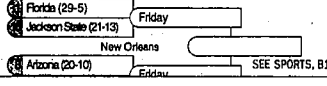


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One hour ahead, one step behind



"There were about the same number of people in church as usual, so I'm not sure how the time change affected people. I'm not sleepy now, but I was this morning."
— Mary Ann Colvin, St. Edward's Catholic Church parishioner



"They had signs posted in the back reminding everyone to change their clocks, but the time change still messed everything up."
— Vickie Gabert, Waitress at the Depot Grill



Some in Magic Valley adjust to daylight savings time better than others

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

"springing ahead" one hour Sunday morning to daylight-saving time.
But one less hour of sleep did little to affect business as usual in the valley: Planes took off on

time, movies began on schedule and church services were as crowded as normal. Except for a few forgetful and undoubtedly embarrassed souls, it seems most took the time change —

this year three weeks earlier than usual — in stride.
"I heard everything went really well," said Bill Garberry, manager at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. "The

people there for the early flight were there in plenty of time," he said, "though they were a bit more bleary-eyed than normal."
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EUROPE

France to elect a new president

PARIS — Jacques Chirac, admitted and scorned during 12 years as president of France, leaves a legacy as mixed and ambiguous as the man himself.
— As widely expected, the French leader announced Sunday that he will not seek a third term in presidential elections in six weeks. In a televised address, Chirac said he would find new ways to serve his country after leaving office. "Serving France, and serving peace, is what I have committed my whole life to."
— The Associated Press



FORMER GOV. JIM RISCH

There and back again



Jim Risch, 31st governor of Idaho, listens at a meeting with the Times-News editorial board.

Risch reflects on political roles

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — Jim Risch has been here before.
That place could be in the hallway on the second floor of the Statehouse listening to state officials; sitting in his office, jacket off, talking about his career; or traveling across Idaho to tout economic growth or the Republican Party.
But perhaps the most realistic description of the man is, simply, lieutenant governor of Idaho.
After seven months as Idaho's thirty-first governor, Risch returned in November to the job he was first elected to in 2002. He had ascended to the position after former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne was chosen as secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.
When Risch beat Democrat Larry LaRocco to serve under Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, he capped a term that included property tax reform, a roadless roads proposal,

and a nursing initiative — all after the three-month legislative session.
2007 legislative winners and losers.
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For Risch, a seasoned politician known for an old-fashioned, hard-working style, his work today is still about getting up and getting dirty with the issues.
"I start earlier here and I leave later here," he said. "The daily routine isn't a lot different than when I was in this job before, but there is a lot more to do."
Familiar footing
Risch presides over the 35 state senators as president of the

Senate. Though the daily sessions become busier as April nears, they are routine for Risch. In fact, he speaks with such wariness and haste that one might think he is eager for the mid-day meal.
Most senators, including Senate Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soleda Springs, said he has observed little change from the former prosecuting attorney.
"If anything, he is calmer; he is gentler," Geddes said last week.
Risch's relations with Democrats also are normal, and not surprising, said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, in that he does not meet with them at all.
"I don't think it's in his interest ... He's a partisan player," Stennett said. "But when he presides over the Senate he is not partisan at all."
Jim Weatherby, a political science professor emeritus at Boise State University, said he is not surprised at such a description.
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Kidnapped baby found in New Mexico

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press writer

LUBBOCK, Texas — A newborn kidnapped from a Lubbock hospital by a woman wearing hospital scrubs and a hooded jacket was found safe Sunday in New Mexico and returned to her mother.
Four-day-old Michael Darthard-Dawodu was found in a home in Clovis, N.M., by police following up on tips, a day after she was taken from Covenant Lakeside Hospital.

Safely home



Michael Darthard-Dawodu
AP/Wide World
'Kidnapped baby reunited with mother'
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"It's a joyous time," Gwen Stafford, senior vice president of Covenant Health System, said at a news conference Sunday. "This has been a roller coaster of emotions. Today there's not many happy stories; this is certainly one in Lubbock, Texas."
Raysanna Parson, 21, of Clovis, was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping and jailed in Curry County, N.M., where she had been interviewed by Lubbock and FBI investigators, authorities said. Federal charges also could be pursued, Lubbock police Lt. Scott Hudgens said.
Phone numbers at Parson's address had been disconnected Sunday.
Before being flown back to Texas and her parents, Caisha Darthard and Michael A. Dawodu, Michael was checked at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis and found to be in good condition, Clovis police Lt. James Schoeffel said.



This photo taken from a surveillance camera at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock, Texas, on Friday evening shows the woman suspected of kidnapping a baby girl from this hospital early Saturday.

Survey: Governments talk loud about openness, but are soft on enforcing laws

By Robert Tancor
Associated Press writer

Though laws in every state say government records and meetings must be open to all, reality often falls far short: Laws are sporadically enforced, penalties for failure to comply are mild and violators almost always walk away with nothing more than a reprimand, an Associated Press survey of all 50 states has found.
Even in the handful of states that monitor such cases, when

citizens appeal over lack of access to information, the government usually wins — and keeps public business secret.
Why does it matter? Advocates for open government say public trust is at the heart of our democracy, that scrutiny keeps public officials honest, and that information is the foundation of informed debate.
"We're in an era, clearly, where there's a lot of distrust in government," said Bill Chamberlain of the Marion Brechner

Citizen Access Project at the University of Florida. "The more the public officials are open in their conversation and show the documentation that they're basing decisions on, it's going to help the public have faith in what officials are doing."
The AP's survey — conducted to coincide with Sunshine Week, a nationwide effort to draw attention to the public's right to know — gathered material from each state on its open government laws and

penalties. Additionally, for the years 2004 to 2006, it sought more detail on open government complaints in states with the best record-keeping. The AP found that fewer than 10 states effectively track what happens in such cases.
Looking more closely at those monitoring efforts, a snapshot emerges: Oversight agencies and attorneys general are more likely to rule in favor of government offices that keep documents secret and doors closed. And when they

rule that the law was broken? The overwhelming majority of decisions bring a "don't do it again" warning.
In Fort Smith, Ark., a resident fought to learn what city officials were doing when they secretly decided to buy a vacant downtown building. David Harris proved in court that the officials broke the law, but the state Supreme Court last year declined to levy the only punishment possible —

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Risch

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"He had an excellent record in many respects as governor, particularly over such a short time," he said. "He should feel good about that, probably."

Risch does, in fact, have places to be. He has settled into a schedule of meetings, speaking engagements, business consulting and all the baggage that a savvy attorney, rancher and businessman can handle in one day.

Risch has earned some extra cloud this time around. He can pick and choose who he wants to talk to, when he feels like speaking and where exactly that meeting will take place.

"I don't have the ability to do what I did when I was governor," he said. "When you're governor and they hand you a plate, you can't say 'take the plate away.' I get all the time people calling in here and saying 'we want you on this issue and help on this issue,' and I say, no, no."

Life as lieutenant governor has evolved a lot like that of senators and representatives — a cyclical and around-the-clock life but with personal privilege.

It should come as no surprise that Risch called his tenure as governor "profoundly rewarding." Like any job, however, it required its tough moments. One thing he does not miss, for example, is attending funerals for soldiers that were killed while serving in Iraq.

"Those were tough," he said.

"That was the toughest thing I had to do."

Outside the limelight

Because of the urgency to finish the session by April because of scheduled construction on the Capitol, issues that might seem irrelevant have been elevated to the public forum. Those issues — taxes and voting — are routine in legislatures.

"Even the big issues aren't as big as they usually are," Risch said. "There aren't battles with blood left and bodies lying on the floor. It's a very civil session in that regard."

This does not mean that Risch leaves his opinions outside the door:

"On party primaries, Idaho currently conducts open primaries, a proposal for closed primaries was killed, but a modified version is in the works."

"From a republican standpoint, why, oh why, oh why, would anyone want to change the system that we have right now?" he asked. "We've moved from theory to reality. My point is that whatever is in place seems to be working right now."

"On personal property tax exemption, a proposal that would phase out nearly \$100 million for businesses over an eight-year period. It generally likes the legislation being debated."

"It's a natural progression to get rid of that tax," he said. "It's

a nightmare for businesses to administer."

"On the state Supreme Court's decision last week that overturned an earlier decision that the Idaho Department of Water Resources conjunctive management process is unconditional and arbitrary," Risch said he was not surprised by the decision.

"When you mention the word water, I predict a couple of things. There's going to be more lawsuits and there's going to be more legislation," he said. "That's just the way the water issue is."

"Last fall, Risch unveiled a \$37 million proposal for new nursing buildings at Lewis Clark State College and the College of Southern Idaho. Initiatives supported by Oter and approved by the finance committee."

Risch said the nursing task force should probably be reassembled and items reviewed again.

"I was glad he chose to move it forward," he said. "We're done with it, but certainly this is a giant step forward."

"Separate elections for both the governor and his lieutenant is not unique to Idaho but are not necessarily used in all states. Risch said he meets frequently with Oter, whose office is across the hall.

"The last thing a governor needs is a former governor breathing down his neck," Risch said. "What he needs is for me to help him every way I can, and I do."

As governor, Risch, like his predecessor Kempthorne, was known for a friendly and open relationship with the media, but he has generally kept himself out of the limelight. He said Oter's approach — he has not called a single press conference — is up to Oter.

"It's a reflection of what he wants to do. Everybody is different," said Risch, who said he is not criticizing Oter. "I enjoyed press conferences. It actually sharpens you and makes you rethink things sometimes."

The Risch road

Risch, who resides in the Boise area, said he does not know his next step. Like the legislators, he is cautious about how this session — and the next one — will pan out.

"If the economy stays the same, you're going to have a session a lot like this one, not with a lot of fireworks (but) just a plain old sweaty 'get the job done and go home' kind of session," he said. "If the economy hiccups then there's a problem."

His opinion on the economy is not surprising, as Risch has been a strong proponent in the world of economic development. He declined to disclose details of any projects in Magic Valley but insisted that proj-

ects take months, and sometimes years, to come to fruition.

"When there is a job put on the table, all 50 states want that job," he said. "It's really important that you have someone high up in the government to talk to those people."

He also is not shy about the state's reliance on agriculture, mining, science and technology. It's a reality that Idaho needs to embrace, he said, noting that the state is heading for the second year in a row with a \$200 million surplus.

"There has been rampant speculation from media, lawmakers and the general public over where Risch will go next. The lieutenant governor himself said he cannot predict such things, but many colleagues say they do not expect him to be finished with public office in four years."

"In most instances, lawyers make lousy retirees and I think Jim is no exception," said Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis. If Idaho falls, another attorney. "I'm not sure we're emotionally balanced enough to ever retire. My observation is that he wants to continue public service."

Whether he pursues anything further, Risch is comfortable with being the current No. 2 man in the state. He recalled his younger years when he would mull about his future; now, he said, such thoughts escape him.

"My life's a vacation," Risch said. "When I get up in the morning, I can do whatever I want to do."

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Downtown at St. Edward's Catholic Church it was a similar story. Parishioner Mary Ann Cahill said Sunday mornings 10:30 mass had about the same number of people as any other Sunday, though she said she arrived sleeper than usual.

More than one Magic Valley resident, however, were brooded by the overnight time shift.

At Twin 12 Chikena, more than five people who didn't change their clocks showed up an hour late. As for scheduled movies, said manager Bonnie Taylor.

At the Depot Grill, one waitress actually showed up an hour early for her shift, said coworkers Theresa Shirk and Vickie Gabert. Apparently, the woman, who Shirk and Gabert



"We've had about five people come in an hour late for movies. We just sell them tickets for the next show."

— Bonnie Taylor, manager at Twin 12 Cinema

were reluctant to name to save her embarrassment, set her clock ahead before going to bed. But her husband, who didn't realize his wife had already adjusted the clock, also moved his hands forward an hour.

To add insult to injury, the waitress had to wait an additional hour for the breakfast rush because most customers came in at least an hour later than normal.

Waitresses early, customers late, the time change "messed up everything," Gabert said. "Lucky for those vexed by daylight-saving time, clocks won't return to regular time until Nov. 4 — a week later than normal."

Better set your clocks now.

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Sunshine

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the \$10,000 in legal fees it cost Harris to make his case.

"There is largely a culture in state and local government that violating public meetings and open records laws is not the same as committing a crime," Chamberlin said. "It's largely treated as a nuisance rather than a law."

"Those charged with enforcement of open government laws strongly disagree. They take the law very seriously, they say, but contend a reprimand is usually punishment enough for a local council member or village mayor who is guilty only of misunderstanding the law."

"We think the carrot is preferable to the stick. We use

the carrot in almost every case," said Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning, who helped toughen his state's open government or "sunshine" statutes when he was a state senator. "Our experience is that local officials want to abide by the law, but they often don't know how."

The AP analysis found that nearly all states have crafted penalties for those who violate sunshine laws, but the majority do little to keep track of how often the law is broken and

what the punishment might be.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Milk will give you three weeks

Q: How is the expiration date for milk determined?

A: "There's typically an 18-21 day 'use-by-date,'" answered Marianne Smukowski, quality safety applications coordinator for the Center for Dairy Research in Madison, Wis.

Without getting too technical, Smukowski said the use-by-date, also called the pool date, is based on milk breaking down over time and having an off flavor. "Basically, there are quality issues," she said.

Certain methods can be used to extend the life of milk, Smukowski said, such as using carbon dioxide or ultra-high temperatures during the production process. But for the most part, milk has about three weeks before it goes bad.

— Christopher Bennett, Lee Newspapers

Q: Why are deviled eggs 'deviled'?

A: "Deviled" refers to the process of seasoning a piece of food. The food is highly seasoned, usually processed, then served either hot or cold. The term might also refer to spiced or potted meats.

The name of the dish has been around for ages. A recipe for stuffed eggs appears in a 15th Century Italian cookbook and some think it originated in ancient Rome.

Some food historians believe the name, though, comes from the belief that deviled foods aren't as healthy as non-deviled foods. This food is believed to be under the influence of the devil.

Deviled foods are also sometimes hot, and anything hot tends to conjure images of the red guy with horns, the cape and the tail.

— Christopher Bennett, Lee Newspapers

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No monkeying around for this Nevada family

Spring Creek couple goes to great lengths to get care for pet capuchin monkey

By Jared DuBach
For the Times-News

SPRING CREEK, Nev. — Finding the right doctor in northeastern Nevada can be a real challenge. If you think it's hard enough for humans, try being a monkey.

Rick and Rhonda Nelson of Spring Creek didn't know how hard it would be to find a specialist in northeastern Nevada until their 37-year-old capuchin monkey, Cheeta, developed a serious ear ailment. After several attempts by Rhonda to extract blood that had formed into a hematoma, the Nelsons called around, even to Salt Lake City, to find someone who could help.

Finally, Rhonda consulted Dr. Robert Finley at Tunabo Veterinary Clinic about the situation. Finley does not have expertise in monkeys, but consulted his colleague, Dr. Martin Orr in Draper, Utah, in the matter.

"He was the only one willing to do it," Nelson said.

Cheeta went home earlier this week after Finley performed the basic surgery under Orr's instruction, and she has been recovering since. Nelson said the next few weeks are critical because the procedure can have delayed effects that could result in life-threatening kidney failure.

During a recent visit to the Nelsons' home, Cheeta didn't seem to be lacking energy or enthusiasm.

Cheeta came from South America, and was imported pre-1974, which is when the ban on importing monkeys for sale was established by Congress. She came into Nelson's care in 1980,



Rhonda Nelson of Spring Creek, Nev., and Cheeta smile for the camera.

and has since enjoyed a life of relative luxury.

She even has her own cat that she grooms regularly, and she enjoys "The Lawrence Welk Show." When she sees Welk she grins widely, bats her eyelashes at him and makes little love clatters.

A hobby of Cheeta's is browsing one of the more recent Avon catalogs.

"She loves a good Avon brook after dinner," Nelson said.

Nelson said she can't leave tubes of toothpaste sitting out or they'll be all squeezed out. Cheeta also once got under a cabinet in the kitchen and dumped liquid car wax all over a purple velvet couch.

"She's just a mischievous monkey," Nelson said. "She can't help it."



Firefighters set up ventilation equipment shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday at this home at 1415 Hansen Ave. in Burley.

Fire scorches Burley home

No one injured in Thursday fire

For the Times-News

BURLEY — Firefighters set up ventilation equipment shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday at a home at 1415 Hansen Ave. in Burley.

A pan was left on a stove burner at the residence of Kathy Hohsteln causing a gas fire. Capt. Mike Sandmann said the fire was doused with a fire extinguisher and was contained to the stovetop.

The kitchen fire was the second one this week in the same neighborhood, the first occurring Tuesday a few blocks northeast of Hohsteln's residence at 1250 Malta Ave.

Woman exemplified charity, compassion, love

By Jami Whited
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Charlotte Myers commemorated the world's charity, compassion and love, described her daughter Tina Holmes.

Myers, a generous woman who gave freely to those in need, died March 1 at age 55. In 1978, Myers moved back to her hometown of Twin Falls with her daughters. She started working at The Cove and eventually became the owner. She became a fixture of the restaurant and was a welcome sight to those in need of a friend.

"She absolutely loved people," said good friend

Cammie Garner of Twin Falls. "And I think that kept an influx of people coming to her."

As that love became well-known, people grew to love Myers in return. Holmes said that more than 800 people attended benefits to help with Myers cancer treatments and more than 300 attended her celebration of life.

"My mom did things for people that no one knows about," Holmes said.

"People continually come out of the woodwork telling us things she did for them that we had no idea about." Myers strived to instill that characteristic in her daughters who say she helped oth-

Charlotte Ann Myers
Born: Sept. 11, 1951
Died: March 1, 2007
Survivors: Daughters, Tina Holmes of Superior, Wis., and Sisters, three brothers, and countless friends and loved ones.
Memorial: To the American Cancer Society, specifically for lung cancer research.

ers be better people and more compassionate simply by being an example.

"She'd never judge a soul," Holmes said. "She took you for what you were and where you were and didn't make you feel less than noble."

Myers was the type of person to do anything she could for anyone. Holmes said her

mom literally gave the shirt off her back to someone who needed it one time.

While having a picnic in the park she would invite people to join them if they looked hungry. She didn't even like yard sales because she'd rather give items away.

"She never wanted anyone to be sad," Holmes said. "She

was always looking out for others."

It made her feel good to help people and Myers was active in the community through the Shriner's Club, Valley House, the Boys and Girls Club and other organizations.

To Myers, being nice and giving to others wasn't just being polite. It was a way of life.

"She taught my sister and I that whatever you do to someone, it will come back to you ten-fold," Holmes said. "And she absolutely believed it."

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Oldest active referee in Idaho still whistlin' after 25 years on the hardwood

By Bryan Howe
For the Times-News

When Bruce Seamons began his refereeing career at age 47, he was told he was too old. That was 25 years ago.

Seamons, who will celebrate his 72nd birthday in April, is the oldest active referee in Idaho.

Over a span of 25 years, he has officiated thousands of basketball games, from youth

recreation leagues to the college level.

"It's just the thrill of the game," said Seamons, a resident of Burley. "It's like a guy racing a race car. They could have wrecks, they could get killed, but they go for the thrill of it. If you can go out and referee a good game, I don't know what else to compare it to as far as a satisfying feeling."

Besides working varsity and JV high school games,

Seamons keeps busy with AAU, summer camps, recreation leagues and tournaments throughout the year.

Despite his age, he works 10-12 games in an average weekend.

Seamons shows no signs of slowing down. He still works a game nearly every night of the week. In January, there were only four or five nights that he didn't blow a whistle.

"It's fun, that's all I can say,"

he said. "I've heard some refs say that they're in it for the money. I would do it for nothing."

Seamons is in better shape than a lot of 20-year-olds.

Recently, he was timed sprinting from baseline to baseline — 34 feet — in 4.8 seconds.

Although Seamons' passion for officiating still burns as much as it did 25 years ago, he admits that some nights are better than others.

"It's like a basketball player," Seamons said. "A player can go out there one night and every time he shoots the ball, it goes in the basket — he doesn't do anything wrong and he has a great night. Then he can go out the next night and he can't even make a basket. And that's sometimes the way it is with refereeing."

He doesn't exercise, other than the workouts he gets from working games. It has been

estimated that a basketball referee runs the equivalent of 3.2 miles in an average game. A soccer referee puts in between five to seven miles per game. Seamons figures he has run over 4,450 miles just in the past 13 years.

Following up in Montana, Seamons officiated high school letters in football and basketball for four years. He married

OTHER VIEWS

No difference between e-mails and Robocalls

The Lewiston Tribune

Here's a lesson in free speech, courtesy of the Idaho Legislature. When politicians employ automated telephone dialing machines to play the same recorded message to thousands of people, that's an exercise of politicians' constitutionally protected right to free speech.

When voters send the same e-mail to every member of a legislative committee with one mouse click, in hopes of influencing committee votes, that's an unwarranted intrusion on legislators' time.

At least that's the way things have worked out during the current legislative session.

In February, Lewiston Democrat John Rusche asked members of the House State Affairs Committee to approve his bill outlawing so-called robocalls that disturb voters' dinners with canned political pitches. Members voted 11-6 to kill it. Some said to prohibit the calls would be affront to the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

The same month, however, the majority leader of the state Senate, Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, instructed Statehouse computer technicians to disable voters' ability to e-mail all members of a committee with a single click. E-mailers must now punch in every address they seek to reach.

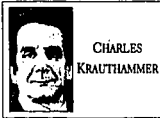
"Most of the committee got bombarded by literally thousands of e-mails by somebody who just clicked the send all button," Davis said of House State Affairs Committee consideration of yet another bill restricting robocalls. "We don't have enough staff to sort through them."

At least legislators have a staff to deal with e-mail messages. That's more than ordinary people do when they confront their daily raft of e-mail spam.

It's also more than people have in answering personal telephone calls, some of which end up coming not from other persons, but machines.

Rusche is now back before his fellow legislators with a revised version of his original bill. It requires only that robocalls begin with a statement of who ordered them. That's pretty weak tea, compared to the original bill. But it's a start. Anyone wish there were an easier way to contact every legislator to encourage its passage?

Their view: This guest editorial from the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune says legislators allow intrusive communication, if it's convenient. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Scotter Libby has just been convicted for four felonies that could theoretically give him 25 years in jail for what? Missing when he first heard a certain piece of information, namely the identity of Joe Wilson's wife.

Think about that. Can you remember when was the first time you heard the name Joe Wilson or Valerie Plame? OK, so it is not a preoccupation of yours. But it was a preoccupation of many Washington journalists and government officials called to testify at the Libby trial, and their memories were all over the lot. Former presidential press secretary Ari Fleischer testified under oath that he had not told Washington Post reporter Walter Pincus about Mrs. Wilson. Pincus testified under oath that Fleischer definitely had.

Obviously, one is not telling the truth. But there is no reason to believe that either one is deliberately lying. Pincus and Fleischer are as fallible as any of us. They spend their days receiving and giving information. They can't possibly be expected to remember not only every piece, but precisely when they received every piece.

Should Scotter Libby? He was famously mid-tasking a

large number of national security and domestic issues, receiving hundreds of pieces of information every day from dozens of sources. Yet special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald chose to make Libby's mis-statements about the timing of the receipt of one piece of information — Mrs. Wilson's identity — the great white whale of his multimillion-dollar prosecutorial juggernaut.

Why? Because on his essential charge as special prosecutor — find and punish who had leaked Valerie Plame's name — he had nothing. No conspiracy, no felony, no crime, not even the claim that she was a covert agent covered by the nondisclosure law. Fitzgerald knew the leaker from the very beginning. It was not Libby, but Richard Armitage. He also knew that the "leak" by the State Department's No. 2 official — a fierce bureaucratic opponent of the White House and especially the vice president's office — was an innocent off-hand disclosure made to explain how the CIA had probably chosen Wilson for an WMD mission. (He was recommended by his CIA wife.)

Everyone agrees that Fitzgerald's perjury case against Libby hung on the tes-

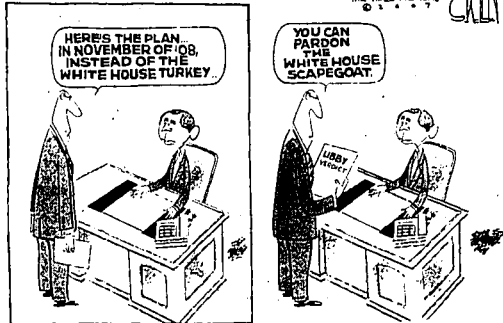
timony of NBC's Tim Russert. Libby said that he heard about Plame from Russert. Russert said he had never discussed it. The jury members who have spoken said they believed Russert.

And why should they not? Russert is a perfectly honest man who would not lie. He was undoubtedly giving his best recollection.

But he is not the pope. Given that so many journalists and administration figures were shown to have extremely fallible memories, is it possible that Russert's memory could have been faulty? I have no idea. But we do know that Russert once denied calling up a Buffalo News reporter to complain about a story. Russert later apologized for the error when he was shown the evidence of a call he had generated and completely forgotten.

There is a second instance of Russert innocently misremembering. He stated under oath that he did not know that one policy should be accompanied by a lawyer to a grand jury hearing. This fact, in and of itself, is irrelevant to the case, except that, as former prosecutor Victoria Toensing points out, the defense had tapes showing Russert saying on tel-

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evision three times that lawyers are barred from grand jury proceedings. This demonstration of Russert's fallibility was never shown to the jury. The judge did not know it. He therefore denied the defense a case that would not put Libby on the stand — his perfect Fifth Amendment right — after hitting in the opening statement that it might be a foregone conclusion that the defense a straightforward demonstration of the fallibility of the witness whose testimony was most decisive.

Toensing thinks this might be the basis for overruling the verdict upon appeal. I hope so. This is a case that never should have been brought, originating in the scandal that never was, in search of a crime — violation of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act — that even the prosecutor never alleged. That's the basis for a presidential pardon. It should have been granted long before this egregious case came to trial. It should be granted now without any further delay.

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The isolationist movement is on the rise

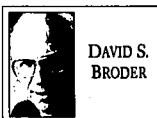
When President Bush, in his second inaugural address, pledged to "support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world," he seemed to be speaking for the whole country.

But two years later, a disillusioned American public, sobered by the war in Iraq and still fearful of more terrorist attacks after he at home, is ready to settle for a less idealistic goal — protecting the United States and its vital interests.

That is the main lesson of a poll that was released to me last week by the leaders of Third Way, a left-leaning Washington think tank, and is now available online at www.third-way.com. It is something the presidential candidates might well read. It was done by a reputable firm, Penn, Schoen & Berland Associates, interviewing a sample of 677 registered voters between Jan. 20 and Feb. 4. The challenge the survey presents is a large one.

To be blunt, the Bush prescription for American foreign policy — an aggressive effort to expand freedom and democracy around the globe — has lost its credibility. But neither Republicans nor Democrats are widely trusted to construct a new policy.

Two-thirds of registered independents — the swing voters



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agree with the statements that Republicans are too quick to use military force instead of diplomacy and are too stubborn in refusing to negotiate with hostile countries. But by nearly as large a margin, those same independents agree that Democrats are not tough enough to do what is needed to protect America and are unwilling to use military force, even when it's necessary for national security.

Overall, independents have moved closer to Democratic positions on foreign policy, meaning that the Republicans' almost-automatic advantage on national security issues may be a thing of the past. Those doubts leave Americans in a quandary — and very worried about the future. Matt Bennett, a vice president of Third Way, told me, "Candidates need to recognize Americans have been shaken in their confidence."

The 9/11 attacks, more than five years old, remain a vivid threat. Contrary to Vice President Cheney's large majorities — including most Republicans

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— reject his contention that the absence of a second attack means we are safer. Instead, they say the threat of terrorism has increased since 9/11, and they also believe that the war in Iraq has made us less safe, not more.

One victim of that psychology is Americans' belief in the worldwide democratic mission that Bush invoked so powerfully on Jan. 20, 2005. Now, by a margin of 58 percent to 36 percent, the voters say, "It is a dangerous illusion to believe America is superior to other nations; we should not be attempting to reshape other nations in light of our values."

By an even wider margin — almost 3-1 — they say the main goal of American foreign policy should be to protect the security of the U.S. and its allies, rather than the promotion of freedom and democracy.

The impact of Iraq can be seen in another question. By a margin of 70 percent to 27 percent, they agree with the statement that "sometimes it's better to leave a dictator in charge of a hostile country, if he is contained, rather than risk chaos that we can't control if he is brought down."

Practically now trumps idealism at every turn. Endorsements of U.S. policy by allies and international organizations are highly valued. By a margin of 58 percent to 38 percent, those polled agree with the statement that "if negotiating with countries that support terrorism, like Iran and Syria, will help protect our security interests, the U.S. should consider negotiating with them."

But practically is far from a complete policy. What people really want is a way of looking at the world — and understanding America's part in it — a narrative that would replace the rejected Bush scenario. As William Galston of the Brookings Institution, who was a consultant on the poll, remarked to me, "Until now, most of the candidate-posturing has centered on Iraq." But this poll suggests a deeper need. "People are looking for a candidate who suggests a way to defend our essential interests in a stable, reigning some of our lost esteem."

Who is up to the task? David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@washpost.com.

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Leave the past in the past on relocation

First, I want to thank Dick Broder for his letter about the past of the Hinokids Relocation Camp. As a homestead wife in 1947, I feel qualified to comment. I lived in a barracks on Block 30 until we could get our buildings moved to our farms. These barracks were not fancy but as good as many people lived in at that time.

Every one of the home-steaders served in the U.S. armed forces. Yes, the Japanese were brought to the camp from West Coast locations. It was war! I must ask this question: Who attacked the United States first? Our government did what it deemed best for the safety of our country and the safety of these same Japanese people. Right or wrong, feelings were running high against them on the coast.

It's put World War II to rest!

One more question: Do you eat beef, drink milk, eat butter and cheese? Then maybe you have to accept the natural odors that go along with production of these foods!

One more question: Why spend thousands on a monument to what some people consider a mistake. Let it be. Let's move on.

LOIS RITCHIE BRANNAN Jerome

Religious intolerance creates a weak society

This letter is in response to the letter Carter Killinger and a few others who write letters to the editor every month or so with their holler-than-thou attitudes with their own religious beliefs and moral standards. Here is

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something to ponder before you write your next letter.

What about religious tolerance; to say one religion is better than another breeds hypocrisy and violence and leads to people being judgmental, as we can see from most of the letters that you get published. I, for one, believe that an individual, no matter who they are, what culture they come from, has a right to choose for themselves how they want to live and how they want to live their lives.

Religion should be a personal and cherished support in our lives; to say what's right for you is selfish thing everyone is a selfish thing. It's hard to understand how any person or group can say they have all the answers and anyone that doesn't follow their beliefs is damned. They are not God, and their insistence that they are right only shows how insecure they are in their own beliefs. If a person knows they are right in their beliefs, they should not feel threatened by the way others believe.

So please quit putting others down because they don't happen to have the same beliefs and views or lifestyles as you. And remember, we must all live these basic rules — charity, hope, faith and love for one another and that God loves us all.

CINDY KAHNK Jerome

Ultrasound bill helps mothers with choice

House Bill 248 was introduced by Rep. Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls. If passed, it would allow women to see an ultrasound

image of their baby before an abortion is performed. It does not require doctors to do ultrasounds. It does not force women to see the ultrasound. It does require that a doctor who chooses to do an ultrasound must also tell the

mother about it and give her the option of seeing it.

This bill would increase the knowledge that mothers have as they face a difficult decision regarding abortion: who chooses to see the number of abortions per-

formed in Idaho, and would do so well within the confines of existing law.

House Bill 248 truly is support of and deserves the winnow of essential interests in a stable, reigning some of our lost esteem. Who is up to the task? David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@washpost.com.

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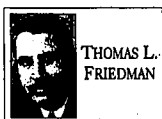
The silence that kills is hurting Bush's PR war

On Feb. 20, The Associated Press reported from Afghanistan that a suicide attacker blew himself as a health worker but disguised as a health worker in a crowd of about 150 people who had gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open an emergency ward at the main government hospital in the city of Khost. A few days later, at a Baghdad college, a female Sunni suicide bomber blew herself up amid students who were ready to sit for exams, killing 40 people.

Stop and think for a moment how sick this is. Then stop for another moment and listen to the silence. The Bush team is mute. It says nothing, because it has no moral authority. No one would listen. President Bush is losing a PR war to people who blow up emergency wards. Europeans are mute, lost in their confusion that this is all George Bush's and Tony Blair's.

But worst of all, Muslims, the very people whose future is being killed, are also mute. No surge can work in Iraq unless they have a "moral authority," a counterterrorism strategy that delegitimizes suicide bombers. The most important restraints are cultural, societal and religious. It takes a village—but the Arab-Muslim village today is largely silent. The best we can do is offend or intimidated; the worst quietly applaud the Sunnis who kill Shiites.

Nobody in the Arab world has the guts to say that what is happening in Iraq is wrong—that killing schoolkids is wrong," said Mamoun Fandy, director of the Middle East program at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.



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"People somehow think that killing Iraqis is good because it will stick it to the Americans, so Arabs are undermining the American project in Iraq by killing themselves."

The world worries about highly enriched uranium, but the real danger is highly enriched Islam," Fandy added. That is, "highly enriched Sunnism" and "highly enriched Shilism" that ate away at the Muslim state, the way Hezbollah is trying to do in Lebanon or the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt or al-Qaida everywhere.

One result: There's no legitimate, decent, accepted source of Arab-Muslim authority today, no center of gravity "for people to anchor their souls in," Fandy said. In this welter of confusion, the suicide bombers go uncondemned or subtly extolled. Arab nationalist media like Al-Jazeera "practically tell bin Laden and his followers, 'Bravo,'" Fandy said. "The message sent to bin Laden is that 'you are doing to the West what we want done, but we can't do it.' This is the hidden message that the West is not privy to. Unless extreme pressure is applied on Muslims all over the world to come up with counter-fatwas and pronounce these men as pariahs, very little will happen in fighting terrorism."

"The battleground in the Arab world today is not in Palestine or Lebanon, but in

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the classrooms and newsrooms," Fandy concluded. That's where "the software programmers' reside who create symbolic images and language glorifying suicide bombers and make their depraved acts look legitimate. Only other Arab-Muslim programmers can defeat them.

Occasionally an honest voice rises, giving you a glimmer of hope that others will stand up. The MEMRI translation Web site (memri.org) just posted a poem called "When," from a Saudi author. Wajaha al-Huvaidir, that was posted on Arab reform sites like www.aafa.org.

"When you cannot find a single garden in your city, but there is a mosque on every corner you know that you are in an Arab country.

When you see people living in the past with all the trappings of modernity—you do not be surprised, you are in an Arab country. When religion has control over science—you can be sure that you are in an Arab country. When clerics are referred to as "scholars"—don't be astonished, you are in an Arab country. When you see the ruler transformed into a demigod who never dies or relinquishes his power, and nobody is permitted to criticize—do

not be too upset, you are in an Arab country. When you find that the large majority of people oppose freedom and find joy in slavery—you do not be too distressed, you are in an Arab country.

When you hear the clerics saying that democracy is heresy, but setting every opportunity provided by democracy to grab high positions—you do not be surprised, you are in an Arab country. When you discover that a woman's worth half of what a man's is worth, or less—you do not be surprised, you are in an Arab country.

When land is more important than human beings—you are in an Arab country. When fear constantly lives in the eyes of the people—you can be certain you are in an Arab country."

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

Intelligent Design doesn't belong in classroom

In a recent letter, a writer takes the Idaho Science Teachers Association to task for their position against the teaching of "Intelligent Design" in our public schools. I applaud the Science Teachers Association for its stand and hope that the State Board of Education will take a similar position. The theory of evolution is a scientific theory which lends itself to critical scientific experimentation and, in fact, literally thousands of experiments have been performed which substantiate its basic premises.

"Intelligent Design" is not a scientific theory because it does not generate testable hypotheses. It does not belong in a science textbook or in a science class. It is a philosophy and statement of religious belief and, hence, would be appropriately discussed in a philosophy or religion course but not in a science class.

One hundred eighty-eight pastors of Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal and other churches in Wisconsin signed a letter that, in a letter to a local school board, urging it to not allow the teaching of "alternative theories" of origin. They said, in part: "We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rests. To

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reject this truth or to treat it as 'one theory among others' is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and to transmit such ignorance to our children.

Amen.
GARY BABELL
Twin Falls

Those who steal earn their rewards in the end

This letter is in response to an article in the Times-News,

dated March 8, concerning a local woman recovering from identity theft.

My family has been the victim of theft in the past, and we can certainly relate to the disruption that occurs in the aftermath of such an invasion of one's privacy.

It has been very apparent to us that those who steal get exactly what is coming to them.

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Financial Lesson of the Week

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The Follies of Market Timing

Many investors try to "time" the market by "buying low and selling high." In theory, that's a great idea—but it's almost impossible to put into practice.

If you try to outguess the market, you run the substantial risk of guessing wrong—of buying stocks too soon, before they get even cheaper, or of selling stocks too late, after they've fallen from their highs. But these are only the most obvious of the problems that can result from market timing. Here are some others to consider:

- You could lose your investment discipline. The best investors are the disciplined investors. They choose quality stocks and hold them for the long term, through good and bad markets. In fact, they have conditioned themselves to ignore short-term price swings in either direction, based on their belief that their patience eventually will be rewarded.
- You could hurt your diversification. To succeed as an investor, you need to build a diversified portfolio. Your exact mix of investments will depend on your individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Over time, as your situation changes—for example, when you move from the working world to retirement—you will need to adjust your portfolio. But if you're constantly buying and selling in a vain attempt to time the market, you may well end up with a perennially "unbalanced" portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that even a diversified portfolio won't guarantee a profit, nor will it protect against a loss in a declining market.
- You could run up transaction costs. Stock transactions can be expensive, as you rack up commissions and other fees. Over time, these costs can significantly erode your investment returns. If you are always trying to "buy low" and "sell high" you'll be doing an awful lot of buying and selling. You could run up your tax bill. When you sell a stock for a profit, you must pay capital gains taxes. However, if you hold a stock for at least one year before selling, you will be assessed the most favorable capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most investors. But if you were to pursue a buy/low/sell/high strategy, you could sell some stocks before a year has lapsed and pay higher capital gains rates. And if you're repeatedly selling a lot of shares in this accelerated time frame, you could face some unpleasant surprises when it's time to file your taxes.

Clearly, the buy/low/sell/high approach has some major drawbacks. So should you ignore the price of a stock when you're making buy or sell decisions? No—just look at more than the price. If you're considering buying a stock whose price is low, try to find out why it's low. If it's a good company in the grip of a strong "bear" market, then a low price may indeed indicate a good bargain. But if a company's stock price is low because its products are no longer competitive or the company itself is part of a declining industry, then "buying low" with the hopes of eventually reaping big profits probably doesn't make much sense.

Make your investment decisions carefully. But until a crystal ball arrives, don't try to stay one step ahead of the market—or you could fall far behind.

Questions:
(1) True or False—You should look at more than just the price when buying a stock.
(2) True or False—Market timing will keep you from buying a stock too soon or selling too early.
Answers to last week's questions: (1) True (2) False

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Actor, former Sen. Fred Thompson considering 2008 presidential run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Not enough "star" power for Fred Thompson in a GOP presidential field that includes some of his friends? Whatever the case, the actor and former Tennessee senator is considering getting into the 2008 race.



Thompson

Thompson, who plays district attorney Arthur Branch on NBC's drama "Law & Order," said Sunday, "I'm going some thought to it, going to leave the door open" and decide in the coming months. "It's not really a reflection on the current field at all," he said. "I'm just going to wait and

see what happens," Thompson added. "I wanted to see how my colleagues who are on the campaign trail do now, what they say, what they emphasize, what they're addressing, and how successful they are in doing that, and whether or not they can carry the ball in next November."

Thompson, 64, said he was pondering a run after former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and other Tennessee Republicans began drumming up support for his possible GOP candidacy, citing his conservative credentials.

"I think people are somewhat disillusioned. I think a lot of people are cynical out there. I think they're looking for something different, ... and I think that they're going to be open to different things," he said.

Schumer calls on Gonzales to quit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's No. 3 Democrat said Sunday that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales should resign because he is putting politics above the law. Sen. Charles Schumer cited the FBI's ill-scrupling into people's private lives and the Justice Department's firing of federal prosecutors.



Schumer

Schumer, D-N.Y., said Gonzales repeatedly has shown more allegiance to President Bush than to citizens' legal rights since taking his job in early 2005.

He branded Gonzales, a former White House counsel, as one of the most political attorneys general in recent history. "Attorney General Gonzales is a nice man, but he either

doesn't accept or doesn't understand that he is no longer just the president's lawyer, but has a higher obligation to the rule of law and the Constitution even when the president should not want it to be so," Schumer said.

"And so this department has been so political that I think for the sake of the nation, Attorney General Gonzales should step down," he said.

As vice chairman of the Democratic caucus, Schumer is No. 3 in the Senate leadership.

Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., a member of the Democrat-controlled Judiciary Committee, said Gonzales would be "better off" if he resigned. "There is very little credibility

in the Justice Department right now," Biden said. He cited what he said were abuses of power dating to Gonzales' tenure as White House counsel in which he advocated aggressive interrogations of suspected terrorists that pushed the boundaries of the law.

"I think Gonzales has lost the confidence of the vast majority of the American people," he said. "I think he's lost the confidence of

the Congress." Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the top Republican on the committee, said Gonzales' resignation was a "question for the president and the attorney general."

"I do think there have been lots of problems," said Specter, who last week suggested that a Gonzales tenure may have run its course. "Before we come to conclusions, I think we need to know more facts."

Oregon rethinks easing land-use limits

By Blaine Harden
The Washington Post

SALEM, Ore. — Cities in Oregon have suburbs that came to a sudden and seemingly arbitrary stop. They slammed into an "urban growth boundary," which for decades prevented townhouses and strip malls from invading the state's farmland and forests.

It was the nation's strictest statewide regime for straggling sprawl — and a famous example of Oregon's populist pride in creating laws that cut against the grain. This, after all, is a state where you can lawfully kill yourself with a physician's assistance, but you cannot lawfully pump your own gas without the assistance of some guy at a filling station.

A voter initiative in 2004, however, forced the state's land-use law. With the overwhelming approval of Measure 37, which has been upheld in the courts and is shredding the anti-sprawl status quo, Oregonians unwittingly repealed land-use quirks and strip malls from invading the state's farmland and forests.

Many here are now suffering from voter's remorse and want the law fixed, according to opinion polls, newspaper pundits and a number of powerful state politicians.

"If we continue down this path, we will lose our quality of life, and we will lose our ability to plan," Gov. Ted Kulongoski said in interview here. "It will end up hurting us economically by limiting Oregon as a place to do business. As every day goes by, more and more people

are saying, 'This isn't what we thought we were voting for.'" Kulongoski, a Democrat who is urging the state legislature to change the law or at least delay its enforcement, said the measure is harming the economy, setting back state efforts to fight global warming and paralyzing Oregon's long-term push for mass transit.

Measure 37 was sold to voters as a common-sense tool that Ma and Pa could use to cut through red tape. It would, proponents argued, allow property owners to build homes for their children and grandchildren on their rural land. But timber companies and developers, which largely bankrolled the campaign for Measure 37, are also using it, proposing large subdivisions

and commercial construction. "The law compels the government to pay cash to longtime landowners when land-use rules reduce the value of their property — or, if the government cannot pay, to allow owners to develop their land as they see fit."

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has warned that claims filed under the law threaten 132,000 acres of prime farmland in the Willamette Valley. If Measure 37 stands — and most land-development claims under it are likely to be granted to owners, because the state cannot afford to compensate for lost value — Oregon could quickly lose 2 1/2 times as much farmland as it lost to development between 1982 and 1997, according to state estimates.

Group may put whitewater park on Yellowstone River

By Brett French
Leo Newsletters

BILLINGS, Mont. — Billings has the opportunity to be a regional whitewater Mecca if it constructs a play park in the Yellowstone River, according to a river engineer.

"It would draw from across the region," said Nick Turner, with Hydraulic Design Group. "People will drive four hours to go to a play wave."

Hydraulic Design Group has offered to conduct a feasibility study on a whitewater park in Billings. The study's price tag is just more than \$32,000.

"It would be helpful if you could raise money for a feasibility study," Darlene Tussing, alternate modes coordinator for the city of Billings, told the Beartooth Paddlers Society at a meeting last week. "There are

people in this community who want to make this happen."

Tussing didn't sugar coat the fact that selling the idea of a whitewater park to the community would take some work. But she said such a facility would be an enhancement to the city, just like bike and walking paths.

According to one report, as of last year there were 34 whitewater parks under construction or already built across the U.S., almost half of them in Colorado. A study by the Outdoor Industry Association said whitewater recreation is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreation activities in the United States.

Missoula recently created a play wave in the middle of its downtown on the Clark Fork River. Casper, Wyo., has a

whitewater park on the Platte River that was constructed as part of a refinery environmental restoration project, which also included a golf course and bike paths.

Other cities have seen substantial economic gain from developing river play areas. Turner said a study by Golden, Colo., estimated the town's water park added \$2 million a year to city coffers. Turner also said creating a whitewater park brings more people to the river, saying one study estimated there were 12 visitors for every paddler.

The water features are typically made by strategically locating large rocks in the river to create waves or rapids. Any design would include room for passage by other river users, such as drift boats and jet boats, Turner said.

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CSI women take top spot at CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There were many smiles, handshakes and pats on the backs around the Shawn Davis Arena on Saturday night. Early on, most of them were for the retiring Mr. CSI Rodeo, Shawn Davis. But after the last bull had bucked and the individual buckles had been presented, the loudest ovation came when it was announced the College of Southern Idaho women's team had captured the first place title.

Luena Harbert from CSI picked up the lone buckle for the Eagles as she finished in the top spot in barrel racing.

"We have a strong girls team and we work well together," said Harbert. "My horse, DoctaMoney, has been out

and this is the first performance for him."

The final results show the CSI cowgirls picked up a first, a second, a pair of fourths and a sixth place finish. Besides Harbert's first place finish, Jena Bubak was second and Bobbi Wing fourth in breakaway roping. Jarrah Lappin finished in the top six in two events with a sixth in goat tying and a fourth in barrels.

"I'm just so pumped," said CSI freshman Lappin. "We've never beat Weber."

The CSI men also made a good showing for the weekend.

Tag Elliott was bucked off Saturday night but his 75-point ride on Friday night was good enough to hold on to a second place finish in bull riding. Buck DeMers picked up a fourth in saddle bronc riding

and Matt Morrison was fifth in steer wrestling.

Bud Munns from Utah Valley State College won the men's all-around competing in bareback riding and bull riding. Munns totaled 135 points to win the buckle in bareback riding. For the two nights, there were only three 8-second rides in bull riding. After bucking off Friday night, Munns made the only ride Saturday scoring 72 points which placed him third behind Munns teammate, Alex Dudley who was first with a 77 and Elliott.

The women's all-around winner, Tori Thacker from Stow, won the breakaway roping with a total of 5.9 seconds on two runs and was second in goat tying behind Texie Rose of Weber.

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CSI's Matt Morrison tries to bring down a steer Saturday night at the 31st annual CSI Intercollegiate Rodeo in the Shawn Davis Arena, Twin Falls.

Bring your dancin' shoes

Florida, North Carolina, Ohio State and Kansas get No. 1 seeds in NCAA tournament

Mid-majors get few at-large bids; many 20-win teams left out of tourney

By Michael Mart
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Defending champion Florida, Ohio State, Kansas and North Carolina drew No. 1 seeds in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, earning those spots Sunday by winning their conference championships.

The 65-team tournament begins Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio, with a play-in game between Florida A&M and Niagara, the two lowest-ranked teams.

Starting Thursday afternoon, it's wall-to-wall action on the court — and in the nation's biggest office pool.

Syracuse fans won't be able to pick their team. The Orange, the 2003 champions, were among the more surprising omissions from the field. Drexel, Kansas State, Air Force and West Virginia also were sure to be disappointed after being left out.

"We actually had 104 teams that had won 20 or more games, and that was more than the previous record of 78," NCAA selection chairman Gary Walters said.

A year after George Mason became the nation's favorite underdog, mid-majors won't get a great chance for another run. Only six of them — down a couple of spots from last season — were included in a field dominated by the power conferences. George Mason, which lost to Virginia Commonwealth in the Colonial Athletic Association championship, was not among them.

"We still believe we'll have great representation as it relates to mid-majors," Walters said.

He added that the commit-



Florida players, from left, Taurian Green, Corey Brewer, Walter Hodge, Joakim Noah and Marreese Speights hold up the Southeastern Conference sign after defeating Arkansas in the SEC basketball tournament championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Sunday.

tee chose Old Dominion over Drexel because of the Monarchs had a better inter-conference record by a significant margin. George Mason beat Old Dominion in the Colonial tournament.

The Atlantic Coast Conference sent seven teams in the tournament, up from four last year, highlighted by former national champions Duke, North Carolina and Maryland. The Big East, Big Ten and Pac-10 sent six.

Going by the top seeds, the East is the toughest of the regionals with North Carolina and Georgetown, the regular season tournament champions of the ACC and Big East, as the top two seeds. Washington State, the regular

season runner-up in the Pac-10, is the No. 3 and Texas, which lost in overtime to Kansas in the Big 12 title game on Sunday, is the best of the No. 4s.

Joakim Noah and the Gators (29-5) hope to become the first repeat champions since Duke in 1992. Florida, which won the football championship in January, will begin its bid for another basketball title in the Midwest region with a game Friday against 16th-seeded Jackson State in New Orleans.

The Gators, who return all five starters from last season's national championship team, emphatically won the Southeastern Conference

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New Mexico State basketball players Ted Knauber, left, and Trev Steward react to the news of their 13th seeding in the NCAA Tournament East, Regional Sunday at the Fulton Center in Las Cruces, N.M. New Mexico State will play Texas in the opening round on Friday in Spokane, Wash.

Two Nevada, two Utah teams make field of 65

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — For the first time since 1985, both Nevada and UNLV are heading to the NCAA men's basketball tournament together.

Nevada (28-4) of the Western Athletic Conference and UNLV (28-6) of the Mountain West Conference both enter the tournament as No. 7 seeds against No. 10 seeds.

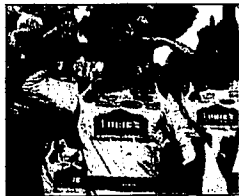
UNLV opens Thursday in Chicago against Georgia Tech (20-11), while Nevada begins Friday in New Orleans against Creighton (22-10).

Brigham Young's regular-season conference title and an appearance in the league championship game were good enough to get the Cougars an at-large berth Sunday.

The Cougars (25-8) face Xavier (24-8) in the opening round in Lexington, Ky. Weber State, located in Ogden, Utah, was guaranteed a spot by winning the Big Sky tournament. The Wildcats (20-11), who were also the Big Sky regular-season champions,

are seeded 15th in the West and play UCLA (26-5) on Thursday in Sacramento.

Jimmie Johnson makes it three straight at Las Vegas



Jimmie Johnson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup series' UAW-Delco/Remy 400 mile race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Sunday.

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — The only sure win in Las Vegas these days is betting on Jimmie Johnson.

The defending series champion beat teammate Jeff Gordon on Sunday to win his third straight Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Only this one came under extremely different conditions on a reconfigured race track that gave everyone fits.

"This track was a different challenge for us, no doubt about it," said Johnson, who led Gordon across the finish line for a 1-2 finish that gave

Hendrick Motorsports its 15th NASCAR victory.

Johnson suffered a pit-road penalty and a slight bounce off the wall, but otherwise had few problems navigating his way around the track that was under intense scrutiny all weekend because of changes owner Bruton Smith made to the 1.5-mile speedway.

The changes included an increase in the banking from 12 degrees to 20, and a curved pit lane unlike anything the drivers had seen before. Because the new surface produced such fast speeds, Goodyear had to bring a very hard left-side tire that was capable of withstanding

the loads. It created a perfect storm of slick asphalt, little grip and a garage full of grumbling drivers.

"I felt like I was on ice from lap one until the last one," said Gordon, the four-time series champion. "There is no reason for us to show up at race tracks and be at a white-knuckle experience for an entire weekend."

"That sentiment was echoed over and over as drivers climbed from their cars.

"It was out of control pretty much all day," Clint Bowyer said. "It was the poorest race I've ever been in. It wasn't fun to drive,"

David Stremme said.

"You couldn't run side-by-side. When you got alongside of somebody, you were scared to death you were going to wreck," Matt Kenseth said.

The race was marred by nine cautions, most of them products of the new configuration and tough tires. David Ragan spun on the opening lap, and Casey Mears, Bobby Gordon and Ward Burton were in a three-car accident 10 laps in. Joe Nemechek and Dave Blaney wrecked eight laps after that.

"There's just no grip at all," said Mears, who blamed Gordon for the accident.

SPORTS



Ohio State center Greg Oden watches from a booth in the United Center restaurant as the NCAA basketball tournament seeds are announced after Ohio State defeated Wisconsin to win the Big Ten Tournament championship in Chicago, Sunday.

Tourney

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...routing Arkansas 77-56, recovering from a late season slump.

Wisconsin got the No. 2 seed in the Midwest and will play No. 15 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Other games in the region are: No. 3 Oregon vs. No. 14 Miami of Ohio, No. 4 Maryland vs. Davidson, No. 5 Butler vs. No. 12 Old Dominion and No. 6 Notre Dame vs. No. 11 Wake Forest.

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Arizona coach Luke Littell will make his 23rd straight appearance, tying former North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

In the West, Big 12 champion Kansas (30-4) opens against the play-in winner Friday in Chicago.

UCLA, with the most NCAA men's basketball titles in history, became a No. 2 seed after losing its first game in the Pac-10 tournament to California. The Bruins, who reached the title game last season, were ranked No. 1 for six weeks this season, more

than any other team. UCLA (25-5), coming off consecutive losses to Washington and Cal, will play Weber State.

Also in the West bracket, it will be No. 3 Pittsburgh vs. No. 14 Wright State, No. 4 Southern Illinois vs. No. 13 Holy Cross and No. 5 Virginia Tech vs. No. 12 Illinois.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski and Duke got the No. 6 seed after losing to North Carolina State in the first round of the ACC tournament. The Blue Devils will play No. 11 Virginia Commonwealth, No. 7 Indiana plays No. 10 Gonzaga, and No. 8 Kentucky faces No. 9 Villanova.

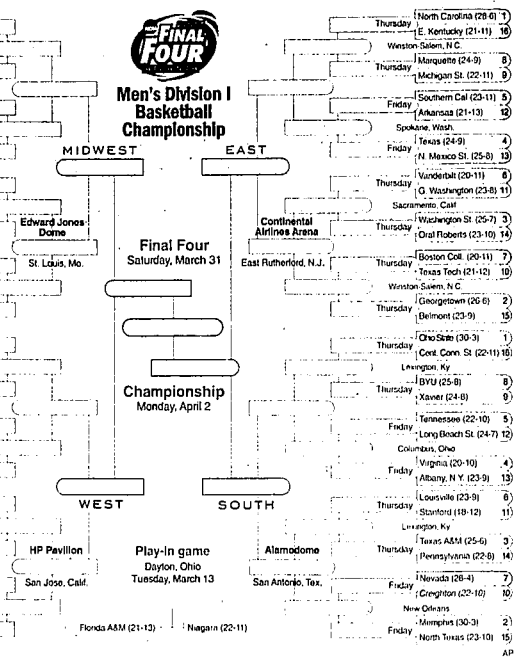
North Carolina (28-6) drew the top seed in the East by defeating N.C. State for the ACC title. Coach Roy Williams, mask-wearing center Tyler Hansbrough and the Tar Heels, a deep young team that plays at a fast pace, will make the short trip to Winston-Salem to play Eastern Kentucky on Thursday.

Big East champion Georgetown will play John Thompson III as its coach and Patrick Ewing Jr. coming off the bench, is the No. 2 seed and takes on No. 15 Belmont.

Also in the East, it's No. 3 Washington State vs. No. 14 Oral Roberts; No. 4 Texas and star Kevin Durant against No. 12 New Mexico State; No. 5 Southern California vs. No. 12 Arkansas; No. 6 Vanderbilt vs. No. 11 George Washington.

No. 7 Boston College vs. coach Bobby Knight's 10th-seeded Texas Tech, and No. 8 Marquette vs. No. 9 Michigan State.

Ohio State (30-3) beat



Calcavecchia hangs on at Innisbrook

By Doug Ferguson • Associated Press writer

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Mark Calcavecchia might have to unpack his bags again, this time to make room for an unlikely trophy.

Calcavecchia, ready to leave Innisbrook after opening with a 75, survived a wild swing in emotions Sunday and won the PODS Championship when Heed Sloucum missed a 4-foot par putt on the final hole.

Calcavecchia closed with a 1-under 70 and never lost the lead, but his stomach was churning the whole way around. He had a two-shot lead and stood over a 4-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole that he missed, then had to hang on for dear life.

With Calcavecchia ahead by one shot, his 8-iron came up short of the 18th green and he missed a 7-foot par putt. Sloucum needed only to make par from 4 feet to force a playoff. The putt dipped in and out of the cup on the left side, and Calcavecchia bowed his head and cupped his cap.

"I was all over the place," he said. "I never expected him to miss that."

Calcavecchia won for the 13th time in his career and with \$954,000 went over \$20



million for his career. He finished at 10-under 274.

Getting a nice cut of that paycheck is his candidate, Eric Larson, who got caught up in a small-time drug operation and was sent to prison for 11 years.

Lucas Glover, among five players who had a share of the lead at some point on a sunny afternoon, three-putted the 18th in a bold bid to make birdie to keep alive his hopes. He wound up with a 69 and tied for fourth with Brian Gay (69). Charles Howell III shot 65 and was another shot behind with defending champion K.J. Choi (72).

It was a wild week for Calcavecchia, a streaky player who showed both sides in the final round.

CHICAGO — Ohio State won the Big Ten tournament. Now the No. 1 Buckeyes can focus on the big prize.

Mike Conley scored 18 points, Ron Lewis added 17, and the Buckeyes (30-3) beat No. 3 Wisconsin 66-49 Sunday to win their second tournament title.

Big Ten player of the year Alando Tucker missed his first six shots for Wisconsin (29-5) and finished with 10 points, going 4-for-13 from the field.

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sherron Collins scored 20 points and Kansas rallied after trailing by 22 in the first half to beat Texas in overtime and claim its second straight Big 12 title.

Julian Wright and Brandon Rush each added 19 points for Kansas (30-4), and Mario Chalmers — who hit the tying 3-pointer to force overtime — scored 17 in helping the Jayhawks win their fifth Big 12 tournament title.

Ohio St. claims Big Ten title

A.J. Abrams added 19 points for Texas (24-9), which two days earlier had rallied from 20 points down against Baylor in what had been the biggest comeback in Big 12 tournament history.

SEC Championship
No. 6 Florida 77, Arkansas 56

ATLANTA — Florida finished off three routs in three days, beating Arkansas to claim its third straight SEC tournament championship and a No. 1 seed in the Midwest regional.

It was another devastating team effort by Florida (29-5), which lost three of its last five regular-season games but showed no weaknesses at the Georgia Dome. The Gators tipped through their opponents with an average winning margin of 19.7 points.

ACC Championship
No. 8 North Carolina 89, N.C. State 80

TAMPA, Fla. — North

Carolina used its depth to end eight years of frustration in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, beating North Carolina State for its first league title since 1998.

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Rodeo

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The men's team was won by Utah Valley State College. Besides the wins by Munn in bareback and Dudley in bull riding, UVSC finished one-two-three in saddle bronc riding with Nick Haddley in the top spot followed by Taylor White in second and Slade Hughes third.

"I don't think we have ever not one a buckle," said Davis. "The girls pulled one out tonight."

A novel a short word about the accomplishments of the GSI rodeo team under Davis:

• While coaching the rodeo team, the hard working and probably the most famous person at CSI, Davis has led the CSI team to three National Championships, 24 Region Championships and 23 National Top-10 Finishes. In the past 31 years, Davis' teams

have never finished lower than 11th at the National Collegiate Rodeo and won the event in 1996, 2001 and 2002.

Final Results after Saturday Short G

Note: Rough stock Saturday scores followed by total score in parentheses. In timed events, Saturday's time followed by combined time in parentheses.

Bareback riding — 1. Bud Myers, UTSC, 70 points (1:35); 2. Morgan Wade, DSU, 71 (1:34); 3. Don Page, UTSC, 870 (2:02).

Saddle bronc riding — 1. Tom Thacker, UTSC, 21 seconds (0:51); 2. Joni Bink, CSI, 29 (0:52); 3. Courtney Dobson, Weber, 27 (0:54); 4. Bobbi Ward, CSI, 37 (0:57).

Calf roping — 1. Brady Woodward, Weber, 9:0 (18:2); 2. Cody Hickey, Weber, 10:2 (19:8); 3. Riley Probst, UTSC, 11:9 (20:7); 4. Cole Smith, UTSC, 11:0 (22:3); 5. Clayton Mecher, DSU, 13:4 (24:6).

Goat tying — 1. Tessa Rose, Weber, 8:2 (16:2); 2. Tom Thacker, Weber, 9 (16:1); 3. Sarah Hart, SUTG, 8:9 (18:4); 4. Alexen Farnsworth, UTSC, 9:2 (18:9); 5. Tara Bergman, UTSC, 9:6 (19:1); 6. Tara

Lapen, CSI, 9:0 (20:3).

Team roping — 1. John Reese and Chase Wofford, UTSC, 8:2 seconds (15:6); 2. Ryan Probst and Chad Horton, UTSC, 17:5 (21:3); 3. Aaron Stearns and Clayton Mecher, DSU, 10:2 (24:8); 4. Cole Smith and Lynette Smith, UTSC, 15:7 (30:6).

Saddle bronc riding — 1. Nick Probst, Weber, 15:5 (32:2); 2. Lander White, UTSC, 6:1 (32:3); 3. Slade Hughes, UTSC, 6:4 (33:0); 4. Buck Decker, CSI, 5:9 (33:3).

Steer wrestling — 1. Cody Wade, Weber, 5:4 seconds (8:9); 2. Cody Hickey, Weber, 5:9 (11:0); 3. Frank Looney, DSU, 5:2 (12:4); 4. Riley Johnson, UTSC, 5:8 (18:5); 5. Matt Morrison, CSI, 9:1 (25:0); 6. Benjamin Welch, SUTG, 17:8 (25:2); 7. Bud Myers, UTSC, 12 (27:2).

Bull riding — 1. Alex Duddy, UTSC, 8:0 (17:0); 2. Stephanie Wells, UTSC, 15:19 (31:78); 3. Sierra Thomas, Weber, 15:54 (31:81); 4. Sarah Lapan, CSI, 16:10 (32:19); 5. Heather Madson, UTSC, 18:00 (32:09); 6. Kane Thompson, DSU, 16:89 (33:13).

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Nuggets cruise by Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Allen Iverson had 24 points, seven assists and six rebounds to spoil Ron Artest's return to the Kings' lineup, and the Denver Nuggets stumped a 20-game losing streak in Sacramento with a 113-101 victory Sunday.

Carmelo Anthony added 29 points and six rebounds and Marcus Camby had 16 points, 10 boards and six assists for the Nuggets.

MIAMI — Udonis Haslem's 10-footer in the lane with 0.3 seconds left capped a wild back-and-forth game and gave Miami a victory over Washington.

The Heat blew a 16-point first-half lead, then rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit to win.

Rockets 103, Magic 92

HOUSTON — Yao Ming

had 37 points and four blocked shots in his biggest game since returning to the lineup, leading Houston over Orlando.

Cavaliers 99, Pacers 88

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 26 points — his lowest total in 11 games — but Cleveland won its fifth straight and handed wilding Indiana its ninth consecutive loss.

Bulls 94, Celtics 78

BOSTON — Kirk Hinrich scored 26 points and Ben Gordon had 21 to lead surging Chicago over Boston.

Pistons 98, Clippers 80

LOS ANGELES — Richard Hamilton scored 15 of his 23 points in the first quarter and Detroit beat the Clippers.

Raptors 120, SuperSonics 119, OT

TORONTO — T.J. Ford scored nine points in overtime and Toronto overcame a 36-point effort by Ray Allen to beat Seattle.

Mavericks 108, Lakers 72

LOS ANGELES — Josh Howard scored 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki added 19, and Dallas took control early in embarrassing the Lakers to end the longest winning streak in the NBA this season at 17 games.

Trail Blazers 106, Warriors 87

PORTLAND, Ore. — Zach Randolph had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Zach Ford over Golden State without a turnover or foul without top scorer Baron Davis.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

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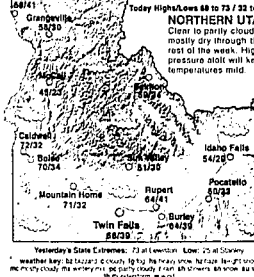
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A few rain and snow showers will be possible today.
Cooler temperatures settle in tomorrow behind a cold front.
High pressure builds in Wednesday through Friday for a mostly dry stretch of weather.

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A few light showers will mainly stay to the north today. Clear to partly cloudy skies will dominate from tomorrow through Friday as high pressure builds in.



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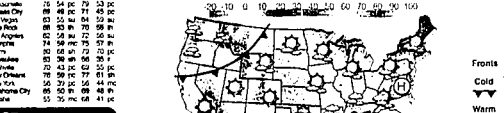
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Large table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday, Thursday. Lists various US cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists Canadian cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal.

Matsuzaka roughed up in second start

By The Associated Press
Chris Carpenter and Roy Halladay were in top form Sunday. Daisuke Matsuzaka could hardly say the same.
Boston's \$103 million pitcher with the winning smile allowed homers to two non-roster players, struggled with his control and even threw away a potential double-play grounder in his home debut against a major league team.

get Cliff Lee back until after opening day. The left-hander will start the season on the disabled list with an abdominal strain and is expected to be out until mid-or-late April.
Lee went 11-11 with a 4.10 ERA last season and is 46-24 since 2004. His status will be re-evaluated in seven to 10 other games.

relieved when X-rays showed his right wrist is bruised — not broken. Kansas City's Billy Butler hit a two-run homer off Danny Graves, Todd Helton, back in the lineup for the first time since Tuesday because of right knee inflammation, went 0-for-3.
White Sox 12, Mariners (ss) 7
At Peoria, Ariz., Seattle starter Horacio Ramirez pitched four shutout innings, ceding his impressive spring. Ramirez has thrown seven scoreless innings and allowed only one hit in two outings. Mariners slugger Richie Sexson went 0-for-4 and is hitless in 10 at-bats since spring.

Mets (ss) 5, 11 innings
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Tom Glavine pitched four solid innings and New York got home runs from Carlos Beltran and David Wright.
Mets (ss) 4, Tigers (ss) 2
At Lakeland, Fla., Mike Maroth, who just needs to prove he's healthy to be Detroit's fifth starter, gave up seven hits and three runs in four innings but said he continues to pitch with no discomfort.

Giants (ss) 8, Mariners (ss) 3
At Scottsdale, Ariz., San Francisco closer Armando Benitez pitched a scoreless inning in his first outing of spring training. Barry Bonds went 0-for-2 as the designated hitter after homering the previous two days. Giants pitching phenom Tim Lincecum threw three scoreless innings.

Athletics (ss) 3, Giants (ss) 2
At Phoenix, Joe Blanton allowed two runs and five hits over 3.2 innings for Oakland.
Athletics (ss) 7, Angels (ss) 6
At Tempe, Ariz., Eric Chavez hit his first homer of the spring off Los Angeles lefty Joe Saunders. Nick Swisher, who drove the ball almost 500 feet, and Daric Barton also homered for Oakland. Gary Matthews Jr. singled and scored for the Angels.

Reds 9, Pirates 8
At Sarasota, Fla., Eric Milton gave up four runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings for Cincinnati.
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Angels (ss) 2, Rangers 0
At Surprise, Ariz., Jamey Wright, one of six candidates for the fifth spot in Texas' rotation, retired all nine batters he faced. Sammy Sosa went 1-for-3 with a solid single while playing six innings in right field. He is 10-for-21 (.476) in seven games this spring, with two homers and four RBIs.

Diamondbacks 10, Padres 7
At Tucson, Ariz., Eric Byrnes went 3-for-3 with an opposite-field home run, boosting his spring training batting average to .450.
Rockies 5, Royals 4
At Tucson, Ariz., Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki was

At Mesa, Ariz., Aramis Ramirez hit an RBI double and Jason Marquis had another strong outing for Chicago. In his third Cactus League start, Marquis allowed one run and six hits in four innings. His ERA is 2.00 this spring. Kerry Wood worked a scoreless inning of relief for the Cubs.

NIT seeds West Virginia, Clemson, Air Force, Mississippi St. No. 1

Tourney field reduced to 40 to 32 teams
By Steve Herman
Associated Press writer
INDIANAPOLIS — West Virginia, Clemson, Air Force and Mississippi State were seeded No. 1 Sunday night in the revamped NIT, a postseason tournament that was little more than a consolation prize for some of the teams that were snubbed by the NCAA.
Once the NCAA picked the 65-team field for its tournament, the NIT had the pick of the leftovers, which included the four No. 1s and others such as Syracuse, Drexel, Kansas State and Washington.

No. 1 seed in the West and will take on Austin Peay on Wednesday night.
Mississippi State (10-12), the top seed in the North, will play Mississippi Valley State on Tuesday.
" We came in with a lot of information and then once we started the seeding, it was all done by vote," Newton said on ESPN2, which telecasted the NIT pairings. "It's very important in terms of our seeding, because the seeding determines who hosts those first games until you get to New York."
The first, second and quarterfinal rounds will be played at campus sites. The final four will play in Madison Square Garden in New York on March 27 and 29.

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— NIT selection committee chairman C.M. Newton
who would you not want to play? That's who you kind of vote for," Newton said of the seeding process. "In this case, you were comparing Drexel against Air Force. Would you rather play Air Force or Drexel? Would you rather play Clemson or Drexel? Would you rather play Florida State or Drexel?"

"No one mistakes this tournament for the NCAA championship," NIT selection committee chairman C.M. Newton said. "We have one championship, and that is the NCAA championship. But the NIT historically has been a very strong advocate for postseason basketball... Our job is to select the very best teams we can."

West Virginia (22-9), which will host Delaware State in an NIT East Region opener on Tuesday night, tied Villanova and DePaul for seventh in the Big East. Villanova made the NCAA tournament, but West Virginia and DePaul had to settle for the NIT. Syracuse, which was sixth in the Big East, also was picked by the NIT.

"I have no way of understanding why we're not in (the NCAA) tournament," Orange coach Jim Boehrmel said. "You look at the numbers and it's hard to believe. But it's done. There's no use in talking about it... I'm very disappointed. It doesn't do any good to get angry."

Syracuse (22-10) was seeded second in the South and will open against South Alabama on Wednesday night.
Clemson (21-10) was the top seed in the South and will host East Tennessee State in the (23-8), which lost a chance to make the NCAA tournament after losses in six of its final seven games, was given the

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Don't take them for granted

Tender care for your hands

It is easy to take our hands for granted. We use them to dress, eat, drive, work and play. All that use can result in skin conditions, beat-up nails, uncomfortable joints and even significant injury — if we don't give those

hard-working digits some tender care. Magic Valley professionals offer these suggestions and some solutions for common problems.

—Ariel Hansen,
Times-News

NAIL TROUBLES:

Splitting or soft nails: The most common nail problems, said manicurist Dina Pavlovic of Escape Salon in Twin Falls. Apply a protein top coat like NailTek to nails once a day for seven days, then remove the polish and start over.

Nail ridges: Lengthwise, ridges can be caused by psoriasis, poor circulation or frostbite, Pavlovic said. Crosswise, ridges can be caused by pregnancy, some medications, poor circulation and insufficient zinc intake. Seek treatment for the causes; don't file down the ridges if your nails are thin. Buffing is fine.

Nail infections: Blue, blue-gray, green, red or purple discoloration. Caused by fungus or mold. See a physician.

Nail white spots: Caused by air bubbles or injury to the nail bed. Will grow out.

Biting nails: Not good for nail health, said the manicurist, and can contribute to passing of viruses like the flu. Bad-tasting products are available; apply on nails regularly, and keep emery boards handy for snags.

Hangnails or split cuticles: To prevent splitting, push cuticles back with an orange stick of the thumb of your other hand at least once a week. Apply cuticle oil regularly, unless you have artificial nails. Use cuticle scissors to cut bad hangnails, then apply oil.

THE LOWDOWN ON DERMATOLOGY:

Irritated skin: Can be red, scaly or pinpoint bistered. Can be caused by frequent use of soap or detergents. Use "liquid glove" lotions or wear gloves when working with detergents. If this doesn't work within a few weeks, contact a dermatologist. Irritation is common in spring, when gardeners return to the outdoors, to chemical fertilizers and to frequent hand washing. Wear gloves.

Fungal infection, also known as "athlete's hand": Usually appears on someone with athlete's foot, and generally affects only one hand. Characterized by a fine scale. Use over-the-counter antifungals, such as Lamisil or Tinactin, said Twin Falls dermatologist Chris Scholtes.

Bacterial infections: Often caused when bacteria enters a cut or abrasion. Wearing gloves will protect hands from bacteria, fungus, chemicals and drying, said Lesley Ruby, a certified hand therapist in Twin Falls. Don't garden without them.

SAVVY SKIN CARE:

Paraffin wax: Among the best treatments for hands, said manicurist Dina Pavlovic of Escape Salon in Twin Falls. "It opens up pores and stimulates blood supply to your skin," she said. Paraffin wax kits can be purchased on the Internet and at area drug stores. Professional treatments are also available. Recommended for people with mild arthritis or other discomfort.

Moisturize at night: All the hand specialists recommended using moisturizer or oils, especially in Magic Valley's drying climate. Wash hands to remove contaminants, then heavily apply a thick moisturizing cream or an oil — olive works great, said the manicurist — at night before bed. Some people like to wear gloves to hold the moisture in.

Moisturize regularly: In addition to nighttime use of an oil-based moisturizer, apply a lighter moisturizer at least one other time each day, said cosmetologist Jennifer Bruning of Masel Medical Spa in Twin Falls. She recommends products that contain cocoa bean.

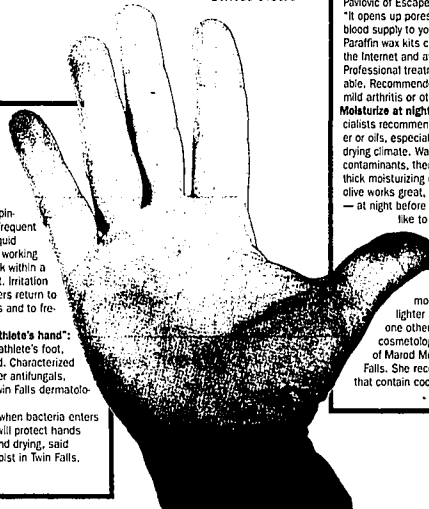


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CARING FOR JOINTS AND MUSCLES:

Choose equipment carefully: Pick the right tool for the job to avoid stressing muscles and joints. Steer clear of pre-coloured tools, as they do not fit many hands and can cause stress if they don't fit. Use safety features on all equipment. Common sense: Don't reach into places you can't see into.

Repetitive motions: Long-term, repetitions can distort ligaments and tendons. "The small joints in our hands, they're not meant to take a pounding," said Twin Falls certified hand therapist Lesley Ruby. For a motion that is new — like spring pruning — break every 15 minutes to stretch hands. For pre-conditioned repetitive motion, like data entry or factory work, stretch every 30 minutes for 30 seconds. Twin Falls physical therapist Dave Little recommends straightening the posture, rolling the shoulders, then putting hands into a "praying" pose, with palms together, and pressing wrists gently toward the floor.

Strengthening hands: There isn't much muscle in the hands, Little said. Squeezing V-shaped hand grips will strengthen only forearm muscles, and can injure hands. Gently manipulating a

gel or foam stress ball is good for flexibility, but do not squeeze it aggressively.

Carpal tunnel syndrome: Caused by repetitive motions like typing, the syndrome pinches and hardens ligaments at the base of the palm, eventually shortening a major nerve. A serious case requires a professional's care, but regularly stretching the hand into a flat position will help prevent carpal tunnel. For relief of minor symptoms, massage the base of the palm crosswise, from the pinky side to the thumb side and back, with medium-hard pressure.

Massage: Little recommends daily hand massage. Start by raising arms above your head — perhaps crossing them behind your head — for several minutes, to allow fluid to drain. Arms lowered, open your hand flat while remaining relaxed, and press into the pads of your palm with the thumb and fingers of your other hand. Better yet, have a family member do the massage for you. Little said pain and discomfort can often shift from the head, neck and shoulders down into the arms and hands, so persistent discomfort should be treated by a professional.

Mild joint or muscle discomfort: Paraffin wax baths work well to relieve discomfort, by using heat and oils. Moist heat — like a hot, damp washcloth or warm rice bag — is another alternative. Unless you have a recent inflamed injury, cold is not likely to relieve discomfort, said physical therapists.



Designing soft drinks to do the work

By Skari Roan
Los Angeles Times

The shoppers looked skeptical. "This is the first drink that can actually help you lose weight," sales representative Anthony Monforte said confidently, handing out tiny samples of a new soft drink, Celsius, at a Vitamin Shoppe in Aliso Viejo, Calif.

Leslie Bedford and Marsha McDonogh, office workers who had stopped by on their lunch break, took cautious sips. "Umm, it does taste like RC Cola," McDonogh said, agreeing with Monforte's description. Sold on the taste — and especially the promise — she plunked down \$6.99 for a four-pack.

"If it really works, that's great," Bedford said. "Everyone in our office wants to lose weight one way or another."

Beverage makers are counting on it. Stung by falling sales and criticism that sugary-sweetened soft drinks raise the risk

of obesity, they're reaching into scientists' laboratories to come up with healthier products — vitamin waters, sports drinks, fortified juices and now so-called negative-calorie drinks. The drinks, most notably Celsius and Coca-Cola's and Nestlé's Enviga, promise to boost metabolism and burn calories.

The key



Beverage makers have created what they say are calorie-burning alternatives to sugary soft drinks that feature green tea and caffeine, such as Enviga, from left, Arizona, Celsius and Snapple.

ingredients are green tea and caffeine. Celsius's manufacturer says its particular combination will increase metabolism enough to burn up to 77 calories per 12-ounce bottle; Coke states that three 12-ounce cans of Enviga will burn 60 to 100 calories. Snapple has also introduced green tea beverages, with labels that claim they

boost metabolism.

"Consumers are looking for some functional benefit," says John Sieber, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest, an industry trade publication. "They are saying they want their calories to do something for them."

The effects of the green tea drinks go beyond those of caffeine-laden zero-calorie sodas, the manufacturers of Celsius and Enviga say. An antioxidant found in green tea — epigallocatechin gallate, or EGCG — significantly increases metabolism, they say. This, in turn, boosts the body's ability to burn fat.

Raising metabolism is more complicated than simply ingesting a chemical that speeds up the heart rate, which often makes users jittery. Although scientists still aren't sure just how EGCG works, some suggest it triggers greater production of a neurotransmitter called norepinephrine.

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Abscess can be a fatal infection

The Washington Post

Recently, a 12-year-old Prince George's County, Md., boy died as a result of complications from a tooth abscess — a kind of infection that is particularly common among people who do not have access to routine dental care. Despite undergoing two operations and spending six weeks in a hospital, Diamonde Driver died after bacteria from the infection spread from his jaw to his brain.

The National Library of Medicine offers these tips on how to prevent, recognize and treat a dental abscess.

Q. What is a dental abscess?

A. A dental abscess or tooth infection is a collection of infected material (pus) resulting from a bacterial infection of the center (pulp)

of a tooth.
Q. What causes an abscess?
A. A tooth abscess is a complication of tooth decay. It may also result from trauma to the tooth, such as when a tooth is broken or chipped. Openings in the tooth enamel allow bacteria to infect the pulp. Infection may spread out from the root of the tooth and to the bones supporting the tooth.

Infection results in a collection of pus (dead tissue, live and dead bacteria, white blood cells) and swelling of the tissues within the tooth. This causes a painful toothache. If the root of the tooth dies, the toothache may stop, but the infection remains active and continues to spread and destroy tissue.

Q. What are the symptoms?
A. Toothache. Pain when

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COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHAT IS THE SECRET TO BEING AN ALL-KNOWING GURU?
LOCATION.

NEVER WORK A MOUNTAIN PEAK BETWEEN A GAGE AND AN OCEAN.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

YOUR BACKPACK LOOKS EXTRA FULL TODAY, BOB.

YES. I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR SOMETHING GOOD TO BAKING?

GABAAA!

YOU WERE GOING TO TAKE YOUR BABY SISTER?

WELL, EVERBODY'S BEEN FEELING LIKE I SHOULD BE A BROTHERHOOD MEMBER IN THE COLLECTION.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

GRACE, WHY ARE YOU WATCHING SO MUCH TV?

VERY SIMPLE. PPL. MONEY TALKS.

YOU SEE, ADVERTISERS SPEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAKE QUALITY TIME WITH ME.

IF YOU WANT TO COMPETE WITH THEM...

I'LL NEED A BIGGER ALLOWANCE.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

OWW, RIGHT IN MY EYE! SOMEONE CALL THE COPS! I THINK YOU'VE HIGH-FINED THAT MONSTER!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

DOGBERT'S SPEAKERS BUREAU

I BOOKED YOU TO DO THE KEYNOTE SPEECH FOR A BIG COMPANY.

THEY NEED A SPEAKER WHO IS SO BORING AND UNINSPIRING THAT THEIR CEO'S HUMOROUS SKIT SEEMS LESS SOUL-CRUSHING.

HOW LARGE IS THE AUDIENCE?

1,500 VICTIMS.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

AND THAT'S ANOTHER ISLAND WITH IT FROM THE MOUNTAINS?

ACROSS THE LAKE IS THE MEDINA GOLD COAST! WHO'S BUYING HIS MANSION?

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THE SUITCASE?

I'LL KEEP THAT TO MYSELF. HIGHLY DISCREET. I THINK THEY NEED TO STAY IN THE DARK.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troske

First of all, I'd like to thank Edna for hosting this week's Elderpark Book Club!

So...has anyone finished reading the book yet?

Umm...well...uh...no.

who read the review of the book in Time magazine?

How about the labels on the wine bottles?

Let's open the chardonnay first!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

APRIL, CAN I USE THE BATHROOM? I DON'T WANT TO GO TO WORK.

DAD'S IN THERE! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG!

OK, I'M OUT! HAPPY?

AAAGH! IT'S ALL SHOWERED UP!

OH, I'LL DEAL WITH THE SHOWER IN THE BATHROOM.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

UPDATED SAYINGS

"IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NICE TO SAY ABOUT A PERSON..."

"YOU'VE GOT SOME GREAT MATERIAL FOR A BLOG!"

Luann By Greg Evans

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? I THOUGHT YOU MOVED INTO THE NEWER HOUSE.

NOT YET. I DON'T HAVE ANY FURNITURE.

AREN'T YOU TAKING YOUR BED?

YES. AND DID I MENTION I'M THE OLD PATIO SET FOR A SWING TABLE?

BUT THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

A PLACE TO SLEEP. A PLACE TO EAT. WHAT ELSE DO YOU DO?

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

WE INTERRUPT YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM TO BRING YOU THIS BREAKING-NEWS BULLETIN:

BROTHERS! SPRINGS LAKE HAS GROWN BACK THIRTYFOUR PERCENT OF AN INCH!

MORE ON THIS AS IT DEVELOPS.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RAT?

I STOLE SOME STEAK CUTS AND BEGAN CREATING MY VERY OWN HUMAN BEING FROM THE GROUND UP.

BUT THOSE ARE JUST FEET.

I GOT BORED.

Pickles By Brian Crane

MOM, YOU'VE GOT TOO MUCH CLUTTER IN THIS HOUSE.

CLUTTER? WHAT CLUTTER? I DON'T HAVE ANY CLUTTER.

WHAT DO YOU CALL EMPTY LOTION BOTTLES, BANK STATEMENTS FROM THE SIXTIES, BOXES OF PENS THAT DON'T WORK, A BUNCH OF OLD EIGHT-TRACK TAPES...

OH, THAT CLUTTER.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

ON BLOOM ONLY I CAN GET UP GRASS! I'M OUT A MINUTE.

I COULD EASILY BE MISTAKEN FOR THE REAL THING IF YOU STOPPED ANALYZING FOR HOURS.

BUT I WOULD FEEL GUILTY IF I WERE TO BE CALLED AN UNPRODUCTIVE CAN!

YOU GET USED TO IT.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

SERENK ARE YOU TEXTING UNDER THE TABLE?

UH...HEH.

WHY WOULD YOU SIT THERE AND SEND MESSAGES TO YOUR FRIENDS INSTEAD OF TALKING TO US?

DIVING.

I GUESS MY THINGS HAVE MORE TO SAY THAN MY MOUTH.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

OH, MY. A BOW BY AN OTOPIST IN NEW YORK, VOLCANO'S APPROXIMATE AGE DATING FROM 10,000 TO 100,000 YEARS. I'M BRINGING YOU A BRAND NAME IN THESE COMICS...

OH, I DROPT THEY ARE THAT THICK FRONT OF THE HEAD. DID IT HAPPEN TO GET STUFF?

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AND OVER IF THEY ARE GETTING PINK, THESE UNABLE LIVED PINKING IT, PINKING IT, PINKING IT.

OH, DROPT? MY HANG IN THERE.

NOT IN MYSELF. HAVE YOURS. YOUR SMILE, COURTESY, AND MY HANG IN THERE. DROPT?

Strange Brew By John Deering

Prehistoric Wireless

OH, I DROPT THEY ARE THAT THICK FRONT OF THE HEAD. DID IT HAPPEN TO GET STUFF?

Cancers need to make some hay today

IF MARCH 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Enjoy an enhanced reputation and the opportunity to shine for the next several weeks. If you are chasing a pipe dream or giving off only the illusion of competence, you could be challenged in June. Anything you start in June could become a source of trials and tribulations, so play it very safe. Don't add to your debt load or begin any new enterprise. August and November could bring you some added blessings. Your best bet is to start in a new direction in December or January when you may be successful with love, romance, or any business related to health or real estate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talk your way into someone's good graces. Make the most of an ability to come to a perfect understanding and enter into a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A romance can mature like fine wine. Take a relationship to the next level. Your ability to charm others is hitting a peak. This might be a good time to buy new clothes or doodads.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your dance card might be full where love and affection are

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

business world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Direct your passions. Instead of gazing dreamily into each other's eyes, try gazing in the same direction. A loved one could prove to be true blue or in some way exceed your expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Share quality smiles with a quality someone. You might be drawn into a compelling, magnetic attraction. Don't disregard an invitation that could help you attain career success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Curl up to a compatible companion. You have the odds in your favor if you wish to bind a business partner to a lucrative deal or obtain a promise about the future from a lover.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sharpen a fuzzy concept. You may be able to finalize a commitment that has been flying free like a flag on a pole. Money spent on entertainment will be worth every cent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wish upon a star. It is very likely that your romantic dreams will come true. Follow your intuitions and let the cards fall where they may. Pay cash for new decorating items for your home.

concerned. Indulge your pastoral instincts. Set your sights on putting others to rest without fear, as others seem to view you through rose-colored glasses.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make hay while the world basks in rampant sunshine. People will appreciate your dedication to a cause. This evening, strive to be part of a romantic twosome or plan on a candlelit dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Trust your social instincts. Set your sights on putting others at ease. Add plenty of grease to keeps the cogs rolling. You may be able to fulfill some amorous fantasies this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Releaste towns of love. Feelings of doubt will be melted by demonstrations of trustworthiness. Buy objects of taste and discrimination on a wonderful whim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fancy footwork on the playing field of love will score you points or help you reach the goal. You've got the tools to enhance your reputation in the

COMICS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois By Chance Browne



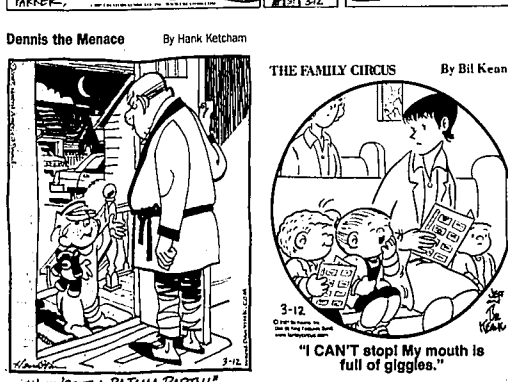
Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 12, 1932, President Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

On this date:
In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander in chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1938, the Anschluss took place as German troops entered Austria.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the "Truman Doctrine" to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1951, "Dennis the Menace," created by cartoonist Hank Ketcham, made its syndicated debut in 16 newspapers.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Wally Schirra is 84. Playwright Edward Albee is 79. Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young is 75. Broadcast journalist Lloyd Dobyns is 71. Singer Al Larena is 67. Attorney-Signer Liza Minnelli is 61. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is 60.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

And there he plays extravagant matches in filthy finger-stalls on a cloth universe with a laisted cut. And elliptical brilliant balls! -- W.S. Gilbert

The Spring Nationals are being held in St. Louis round about now. Accordingly, all the deals the week come from the Nationals held in Orlando a few years ago.

Today's deal was played at Board-a-Match, in which the objective is simply to outscore the opposing team -- the margin of victory on each deal is irrelevant.

In one room North-South stopped in three hearts. The diamond lead should have excited declarer no problems at all, but he won this in dummy to lead a spade. When East stacked smoothly, declarer misguessed and put in the 10. Now West won and shifted to a low heart. When declarer ducked this around to East, the defenders played two more rounds of trump, holding South to eight tricks.

In the other room East-West's teammates played four hearts, but on a low trump lead. Declarer here also played low from dummy, and again, three rounds of trump held South to eight tricks, resulting in a loss on this deal. Note that if declarer hops up with the heart king at trick one, the hearts are completely blocked. If declarer now simply leads a spade toward his hand, the defenders cannot unscramble their trumps. Declarer can ruff out the spades and will always come to 10 tricks.

On opening lead, it is far more likely that a defender has underbid the queen of trumps than the ace. If the heart is neither card, your choice is irrelevant.

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| NORTH | 13 12 A |
| ♠ | K 5 3 2 |
| ♥ | K 4 3 2 |
| ♦ | K 10 6 |

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| WEST | EAST |
| ♠ Q 6 5 | ♠ A J 8 7 |
| ♥ Q 7 6 5 | ♥ Q 10 |
| ♦ J 8 2 | ♦ J 8 |
| | ♦ 9 7 5 4 3 |

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|-------|-------------|
| SOUTH | 13 12 9 4 2 |
| ♠ | 10 8 3 6 5 |
| ♥ | A 10 |
| ♦ | A Q |

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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|----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Opening lead: Diamond five | | |
| 1 ♠ Pass | 2 NT Pass | 3 ♠ All pass |

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| LEAD WITH THE ACES | | | |
| South holds: | ♠ J 2 | ♥ 10 9 5 4 | ♦ 10 8 3 6 5 |
| West | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| 2 NT | 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ |
| All pass | | | |

ANSWER: The club sequence seems to offer a safer lead than a diamond. There is a case for going about by leading a spade, but since partner did not open one spade in third seat, I'm more inclined to try to set up a minor and not give away the spade or heart positions.

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Young mother is frightened by a threat of lost custody

DEAR ABBY: I am 22 years old and have just married 17 months. "Derek" and I have a 23-month-old son. Derek hasn't worked for about a year and refuses to help support our family. He also belittles me whenever he talks to me. I am not happy in this marriage, but I am not sure what to do about it.



then your mother-in-law's trumped up allegations would prove groundless.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 694-0, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

On our honeymoon, Derek told me if I ever divorced him that he'd make sure she would get custody of our son. And his mom already said that she would tell the judge that I was an unfit mother.

My son is my world, Abby. He doesn't even let his daddy hold him, so I know he wouldn't be better off with Derek. But because I am on disability, I don't know if I have a good chance of getting custody if I leave. I don't feel Derek loves me or my son.

What should I do? Suck it out with my husband or take the chance of losing my son? — TRAPPED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR TRAPPED: It must have been some honeymoon if that was when Derek began threatening retribution if you ever divorced him. It appears you married a bully.

The answer to your questions will become clearer if you discuss this matter with a lawyer who, I am sure, can explain what your rights are as a mother. If, after that, you can find the strength to assert yourself, perhaps Derek will consider an attitude adjustment and stop blowing hot air. P.S. If your baby is thriving,

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Grandparents as Parents meets today

The Grandparents as Parents Support Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at Assension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls.

Deb Lattin, resources and services navigator at Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will be the guest speaker. For reservations call Lisa Ann at 736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656.

To do for you

An Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Great Room at Bridgeway Estates, 1628 Bridgeway Blvd., Twin Falls.

The group is for Twin Falls County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

A free lunch will be provided. Reservations are required; call 736-3933.

About boomeritis

Halley Sports Medicine & Orthopedics and Halley Sport and Spine will host an educational lecture on boomeritis, sports-related injuries among the baby boomer generation. It's set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at 810 S. Main St. (next to FedEx) in Halley.

Dr. Glen Shapiro will provide tips on how to avoid common injuries. Free screening evaluations will be available. The lecture is free. For information, call 780-6312.

About Alzheimer's

Rosetta Hillard will hold Alzheimer's Support Group meetings from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the center, 1919 Hilland Ave., Burley.

The group is for Mini-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's. Call Lisa Juedat at 677-5451.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's downtown campus, 680 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

It's for those who have previ-

ously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required; call 737-3148.

Foot exam clinics

Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition and St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional are offering foot exam clinics for people with diabetes. Podiatrist Craig Holman will conduct the exam from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

Tamille Houston, registered dietitian, certified diabetes educator and ACE-certified fitness instructor, will lead an education session on physical activity as part of the clinic. Participants will receive a free resistance band and exercise booklet.

People who have diabetes are vulnerable to nerve and vascular damage that can result in loss of protective sensation in the feet, poor circulation and poor healing of foot ulcers, according to a press release from district health. People with diabetes should have their feet examined at least once a year by a trained health care professional.

The foot exam is free. To make an appointment, call Susie Beem at 737-5946.

Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 20 at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Outpatient Rehab, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Mike McCarthy, managing attorney at Idaho Legal Aid Services, will discuss Medicaid issues and legal aid after a traumatic brain injury. The support group is for people who have had a brain injury and for their family, friends and caregivers.

The meeting is free. Call 737-2126.

Learn CPR/first aid

A first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional's Education Center, 508 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class combines first aid and CPR training under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and

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

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required; call 737-2097.

About diabetes and dental disease

The Diabetes Support Group will host Dr. Joel Newton, a periodontist in Twin Falls, to lead a discussion on diabetes and dental disease. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. March 20 at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. Use the north entrance.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Call Susie Beem at 737-5946.

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"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfeld St. W.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is "Reading Baby Cues."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. Call 324-7262.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, this week through April 10, in the lobby at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 680 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring two pillows and, if possible, a support person.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required; call 732-5148 or go online at www.nwmc.org.

Alzheimer's support

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Tell us your unusual stories about hiccups

What's the longest stretch of time that you've had the hiccup? Do you know anyone with a great hiccup story to tell? Let us know.

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Call features writer Steve Crump at 735-2069, or e-mail him at scrump@magicvalley.com. Deadline is March 19.

Drinks

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elevating metabolism. Caffeine also raises the metabolic rate, and early research suggests combining BCGG with caffeine is the key to a measurable increase.

The concept is intriguing — but far from proven, pharmacology experts point out.

"The data are still emerging," says Roger Clemens, a spokesman for the Institute of Food Technologists and an adjunct professor of pharmacy at the University of Southern California. "They are not convincing."

Jeffrey Blumberg, a senior scientist in pharmacology at Tufts University is similarly skeptical. "In really carefully controlled studies, you can actually find an increase in metabolic rate," he says. "But if the effects are modest, it might be hard to see them in the real world."

"Other studies have shown that the antioxidant does have potential to help prevent some types of cancer, yet knowledge, but the effects on metabolism shouldn't be counted on at this point."

The makers of Envia and

Celsius say they have research to support their weight-loss claims.

In a study of Celsius, which contains five to 10 calories a bottle depending on the flavor, 20 people were divided into two groups, with one group consuming 12 ounces of Celsius and the other group consuming 12 ounces of Diet Coke. The volunteers' metabolic rates were measured before and after consumption. The study showed an average increase of 12 percent in metabolic rate over a three-hour period among those drinking Celsius compared with a 4 percent to 6 percent rise in the Diet Coke drinkers.

Depending on the person's own metabolism (which varies by fitness level, weight, gender and age among other factors), a 12 percent increase could result in burning up to 77 calories a bottle, says Elite FX, the manufacturer of Celsius, which funded the study. The research was conducted at Ohio Research Group of Exercise Science and Sports Nutrition and was presented at a meeting of the

International Society of Sports Nutrition.

A study of Envia, which contains five calories per can, showed that drinking three 12-ounce cans a day increased calories burned by 60 to 100 per day. The study, performed at the University of Louisiana in Switzerland, has not been published.

"The data show the green tea extract appears to enable this gentle boost in the metabolic rate," says Rhona Applebaum, chief scientist of Cansie. "The second mechanism is caffeine. The two together — what we have

found and what other studies have found — produces this synergy that allows for this gentle boost in rate."

Envia was launched in October in the northeast United States and became available nationwide in January. Sweetened with aspartame, it comes in three flavors — green tea, berry and peach — and sells for about \$1.29 to \$1.49 a can.

Celsius, which sells for roughly \$1.99 a bottle, was launched in June 2005. Sweetened with sucralose, or Splenda, it, too, is available in a variety of flavors.

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Abscess

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chewing. Sensitivity to heat or cold-bitte taste in the mouth. Breath odor. Possible fever. Swollen glands of the neck. General discomfort, uneasiness or ill feeling. Swollen area of the upper or lower jaw — a very serious symptom.

Q: What other signs might there be?
A: The patient will feel pain when the dentist taps the tooth. Biting or closing the mouth lightly also increases the pain. The gums may be swollen and red and may drain thick material.

Q: What is the treatment?
A: The goals of treatment are elimination of the infection, preservation of the tooth and prevention of complications. Antibiotics may be used to fight the infection. Warm salt-water rinses may be soothing. Over-the-counter pain relievers may relieve the toothache and fever. Do not place anything directly over the tooth or gums because this increases irritation of the tissues and can result in tooth ulcers.

Root canal therapy may be recommended in an attempt to preserve the tooth. The center of the tooth, including the nerve and vascular tissue, is removed along with decayed

portions of the tooth. The root and surface of the tooth remain in place. The cavity that is created in the core is filled and repaired, and a crown may be placed over the tooth.

Surgical drainage of the abscess or extraction of the affected tooth may be necessary.
Q: What is the prognosis?
A: The infection of tooth abscess is usually curable with treatment. Preservation of the tooth is possible in many cases.
Q: What are the complications?
A: Loss of the tooth. Spread of infection to soft tissue. Spread of infection to the jawbone.

Spread of infection to other areas of the body resulting in brain abscess, endocarditis, pneumonia or other disorders.
Q: What can I do to prevent an abscess from developing?
A: Prompt treatment of dental decay reduces the risk of tooth abscess. Traumatized teeth should be examined promptly by a dentist. Call your dentist if persistent, throbbing toothache or other symptoms of tooth abscess occur.

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