to be doing its job," Rush said.



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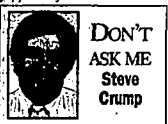
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How to talk like you're from Preston

I was coming out of a screening of the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" a couple of months ago when a woman I know who's aware of my eastern Idaho origins suggested that I write a column explaining the um, distinctive language in the film.

Prekint sweet
Those of you who speak only English, however, must understand that most of the vernacular which follows is lived by Mormon folks who live in small towns in Utah and eastern Idaho. I don't want to use this dialect; half of my family is Mormon and the other half isn't, and we all talk the same flippin' way.



With my people, it's all about euphemism. The idea is to achieve the psychological release of cursing without liking the Almighty who is plenty liked already.

Since both Mormons and gentiles use this language, I'll call it *Prestonese*, in honor of Napoleon Dynamite's now-famous eastern Idaho hometown.

• **Flip** - The universal *Prestonese* epithet, effective whether used alone or as an adjective. ("*Flippin' scrud!*") It's also useful to string together with *bovadin* pronouns to achieve maximum effect ("*Flipp Scrud!*").

• **Dang** - The *Prestonese* equivalent of "damn," frequently preceded by "Goah." "Goah dang it!" is the ultimate expression of frustration in *Preston*, which is a target-rich environment for frustration. (My people, by the way, never say "Dang," that's a foreign expression, possibly from Wyoming.)

• **Oh my heck all Hilday!** *Prestonese* for "my head is about to explode."

• **Land!** This bizarre form of the creaky Midwestern colloquialism "for land's sake!" is possibly the only epithet ever devoted to real estate.

• **Oh my star!** An expression so appallingly wholesome that it can stop any conversation in its tracks.

• **Ferch!** Same as flip, but with a darker edge. And if you're really angry, it's "Golly Ferch!"

• **Seaterend.** It's what you sit on, and is used to describe folks who are a pain there.

• **Ignern!** Local dialect for "ignorant." It's the only word in the dictionary definition. To be "real ignern!" means to be surpassingly rude.

• **Oh my holy o...** The closest we come to actually swearing in eastern Idaho. It's rude, maybe, but consider the alternative.

• **Scrud!** Oh Dear! Perhaps the silliest expression ever devised.

• **Fudge.** "Flip" for folks not gutsy enough to say "Tetch."

• **Ged!** Yeah, I know it sounds like something that *Maj*, *Beg*, *Lock* would say in Dickens' "Dombey and Son," but actual Idahoans use it as a euphemism for Providence. Best evidence is that Providence isn't happy about it.

• **Oh, Feral!** What a gorgeous *strange form!* Rural Utahns and eastern Idahoans have a lot of trouble with their "Y," to the extent that "Y" is almost always pronounced "Z." That's why you try not to talk too much about *Fert Hall*.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of avg.	peak
Balgon	01%	64%
Big Wood	05%	62%
Little Wood	01%	62%
Big Lost	05%	63%
Little Lost	02%	60%
Henry's Fork/Teton	71%	62%
Upper Snake Basin	05%	62%
Oakley	05%	62%
Salmon Falls	07%	61%

As of March 13, 2005
A comparison of snowpack levels to the 1971-2000 average.

Wal-Mart pledges no light pollution

CSI officials worry that light could interfere with telescope

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—From the point of view of the Centennial Observatory at the Herret Center for Arts and Science, a proposed Wal-Mart store might occupy precious real estate—the darkest corner of the sky in the telescope field of vision.

Officials at the College of Southern Idaho are keeping close eyes on a proposal from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to build at the southwest intersection of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North.

These fixtures have the tops covered so that light points down and out, leaving the sky to the stars.

"We want to make sure light is being directed where it's needed," Berger said.

Chris Anderson, the observatory director, plans to contact Wal-Mart and the Twin Falls City Council to make sure the proposed store would use dark sky-friendly lighting, even though the city does not have a lighting ordinance. Anderson said "full cutoff" lights are slightly more expensive than other lights, but they save energy in the long run.

"It sounds like they're willing to be good neighbors," Anderson said.

The college installed its \$365,000 telescope in the Centennial Observatory in April. It's possibly the largest public hand-kneep-accessible telescope in the world. It's limited in where it can get the best views because of light spilling over from tennis courts and businesses along Blue Lakes Boulevard.

A new Wal-Mart could be 1,100 feet from the observatory, Anderson said.

CSI President Jerry Meyerchoffer has already discussed the issue with the Twin Falls City Council, and plans to discuss it with Wal-Mart, too.

Scott Davis, the chief operating officer for the International Dark-Sky Association, said Wal-Mart has a good track record of complying with local lighting ordinances in Seattle and in Tucson, Ariz.

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Volunteers help school construction

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

DIETRICH—Charlie Fenelon, Dietrich School principal, marks a square on a piece of particle board with a "V."

His son, Kelli, 16, helps him use a T square to draw a line down the entire piece.

It's Saturday morning, and dust flies as Fenelon trims the wood with a circular saw. A nail gun hisses on the floor of what will become the new high school science classroom.

The Fenelons joined about eight other volunteers who helped install plaster boards in the building's new high school wing for Dietrich. It takes a community to build a school.

"The community is really pitching in," Fenelon said. Without it, it wouldn't get built.

About 20 community volunteers and teachers have helped install walls and plaster board each day during the week and the project is expected to continue next week.

"It's really coming together," said Wayne Dill, the school's health and physical education teacher who is on a two-year assignment to work on the school's expansion project. A new gymnasium was completed in December 2003.

Replacing the old gym is a wing that will house the high school classes. It will have a new office, cafeteria, library, classrooms, locker rooms, science lab, computer lab, server room and restrooms.

"For Dietrich, this is quite a project," Dill said.

The voters approved a \$1.5 million bond issue in June 2003. Dill said he's had estimates that the school won't be able to finish the project within budget without some extra savings—that's where volunteers come in.

It's a \$2 million project when combined with the cost of the new gym.

Dill said the work sessions could be a good time in a few weeks, many people who could help will be teamed up with families.

Jeremy Churchill of Dietrich was there to pitch in.

"The Air Force got it started, but the 116th is carrying it on now," Kelly said.



Principal Charlie Fenelon cuts a piece of particle board to make an opening for an electrical socket in the addition to the Dietrich School Saturday. Fenelon is one of many volunteers participating in the completion of the \$2 million project.

It hangs a student lounge, kindergarten and first and second grade classes will move into the 1935 main school. Those classes and the lunchroom are now housed in a building across the street from the main school.

School officials are still discussing what to do with that building once it's vacated.

Dill said he hopes to see the first floor of the new wing ready for classes in the fall.

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Local soldiers need supplies for Iraq schools

By Sandy Miller
Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Soldiers with the Army's 116th Brigade Center, but they are doing more than helping control the insurgency in Iraq.

They're also rebuilding schools, said Col. Kelly Kelly, who retired from the Idaho National Guard after 20 years as a nurse and now works with the Family Readiness Center at Gowanus Field in Berlin.

"The plight of the children has touched all their hearts," Kelly said. "They saw that the schools didn't have any supplies at all."

The 116th, now stationed in the northern part of Iraq, is a U.S. Army unit. It took over the special project from the U.S. Air Force.

"When the weather stresses our poles, we find the weak spots," Jones said.

Power went out for 72 customers near Burley and Oakley at about 5 p.m., Jones said. He did not know the cause and said the company was working on restoring power. In Twin Falls, power was out for 25 customers from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. because of a fuse being tripped. In Filer 33 customers lost power from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 because of lines falling down.

personally hand them to the Iraqi children," Worster wrote. "Their faces light up and they are better able to learn lessons in their village schools."

Supplies may be sent to: Maj. John Worster, HRC/116th BCT (Forward), APO AE 09368.

The 116th, which includes many Magic Valley soldiers, arrived in Iraq in December and will serve at least a one-year tour of duty.

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Winds whack Magic Valley, blow down power lines

blew a cuproot onto a vehicle in Filer, according to a dispatcher at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

Small brush fires kept fire crews busy around the valley. At about 3 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to a fire near Wendell for a blaze that was put out in less than an hour, dispatchers said. The cause was unknown.

The National Weather Service issued wind advisories for the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley for most of the day Saturday.

At Jasin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, wind started picking up at about 8 a.m. and by 9 a.m. it had gusts around 30 mph. Gusts reached between 40 and 45 mph in Twin Falls and Burley until sundown, said Darrell Huston, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Boise.

Winds in Jerome were gusting to about 35 mph and also calmed after sunset, Huston said.

Today's forecast is for sunny weather with highs between 47 and 53 degrees. The wind is expected to be 10 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

When that beer is gone, it's gone," he said.

Jones said when council members allowed alcohol to be served on Super Bowl Sundays, they agreed that no other Sundays would be added to the exception list.

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Paul upholds its policy on Sunday liquor

By Lorraine Caveran
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PAUL—A Mexican catering business' request to serve alcohol on Sundays has been met with an emphatic "No."

Roberto and Amalia Rodriguez, who opened El Zaguano Restaurant last year but now only host catered events, asked to serve alcohol on Sundays or at least allow those attending to bring their own.

The Rodriguezes noted that many celebrations in the Hispanic community fall on Sundays, such as first communions, baptisms and quinceañeras.

But council members affirmed this past week that only one Sunday each year merits an exception: Super Bowl Sunday.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're not going to do it," Paul Mayor Randy Jones said. "Too many residents chased me down the last year."

The last time the issue was discussed, a large number of constituents told Jones and other council members that alcohol should not be permitted to be served on Sunday, even for special events, Jones said.

According to Idaho law, counties and cities may determine whether to allow the sale of alcohol on Sunday. The city of Paul's policy is that no alcohol may be served at a restaurant or bar on Sunday.

However, it is permitted on Super Bowl Sunday as long as it is a private party and the alcohol is not sold. And even then, a special permit is required.

Grocery stores in the city are allowed to sell beer and wine on Sunday, but only for off-premises consumption.

In light of the Rodriguezes' recent request, council members also have directed City Attorney Kent Fletcher to re-evaluate the city's ordinance to see whether there's a loophole that allows individuals attending El Zaguano's events to bring their own alcohol.

"Let's close the loophole," Jones said.

If Roberto Rodriguez wants to serve alcohol on Sunday, he has to follow the same rules as everyone else, Jones said.

"If he pays the fee he can do it on Super Bowl Sunday from 2 to 10 p.m.," he said.

The City Council allowed the Super Bowl exception several years ago. In 2001, however, the persistent owner of Red's Sport Shop in Paul, lobbied for the change.

The council denied his request eight years ago, but as Crosland put it, "I kept hounding them."

Three years later, Crosland talked the council into changing the ordinance to allow alcohol to be served—but not sold—for the annual event. The council then said the event had to be a private party and that Crosland had to obtain a \$25 permit.

Crosland sells tickets ahead of time and uses the money to purchase two kegs of beer and food for the Super Bowl.

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Don S. Wilson



BOISE — Don S. Wilson, of Boise, passed away peacefully at his home on March 10, 2005.

He was born in City of Rocks at Almo, Idaho. Don grew up in the Magic Valley area before joining the Marines during World War II and completed his tour of active duty as corporal. Don returned to Idaho, where he worked many years for Union Pacific and Sun Valley Company.

He met his wife, Betty Yung, while working in Tucson, Ariz., during the winters of 1948 to 1952. Returning to Ketchum, he spent the following years working as a chef and lift operator for Sun Valley Company and trade carpenter throughout the Wood River Valley. Five of those in-between years were spent with his family in Las Vegas, Nev., where he was a garde manger chef for the Desert Inn. He

loved raising his family in the Wood River Valley and surrounding mountains, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He retired in 1986, traveled extensively with Betty, settled in Nampa in 1992 and then moved to Boise in 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of 54 years, three sons, Don of Palm Springs, Calif., Dennis of Ketchum and Randy (Kim, Kris and Katie) of Boise; grandson, Dennis of Boise; two sisters, Lois Maez (Cheryl) of Hagerman and Fayre Crockett of Salt Lake City, Utah; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lucy; a half sister, Velda; and two half brothers, James and Lloyd.

At Don's request, no services will be held, but a gathering of family and friends will be held at a future date, in a celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Mercy Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 1452, Nampa, ID 83653-1452; MSTL, 308 E. Hawaii Ave., Nampa, ID 83642; or a charity of your choice.

Mary V. Reese Tomlinson Todd

—BUHL— Mary V. Reese Tomlinson Todd, 102, of Buhl, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Woodland Estates in Buhl.

Mary Viola was born June 15, 1902, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa., the daughter of Ira and Mable Nearhoof. She spent her early life in Pennsylvania. She married Harry Reese in 1925, that same year they moved to Harry's farm in Castleford, Idaho. To this union was born five children. Mary was a member of the Buhl First Baptist Church. Mary was the last surviving child in membership of the Moose Lodge No. 305 of Buhl.



Kensington, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; a son, Dewayne Reese; stepson, Erwin M. Tomlinson; two sisters, Pauline and Joyce; infant daughter, one brother, Samuel Nearhoof; and one foster brother, Jay Ray Sharer.

Contributions in memory of Mary may be made to the Buhl First Baptist Church.

A celebration of her life will be held June 15, 2005, on her 103rd birthday, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl. An announcement of service and time will be published in June.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Patricia Lee Crane Elliott



TWIN FALLS — On March 11, 2005, in Pinetdale, Wyo., our dear Mama, sister, grandma, aunt, neighbor and friend, Patricia Lee Crane Elliott left for heaven to join her sweetheart, Nick; sons, Jack and John; and father and mother, Leo and Leona Crane.

She leaves daughters, Cindy Day (Darwin) of Fillmore, Utah, and Kathy to Johnson (Lina) of Big Piney, Wyo.; three sisters, Ethyl, Arlene and Linda; one brother, Don; and 11 grandchildren who love and will miss her so very much.

Pat was a nurse for 40 years in Texas. She was an influence of focus in all she did. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Pat was born on June 28, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho. A service will be held at noon Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, with interment to follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

To my children — Be happy with few tears. I love you, Mom.

V. Ruth Knudson

—BUHL— V. Ruth Knudson, 89, of Buhl, Idaho, died Wednesday evening, March 9, 2005, at Woodland Retirement Estates in Buhl.

Ruth was born on Nov. 26, 1915, in Sublette, Okla., the daughter of Charles and Celesta Ruth Silgar Human. At the age of 2, she and her family moved to Idaho settling in the Hollister area. She attended and graduated from Hollister High School. Ruth married Arthur E. Knudson on Nov. 14, 1937, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Together, they farmed in Twin Falls and later in Buhl.

Ruth and Art were devoted members of the Followers of Christ Church in Buhl. Ruth enjoyed her rose garden, traveling, fishing, and listening to barbershop quartets.

She was a wonderful cook and baker, always making sure you were full. Her love was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and spending them as much as she could.

Ruth is survived by her two sons, Gary Knudson of Buhl and Kent (Chris) Knudson of Sioux City, Iowa; four sisters, Grace Iyle of Kimberly, Charlotte Pfaff of Cornelius, N.M., Shirley (Dave) Klynson of Castleford and Letha (Bob) Sweet of Sublimity, Ore.; and two brothers, Adrain Human of Twin Falls and Kyle (Joy) Human of Jerome. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Mike (Jan) Knudson, Craig (Rachel) Knudson, Donnie Knudson, Doug (Lisa) Knudson, Casey (Teja) Knudson, and Carrie (Dove) Knudson Greenawald; as well as four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; her parents; two sons; one brother, Amos Human; two sisters, Irene Black and Norma Thomeze; and a daughter-in-law, Doris Black.

Raymond Eugene Harter



TWIN FALLS — Raymond Eugene Harter, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, March 11, 2005, at his home.

He was born Feb. 27, 1923, in Aurora, Neb., the son of Claude and Virginia Harter. He attended school in the U.S. Army and served three years in the South Pacific. Following his discharge, he moved to Twin Falls, and on Nov. 1, 1947, married Vera Beal (Penny) Likes. He went to work for Idaho Power Company in May 1947 and worked in the service department in Twin Falls. At the time of his retirement at the end of 1980, after 33 years of service, he

was the service department foreman for the southern division.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he sang in the

choir and in a men's quartet for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife and one granddaughter, Melanie Harter of Sammamish, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents, Steve and one son, Rod, in 1986.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Ray had the gift of a marvelous sense of humor which always put people at ease. He was a very special person.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a charity of donor's choice.

OBITUARY

Edith Lois Vernon

HAGERMAN — On March 4, 2005, Edith Lois Vernon moved to her heavenly home. She and her husband, "Sage" Vernon, settled in Hagerman in 1956, where they made their home and business.

A celebration of her life will be held on 1 p.m. March 13, 2005, at the Hagerman Christian Center in Hagerman, Idaho.

She is survived by her son, daughter-in-law, grandkids, great-grandkids, great-great-grandkids and all of you who knew and loved her. Thank you for being a part of her life. Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, 1306 N. Monroe St., Spokane, WA 99201 entrusted with arrangements.

DEATH

NOTICES

Eunice P. Holt
HAGERMAN — Eunice P. Holt, 83, of Hagerman, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Woodland Estates in Buhl.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Hagerman Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Hollomon officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Chapel.

Eva Sellers
HAGERMAN — Eva Sellers, 84, formerly of Hagerman, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev. Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Robert J. Kulhanek
BURLEY — Robert John Kulhanek, 84, of Burley, died Friday, March 11, 2005. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

May L. Kayser
NAMPA — May Louise Kayser, 96, of Nampa, died Thursday, March 10, 2005, in a Nampa care center.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2005, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yreagan Chapel.

Amos E. Read
TWIN FALLS — Amos Edson Read, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: No School
Friday: No School

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Blueberry pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Doughnuts
Friday: Cinnamon toast
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Beef bits
Tuesday: Fish fingers
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Sweet aird trout chicken
Friday: Crispy baked chicken

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 cheeseburger bar, salad bar or a main dish each day. Breakfast is served starting at 7:30 a.m.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Breakfast pockets
Thursday: Breakfast on a bun
Friday: Churros
Lunch Menu
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Emma Beck of Independence, Mo., service at 10 a.m. Monday at Carson-Speaks Chapel, 1501 W. Lexington Ave.; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the chapel.
Edna M. Kaster of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary; friends may call from noon until time of service Monday at the mortuary.
Lamar Cornell Anderson of Burley, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2nd Ward Chapel, 100 S. 200 W.; Burley; burial at 3 p.m. Monday at the Millville, U.S. Cemetery; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Monday at the church.
Doris M. Power Lewis of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 151 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls (Parkie's Magic Valley Funeral Home).
Margaret Graham McGreer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park; viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

WEST

Groups say Internet bill violates U.S. Constitution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — First Amendment advocates say a proposed bill that would block some Internet sites violates the U.S. Constitution.

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman has not received the bill, which requires Utah's Internet service providers to offer customers a way to block porn sites without requiring the company itself to block the Web sites.

The bill aimed at protecting children from Internet pornography requires ISPs to notify customers "in a conspicuous manner" that they can get a filter or software at no cost from the company that blocks known pornographic sites.

The filter must block "in an easy-to-enable and commercially reasonable manner, receipt of material harmful to minors." The state's consumer agency would test the effectiveness of the filters.

Utah-based companies that build and maintain those sites would be required to label the content "harmful to minors." And those who don't comply could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by 1 year in prison and/or a \$2,500 fine.

It leaves for the attorney general the job of identifying and maintaining a database of the porn sites at a projected cost of \$70,000 a year. The database would have to keep up as porn sites multiply or change Web addresses.

Finally, the legislation calls for a consumer education program to inform parents of the "dangers" of the Internet. Lawmakers set aside \$250,000 to cover the costs of the bill.

First Amendment advocates say the bill violates the U.S. Constitution. The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah and the Center for Democracy

“ There is a technology gap between parents and kids. Kids are much more savvy about what's going on than their parents. ”

— John Dougall, Utah state legislator

& Technology in Washington, D.C., both have asked Huntsman not to sign the legislation.

Huntsman spokesman Tammy Kikuchi said the bill is not on the short list of bills Huntsman and his staff have highlighted for concern. If he signs it, the bill goes into effect immediately.

Highland Republican Rep. John Dougall proposed the legislation as a way to help parents overwhelmed by advancing technology.

“ There is a technology gap between parents and kids. Kids are much more savvy about what's going on than their parents,” Dougall said during debate on the House floor. “ We're expecting (Internet) service providers to provide some option for protections. Government plays a critical role in that.”

ACLU of Utah Director Dani Eyer said legislators are forcing government watchdogs to step in as “superevents” and censor Utah children's access to the Internet.

“ It's an inappropriate role for the government,” said Eyer.

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Sheriffs find stash of cocaine

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Washington County Sheriff's deputies got an unexpected find last week during a routine traffic stop.

Officers found about 20 pounds of cocaine in the trunk of the car. Sheriff's spokesman Rob Terzigni said the street value of the cocaine was somewhere around \$306,000.

Officers believed the driver was on his way to Salt Lake City with the cocaine at the time of the Sunday stop, Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith said Friday, when the information was made public.

A deputy stopped a vehicle heading northbound on Interstate 15 for a traffic violation, Terzigni said. When the driver didn't have a driver's license on him, his name — Julio Cesar Mendoza, 28, of West Valley City — turned up several statewide warrants.

Investigators search for cause of fire

POCATELLO — Investigators are searching for the cause of a fire that destroyed two buildings and six vehicles at an apartment complex.

Police said the fire was suspicious, but would not release details until the investigation was complete.

Firefighters were called to the blaze at Pocatello Heights Apartments early Friday morning, but were unable to extinguish the flames until two garages and the cars were destroyed.

No one was hurt, but officials estimated it caused as much as \$200,000 in damage.

Mary Remmert, who lives in the apartment complex with her two children, lost her car to the flames. It was a 1981 Oldsmobile that she bought about two weeks ago.

"My car is gone," Remmert said. "My kids' Easter presents were in the trunk."

Remmert was awakened by police lights through her window early Friday morning, but didn't think much of it. She said a lot of people get pulled over outside the complex.

Then she noticed an orange glow.

When she looked outside, she said it was an inferno.

"The flames were going up really high," she said. "Trees were on fire. It's a miracle it didn't spread to the apartments."

Suspect in shooting pleads innocent to charges

CALDWELL — Natvidad Pinon Jr. has pleaded innocent to charges that he shot and killed a Nampa man in January.

Pinon, 22, is charged with second degree murder. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

Prosecutors claim Pinon shot 25-year-old Andrew Clair during a fight Jan. 30. Witnesses at a preliminary hearing testified that they saw Pinon commit the crime, and police claim that Pinon admitted to the shooting after his arrest.

Pinon remains in the Canyon County jail on a \$1 million bond.

Woman, her ex plead guilty to drug trafficking

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A Tucson woman and her ex-husband have pleaded guilty in federal court in Idaho to drug-trafficking charges.

Maria Karger-Nuno, 46, pleaded guilty to knowingly structuring a financial transaction to conceal the source of drug proceeds.

Alfredo Felix Nuno, 48, of Mexico, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute marijuana and money laundering.

Both pleas were entered in U.S. District Court in Pocatello on Feb. 25.

In a plea agreement, Nuno admitted he and other unnamed conspirators moved more than 110 pounds of marijuana from Mexico through Tucson and into other states from 1997 to 2001.

Leader of polygamous church ruled in default

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The leader of a polygamous southern Utah church has been ruled in default in a federal civil lawsuit claiming he blacklisted a former member.

The clerk of U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City on Friday entered a certificate of default against Warren Jeffs, president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The ruling means Jeffs has given up the right to defend himself and could be held liable for damages.

Shem Fischer, a former worker of a Hildale business who claims he was wrongfully terminated because he no longer adhered to the town's dominant FLDS faith, filed the federal lawsuit in 2002.

When Fischer's attorneys were unable to locate Jeffs to serve him with the lawsuit, they published notices earlier this year in three newspapers in areas where the FLDS Church owns or controls property. The Spectrum in St. George, The Eldorado Success in Texas and the Cortez Journal in Colorado. The certificate of default was

issued because Jeffs failed to respond within 20 days of the publications.

Fischer, a former salesman for the Forestwood Company, a wooden cabinetry business, included allegations that church officials interfered with his relationship with his employer and blacklisted him.

The majority of 10,000 residents in Hildale and adjoining Colorado City, Ariz., belong to the FLDS Church, which practices polygamy as one of its central tenets.

The lawsuit alleges Fischer was forced out of his job because he protested the 2000 firing of a fellow employee based on the co-worker's lack of belief in FLDS doctrine and because Fischer rejected certain tenets.

The firings by the Hildale company were prompted by orders from Jeffs and other FLDS leaders for followers to cease all association with non-followers, Fischer claims.

He alleges the officials then put him on a blacklist to stop him from getting a new job. His lawsuit sought unspecified damages.

With Jeffs' default, Fischer can now either request a hearing or submit an affidavit to argue the amount of monetary damages he should be paid. Jeffs has the legal right to dispute the amount but cannot defend himself against the underlying allegations in the suit.

A certificate of default was issued late last year against the church's governing bodies: the

Corporation of the President of the FLDS Church and the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the FLDS Church. Forestwood still is contesting the suit.

Jeffs and the FLDS Church also are defendants in two lawsuits in Utah's 3rd District Court. One was filed in July 2004 by Brent Jeffs accusing three of his uncles, including Warren Jeffs, of sexually as-

saulting him when he was a child.

A month later, a group of young men who call themselves the Lost Boys sued over what they allege was their banishment from the community. Brent Jeffs also has attempted to serve Warren Jeffs with the lawsuit through publication. The plaintiffs in both state lawsuits have requested default judgments.

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Program offers energy inspections

The Times-Herald
RUPERT — Homeowners in Magic Valley may have the opportunity to have their homes inspected for energy efficiency free of charge.
 Energy Star, a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency is offering free inspections of homes. Energy Star works with several utilities including Idaho Energy Authority members and Idaho Power Co. Inspections include weatherization audits and recommended measures. Also included is a final inspection for these improvements.
 There are three main programs offered through Energy Star.

The mobile home duct sealing program is offered free of charge to owners of mobile/manufactured homes. Weatherization teams come to the home and set up a series of fans to check for leaks in the duct system of the home.
 "Often the ducts are damaged when the house is moved and the owner is not aware of it," said Shane George, weatherization foreman for the program.
 If leaks exist, they will be sealed according to regional standards outlined by the Bonneville Power Administration. Idaho Power is sponsoring the program to help manufactured and mobile home owners with electric heat save on their energy bills. The program is funded by the BPA's Conservation and

Renewables Discount Program. Leading duct systems can lose as much as 70 percent of air intended for heating or cooling in a home. Customers will save on their future power bills, and the future savings will be filled with this service. Eligible customers interested in the program should call E-Star Idaho at 409-1707.
 The homeowners weatherization inspection and loan program offers homeowners an inspection of their home to determine energy efficiency and needed improvements. Inspectors check attics, walls and floors for insulation. They also check attics and crawl spaces for ventilation and insulation around windows. Loans are available through U.L. Evans Bank at 0 percent interest for

improvements with a three to five-year payback. The inspection is offered free of charge at least, some of the suggested improvements are made. Otherwise, homeowners are required to pay \$100 for the inspection.
 For new construction, Idaho Power is offering a \$750 rebate to builders who build homes to new Northwest Energy Star Builder Optima Package standards. This has just expanded statewide to include areas in Twin Falls, Mini-Cassia, Power, Bannock and Bligham Counties.
 For more information or to check eligibility for any of these programs, residents can call their local power provider or call the local E-Star Idaho office at 409-1707.

Forest Service lifts snowmobile closure

The Times-Herald
FAIRFIELD — Snowmobilers will soon be able to explore a previously closed area above the Soldier Mountain Ski Area.
 On Monday, the Forest Service will lift a snowmobile closure on 1,515 acres of land previously designated for snowmobiling above Soldier Mountain Ski Area. Guided snowmobiling is finished for this season, said Ann Frost of the Fairfield Ranger District.
 "We appreciate everyone's cooperation with the closure this winter," Frost said. "For the remainder of the winter season, Soldier Mountain Ski Area is allowing snowmobile access to the ski area up to the peaks. We ask snowmobilers to stay on the designated trail through the ski area. The route being designated for snowmobile access is a cat-track, which is utilized by groomers throughout the winter to reach the ski area runs."
 Snowmobilers are reminded that ski runs within the Soldier Mountain Ski Area remain closed to motorized use. In addition, the snowmobile closure to protect wintering elk north of Council Summit, west of Red Rock Creek in the Little Smoky drainage and east of Fenwick remains in effect until May 1 or until further notice.

Mobile Medical Unit returns to Richfield

RICHFIELD — The Mobile Medical Unit will visit from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday at Richfield School, 555 N. Tiger Drive.
 The unit provides immunizations and preventative care including well child checks and physicals, acute care, family planning services, comprehensive primary care, patient education and dental care including screenings, cleanings and sealants.
 Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The unit is provided by the Idaho Children's Health Project, Family Health Services and the Children's Health Fund.
 For more information, call Taml of the Mobile Medical Unit at (208) 316-2300.

Magic Valley in brief

St. Nicholas Catholic School announces events
RUPERT — St. Nicholas Catholic School is planning several events.
 Students will walk to Mindoka on Wednesday for the school's annual St. Patrick's Day program for the extended care residents. Each class will perform a song from the spring show coming in April.
 On April 1, the school will begin pre-registration for those students on the waiting list and/or interested in attending St. Nicholas School. There are openings in all classes from preschool through sixth grade. The school also offers an extended-day program for working parents.
 For more information, call Principal Madeline Boettcher or Secretary Mary Williams at 436-6320 or 436-9158.

Deadline looms for Institute applications
CALDWELL — Idaho elementary and secondary teachers of English, history and other disciplines are invited to apply to the 23rd Annual Hume Institute and 2005 summer institute, "Nothing But the Truth: Survival and Celebration in Native American Literature," scheduled for July 17 to 23 at Albion 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) 345-5345. The application deadline is March 15.
 — compiled from staff reports

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor dismissals
 Margaret Nallan Aronita, 19, use or possession of a handgun, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
 Kaitlyn R. Henley, 50, failure to carry driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
 Cory Smith, 42, failure to carry driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
 Margaret Nallan Aronita, 28, including a witness, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Misdemeanor sentences

Mae L. Boller, 25, one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$60.50 fine, 37.50 court costs, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail with 20 days suspended, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, 820 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 175 days suspended, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$70 court costs, 180 days in jail with 175 days suspended, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, 820 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 85 days suspended, two days credited time two counts violation of protection order/domestic violence, pleaded guilty, \$40.50 fine, \$75.00 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 85 days suspended, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, 820 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 85 days suspended, two days credited time two counts violation of protection order/domestic violence, one count dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Francis G. Hadden, 50, one count relating or obstructing police officers, one count theft of labor/service/use of property, pleaded guilty, 18 months probation, 30 days in jail with 27 days suspended, three days credited time, three days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Christina D. Murrer, 30, driving without license, pleaded guilty, \$20 fine, \$81.00 court costs, driver's license suspended six months, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 20 days suspended, one day credited time; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Rolando Thomas Naranjo, 41, enhancement/domestic battery/assault without injury, one count dismissed, pleaded guilty, \$30.50 fine, \$71.00 court costs, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail with

170 days suspended, two days credited time, 16 hours community service, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Alberto Nunez, 23, one count failure to purchase or carry driver's license, one count failure to carry driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$60.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, one count failure to stop and report an accident, one count failure to stop and report an accident, pleaded guilty, \$60.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail (suspended); Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Felipe Rendon, 21, one count driving on restricted access on divided highway, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$60.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Debbie M. Wilkerson, 35, relating or obstructing police officers attempted to provide false information to police, pleaded guilty, \$30.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 20 days suspended, two days credited time; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Cheri R. Tucker, 30, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended six months, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 60 days suspended, treatment program, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, six months probation; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Cheri R. Tucker, 30, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 20 days suspended, two days credited time, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
John Fred Vela, 26, driving under the in-

fluence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail with 20 days suspended, one day credited time, treatment program, two days MC Work; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.

Driving under the influence sentences

Paula Garcia, 46, driving under the influence, attempted to driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail with 20 days suspended, one day credited time; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Karen Jo Gomez Montenegro, 32, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, driver's license suspended 180 days, 24 months probation, 60 days in jail with 20 days suspended, nine days credited time; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
Joseph Ryan Perez, 22, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended six months, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 60 days suspended, treatment program, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, six months probation; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
Cheri R. Tucker, 30, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$75.00 court costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail with 20 days suspended, two days credited time, treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.
John Fred Vela, 26, driving under the in-

Felony dismissals

Jose Enrique Villanueva, 26, battery/domestic violence/traumatic injury/assault, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Boller.

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- Merikare. A Ford with tail fins.
- Phecher. A photograph.
- Had a fit. To display irrational anger, as in "I asked Dorothy to sit on the porch for a picher and she just had a fit."
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New book puts human face on Sunshine Mine disaster

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — When fire broke out in a shaft at the Sunshine Mine in 1972, there was little panic. Miners knew there wasn't much to burn a mile down a wet mine.

But deadly carbon monoxide killed 51 men in one of the nation's worst mining accidents.

A new book, "The Deep Dark," provides a gruesome moment-by-moment account of the disaster that began on March 2, 1972, when unexplained smoke began pouring out of the mine near Kellogg, Idaho.

Three decades after the fire, author Gregg Olsen found that many residents of the Silver Valley remain scarred by a tragedy that left some 200 children without their fathers, and prompted big changes in the nation's mining law.

"The most difficult thing was talking with the people and crying with those people as they told me stories they kept inside



Wilbur "Baz" Bruhn, right, a survivor of the Sunshine Mine fire, shakes hands with author Gregg Olsen, left, during a book-signing event for Olsen's book, "The Deep Dark," March 5, at the Wallace Mining Museum in Wallace.

for 30 years," Olsen, who lives in Olla, Wash., said. "The nation was gripped for a week by efforts to rescue the 93

miners who were trapped underground by the fire. People didn't realize that many of the miners dropped dead where



Tom Wilkinson, left, and Ron Flory are shown after being rescued from the Sunshine Mine fire in May 1972, in Kellogg.

they were working as toxic smoke overcame them almost instantly.

Only two of the 93 made it out alive. Ron Flory and Tom Wilkinson were 4,000 feet below the surface when the fire broke out. They went lower, where they found a pocket of fresh air. They

stayed there for a week, suffering from fear and hunger, before they were found on May 10.

Olsen said the two were basically lucky to stumble into some fresh air. From nearly the moment they were rescued, Flory and Wilkinson faced emotional resentment. "And anger from the families of men who died, Olsen found.

Flory, 29 at the time of the fire, visited with Olsen at a recent book signing in Wallace.

"It's not something I dwell on. I don't have flashbacks. I never did." Flory told the Spokesman-Review newspaper in brief comments before leaving.

Flory went back to mining and retired several years ago

with a medical disability. Wilkinson left mining after the fire to work for the Forest Service, Olsen wrote.

"The book at times has a ghoulish quality, with horrifying descriptions of the bodies of the victims being discovered by rescuers in the hot, wet mine.

"The bodies had ceased to look like men, their features exaggerated far beyond the bounds of recognition," he wrote. "Eyes bulged grotesquely, teeth seemed to push forward, as if they were wrong side out. Bars had swollen to twice normal size."

Many of the miners could be identified only by their clothes or the stickers on their helmets. For Olsen, the book was a welcome change from his previous volume, an account of the lurid affair between teacher Mary Kay Letourneau and her former sixth-grade pupil, Vill Fiumala.

Reid mulls bill to make Yucca dump obsolete

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The U.S. Senate's minority leader is considering a bill that would make a nuclear waste dump at Nevada's Yucca Mountain — and a temporary holding spot for the waste in Utah — obsolete.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., plans to introduce legislation within the next few weeks that would authorize the Energy Department to assume ownership of the spent nuclear waste stored at reactors and store it at the facility.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported Saturday. "This is the right thing to do, and I look forward to discussing this option with my colleagues," Reid said.

Reid has been working for years to block the Yucca Mountain project from being built in his state, but the prospects for this plan are uncertain since it runs counter to the stated desires of President Bush, Congress and the nuclear energy industry, all of whom want the Yucca repository built.

Reid said on-site storage could mean that Yucca and a proposal by Private Fuel Storage, a consortium of nuclear power generators, to temporarily store 40,000 tons of waste on the Skull Valley Goshute Indian reservation in Utah's west desert, about 45 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, would not be needed.

Joseph Egan, an attorney fighting Yucca Mountain on behalf of the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Protection, told The Tribune it is possible that moving ahead with Reid's on-site storage plan would make the PFS facility unnecessary.

Utah officials have feared that if the waste would be shipped to and stored in Utah, it should also be safe left where it is.

The new effort comes after White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card on Wednesday, Utah Republican Sens. Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett endorsed the administration's position of building the repository, saying the best way to block the PFS site is to make sure Yucca Mountain is built.

They are committed to a strategy of straight to Yucca. Straight to Yucca means not stopping in Skull Valley," Bennett said Wednesday.

Gov. Jon Huntsman will go to Washington this week to meet with Bush administration officials about several issues, including the state's opposition to the nuclear waste plan.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board rejected the state's argument that there was an unacceptable risk that a fighter from Hill Air Force Base could crash into the waste site and release radioactive material.

The state has asked the board to reconsider its decision. That fails, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will decide whether to license the facility.

Bush has requested \$651 million in the coming year to work on Yucca Mountain, which is about half of what was projected for work on the facility. But Energy Department officials say the administration remains committed to seeing the project completed, even if it is done behind schedule.

"We believe it's necessary and we are committed to moving forward with the plan to build the repository" at Yucca Mountain, said Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis.

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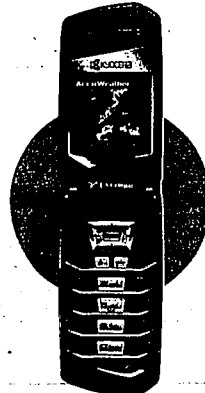
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Goodbody takes second at pentathlon UTEP ends Boise State's WAC run

The Times-News

NEW YORK — Wendell's Jayne Goodbody recorded a number of personal bests to take second place in the high school girls pentathlon at the New Rochelle Track and Field Center at the Armory in New York City.

Her 3,471 points were good for second place. Champion Shana Woods of Long Beach, Calif., scored 3,827 points, just under her national record score. Her personal best of 39-feet, 9.75 inches was good enough to win the shot put. A personal best of 6:51 in the high jump gave her third place.

She edged a runner from Ontario, Canada in the 800 meters to claim second place overall, recording a personal record of 2:32.86.

"I was real happy with my time in the 800," Goodbody said. "I worked a lot on that."

She also had personal bests in the 100 meters (19.85 seconds) and 17 feet in the long jump. Goodbody scored 400 points more than last year.

"I'm happy with the improvement," she said.

Softball

Bruins paste Patriots

BOISE — The Bruins softball team opened the season strong in a doubleheader at Centennial Saturday morning, routing the Patriots 15-0 in six innings in Game 1 and winning 10-1 in Game 2.

"We hit the ball really well all day," said Twin Falls coach Nick Batmmer, whose team collected 30 hits while committing only two errors.

Nobody was better than Amber Anderson, who batted .875 across both games, going 3-for-4 with a triple in Game 1 and 4-for-4 with a double in Game 2. Peterson also collected a win on the mound in the opener, holding Centennial to only two hits.

Cassie Gonzalez also had a pair of big games, going 3-3 with a pair of doubles in Game 1 and pitching a three-hitter in Game 2.

Twin Falls (2-0) hosts Jerome on Wednesday.

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Filer's Cameron Knigge demonstrated some versatility in the second game, pitching for a two-run homer in the third. David Ryan also put one over the fence for the Cats, a two-run homer in the third inning of Game 1.

Filer (2-0) visits Buhl on Wednesday.

Indians loose Beavers
POCATELLO — Buhl milled in the top of the fifth to clinch a doubleheader sweep of the American Falls Beavers Saturday afternoon.

In a contest shortened to five innings by blowing dust, on a Heather Scovell RBI single that scored pitcher Miranda Juker, who struck out eight in the win.

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Twin Falls splits with Eagle
EAGLE — Twin Falls split a doubleheader at Eagle Saturday morning, taking the opener 13-8 and falling 3-0 in Game 2.

Track Skyline sweeps
MILNICO INVITE
RUPERT — The Skyline Grizzlies boys and girls swept the track race with the Blackfoot Broncos and Milnico Spartans Monday afternoon at Milnico High School.

Ohio 80, Buffalo 79, 07
CLEVELAND — Just call it the comeback kid.

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RENO, Nev. (AP) — Filiberto RENO scored 17 of his 32 points in the last 10 minutes to help UTEP beat Boise State 91-79 on Saturday night in the championship of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

John Toll added 21 points, Omar Thomas had 15 and Giovanni St. Amant 13 for the second-seeded Miners (27-7), who shot 67 percent from the field in the second half to secure an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

It was the seventh straight win for the Miners. Coby Karl had 24 points, and Jason Ellis added 16 for the eighth-seeded Broncos (16-19) and Fresno State to become the lowest seed ever to advance to the WAC title game.

UTEP led 41-31 at the half and opened the second half with a 15-0 run. Toll was fouled on a basket inside and converted a 3-point play to cap an 11-2 run with 12:34 left.

Boise State followed with 10 straight points, including six free throws from Karl, to pull to 61-51 with 9 minutes remaining. But Amant hit from behind the arc and Miguel Ayala converted a 3-point play to help push UTEP's lead to 68-53.

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Late college hoops

second as Ohio, down by 19 points in the second half, rallied for an 89-77 overtime win against Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference championship on Saturday night.

Williams, the MAC's top newcomer, grabbed a miss by freshman Jeremy Fears, and went back up with his game-winner with five-fifths of a second left. The ball hung on the edge of the rim for a tantalizing split second before dropping through.

Fears had 21 and Sonny Troutman 12 for the Bobcats (21-10), who earned their first NCAA tournament bid.

Buffalo's 15-foot jumper with 11.5 seconds remaining put Buffalo ahead 79-78, giving thousands of Bulls fans who made the three-hour trip from Western New York their last thrill in a season of them.

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Illini shut down Golden Gophers, 64-56

CHICAGO (AP) — Playing less than 24 hours after Illinois coach Bruce Weber's mother died, the top-ranked Illini used their defense to hold off Minnesota 64-56 on Saturday in the Big Ten tournament semifinals.

Luther Head ignited a first-half comeback and led the Illini (31-1) with 14 points, earning him a hug from coach Weber after the game. Weber's mother, Dawn Weber, died Friday night after emergency heart surgery.

Illinois held Minnesota without a field goal for the final 4:05.

The Illini also tied a school record for victories, matching the mark set by the 1988-89 team that went to Final Four.

Vincent Grier led Minnesota (21-10) with 24 points.

Georgia Tech 78, No. 2 North Carolina 75

WASHINGTON — Will Bynum scored a career-high 35 points, and Georgia Tech (19-10) advanced to the ACC championship game with a stunning upset.

After Bynum capped his magnificent performance by making two foul shots with nine seconds left, a 3-point try by North Carolina's Rashad McCants bounced off the rim and into the waiting arms of Tech's Jarrett Jack, who clutched the ball until time expired.

Sean May had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the top-seeded Tar Heels (27-4).

No. 4 Kentucky 79, LSU 78, OT

ATLANTA — Chuck Hayes spun into the lane to hit the winning shot with 7.9 seconds left in overtime, sending Kentucky to the championship game.

Brandon Bass hit a miraculous shot for the Tigers as the buzzer sounded in regulation, forcing overtime with the score tied at 70.

Kentucky (25-4) will be going for its third straight SEC tournament title, 11th in 13 years and 26th overall. Kellenes Azubuike led the Wildcats with 19 points.

Antonio Hudson had 21 points for LSU (20-9).

No. 5 Duke 76, N.C. State 69

WASHINGTON — J.J. Redick carried Duke to its seventh consecutive ACC final, making seven 3-pointers and scoring 35 points.

Shelden Williams added 15 points and Andre Eving had 14 for the Blue Devils (43-5). Anthony Brackman had 13 points for the Wolfpack (19-13).

No. 6 Louisville 75, Memphis 74

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Louisville escaped with the victory when Memphis freshman Darius Washington missed two of three free throws with no time left on the clock.

College hoops

Brad Gianly hit one of two free throws with 6.7 seconds to give Louisville (29-4) a two-point lead en route to its second C-USA tournament title in three years.

Francisco Garcia led the Cardinals with 19 points. Washington had 23 points and six assists for Memphis (19-15).

No. 14 Washington 81, No. 8 Arizona 72

LOS ANGELES — Nate Robinson scored six points in the final 1:07, helping Washington upset Arizona for its first Pac-10 tournament title.

Washington (27-5) outscored the Wildcats 19-4 over the final 5:12 after trailing by six points. Robinson and the Simmons led the Huskies with 18 points each, and Jamaal Williams added 16 off the bench.

Salim Stoudamire led Arizona (27-6) with 37 points.

No. 10 Oklahoma St. 78, No. 9 Kansas 75

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joey Graham scored 26 points, four on free throws, in the final 41.4 seconds, to help Oklahoma State beat Kansas.

Graham, who set a Big 12 record this season by hitting 39 foul shots in a row, sunk two to give the Cowboys (23-9) a three-point lead with 10 seconds left.

Wayne Simien, the Big 12 player of the year, had 30 points for the Jayhawks (23-6), who beat Oklahoma State 81-79 two weeks earlier.

Texas Tech 69, No. 17 Oklahoma 63

Ronald Ross scored 28 points and James Jackson had 22, both career highs, to help Texas Tech (20-9) reach its first Big 12 tournament final.

Terrill Everett led the Sooners (24-7) with 15 points.

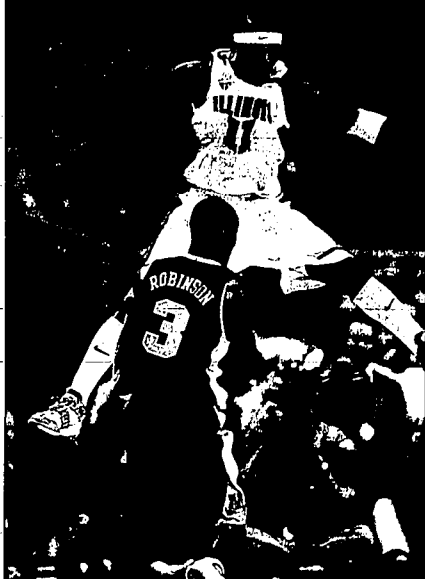
Florida 88, No. 20 Alabama 62

David Lee scored 20 points, Matt Walsh hit six free throws in the final 17 seconds and Florida held on to reach the championship game for the second straight year.

Walsh finished with 17 points. Anthony Robertson had 13 and Brewer added 10 for Florida (22-7). Kennedy Winston led Alabama (24-7) with 19 points.

No. 23 Wisconsin 59, Iowa 56

Alando Tucker banked in the biggest shot of Wisconsin's season, hitting a running 3-pointer at the buzzer to stun Iowa.



Minnesota's Aaron Robinson passes through the legs of Illinois' Dee Brown in the first half of their semifinal game at the Big Ten tournament Saturday at the United Center in Chicago.

Tucker finished with 20 points on 7-for-12 shooting, and Zach Morley added 17 for the Badgers (22-7). Greg Brunner led Iowa (21-11) with 18 points.

George Washington 76, Saint Joseph's 67

CINCINNATI — T.J. Thompson led a late 12-point run to help George Washington (22-7) win its first Atlantic 10 tournament title — and first NCAA berth in six years.

Pat Carroll had 25 points for Saint Joseph's (15-11).

Vermont 80, Northeastern 57

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Taylor Coppenrath scored 37 points to help Vermont advance to the NCAA tournament for the third straight year.

The Catamounts (24-9) are playing their final American East season under

longtime coach Tom Brennan. Jose Juan Barea had 14 points for Northeastern (21-9).

Delaware St. 55, Hampton 53

RICHMOND, Va. — Aaron Williams made a 10-foot shot with 2 seconds left to give Delaware State its first NCAA tournament berth.

Jahsha Blunt scored 16 points for the Hornets (19-13). Bruce Brown had 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Pirates (17-13).

Women

UC Santa Barbara 75, Idaho 66

ANAHEIM, Calif. — UC Santa Barbara came back from an 11-point second-half deficit to beat Idaho 74-66 Saturday in the Big West conference championship game.

The Gauchos (21-8) used a 19-0 run late in the game to help secure their ninth straight conference title. Idaho (19-11) went without a field goal for nearly nine minutes.

Santa Barbara ran its streak of victories in the conference tournament to 25 games.

Tournament MVP Kristen Mann scored 23 points for Santa Barbara. Including 21 in the second half. Mia Fisher added 26 points.

Emily Faulholt led Idaho with 21 points and Lellani Mitchell scored 19. Heather Thoeke scored 13 points and Tacey Westbrooks added 11.

The Vandals have never won a Big West championship and haven't been to the NCAA tournament since the 1988-89 season.

Late Friday Women

Montana 78, Idaho St. 67

MISSOULA, Mont. — Katie Edwards had 17 points Friday and two other Montana players had double-doubles as defending champion Montana returned to the Big Sky Conference women's title game with a 78-67 victory over Idaho State.

The top-seeded Lady Griz (21-7) will face the No. 2 seed Weber State Saturday for an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

Jody McLeod had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Lynsor Montana had 11 points and 11 steals as the Lady Griz pulled away from a 39-38 halftime lead.

Idaho State (13-16) built a 45-42 lead on a layup by Christa Brossman with 16:55 remaining.

Montana answered with an 11-0 run, culminated with a basket by Monaco to give Montana a 52-45 lead with 13:01 remaining.

"In the second half we were just tough," said UM coach Robin Selvig. "We got some pretty good looks at the basket."

Molly Hays hit a 3-pointer with 5:47 left cut the gap to 61-56, but Edwards hit Montana's next three baskets — a 3-pointer, a jumper and another 3 to give Montana a 69-59 lead with 4:07 remaining.

A 3-pointer by Jullann Keller pushed Montana's lead to 72-59 with 3:32 remaining and Idaho State got no closer than seven points from there.

"You've got to give them credit, they hit shots at the end and did a great job on the glass," said ISU coach Jon Newlie.

The Bengals, who hit 7-of-12 3-point baskets in the first half, were led by Brossman with 16 points. India Soo added 15, Natalie Doma 12 and Hays had 11.

Montana outrebounced the Bengals 43-25 and held ISU to 2-of-10 3-pointers in the second half.

THE CINDERELLA OF THEM ALL

12-win Oakland in NCAA tourney

The coach wasn't sure he wanted to coach in the big time. The kid who hit the big shot was told he'd be riding the bench this year.

And, after opening the season with seven straight losses, there was plenty of second guessing about the school's decision a few years ago to upgrade to Division I.

The beauty of the NCAA tournament, though, is that almost any team can get hot at the right time and get in. There's never been a better example of that than Oakland University, which finds itself in the Big Dance after a winning only nine — count 'em, nine — regular season games all year.

On Sunday, players will gather at the campus arena just as coaches and fans from across the nation to find out where they will go and who they will play. The pep band will play, alumni will gleefully slap each other on the back and the coach will take a bow.

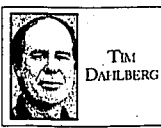
To the Dukes and North Carolinas of the college basketball world, it's old stuff. If you're a Boston Celtics, though, this is uncharted territory.

"When we got off the plane after coming home you would have thought we were the Boston Celtics," coach Greg Kampe said.

The Palace of Auburn Hills where another basketball team won a title last year isn't far away, but the road to the Final Four doesn't exactly go through Rochester, Mich.

This is a school that began playing Division I basketball in 1984, promptly getting outmanned by 30 points by Michigan State in its first home game. This is a school that was 8-18 before winning its last four games just to get to 12.

Before the Grizzlies capped an improbable run with an improbable shot by Pierre Dukes to win the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, the best



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the 16,000 Oakland students could brag about was having the best video rental machine in the country. In the student union and a pond on campus called Beer Lake that has no beer in it.

"We're a hidden gem," said athletic director Tommie Williams, an emphasis on the hidden part.

There's an argument of course, to be made that Oakland has no business being in the tournament when schools like Maryland and UCLA might be left out. But that's also part of the allure of college basketball, where the lowest team can — in theory, at least — win a national championship if just given a chance.

Conference tournaments are a way to make money and fill the air on television, but the unexpected byproduct is that the Oakland of the college world get a chance to shine — however briefly — in an arena normally dominated by the powerhouses.

"It gives a Cinderella story a chance to emerge," Mehl said.

The Grizzlies will enjoy it, because they understand the clock soon will tick midnight. They'll probably play in the play-in game on Tuesday just to get into the regular field of 64 and, even if they make it, history isn't kind to 16th seeds after that.



Oakland players, including Courtney Scott, left, Revie Marshall, right, and Pierre Dukes, far right, hold the Mid-Continent Conference championship trophy following a 64-60 victory over Oral Roberts last Tuesday in Tulsa, Okla.

But for a school that never even has had a sniff at national exposure before this week, these are heady times.

"If people take note of us because of our 15 minutes of athletic fame, maybe they'll spend time to know the university as a whole," Mehl said.

Kampe wasn't thinking about that when he packed up his team and ventured into Tulsa, Okla., with the goal of winning a game or two to salvage a miserable season. The second-seeded Grizzlies won their first two games, then had the unenviable task of playing top-seeded Oral Roberts — winner of 25 games — in front of a hostile home crowd.

Oakland kept the game close and Dukes, a role player who was told before the season he wouldn't play much, hit a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left to give the Grizzlies a 61-60 win and the automatic conference bid.

Switching planes in Chicago on the way home, Dukes carried the game ball through the airport and was mobbed by

people who wanted to touch the ball or have his autograph.

"I thought it was a dream," Dukes said that day. "But then I woke up this morning and it was real."

Kampe, who has coached at Oakland for 21 years, almost left when the program went to Division I because he wasn't sure he wanted to coach at a level where the pressure is greater and not winning enough can get you fired.

"It's not as big for me as the kids. I'm just happy for the school that it's happening for," he said. "I realize that sounds like a brag, but it just like to here."

Kampe then allowed himself a brief trip into another fantasy world.

"We could go down in history," he said. "No No. 16 has ever beaten a No. 1 before. Who knows if this Cinderella story is over?"

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Ogilvy, Wetterich share lead at Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Australia's Geoff Ogilvy overcame an eight-shot deficit at the start of play Saturday, shooting an 8-under-par 64 to tie Brett Wetterich for the lead after three rounds at the Honda Classic.

Wetterich, bidding for his first PGA Tour victory, began the day on the lead but scrambled to a 72 and joined Ogilvy at 12-under 204.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen seeking his first tour title since 1998, bogeyed No. 18 to fall out of a three-way tie for the lead. A round of 72 left him one stroke off the pace and tied with Pat Perez at 11 under.

Perez, a four-year tour veteran seeking his first win, shot 67.

With the elevated greens firmer than in the first two rounds and winds still strong, bogey became more frequent on the long Country Club at Mirasol course. None of the players among the top eight at the start of the third round broke par.

The conditions failed to faze Ogilvy, who won his first title in 1988 PGA Tour starts two weeks ago at Tucson. Then took last week off.

Among those undone by the wind and fast greens was Chad Campbell, who shot 64 for the first-round lead. He bogeyed six consecutive holes on the back nine, shot 80 and fell to 1 under.

Davis Love III, runner-up the past 9 years, double-bogeyed three of the final five holes and shot 78 to drop to 2 over.

Stenson shoots 66 for two-stroke lead

DOHA, Qatar — Henrik Stenson of Sweden shot a 6-under 68 on Saturday in the Qatar Masters to take a two-stroke lead over Nicolas Fash and Richard Green, while Ernie Els was five strokes behind.

Fash of Sweden carded a 69 in the third round and Green of Australia had a 73 at the 7:31-

yard Doha Golf Club. Els, the only top-50 player in the event, posted a second straight 69.

"That's the best I have played all week," said Els, who shot a first-round 73. "The flags are difficult. They've got a lot of corners, difficult places and it's hard to make birdies. I think it's almost impossible to go very low here."

Stenson, who is based in nearby Dubai, had five birdies on the back nine to take the lead with a three-day total of 10-under 206.

"It certainly put me in a good position and I can certainly," Stenson said. "But I've certainly got a good chance now."

Fergus makes six birdies to take command at SBC

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Keith Fergus shot a 7-under 65 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Mark McNulty after two rounds of the Champions Tour's SBC Classic.

Fergus, a former golf coach at Houston and three-time winner who coached in the PGA Tour six birdies and a bogey on the Valencia Country Club course for a 7-under 137 total.

McNulty shot a 66 to move to 128, two strokes ahead of Gary McLeod (68) and DA Webbing (69). Mike Reid was in fifth place at 141 after a second-round 71, and 62-year-old Isao Aoki, the first over Mark McNulty after an opening 69 with a 73, dropping to 142.

"It was fun over there today," said the 51-year-old Fergus, who coached in Houston from 1988-94. "I love this course. It's the rough and I like that they don't shoot a lot of low scores. It's a course where you have to be aggressive to score well."

He added a birdie at the fifth and picked up two more strokes with consecutive birdies at Nos. 9-10. After missing a six-foot birdie try at the 10th, he went on to make birdies at Nos. 11, 12, 15 and 16.

SPORTS

Minor leaguers, fans, left out in cold by NHL lockout

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — This was supposed to be Pierre-Marc Bouchard's year.

He's spent the previous two seasons in and out of the Minnesota Wild lineup, playing one night, sitting the next.

Not this year, he told himself. This year was going to be different.

Instead, thanks to the NHL lockout, Bouchard has spent the entire season with the minor league Houston Aeros in a town where hockey is a long way down on the sports totem pole, a far cry from puck-crazy Minnesota.

"It's different," Bouchard says. "There's baseball and football and even college football and basketball are really, really big. On weekends we can get some good crowds, but it sure is different from here."

But this year, he was also supposed to be the Vetsch's year. Jay Vetsch, a Wild season-ticket holder, looked forward to spending another year making the team in Plymouth with his 11-year-old son, Sam, to spend some quality time together watching the team they loved.

"We miss coming down here to see Sam and Vetsch said, 'Tonight on the way down, we're like, 'Wow, we haven't done this all year.'"

Sam is a big fan of

Bouchard, the lightning-quick Canadian who went straight to the NHL after being drafted by Minnesota in 2002.

Last year, Bouchard gave Sam one of his sticks after a home game, and the two recently got a chance to meet again despite the lockout.

The Xcel Energy Center played host to a game on Monday between the Aeros, the Wild's AHL affiliate, and the Grand Rapids Griffins.

It's been an adjustment for the Aeros and all minor league players, who in previous seasons focused their efforts on getting called up to the big club. But now they know they're as far as they're going to get — at least for this season.

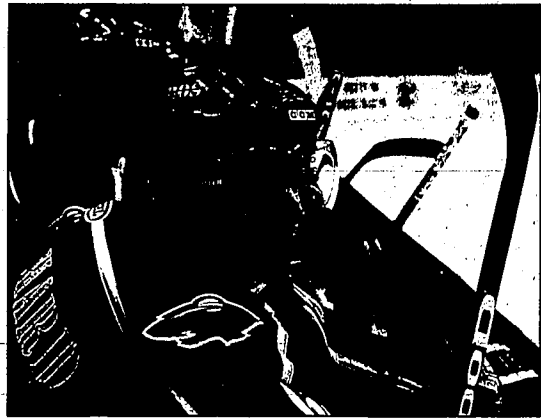
"They're constantly trying to work to be in the NHL and now that there's no NHL, it's probably of been a bit of a let-down for them," Wild general manager Doug Risebrough said.

Aeros coach Todd McLellan said he was worried the players would lose focus after the pro season was canceled.

"We had concerns," he said. "It's hard. Players want to play in the best league in the world. In some sense they are right now, but they also know that in the bigger picture they'd like to be in that dressing room permanently."

"A lot of them worked hard for that opportunity and it's completely out of their control right now and they feel like it's been taken away from them."

Bouchard doesn't see it that



Houston Aeros center Pierre-Marc Bouchard wears the Houston Aeros logo on his helmet and the Minnesota Wild logo on his jersey as he watches his team from the bench during the first period against the Grand Rapids Griffins in St. Paul, Minn., last Monday. Thanks to the NHL lockout, Bouchard has spent the entire season with the minor league Aeros in a town where hockey is a long way down on the sports totem pole, a far cry from puck-crazy Minnesota.

way. He's taken advantage of his season with the Aeros, leading the team in scoring with 40 points and enjoying playing every night.

Would things be the same if his sweater had a Wild logo on the front?

"It's tough to say, we'll never know," Bouchard said. "It certainly hasn't gotten to 10-year-old Sam Blackman, who emerged stary-eyed from the autograph lines:

"That was awesome! I just got Bouchard's autograph! I can't believe it!"

But while the players steadfastly maintain otherwise, the lockout clearly has gotten to them on some level.

"I was ready," Bouchard said. "I was looking for that (breakout) season. I was ready to come and play some good hockey, but I'll be ready next year."

If there is a next year.

Sox icon Pesky copes with wife's illness

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press writer



President Bush, left, shakes hands with Boston Red Sox great Johnny Pesky, right, as he greets members of the Boston Red Sox baseball team in a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House, March 2, in Washington. Boston won the 2004 World Series defeating the St. Louis Cardinals ending their 86-year drought.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Johnny Pesky's smile always lit up spring training. Well into his 80s, he still hit grounders to infielders.

He is a beloved and respected encouragement to young players and talked baseball with anyone who would listen.

Now, he says, he cries a lot. The Boston Red Sox began spring training without Pesky and Williams' old teammate because of someone he loves even more than the game. His 82-year-old wife, Ruthie, had a heart attack last month and spent two weeks in the hospital before returning home.

"If something ever happened to her, it would destroy me," Pesky said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press this week.

So he stayed back in the cold and snow outside his front door in Swampscott, Mass., with part of his broken heart and family under the warmth and sun of Fort Myers.

"I gave me an empty feeling not to be there," Pesky said Tuesday. "But my wife and I, we've been married 60 years and we always had a great relationship. I know when I was sick she was here for me, so now she's gone and I'm here for her."

He's 85 now, old enough to be the great-grandfather of many of the players in camp. But he's still young enough to put his arm around a 10-year-old fan wearing a Red Sox cap and eagerly pose for a picture.

Last October, tears of joy glistened in his eyes when Boston won its first World Series championship since 1918, the year before he was born. A few months later, his wife woke up at about 2 a.m. with chest pains. The tears came back.

"It tests your patience," he said. "I sit here thinking about things and start crying."

When the Red Sox held their first official spring training workout on Feb. 18, the annual sight of Pesky sitting in a folding chair outside the clubhouse with his fungo bat between his legs and signing autographs was just a memory.

Fans missed him. So did the players.

"I noticed it immediately. Where's Pesky?" Red Sox captain Jason Varitek said. "He's an inspiration. It's just not the joy to him. It's a joy to talk to him. He's just a joy to be around."

On Monday, he will be. His wife is well enough for him to go to spring training and encouraged him to return to his beloved Red Sox even though she can't go as she usually does. Nurses stay with her around the clock, and their adopted son David "has been great," Pesky said.

"She had her breakfast this morning," he said Thursday in another telephone interview. "Everyday's under control, but she's weak."

A moment later, he asked, "Are they playing today?" They were — a 2-1 Red Sox loss to the Los Angeles Angels. Pesky knows the trip will be

good for him. He needs a break and will be with people who have missed him and are ready to cheer him up — and be cheered up.

"He draws attention without saying a word," said reliever Alan Embree, a fellow Oregonian. "You want to go up and say to him, 'How you doing Johnny,' because you know something good is generally going to come out. Then you also want to be there for him when he is going through a time like this."

A humble man, Pesky is grateful that John Henry's ownership group kept him on when it took over in 2002. He pokes fun at himself — often at his large nose — and takes others' jobs well.

"The team will want to fine him for reporting late," Red Sox vice president Mike Port joked. "I'm sure it will be quickly forgiven."

Pesky's official title is special assignment instructor. He is in his 36th straight year with the Red Sox and his 53rd in all with the team as player, manager, coach, broadcaster, advertising salesman and icon.

As a rookie in 1942, he hit leadoff in front of Dom DiMaggio and Williams. He spent the next three years in the service, even going to Pearl Harbor, and resumed his baseball career in 1946. That was the season he had career highs of a .335 batting average and 208 hits.

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Summitt nears Dean Smith's all-time win record

By Elizabeth A. Davis
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — For someone as competitive as Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, it's no surprise she remembers the games she's lost more than the games she's won.

It's also easier to keep track of only 171 losses, compared to 878 victories.

But Summitt's next two wins might be tough for even her to forget.

Now in her 31st season with the Lady Vols, Summitt needs one victory to tie Dean Smith's record for the most wins in NCAA history and two to set a new mark.

Summitt reached No. 878 when Tennessee beat No. 1 LSU 67-65 for the Southeastern Conference tournament championship last week.

The Lady Vols will host the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament, and Summitt says her main focus is on winning a seventh national title. But even she recognizes the next two games are special.

"I don't think anyone is going to ignore the fact that there is an opportunity there to break a record. I'm just thinking about it that happens were going to a Sweet Sixteen," she said.

Smith, who retired in 1997 after 36 years at North Carolina with a 679-254 record, offered her best encouragement.

"In my estimation, she would have had great success coaching in the men's game had she chosen that route," Smith said. "I remember what a great competitor she was in the 1976 Olympics, and it's obvious she has maintained that competitiveness all these years directing the Tennessee program."

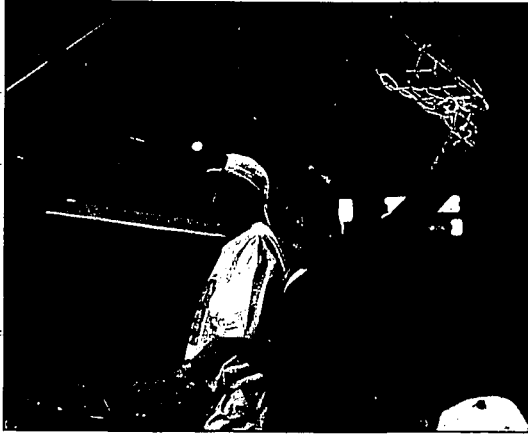
Smith's record was surpassed this year by an NAIA coach, Harry Statham of McKendree College in Illinois finished this season with 896 wins.

Sotera has questioned whether Summitt's win total belongs in the same list with Smith and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp (876). After all, there has been less parity in the women's game, where only a handful of teams have dominated.

But Summitt already a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame has six championships, more than any other college coach. But John Wooden, who won 10 in UCLA.

"She is basketball," said Beth Bass, CEO of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. "What she does is universal."

Summitt is known for "The Stars," a fierce, blue-eyed leader that reflects a determination so intense she once demanded a pilot keep flying to Knoxville despite bad weather so her son, Tyler, could be born in her



Tennessee head coach Pat Summitt and her son Tyler, 14, cut down the net after defeating LSU 67-65 in the Southeastern Conference championship game, last Sunday, in Greenville, S.C.

home state.

"I truly think she's the best coach to ever coach the women's game and probably one of the best period to coach basketball," said Chamique Holdaway, the Lady Vols' career scoring leader. "Generations kind of change and players get even more talented, and yet year in and year out she gets it done."

Hired at 22 as a graduate assistant and physical education teacher, Summitt has seen the sport grow from the days when she washed uniforms and drove the team van.

But some things haven't changed—like Summitt's dominance in the NCAA tournament. The Lady Vols have won in every tournament since it began for women in 1982, and have reached the Final Four 15 times.

Breaking Smith's record couldn't come at a more fitting time, her husband says.

"It just seems like it ought to happen. The sky ought to be blue and the sun yellow and the grass green, and Pat ought to break the record during the NCAA tournament," R.B. Summitt said.

She has never lost in the first two rounds of the NCAAAs, but the Lady Vols have been surpassed in recent years by archrival Connecticut.

Led by the brash Geno Auletta, Connecticut has won three national championships in a row and has beaten Tennessee in the title game three of

the past five years.

"While the losses were hard to stomach at the time, they have been so rewarding in the end, because they have brought out our character and competitiveness as a program," Pat Summitt said.

Summitt has never shied away from a difficult schedule. Every year she faces powerhouse teams such as UConn, Texas, Stanford, Duke and LSU.

"Tennessee created every single rivalry that's worth anything in this country," former Lady Vols player Kara Lawson said. "She didn't have to play Connecticut, but she did."

Summitt, 52, grew up helping her parents, Richard and Hazel Head, work a tobacco and dairy farm in the rural west Tennessee town of Henriette. Like many girls who play basketball in college or the pros, she got her start by playing against boys. She and her three older brothers played in the hayloft of their family's barn.

She played basketball at nearby University of Tennessee-Martin and made the 1973 national team as a junior. Summitt wore her ACL at the end of her senior season in 1974, but hoped to recover for the 1976 Olympics.

She came to Knoxville to get a master's degree in physical education.

The head of Tennessee's PE department, Helen B. Watson, who died last fall, hired Summitt. Watson gave her a graduate teaching position and

put her in charge of the women's basketball team, which then was similar to a club sport. It had no scholarship players and held games at UT's old-gym-with-free-admission. The Lady Vols nickname didn't yet exist.

Summitt took classes, taught PE, and coached. She was 16-8 and 16-11 in her first two seasons while playing on the U.S. teams in the 1975 Pan American Games and '76 Olympics.

"Probably the worst part for the players was I had to be the trainer and tape their ankles," Summitt joked.

Meanwhile, UT decided to make a bigger commitment to women's athletics and offer some scholarships even before Title IX was enacted. A full-time coach was the top priority.

So when Summitt got home from the Olympics, Gloria Ray, UT's first women's athletic director, was there to convince her to stay in Knoxville.

"It was a time of the university having faith in a young person, and a young person having faith that it was going to be different than it had been and had the potential to be big time," said Ray, now head of the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corp.

That season Summitt reached her first Final Four — albeit in the now-defunct Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, or AIAW.

"I've said a number of times I can't imagine anyone coming out of college as an undergrad

Reaching the summit

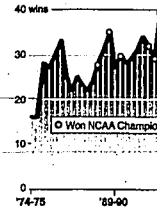
Pat Summitt, coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols, is closing in on Dean Smith's record for most wins in NCAA history.

The 800 NCAA win club

Rank	Coach	School	Wins
1	Dean Smith*	N. Carolina	878
2	Pat Summitt	Tenn.	878
3	Adolph Rupp*	Kentucky	878
4	Jody Conradt	Texas	868
5	Bob Knight	Texas Tech	850

NOTE: *Through games of March 9

Victories by season



Legend: [] Won NCAA Championship

Milestone wins

- 1 Jan. 10, 1975: second game as head coach
- 100 Jan. 13, 1978: 75-68 over NC State
- 200 Dec. 3, 1982: 63-58 over St. John's
- 300 Jan. 4, 1987: 87-68 over North Carolina at home
- 400 Jan. 25, 1990: 70-69 over South Carolina at home
- 500 Nov. 21, 1993: 80-45 over Ohio State in the inaugural State Farm Classic
- 600 Nov. 23, 1996: 63-68 over Marquette
- 700 Dec. 5, 1997: 65-62 over Wisconsin
- 800 Jan. 14, 2002: 76-57 over DuPont

Pat Summitt's milestone wins

- No. 1: Jan. 10, 1975 — 69-32 over Middle Tennessee State in Knoxville, Summitt's second game as head coach.
- No. 100: Jan. 13, 1978 — 79-68 over North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C.
- No. 200: Dec. 3, 1982 — 69-58 over St. John's in Detroit.
- No. 300: Jan. 4, 1987 — 87-68 over North Carolina in Knoxville.
- No. 329: March 29, 1987 — 67-44 over Louisiana Tech in Austin, Texas, Summitt's first national championship.
- No. 388: April 2, 1989 — 78-60 over Auburn in Tacoma, Wash., Summitt's second national championship.
- No. 400: Jan. 25, 1990 — 70-69 over South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.
- No. 442: March 31, 1991 — 70-67 over Virginia in New Orleans, Summitt's third national championship.
- No. 500: Nov. 21, 1993 — 80-45 over Ohio State in the inaugural State Farm Classic in Jackson, Tenn.
- No. 588: March 24, 1996 — 63-65 over Georgia in Charlotte, N.C., Summitt's fourth national championship.
- No. 600: Nov. 23, 1996 — 63-68 over Marquette in Burlington, N.C.
- No. 628: March 30, 1997 — 68-59 over Old Dominion in Cincinnati, Summitt's fifth national championship.
- No. 694: March 29, 1998 — 93-75 over Louisiana Tech in Kansas City, Mo., Summitt's sixth national championship, capping a 39-0 season.
- No. 700: Dec. 5, 1999 — 85-62 over Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., over DuPont in Knoxville.
- No. 878: March 4, 2005 — 64-54 over Auburn in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament, tying Adolph Rupp in second place on all-time win list.
- No. 879: March 6, 2005 — 78-77 over Vanderbilt in the semifinals of the SEC tournament.
- No. 878: March 6, 2005 — 67-65 over LSU in the SEC tournament championship game.

and walking into a job that would allow them to be a head coach at 22. I appreciate the university giving me that opportunity and then supporting our program to the level... that allowed us to hire a great staff and go get some of the best players," Summitt said.

There has been talk over the years of Summitt leaving the women's game and coaching

men. It crops up every time Tennessee needs a new men's coach, the last time in 2001 when she turned down the university president's offer.

"There's not a doubt in my mind she could be a successful men's coach," Tennessee women's athletic director Joan Cronan said. "Her goal is to make a difference in young women's lives."



Joe Caras, owner of the Bowlers Pro Shop in Milwaukee, smells an amaretto-scented bowling ball in his shop, Feb. 17.

Bowling comes in a variety of scents

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Odors associated with bowling traditionally include smelly feet, cigarette smoke and beer. But what about grape, amaretto and cherry?

One bowling ball manufacturer — Storm Products Inc. — is putting fruit and other popular scents into its mid-to-high-end bowling balls, resulting in a steady increase in sales.

More than half the bowlers on the Professional Bowlers Association tour last year used them, including four-time PBA champion Ryan Shaver.

Shaver, who has a contract with Storm, said he may have won a match two years ago in Kansas City because an opponent was distracted by his black licorice-scented ball.

"He asked me if I had to use that ball and I said, 'Yes, this ball is working' — and I think that is why I won," he said.

Storm Products' first scented balls — green apple and citrus — came out in the spring of 2003. Since then, the company has produced about 40 scents. The current scents are black cherry, chocolate, lemande, plum, blueberry, grape, banana,

cinnamon, orange, amaretto and cherry.

"It's just a real good feature of our equipment that gets the average consumer really hooked on our stuff," said Steve Kloempken, technical director for Storm Products Inc.

These aren't balls you currently find in your corner bowling alley, but they're often in the bags of professional or league bowlers.

Most scents can't be smelled until they are within two or three inches of your nose, although some have stronger odors.

Brigham City, Utah-based Storm, the fourth-largest bowling ball manufacturer has a patent pending on the scented balls, which cost \$150 to \$250. Storm's president and chief executive officer, Brian Chrisman, used to work with cleaners and knew that people associated scents with particular cleanliness, so he decided to try it on bowling balls.

The more popular fragrances, which are added in the liquid used to create the balls, 1- to 1.5-inch shell, include cherry, citrus and chocolate.



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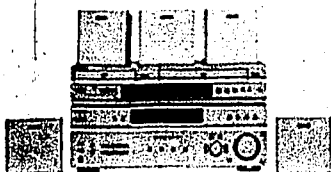
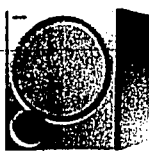
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Crop Disaster
Program begins

TWIN FALLS — Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program for the 2003 or 2004 crop will begin Monday, said Wayne Hammon, state director for the Idaho Farm Service Agency.

Producers who suffered a 35 percent crop loss of expected production or a 20 percent reduction in quality in 2003 or 2004 due to damaging weather or related conditions should contact their local FSA county office, the agency said.

"Unfortunately, Idaho producers continued to experience disaster conditions during the 2003 and 2004 crop years from severe drought, damaging wind and insect infestation which have contributed to economic hardships," Hammon said. "We're working to provide benefits to the farmers and ranchers as soon as possible, and to assist us in doing this it's important that producers contact their local county office to schedule an appointment to expedite — the automated application process."

Producers will be reimbursed for qualifying crop production and quality losses for either the 2003 or 2004 crops, but not both. Producers who suffered a minimum 35 percent crop loss of the expected production will be paid 65 percent of the established price for crops that were covered by crop insurance and for crops for which insurance was not available, and 60 percent of the established price for crops that could have been insured but were not, the agency said.

Prices used to calculate disaster payments for crops insured under the Federal Crop Insurance Program will be the Actual Production History prices. For crops not insured by FCIC, five-year average market prices will be used.

CSI offers career
planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "Career Planning Workshop" next week for people who are considering training, trying to decide on a program or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn about the labor market, training programs and wage potential, identify their interests, investigate careers and national trends in the industry. The center will offer the free workshop in two parts — 3-5 p.m. Monday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Career tests are also given.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

University will hold
conference March 23

POCAHELLO — The fifth annual Idaho State University Women and Work Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 23 in the ballroom at Pond Student Union.

The conference theme is "Exploring the Possibilities." It provides opportunities for women to gain information and exposure to careers in technical and non-technical fields, organizers said. It will feature a career information fair, workshops and a fashion show and luncheon. High school students will be able to explore careers with instructors and professionals, and current College of Technology students in non-traditional occupations will demonstrate their careers by offering hands-on experiences.

Deh Krum will be the keynote speaker during the morning session. Krum is an author, facilitator, trainer and national speaker who has suffered 10 years of mental illness following an assault. She said her presentation is designed to assist individuals in focusing on their strengths, allowing them insight into the talents they possess to help them accomplish their goals.

The fee is \$15 for the public and \$7.50 for students. For a complete continental breakfast and luncheon. Registration deadline is Friday, call 262-2454 or visit the Web site at www.isu.edu/departments/cw.

—Compiled from staff reports

EYEING AN OPPORTUNITY



Chris Mitchell of Boise-based Abestox Abatement Inc. hauls a water hose during the demolition of the former Weston Inn motel at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Falls Avenue. Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank will begin construction of a full-service retail bank at the site later this spring.

Banks see room for expansion in Magic Valley

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As Magic Valley's economy grows, area banking institutions are expanding right along with it.

A number of banks with a presence in Magic Valley plan to expand this year by adding new branches as well as employees, making it "a good time to be a banker in Magic Valley."

Those are the words of Magic Valley Bank Regional President Phil Branton, whose bank in 2004 became a division of Sandpoint-based Panhandle State Bank. The deal was part of a merger agreement between Magic Valley Bank's holding company, Twin Falls-based Snake River Bancorp Inc., and Panhandle parent Intermountain Community Bancorp. The \$17.1 million cash-and-stock acquisition deal closed in November.

In 2004, Magic Valley Bank saw a 16 percent combined growth in deposits and loans, Branton said, and the bank is "very aggressive about 2005."

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About these stories:

These articles first appeared in the March edition of Southern Idaho Business, a business-to-business publication of The Times-News. We are reprinting them here to ensure all Times-News readers have a chance to benefit. Southern Idaho Business is distributed monthly to business owners and managers throughout the Magic Valley.

"We're predicting 19 percent growth this year," Branton said.

In July, Branton said the bank was looking to expand into "at least three new communities," and he said then he couldn't comment on where those were. But he said in February that a first step toward expansion will take place in Twin Falls.

Magic Valley Bank will start construction in April on a new full-service branch near Magic Valley Mall, at the corner of Pole Line Road and Bridgeview Boulevard. The 5,600-square-foot branch is slated to open in September or October with six new employees, Branton said. The bank is hiring for those positions now and will hold the training process over the next four months.

Magic Valley Bank also hired a new loan officer recently and is looking for two more. The market in Magic Valley for loan officers is tight right now, Branton said.

"Loan officers are extremely hard to find," he said.

Strong centennial year
fuels expansion

D.L. Evans Bank's centennial year in 2004 was the bank's "best year in history," said commercial lender Jim Evans. The Burley-based bank saw an average of about 20 percent growth in combined loans and deposits in 2004 from the previous year, Evans

said, beating the bank's projected growth of 15 percent.

On the top of D.L. Evans' agenda in 2005 is a new Twin Falls branch at 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., on property formerly occupied by the Weston Inn motel. The bank will combine its commercial and mortgage loan operations in the new building, which also will hold a full-service bank, Evans said. The new bank will have 35 to 50 employees; some of those positions exist already in other buildings. Construction of the 13,625-square-foot building is slated to start later this spring.

The bank plans to add 15 to 20 new employees in Twin Falls alone this year, Evans said. D.L. Evans also will start construction this summer on a Halley branch.

"That's a pretty lucrative market up there," Evans said.

The bank plans also to add a Nampa branch in 2005, and plans are in the works to build a new corporate office in Burley, Evans said he couldn't disclose details of the project.

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Small business owners have
variety of insurance options

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Cary Moser was glad he'd insured an \$80,000 piece of equipment when it suddenly broke a few weeks ago.

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It cost him \$10,000 used-but-was-worth-about-\$80,000, Moser said. "It broke in the process of moving it, and because we had insured it, we're now in the process of getting our money," he said.

Moser is the owner of Moser Machine Shop in Twin Falls, which rebuilds irrigation pumps, various manufacturing machines and hydraulic cylinders. When he started his business in his garage two decades ago, Moser didn't have any employees or insurance of any kind.

But a few years later, as his business — and liabilities — grew, he decided insurance might be a good idea.

"Because we're a lot of irrigation pumps," in case one

Types of business insurance

- General liability:** Protects business if an someone suffers a bodily injury while on premises or an employee damages the property of a customer.
- Product liability:** Protects against lawsuits for injury or property lost due to a product defect or design flaw.
- Completed operations (errors and omissions):** Certified public accountants and other licensed professionals may need this to protect themselves against errors or omissions in the products or services they provide to their clients.
- Professional liability:** Protects against malpractice suits for giving allegedly faulty advice.
- Automobile:** Coverage is similar to insurance bought by individuals. Fleet coverage is available. If your business owns a vehicle that is used primarily for business purposes, your private auto insurance may not provide coverage. If you use your personal vehicle in your business, you may need special insurance coverage called "non-owned automobile coverage."
- Business liability (fire and theft):** Protects commercial equipment or assets that are stolen or damaged. May also be called property insurance.
- Business interruption:** Protects against loss if the business is interrupted by a natural disaster. This insurance supplements business liability coverage.
- Key person:** Protects against financial loss caused by the death or disability of a key person in the business, including the owner. Also used to fund buy/sell agreements when a business has more than one owner.
- Life:** Can be individual (on you, the business owner) or group (on your employees).
- Worker's compensation:** Owners and directors of a corporation may be personally liable for their actions on behalf of your company. This insurance will protect them. Some people may not be willing to serve on a board of directors without this coverage.
- Employment practices liability insurance (EPLI):** Protects against wrongful termination and discrimination lawsuits.
- Home office:** If you work from home, you may need additional coverage for equipment and supplies beyond that offered by your homeowner's policy.

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Commercial lenders
experience strong 2004

They look forward to positive '05

By Loraine Cavenar
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Sometimes your business just needs some cash in order to be able to expand. That's where small business loans can be a lifesaver.

And small business owners have a wealth of resources in Magic Valley to turn to for help in applying for those loans.

An organic foods retailer which sells its products throughout Magic Valley is in the process of obtaining a small business loan with the help of the Idaho Small Business Development Center (SBDC), based at the College of Southern Idaho.

Nyssa "One Basket" Daily Blessing Foods Inc. has seen an incredible increase in demand for certified organic beef and other meats, said Diane Hollen, who co-owns the business with her husband, Martin.

The Hollens plan to use a federal Small Business Administration (SBA) loan to purchase more cattle so they can

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sell more product and eventually expand their customer base. SBA guarantees between 75 percent and 85 percent of each loan.

"You're going to be able to buy (beef) and contract it from producers," Diane Hollen said.

"In applying for the loan, the Hollens were required to provide evidence of past business operations and past growth, as well as projected growth.

"We did a little over 100 percent growth last year," Diane Hollen said.

To show projected growth, the Hollens obtained statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as the organic foods industry about the projected popularity of organic meats. Daily Blessing Foods also collected letters from customers saying that they would continue to buy the Hollens' products.

The Hollens are just one example of small business owners who have turned to the SBA for loans. In the agency's 2004 fiscal year, which ended in September, the SBA's Boise district office backed 525 loans to small businesses, with a combined

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Tim Harberd

HEROME — Tim Harberd was promoted recently as a top sales representative for Lextron Inc. The honor places him in the company's President's Circle membership, which is bestowed on six of 114 sales representatives.

Harberd is a senior field sales representative for Lextron Agricultural Health/Montana, a division of Lextron Inc., and is based in Jerome. He and his wife, Laurie, attended activities honoring his achievement in Scottsdale, Ariz.

David B. Verst

HAILEY — Dr. David B. Verst was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons during the academy's meeting Feb. 23 in Washington, D.C. He is 549 new fellows in the worldwide membership of 27,955.

An orthopedist works in diagnosis and treatment of the musculoskeletal system, including bones, joints, ligaments, tendons, muscles and nerves. Verst is an orthopedic surgeon with subspecialty training in spine surgery. He works in minimally invasive spine surgery and major reconstructive surgery, including artificial disc replacement. He is a member of the North American Spine Society and has offices in Hailey and Gooding.

Members of the Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons have completed medical residency at least five years of special study in orthopedics in an accredited residency program, passed a comprehensive oral and written examination and is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. Verst can be reached at 788-7779.

Ana Vazquez

TWIN FALLS — Ana Vazquez graduated from Jensen Jewelers' Master Jewelry Salesman program. Vazquez completed the eight-week course and received certification. The course involves training in fulfilling customer needs in diamonds, gemstone stones, watches and jewelry making and repair. She works at Jensen Jewelers in Magic Valley Mall.

Kim Brodine

TWIN FALLS — Kim Brodine, a family educator at the Twin Falls Head Start center, graduated from the Apprenticeship program, a collaboration between the Department of Labor-Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and South Central Head Start. Brodine also was awarded a Child Development Associate credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

She completed her studies in child development at the College of Southern Idaho and her apprenticeship at Twin Falls Head Start. The apprenticeship included about 4,000 hours of on-site training (two years) and attendance at classes in curriculum, learning environments, observation and assessments, families and communities, health, safety and nutrition, program planning and development, professional development and leadership.

T.J. Sisson
BUHL — T.J. Sisson, Rocky Mountain Region sales manager for Hach Environmental, was named 2004 Salesperson of the Year. Hach Environmental is a worldwide company with headquarters in Loveland, Colo. It specializes in water quality and quantity instrumentation made by Hydrolab and OTL. Sisson graduated from the

University of Idaho with a degree in agricultural science and technology and a minor in water resource management. He lives in Buhl.

Ray Neilson

VICKSBURG, Miss. — Ray Neilson, general manager of Ameristar Vicksburg, was interviewed by *Strictly Slots* magazine about the Vicksburg casino. The article appears in the March issue.

Neilson is the son of Craig H. Neilson, president and chief executive of Ameristar Casinos based in Las Vegas. Now the Neilsons are former residents of Twin Falls.

Ameristar's origins date back to 1956 when the late Ray Neilson (Craig's father and Ray's grandfather) opened a tiny roadside casino in Jackpot, Nev. That casino — Cactus Pines — now holds a Four Diamond rating from the American Automobile Association.

The younger Ray entered the industry in 1990 buying tables at Cactus Pines, then worked as a beverage manager for two years in Vicksburg after it opened in 1994. From there, he moved on to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he climbed to general manager. Under his leadership, Council Bluffs was awarded a Four Diamond rating from the AAA, becoming the first riverboat casino in the country to earn that distinction. He was named general manager at Vicksburg in 2000 and was named Vicksburg's Man of the Year for 2004 in October.

Bank employees

BUHL — Farmers National Bank announced two new hires:

• Heath Gartner is a loan officer in the Buhl office of Farmers' National Bank.

Gartner graduated from Filer High School and Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He has three years' experience in the farming industry.

Gartner and his wife, Stephanie, and their two children live in Filer.

• Ron Welker is information technology project manager in the bank's Twin Falls branch office.

Welker graduated from Grace High School and Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in finance. He has 14 years' experience in software, systems analysis and training.

Welker and his wife, Elizabeth, and their four children live in Twin Falls.

Commercial drivers

Larry Houser and **Alejandro Ortiz**

Alberto Dominguez and **Dennis Peterson**

TWIN FALLS — The Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls said Larry Houser of Twin Falls, Alejandro Ortiz of Buhl, Alberto Dominguez of Buhl and Dennis Peterson of Twin Falls graduated March 4, each with a Class A commercial driver's license with endorsement.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Albertsons Inc. said it raised more than \$1.2 million for the American Red Cross to support disaster relief for those affected by the tsunami disaster in Southern Asia and Eastern Africa. That amount included donations by customers at Albertsons stores nationwide, those made by the company's employ-



South Central Community Action Partnership received a First Federal Charitable Foundation grant of \$2,400 to buy school supplies for children of low-income families. From left, Ken Robbette of SCCAP receives the grant from foundation board member Mary Fort; also pictured is Leanne Trappen of SCCAP.



Oasis Stop 'N' Go sold 'support our troops' car magnets in recent months with the promise that a portion of proceeds would support Idaho troops serving overseas. The business ended the fundraiser, contributing \$2,400 to buy six Jeeps for Idaho troops serving in the 15th Brigade Combat Team. Here, the company's management team presents the check. The Jeeps campaign is organized locally by the Early Morning Elk Ranch; for information, contact Shane Swift at 280-0151 or aswift@onetel.net.

ees and a corporate donation matching the total contribution made by employees.

Albertsons has a network of over 2,500 stores. All money collected will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund for relief efforts associated with the Dec. 26 tsunami, such as food and safe water, health care and disease prevention, mental health counseling and disaster preparedness.



Employees at Western Farm Service in Hansen donated a used fertilizer cart to the Kimberly School District. Pictured from left in back are Doug Sievers, Jerry Enos, Brad Hall, and Jerry Dutt; and in front, Ted Wasiko from the Kimberly School District, Adam Cantu and Gator Veach.

Western Farm Service implemented a community service program to support the communities where its employees live and work. Ted Wasiko from the Kimberly School District asked about the cost of a fertilizer cart for the school district to spread compost, fertilizer and sand on the school grounds. Western Farm Service's branch manager, Ron

Novacek, obtained permission from the district office to offer the cart as a donation, and the cart became a community project for the Hansen location.

The cart was valued at \$500 and, for the project, the store supplied an additional \$500 in labor, paint and parts to refurbish it. Employees involved were Gator Veach, Jerry Dutt, Adam Cantu, Doug Sievers and Brad Hall.



Several Willis Toyota employees and their family members donated time March 5 to kick off Idaho Public Television's Festival 2005 by manning the phone banks from 5 to 8 p.m. and accepting pledges for IPTV's annual fundraiser. Willis Toyota's donation of \$1,250 was matched by Toyota Motor Sales USA. Pictured from left in back are Theron Symes, Kevin Ahim, Chris Ahim, Mel Wright and Jeremy Fulmer; and in front, Tomi Ann Symes, Tia Schmidt, Kathy Wright and Lucy Williams. Not pictured are Emile Willis, Zach Dalton and Janean Dalton.

MILESTONES

Angus Association recognizes residents

BLISS — The American Angus Association recognized Spring Cove Ranch in Bliss and Tyle and Donna Fuller of Twin Falls for having registered Angus cows in its 2005 Pathfinder Report.

Spring Cove Ranch has six cows registered, and the Fullers have two cows registered. The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based on recorded performance traits that are economically important

to efficient beef production. Those traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, said Bill Bowman, director of performance programs for the association.

More than 1.4 million eligible dams were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually.

The 2005 report is listed in the April issue of the Angus Journal. Reports also appear on the Web site at www.angus.org. Started in 1970, the Pathfinder Program recognizes outstanding breeders participating in the Angus

Herd Improvement Records Program

Louis Lopez has been a state-licensed applicator in herbicide and pesticide and related law and safety issues for more than eight years, working with TruGreen ChemLawn, which is now doing business in Idaho as Idaho Lawn Care, based out of Memphis, Tenn.

Lopez said he did spraying for

Lawn care company opens for business in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — Local Lawn & Tree Spraying Service, owned and operated by Louis and Renee Lopez, opened for business March 3.

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Local Lawn & Tree Spraying Service can be reached at 738-0555.

Lopez treats lawns with weed controls, pre-emergence and fertilizers, and insecticides for lawn-damaging insects. He treats trees for disease, insects and borers and insect and spider building exteriors with spider barriers and insect control. He said his business opened just in time to start dormant oils on trees and shrubs.

Local Lawn & Tree Spraying Service can be reached at 738-0555.

Women Realtors meets Tuesday

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TWIN FALLS — The Women's Council of Realtors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Aztlan Mexican Restaurant on Blue

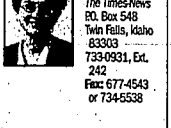
Lakes Boulevard North. The topic is "Technology is our Friend." For information, call Tonya Backus at 280-1360 or Michelle Koepnick at 731-0635.

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TW Parker places in steer roping at the pro rodeo in Caldwell in the summer of 2004.

Idaho riders participate at Houston rodeo

HOUSTON Cowboys and cowgirls are burning up the roadways between Idaho and Texas this month as two of the season's biggest rodeo events get under way.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicked off its 74th year in Houston March 1. The event wraps up March 20.

More than a million spectators are expected to see the nearly 500 contestants from the United States and abroad competing in this leg of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's winter tour. Participants compete in barrel racing and saddle bronc, bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, team roping or tie-down roping.

Tim Phillips of Caldwell headed out on his 11th trip to the rodeo last week packing four mules he hopes will sustain his record of all-around champion for the last three years.

"We try to get everyone to go because it really is a spectacular show," the horse and mule trainer said in an interview from the rodeo last week. "Even if you can't beat you, it's more fun the



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more who come."

Bull rider Kyle Joslin of Caldwell, Zeb Larham of Sweet and team roper Doyle Gelfeman of Nampa also made the trek to participate in the first few days of Rodeo Houston events. Their results are available at rodeo-houston.com.

It's down roper Nate Baldwin of Rigby and bull rider Marcus Michaels of Caldwell have signed on. Also participating will be McKenzie Brower of Rigby, J.D. Hoagland of Caldwell, Matt Shiozawa of Chubbuck, and Ty Thomas of Star. Results are not yet in.

Sugar producers lobby against CAPTA

WASHINGTON — Congress-

ional support doesn't seem any stronger for the proposed Central America Free Trade Agreement, which sugar producers believe would lead to serious damage for American farmers, an official said.

"It's either no different, or it maybe seems to be slipping some," said Luther Markwart, executive vice president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association in Washington, D.C.

That comes on the heels of lobbying visits by farmers and other sugar-production representatives to members of Congress in late February and early March, said Markwart, who coordinated the effort that concluded this week.

The personal visits were useful, said Perry Meuleman, president of the Idaho Sugar Beet Growers Association. "I came back a little more positive than when I went," he said.

He's hopeful that more members of Congress are leaning against approving NAFTA.

But not all small businesses spend as much as Moser on insurance each month. In fact, the only type of insurance required for a business is workers' compensation.

The cost of workers' compensation varies depending on the type of business. Costs can range from 30 cents per \$100 spent on payroll for low risk businesses like retail shops, to

\$4 per \$100 spent on payroll for high-risk businesses like construction.

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Insurance

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of them failed, and ruined a crop, we would be covered," Moser said.

After getting liability insurance, Moser went on to get additional coverage, like property insurance that protects both the land his shop is on and all the materials inside it. Moser also carries medical insurance for six of his nine employees. The other three have opted out, he said.

Moser Machine Shop spends about \$2,255 a month on health insurance, about \$225 a month on property insurance, and another \$1,000 each month goes to the state insurance fund for workers' compensation insurance.

That brings Moser's outgoing insurance costs to about \$3,490 each month.

"To me, insurance is a necessary evil," he said. "It sure costs a lot, but when an accident happens, it won't put a bind in my business."

But not all small businesses spend as much as Moser on insurance each month. In fact, the only type of insurance required for a business is workers' compensation.

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value of more than \$100.6 million. That was a 39 percent increase in volume over 2003, said Tom Bergdoll, Boise SBA district director. The SBA estimated that more than 5,974 jobs are created or retained in southern Idaho as a result of the SBA loan program in 2004.

"Our loan portfolio is doing really well," Bergdoll said. "We're pretty optimistic based on the activity. Things are looking good for small business."

But the SBA numbers don't account for all of Magic Valley's business lending activity. Several area bankers said small business loan activity wasn't as robust in 2004 as it was four or five years ago.

"2004 was a good year," said Jason Meyerhoeffer, loan administrator and senior vice president of First Federal Savings Bank. "Not as strong as in the past, but similar to what we did a year ago."

First Federal saw a few more business foreclosures and bankruptcies than it has in recent years, Meyerhoeffer said. While Magic Valley's economy keeps chugging along, local business people have been

more "cautious and conservative" recently, he said.

"A few have struggled — not a huge number, but enough to notice a change," he said.

But low interest rates were attractive to expanding businesses and kept commercial loan activity high for area banks. With low borrowing costs, business owners are inspired to buy new equipment or expand office space. Commercial real estate loans at First Federal were up about 35 percent over 2003, Meyerhoeffer said.

Scott Horley, executive vice president and chief credit officer for D.L. Evans Bank, agreed with Meyerhoeffer — low interest rates have been a big factor in business growth and expansion.

"It's certainly been a big help to business to have rates as low as they've been," Horley said.

Interest rates have especially helped loans meant for construction for both new buildings and the remodeling of existing properties, said Ernie Bengochea of Magic Valley Bank.

The growth we've seen in both commercial and residential construction is just

fantastic," Bengochea said.

But bankers are cautious themselves when it comes to predicting future agriculture loans, thanks to Magic Valley's perennial water concerns. But the industry and the businesses that support dairies aren't showing any signs of slowing down, and the equine sector seems to be prospering as well.

Magic Valley Bank in 2004 made at least one loan that supported the recreational horse industry — for a new large horse arena. And loans for events like ropings, cuttings and sortings are up, Bengochea said.

"There is a lot of that going on," he said.

Overall, the bankers agreed — Magic Valley's business economy is strong, and they're looking forward to another good lending year.

"It's a great year," Bengochea said. "The overall economy in the Magic Valley is still fairly robust."

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posed Barley project.

Remodeling, two new branches in the works

Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank saw 10 percent growth in 2004, President C. Alan Horner said. That growth will allow the bank to update older facilities and build two new branches within the next two years.

"We've got quite a bit on the table for the next couple of years," Horner said.

The bank is now remodeling its branch at 148 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls by expanding its lobby and adding three offices for loan officers, another loan officer desk and a new teller station. The project will allow First Federal to add two new employees at the branch, Horner said.

Next up for the bank is construction of a Barley branch, which will begin this month and is slated to be completed by September or October, Horner said. First Federal also recently purchased a building in downtown Twin Falls near its present offices on Shoshone Street. Horner said the bank will move its central processing staff there. "We'll keep growing and needing more room," he said.

Like D.L. Evans, First Federal is also looking toward the Wood River Valley in its expansion goals, with plans to start construction on a Barley branch by spring 2006.

"We're kind of at the timeline that the city of Halley puts on us," Horner said.

Horner said he doesn't anticipate D.L. Evans' new Blue Lakes branch — which will be directly across the street from a First Federal branch — to affect First Federal's business. Rather, he welcomes the competition and said the bank plans to add 10 to 15 new employees by the end of the year.

"We just have to continue the job we're doing in providing excellent customer service," Horner said. "It's like what the golfer Sam Snead said — 'Forget your opponents; always play against par.'"

Expanding on agricultural lending

When Seattle-based Washington Mutual Inc. closed its Twin Falls commercial branch in August as part of a round of company-wide layoffs, eight employees found themselves without work.

But six of those employees were in luck — Zions Bank hired them as part of a plan to reinforce the Salt Lake City-based bank's commercial lending presence in Twin Falls. The commercial branch will cater to the agricultural community, George Hofmann, executive vice president of Zions Bank's business banking division, said in a statement.

"To be in the Idaho marketplace, agriculture is clearly part of the economy and we expect it to be a significant part of our portfolio," Hofmann said.

Now Zions Bank plans to lease the former Washington Mutual office at 1411 Fillmore St. N., Suite 600, and add a few more employees there this year, said Kelly Anderson, Zions Bank's regional president. The bank also will add three more employees at its full-service Twin Falls branch this year, Anderson said.

"We expect to continue to grow as opportunities come along," he said. "And we will do so in a way that helps the local economy."

Growth beats expectations

Walla Walla, Wash.-based Banner Bank first entered the Magic Valley market in spring 2004, with a commercial banking branch on Twin Falls' west side. In its first year, the commercial branch saw its loans and deposits grow to over 100 percent of expectations, said Willis Robinette, Banner Bank's vice president and southern Idaho area manager.

In October, Banner Bank broke ground for a full-service retail branch on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. The 3,000-square-foot branch is slated to open in late summer, Robinette said, and will have about eight employees.

Robinette said Banner Bank was able to attract "very knowledgeable staff" for its commercial location and has "strong expecta-

tions" for the Blue Lakes branch.

"We see this branch as a way to deliver not just to retail customers but also to enhance relationships with our commercial customers," Robinette said.

What does this bank growth mean?

Magic Valley's robust economy, low unemployment rates and increasingly diverse work force are conducive to bank growth, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director. While locally based banks are expanding, McAlindin said he has heard that national chain banks could be looking at Magic Valley for expansion as well.

"What I have heard is that there are additional banks looking to come to Magic Valley in the next calendar year," he said. "I've heard there could be as many as four unnamed banks looking at the Magic Valley."

Robinette sees the valley as having "measured growth with a sustainable pace." And the prudent nature of the area's city officials is also a draw.

"City leaders don't jump onto every passing fad," Robinette said.

But Magic Valley isn't a market with limitless growth potential — there are bounds to how saturated with financial institutions an area can be. But McAlindin said he can't yet tell where that limit is.

"Right now, we can't have an expanding economy with growth potential that new banks realize," he said. "It's a highly competitive market, and banks are trying to get out there and gather as many customers as they can. Obviously, they see an opportunity to have a profitable branch."

"But there's only so much water you can put into a bathtub before it overflows."

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Bankruptcy law would mean tougher consequences

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The Frank McBride family of Willington, Ill., would have had to significantly reduce their monthly living expenses if he filed for bankruptcy protection under reforms passed by the Senate Thursday.

The failure of McBride's construction business saddled him with more than \$100 million in unpaid personal loans and credit card debt. He owed roughly an additional \$40,000 in other loans and unpaid income taxes.

By filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy status, McBride liquidated most of his assets, including his house, and erased most of his financial obligations, according to his bankruptcy filing.

Now, his family is living off \$8,000 a month in income (before monthly expenses) while still paying off debts that could be discharged in bankruptcy court such as \$36,000 in student loans.

But under the "Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005," the McBride family would have been forced to file under Chapter 13, and the consequences would have been far more dire for him and his family.

"Among other things, the family's monthly take-home pay of about \$1,000 would have been cut to \$688. And a good portion of earnings would be channeled into a three-year to five-year repayment plan," because he would be on the hook for most of the \$500,000.

"This guy would be in Chapter 13 and it would fail," said David Leibowitz, a consumer bankruptcy attorney in Waukegan, who represents McBride. "It would force him to ratchet his lifestyle down and would be hard for his family."

And if he failed to keep up with his payments, he would be able to convert to Chapter 7 status, which could be possible under the new reforms, McBride would have lost the protection of bankruptcy court making him vulnerable to creditors seeking repayment by garnishing wages. Under the worst-case scenario, he could have landed in jail for failure to pay.

The new act would impose specific income requirements to determine if a debt-laden consumer can seek Chapter 7. Those deemed ineligible must declare Chapter 13. The terms also call for mandatory credit counseling sessions and state limits on monthly expenses for things like food and housing.

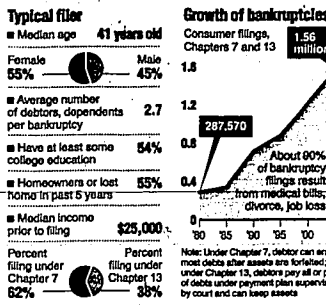
Since 1997, lawmakers and judges, primarily from the financial industry, have fought to overhaul the bankruptcy system in order to hold people more accountable for their debts.

A consumer spending has grown, so have personal debt and bankruptcy filings. As the number of filings swelled — nearly 1.6 million sought bankruptcy protection last year — creditors led holding the bag began to wonder how many individuals were abusing the system.

"About 10 percent of people who file are in a position to pay

Who files for bankruptcy

A new bankruptcy bill will restrict how Americans can clear debt in bankruptcy court. Who files for bankruptcy?



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back a significant amount of what they owe," said J. Craig Shearman, a spokesman for the National Retail Federation, which backs the reform bill. They are turning the ban on a financial planning tool other than a plan of last resort.

The reforms are aimed at discouraging consumers from piling up debt through reckless spending, the declaration of Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The law encourages more cash-strapped consumers to seek Chapter 13 status.

But consumer advocates and consumer bankruptcy attorneys, who staunchly oppose the reform as written, said it's an unfair bill that will create hardship and headaches for individuals already facing tough times making ends meet.

"Two-thirds of people in Chapter 13 fail to complete the three- to five-year payment plan," said Travis Plumkett, a spokesman for the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C.

Critics of the bill said that the attempt to weed out the bankruptcy abusers would instead make it difficult for everyone.

"Only 5 percent of bankruptcy involves some sort of fraud or abuse," said Susan Castagnoli, a consumer bankruptcy attorney in Newville. "But facts don't seem to matter much these days in Washington, D.C."

Potential filers, under the reformed legislation, would be subject to an income test to determine which bankruptcy status is applicable to their situation.

"This sets up a process to help us determine who has the ability to pay and who doesn't," said Laura Fisher, spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association.

Individuals with gross income greater than their state's household median could be forced to file under Chapter 13 unless a bankruptcy court judge grants an exception based on special circumstance such as daunting medical bills. Harvard University researchers reported

that half of personal bankruptcy cases are the result of staggering medical costs.

Supporters of the reform claim that 80 percent of bankruptcies are below the state median income level, which was \$46,590 in Illinois in 1999 according to the latest figures available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Monthly expenses while in bankruptcy protection would be determined by the National Standards for Allowable Living Expenses set by the Internal Revenue Service.

Every bankruptcy seeker, under the proposed law, would be required to participate in credit counseling session within 180 days of filing and their case will not be discharged from court until they complete a personal financial management course. Critics of the bill said while the intent is honorable, it is also problematic because there is no direction on how to choose an effective counseling agency.

The consumer credit counseling industry has come under fire for the few bad apples that have exploited the system by taking consumer funds to pad operator's pockets. The Federal Trade Commission came after Annetel Inc. in 2003 for abusive practices that failed to help clients get out of debt.

"They don't teach you anything," Castagnoli said. "They say, 'Send us money.'"

Auto loans will be tougher to dismiss under the new reforms. Current law allows borrowers to convert the difference between what they owe and the value of the vehicle to unsecured debt, which has lower repayment priority than secured debt.

"Most people owe more on a car than what it's worth," Plumkett said. But the reforms say you can't shift, or cram down, that amount for 2.5 years. Mobile home owners who can apply the same cram down rules to their home loans would be able to do that at all under the new law.

Gas boom fuels clash between surface and mineral owners

SILT, Colo. (AP) — Liz and Tom Lippitt bought about nine acres amid the rolling hills and rocky mountaintops of western Colorado with the idea of keeping horses, growing hay and building their dream home.

For now, the 2,700-square-foot house is on hold. The Lippitts might expand a nearby finished apartment, once they know whether natural gas wells will be drilled on or near their land.

"We don't want to build our dream house until we know what's going to happen and what property values are going to do," said Liz Lippitt, standing outside the building where her husband was cutting boards.

The dilemma for the Lippitts, many of their neighbors and landowners throughout the Rockies is that they face sharing their property with drilling rigs, big trucks and pipelines — and there's little or nothing they can do to stop it.

The reason is the so-called "split estate." One person owns the land, another owns the minerals beneath it. The split occurred across the West when the federal government granted homesteads but retained the mineral rights, or when people sold surface rights but kept the minerals as an investment.

Now, though, growing coalitions of ranchers, environmentalists and homeowners in the Rockies are demanding more consideration of their property rights. They've rallied behind legislative proposals from Montana to New Mexico that would require companies to consult landowners on drilling and other operations and, in some cases, compensate them for loss of property value.

They support federal legislation by Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo., to regulate groundwater produced during oil and gas development, increase surface owners' input when federal minerals are mined and set reclamation standards.

The whole issue can be a rude awakening for newcomers, who may find out through the mail or a knock on the door that companies that own or lease



Tom Lippitt uses a table saw to cut boards for the walls on the home that he is building, Feb. 15, near Silt, Colo.

the minerals under their property have the legal right to use the surface to extract the oil, gas or coal. In 2001, Colorado started requiring that real estate contracts note when the mineral rights are severed, but critics say the implications aren't addressed.

Even farming and ranching families who have lived for decades with oil and gas development complain that the current natural-gas boom, fueled by high prices and a push for more domestic production, is encroaching on their land and threatening their livelihoods.

"I was born and raised in this area. I'm a fourth-generation rancher, and it's been hard on our operation," said Chris Velasquez of Blanco, N.M., who has reported leaking oil from gas-field equipment, unlined waste pits and cists that abored after drinking tainted water. "The reason I raise Cain is that it's affecting my pocketbook."

Just as vengeful are energy producers, their employees and businesses that service gas companies, who fear the impact on an industry that's pumping out hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue. Dozens of people wearing buttons reading my family "Oil and gas feeds my fam-

ily" packed a hearing Feb. 14 in Glenwood Springs to protest a Colorado bill that would mandate arbitration if landowners and operators can't negotiate a surface-use agreement.

"I believe it's not prudent to hobble an industry that is a piston in the engine that drives the economy," Larry Kent of Halliburton Energy Services said during the hearing.

Steve Soychak, who manages Tulsa, Okla.-based Williams' gas development in northwest Colorado, said new rules allowing landowners to ask state regulators for on-site inspections in disputes should be given a chance.

"There are very few cases where we have been unable to reach surface-use agreements," Soychak said.

"I don't believe the legislation is really needed. It creates additional steps that unnecessarily slow down the reasonable development of natural gas that our state and country needs."

The problem, say proponents of the legislation, is that landowners have little formal protection. The federal government and some states require that companies try to craft an agreement with landowners. Operators often reimburse owners for use of the land and damages.

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MarketWatch

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Take advantage of sales and coupons to stock up on items your family uses. Here are a few, for example, that you need to buy peanut butter every week because your children want peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches every day. It's easier to buy multiple jars at the sale price.

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208-733-8827

INTERNATIONAL

SEARCHING FOR PEOPLE wanting to improve their hair. Free analysis. Call toll-free 1-888-724-8948. Free body composition analysis included.

CHILD CARE SERVICES

"I liked all of my daycare openings thanks to the Times-News Classified."

Sherrona V. 721-0555

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Experienced Barista. **Call 308-5555**

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Experienced concrete finishers, form setters, & welders. Call 208-242-9256

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- 1. Beagle X black/white, female, pup, Julie Lane.
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- 3. Chow Lab X male & female black 10 weeks. Camea Way.
- 4. Lab X black/white male adult with collar. Addie.
- 5. Retriever X black/tan female, choke collar. Lawrence, Ava.
- 6. Pyrenees white female adult with choke collar. Cypress Way.
- 7. Dog with red and black coat. Adult with choke collar. Cypress Way.
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BIRTHDAY PHOTOS

Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have come up with a great idea. Place your ad in the Times-News Classified Dept.

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Call for our resume application and complete job description, call: 208-736-3785

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WASKING QUESTIONS. Contact public opinion polls over the telephone. **ADVERTISELIFE** NO SALESMEN! Strictly serious, \$750 to \$800 per hour. Flexible evening, day, and weekend hours. 15-20 hours per week. Great part-time job or second job. **Call 208-733-2553**

AUTOMOTIVE

AC conditioning mechanic and/or Radiator repair technician needed for Twin Falls area auto repair shop. Must have experience in either auto, AC repair or radiator soldering. Competitive pay/benefits and more. **Call 208-733-8284**

AUTOMOTIVE

Sales & Service. Must have a min of 1 yr commercial exp. (Ag Large Truck). 15-20 hours per week. If you are 35 yr old or that offers great benefits and a flexible work schedule. **Apply to: 2030 Kimberly, Tula, Idaho**

If your RV has been more than open road. Adventure with us! **Call 733-0631**

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Homeframe Builders
Experience.
737-9436 N. message@

DAIRY
Positions available.
Milks, Outside
Feeder.
Construction. Apply
2586 E. 3500 N.
Twin Falls, ID.
Call 208-732-0576.

DAIRY
Call Feeder. SE Twin
Falls. 25-30 hr/wk.
Call 208-733-9834.

DISPATCH
The City of Twin Falls is
accepting applications for
a COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST/
DISPATCH. Beginning
Monday, March 14, 2005,
\$2333. The primary
responsibility is to
prepare, process and
dispatch both emergency
and non-emergency calls
for service. Must be
willing to work a rotating
shift to cover 24hr/7,
5:00 am to 2:00 am,
including on-call,
job description and
employment application
you may contact
Personnel Office, 321
2nd Avenue East,
Twin Falls, ID 83301.
208-735-8258 or
direct email to:
personnel@tfd.org
The City of Twin Falls
is an Equal
Opportunity Employer.
Please See Workplace.

DRILLERS
Miller Drilling has immediate
openings for experienced
helpers,
Drillers and
CDL Drivers. Must have
at least 2 years experience
in surface drilling.
MSHA certified,
have drilled more than
6000 feet. Will be
working in a safe
environment. Have
clean driving record
and will be traveling.
We have projects in
Arizona, Idaho,
Colorado, Wyoming,
Nevada and New Mexico
and need a few
Will train Helpers.
Call 208-775-7858 or
Fax 208-9-8-0-4-0-3
801-296-7314

DRIVER
Local delivery only.
Must have Class
CDL w/ Hazmat
at home.
Apply in person
1025 Babcock Street
Suite 3.

DRIVER
Need FT Ready Mix
Concrete Driver.
Wage DOE.
Magoo-Valley Concrete

DRIVER
KNIGHT
TRANSPORTATION
Best Driving Job
Just Got Better
Join Day Edge
Limited. New
positions
Available. Call 800-770-9689
or 801-588-9817 call
www.knighttrans.com
6 mo. OT/Hzmat

DRIVER
Contractor needed,
every other weekend,
permanent part-time
must have van or long
bed pickup. Call Rick
208-734-8786.

DRIVER
Experienced driver to
haul a CDL and Dow
equipment to California.
We offer:
Health/Insurance
Company paid
Paid vacation
Paid medical
2-3 days weekly.
Apply at
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Truck Trl & Birch St.
Buhl, ID 83316

DRIVERS
Operator
Dedicated haul Las
Vegas to OR, WA, ID
and West Coast.
Good Pay. West
Coast fuel surcharge
\$1.00 per mile.
Call 208-215-2777
for details.

DRIVERS
Send 4 hoppers,
traveling in Northwest.
CDL req. Minimum 25
years exp. 1-2 yrs.
exp. Mechanic.
Basic truck maintenance.
800-829-8236 ask for Jeff

DRIVERS

Professional Truck
Driving School
Buy a new career
w/ excellent benefits.
Call 208-734-0566

DRIVERS
Long haul tanker
Company is looking for
Long Haul Drivers.
Home every 7-10
days. Must be willing
to tank endorsement,
2 yrs OTR exp. req.
Good driving record.
Earn up to .33 cent
per mile based on
experience and
performance.
1-800-967-2111 Mon-Fri
AM to 5 PM MT

DRIVERS
Experienced Class
A Driver. Want to
be home daily? Local
company looking for
CDL A Drivers. Call
208-423-5047

DRIVERS
Full-time 7 western
w/ CDL. 3 yrs verifiable
OTR experience
Good Pay/Excellent
Call 888-585-7600
Ask for Dick

DRIVERS
*TOP GUN
*WORLDWIDE TRAVEL
Put Your Return
to Good Use This
Year.
Start Your New High
Flying Career in
The Trucking Industry.
Call 735-6658
So Idaho 2307
424-7207

EDUCATION
Supervisor/Asst.
Director of Special
Education. Idaho State
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Applications for
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Idaho has 114
school districts and
a variety of charter
schools with total
enrollment of over
270,000.
Unique opportunity
to work in a district
capable of leading a
state special education
program having
the largest and
fastest growing
staff in Boise at
State Department
of Education and
regional setting
throughout the state.
Direct and supervise
as an administrator
of special education
services. Salary
\$45,000 plus
state 5.4% plus
benefits. Annual
deadline
March 18, 2005.
Appointment date
on or about April
20, 2005. If not
filled, For complete
description and
application packet
go to
www.stateofidaho.gov
or e-mail
jane@stateofidaho.gov
208-332-8673.
EOE

ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman electrician,
with Idaho license or
equivalent, full-time
year round employment.
High end residential,
bonus insurance.
Please fax resume to
208-738-3238 or
Phone 208-738-3238
for application.

ENGINEER
Mechanical/Fluash
Structural Director
needed full-time.
Experience and education
required, micro state
beneficial. Salary
DOE. Send resume to
PO Box 1404
Twin Falls, ID 83303
mjd@mdmclure-engineering.com

FARM
Job offer has
welding/training
press a drug test, call
today for an appointment.
Call 888-870-2114
or e-mail:
loppenn@velochop.com
Velochop
www.velochop.com
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DRIVER
Wanted for weekly
dedicated refrigerated
trailer to California.
We offer:
Health/Insurance
Company paid
Paid vacation
Paid medical
2-3 days weekly.
Apply at
Twin Falls, ID 83301
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Buhl, ID 83316

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\$1500 w/ MCA
Abundant Opportunity
Learn to Work
with High Tech modular
equipment and
Advanced Training
Looking for ext. 103
MCA/ID Only
734-2833

GENERAL
Metal Reader must
have good driving
license and clear
background.
Please refer to 738-7285.

GENERAL
Looking for caregiver
preferable female,
retired encouraged,
to help out with
some caregiving
duties. Need not be
CDL. Must have
your license and
an dependable
background check.
Please refer to
474 E 20 N,
Shoshone, ID. 83352.

GENERAL
Car rental agent
for evenings &
weekends, valid
drivers license, 30-35
hrs/wk. Apply
8:30-11:30 am Mon-Fri.
Avis Car Rental
at Twin Falls, ID
No Phone Calls

GENERAL
Day, evening & graveyard
shifts. Tech
positions available.
Caring for mentally
disabled clients.
Successful applicant
must have valid
drivers license,
clean record &
a insurance & have
a clean record as well
as a compassionate
attitude. Will be
working around school
schedules and other jobs.
Call 208-733-9277.

GENERAL
Exp. Tree Trimmer
with 3-5 years
experience, 2 years
experience. Paying top
benefits. Call 208-732-6679.

GENERAL
Fire sprinkler, Fitter/
Plumbing apprentice
with growing company
in the Boise area.
Professional demeanor &
image
Keyboarding & Cash
handling exp.
Strong communication
skills.
Flexibility to work
remote locations.
MONEYTREE offers
an attractive compensation
package including monthly
bonus. Full-time position.
Med/Dent/Vision, paid
vacations & holidays,
retirement plan.
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208-538-1109 or
Call 208-280-1595.

GENERAL
Looking for energetic,
positive people who
also enjoy working
with adolescents.
Applicants must be
willing to work nights
& weekends. Application
packet and 3 letters of
reference required. For more
information please
contact:
The Walker Center
934-8461

GENERAL
Nurse needed for
Independent
Contractors in the
Boise area. High
PT in local grocery
stores managing
product displays.
Call 800-759-6246 ext
191 or visit www.ncm.com.
Click Demonstration
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474 E 20 N,
Shoshone, ID. 83352.

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Car rental agent
for evenings &
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hrs/wk. Apply
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Avis Car Rental
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a insurance & have
a clean record as well
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working around school
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also enjoy working
with adolescents.
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Suppose your left-hand opponent opens one of a suit, your partner doubles, and the next player passes. Is there any merit to playing a Herbert Negative (i.e., bidding the next suit) to describe a very weak hand here?

Vicena Corp, Burbury, Pa.

ANSWER: The Austrians, Swedes and Italians have all at times played this method, but I do not approve. You lose a natural bid and get too little in return, to my mind. (If you want a provocative thought, then consider that maybe there is a place for the Herbert Negative. After the doubler hears his partner respond, if the cuebids to show a strong hand, no next-step negatives by responder do make sense!)

Dear Mr. Wolff: If your time permits, please consider this very quick question. At matchpoints with no one vulnerable, in second seat, you hold ♠ K-5-2, ♥ A-Q-5, ♦ A-Q-10-6, ♣ A. What is your bid?

Little by Little, Houston, Texas

ANSWER: Two no-trump is not terrible, but I would open one diamond and make just one slamtry by jumping to four clubs (a slamtry in four clubs with a very good hand) over a major response, and bid three no-trump over a one-no-trump response. This could be silly — for instance, partner might have six small in a major and no points — but equally, opening two no-trump might go wrong in a number of ways. Nothing is perfect in this life, alas!

Dear Mr. Wolff: Playing rubber bridge, my partner opened one spade and I replied three clubs (with a very strong hand and six clubs). My partner then looked at our score sheet and saw we needed only 60 points for game. So he passed with a minimum, but with a good fit for clubs. I made a grand slam. Who was wrong here?

Missed the Boat, Bellingham, Wash.

ANSWER: My view (though there are few true experts in rubber

bridge) is that if two clubs would be game, three clubs is 100 percent forcing. With a club fit, partner should raise to four clubs. What could go wrong with that?

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held queen-10-10th of spades and three points, with a flat hand. Playing in a pairs game with 10-club vulnerable, I heard my left-hand opponent open one club, my partner bid one spade, and the dealer had call two diamonds. Was I wrong to jump to four spades? I thought with five trumpets I was supposed to raise to the four-level.

Bounce Back, Ontario, Calif.

ANSWER: Oh dear! Do not let your partnership's total trumps blind you to common sense. With some extra side-shape, or a hand in the 6-9 range, you might try a leap to four spades, hoping at worst to escape for minus 300. But here you put your neck on the block for no good reason, offering up 500. At favorable vulnerability I might have a little sympathy I might have a little sympathy you; but here, I believe, three spades is enough.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Three brief questions: How much do you need to add a no-trump for penalties? When should you stick it out as responder? And, finally, what is your opinion of defenses to opponents' no-trump that abandon double in a penalty sense, using it, instead, to show a one- or two-suiter?

TyMaran, Wausau, Wis.

ANSWER: Whew! To double a no-trump, have the upper end of their bid and a decent lead but with marginal hands and a long non-suit suit (no good reason, offering up the double for penalties if vulnerable with most balanced hands, however weak or strong — there are worse things than conceding one no-trump doubled. And keep the penalty double if you can, as the rewards exceed the negative aspects.

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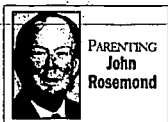
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Dizzy World with toddlers? Are you kidding me?

Q: Our two girls, ages 3 and 2, are very well behaved both at home and in public, so my husband and I decided to treat them to a memorable vacation at Disney World. As soon as we got through the gates, the girls became possessed by demons, and it turned out to be the most nightmarish four days we have ever had. It started in the hotel room when it became clear that instead of swimsuits and towels I should have packed strajackets and duct tape. One night they did not sleep until 2:30 a.m. I do not make threats I cannot follow through with, but I found myself saying things like "We won't go into the park to see Cinderella tomorrow if you don't lie down and go to sleep."



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Needless to say, they still wouldn't sleep, and we weren't about to blow off the tickets. Because the girls were exhausted from not going to bed until midnight, we had tantrums after tantrums. Now, of course, my entire extended family wants to hold a reunion there this coming holiday season. Is there a discipline plan I can put in place now that will prevent another Disney Disaster?

A: This is a joke letter, right? If it's not, then you hereby win one of my coveted Rosemond's Awfully Ludicrous Parenting Honors — a 14-day stay at DizzyWorld with a 3-year-old and a 2-year-old. What were you thinking? And what's this about treating them to a "memorable vacation"? The girls, the older one may retain some vague memories of this psychedelic experience, but the 2-year-old had forgotten it within a week. My recommendation is based on a personal experience: Don't take a child to DizzyWorld until he's at least six, and even then it's the least bit hard to handle in public.

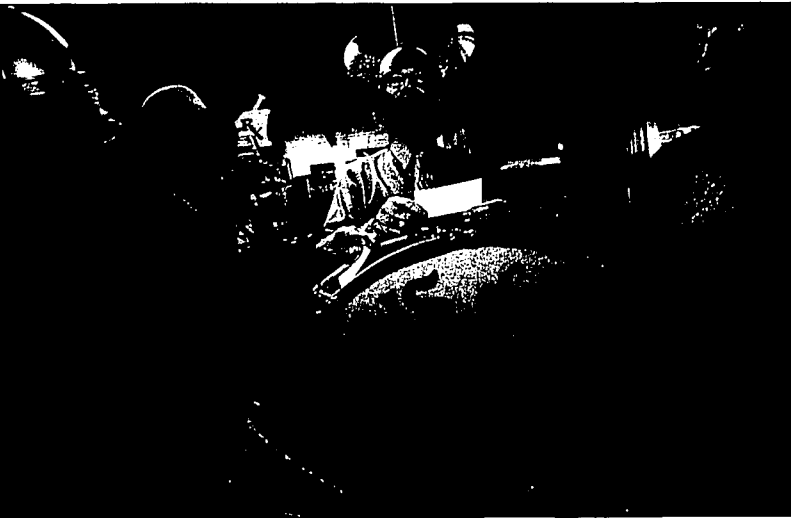
Willie and I didn't take our kids until they were 13 and 8. We had a truly wonderful time, and we all have wonderful memories. In fact, our kids actually came to me this year when they did the Magic Kingdom, where they quickly tired of standing in long lines.

Preparing a child for this rite of passage is a science in and of itself. You need to get the child to stay with you in stores, to not bolt like a Jack Russell Terrier toward the first interesting thing he sees. Then take him to the zoo, maybe even a petting zoo. It gets too excited about petting the animals, leave, wait a week or two, then try again. When he's learned to stay calm at the petting zoo, take him to a small amusement park, one that's no more than an hour's drive from your house and where admission is less than a month's wages. Consider waiting until one of those traveling carnivals comes to town. If he can maintain a reasonable degree of decorum at a carnival, graduate to the state fair.

You got the idea. Start at the bottom of the entertainment chain and work your way up. Starting at the top with two preschool children is, well, nuts. And as for this planned reunion, I'd suggest that you and your children get deeply ill at the last minute. Then when everyone else comes back complaining of how awful their youngsters were, you can say, "Really? When we went last summer, the kids were perfect little darlings! We had a wonderful time!"

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions and general advice may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site, <http://www.johnrosemond.com>

Ya, sure, you betcha



Members of the Sons of Knute, from left, Russ Platz, Don Mays, Tom Snow and Helen Iverson practice singing "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" before heading down to Dunkin's Bar and Grill in Twin Falls to play songs and register their float for the St. Patrick's Day parade. The group, which prides itself on being unorthodox and anti-establishment, was "protesting" actually having to sign up. It is the first year a sign-up was required.

Sons of Knute celebrate Norwegianness

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At Sav-Mor Drug in downtown Twin Falls, pharmacist Dave Nelson regards laughter as being — quite possibly — the world's best medicine. And as a member of the Sons of Knute, he figures he has an endless supply of the priceless commodity.

Sons of what?
"They're a marvelous dose of silliness that's good for all of us," said Nancy Nelson, Dave's sister and clerk at the family owned establishment.

"And it's just for fun," she added. With ethnic ingredients of Norwegian descent, the small brotherhood — *siblingshood*, really — of musicians looks for ways to give its cultural commodity away, particularly where Irish parades are concerned.

This year is no exception. On Thursday, the Sons of Knute will be joining the Irish by wearing the green and entering their specially prepared float — the same one they've been using for the past 15 years — in the city's 19th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

While they love any excuse for a celebratory procession, parading to the beat of a different drum is something they cherish even more.

Hence their disdain to actually sign up for the parade — "on the dotted line." But they did.

With a total membership of "who knows?" — "Two" — "Maybe six or eight" — "I'm not sure," the band will be traveling a familiar route, back and forth through the center of town, long after Thurs-

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Garrison Kellor on the Sons of Knute

"Oh we had a lovely parade in Lake Wobegon last night. Every last Norwegian was there with an appetite. We don't much like each other and yet we reunite at the Sons of Knute Christmas dance and dinner."

"There was knackebrod and herring, and old Norwegian cheese strong enough to knock a bachelor farmer to his knees. And Swenson brought an aquavit that tastes like antihreeze, You have a glass and you cannot feel your tonsils."

"There was Clarence Peterson and Hjalmar Peterson and Esther Peterson and Lois Peterson and Carl Peterson and Evelyn Peterson and Pato Peterson he was there too."

"And then out came the main dish that everybody wants. The bowls of shining lutefisk, the fish do resistance, From a family recipe of Johnny Johnson's aunts With the white sauce that can send you straight to heaven."

"And meatballs made of pork and beef lightly browned And boiled old potatoes, about a hundred pounds, And everyone was silent as the platters went around There was no sound except for people chewing."

"There was Clarence Olsson and Hjalmar Olsson and Gladys Olsson and Lois Olsson and Carl Olsson and Carolyn Olsson and Ole Olsson he was there too."

"I sat next to Hjalmar Peterson, now there's a tough old bird. We sat and chewed our dinner and we didn't say a word. Cause everything we have to say, we've already heard So what's the use of pointless conversation."

"We had a quart of whiskey and And everyone drank faster as we watched it disappear. Then Swenson got out the aquavit and everybody cheered! We drank a toast to the King and Queen of Norway."

"There was Clarence Larson and Hjalmar Larson and Gladys Larson and Lois Larson and Carl Larson and Judy Larson and Lars Larson he was there too."

"I raised my hands for silence and then I tol't a joke! About Ole and Lena, one not meant for decent folk! And Pator Jonsson laughed so hard I thought he'd have a stroke. And he blew some topkock out his nostrils."

"And then we moved the tables and we woke up the band, I danced with all the pretty girls, I took em by the hand, There's nothing warms an old man's fidget like a sweet young woman car!"

"There was Christina Larson and Christina Swenson and Christina Peterson and Christina Johnson, and then"



Garrison Kellor

my wife said "That's enough for you."

"Then at two o'clock in the morning we finally swept all the trash away And put on our overcoats and said a last adieu."

"We said goodbye in the hallway and said goodbye on the stairs And said goodbye on the sidewalk in the cold December air."

"Then we leaned against the car, and said goodbye out there."

"And we headed home to have an Alka Seltzer."

"And the next day when we woke up, we were sick in bed."

"Our stomachs were kind of rocky and there was hammering in our heads But that evening we felt better. My kid we sat up and said, 'Boy, that was a heck of a Christmas party.'"

"There were Petersons and Andersens and Christensons and Olssons And Larsons and Rasmussens and I believe that you was there too."

Source: Garrison Kellor, "Peculiar Home Companion," Dec. 20, 2003; Minnesota Public Radio

Creating ties that bond: How to develop lasting relationships

Etc...

- Don't keep strict tabs on what you have done for the other person, and what the other person should be doing for you in exchange. For true kin, this will all work out over the life of the relationship. (And don't let resentments fester).
- Build a history. Holidays. Vacations. Meals during the week. Quantity of time together can help form bonds. Be there for the tough times, the inconvenient pick-ups at the airport, as well as the celebrations.
- Talk directly with your friends about whether the relationship could be long term and what you might expect of each other. But wait until you have clocked in some time together.
- Think twice before moving.

Source: Sam Jones Mercury News

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Beach Williams

VIEW FROM ABOVE By Alan P. Olschewski, Huntington Beach, California

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Star in Gemini is more than it appears

Look high overhead around 9 p.m. this week, and you'll see three bright objects. The brightest is Saturn, shining a steady golden yellow. Highest and next in brightness are the twin stars of Gemini. The farther of the two from Saturn is Castor, but there's more here than meets the eye.

By 1885, telescopes had revealed that Castor is actually two stars nestled very close together, called Castor A and Castor B. While a number of binary stars had already been discovered, each was merely a chance alignment of stars at different distances, known as an optical binary. This was the first visual binary, whose stars orbit around a common center every 457 days.

Through even a modest amateur telescope the two stars form a pretty blue-white pair. Castor A is slightly brighter. Off to the side sits a much fainter orange star, a third member of the system called Castor C.

Its orbit carries it around the A-B pair once in 10 millennia. It



SKY WATCHER Chris Anderson

days, and C's in only 20 hours. But even the largest telescopes reveal all six stars at separate points of light.

The visible stars' double natures are revealed by spectroscopy, whereby starlight is sifted into its component colors.

As each close pair whirls about like waltzing couples on a dance floor, one member approaches us while the other recedes. Consequently, the light of one is Doppler-shifted toward blue while the other shifts toward red. Within their combined light, the colors are seen to slide back and forth across the spectrum.

Finally, Castor C's stars orbit edge on, so they occasionally partially block out each other's light. Thus what the unaided eye sees as a single star is actually a pair of stars.

Castor C, comprising three spectroscopic binaries, one of which is an eclipsing binary.

Next week: The sun's ultimate fate.

Put in more effort for quality, Cancer

IF MARCH 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: In the year ahead you might shut one door and open another, but the result is a completely new and exciting chapter in your life. Transformation is the keyword, and, as new ambitions replace old, you may need to work harder than ever to reach your goal. Although you could experience minor setbacks in May, by August and September wonderful opportunities could put you back on the puzzle together for you and everything will fall in place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Others will mirror your attitude for serene relationships by extending an olive branch and being generous to the nth degree. It's a better time to make repairs than start new projects.

TALISMAN (Apr. 20-May 20): Be a "Steady Freddy" and take your time. Others could be obsessed with getting ahead to their disadvantage but your good taste and sense of decorum can preserve your reputation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Outwit opponents by offering sincerity and avoiding glib. By

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

remaining calm in the face of any storm, you can avoid being swept into any temporarily difficult situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Trust your own instincts when it comes to decisions about your home and estate. Make an effort to create pleasant and harmonious surroundings and don't be afraid to spend extra for quality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be led by an inspiring example. Don't give in to coercion or act against your own best interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Accept the inevitable. Perfect understanding with a special someone can infuse your year with a rosy glow. Take others at their word and don't try to outfox anyone with subtle strategies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It could be a lucky day to head out on a shopping expedition: Your good taste is at a high point. Ask

for favors, as others will be delighted to give you a second chance on a new ride.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Fight off the urge to manipulate situations, as things will work out to your best advantage if you simply leave well enough alone.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take what comes. Let things unfold naturally and go with the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be up front and forthright. Generosity is in the air, so it isn't necessary to wheel and deal where money is concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Extensive improvements on all levels are possible if you maintain a positive outlook and avoid becoming obsessed with any single idea.

How, why, and where dogs drink water

When my 14-year-old son, Leo, asked me, the 25-year-old veterinarian, how dogs drink, I stumbled through a half-baked answer. Not wanting to be stumped by my own son, I went on a quest to find a better answer to this inoperable.



THE BOND Myster Barky

We all know a dog laps water with its tongue, but how? I first consulted American Veterinary Medical Association president, Bernice Beaver, who says in her book, "Canine Behavior." The tongue is curled backward and serves as a ladder to lift the water into the mouth. Because the curl is almost flat across instead of cup-shaped, much of the water spills out from the sides before the dog can get it into the mouth. About half is lost."

"A dog's tongue curls down and back in a sort of flat-shape and the liquid pulls the water up and it falls into the floor of his mouth," explains Stan Coren, Professor of Psychology at the University of British Columbia and author of "How Dogs Think."

"How quickly a dog can drink depends on the size of its tongue," Coren continued. "A medium size dog (20 inches at the shoulder) can drink a cup of water in about 15 seconds."

How often a dog drinks depends on its activity level and the availability of water. Given a choice they prefer to drink small amounts frequently rather than large amounts all at once. On average, a dog drinks approximately nine times a day according to Beaver in "Canine Behavior."

How much a dog drinks depends on the size of the pet, the ambient temperature and their activity level. The average water intake is 40 ml/kg/day (about 3 cups for every 15 pounds of body weight) so a 45-pound dog would drink about a pint of water per day under average conditions. Depending on whether or not a pet eats kibble or dry food up to 50% of the pet's daily water consumption can come from its food according to Iolan Tripp of www.AnimalBehavior.net.

"When outdoors you don't want a dog drinking from puddles in the street," says Coren, "because some cars leak radiator fluid or drizzle oil and both antifreeze and petroleum products are bad for puddles."

In the end, water from the worst toilet is probably cleaner and safer than water from a stagnant puddle, pond or lake where dozens of dogs have eliminated, and bacteria and algae are like noxious synchronized swimmers.

In my quest I found that dog tongues are more multifunctional than a deluxe Swiss Army Knife. Besides lapping up water, they are lolling regulators who showcase the pace of the lungs. And they cool down a hot dog by evaporating half the water that has been standing for several hours in their bowls."

Tripp expands on the "fresh" and "cool" theory. "Toilets may satisfy some instinct to choose moving (or recently moved) water because of increased dog generation and moving water in nature breaks up yeast and molds that collect in stagnant water resulting in a 'fresh stream' taste of moving water."

Also, the larger surface area may cause more cooling due to evaporation. Humans don't like water that's warm, stale and in a dirty container. Neither do pets.

"The bathroom is probably the coolest water in the house, the water in the toilet probably gets changed more often than the water in their bowls, and porcelain bathing is a nice goblet that doesn't alter the taste of water like metal or old plastic bowls may," according to "The Secret Lives of Dogs" by Jana Murphy.

Experts still recommend that pets be encouraged to "toilet" (to drink) since toilets can contain harmful chemicals and other unmentionables—and instead utilize a pet drinking fountain (I like the Petmate FreshFlow fountain) or visit www.petmate.com. Pet fountains meet the pet-potty-drinker's goals of cool, fresh, tasty water, but have filters that remove the hair and dust that collects on water in a bowl left on the floor all day, and the movement aerates the water, and increases evaporation that cools the water.

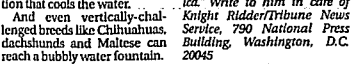
And, even vertically-challenged breeds like Chihuahuas, dachshunds and Maltese can reach a bubbly water fountain.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian, Bob Beck, is the co-author of the book "Children Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him at BobBeck@Tribune.com, Skagit, 750 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045

Grandma targets bearer of bad news

DEAR ABBY: My nephew was recently arrested. It's the fourth time I know of that he's been arrested for various things—there may have been more.

He is a 25-year-old, single, white male, 5'10" tall, with blue eyes and brown hair. He was arrested at \$500. He asked his parents for the money. They refused because they hoped the time he spent in jail would teach him a lesson.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

Finally, he called his grandparents (my parents). He told them he was in jail because his girlfriend (with whom he has two kids, 8 years old and 8 months old) had accused him of aggravated assault. They dislike her, so they believed him.

I learned the real reason for his arrest when I called the jail. It wasn't assault. It was two counts of driving without a license, and two counts of failing to appear in court. When I approached my mother about this, she got mad at him and now she's going to sue me. Was I right to let her know her grandson was trying to use her again, or do I owe her an apology?

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old graduate student who is working on my Ph.D. in genetics at a large, well-respected university. My great-uncle and I are arguing over the use of "doctor" in the non-academic world.

I say that I'll be allowed to call myself "Doctor Jones" when I graduate, having gone through a great deal of effort to gain that title. She disagrees, and insists that only medical doctors are allowed to call themselves "doctor." Who is right? All of my professors use "doctor" in all situations, regardless of whether they have an M.D. or Ph.D.

Next week: The sun's ultimate fate.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years and have two children. I come from a humble background. My husband's family is very wealthy. I try to be as nice to them as I can, but his mother, sister and brother treat us like we don't exist.

If we are invited for a family get-together they don't speak to either of us. If they have some-

thing to communicate, they talk around us.

How should I deal with this? They act as if we are not their family. It breaks my heart to see them be mean to my children. They seem to think that money is everything.

I think my husband's mother and sister may be the problem. I can't continue to let them walk all over me. Please give me some insight. I have no one to talk to.

—ON THE OUTSIDE
IN INTENDING TO KAY
DEAR ON THE OUTSIDE: It would have been helpful if you had been able to explain why your husband's family has been so cold and unwelcoming.

It is a sad reason. If they have not accepted you after 18

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ENGAGEMENTS

AUTH-BARGA

BOISE — Rebecca Elizabeth Auth and Andrew Joseph Barga, both of Boise, announce their engagement.

Auth is the daughter of Phil and Suzanne Auth of Berges. She graduated from Filles High School and Jesuit University of San Francisco with a bachelor of science/bachelor of arts in business administration and business marketing. She is employed at the Plaza Suite Hotel in Boise as event coordinator, marketing and sales.

Barga is the son of Dan and Rosemary Barga of Twin Falls. He graduated from Filles High School and Mount Angel Seminary College in St. Benedict, Ore., with a bachelor of arts in philosophy, religious studies and literature.

MERRILL-ANDERSON

PAUL — Gary and Lori Merrill of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Ann Merrill, to Beau Anderson, son of Burton and Carol Anderson of Burley.

Merrill is a 2004 graduate of Minico High School and is attending the Academy of Professional Careers in Boise. She is employed in the floral department at Albertsons.

Anderson is a 2002 graduate of the American Heritage Academy. He is currently employed at Handy Truck Line Inc. in Meridian.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 19, at P River

OTTOMAN-SMITH

HAZELTON — Gary and Terri Ottoman of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Alisha Ottoman, to Zachary Smith, son of Brad Smith and Joanna Erickson, both of Burley.

Ottoman is a graduate of Minico High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, where she will graduate in May with a degree as a registered nurse.

Smith is also a graduate of Minico High School and is attending CSU in Idaho with a bachelor's degree. He is employed at J & L Electric in Burley.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the

PETERSEN-RIGBY

GOODING — Devin and Raelyn Rigby of Gooding announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Rigby, to Kristin Petersen, daughter of Dee and Marilyn Petersen of Firth.

Petersen is a 2003 graduate of Firth High School. She is currently working at Gooding Rehab and Living as a certified nursing assistant and is attending the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Rigby is a 2001 graduate of Gooding High School. He served an LDS mission to the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Mission. He is currently working for G2B Concrete Pumping and is attending CSI in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for

PICKLESIMER-COLLINS

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. John Picklesimer of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sondra M. Picklesimer, to Seth E. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Collins of Twin Falls.

Picklesimer is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Taylor, Taylor, and Pitts Law Offices.

Collins is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is currently employed at Wells Fargo and Company.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Bethel Temple Church. A reception will

More couples ask friends to officiate

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Meredith Whitley had attended elaborate weddings where the clergy forgot the couples' names.

She and her fiancé at the time, Ashton, planned a more intimate affair.

But neither of them being particularly religious, they were cool to the idea of being married by a minister. And a justice of the peace seemed too cold and impersonal.

Fort Worth couple asked Whitley's older brother, Wade Wilson, to become ordained on the Internet and perform their 2003 wedding nuptials.

"I was exactly what we wanted," said Whitley, a 24-year-old property manager. Adding personal touches to a



Rebecca Auth and Andrew Barga.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Boise. A dinner and dance will be held following the ceremony.



Melissa Merrill and Beau Anderson.

The couple will reside in Boise.



Alisha Ottoman and Zachary Smith.

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Matthew Rigby and Kristin Petersen.

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Seth Collins and Sondra Picklesimer.

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wedding is nothing new. But these days, more couples are forgoing tradition and asking friends, parents and relatives to officiate at their ceremonies.

Getting ordained on the Internet is fast, cheap and legal.

At a chapel in Hurst, Texas, as many as 20 percent of the weddings are performed by friends or relatives.

At a Fort Worth chapel, an employee said many couples are inquiring about such weddings.

On Web sites dedicated to planning weddings, such as www.theknot.com, future brides chat about the option.

"It's sentimental, unique and personal," said Cynthia Hornblower, executive editor of "Brides" magazine, based in New York. "And that's what people want nowadays."

THE BEAVERS

PAUL — Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Beaver of Paul celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 11.

Beaver and Jacqueline "Jackie" Slater met through the Methodist Youth Fellowship in 1952 on a hay-ride. The couple was married on March 11, 1954, at the First Methodist Church in Burley. He attended Idaho State University Trade School in Pocatello, was a member of the Burley National Guard and worked for Kieffer Concrete of Paul for a period of time while helping on the family farm. He took over the farm in 1967 when his father became ill and passed away. She attended Twin Falls Business College and worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for a short while until children and farming became her livelihood.

The couple was involved as active leaders of 4-H for 25 years and Grange members for 25 years. He is active in many farm organizations. She belonged to several homemaking organiza-



Delmas and Jackie Beaver.

THE GANDIAGAS

CASTLEFORD — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gandiaga celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 19 with their family while vacationing on the Grand Turk/Calcos Island.

Gandiaga and Beverly Reeves were married Feb. 19, 1955, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Boise. They have resided in Castleford since their marriage. He farmed for a number of years. He later sold farm machinery



Henry and Beverly Gandiaga.

THE ESTERBROOKS

GOODING — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Esterbrook of Gooding recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A family celebration was held in January on a Baja, Mexico, cruise.

Esterbrook and Lillian Russell were married March 11, 1955, at the First Christian Church in Gooding.

They have lived in Gooding

Coping with body-image issues

Do I look fat? Body-image issues are common for girls. Some tips from Parenting magazine for what to do if your child starts to worry about her weight:

• Probe a little. Sometimes girls say they dislike their bodies when they're actually trying to express anxiety about the changes of puberty. By saying, "What don't you like about it?" or "You do? Why's that?" you can get to the heart of the issue.

• Don't dismiss her concerns. Even if her comments seem to be unreasonable. Listen. Then tell her why you think she's just right as she is.

• Stress health, not weight. If she wants to diet, offer to speed-walk or ice-sate with her instead. Don't involve the scale. Stress that exercise is a good way to take care of your body.

• Check your message. Do you often say you feel fat or wish you wore a smaller size? Remember what a powerful role model you are to her.

When I was little ... Did you used to think the weather man had a machine that controlled the weather? That sheep shrank when it rained? That you could grow up to invent Color No. 65 for Camels?

You're not alone. Check out UsedToBelieve.com to read adults' confessions of all sorts of silly things they once

ANNIVERSARIES



Delmas and Jackie Beaver.

as well as being an active member of Crime Stoppers for many years. They were both members of the Rupert Elks for more than 30 years.

Their children are Gary (Bene) Weaver of Heyburn, Laurie (Bade) Fessenden of Rupert and Connie (Dave) Stansbury of Heyburn.

They have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The couple has requested no gifts or parties, so their children will honor them with a small private dinner.



Henry and Beverly Gandiaga.

and then went to work as a field man for Idaho Frozen Foods which later became Con Agr. He retired in 1995. She worked as a teacher in Buhl for three years and then transferred to Castleford, where she worked for 21 years before retiring in 1993.

They have been longtime members of the Clear Lake Country Club.

Their children include Gina their eldest child who died in 1959, Greg (Carol) Gandiaga, Phil Gandiaga and Laurie (Doug) Howard. They have four grandsons.



Lillian and Bob Esterbrook.

since their marriage. They have farmed in Gooding for many years.

They have been active in several clubs and organizations ... The event was hosted by their children, Jana (Rick) Peyton of Hulse, Calif., and Scott Esterbrook (Ione Kaylor) of Gooding.

The couple has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Clarence and Sylvia Newwert.

THE NEWERTS RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 10. They were honored at a family dinner at Iaker's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Newert and Sylvia Bowen were married Feb. 10, 1955, in Elko, Nev.

They have lived in the Heyburn and Rupert area all their married lives. He farmed for a



Audrey and Daniel Newerth.

THE NEWERTHS

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Newerth of Rupert will be honored at an open house Saturday, March 19, for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St. Rupert.

Newerth and Audrey Rojean Lee were married Jan. 30, 1955, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

They have lived in Rupert for 50 years. He worked at Kraft for 31 years. She worked at Idaho First National Bank, Minidoka County Courthouse and Minidoka County School Dis-

Knute

Continued from E1 on every plate and by serving it up with 24-hour accordion music in city parks throughout the world, Dave Nelson said.

The Sons of Knute grew out of the fertile imagination of radio humorist Garrison Kellor, who installed the SOK as a fictive fixture of his own Lake Wobegon, Minn. Food, drink and music brought the local group together during a church social featuring Norwegian food at Twin Falls' Our Savior Lutheran Church.

In line with Kellor's ability to charm audiences with his goings-on about Lake Wobegon's strong women, good-looking men, and above-average children, the local SOK chapter remains a devoted wannabe.

And on St. Patrick's day, it plans to bring live music to downtown in celebration of the Irishness in all.

"We're all a little Irish — we all have the little twinkle of the Irish eye," Dave Nelson said.

Local SOK members include teachers, pharmacists, farmers and others. The group as a

whole could be used as a study in contrast," Dave Nelson added.

Earlier this month, the Southern Idaho Lutheran Teachers showed the SOK their appreciation for musical serv-

ing by presenting them a check for \$100.

The Sons gave it right back — to be used for the students at Immanuel Lutheran School to enhance the school's youth program, according to Snow.

So with Helen Iverson-Metzger at the piano, Dave Nelson and Roger Juntunen playing the trombones, Pussell Pletz on the bass drum and Snow in full charge of the snare drum and sound effects, SOK's local Grand Oh-Va, Dale Metzger, inducted the group of ladies into honorary membership.

"They're just a fun group of people that add a humorous aspect to community," Helen Iverson-Metzger said.

Time-News writer Lorita Burkhardt can be reached at 735-3243, or write to her at lburkhar@magvalley.com.

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ellyca Josefina Martinez, daughter of Julie Mac Smalley and Nick Luis Martinez of Buhl, was born Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005.

Evie Lee McMullen, daughter of Christina Marie Behunin and Bradford Lee McMullen of Hansen, was born Monday, Feb. 28, 2005.

Burley Cecil Dayley, son of Andrea Beth and Travis Larry Dayley of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

Kennadee Paige Eldredge, daughter of Maria Jeanette and Russell Lee Eldredge of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

Vincent Lemieux, son of Tanja F and Benoit J. Lemieux of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 2, 2005.

Mason Luke Bothof, son of Abbe Elaine and Daric James Bothof of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Grace Ann Brooks, daughter of Isabelle Marie and Mitchell Wayne Brooks II of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Marina Shae Kiser, daughter of Laura Spier and Gunnar J. Kiser of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Kalla Ann Bench, daughter of Julie Ann and Justin R.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: **Jami Whited**, The Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. **More information?** Call Jami at 735-3278

and Jason Delmar Knapp of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 5, 2005.

Camaya Shaye Becker, daughter of Kirsten Jo Becker of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 10, 2005.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Isabella Sonja Hattup, daughter of Claudia and Michael Hattup of Ketchum, was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Thomas Lee Miles Wallin, son of Rachel and Josh Wallin of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 11, 2005.

Maxwell Arthur Haycock, son of James and Angela Haycock of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005.

Porter Alan Gull, son of John and Tosha Gull of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.

Other

Eleanor Anne Wright, daughter of Julie Ann and Kevin Jonathan Wright of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 7, 2005.

The Gooding Grange members raise a memorial flag at the Gooding County Courthouse in honor of Capt. Alan Rowe, who died in Iraq in 2004.



Photo courtesy of SHARL ROWE PAULS

Flag honors fallen Marine

GOODING - The Gooding Grange presented a flag in the memory of Capt. Alan Blake Rowe to Gooding County, and it was raised on Valentine's Day for the first time in the presence of friends and county employees.

Rowe, 35, of Hagerman was killed in September 2004 when a bomb went off as he returned from inspecting a bridge.

The flag, titled "Lest They Be Forgotten," is placed in the hometowns of soldiers killed in the war in Iraq, reported Rowe's

slister, Diana Rowe Pauls of Gooding.

Rowe graduated in 1986 from Gooding High School and left for boot camp in October 1986. In 1990, he served in Desert Storm. Upon his return, he moved to Gooding while attending classes at the College of Southern Idaho. He and his wife, Dawn, purchased a home in Hagerman. He completed his associate's degree in political science at CSI and a bachelor's degree in political science from BSU.

After his education was completed, Rowe returned to the Marine Corps. He went back to Iraq two more times before his fourth and final deployment in late August 2004. Pauls reported, Rowe had only been Iraq a few days when he was killed. He is buried in Fairfield at the base of Soldier Mountain.

For more information about Rowe, visit <http://capt-alan-blake-rowe.tripod.com>. For more information about the HomeTown Memorial Project, visit <http://www.letstheybefor->

Optimist receives recognition for program

TWIN FALLS - Krista Volk of the Twin Falls Optimist Club received the Zone 12 Optimist of the Quarter award.

Zone 12 includes Optimist clubs in the Jerome, Wendell and Twin Falls.

Volk earned the honor for her efforts on the Childhood Cancer Campaign established to help any child in the Magic Valley fighting cancer and their families, the Optimist Club members reported. She spearheaded fund-raising and set up programs for the children.

Volk, the campaign chairman, has a Wine Tasting Party set for March 23 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls, sponsored by Carmela Winery.

The Optimist Club, Girl Scouts and Childhood Cancer Campaign are hosting a June 11 fishing trip to Dierkes Lake.

Also this summer, the Childhood Cancer Campaign and Magic Valley Speedy will host a free day of racing for children suffering from cancer and families, including rides with drivers and visits to the pits.



Photo courtesy of DONNA BORNH

Krista Volk receives the Zone 12 Optimist of the Quarter award from Brent Volk, Twin Falls Club president. Lt. Governor Bobby Coleman of the Wendell club presented the award for the Pacific Northwest District.

RELAY FOR LIFE SALE

Mariyco Tuma watches as Lori Johnson demonstrates how the "casserole carrier" is used. Johnson is the team captain for the Relay for Life for Idaho Home Health and Hospice. The casserole carrier is among many varieties of other home-made items for sale to raise money for the Relay for Life which will be held June 10-11 on the Rupert Square. For each item sold, \$5 goes towards Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. The items are on display at the Idaho Home Health and Hospice Office, 418 Onida St. in Rupert. For more information, call the office at 436-5855 or Johnson at 431-0212.



Photo courtesy of LORI JOHNSON

ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



Photo by TREA TEEAN for The Times-News

The Rupert Elks held a drug awareness essay contest for sixth-graders at West-Minico-Middle-School and seventh-graders at East Minico Middle School. From left are Exalted Ruler Chris Motley, with winners Sarah Anderson, third; Makayla Steker, second; and Jessy Gallatin, first, all of West Minico; Sarah Somson-Fowler, third; Michael Deffillips, second; and Alex Hunsaker, third, all of East Minico; with Dale Hollinger, chairman of the Rupert Elks Drug Awareness Committee.

Singing Janitor presents fund-raising concert

RUPERT - A fund-raising concert presented by Thom Simpson, the Singing Janitor, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium of Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert.

Proceeds will be donated to the 2005 Rupert Fourth of July fireworks.

There will be giveaways, including movie passes, car washes, gift cards and more. A \$5 donation will pay admission and two chances in the prize drawings and a \$10 donation will pay admission and four tickets for the drawings.

The event will also include a tribute song to the armed forces.

AARP meeting hears from extension educator

BURLEY - Joan Parr will be guest speaker at the Mini-Casalia American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Golden

Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave.

Parr recently completed 34 years of service as Cassia County educator with University of Idaho Extension Service. She is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University. Her topic is "It's Your Money."

Dick Meamber is chapter president. All interested people are invited.

Kimberly Public Library adds books to shelves

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books to its shelves:

- "Adult Fiction: 'Survivor in Death'" by J. D. Robb.
- "The Goodbye Summer" by Patricia Gaffney.
- "Forest of the Night" by James W. Hall.
- "Second Glance" by Jodi Picoult.
- "The Foxes" by Elizabeth Lowell.
- "Dangerous Games" by Michael Prescott.
- "The Reson" by Randy Little.
- "Bait" by Karen Roberts.
- "Puppet" by Joy Fielding.
- "Chainsaw" by Tony Goodkind.

"Love Overboard" by Janet Evanovich.

"From the Heart" and "O'Hurley's Return" by Nora Roberts.

"The Real Mother" by Judith Michael.

"Dragonsblood" by Todd McCall.

"Alone" by Lisa Gardner.

"Midnight Flight" by V. C. Andrews.

"Prodigal Son" by Dean R. Koontz.

"Dead Irish" by John T. Lescaort.

"Conviction" by Richard North Patterson.

"Six Book Texas Series" by Debbie Macomber.

"Cat's Eyewitness" by Rita Mae and Sneaky Pie Brown.

"Suspect" by Michael Robotham.

"Deceit" by Jasmine Crewsell.

"Nowhere To Run" by Mary Jane Clark.

Jerome Optimist Club seeks donations

HEROUME - The Jerome Optimist Club is in need of donations for the 11th annual funny money carnival and auction April 23.

Donations of any kind, size, shape or value are needed for

Home-schooled seniors invited to send in photos

TWIN FALLS - The Lee Community Parade on Friday will include The Times-News, North Side News, Lincoln County Journal, Gooding County Leader and Wood River Journal, will recognize 2005 seniors by printing their photos.

Any home-schooled student or student attending a private school not contacted by the newspapers is invited to send in their photo to include in the publication of 2005 senior photos.

The deadline is April 11.

E-mail the photo (in a jpeg format), along with name and contact phone number to patm@magicvalley.com, or mail to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548. For more information, call Pat Marraantonio at 735-3288.

Seaman serves on USS Harry S. Truman

NAVY Seaman Jose L. Cortes, son of Maria J. Gonzalez-Cortes and Salvador C. Sells of Elko, Nev., is participating in a rou-

line scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Cortes and more than 7,600 of his fellow shipmates of the Truman Carrier Strike Group,

will be supporting of the troops fighting in the war in Iraq.

Cortes is a 2002 graduate of Elko High School of Elko, Nev., and joined the Navy in January 2003.

SERVICE NEWS

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club holds dance

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club is having a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall.

Advanced dancers are at 8:30 p.m. Those with last names F through Z should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Vera Young at 734-4647 or Betty Rice at 536-2243.

Buhl High School holds auditions for play

BUHL - Buhl High School and the West End Theatre Company are holding auditions for the spring musical, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."

Auditions will be held at 6

Brain injury support group meetings continue

TWIN FALLS - Monthly meetings for people who have had a brain injury or for any family, friends or caregivers effected by a brain injury will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting Thursday in the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Education Building, 588 S. Addison Ave. W.

Dr. K. Chad Wiggins of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will speak on medical issues and medications relating to brain injury.

For more information, call 737-2126.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

adults and children. Monetary donations are welcome as well.

For more information or to donate, call co-vic president Sherri Mitchell at 308-3264.

AARP driver safety schedule announced

BUHL - The American Association of Retired Persons is continuing its driver safety course at several locations this month.

Buhl: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Buhl High School, 213 N. Broadway. Call Charlie at 733-9680.

Twin Falls: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 28-29 at the Office on Aging, 958 Washington St. N. Call Charlie at 733-9680.

Burley: 8 a.m. to noon March 30-31 at the Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. Call Rollo at 678-1855.

The cost is \$10. Students must attend both sessions to receive a certificate of completion.

The class is for anyone age 50 or older. Students do not have

to be AARP members and no driving is involved. Insurance discounts are available to anyone age 65 or older. Pre-registration is required.

Buhl High School holds auditions for play

BUHL - Buhl High School and the West End Theatre Company are holding auditions for the spring musical, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."

Auditions will be held at 6

p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Buhl Middle School auditorium, 217 Seventh N. Actors should bring a prepared song and monologue. Non-singing parts are available.

Community members are welcome to audition.

For more information or to reserve an audition time, call Mr. Blazekiewicz or Mrs. Schuth at 543-6292.

Confronting the costs of an aging population

Social Security marks only start of debate

The Washington Post

President Bush's prescriptions for Social Security are likely to vault that issue to the front of the national agenda. But Social Security's financial problems are a relatively small silver of the far larger challenges posed by an aging population, economists say.

From untamed health care programs to military pensions, housing and heating assistance to coal-miners' benefits, programs that the elderly have proliferated and grown more generous, even in the face of an aging trend that demographers have long seen coming. In that light, the fight over Social Security marks the beginning of a national debate over the cost of a graying society—and the inevitable reallocation of resources that is sure to produce winners and losers in the United States and around the world.

"The question is whether we can support the elderly with a decent standard of living without imposing a crushing burden on the young," said Richard Jackson, director of the global aging initiative at the Center for Strategic & International Studies. "Whether we can is a real conundrum."

In just 10 years, spending on the elderly will total nearly \$1.8 trillion, almost half the federal budget, according to new Brookings Institution and Congressional Budget Office projections. That is up from 29 percent in 1990 and 35 percent in 2000.

The bulk of that growth is attributed to the federal government's two largest health care programs, Medicare and Medicaid. Their combined costs are projected to more than double, to a combined total of \$1.2 trillion in 2015 from \$725 billion last year. Social Security spending is expected to rise to \$888 billion from \$492 billion in that span.

To straighten out Social Security's financial problems, Bush will probably cut promised benefits for future retirees and divert up to a third of Social Security taxes to private investment accounts for Medicare. The House expects the investment gains in those accounts to mitigate—if not erase—the cuts in guaranteed benefits.

Bush has offered no plan to slow the sharper growth in federal health care spending beyond his hope that the prescription drug benefit he proposed for Medicare will cut down on costly hospitalizations and surgeries.

Other countries are not likely to help foot the bill for the United States' aging population as they currently do with the U.S. trade and budget deficits. The populations of Japan, Germany and other countries that have large pools of savings are aging, but not as fast as the United States, and as they do, retirees will start to spend their nest eggs, sapping the capital that now helps drive business expansion and rising living standards worldwide, including in the United States.

China, because of its one-child policy, will face a demographic crisis of its own, and India, though growing fast, cannot hope to accumulate enough capital to help, international economists say.

No challenge "is as certain as

global aging," said the Center for Strategic & International Studies in another recent study, "and none is as likely to have as large and enduring a cost"—on the size of the state of Germany's budget, on the future growth in living standards, and on the stability of the global economy and even the world order.

Some economists and interest groups say such fears are overblown. The real problem, they say, lies not so much in demography but in a health care system that is too expensive and least efficient. The cost of Bush's Medicare prescription drug benefit alone—\$81 billion in 75 years—dwarfs the \$37 billion estimated shortfall in Social Security in that stretch.

Get control of federal health care costs—through better use of technology and better management of chronic illnesses and disabilities—and the problem of an aging population will look a lot less intractable, said John Rother, policy director at AARP, an advocacy group for retirees and near-retirees.

Europe and Japan have already entered the demographic crunch that American policymakers fear. Rother said. "We have witnessed economic growth in those countries has slowed, standards of living have remained high. If the U.S. economy could better harness the strength of an older workforce, through job creation and volunteerism, he said, some of the anticipated economic impact of a growing pool of retirees could be mitigated.

Some technological progress will continue to make workers more productive, even as their numbers diminish relative to retirees, said Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research.

"Previous generations had sacrificed to build our infrastructure, to invest in technologies that help current and future workers. Baker said. "If they're paying a larger amount of taxes to help their parents, I don't see where the harm has been done."

But such arguments are held by a minority. Many liberals, such as Isabel V. Sawhill, director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution, say the what-me-worries position of some Democrats in Congress could prove self-defeating. If Democrats stand resolutely by programs that age the elderly and anti-poverty programs will end up being squeezed.

Richard Kogan, a budget analyst at the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, agreed. "It's big enough that you can't wish it away."

The Congressional Budget Office estimated five years ago that total spending on the elderly would grow from 13.5 percent of the budget—by 2010 from \$615 billion—or 35 percent of the federal budget—in 2000. By 2010, spending on the elderly will consume nearly half the federal budget, through Medicare and Medicaid, pensions for federal workers and military retirees, veterans' health care, and pensions, cost of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, heating and housing assistance, and other programs for the elderly, according to the Brookings Institution.

base, according to AARP.

The Home Depot/AARP hiring partnership sought to retain eligible older workers as part-and-full-time associates. It received thousands of inquiries from people interested in employment, prompting the program's expansion, Novelli said.

"We believe that passion never retires," said Bob Nordell, Home Depot's chairman and chief executive. "We have been tremendously impressed with the excellent knowledge and character of the associates we hired during the first year of our partnership."

The companies participating in the program are Adecco, Allied Barton Security Services, Borders Group Inc., Express Personnel Services, Johns Hopkins Health System, Kelly Services, Manpower Inc., MetaLink Inc., Pitney Bowes, Principal Financial Group, Home Depot, Universal Health Services and Walgreens.

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 to seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Barbecue pork ribs, ranch potatoes, carrots, Jell-O salad, bread, dessert
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, green beans, fruit, cookie, French bread
Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, apple salad, bread, dessert
Thursday: Corn beef and cabbage, green vegetables, green Jell-O salad, green cake, bread

Friday: Chicken cordon bleu, vegetables, coleslaw salad, bread, cookie, bowl of fruit

Activities:
Today: M.V. Bridge Club, noon to 5 p.m.

Monday: Quilting Exercise class
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure

Tax alder
Wednesday: Quilting Elks Card Club Exercise class

Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Center pinocle, 1 p.m.

Friday: Lunch bingo Blood pressure
Saturday: Super bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Monday: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m.

Monday: Potato bar, salad, fruit, dessert
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green vegetables, fruit, Jell-O, roll, dessert

Wednesday: Sloppy joe
Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, baked potato, fruit, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50.

Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 8 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.

Jackpot trip, leave center at 3:30 p.m. leave Jackpot at 10 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m.

20-20 pin dinner, noon
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m. \$3

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home to delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Menus:
Tuesday: Sausage patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, fruit
Thursday: Corned beef, boiled potatoes, fruit Jell-O, bread and butter, brownies

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Sweet and sour, pork bits over rice, oriental vegetables, green salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Spaghetti, peas and carrots, fruit salad, zucchini bars, garlic bread
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, peas and pearl onions, pickled beets, peach cobbler
Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, fruit medley, salad, ahmurok cake

Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, fruit salad, bread pudding

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Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Gem Stone Fiddlers, noon
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Thursday: St. Patrick's Day dinner
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Milk, coffee and tea served.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken patties, potato salad, creamed peas, applesauce, Jell-O, brownies
Wednesday: Corn beef and cabbage, parsley potatoes, relish, fry, plastic pudding, bread and butter
Friday: Turkey roll, potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, bread and butter

Activities:
Monday: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Gin rummy, 1 p.m.
Exercise, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: Exercise, 7 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10:30 a.m.
Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, Harvard beets, tossed salad, bread, custard
Tuesday: Malibu chicken, baked potatoes, corn, penny carrot salad, bread, pudding
Wednesday: Smorgasbord

Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, lime Jell-O, rolls, St. Patrick's Day cake

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Potluck at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Massages, 10 a.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.

Pool, 9:30 a.m.
SHIBA, 11 a.m.
Blood pressure, 11 a.m.

Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Tops, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Smorgasbord, noon
Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand and foot, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday: St. Patrick's Day party, noon. Music starts at 5 p.m., dinner of corn beef and cabbage at 6 p.m., dance until 9 p.m., by donation.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-to-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menus:
Monday: Fajita salad, fruit, corn, pea salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, bread, dessert
Friday: Corn beef and cabbage, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, bread, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menus:
Tuesday: Italian sausage, buttered noodles, salad, broccoli, peas, apple
Thursday: Corn beef and

cabbage, potatoes, salad, apricots, cupcakes

Activities:
Wednesday: Bake Day Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Years Senior Citizens, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Tuesday: Ham and beans, fries, potatoes, cole slaw, rice custard, homemade bread
Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, three-bean salad, chocolate cream pie
Friday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, winter mix vegetables, mixed green salad, hot rolls, brownies

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 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: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken ala king over baking potato biscuits, pea salad, fruit cocktail, cinnamon swirl cake
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich, carrot sticks, potato soup, apple pie

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Menus:
Tuesday: Pepper steak over rice, Harvard beets, green salad, biscuits, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Corn beef and cabbage or sliced ham, roasted red potatoes with carrots, corn bread, fry egg salad, banana pudding
Friday: Roast turkey with gravy or fish, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, English peas and onion, stuffing, cranberry jelly-Jell-O, chocolate cake with green frosting

Activities:
Monday: Jackpot trip, 10 a.m. Cost \$11.
Tuesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.

Thursday: SHIBA, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George, 436 to 9107.
Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. call 436-9107 for appointment.
Pinocle, 1 to 4 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7 to 11:30 a.m. adults, \$4.50, children under age 10, \$3.50, family of five, \$20.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Menus:
Monday: Lasagna, bread, vegetables, fruit cocktail, rainbow cake
Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, salad, fresh fruit, power bar
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, strawberry rhubarb crisp
Thursday: Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, green salad, corn

Friday: Cod, fries, roll, fruit, rainbow cake

Activities:
Monday: All-play pool—10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dominoes, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Corn beef and cabbage dinner, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366 to 1531. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non to seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Potluck
Tuesday: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, corn roll
Thursday: Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, pears, Jell-O

Activities:
Monday: Potluck, 6 p.m.
Tax alder, 1 to 4 p.m.
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Party, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Tax alder, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 to 2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non to seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Dominoes, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Woodcarving class, 8 a.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 1 p.m.

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Fred Reed sits behind Elva McCallum for a 'Homeless 20' picture in 1908.



Fred Reed's town

'Child of the desert' opens Burley townsite

Burley is "Fred Reed's town," said a newspaper editor in February 1908. Reed was once described as a person "in the habit of doing things" — a newspaper man, cowboy, promoter, traveler, empire builder, entertainer, prince of good fellows. In short, a character, a man of ideas and of ability. A man who believes in Idaho... who is devoting his... energy to her up-building. "It's not surprising that 'Major' Fred R. Reed was the one chosen to get Burley up and running."

Two factors — the creation of the Minidoka Irrigation Project and the coming of the railroad — led to the building of a town in the lower Goose Creek valley. In November 1902, the federal government created the Minidoka tract, in accordance with terms of the recent Reclamation Act. Surveys were begun on both sides of Snake River and in April 1904, the secretary of the interior allotted \$2.6 million to build a dam, canals, electric power system and pumping plants to get water to land not conducive to gravity irrigation.

Families began settling on project land that summer. In October, railroad bed grading was begun for an 85-mile branch of the Oregon Short Line that would connect the towns of the Twin Falls irrigated tract with the main line at Minidoka. This road — the Minidoka and Southwestern — would run from Minidoka to the Snake River, where a bridge would be built, thence across the Twin Falls tract, ending at Burley. The first mention of what would become Burley appeared in the *Shoshone Journal* of Nov. 18, 1904, when it was an-



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

nounced that a railroad siding would be built at the "town site on the river." In early January 1905, it was confirmed that such a town was to be built on about 640 south-side acres, encompassing the old Jordan ranch.

By early April, John E. Hayes was surveying the new townsite, which lay about a mile southwest of the railway river crossing. Hayes was the same fellow who had laid out Twin Falls at a 45-degree angle.

Two weeks later, articles of incorporation of the Burley Townsite Co. were filed with the secretary of state at Boise. The incorporators were L.B. Perrine of Blue Lakes, Josiah E. Miller of Albion, S.D. Burton of Oakley and William T. Jack of Oakley and S.H. Hays of Boise. Reed was named general agent.

The opening sale of lots was scheduled for May 1. So Reed — known to his friends as "the 'child of the desert'" — got right to work, furnishing, as one observer noted, "the hot air and ink" to give the locale "notoriety." He dubbed Burley the "Ideal City," pointing out that it would surely become the natural depot of supplies for the Minidoka tract, Oakley and Albion, as well as the center of river navigation between Minidoka and Milner dams. Burley — so Reed's advisers claimed — had a pure and abun-



Burley depot in about 1907.



Opening-day drawing for Burley lots, on May 1, 1905.

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Townsite ad from 1905.



D.E. Burley home near Buhl, in about 1907.

dant water supply from a well driven to a depth of about 45 feet. A long-distance phone line was completed, and a telegraph line was being strung from Minidoka. A hack line ran daily to and from Twin Falls, and soon there would be stage connection to Minidoka, Albion and Oakley.

Reed bragged that several business houses had already been constructed just outside the townsite limits that would move into town as soon as lots could be acquired; that an attractive railroad depot would soon be built; also that, before long, a brickyard would be in operation. His only complaint dealt with the "coyote band" comprised of some drunken tent dwellers with great strength of voice, who had gotten into the habit of giving nightly concerts. Although the railroad bridge hadn't been completed, the opening sale came off as scheduled on Monday, May 1, 1905.

Two special trains arrived on the north side of the river that morning carrying prospective buyers from various points in Idaho and Utah, and bringing dining and tourist cars to provide eating and sleeping accommodations. The steam tug "Mary McLean" and the gasoline launches of Walter Filer and S.D. Burton ferried people across the river and took them on excursions.

The first edition of the *Burley Bulletin*, printed by Charles E. Diehl on April 29, was available for perusal by the visitors. Unfortunately, it was only a half-page in size because of Diehl's trouble in getting paper delivered.

With 1,500 people present, Reed and his assistant, George Redway, began the sale at 1:30 p.m. About 500 people drew for lots and made purchases, totaling about \$50,000. The sale was deemed a great

Burley's namesake

The city of Burley was named in honor of David E. Burley, one of the incorporators of the Minidoka and Southwestern Railroad. Once described as full of "push, vim and energy," Burley was hired by the Union Pacific Railroad in 1879. When the Oregon Short Line was created as a subsidiary to the UP he was made its general passenger agent. He was exceedingly popular, in part because of his generosity in doing out free railroad passes.



David E. Burley

Burley got his first glimpse of his namesake town in May 1905, shortly after its opening day. That year he also acquired a quarter-section of land just east of Buhl and had an architect build him a fine house upon it. Later, he moved into this "provesh shack" to fulfill his Carey Act obligations.

When he bought a brand-new incubator, mounted on wheels, his Buhl neighbors suggested that henceforth the busy executive could set the eggs, take the device with him on his longer business trips and expect to have chicks upon reaching his destination.

Burley celebrates landmark day

The Times-News

BURLEY — An upcoming celebration will feature reenactment of the signing of Burley's articles of incorporation and the day the Burley townsite went on sale.

Festivities are set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 9 along Oakley Avenue and West Main Street, with a wagon parade. Old West shoot-out and food sales by vendors, as well as the reenactment.

"According to newspaper accounts of the day, oysters were served to the organizers,

and we will have oyster stew for sale," said Valerie Bowen, one of the city's centennial planners.

Plans for April 9 also include a special "Centennial Post Office" with a commemorative cancellation for sale, as well as other centennial memorabilia.

"Lots more is planned, and details will be announced as the event gets closer," Bowen said.

Burley's centennial committee meets at noon every Wednesday at the Centennial Center at 1256 Overland Ave.

success. Afterward, the townsite company directors entertained a group of guests with an oyster supper, in a restaurant which had been built that very day.

A few weeks later, the railroad bridge was completed, lending impetus to Burley's growth. The depot and an open house were completed that year and plans were made for a wagon bridge to be thrown across the Snake at the foot of Overland Avenue, to connect Burley with the north portion of the Minidoka tract.

Despite the growth, it was tough going in those earliest days. Within its first 18 months, the town suffered a disastrous fire that destroyed eight buildings, and a windstorm that demolished houses and barns and moved a two-story building off its foundation.

And the surface of the land, it seemed, was always deep in either dirt or sticky mud. In one early baseball game between the local "Ditch Diggers" and the Twin Falls "Irrigators," it was

said the earth was so wet that a Civil War veteran who had lost both his legs at Shiloh was afraid to attend the game, lest his wooden stumps take root and sprout. When Burley, the "city of destiny," lost the game 6-13, Major Reed was said to have wept such a puddle behind first base that he had to be removed from the field in Burton's gasoline launch.

Fred Reed soon went on to other tasks — the building of American Falls and the Twin Falls northside project, to name just two — but Burley continued to prosper without him, hampered only by the failure of the government to get Minidoka project water on the land when promised.

James Varley is the author of "Steamboats, Shoshone, Soundrels and Such," a collection of historical tales about Idaho and Nevada. It's available at Burley Book Plaza and at Saw-Mor Drug in Twin Falls.

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