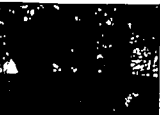


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Commuting FOR A LIVING



Blake Walsh, the student services director for the Blaine County School District, commutes every day from his home in Wendell. The one hour and 15 minute drive totals 12 and a half hours each week that Walsh spends driving. 'I don't mind the commute,' Walsh said, 'but I'd sure like those two and a half hours a day back.'

School district plans landlord in Colorado resort town

By Karin Kowalski
 Times-News writer

ASPEN, Colo. — When the Blaine County School District looked for ideas for affordable housing, its attention turned to other resort areas such as this one.

Aspen has an extreme version of the problems facing resort communities nationwide.

With some of the highest teacher salaries in Colorado, many employees of the Aspen School District still can't afford to live in the community unless the school district or county play landlord.

In 2002, a single-family home was estimated to cost at least \$4.1 million, said Matten Dabson, executive director of the Aspen/Pitkin County Housing Authority.

The county has offered affordable housing since the 1970s and now has about 2,000 units, including both rental and salable property.

Rental properties are available to people who work in the county full time. Properties for sale are available through a lottery to people who've worked there at least four consecutive years.

"The goal has been to help keep people here," Dabson said.

The school district started its program in the 1999-2000 school year to help bring people to the valley, said Bill Amuszewski, the district's finance director, who also oversees the affordable housing program.

When the county had a housing shortage, the district built 21 units to address the need, Amuszewski said.

The district rents housing mainly to new full-time employees. After four years, they can enter the county's lottery for more options.

Blaine district mulls staff housing

By Karin Kowalski
 Times-News writer

HAILEY — When job-hunting teachers see the beginning salary of \$33,117 in the Blaine County School District, they're attracted to working there. When they see the prices of homes in the Wood River Valley — upwards of \$300,000 in most areas — they look elsewhere.

Despite a salary schedule that starts \$5,617 higher than the state-mandated minimum, the Blaine County School District struggles to bring staff to an area where property values continue to rise.

"That's why the school district is breaking ground in April on four duplexes.

"If educators can't afford to

Blaine County School District statistics

- 2004-04 school year
 - 280 certified full-time employees
 - 220 classified full-time employees
 - 25 to 30 certified vacancies each year from retirements, new positions, people on leave and people moving.
- \$54,204 average teacher pay (state average: \$40,111)

Source: Karin Palmer, human resources director

Average housing costs

- Hetchum: \$850,000
- Mid-valley: \$400,000 to \$500,000
- South valley: \$200,000

Source: Rebekah Helzel of the nonprofit group Advocates for Real Community Housing

live in the community they serve, then something has to be done," Superintendent Jim Lewis said at a housing committee meeting earlier this month. Some school district employees bought homes before property started to skyrocket, but for others, the best solution is to commute. Some live in Carey, Fairfield, Shoshone and even as far as Wendell and Twin Falls.

Blake Walsh, the district's director of student services, has driven from Wendell for seven years.

"The commute itself isn't stressful for me," Walsh said. It takes him an hour and 15 minutes each way.

He looked at houses in Blaine County, but he and his wife were established in Wendell and the home prices were expensive anyway.

Walsh helps the school district recruit staff. He said teachers who hope to support families on one income aren't likely to come to Blaine County unless it offers affordable housing.

"That will be a real incentive on recruitment trips," Walsh said.

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POLITICAL

MEETS PERSONAL

Lawmakers have sons in Iraq war

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For more than a year, Rep. Joe Wilson's desk at the House Armed Services Committee was the intersection of his personal and political interest in the Iraq war. On the table were bills about how to pay for and supply the conflict. Underneath, a handheld computer buzzed with real-time reports from his son, Alan, an intelligence officer in southern Iraq.

"I would get a 'Hey Dad' message almost every day," the South Carolina Republican recalls. "I felt like I was living on legislation, but I was voting on it simultaneously."

For about half a dozen members of Congress who have had kids serving in Iraq, the war is far more than a matter of public policy. They debate it and often defend it — with eyes on a state opinion. In almost every elected office, but they also live the war through those most dear to them.

Therein lies a lesson about the limits of power. Lawmakers may be able to shift billions of dollars to pet projects or get seats at a state dinner. But none has the authority to keep a child safe in a war zone, half a world away.

Judge in Johnson case shows his softer side

By Patti Murphy
 Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Fifth District Court Judge Barry Wood begins and ends each day in court the same way.

From behind the judge's bench he looks out at the jury and asks, "You done OK?"

He then turns to the small group of reporters huddled together at the side of the courtroom and asks the same question, to which he receives a unanimous thumbs up signal.

Since when does a judge presiding over a high-profile double-murder trial have the time, and the sincere concern, about anyone's comfort?

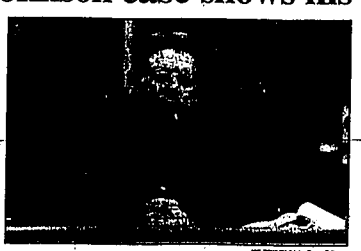
"That's just Judge Wood," said Linda Wright, Wood's trial court administrator in Gooding County for the past six years.

Wood is presiding over the Sarah Johnson murder trial at the Ada County Courthouse in Boise, which resumes today with closing arguments from both the prosecution and defense. The trial was moved from Blaine County because of a concern over not being able to find unbiased jurors in that area.

The case revolves around the Sept. 2, 2003 murders of Alan and Alame Johnson of Bellevue. Prosecutors allege that the Johnsons then-16-year-old daughter, Sarah, was motivated to kill them with a high-powered rifle because of their disapproval of her 19-year-old boyfriend.

The month-long trial has contained graphic testimony, grisly evidence and often contentious debate between the defense and prosecution. But both sides agree that Wood has handled it with fairness and balance.

"He's a very good judge," said Mark Rader, one of Sarah, Alan



Although 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood's current task is to preside over a double-murder trial, he still finds time to warm up the courtroom. "It's hard not to like him," says Linda Wright, Wood's trial court administrator. "He's got a heart of gold."

son's defense attorneys. "He has done a real yeoman's work in this case. I obviously don't agree with everything he rules, but all-in-all he's been very fair."

Lead prosecutor Jim Thomas agreed.

"Judge Wood is very knowledgeable about the rules of evidence. That's his strong suit and this case is a lot like herding cats, but Judge Wood has been very involved and keeping us all moving forward."

An avid fly-fisherman, hunter and tree planter, Wood lives in Gooding where he serves as the administrative district judge for the 5th judicial district. He is a native Idahoan, born in Nampa and raised in Homedale, where his parents farmed and ranched. Wood received an accounting degree from the University of Wyoming in 1973, and his law degree from the University of Idaho in 1978. He was elected to

When *The Times-News* approached him about this article, the humble Wood hesitated, saying, "This case is really about Alan and Alan Johnson, not me."

Although he's no-nonsense about the trial, Wood is not above having a bit of fun from the bench. As evidenced by the morning he opened court by wishing a happy birthday to Greg Youtsey, a Court TV technician who monitors the audio feed for his station's coverage of the trial. The judge told the surprised Youtsey that he looked good for his age.

Occasionally, when proceedings get delayed because of an issue on either the defense or prosecution side, Wood keeps that information private and tells the jury that the glitch is a result of something on his part.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have a bit of scheduling issue and we need to take a break. If you want to be upset with anyone, be upset with me," he tells jurors in an attempt to keep them unbalanced toward either side of the case.

"He's a very fair and balanced jurist that makes sound rulings," said Scott Birch, a criminal investigator with the Idaho Attorney General's Office. "He tends to err on the side of caution. What has impressed me is his concern for all parties involved in this trial — the jury, the attorneys, even the media. He's just a real nice guy."

Wright said her boss is very respectful, especially to defendants in his court. "He treats (Sarah Johnson) with dignity," she said. "That's really important to him."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny with a stiff breeze. Highs 40s. Tonight: Mostly clear and calm. Lows 20s. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Highs 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Clear and crisp. Highs 40s. Tonight: Cold with variable clouds. Lows 20s. Tomorrow: Temperatures edging upward. Highs 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, and Pollen.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A quick shaft of snow will surface the afternoon with otherwise mostly dry conditions expected for the next few days.

Today: Highs 19 to 27. Tonight's Lows: 8 to 17. BOISE: Precipitation will remain elusive for most of the week.

NORTHERN UTAH Snow may pass through today with otherwise mainly dry weather likely this week.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 50 at Lewiston. Low: 8 at Starley weather park at 6:25 a.m. in clouds. 10 to 16 heavy snow in the area. Light snow, mostly sleet in the area, at 7:45 a.m. in the valley. In a thunderstorm wind.

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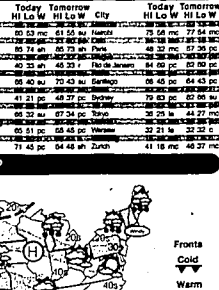
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Test-takers' verdict on new SAT: It's long

After being drilled in a test-prep class, Sheryl Nagy wasn't fazed by the new essay section of the revamped SAT exam. She just wasn't sure the test - 45 minutes longer this year and nearly 4 hours in all - would ever end.

Sons

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So at 6 a.m. on Feb. 25, when his radio delivered the not-uncommon news that three Marines were killed in Iraq, Sen. Kit Bond felt it in his gut. "Tightness in my stomach," Bond, R-Mo., recalled, a jaw muscle flinching at the memory.

Housing

Most wanted to live near where they work and would need a two- or three-bedroom house. Sixty-five percent said they would live in the area for eight years or more if they could own an affordable home.

Community needs

The school superintendent sees the battle for affordable housing as a battle for the future of Blaine County. A future that should include more than just part-time residents of wealth and fame.

Future plans

The school district owns about a half-block across from Homage Elementary School in Ketchum, but wants to trade it with the city for an area behind the school and build about 20 condominiums.

Home sweet school?

The school district surveyed staff by e-mail last month and received responses from 28 people who said they are interested in buying homes in the county.

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Magical Valley logo and website information: www.magicalvalley.com

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Officials see weakened al-Qaida

Some doubt group has ability to launch attacks with WMD

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Senior Bush administration officials have warned in recent weeks that al-Qaida is regrouping for another massive attack, its agents bent on acquiring nuclear, chemical or biological weapons in a nightmare scenario that could dwarf the horror of Sept. 11.

But in Pakistan and Afghanistan — where Osama bin Laden and his chief deputy are believed to be hiding — intelligence agents, politicians and a top U.S. general paint a different picture.

They say a relentless military crackdown in the Arab states last summer of several men allegedly involved in plans to launch

attacks on U.S. financial institutions, and the killing in September of a top Pakistani al-Qaida suspect wanted in a number of attacks.

Including the 2002 killing of Wall Street firm's chief executive officer, a U.S. reporter Daniel Pearl and two failed assassinations of a Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

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They say the trail of the world's most wanted man — long since gone cold — has turned later than the finger points, from the mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the terror mastermind is considered most likely to be hiding.

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a signal that it has already dismantled bin Laden's network, at least in this part of the world.

" We have broken the back of al-Qaida," Interior Minister Afab Khan Sherpao said last month in a speech in Peshawar, the capital of the frontier province on the border with Afghanistan.

" We have broken their communication system. We have destroyed their sanctuaries," the president told reporters. " They are not in a position to move in vehicles. They are unable to contact their people. They are lost."

Bush administration shies away from treaties

Los Angeles Times

When he helped pioneer an anti-smoking movement a decade ago, Eduardo Blanco

Today, the 49-year-old cardiologist no longer considers America a leader in the fight against smoking. That's because it is not among the 57 nations that ratified the world's first global tobacco control treaty, which took effect this week and imposes tough restrictions on tobacco advertising and packaging.

The Bush administration signed the treaty last May, but the president hasn't sent it to the Senate for ratification, saying it needs further study.

because it was seen as an obstacle to building an American anti-missile shield. The administration also nullified the U.S. signature on the United Nations Framework Convention and has indicated it does not plan to support a previous commitment to ratify the landmine ban treaty by 2006.

Consumer advocates, academics, legal experts and other critics say Bush's hesitancy to join treaties has reinforced the notion that the United States is " going it alone," a superpower interested only in coalitions it can control.

Those fears were heightened last month when the Bush administration appointed John R. Bolton, an outspoken critic of multilateral institutions, as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Those who disagree with the administration's stance say the United States is alienating foreign allies at a time when nearly every pressing issue, from curbing the spread of nuclear weapons and disease to tracking terrorist financing, requires global cooperation.

The message we are giving to the world is we are powerful and we don't care," said Ved Nanda, an international law expert from the University of Denver.

The Bush administration has requested U.S. support for several other major treaties, including the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with Russia.

Correction for this week's sale circular: The Kudos Gronolets bars over 200 on page 46 of this week's sale circular incorrectly states 30-pcs. Only the 10-pcs are included in the \$3 for \$6.99 offer. We apologize if this has caused inconvenience this may have caused.

BEST CARE AVAILABLE

Mr. Leibovich began his career helping patients in 1989. In addition to working with patients and dispensing hearing aids, he pioneered the first digital hearing aid in Argentina in 1998.

HARRY'S HEARING AID CENTER

Police: Sermon, lost job prompted hotel killings

BROOKFIELD, Wis. (AP) — In a minute, a quiet church service at a suburban Milwaukee hotel turned into bloodbath.

Terry Ratzmann, a buttoned-down churchgoer known for sharing his home with 27 babies with his neighbors, walked into the room and fired 22 rounds from a 9mm handgun.

One of Ratzmann's friends begged him to stop, calling him by name and saying " Stop, stop why?," Police Capt. Phil Horner said. Chandra Frazier dove under a chair. The man sitting in

Just remember crawling on the carpet and just praying, screaming out and praying, Frazier told " Good Morning America " on Sunday.

Before it was over, seven people, including the church's minister, and his teenage son, were killed and four others wounded.

It was unclear what specifically upset him, but Ratzmann once told his mother he was a member of the Church of God, if denomination whose leader recently prophesied that end times are near.

Neighbors said Ratzmann built his own greenhouse, kept a well-tended garden and even used humane traps to free squirrels from the yard.

" He wasn't a dark guy. He was average Joe," said Shane Colwell, a neighbor who knew Ratzmann for about a decade.

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Miracle Ear HEARS HEARING AID CENTER

Gloria Criari, 55, of Cadalyh; and Gerald A. Miller, 41, of Ertn, according to police and family records.

Marjean Gregory, 52, of Gurnee, was hospitalized in critical condition and Andrew W. Katsch, 21, of Pevaukee, and Angel M. Varichak of Hellenville were hospitalized in satisfactory condition Sunday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The church group was 20 or 30 minutes into Saturday's service when the shots rang out.

During the shooting rampage, Ratzmann told the friend who approached him that he was upset, said Waukeasha police spokesman John P. Bucher, although he was unsure over what.

He was not known to have threatened anyone and had no criminal record, police said. They seized three computers, a 22-caliber rifle and a box of bullets from the modest two-story home Ratzmann shared with his mother and two sons.

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" He wasn't a dark guy. He was average Joe," said Shane Colwell, a neighbor who knew Ratzmann for about a decade.

" It's not like he ever pushed his beliefs on anyone else."

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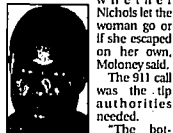
Woman gets credit for Nichols arrest

Police say hostage kept calm, was 'very strong through the whole thing'

ATLANTA (AP) — The hostage who helped end the 26-hour manhunt for a man accused of killing a judge and three others had long talks with her captor during the 13 hours she was held in her own apartment, police said Sunday.

Police wouldn't release details about the woman, describing her only as a white female in her 20s to 30s, but they said they were impressed by the way she handled herself.

"She acted very cool and level-headed. We don't normally see that in our profession," said Gwinnett County Police Officer Darren Moloney.



Brian Nichols had no idea where he was — this victim, the community owes a tremendous debt to her because she kept her calm and provided us with the information that ultimately led to the arrest," Walters said.

" Nichols did not say anything when he was arrested but was 'very calm, very compliant with officers' directions to him in handcuffs," Walters said.

" Nichols allegedly overpowered a courthouse deputy escorting him to his pre trial Friday and took the deputy's gun, then entered the courtroom where his trial was being held and killed the judge, jurist and court reporter. He also is accused of killing a deputy who tried to stop him outside the courthouse and a federal agent during his flight."

Police say Nichols drove a stolen vehicle to the woman's Gwinnett County apartment complex, which he may have possessed at random, according to her arrest and introduced himself as a wanted man.

He reportedly told her, " If you do what I say, I won't kill

him. Nichols let the woman go or if she escaped on her own," Moloney said.

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Men reunite 16 years after canal rescue

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Defining moments come as early in life as it did for Jerry...

two men together. "It all turned out right," Clucas said...

blue. He tried hanging the bundle to the boys, but they refused...

newspaper. Clucas never heard about his amazing rescue again...

called him last Christmas and asked if he had ever wondered...

After hearing about Wood's tour of duty as a combat pilot in Vietnam...

TWIN FALLS ARRANGMENTS

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

poised; pretrial hearing set for April 19; released on own recognizance...

Fernny Boy Johnson, 25, 2577 Addison Ave. N.; Kimberly, 25, 4240 W. Valley...

Today Bull City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway...

G.St. Rupert—Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln...

pm., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W. Twin Falls County commissioners...

SERVICES

LaWerle Walker Stastny of Murtagh, services at 10 a.m. Monday...

Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

May Louise Keyser of Nampa, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday...

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DEATH NOTICES

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Margaret Graham McGreer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday...

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Elizabeth Smart champions child safety

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart urged several hundred Utah parents on Saturday...

You never know when something's going to happen, and when it does, you need to be prepared for it.

The prominent advocate for child safety issues also said she supported testifying Aggression Defensively Kids, or RADKIDS, a national nonprofit program...

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MAGIC VALLEY

T.F. hospital accepts health project funding applications

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—At the core of the mission of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is a commitment to improving the health of the people it serves, according to a hospital news release.

Magic Valley Regional's Community Health Improvement Fund gives financial support to organizations that are also working to improve the health of people in the region, the news release said.

Through April 5, Magic Valley Regional is accepting applications for projects addressing health maintenance,

health education, improved access to health care services, prevention, wellness, health information systems and other health-related services or activities.

Community Health Improvement funds may be awarded for proposals from eligible organizations that address one or more of the following community health priorities:

- Access to care
- Injury and violence
- Overweight and obesity
- Mental health
- Physical activity

Applicants must address one

or more of these priorities and are expected to demonstrate collaboration and coordination with other community organizations, including Magic Valley Regional. They must also include a mechanism with which to measure health improvements.

Preference will be given to projects that support multiple communities in South Central Idaho and northern Nevada.

For more information, please call Rhonda Bright at 737-2807 or write to her at MVMHC Community Relations, P.O. Box 409, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Manning

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Burley, Dietrich and in Oregon. Students remember her as a strict but fair teacher, always knowing how to get the best out of her students.

"She was a real friend, she didn't act like a teacher," said Mavis Mathews, a former student.

Mathews was part of a marching band that Manning helped start in Dietrich about 57 years ago. Manning taught students to play bagpipes and French horns and helped them make outfits and boots.

She also gave Johnny Urrala, or Johnny U, a successful country-western artist, his first guitar lessons.

At Manning's retirement party, Sue Riemaley, a retired teacher from Bickel Elementary, said the cake read "I took out world! Here she comes!" It was a fitting term for the ambitious teacher.

"Even though she didn't teach, she always wanted to make sure there were quality teachers and education," Bright said.

Education was important to Manning and she took it to heart. She especially enjoyed telling people about the area and giving directions when she volunteered at the Buzz Langdon Visitors Center.

"If there was a question she didn't know the answer to, she'd spend time on it and make sure she'd know the next time," Bright said. "The term life-long learner really fits Mom."

An active person, Manning enjoyed staying social and learning new things throughout her life. She was also a longtime student of the College of Southern Idaho "Over 60 and Getting Fit" class.

For 27 years Manning attended the class three times a week. She also reunited with one of her very first students and became good friends with instructor Jan Mitteldeier.

"She was a really fabulous woman," Mitteldeier said. "People would look at her and say, 'If she can do that at her age, maybe I can do something at mine,'" Mitteldeier said.

When Manning was about 85

years old, Mitteldeier said she went to a doctor complaining of a sore foot. The doctor told her people should be expected at her age, and she replied, "Yes, but my other foot's 65 and 85 and it doesn't hurt a bit."

Manning enjoyed sewing, oil painting, cooking and the Sunday crossword puzzle. She had a group of friends who would call each other when someone was stuck on an answer.

At 82 years old she renewed her driver's license, lived on her own, continued playing music all over Magic Valley as part of the B & Friends band and made a point to stay physically and socially active.

"There are some characteristics that help people age better than others," Mitteldeier said. "Fem certainly had those... She lived long, she lived well, she was loved and she died short... My life is better because I call her a friend."

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Movie

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film school, wrapped up shooting Sunday at the tower in the center of the College campus in Twin Falls.

Kirtland was one of many locals who landed a role in the film. He followed his instructions carefully, right down to the coffee-stained undershirt he wore during the recent shoot.

The movie is based on the story of an evil U.S. president. When the president visits his hospitalized mother, her dying wish is that he will set everything right that he's done wrong. But he eventually gets assassinated in a plot carried out by the vice-president and is given a second chance at life by a guardian angel. The president then comes back to life as a newspaper reporter in the form of a long-lost twin brother.

During a scene at the Sunshine Apartments, Kirtland is visited by four angels wanting to rent an apartment. They had come to assist the investigative reporter undo his evils.

Kirtland said he was excited Chair chase the building as one of the filming locations. Built in 1919, the building was once the finest restaurant and motel in Gooding, he said. It later became a boarding house and was then converted to the apartments that occupy the space now.

"It has a lot of history to it," Kirtland said.

After the scene Kirtland said he was itching from the weeks' growth of whiskers.

"I'm going to go home and shower and shave," he said.

The Sunshine Apartments is not the only place where filmmakers shoot scenes in Gooding, Gooding High School, the Topinos restaurant, Coyote Joe's, the Gooding County Leader, Wood River Inn, the Gooding airport

and a couple of houses in town all will be included in the movie. The movie will be shot in several places in Washington, D.C.

The filmmakers have utilized a green screen in their studio to allow them to superimpose scenes from the movie's capital and wherever else needed, Clair said.

Local participants have revealed in their opportunity to be in a movie.

Thom Simpson — better known in the local entertainment world as the Singing Janitor — plays the part of one of the angels.

Simpson, who works at Minico High School as a janitor but often sings concerts to raise money for charity events, said he was excited to be in his first movie.

"It's been a riot," he said. "A lot of fun."

Simpson was worried about his lines but found out on film. "It is done many times over before the final cut in a movie. His singing talent will be utilized, too. He will be singing one of the songs on the soundtrack," he said.

Robert Smith plays another angel — a rather mischievous one — to provide comic relief — and

helps the president-turned-actor-reporter undo the evil he's caused.

"I've gotten into mischief on earth before," Smith said, speaking as his character. "Evidently I dined with Nero while Rome burned."

After filming the recent apartment scene, the crew filmed another clip at the Gooding County Leader newspaper office, which will serve as the newsroom of the Washington Underground newspaper in the movie.

Tony Mannen, who heads the CSI drama department, plays the role of the investigative reporter. In the movie, he shows up at the Washington Underground to apply for a job.

The folks working at the paper crowd around the reporter after the receptionist notices that he looks exactly like the late president.

"I know I look just like him, but I'm his twin brother," Mannen says, reciting his lines. "If you hire me you're going to get a great story."

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 276.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 234.

Tuesday
"I'm Going to College" program for sixth graders, all day, all campus.
Exit 173 art show at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science (through March 26).
Idaho Student Nurses Association monthly meeting, 1 p.m., Aspen 195.
CSI 564 Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
Latinos Unidos weekly club meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 248.

CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Treasure Valley Community College, 2 p.m., Ontario, Ore.
CSI Math Club weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 208.
Idaho Lottery Commission "Scratch for Schools," 4:30 p.m., gym floor.
Alcohol and traffic safety school, 5 p.m., Shields 209.
"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett rainforest.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Herrett Family Night television viewing, 7:35 p.m., Centennial Observatory.

Wednesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 256.
Regional school superintendents monthly meeting, all day, Taylor 277.
Idaho Native Plant Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 277.
Sax Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Thursday
"I'm Going to College" program for sixth graders, all day, all campus.
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
Latinos Unidos weekly club meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 256.
Accessing Their Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 248.
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, 6 p.m., Aspen 108.
Charity 'Anywhere Foundation' monthly meeting, 6 p.m.,

Meyerhoeffer 218.
Salt and Light weekly club meeting, 7 p.m., Student Union 247.

Friday
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
CSI Multicultural Day, 9 a.m. to noon, Taylor 276 and 277.
CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Community College of Southern Nevada, 1 p.m., Walker Field.
Easter egg hunt and activities, 2 to 3:30 p.m., near Student Union Building.
CSI vocal workshop, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 133.
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, 6 p.m., Aspen 108.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Magic Valley Dilettantes present "Grease," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Saturday
National Traffic Safety Institute traffic safety class, 8 a.m., Shields 108.

Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game hunter education instructor workshop, all day, Taylor 256 and 277.
United Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Community College of Southern Nevada, noon, Walker Field.
"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Mystery of the Missing Seasons" and live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Hubble Vision," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Magic Valley Dilettantes present "Grease," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
"Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday
Barrel racing and pole bending clinic, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
Magic Valley Dilettantes present "Grease," 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

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Notice of Request for Public Comment on Camas Creek Subbasin Assessment and Total Maximum Daily Load

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on a draft assessment of water quality in the Camas Creek Subbasin.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, DEQ is required to analyze state waters to determine whether they meet state water quality standards and if additional pollution controls are needed.

A recent study of land uses, physical conditions, and water quality has determined that Camas Creek, Camp Creek, Willow Creek, Beaver Creek, Little Beaver Creek, Elk Creek, Soldier Creek, Corral Creek, Cow Creek, Wild Horse Creek, McKinney Creek, Dairy Creek, and Mormon Reservoir are impaired. DEQ is seeking to establish total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for sediment, nutrients, bacteria, and temperature in these water bodies.

Public comment on the document will be accepted through 5 p.m. MST, Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

The draft assessment is available for review at DEQ's Twin Falls Regional Office, Gooding Public Library, Fairfield Library, and on DEQ's Web site in PDF format at www.idq.idaho.gov/publiccomment.cfm.

Direct questions, comments, and requests to:

Jennifer Claire
Water Quality Analyst
Twin Falls Regional Office
601 Polcaine Rd., Suite #2

The Class 5A and 4A baseball season preview.

SPORTSQUOTE

66 The only reason (your program is) getting teeth on is because of prodding from the Congress or the public.

Cliff Stearns, chairman of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, about the MLB's steroid testing program

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How many times have the Lakers chosen a player in the NBA draft lottery?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School Golf Jerome, Wood River, Milico, Preston, Carey at Jerome Country Club and Club 93 Golf Ranch, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Rec softball meeting is March 16 JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will hold a coed adult softball meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the district conference room.

CSI booster luncheon set for noon today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will be held at noon Monday in the Tiger Administration Building's Room 1277 on campus.

Fans and boosters can go through the food line in the cafeteria, buy their food and bring it to Room 277.

North State Baseball registration is March 15

JEROME - North State Baseball will register players ages 9-12 (as of July 31) for its Cal Ripken baseball league.

Call Larry or Debbie Busch at 324-8104, Charleen Stouder at 336-6237 or Darice Bobrowski at 324-2346 for more information.

Church softball league plans March 15 meeting TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley church softball leagues will hold its annual coaches meeting at 7 p.m. March 15 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 229 S. Main Avenue East in Twin Falls.

Rule changes and fees for the men and coed teams will be discussed. Call Kevin Newberry at 737-1425 (days) or 734-3169 (nights) for more information.

Jerome Rec offers youth coed soccer JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will offer youth coed spring soccer for players ages 4 through the sixth grade.

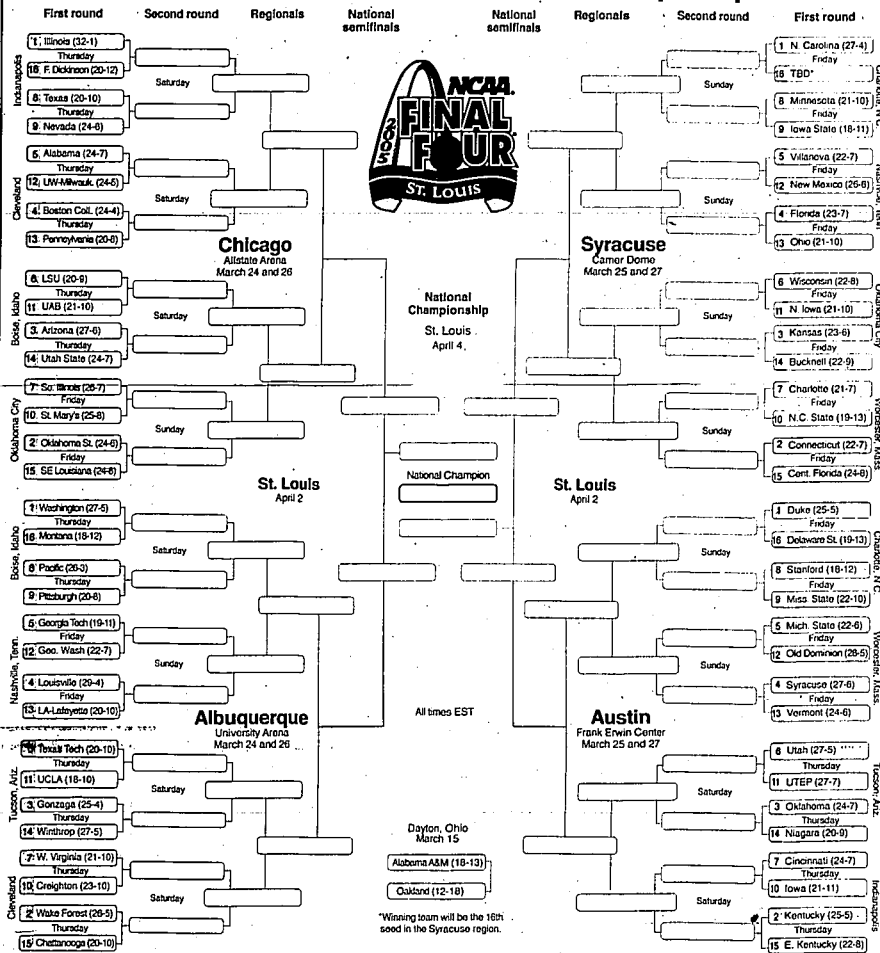
The six-week-long season begins April 19 with registration running March 15-15. The fee is \$15. Registration is required to play. Call 324-3305 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: The Lakers participated in the NBA draft lottery only once, in 1994.

Fill in the blanks

2005 NCAA Division I men's basketball championship



SOURCE: NCAA

Upstart Huskies join Illinois, Duke and UNC as regional No. 1s

The Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Top-ranked Illinois heads into the NCAA tournament with one loss and the overall No. 1 seed, while Washington was this year's surprise at the top of the bracket.

Following the Big Ten championship game, Illinois was assigned to the Chicago regional. North Carolina (27-4) will be in Syracuse, Duke (25-5) will be in Austin and Washington (27-5) in Albuquerque.

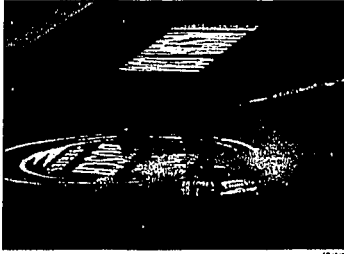
The last time was 2003, when Oklahoma and Texas of the Big 12 were No. 1 seeds. The Illini won't get any frequent flyer miles in this year's tournament with just one loss. Saint Joseph's lost in the regional semifinals to Oklahoma State, while Stanford lost to Alabama in the second round.

Washington opens play Thursday in Boise against Montana, the Big Sky champions. The No. 2 seed in the Albuquerque regional was Wake Forest, which was seeded a sure No. 1 seed candidate; No. 3 Arizona, the regular season Pac-10 champion, and fourth-seeded Boston College, co-champions of the Big East.

North Carolina, which lost to Georgia Tech in the ACC tournament semifinals, has defending national champion Connecticut as its No. 2 seed with Kansas at No. 3. Florida, which beat Kentucky in the Conference USA titles, was No. 4.

Johnson spoils Busch homecoming

The Associated Press LAS VEGAS - Jimmie Johnson spoiled what could have been a banner day for the Busch brothers, beating Kurt and Kyle on their home track.



Jimmie Johnson spins out to celebrate his NASCAR Nextel Cup victory at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Federer opens Wells title defense with win

The Associated Press INDIAN WELLS, Calif. - No. 1 Roger Federer opened defense of his Pacific Life Open title with a methodical 6-3, 6-3 victory over Mardy Fish on Sunday.

Federer said gusting wind at Indian Wells in the ACC tournament semifinals, has defending national champion Connecticut as its No. 2 seed with Kansas at No. 3. Florida, which beat Kentucky in the Conference USA titles, was No. 4.

SPORTS

Lady Spartans garner top seed over Stanford

SEC powers claim other No. 1 spots

NEW YORK (AP)—Southeastern Conference powers LSU and Tennessee received No. 1 seeds in the NCAA women's basketball tournament on Sunday, joined by ACC tournament champ North Carolina and a team that reached that level for the first time in program history, Michigan State.

The Big Ten tournament champions edged Stanford— which just last week climbed atop The Associated Press poll for the first time this year— to take the No. 1 spot in a bracket that's sure to be tough.

That's because the Kansas City Regional includes the top-ranked Cardinal as the No. 2 seed; Connecticut, winner of the last three national championships, gets the No. 3 spot; and Kansas State, runner-up in the Big 12 tournament, was No. 4. "We're just kind of ready to play a game, to be honest," said Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie, wearing a wide grin with her jubilant team behind her. "We had a week off and these girls are getting hungry."

Stanford coach Tara Vanderveer looked dejected when she learned her top-ranked Cardinal would be the No. 2—the first No. 1 ranked team not to earn a top tournament seed in since Texas in 1981.

"I have no reaction to that," Vanderveer said. "We're really excited to be in the tournament. I love coaching this team."

LSU (29-2) landed in the Chattanooga Regional, the closest site to its campus. Tennessee was No. 1 in Philadelphia and North Carolina topped the Tempe bracket.

The women's tournament scrapped the East, Midwest, Midwest and West designations for regionals this year and replaced them with the name of the city hosting the regional semifinals and finals.

The other No. 2 seeds were ACC co-champion Duke (Chattanooga), Big 12 champion Baylor (Tempe) and Big Ten co-champion Ohio State (Philadelphia).

LSU, which was ranked No. 1 much of the season, won the SEC regular-season championship, then dropped a two-point game to Tennessee in the finals of the conference tournament. Tennessee (26-4) was the regular-season runner-up, losing only to LSU in league play.

It's the 17th time in the 24 years of the NCAA women's tournament that Tennessee has been a No. 1 seed. The Lady Vols have won six national championships; more than any other program, and have been in the NCAA tournament every year.

Two teams from the same conference have been No. 1 seeds 10 times previously, most recently in 2003. Tennessee and LSU also were the two that year.

Interestingly, LSU and Tennessee both will start the tournament in Knoxville. There are eight teams at the first- and second-round sites, twice as many as before. Each site has four teams from one regional and four from another.

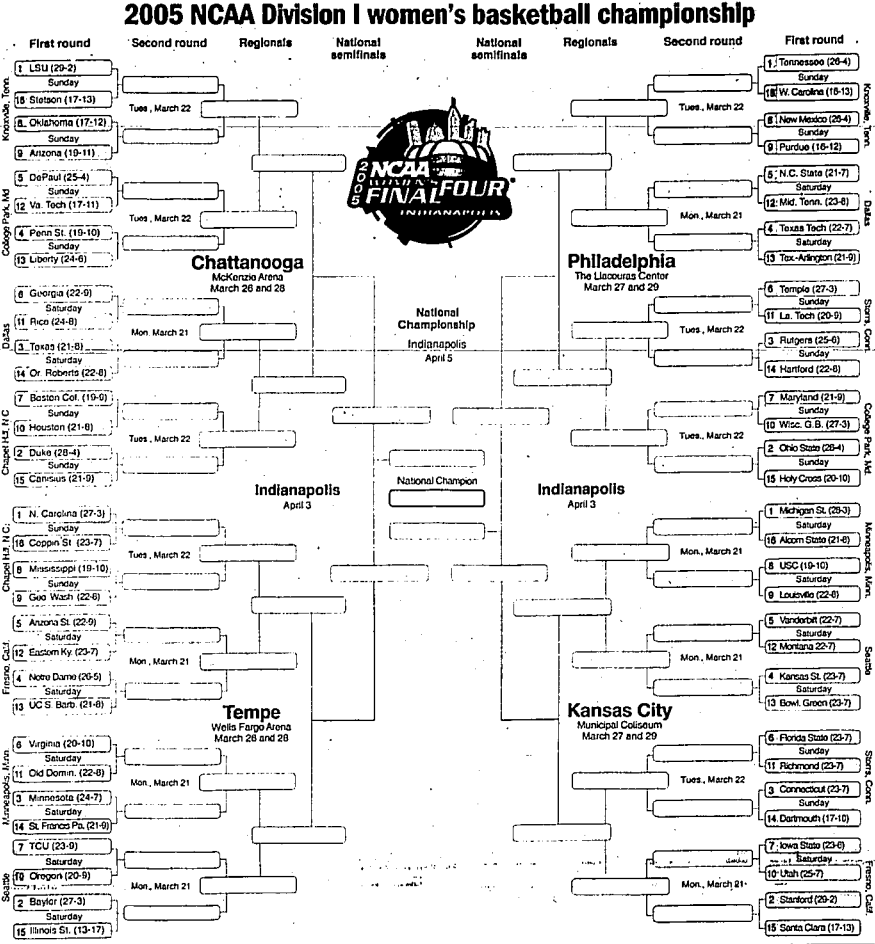
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Among teams thought to be slinging on the "bubble"— Virginia Tech, Purdue, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Houston, Arizona, Oregon and Richmond—all got in. Iowa, Villanova and Xavier did not.

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other school that has been in all 24 NCAA tournaments.

The Lady Techsters, whose 20-9 record is well below their usual standard, made it this year as an at-large entry after losing to Rice in the finals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

For just the third time, a team with a losing overall record got in. Illinois State (13-17) earned an automatic bid by winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament. The 15th-seeded

Redbliss play Baylor in Seattle on Saturday, and the fifth-ranked Blue Devils held off a late charge to squeeze past the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets.

The ACC led all leagues with seven selections— North Carolina, Duke, Florida State, Maryland, North Carolina State, Virginia and Virginia Tech.

The Big 12 had six, while the Pac-10, in a bit of surprise, matched the SEC and Big Ten with five teams. The Big East had only four after getting eight last year.

The Final Four begins April 3 in Indianapolis.

Wells

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The 23-year-old Swiss star needed just an hour and 7 minutes to beat Fish.

Grasidis, Ivan Ljubicic, fresh off a five-set win over Andy Roddick that clinched a first-round

Men

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Southeastern Conference title game is No. 4.

The Tar Heels will face the winner of Tuesday's first-round game in Charlotte on Friday, Oakland (21-10), which won the Mid-Continent Conference tournament, will play Alabama A&M, the Southwestern Athletic Conference champion, on Tuesday night in Dayton. Oakland is the only team in the field with a losing record.

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Johnson

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Busch brothers, who have had a whirlwind week in Vegas, the city where they grew up. It's always a party when the boys are home, as they cram in all the friends and family visits they can— as do a do or so visitors to the in-N-Out burger.

Kyle even squeezed in a stint as instructor for a high school defensive driving course.

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Florida routs No. 4 Kentucky to claim first SEC tourney title

—ATLANTA (AP)— Matt Walsh made sure Florida didn't squander another chance to win the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Walsh scored 26 points, including consecutive 3-pointers that sparked a stunning 21-2 rout, leading the Gators to a 70-53 rout of No. 4 Kentucky on Sunday and their first SEC tournament championship.

The Gators also defied history by winning their first tournament title in their 40th try against the team that has defined success in this event. Kentucky (25-5) had won the last two tournaments. 10 of the past 13 and 25 in all—more than any other school in the SEC combined.

Kentucky shot only 37.5 percent from the field, including a dismal 2-of-19 outside the 3-point arc.

No. 1 Illinois 54, No. 23 Wisconsin 43

CHICAGO — Deron Williams said it all as he dribbled out the clock, holding his finger high in the air to signify what the polls have said most of the season— Illinois is indeed No. 1.

The top-ranked Illini dominated defensively to build a big lead and then held on Sunday

Men's hoops

to beat No. 23 Wisconsin 54-43 in the Big Ten finals for their school-record 32nd win.

Illinois (32-1) passed its final test before the NCAA tournament, leading a late 10-0 run by the Badgers and capping an emotional weekend, two days after head coach Bruce Weber's mother died. In front of a loud orange-clad following on its favorite home-away-from-home court at the United Center, the Illini got 15 points and nine rebounds from Roger Powell and 12 points each from Luther Head and James Augustine, who was voted tournament MVP.

Alando Tucker managed just nine points on 4-of-14 shooting for the Badgers (22-8).

No. 5 Duke 69, Georgia Tech 64

WASHINGTON — They came in as underdogs, a No. 3 seed that was supposed to have too little depth to compete against the new powerhouse teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

When the final buzzer sounded at the 52nd ACC tournament on Sunday, the Duke Blue Devils celebrated a 69-64 victory over Georgia Tech and reclaimed their customary perch as league champions.

Tournament MVP J.J. Redick scored 26 points, Sheldon Williams had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and the fifth-ranked Blue Devils held off a late charge to squeeze past the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets.

Duke has won 15 ACC tournaments, tying archrival North Carolina for most in league history. But while the Tar Heels haven't added to their ledger since 1998, the Blue Devils have won six of seven—the lone exception being last year, when they fell in overtime to Maryland in the title game.

No. 10 Oklahoma St. 72, Texas Tech 68

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — John Lucas scored 19 points, including a crucial free throw with 4.4 seconds left, and No. 10 Oklahoma State earned its second straight Big 12 tournament championship with a 72-68 victory over Texas Tech on Sunday.

Jason Graham added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the third-seeded Cowboys (24-6), who overcame 20 turnovers to win the last Big 12 tournament game in Kemper Arena.

Donald Ross, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Texas Tech, airballed a 3-point attempt with time winding down and the fourth-seeded Red Raiders (20-10) trailing 71-68. Lucas caught the ball under the basket, was fouled, and hit the second of his two free throw attempts to put the game out of reach.

No. 11 Michigan St. 29-3, Alcorn State 21-6

Michigan State (29-3) and Alcorn State (21-6) were the only teams to play on the same day in the first round of the tournament. Michigan State won 77-60 on Saturday.

No. 8 Mississippi 19-10, Old Dominion 22-9

Mississippi (19-10) and Old Dominion (22-9) were the only teams to play on the same day in the second round of the tournament. Mississippi won 77-60 on Saturday.

No. 7 Maryland 21-9, Wisconsin 22-9

Maryland (21-9) and Wisconsin (22-9) were the only teams to play on the same day in the regional semifinals of the tournament. Maryland won 77-60 on Saturday.

SPORTS

Sixers' Marshall ties NBA 3-point record

TORONTO (AP) — Donyell Marshall tied the NBA record to surpass Bryant's record...

Andrei Kirilenko in the final seconds to help secure the Pistons' ninth straight home victory...

Minnesota Timberwolves in a 102-93 victory Sunday. Dallas went 12-for-13 from the free throw line...

Harrington wins when Singh misses short putt. PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Fodor Harrington shot a 9-under-63 to cross a seven-shot deficit...

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Paris-Nice cycling wins. NICE, France — Bobby Julich became the first American to win the Paris-Nice race...

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Area ski report

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AUTO RACING

Table listing various auto racing events, drivers, and their performance metrics.

Baseball

Table showing baseball game results, including team names, scores, and key players.

Basketball

Table showing basketball game results, including team names, scores, and key players.

ROCKETS 111, KINGS 96

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tracy McGrady scored 22 points and David Wesley added 21 to help the Rockets win their fourth straight.

ROCKETS 111, KINGS 96

Reserve Mike James added 20 points and Yao Ming scored 20 points as Houston ended an 11-game losing streak in Sacramento.

AMERICAN JUNGLE WINS

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HOCCY

Table showing hockey game results, including team names, scores, and key players.

REPORT: JEREMY GLAMBI

admits he used steroids. KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former major league Jeremy Glambi admitted he used steroids.

U.S. BEATS DENMARK

reach Algarve Cup final. R. SANTO ANTONIO, Portugal — Kristine Sinclair of the United States put Denmark 4-0 for a place in the Algarve Cup final.

MARTIN TAKES SECOND BUSCH RACE THIS SEASON

LAS VEGAS — Mark Martin moved into the lead when seemingly unstoppable Carl Edwards was sidelined by a flat tire...

ELIS QATAR MASTERS

DOHA, Qatar — Ernie Els won his second straight tournament with a 15-under-67 on Sunday...

BASEBALL

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TRANSACTIONS

Small table showing sports transactions.

FOOTBALL

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Western views

A weekly roundup of editorial viewpoints from newspapers around the West.

Safety is main concern in border beef standoff

The Cortez (Colo.) Journal

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns said last Thursday that the United States is sending a mixed message by banning the import of Canadian cattle while encouraging Japan to open its borders to our beef.

This point is that our northern border should be open as well. Johanns was disappointed that a federal judge in Montana ruled earlier last week that the ban on importing Canadian cattle should stay in place rather than be lifted, yesterday, as planned. On Thursday, the Senate 52-46 voted to further delay the resumption of imports under 30 months of age. The agriculture secretary called that vote "close."

The common denominators are cattle and trade, but there's no point in pretending that trade and export are the same animal. If they were, we wouldn't care about a trade imbalance. Sometimes there are valid reasons for wanting export markets open to us without wanting the risk of importing cattle that might (although that's very unlikely) carry a disease that could

(although that, too, is very unlikely) destroy our cattle industry entirely. Sure, cattle producers want to sell their product at the highest prices possible, but that doesn't mean they'll accept any level of risk in order to do that.

In addition, Johanns' argument isn't entirely logical. Japan's concern about our cattle is BSE; safeguards against BSE should alleviate that concern, not exacerbate it. The Japanese surely care less that we're consistent than that our beef is safe for them to consume. That's the same way we all feel.

U.S. cattle producers, including those in the Southwest who've expressed reluctance to see Canadian imports resume, tread a fine line. They have a vested interest in convincing consumers that beef is safe to eat—a selling point as well as the truth—and at the same time the measures they consider necessary to keep it safe can be alarming to those consumers.

Consistency isn't the most important commodity here. Safety is. In the end, that will open up foreign markets for our beef.

Schwarzenegger pushes to terminate sugar in school

The Press-Enterprise (Riverside, Calif.)

Schools shouldn't rely on sales of candy and cola to help finance campus programs. Teaching good nutrition while treating junk-food sales as a budget staple sends the wrong message to kids.

Toward the goal of modeling good choices, Schwarzenegger is pushing to ban the sale of sweets and sodas in California's public schools. Schwarzenegger has endorsed a bill by Sen. Marjorie Escutia, D-Whittier, which would rid high-school vending machines of sugary soft drinks by 2009. Escutia also sponsored the 2003 law that bans soda sales at elementary and middle schools.

It's hard to argue with Schwarzenegger's point that the schools are a vital front in battling childhood obesity and poor fitness in general. Three-quarters of students failed California's physical fitness exam in 2004.

Despite growing awareness of unhealthy habits, many schools depend on revenue from exclusive contracts with vending companies. For instance, Riverside School District signed a five-year deal with Pepsi in 2003 worth \$1 million.

And in February, Alford Unified extended a deal with Pepsi in exchange for a \$50,000 stadium sponsorship.

As enticing as corporate cash may be to districts with myriad financial needs, junk-food financing is the wrong choice.

Better to give kids clear, comprehensive health education, starting in the early grades, that urges nutrition and incorporates the benefits of physical education classes.

To that end, Schwarzenegger and Escutia's efforts are a promising start.

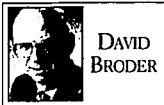
Well. Good thing, then, that one of the kids didn't query the ex-mob lawyer on his private conversations with Tony "The Ant" Spiloto.

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Black eye for bankruptcy reform

When it comes to blatant hypocrisy, nothing beats the Senate record on the just-passed bankruptcy bill. This "reform," which purports as an effort to stop folks from spending lavishly on themselves and then stalling their creditors by filing for bankruptcy protection, is a perfect illustration of how the political money system tilts the law against average Americans.



DAVID BRODER

The simple fact that for eight straight years it has gained a place on a crowded congressional calendar is testimony to the impact of the millions of dollars banks and credit card companies have spent on lobbyists' campaign contributions.

What happened—and didn't happen—during two weeks of Senate debate demonstrates just how the powerful exert their influence. It's all too typical of what takes place now in Washington with most issues.

Few policy battles draw enough public and press interest for the legislators to feel real current concern. Most are in a netherworld, where media coverage of currency and interest groups' pressure determines the outcome. That's how bankruptcy reform made it through the Senate, and why it will soon pass the House and be signed into law by President Bush.

The recent decade's rise in the number of bankruptcies cases has been dramatic, and it is not difficult to find cases of abuse. But most bankruptcy petitions are filed by people with real financial problems, often the result of family illness, divorce or loss of jobs. This bill will make it harder for everyone—chiselers and innocent victims alike—to get a clean start on their future without the onerous, if mounting, interest payments on unpaid credit cards and other debt.

For two weeks, the Senate sponsors shut down virtually every other bill to serve the sheep from the goats and Carthage



out protections for the average family trapped by circumstances. The dry language of the Congressional Record recites a series of one-sided votes rejecting amendments "to protect service members ... to exempt debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems ... to preserve existing bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill or disabled family members ... to exempt debtors if their problems were caused by military service." Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the creditors' pursuit of those folks.

On the other hand, when an amendment was offered to restrict so-called "asset protection trusts," used by wealthy individuals to shelter their portfolios from creditors, it was rejected. Five states—Alaska, Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island and Utah—have changed their laws to let people who live anywhere in the country establish trusts of unlimited size that cannot be reached by federal bankruptcy proceedings. The amendment would have limited this "millionaires' loophole" to \$125,000. But Sen. Charles

Grassley of Iowa, the bill's chief sponsor, intent on blocking any amendment that might prove indigestible in the House, said:

"This is an issue that just needs more time for us to determine whether there is an abuse that needs to be corrected." With no more debate, it was rejected. These amendments came from the liberal camp—senators such as Edward Kennedy, Russ Feingold, Richard Durbin and Charles Schumer—and were easily dismissed by the Republican majority. Even more instructive was what happened when a staunch conservative, Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, tried to put a little balance into the bill.

As attorney general of Texas, Cornyn said the notorious Enron bankruptcy case "opened my eyes to a very real abuse in the current bankruptcy system," the loophole that allows corporations to go "judge-shopping" for jurisdictions with permissive standards. Enron, which had 7,500 employees in Houston, filed for bankruptcy in New York, where it had 57 workers, because New York, along with Delaware, is known as being lenient on big business. Cornyn's amendment recently passed a law restricting plaintiffs in

class-action suits from judge-shopping in the state courts, and Cornyn argued that it should also require corporate bankruptcy cases to be filed in their principal place of business. Citing cases of Polard, K-Mart, WorldCom and Enron, he said the judge-shopping loophole "serves to unfairly enable corporate debtors to evade their financial commitments. (and) it badly disables consumers, creditors, workers, pensioners, shareholders and small businesses from pursuing and receiving reasonable compensation from bankruptcy proceedings."

No one used to dispute Cornyn. So what happened? He withdrew the amendment, without a vote, "out of respect to the managers of this bill who say that amendments to this bill would endanger its ultimate passage." A Cornyn spokesman told me the bill sponsors said his amendment would cost them the support of the two Democratic senators from Delaware—that favorite haven for big business. And—except for the discipline—no one even noticed.

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LETTERS

Merle Stoddard, Twin Falls

Another local who served on Iwo Jima

Please add one more Marine Veteran to the Magic Valley List: Clifford Eschmann of Gooding served on Iwo Jima, too.

Thanks, FRANK THRESHER, Halley

Make Qwest prove its case with the PUC

I am having a hard time understanding why our lawmakers would support Qwest's resurrected push for deregulation.

If Qwest really has a good case, they should take it to the proper place, the Public Utilities Commission, and get it judged on its merits there. Their second try at getting this through the Legislature is like a stubborn child running to grandma after being told "no" by both parents. It should be a place for spilling grannies in this world. I think know—I am one, but this isn't it. The Legislature should think twice before playing that spoiling game and do what's best for Idahoans: deny the deregulation bid.

I don't know if I can count on my own senator to vote in de-

fense of Idaho's seniors and people like myself who have disabilities. I certainly hope so. I was rejected. Five states—Alaska, Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island and Utah—have changed their laws to let people who live anywhere in the country establish trusts of unlimited size that cannot be reached by federal bankruptcy proceedings. The amendment would have limited this "millionaires' loophole" to \$125,000. But Sen. Charles

equate education. As a parent, I am discouraged to see our elected officials disregarding the needs of the students and the teachers of our state. Schools have cut everything from extracurricular activities to programs for special needs children. The schools are operating on a bare bones budget as is. Our children's education are suffering, and our state leaders don't seem to care.

Idaho needs to make an investment in the future by supporting the education of our youth. BRANDA WICKHAM, Hagerman

Legislators come up short again for education

Shame on the Idaho Legislature for once again trying to rob Idaho's youth out of an ad-

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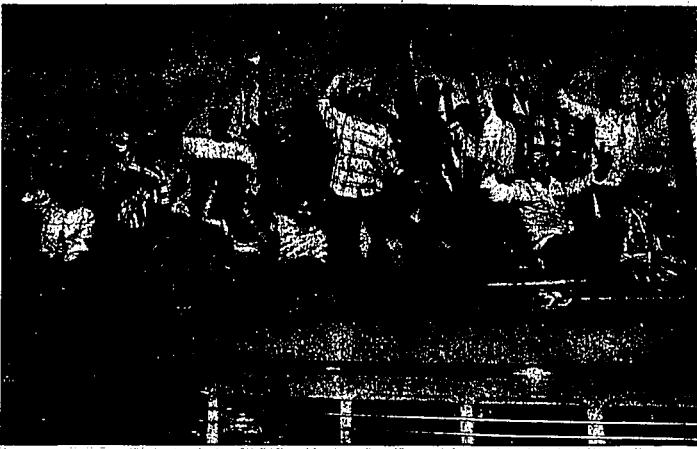
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WORLD



Iraqi students protest at the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad on Sunday in condemnation of the suicide attack that killed 125 people in Hillah, Iraq, on Feb. 28. An Internet statement purportedly by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq group claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Kurds, Shiites get closer to deal

Bomb kills two U.S. contractors

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish leaders said they were near a final agreement Sunday with the majority Shiites to form a coalition government when Iraq's first democratically elected parliament in modern history convenes later this week.

Further talks are slated in Baghdad today. The deal calls for Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader, to be named president. Conservative Islamic Dawa party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari, of the Shiite majority, would become prime minister.

But as the country neared a political landmark many hoped would set the stage for an eventual U.S. withdrawal, two American security contractors were killed and a third was wounded in a roadside bombing south of Baghdad.

The three worked for

Blackwater Security, a North Carolina-based firm that provides security for U.S. State Department officials and facilities in Iraq. They were attacked on the main road to Hillah, south of Baghdad, according to Bob Callahan, a U.S. Embassy spokesman.

In Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi troops killed five insurgents in street fighting, the military said. Three other people, a woman and two children, were killed inadvertently when an American helicopter gunship fired at insurgents, according to Mosul's Al-Jumhuri Teaching Hospital.

The military said at least five Iraqis were wounded in the incident, which occurred when a patrolling helicopter was fired on by insurgents in four cars. The U.S. helicopter returned fire, destroying three of the cars, and U.S. officials said the incident was under investigation.

Also Sunday, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin

reported new contact and information about the kidnapped French journalist Florence Aubenas and Hussein Hanoun al-Saadi, her Iraqi interpreter. Raffarin said the new contacts gave hope the Liberation newspaper reporter could be freed. Aubenas and her translator were kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 5.

Liberation director Serge Jui visited Baghdad's Um al-Qura mosque, which serves as headquarters of the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential organization of Sunni clerics. Sunni Arabs make up the bulk of Iraq's insurgency.

In protest against insurgent violence, a small group of about 50 Shiites demonstrated outside Jordan's embassy after reports that the suicide bomber who killed 125 people in a Feb. 28 attack in Hillah was Jordanian. The protesters burned at least one Jordanian flag.

The political developments Sunday occurred outside the

northern Iraqi city of Irbil, a Kurdish enclave, where leaders of the minority said they were working out final details on a coalition government in accordance with a deal reached earlier this month with the Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance.

The two camps are to formalize their agreement Monday, two days before the National Assembly convenes for the first time since Jan. 30 elections.

"The basic Kurdish demands are not about the Kurds only but the whole of Iraq, we are working for an Iraqi process — a coalition government that respects the constitution," said Interim Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh, a Kurd.

Interim Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, also a Kurd, said a Kurdish delegation was to meet with the alliance again on Monday before the deal is announced, emphasizing that a final agreement was close.

Israel pledges removal of West Bank outposts

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet on Sunday affirmed it will dismantle 24 illegal West Bank settlement outposts but did not say when they will be removed and evaded a decision on the fate of 81 other such enclaves.

The decision fell short of U.S. and Palestinian demands for a speedy dismantling of all outposts, but Cabinet ministers said their removal must wait until after a planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip this summer.

In their weekly meeting, the ministers discussed a highly critical report that blamed the government for helping to set up and expand a total of 105 such outposts in the past decade.

According to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, Israel must remove all the outposts created since March 2001 — 24 according to the outpost report. Seventy-one outposts were built before that date and in 10 cases it was not clear when they were set up.

World in brief

China's president says law might trigger war
 BEIJING — China's President Hu Jintao was named chairman of a government military commission on Sunday, capping a generational transfer of power, and told the 2.5 million-member People's Liberation Army to be prepared for war on the eve of the expected passage of a law authorizing an attack if Taiwan declares formal independence.

"We shall step up preparations for possible military struggle and enhance our capabilities to cope with crises, safeguard peace, prevent wars and with the wars if any," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Hu as saying.

Hu's comments, made to military delegates at the national legislature, appeared aimed at underlining Beijing's determination to unify with democratically ruled Taiwan, which split from the Chinese mainland in 1949.

The two sides split in a civil war more than 50 years ago, and Beijing has long threatened to invade if Taipei takes formal steps toward independence.

Iran: Europeans move too slowly on nuclear talks

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran described progress on nuclear talks with Europe as unsatisfactory and too slow, with Tehran's chief negotiator warning Sunday that it soon may walk away from the discussion.

Iran has made such threats before, accusing Europe of waffering time and not making proposals that conform to the Iranian bottom line — that it will develop peaceful nuclear technology. Europe seeks to ensure it does not use the technology to build bombs.

"If upcoming talks show tangible progress, Iran will be prepared to continue negotiations. Otherwise, the possibility of reconsidering the process of talks with Europeans is serious," chief nuclear negotiator Hossain Mousavilan was quoted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency as saying Sunday.

Earlier, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said a permanent halt of Iran's nuclear activities was out of the question, but said Tehran was not yet ready to declare the "complicated and difficult" talks with Europe a failure.

Kyrgyz voters cast ballots amid accusations of fraud

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — Voters in Kyrgyzstan cast ballots on Sunday in elections amid accusations of fraud and opposition concerns that the longtime leader of the former Soviet republic might seek to extend his rule beyond constitutional limits.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said the first round of voting for the 75-member parliament fell short of international standards, noting instances of vote buying, questionable disqualification of candidates and interference with the media. The government has dismissed those charges.

Only two of the 32 seats filled without a runoff contest in the Feb. 27 vote went to opposition candidates. Of the 43 remaining seats, opposition candidates could win about a dozen in Sunday's election.

— compiled from wire reports

Pope returns to Vatican after hospital stay

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II was released from the hospital and returned to his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square on Sunday after reassuring the world's Roman Catholic faithful with his own rousing voice that he is on the mend.

A gray Mercedes minivan carried the frail, 84-year-old pontiff back to the Vatican, 2.5 weeks after he was rushed by ambulance to Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital and had surgery to insert a breathing tube in his windpipe.

Cries of "Viva il Papa!" ("Long live the pope!") went up outside the hospital as John Paul crossed himself and the van pulled away. He waved and blessed the thousands of cheering Romans and tourists who lined the route, and his motorcade

crossed the spectacularly floodlit square just as night fell, passed beneath the Arch of the Belles and disappeared inside the Vatican.

John Paul left Gemelli just a few hours after his first live-public address since the Feb. 24 operation, managing a few scripted words in a hoarse voice from a window to a crowd of cheering Catholics who had gathered beneath his 10th-floor hospital suite.

"Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your visit. To everyone, have a good Sunday and a good week," he said, reading from a sheet of paper and singling out faithful from his hometown of Wadowice, Poland, for a special greeting.

Minutes later, the Vatican announced the pope's discharge from the hospital. But its

brief statement made clear that the pope was not cured — merely well enough to continue his convalescence back at the Holy See. It said John Paul was leaving Gemelli "in agreement with the attending physicians."

The pope, whose recovery and speaking difficulties have been hampered by Parkinson's disease, has been getting breathing and speech therapy since his tracheotomy. His spokesman said last week that nothing was being done for John Paul at the hospital that could not be handled in his apartment.

Third of Syria forces withdraw

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syria has withdrawn nearly a third of its 14,000 troops from Lebanon and the remainder were expected to be gone — as demanded by the Bush administration — before Lebanese parliamentary elections slated to begin next month, senior Syrian officials said Sunday.

The 10,000 troops still in the country have mainly pulled back to the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon, near the Syrian border. However, 1,000 intelligence officers remain in the country, mainly along the north-south Tripoli and Akkar and on the southern edge of Beirut.



"The elections will take place and I think the troops will move out of Lebanon probably before then," southern Shabahan, a Syrian Cabinet minister, told CNN.

In a flurry of diplomatic activity a day after meeting Syrian President Bashar Assad, U.N. envoy Terje Roed-Larsen held back-to-back sessions Sunday with top Lebanese officials. He was sent to the region to pressure Damascus to implement U.N. Security Council Resolution 1559, which demands an end to Syrian involvement in its tiny neighbor after nearly three decades. The document was drafted by the United States and France and adopted in September.

In southern Lebanon, meanwhile, at least 100,000 pro-Syrian demonstrators turned out in the market town of Nabatieh, where protesters burned Israeli flags and waved posters of Assad, his late father, President Hafez Assad, and pro-Syrian Lebanese President Emile Lahoud. It was the second big protest organized by the militant Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah in a week.

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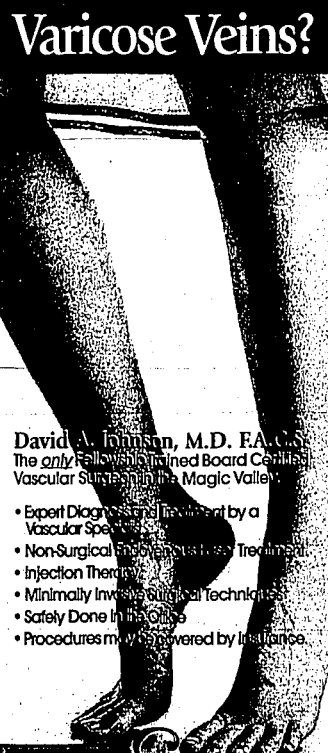
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Too much peppermint in Burt's Bees

DEAR PAULA: I just read the article — you wrote — about chapped lips. I read the ingredient list from one of the products you recommended and I don't like any of the ingredients, nor do I think they



COSMETICS
Paula Begoun

work. Castor oil and petrolatum just sit on your skin. They don't help in the actual healing of chapped lips. I know this because I use an all-natural lip balm by Burt's Bees. I'm sure you've heard of this brand and I would love to see you do a review of their products. The Burt's Bees lip balm is the best I've ever used. The ingredients actually help heal chapped lips over time.

VIOLETTA VIA E-MAIL:
DEAR PAULA: I am glad to hear you found a product that worked for you. I have reviewed Burt's Bees products and his lip balm, but for the sake of your question, let me expand on that. First, there are lots of studies showing petrolatum to be healing. Castor oil also has some research showing it to have healing properties, but mostly it is just a carrier ingredient. Keeping other ingredients on the skin, I'm not sure what it is you don't like about those ingredients, but they have an impressive history.

Burt's lip balm is indeed natural. The ingredient list is coconut oil, beeswax, sweet almond oil, lanolin, tocopheryl acetate and tocopherol, peppermint oil, camphor, eucalyptus extract, and rosemary extract. Coconut oil and beeswax sit on top of the skin and aren't absorbed, and that's a good thing, because if everything were absorbed into the skin, nothing would be left on the surface of the lips to protect them. Lanolin also isn't absorbed very well on the lips, but this animal-derived ingredient is a great emollient and helpful for chapped lips. A token amount of vitamin E is added to the balm, and more would have been better as it is a very good antioxidant for skin.

My concern about this product is the peppermint. This irritating plant extract serves no purpose for skin, and can actually irritate the skin's ability to heal. All in all, this isn't a terrible lip balm, but there are better ones that don't cause irritation to skin. You might want to consider Neurogena's Overnight Lip Treatment (\$3.50).

DEAR PAULA: I would like to know which lip color makes teeth look whiter or at least less yellow? I have heard multiple, contradictory answers about blue-based (cool) tones being better than yellow-based (warm) tones and vice versa. Since neither is putting so much effort into trying to whiten their teeth, which lipstick enhances the white effect?

JUDI, VIA E-MAIL:
DEAR JUDE: It actually depends more on the actual discoloration of your teeth and the actual color of the lipstick they wear than on your natural lip color. In essence that means you need to try on varying shades and see what works. The general rule you've probably heard of is that yellow tones don't contrast with and downplay the yellow of your teeth while blue-tone lipsticks would (making the yellow look more yellow). But rather than playing this game (which doesn't cut-outrage much, even if you find the right match), consider talking to your dentist about a teeth-whitening treatment. It's safer but it works brilliantly, and then it doesn't matter in the least what lipstick shade you wear.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (8th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 166, Seattle, Wash. 98148 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com



Gladys Smith of Twin Falls takes 18 different pills each day and has more than 30 different prescription drugs in the house between her and her husband Don. Mixing prescription drugs and using outdated prescriptions can have harmful effects, so experts say you should clean out your medicine cabinet at least once a year.

Purge that medicine cabinet! Mixing outdated prescription drugs is a recipe for disaster

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gladys Smith, 66, learned the hard way that while there's no warning label on her medicine-cabinet door, what she keeps inside can be trouble.

"I live on pain medication," said Smith, but had she taken a more serious look at what she stored in her medicine cabinet, it could have saved her a major scare.

After her family physician moved away a few years ago, Smith looked to another doctor to help her with pain management. The discomfort she deals with "on a daily basis" became more acute after she underwent surgery to have silicone breast implants removed.

While new drugs were prescribed for her pain, she didn't discard the pain medication that she had been using for lymphedema.

One morning, she added one of the older pills to her regular morning regimen of prescription drugs. A few dizzying minutes later, she realized that what she had done could have caused her serious harm.

Mixing prescription drugs — or accidentally using medications that are outdated — is a growing concern, especially among the elderly.

But according to local pharmacists, there are a number of

safeguards. "I always tell people to read the labels carefully — and be (extremely) careful with pain medication, or anything that affects the central nervous system," said Kurt Hefner, a pharmacist and owner of Kurt's Pharmacy in the Lynwood Shopping Mall.

When medications are outdated, his advice is emphatic. "Throw it away," Hefner said.

And the best way to do that is to flush those pills down the toilet. "And when people say 'I can't,' I say, 'Yes, you can.'"

Hefner warns against discarding medications in a garbage can because of the danger to pets.

According to the St. Paul, Minn., Pioneer Press, just as people make appointments for yearly physicals, they also need to get an annual check-up on their medicine cabinets.

The newspaper included opinions from medical experts who were asked for suggestions on what items to stock, where to store them — and when to pitch them.

Purge your medicine cabinet once a year, they advised, and find another place to store prescription drugs.

The heat and humidity of the bathroom can increase the rate the medications degrade, Dr. Thomas Lacker, a professor in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, told the Pioneer Press.

Medicine chest basics

- Oral rehydration solution for diarrhea or vomiting
 - Antibacterial ointment to put on wound before you dress it; hydrogen peroxide to clean and sterilize cuts and scratches
 - Nasal spray for colds
 - Gauze and adhesive bandages to clean and dress cuts or scrapes
 - Thermometer (and alcohol to clean it between uses)
 - Ipecac (to induce vomiting; only use under a physician's direction)
 - 1 percent hydrocortisone cream for certain rashes.
- Source: UCLA Medical Center

Instead, seek out a cool, dry place, such as a kitchen cabinet, "out of the reach of children," he said.

With all over-the-counter medications, read the labels and check with a pharmacist when picking drugs for infants, children or pregnant women.

And be aware of possible interactions with other medications.

At the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, a program to safeguard the use of medications is already in place.

Through the Area IV Office on

Aging, a medical management program provides seniors with the opportunity to have their prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications checked at all 18 senior centers in the Magic and Wood River valleys, according to Bruce Fox, manager of the Vista Senior Prescription Project.

"We call the prescription drug project brown-bagging," said Jackie Whiting, the Twin Falls center administrator.

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Friends don't let friends wear mullets

By Rob Haasen
The Baltimore Sun

There are two kinds of people in this country, and forget that blue-state, red-state thing. You're either for a mullet or against a mullet.

What's a mullet? Do not mock us. Yes, a mullet is a spiny-finned, feeble-toothed fish, but we all know it's so much more. A mullet is a hairstyle characterized by the hair cut short in front and on the sides but kept

long down the back.

It's not a cutting-edge style. But recently, the mullet has re-emerged as a pop culture object of praise and derision. There are "Fear the Mullet" and "Got Mullet!" T-shirts, mullet books, movies and TV shows, mullet calendars, calendars, poetry and wigs and a disturbing number of mullet Web sites.

There is a growing body of mullet haiku, as there should be. One sample:

This super cool hair and a bucket of chicken:

What more could I want?

This all appears to suggest a renaissance of the mullet or, at the least, a proud and thriving Internet-sustained community where mullet lovers and haters can join forces, "as one site says.

"The mullet is a way of life. It is a state of mind, it is every person who wears it," says RateMyMullet.com, a site dedicated not only to rating mullets but to the hairstyle's psychology, sociology and science.

"It is suggested by many top laboratories that the mullet, as

it slowly reaches maturity, begins to grow tentacles into the brain of the victim," says the site, which, coincidentally, offers a link to a bong store.

Other sites go by the names Mullet Lovers, Mullet Junkie, Mullet Galore ("Join the Mulleta," it urges) and Mullet Madness, featuring "Ask Mr. Mullet" and "Mullets in the News."

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Achy-cruso singer Billy Ray Cyrus surely inspired a legion of mullet heads.



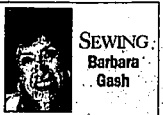
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Crochet hooks more people into the creative hobby

The number of knitters and crocheters in the United States has swelled to more than 45 million, according to the Craft Yarn Council of America.

We are seeing an especially rapid growth in crochet, which is certainly not just about granny squares anymore. Current fashions have helped boost this hobby, and it doesn't hurt that celebrity magazines tell us about the crocheted creations of Jennifer Lopez, Catherine Zeta-Jones and other stars.

Another driving force is, of course, the variety of beautiful yarns on the market now, both affordable and widely available.



SEWING
Barbara Gash

In addition to the classics, "the new eyelash, furry and ribbon yarns are so gorgeous that people want to jump in and work with them," says John Boggs of pattern book publisher DRG. He cites their particular appeal to young people both male and female, a segment that makes

up much of the hobby's growth. "It's a hobby that is portable and relaxing," adds Boggs.

How does crochet differ from knitting? To crochet, you need only a continuous strand of yarn and a single hook. Stitches are made by wrapping yarn around the hook to form loops. Loops are then drawn through the wrapped yarn to make the stitches.

You can keep making loops, called chains, to create a foundation row, and then build on this foundation.

You can crochet in straight rows, or you can join stitches to

work in the round. It's versatile for both fashion and home decor, with its raised stitches that create beautiful textures.

Here are a few books to help you get started, or inspire you to new projects:

"How to Crochet" — a progressive lesson book by Pauline Turner (Collins & Brown, \$29.95).

"Crochet with Style" — Fun sweaters, by Melissa Leapman (Thauton Press, \$19.95).

"The Weekend Crochet: Crochet" — 20 simple designs, by Jane Davis (Lark Books, \$14.95). At local yarn and craft stores.

look for Lon Brand Yarn's Crochet for a Cause kit, which includes yarn, crochet hook, beginner instructions and pattern for a scarf. It retails for \$9, and sales benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation. To see it on the Web, visit www.lonbrand.com and click on "Order Online," then type "cause" into the search window.

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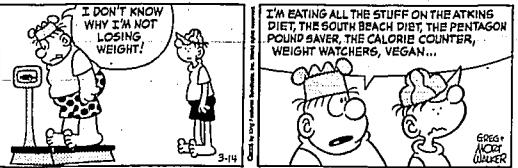


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