

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

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Charting a course: New ISDB superintendent outlines goals for the school. Page B1

Wood River Valley braces for flood

Blaine County officials say preparation is key to minimizing damage

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — In 1983, the Big Wood River started its annual spring journey at Galena Summit with a trickle, then gaining velocity through the Wood River Valley.

That was the last major flood in this semi-arid valley. For newcomers, it's hard to imagine. For veterans, it's life in snow country.

For county officials, it's a call to educate the public on priorities: Risk-taking homeowners who choose to build in the flood plain won't be ignored,

To learn more
A public meeting on flood preparations will be held Wednesday at the Hayley Armory, off Idaho Highway 75. The meeting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. for elected officials, and 3 to 7 p.m. for the public.

but it's their responsibility to protect their property.

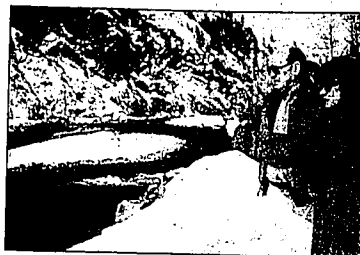
Today, snowpack levels are at record highs. County officials are preparing for another major flood, equal to 1983. Only now, 14 years later, the stakes are higher.

More homes hug the banks of the Big Wood. There are more manmade river diversions, built with less caution, especially by those who've built in drought years.

Some see historical pictures of flooded streets as relics from times gone by.

"The Big Wood River is a vast wandering body of water," said Bureau of Disaster Services officer

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Blaine County Commissioner Mary Ann Mix and Mike Sweeney of the state's Bureau of Disaster Services work on mapping out a flood plan for the Big Wood River valley.

SPORTS

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'TATER FANS



Mrs. Josea Gott's fourth grade class at Jerome's Horizon Elementary School is one step closer to getting the potato named as Idaho's state vegetable.

This is really a political hot potato

Jerome class' bill may end up underground in Legislature

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

JEROME — Does the lowly spud deserve to be as symbolically significant as the official state bird, fish, insect, tree, fossil, flower, gem stone, flag and folk dance?

A class of Horizon Elementary School fourth-graders thinks so, but Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, cautions their potato idea might wind up "underground."

Thursday, Bell carried the class' idea to the House floor, arguing for making the potato the official state vegetable. The idea ran into some resistance, some serious, some tongue-in-cheek.

Arguing the potato's merits, Bell said potatoes are 18 percent of the revenue draw in Idaho, the number one crop for 39 years and are even depicted on the state seal.



Dewey Moss, left, Tanner Patterson and Christine Gardner track the bill's progress on a legislative web page.

She told legislators that all constituents, regardless of "height, weight or size," should be given equal attention at

the state capitol.

"I think they needed to taste a little success for a group effort," Bell said.

The bill cleared the House 54-15. Opponents included House Speaker Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, and local Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, according to a voting tally.

Liz Wiersma, 9, of Jerome, is watching the bill's progress on the Internet at Horizon school. She is very particular on the subject of potatoes, a connoisseur from way back.

"I like mashed potatoes, I kind of like baked potatoes, I don't like french fries," she said. "I like some french fries, but not others. When I was a baby, I always spit them out."

But Bell has heard rumors that the potato bill, House Bill 232, will be low on the priority list in the Senate.

Weeks earlier, legislators rejected

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Airline reduces Twin Falls horizons

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On April 19, Horizon Air will fly into the sunset as it discontinues service to Twin Falls after 14 years.

The Seattle-based airline will drop its three daily flights between Twin Falls and Boise because the route has become unprofitable, a company spokesman said. If no replacement is found by then, air travelers may have to reach Boise via Salt Lake City.

"It was very disturbing and very disappointing," said Ron Madsen, manager of Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

But he's confident the vacancy will be filled soon.

"We are deeply saddened to leave the Twin Falls community," said Pat Zachwieja, Horizon vice president of marketing and planning. "We don't do this very often and we don't like to do it and not only for the sake of our own employees, but for a community we had a vested interest in. People should not consider this a reflection of an economic down trend in Twin Falls. It's something particular to the airline industry."

The four Horizon employees in Twin Falls will be offered jobs in the company in other areas, he said.

On the average, the airline carries 1,000 to 1,200 passengers each month on the route.

Low-fare competition by other airlines resulted in more people driving to Boise, he said. In an effort to compete, Horizon dropped its prices, which made the route unprofitable.

Last month, the airline introduced a 37-seat Dash 8 turboprop to replace smaller planes, partly in hopes of attracting more flyers. But it didn't work, Zachwieja said. The larger planes were twice as expensive to operate and added to losses — which he would only say were significant.

"We haven't seen an increase in booking... and it's not a matter of changing the airplane," he said.

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Robbers botch Los Angeles holdup, open fire



After ducking behind a police cruiser for cover, two persons apparently offer prayers during the shootout between officers and bank robbers in Los Angeles.

Shootout leaves 2 suspects dead, 6 people hurt

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dressed like commandos, a group of masked robbers bungled a bank heist Friday and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and even the TV choppers broadcasting it all live.

When the shooting stopped, two robbers were dead and at least five bystanders and six police officers were wounded by gunfire. Two other officers were injured in a car wreck.

Bank customers and employees locked themselves in a vault for protection, people in a market across the street were trapped, and police and others in nearby businesses took cover wherever they could.

"These guys were ready for war," said Bob McKibben, an appliance store manager who watched the battle. "They had black masks over their faces and full black gear, with belts and ammo around their waists."

A manhunt was immediately started for one

or more suspects who were believed to have gotten away. Nearby schools and freeways were closed, and residents were told to stay in their homes.

In the afternoon, the LAPD's armored battering ram smashed down the wall of a North Hollywood home, looking for suspects. They didn't find any.

Police Cmdr. Tim McBride said the men were known to the FBI for robbing at least two other banks, and motivated by money, not politics.

"This is not a militia group, these are brutal killers who were robbing and taking these people's money," McBride said.

The shootout erupted at the Bank of America in North Hollywood when officers responded to an alarm shortly after the bank opened. As many as five robbers were believed to be involved, police said.

After the robbery went awry, the bandits fled the bank. One stroled back and forth in an adjacent parking lot, firing until he was killed.

COMING SUNDAY

Home work: Who is working at home? What is the role of high-tech? And why to some home businesses fly? *The Times-News* offers some insights.

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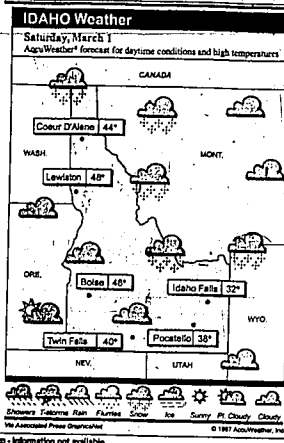
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WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley
Cloudy today with a chance of rain or snow. Becoming windy. Highs around 40. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. Tonight rain or snow likely. No snow accumulation. Lows 25 to 35. Sunday windy with rain or snow showers likely. Highs in the 40s.

Extended regional forecast
Monday cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow each day. Highs in the 30s to low 40s east and 40s west. Lows 15 to 25 in the east and 20 to 35 in the west. Tuesday decreasing clouds with a slight chance of valley rain and mountain snow. Lows 15 to 25 in the east and in the 30s in the west. Highs in the 30s east to the 40s in the west.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
Steady snow developing today with 3 to 5 inches possible by evening. Becoming windy. Highs 35 to 45. Tonight occasional snow and windy. Additional accumulation 3 to 5 inches. Lows 15 to 30. Sunday snow showers likely. Highs 35 to 45.

Treasure Valley
Windy with rain likely today. A period of light snow early this morning. Highs in the mid 40s. Southeast wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph. Tonight windy and mild with rain showers likely. Lows 40 to 45. Sunday mostly cloudy with rain showers likely. Highs near 50.

Sawtooth Mountains
Steady snow developing today with 3 to 5 inches possible by evening. Becoming windy. Highs 35 to 45. Tonight occasional snow and windy. Additional accumulation 3 to 5 inches. Lows 15 to 30. Sunday snow showers likely. Highs 35 to 45.

ACROSS THE NATION

Snow, chill spread across Rockies; showers dampen East

The far West was mostly dry, with gusty winds across southern sections of California and Nevada. Showers moved into the Pacific Northwest over western Washington and Oregon.

Mojave, Calif., cooled a 17-mph wind gust, and Marietta, Ga., recorded 1.7 inches of rain.

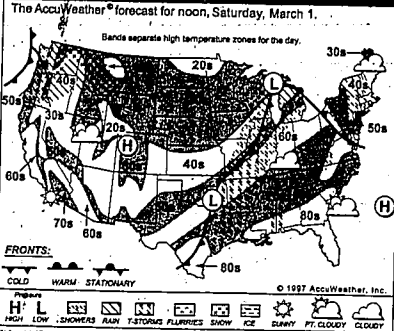
In Idaho, weak high pressure at the surface and aloft was building over the state as Friday afternoon progressed.

Mid-afternoon temperatures ranged from the upper teens to the mid 40s. Coldwell had the warmest reading at 45 degrees while Mullan Pass reported the coolest reading at 18 degrees. Most temperatures were in the lower to middle 30s.

Winds were generally light.

An early morning storm produced several inches of snow in the Magic Valley before skies cleared at mid-morning.

NATIONAL Weather



TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	48	35	0.07
Atlanta	69	63	2.87
Boston	47	42	...
Chicago	42	33	...
Dallas	65	45	...
Denver	27	23	0.03
Des Moines	43	27	...
Detroit	38	33	...
Honolulu	84
Houston	81	56	...
Indianapolis	55	32	...
Kansas City	55	32	...
Las Vegas	51	42	...
Los Angeles	67	48	...
Miami	69	69	...
Minneapolis	83	74	...
Milwaukee	38	30	...
Minneapolis	34	23	0.06
New Orleans	77	57	...
New York	52	45	...
Philadelphia	60	40	...
Portland, Me.	41	33	0.10
Portland, Ore.	49	30	...
San Francisco	60	40	...
St. Louis	61	31	0.08
Salt Lake City	36	29	...
San Francisco	60	40	...
Seattle	46	31	...
Spokane	38	24	...
Washington	58	53	...

ALMANAC

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	45	34	...
Burley	38	23	...
Fairfield	30	3	...
Gooding	m	m	...
Hegeman	48	23	...
Idaho Falls	31	18	...
Jerome	39	19	...
Lewiston	43	26	...
Malden	34	20	...
Malta	m	18	...
McCall	m	10	...
Pocatello	35	18	...
Salmon	34	21	...
Stanley	32	5	...
Sun Valley	34	7	...

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:12 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, March 2; new, March 8; first quarter, March 15; full, March 23.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Venus; Saturn, Mars, Comet Hale-Bopp visible NE, 3:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.; NW, 7:15 p.m.

Flood!

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Mike Sweeney, "And it's going to wander where man wants it to wander or not."
Sweeney was in Hailey last week, on the banks of the Big Wood, analyzing flood potential and preparing for a disaster plan. While some claim officials are overreacting, county and state officials kick off an emergency plan next week, claiming it's better to be wary than to be caught off guard.

The county emergency team has set a public meeting for Wednesday. Then officials will outline a plan, should a major flood hit the valley.

Even skeptics agree this year, it's a smart move.

"Sure we've had high water, but we never had as many of those houses as close to it as we do now," said former Blaine County Commissioner Rupert House, who has lived on the East

Fork of the Big Wood since 1949. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has established a 100-year "flood plain" area. In recent years, people who want to build homes on covered riverfront land have ignored FEMA guidelines.

The valley has been drought-stricken for years, while many transplants have moved from arid regions in the country. The thought of FEMA's 100-year flood plain appeared excessive.

Not so, say some.

Nick Cox, a 10-year Ketchum resident, has examined water levels extensively and warned county officials last week to take this year's flood potential seriously.

Thirty-one inches of water sat in the build homes on, in April 1983. 32 inches of water sat in the basin.

"In other words, this year, there's no such thing as a slow runoff," Cox said.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 50 degrees at Payette. Low, 5 below zero at Stanley. Nation: High, 88 degrees at Fort Myers, Fla. Low, 9 below zero at Ely, Nev.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band on VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 334-9860. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.statelid.us/dt/didump.htm>

ROAD INFORMATION

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Horizon

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It may be a matter of Twin Falls located too close to a hub market like Boise, Zachwieja said.

Trouble began in 1994 with airlines offering low rates out of Boise, which didn't necessarily stimulate the market as much as it sucked up a lot of travelers from other communities around that hub, he said. But it's a problem experienced in other markets.

In fact, Horizon eliminated one route and cut back others in Montana because of similar conditions, he said.

"I think this will help SkyWest a little. They become the only game in town," Zachwieja said.

SkyWest spokesman Dianne Dineen did not hear about Douglas last fall or Horizon's announcement and

doesn't know whether the Utah-based company would be interested in flying the other direction.

SkyWest runs five daily flights between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City and will add a sixth on April 6, said Douglas in Salt Lake City.

Now work begins on attracting a new airline.

"We have a few thoughts in mind, a few airlines we might give a call to. It's just finding an airline that will say 'yes,'" Madson said.

Although disappointing, the announcement was not unexpected.

"They have been cutting back and trimmed some of the hours employees could work," he said.

The airline leased space at the airport and paid a landing fee based on weight.

Those costs were unavailable Friday, but Madson said their loss won't put the airport out of business.

Kent just wasn't surprised either.

"We read a letter from the president of the company one year ago that seemed to state that Twin Falls was a losing market for them," said Kent, director of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "That's one of our competitive. That's one of those deregulation stories. You can fly inexpensive between 'A' and 'B' but the service to 'C,' 'D' and 'E' goes down."

The route to Boise is an important link to northern Idaho and the Northwest. Just said, "You can be served out of Salt Lake but this cuts out some of the

property owners should buy subpar, check flood insurance, and call county planners for river diversion permits."

The 30 years from 1964 to 1994 has marked dramatic changes in the Big Wood River and its flood plain.

"The Big Wood, once free to meander across an unconfined, cottonwood covered, alluvial valley floor, has become confined," she said. "What were once free river valley beds have been replaced by manicured lawns and residential subdivisions."

The valley's dry and sunny February doesn't ward off flood concerns. National Weather Service forecasts predict a jet stream shift that could mean a wet March.

"But no one can predict Mother Nature."

"If it comes down like a lamb, we'll probably be OK," Sweeney said. "If it comes down like a lion

through some close calls, admits there's a price for riverside beauty."

"It's hard to sweat the flood thing when you've had two avalanches pound down on your house," McNeal said.

Potato

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schoolchildren's idea of the rat race being the official state reptile.

It resulted in some tears of disappointment for students, Bell said.

"They were just weeping and that was just sad, they had been involved too much unfortunately," Bell said.

A few lawmakers Thursday said they are in no mood for frivolity when they have so many other important issues to discuss, and worried that schoolchildren were being "set up for defeat," Bell said.

"I did have some negative comment," she said. "It wasn't that

she wanted a pea or lentil or carrot or anything, but they felt it was a waste of time."

Some legislators were more tongue-in-cheek, with one lawmaker asking whether the word potato was spelled with an "e" at the end of it, Bell said.

She is worried about what seems inevitable - that the bill will all but ignored in the Senate.

She is torn on whether the idea was worth taking on.

"So I have been real low key," she said. "Should I have not passed it? They can learn from success and failure. But I didn't want to get their hopes up."

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly dry roads Friday.

U.S. 95 - Plummer-Sandpoint; dry; wet; Sandpoint-Canadian border; wet; Riggs-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; wet; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 - Fourth of July Canyon, wet; Lookout Pass, wet, slush.

U.S. 12 - Lewiston-Orfino, dry; Orfino-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, wet, broken snow floor.

Idaho 55 - Horshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, wet.

Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor, rocks; Lowman-Banner Summit, closed by slides.

U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, dry, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 - Dry.

Idaho 51 - Nevada line-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots.

Interstate 86 - Dry.

Interstate 15 - Uiah line-Malden Pass, dry, icy spots; Pocatello-Pubois, dry; Malheur Pass, icy spots.

U.S. 30 - Dry.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Jackpot Alert
Tonight's estimated jackpot for Powerball is \$16 million! The winner would receive \$760,000 for the next 20 years! What would you do with that much money?

The Tri-West Jackpot is also on a roll. Tonight's all cash jackpot is estimated at \$175,000! Make sure to buy your tickets today.

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Clinton recertifies Mexico as ally in war on drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brushing aside congressional calls for a tougher stance against Mexico, President Clinton recertified the country Friday as a fully cooperating ally in the struggle against drug smuggling.

Clinton also renewed for another year his 1996 decision not to certify the counter-narcotics program of Colombia.

In announcing the decisions, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Clinton chose to recertify Mexico "with firm expectations of further progress in the near term." She said, how-

ever, Mexico's anti-drug effort would be constantly monitored by senior administration officials.

The decision to deny certification to Colombia was based on a report that "corruption remains rampant at the highest levels of the Colombian government," Albright said at a State Department news conference after meeting with Clinton.

Clinton thus renewed for another year his 1996 determinations concerning Mexico and Colombia, although Mexico appeared to be a closer call this year because of the widespread

perception of rampant corruption in Mexico.

A senior official said the decision to certify Mexico was recommended unanimously by top Clinton aides from the State, Defense, and Treasury departments and the National Security Council.

"This is another difficult but correct decision," Albright said.

Clinton was acting on the eve of the congressionally mandated deadline for evaluating the anti-narcotics records of 32 drug source and drug transit countries. Clinton decided to certify 23 of

those countries, including Mexico. He decertified six: Colombia, Afghanistan, Burma, Nigeria, Syria and Iran. Belize, Lebanon, and Pakistan were granted a waiver on grounds of U.S. national security interests.

Countries that are decertified could lose some economic benefits.

Indeed, Mexican officials had warned that such a decision could lead to reduced on anti-drug cooperation with the United States. Mexican Foreign Affairs Secretary Jose Angel Gurria even warned of a possible "rupture" in

relations between the two North American trading partners.

The depth of Senate disillusionment with Mexico was reflected in the decision of 40 members to sign a letter to Clinton urging decertification.

The letter was initiated by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

"There has been no serious effort to crack down on the Tijuana, Juarez and Sonora cartels, or to arrest their leaders," Feinstein said Friday in a statement.

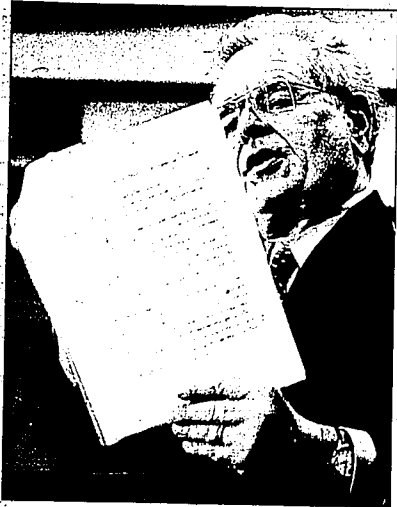
Feinstein said she would submit a resolution to overturn

Clinton's decision.

Speaking before he knew Clinton's decision, Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., told reporters he thought Clinton should recertify Mexico but "with the considerable admonition to reform."

The Colombian record was viewed by U.S. officials as mixed. One official said certification for Colombia has been difficult in light of allegations that President Ernesto Samper received drug cartel money for his 1994 election campaign.

Samper has since been stripped of his U.S. visa.



Colorado Gov. Roy Romo, the Democratic National Committee's new general chairman, announces Friday that the party is returning another \$1.5 million in improper campaign contributions from 77 donors.

FBI supervisor pleads guilty to spy charges

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — FBI supervisor Earl Pitts pleaded guilty Friday to conspiring and attempting to sell classified secrets to Russia and the former Soviet Union, and a former CIA station chief is expected to plead guilty to spying for Russia on Monday.

In what his attorney said was an effort to avoid spending the rest of his life in prison, Pitts, a 43-year-old former CIA station chief, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit espionage and a second count of attempting to commit espionage in what his attorney said was an effort to avoid spending the rest of his life in prison.

At a news conference after Pitts' hearing in federal court here, U.S. Attorney Helen Fahey announced, "We anticipate there will be a guilty plea by (CIA officer Harold) Nicholson on Monday morning."

She said Nicholson will plead guilty to espionage. His lawyers declined comment on that.

Nicholson is charged with selling secrets to Moscow since 1994 for more than \$180,000 in a three-count indictment. But Fahey would not disclose any details of Nicholson's agreement to plead guilty, Nicholson's attorneys also declined to comment on it.

Nicholson earlier had pleaded innocent to selling the identities of new CIA agents since 1994 for

more than \$180,000. His trial is set to begin April 14.

Pitts stood at the podium for 40 minutes while the judge questioned him about his plea.

In pleading to conspiracy, Pitts said, "I provided information I believed to be classified to persons I believed to be agents of the U.S.S.R. and later to persons I believed to be agents of the Russian Federation."

The conspiracy count covered his actions dating back to 1987.

He also pleaded guilty to a count of attempted espionage in October 1996 when he was dealing with FBI undercover agents he thought were Russian spies. Pitts told the court, "I delivered a booklet which was marked 'Secret' in a sealed envelope to a prearranged drop point where it would be picked up by people I believed to be agents of the Russian government."

Prosecutors said the document was classified secret, dated September 1989 and entitled, "Counterintelligence Techniques: Identifying an Intelligence Officer."



Earl Edwin Pitts

Clinton wants to reduce barriers with Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a number of breakthroughs in the trade wars with Japan, President Clinton will seek elimination of further barriers in a second term, a top administration official said Friday.

Calling Japan a "uniquely difficult place for foreign firms to compete," Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said the admini-

stration did not plan to relent in its efforts to attack unfair Japanese trade practices both before the World Trade Organization and in direct negotiations.

Japanese officials have insisted the WTO, the multinational arbitrator of trade rules, is the proper place for U.S.-Japan trade disputes rather than head-to-head talks.

Democrats return more tainted money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic Party said Friday it would return an additional \$1.5 million in tainted contributions, more than doubling the total it had previously announced.

Most of the money was tied to a trio of Asian-American fundraisers.

At the same time, a newly disclosed Democratic National Committee document suggested that fund-raisers had sought to coordinate a list of 10 donor perks with the White House — including seats for contributors on Air Force One and help getting appointments to federal boards and commissions.

The unsigned memo — apparently written by a committee operative — said the purpose was "to reach our very aggressive goal of \$40 million this year." It was among papers turned over to a congressional panel by former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes.

At a news conference, Democratic officials said they decided to return the additional \$1.49 million — on top of \$1.47 million returned last fall — based on the advice of an accounting firm hired to investigate the

source of contributions.

"It's a serious amount, but it's a small percentage of the overall amount raised," Colorado Gov. Roy Romo, the Democratic National Committee's new general chairman, told a news conference. During the period in question, 1994-96, the DNC raised \$227 million.

Ernst & Young accountants investigated hundreds of donations, including all of those over \$10,000, and some smaller donations are still being evaluated.

The review found \$247,610 worth of donations deemed to be illegal or probably illegal, mostly because the money came from foreign companies or people who weren't legal U.S. residents. The rest was returned because DNC officials believed it was from inappropriate sources or because investigators could not learn enough about the donor.

"Our system broke down and we have fixed it," DNC national chairman Steve Grossman declared. He said the party's new fund-raising rules — "we believe they are the most rigorous ever implemented by any political party" — would prevent future abuses.

Arms pact has public support, but fate unclear

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public strongly favors an international treaty banning chemical weapons, according to a poll released Friday by supporters trying to win Senate ratification by the end of April.

Popular sentiment aside, however, supporters of the Chemical Weapons Convention acknowledge they have a tough fight in the Senate. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has refused to put the treaty to a committee vote until other, unrelated issues are addressed.

"It's not easy," Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the most active GOP supporter, told a Capitol Hill news conference at which he announced the poll results. "We have some distance to go" in winning enough Senate votes, he said.

Helms is holding out for promises from the administration on other issues, including reform on the United Nations and reorganization of the State Department.

Lugar and others are pushing for a Senate vote on the chemical arms treaty before April 29, when it will go into effect regardless of whether the United States ratifies it.

President blasts Senate Dems' calls for counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton telephoned Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and at least two other senators to complain that fellow Democrats were calling for an independent counsel to investigate possible fund-raising irregularities, Democrats said Friday.

The president juxtaposed the lawmakers' calls for an independent counsel with his own efforts to raise money to help re-elect Democrats to Congress, said one source, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Clinton called Daschle, D-S.D., plus Sens. Robert Kerrey, D-Nebr., and Robert Torricelli, D.N.J., who are leaders of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, which raises money for party candidates.

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Cohen's brother cleared in shooting

BANGOR, Maine — Defense Secretary William Cohen's brother was defending himself against an armed robber when he shot the man in his home, authorities said Friday.

They announced charges against the wounded man and two others.

District Attorney Christopher Almy said the three defendants had been taken into custody and no charges were contemplated against Robert Cohen. Almy said an investigation had produced "no basis" for charging Defense Secretary William Cohen's brother.

Cohen, 51, was cut twice with a knife during Tuesday night's struggle with Michael Chasse, authorities said.

Another man faces charges in Cosby case

NEW YORK — A man was arrested Friday morning in Los Angeles and charged with aiding an alleged plot to extort \$40 million from entertainer Bill Cosby, the U.S. attorney here announced.

The defendant was identified as Boris Sabas, 42, also known as Boris Shmulevich, in a superseding indictment of Autumn Jackson and Jose Medina.

The indictment, handed up in New York, accused Sabas of assisting the extortion plot by driving Jackson, 22, of Los Angeles, and Medina, 51, of Bethesda, Ohio, to the airport on Jan. 17 so they could fly to New York.

Cosby's son, Ennis, was murdered in Los Angeles on Jan. 16.

Police officers charged with beating man

HARTFORD, Conn. — Three police officers were charged Friday in the videotaped beating of an unarmed motorist as one of their lawyers proclaimed, "It's not a Rodney King."

A camera inside a police cruiser caught 10 seconds of the Feb. 14 beating in suburban Bloomfield. One witness said it went on for three or four minutes as onlookers pleaded with the officers to stop.

Officers Michael Ancona, Jacqueline Middleton and Hugh O'Callaghan were charged with hindering prosecution, fabricating evidence, falsely reporting an incident, and conspiracy.

Ancona and Ms. Middleton, who also were charged with assault and reckless endangerment, face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. O'Callaghan faces up to five years. They were suspended without pay.

Church official who used escort service quits

MINNEAPOLIS — An official of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has resigned after his name was discovered on a list of clients at a Minneapolis escort service.

The Rev. A.C. "Chris" Stein voluntarily resigned Wednesday just prior to the airing of a report by Minneapolis station, KARE-TV, that his name was on a list of about 1,000 clients of Black Tie Escort Service.

Stein told church officials he contacted the service on two occasions for therapeutic massages and that they were not sexual, according to the Rev. Eric Shafer, director of communication for the Chicago-based church.

Compiled from wire reports

Bradys mark bill's 3rd anniversary



James and Sarah Brady, center foreground, head for a news conference in front of the Supreme Court Friday in Washington. The Bradys are marking the third anniversary of the passage of the Brady Law for gun control. James Brady was injured in the failed assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1980.

NRA says background checks not effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — James and Sarah checks as effective tools against violence.

Brady observed the third anniversary of the Brady gun-control law Friday by urging the nation's highest court to preserve the law's requirement for background checks on prospective gun buyers.

"Earlier this week we saw what a gun in the wrong hands can do when a gunman opened fire on the observation deck of the Empire State Building," said Sarah Brady, chairman of Handgun Control Inc.

The Bradys and law enforcement officials marked the anniversary at the Supreme Court where the justices are considering whether it is constitutional to require local police background checks on prospective gun buyers.

James Brady, the former White House press secretary for whom the law was named, praised the background National Rifle Association.

—James Brady, Handgun Control, Inc.

"It's time to stop waiting and start arresting. It does absolutely no good to just deny felons; you must arrest them to truly prevent them from getting guns."

—Wayne LaPierre, NRA

"We must make sure that we don't go back to the days of 'lie and buy' when a criminal could walk into a gun store, lie on the form and walk out with a handgun," said Brady, who was seriously wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan.

At a separate news conference, National Rifle Association President Wayne LaPierre said law enforcement officials need to focus more on putting criminals in jail instead of checking the backgrounds of all citizens.

"It's time to stop waiting and start arresting," LaPierre said. "It does absolutely no good to just deny felons; you must arrest them to truly prevent them from getting guns."

Two sheriffs from Montana and Arizona are challenging the background-check requirement, saying the federal government cannot make them help enforce the Brady law which was enacted in 1993 over bitter opposition from gun-control opponents, including the National Rifle Association.

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Cop killer kills self

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — A man who killed two policemen as a model prisoner and entered law school after his release committed suicide when cornered after a bank robbery, police said.

His lawyer, Charles Wynn, says he believes police killed him.

Terrence Johnson died Thursday at 34, about two years after he was paroled for the crimes he committed at age 15. Police wouldn't release details of his death.

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As he enjoys an after-work drink in Gualala, Calif., mechanic Bill Neal, right, jokes that he won't be able to win millions of dollars in a mail sweepstakes contest. The comment was prompted by reports that thousands of undelivered third-class letters, including sweepstakes entries, had been dumped by a local postal worker.

Residents of California town not upset over junking of junk mail

GUALALA, Calif. (AP) — Ever wish someone would junk your junk mail?

That's apparently what happened in this coastal village where authorities suspect the postman didn't even ring once when it came to delivering thousands of pieces of third-class mail.

Some weren't too upset about the languishing letters.

Mechanic Bill Neal joked that he only missed sweepstakes entries like Publishers Clearinghouse, adding, "I'm never going to win the \$11 million now."

Gualala (pronounced wa-LA-la) is a getaway enclave of hotels, beach front rentals and restaurants strung along a breathtaking stretch of California's North

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Those who live here year-round say they don't expect big-city mail service. It's something they're happy to give up in exchange for living on the windswept, craggy coast.

But some residents noted that there were a few first-class items, including some checks, in the backlogged mail — an omission even the prettiest view can't make up for. They said they'd like to decide for themselves whether or not to pitch their post. "I think it's time to privatize the U.S. mail," real estate agent Phyllis Fisher said.

The mail melee came to light recently when someone tipped San Francisco postal inspectors that a pile of third-class mail —

don't call it junk, postal officials say — was sitting in a trash bin outside the Gualala post office.

Investigators later discovered as many as 5,000 pieces of undelivered mail in the trash. More mail was found stacked inside the building, amounting to about a two-month backlog of 100,000 pieces.

The mail was mainly catalogs and the like, although a few were first-class items and some tax notices.

Postmaster Raymond Berlingo and a clerk are on paid administrative leave while the matter is investigated, though neither has been charged with any crime. Tom Taylor, a U.S. postal inspector, said a report is being compiled and will be forwarded to postal authorities and the U.S. attorney's office.

Small women face difficulties in getting air bags disconnected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carleen Ogg says she won't drive a new car because she fears the air bag could kill her.

The Montrose, Colo., woman is 4 feet 11 inches tall and sits close to the steering wheel of her 1992 Ford Escort so she can reach the pedals.

Most of the 23 adults who have been killed by air bags were, like Mrs. Ogg, short women.

"I am scared to death of driving a vehicle with a driver's side air bag because I can't figure out how to drive it from the back seat," Mrs. Ogg wrote the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently in support of its proposal to let consumers choose whether to disconnect an air bag.

The Clinton administration wants to make it easier for consumers to get air bags disabled in view of questions over air bag deployments in lower-speed accidents.

The safety devices, credited with saving an estimated 1,700 lives, also have been blamed for the deaths of 38 children and 23 adults in survivable accidents.

But automakers, dealers, repair shops and consumer organizations all have lined up in opposition to the administration's proposal to allow mechanics to disconnect air bags for any consumer who wants it done.

The safety agency has received more than 500 responses to its proposal. Many of them were from women 5 feet tall or shorter.

"For the sake of all 'small adults,' please approve ... this

proposal as quickly as possible," said Evelyn Vandiver, 70, of Charlotte, N.C.

"I am afraid of the air bags," said Phyllis Vranich, 63, of Whitmore Lake, Mich., who is under 5 feet tall. "There are a lot of people who believe in personal choice, not Big Brother."

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— Phyllis Vranich, a resident of Whitmore Lake, Mich., who is under 5 feet tall

The auto industry and consumer groups are concerned about reduced safety in cars without working air bags. Auto dealers and repair shops fear being sued for injuries or deaths the air bag might have prevented.

Most automakers support deactivating air bags only if a person has a medical need or other compelling reason not to have an air bag.

Four former chiefs of the highway safety agency recently joined in criticizing the Clinton proposal, saying it could erode public support for safety standards.

The industry is more supportive of the idea of cutoff switches for air bags in vehicles already on the road. That puts

the responsibility for turning off the safety device on the occupant.

Nearly 100 people, including Mrs. Ogg, wrote the agency in support of cutoff switches. She and her husband, Glenn, are in the market for a family car to replace their 14-year-old Jeep. But Glenn Ogg is 5 feet 9 inches tall and wants to have the protection of an air bag.

Mrs. Ogg prefers a cutoff switch in her vehicle to turn the air bag on and off depending on who is driving.

"It's frustrating," said Mrs. Ogg, 46. "I can make this decision for myself. I won't drive a new car with an air bag."

Agency officials are reviewing all the comments and expect to announce a decision in the next month.

The bottom line is that all these groups have to be brought together in such a way as to serve the American public," said Ricardo Martinez, NHTSA's chief.

The NHTSA proposal would require consumers to read a safety brochure and sign a consent form before an air bag was disconnected. It would also require labels inside the car warning riders the air bag had been disconnected.

It is illegal now for anyone other than the car's owner to disconnect an air bag — something few people know how to do. Agency officials have granted hundreds of waivers for medical reasons, but say the rest must wait until the final policy is settled on disconnecting the devices.

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Transplanting health and hope

Mountain Home man works to increase awareness of need for organs

BOISE (AP) — The day after Fred Graves retired from the Air Force in 1986, he had a heart attack.

Others followed. By 1991 he was suffering from congestive heart failure and was told he would die if he didn't get a new heart.

But he learned what many others in the same situation have discovered. There aren't enough organs available for all the people who need transplants.

A lot of people have to wait, and for some of them it's too long.

Graves was one of the lucky ones. And since receiving his new heart nearly six years ago, the 51-year-old Mountain Home resident has been working to increase public awareness on the need to donate body parts.

He's active in the Idaho Donor Network — an organization of people who have received transplants as Graves did.

The network is sponsoring a resolution in the Legislature to declare the week of April 20-27 as "Organ Awareness Week" in Idaho.

"All we want to do is get out there and make people aware that there is more to it than just listing donors on their driver licenses," Graves said. "If we raise awareness, that will make more organs available."

While Idaho has a space on driver's licenses where people can declare that they want to donate their organs, that's just the first step, Graves said.

"Share your decision with your family, make your family aware of it," he said. "Tell them what your wishes and desires are."

"If even one family member is against it, it probably isn't going to happen."



Fred Graves, a member of the Idaho Donor Network, campaigns in Boise Thursday for increased awareness for organ donation.

Graves was accepted into the transplant program in February 1991.

After a 58-day wait at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City, a suitable heart was available.

His transplant came early in the morning of April 24, 1991.

Graves says he knows only that it came from a woman from Idaho. But the borrowed heart has worked fine for him.

Nationwide, Graves said, 50,000 people are waiting for organs to be available for transplants.

There is no facility in Idaho for organ transplants. Patients must go to Salt Lake City, Portland or Spokane and then wait for something to become available.

Since 1988, 422 Idaho residents have received transplants, including 40 last year. The procedure peaked in 1995 with 74 transplants, but no fewer than 40 transplants have been performed on Idaho residents annually since 1990.

The Intermountain Organ Recovery System, which coordinates efforts to locate donated organs and get them to the place where they are needed, is headquartered in Salt Lake City.

As of mid-1996, the latest figures available, IORS said there were 114 local people awaiting kidney transplants at Salt Lake City hospital, 48 for livers, 14 for pancreas and two for lungs.

Organs that can be donated include heart, kidneys, pancreas, lungs, liver and intestines. Tissue that can be donated includes eyes, skin, bone, heart valves and tendons.

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Prosecutors vow to retry activists for conspiracy

SEATTLE (AP) — A mistrial was declared Friday on federal conspiracy charges against seven anti-government activists, while four of the defendants were convicted of weapons charges.

After six days of deliberation beginning Feb. 20, jurors told U.S. District Judge John Coughenour they were unable to reach a verdict on the conspiracy charge faced by all seven defendants, who had ties to the militia and Freemen movements.

Government prosecutors said they would seek to retry the case. Jurors convicted four defendants of weapons charges.

Washington State Militia founder John Irvin Finer, 45, of Deming was convicted of possession and transfer of machine guns; John Lloyd Kirk, 56, of Tukwila, and Marlin Lane Mack, 24, of Bellingham, were convicted of possession of an unregistered destructive device; and Gary Marvin Kuehnol, 48, of Bellingham, was convicted of possession of a machine gun.

Jurors could not reach verdicts on additional weapons charges against Kirk and his wife, Judy Carol Kirk, 54, and against Kuehnol. Kuehnol was found innocent of three counts of possession of unregistered firearms.

Coughenour ordered the three defendants not convicted of any charges released on their own recognizance. They are Mrs. Kirk, Frederick Benjamin Fisher, 61, of Bellingham, and Tracy Lee Brown, also known as William Smith, 55, of Seattle.

Fisher and Mrs. Kirk declined comment as they left the Federal Courthouse.

Mrs. Kirk's attorney, Howard Ratner, said: "If an individual person violates the law and has

some kind of illegal weapons or device, well, you prosecute that person. But to try to find a conspiracy and make a big deal out of nothing, it just doesn't make a whole lot of sense, and I think that's what the jury was finding."

Mack's attorney, Jim Roe, added, "My client had told me all along that he had conspired against no one. I was very relieved that this trial is over."

Jurors had indicated earlier this week that they were having difficulty, when 11 members of the panel asked Coughenour to replace a 12th juror. He refused.

Late Thursday, defense attorneys filed a motion for mistrial, citing the jurors' request as evincing that 11 jurors were trying to coerce the 12th, and that at least one juror had engaged in misconduct by working on the case outside the presence of the others on the panel. The motion requested a typewriter in a note cabinet to the judge. There is no typewriter in the jury room.

During five weeks of testimony, jurors heard stories of booby traps, pipe bombs, weapons stockpiles and foreign invaders.

Prosecutors said the defendants were convinced that United Nations troops were going to invade America by way of Canada, and that federal agents would help establish a "new world order." Kirk and Smith are Freemen, the four other men are militia members and Mrs. Kirk was portrayed as a sympathizer who did not attend meetings of either group.

Defense attorneys contended some defendants were entrapped by the government and that prosecutors failed to show the guilt of others. Attorneys maintained the defendants talked a lot but didn't actually violate any laws.

Ex-BYU professor alleges age discrimination

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Mary Jo Westien says Brigham Young University officials told her she was being let go as an assistant clinical professor because her knowledge was obsolete, and her teaching substandard.

But Westien, an acute-care nurse, insists her departure from the Mormon Church-owned school amounted to age discrimination. "Age takes many faces," the 56-year-old said. "Sometimes it's your body of knowledge and your computer skills. In my case, they attacked my knowledge."

Age discrimination is just one of the claims made in a September 1995 lawsuit filed against BYU for unspecified damages. Other claims included trauma, emotional damages, defamation and retaliation.

Last month, U.S. District Court Judge J. Thomas Greene in Salt Lake City dismissed some of the claims, but left intact the age discrimination and two retaliation claims. David Drake, a Salt Lake

attorney, said Greene dismissed some of the claims because he felt they could be addressed under the retaliation accusation.

Westien is not a Mormon, and her religious status is not a factor in the lawsuit — technically.

"Our point is that Mary Jo was singled out for age and religious reasons," Drake said. "We can't do anything about religious discrimination because Title 7 makes it so they can discriminate against her for that until Hades freezes over. That's not the case for age."

With over 30 years experience in the medical and teaching fields, Westien joined the BYU faculty in 1988, first as an instructor, then as an assistant clinical professor.

Westien felt confident in 1995 when the time came for her three-year review. She was shocked when first the College of Nursing panel and subsequently the University Council of Rank and Status denied her continuing status.

In July 1996, the university council also denied her appeal.

Westien believes the denial was in retaliation for her suit filed the year before.

Westien maintains she is a victim of a secret memo-writing campaign to discredit her. She also said her detractors made unannounced visits to her classes. In her appeal, Westien alleged 10 procedural errors in her three-year review. She asserted letters were doctored, memos backdated, false testimony obtained and important information withheld by the college.

Westien also said BYU Academic Vice President Alan Wilkins refused to pass on her written rebuttal to the University Council of Rank and Status.

David Thomas, BYU associate general counsel, acknowledged the

rebuttal was withheld, but only because policy dictates the university-level council act as a review rather than an appeals board.

He added that the rebuttal was heard during her subsequent appeal, along with seven hours of testimony that involved her attorney. Further, he said the five-member appeals panel included some faculty representatives selected by Westien.

"I can appreciate that she can't believe that anyone would say anything less than glowing things about her, but these are critical evaluations," Thomas said.

BYU faculty are on probationary status for the first three years of their employment and can be terminated without cause at any time, Thomas said.

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Revised GDP report portends economic growth early this year

WASHINGTON — The government cuts its estimate of economic growth in the final three months last year, but many economists said that was good news for growth in the first part of this year.

ECONOMIC INDICATOR Gross domestic product The GDP measures all the goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership. Trillions of dollars, annual rate 4th quarter (Preliminary) \$6.99 3.9%

potential for more production activity going forward. However, fear of the inflationary pres-

sures and higher interest rates that could slow economic growth rolled an already-chastened stock market. By midday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks had fallen more than 20 points. That follows the 113-point loss over Wednesday and Thursday that Chairman Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve said the central bank may increase rates higher to dampen inflation even before it heats up.

They said the smaller inventory overhang doesn't alter their belief that growth this year will be in a moderate range of 2 percent to 2.5 percent. I think the inflation climate remains pretty good ... and the economy is going to slow to a rate the Fed can live with," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch in New York. He said it's still possible the Fed will raise interest rates by late May but he sees that as less certain than many other analysts.

In the fourth quarter, consumer spending, which accounts for roughly two-thirds of the nation's economic activity, rose at a 3.4 percent annual rate. Business investment in new plant and equipment grew at a 5.5 percent rate. Residential construction, a key source of strength in the first half of 1996, edged lower at a 0.4 percent rate. The country's trade deficit, which had detracted from economic growth during the first nine months of the year, added \$3.74 billion to growth in the last three months. Taking all factors into account, the GDP rose \$66 billion in the fourth quarter at an annual rate. The various changes left the GDP at \$6.99 trillion after adjusting for inflation.

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Utah ski resorts report they're doing well

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The abundant snowfall this winter has contributed to a profitable season for ski resorts, they say.

"This is the ski-resort operator's dream," said Charlie Lamsche of Park City Ski Area.

After an Oct. 26 opening, the resort's earliest start yet, the Park City Ski Area is well on its way to setting a record number of lift tickets, Lamsche said. He declined to say how many.

Resort operators say ample snowfall has been the main factor in drawing more skiers, but not the only one.

Ski resorts also made millions of dollars'

worth of capital improvements in the past year aimed at being more competitive with Colorado's ski resorts. That investment, they say, is beginning to pay off.

"All the resorts are very happy with this season," said Michael Grass of Ski Utah, a trade association comprising resorts and other businesses involved in the ski industry. "We'll have to wait and see, but this could be our best year ever."

This time last year, most resorts were reporting between 100 and 110 inches of snow, Grass said, and "right now, we're looking at 20 to 30 more inches."

Many resorts are planning on extending their ski season due to the extra snow. Deer Valley will close a week later than last year, on April 13, and depending on snow conditions, Powder Mountain Ski Area in Ogden Canyon may stay open past last year's closing date of April 14. Snowbird in Little Cottonwood Canyon had planned to close May 15, but now may extend skiing into June.

Last year's season had a late start due to initially scant snowfall. About 295 million lift tickets were sold last season, slightly less than the record 3.1 million tickets sold in the 1994-95 season, Grass said.

Air fares are probably on the way up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers, beware.

Some fares probably will be rising after a 10 percent ticket tax is revived in the next week or so — even though base ticket prices reflect the tax already.

"It would be surprising if they did not pass it along," said Chris Frivett, spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents.

Others said at least some fares are likely to rise, though one airline industry executive suggested competition among airlines would hold down any increases.

President Clinton is expected to sign legislation quickly, perhaps as early as this weekend, to reinstate a package of aviation taxes that are used to pump \$2.7 billion into airport safety projects. The taxes take effect seven days after the president's signature.

These aren't new taxes, technically. Congress has allowed them to expire twice since January 1996 because of the budget battle with the White House. But the lawmakers approved a bill this week to reinstate them through Sept. 30 in order to avert funding problems for improvements at 850 airports nationwide.

The bill includes a 10 percent tax on domestic commercial airline tickets, a 56-per-ticket tax on international departures, a 6.25 percent tax on domestic air cargo and excise charges on non-commercial airlines.

"Because of antitrust issues, we're not allowed to comment on fares," said David A. Fuscus, spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines.

Industry analysts do expect fare increases, although they disagree on how much and who will bear the brunt.

After arrest, savvy shopper sues company

RESTON, Va. (AP) — A shopper looking for the best buy on a television set has sued an electronics chain that had him arrested after he refused to stop taking down prices.

Ronald Kahlow, 54, is seeking \$90,000 in damages from Best Buy.

The company Friday denied wrongdoing, but a spokeswoman would not discuss details because of the lawsuit.

Kahlow, who owns a small computer software company, said he decided last July that he needed a couple of TV sets for his new house. So he created a special software program, took his laptop to local stores and recorded model numbers and prices.

His first stop was Best Buy.

"One Saturday afternoon I went into there very shy and sheepish and I proceeded to mark down all the prices," he said Thursday.

A store employee asked him to stop. Kahlow told the clerk he was not from a competing store. But when he kept trying to punch prices into the laptop strapped to his waist, the man stood in front of him to block his view of the price while another employee pulled price tags off the merchandise.

"I was stunned and embarrassed. People were looking. I never expected it," Kahlow said.

The store also called police. When Kahlow refused to leave, he was arrested on a trespassing charge.

Kahlow paid a \$500 bond and the next day he was back — this time with a notepad, a pen and a friend with a camera to record what happened. That landed Kahlow back in jail on a \$2,500 bond.

"I don't think this is right," he said. "In a free, competitive system, you can't have a system where you can't take down prices."

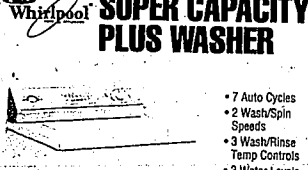


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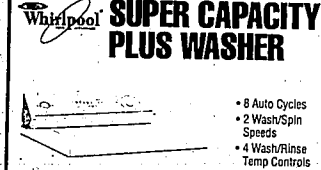


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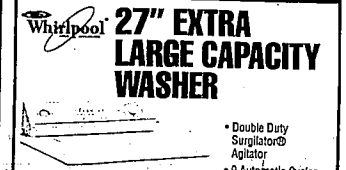


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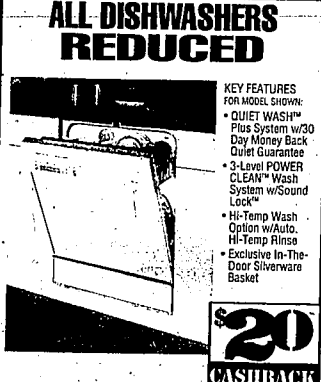
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Minivan leaves Eastland, plows into front of home

TWIN FALLS - A minivan punched through the front window of an Eastland Drive house Friday morning, but police say the accident was unrelated to the morning snowfall.

A Twin Falls police report said the van, driven by Gordon Barton, 57, of Twin Falls, was southbound at about 8:20 a.m. when it left Eastland Drive. The car went through a fence and across the yard, and hit the house front at 573 Eastland Drive, coming to rest with the right front end of the car poking through the front window of the house, the report said.

Barton has a medical problem for which he is taking medication, the report said, and he had a seizure that caused the wreck.

Searchers take a day break in seeking 2-year-old's body

SHOSHONE - Lincoln and Gooding county search and rescue workers took the day off Friday in their search for a 2-year-old Gooding boy missing for nearly a week.

Ruben Felix has been missing since Sunday evening and is expected to have fallen into the Little Wood River near a babysitter's home.

A spokesman for the Lincoln County sheriff's office said deputies made a few spot checks Friday to the area where Felix is thought to have gone in the water. A full search team is expected to be at the site today.

Firemen's ball in Buhl will raise funds for department

BUHL - Scoot your boots at the old Merc in Buhl tonight, and you might just find a firefighter's boots cleaning alongside.

Buhl Fire Department firefighters are hosting their 89th annual Fireman's Ball tonight. The evening includes dancing to the sounds of a live band, De Ja Vu Doo, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Old Merc building at 11th Avenue and Main Street West. It will be catered.

Tickets are \$8 per couple or \$5 for singles. Proceeds go to the Fireman's Relief Fund, said Assistant Fire Chief Earl Tyree.

The fund is used to give financial help to the city's firefighters, Tyree said.

Recycling bins in Kimberly move to Elm, West Monroe

KIMBERLY - Residents of the Kimberly area will find the recycling bins have been moved from their former location on the corner of Main and West Monroe to the lot on the corner of Elm and West Monroe directly behind Arnold's Hardware.

Aluminum cans, newspaper and mixed paper may be deposited in the bins. Mixed paper includes corrugated cardboard, computer paper, books, envelopes, notebook paper, file folders, magazines, newspaper, office paper and phone books.

The use of the bins is expected to cut down on the amount of material sent to landfills and hopefully prolong landfill life and reduce maintenance expense.

Blaine commissioners will discuss fair improvements

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. Monday.

A public comment session will be followed by discussion on fairgrounds improvement and indigent application.

The commissioners will have a discussion, and a full inspection will conclude the morning session.

Planning and zoning will meet with commissioners at 1:30 p.m. to discuss Hailey's area of impact near the middle school. A building-envelope shift for Riverview Ranches Subdivision, a continuation of the Blaine map and zoning zoning are next on the agenda, followed by a general planning and zoning discussion.

A commissioners' general discussion finished the day's agenda.

State will replace 2 bridges for flood management

BELLEVUE - Two deficient bridges in Blaine County will be replaced near Hailey's Idaho Transportation of Department announced. The bridges, about two miles south of Bellevue, are about 100 yards apart over the Big Wood River and the Bypass River.

The new bridges will be built to accommodate the highest water levels historically expected in the region, called the 100-year flood level.

The concrete bridges will be widened from 14 to 34 feet. Approaches west of the bridges will be realigned and strengthened to provide a safer roadway section, and the guardrail will be upgraded.

Motorists will be advised of lane restrictions during construction. Estimated at \$1 million, the project will be completed before spring runoff 1998.

Compiled from staff reports

Term limits rewrite clears panel

By Karen Tokkinen
Times-News writer

BOISE - A proposal to repeal term limits for county board offices, sheriffs and school prosecutors and to extend them for state lawmakers passed a Senate committee Friday, with only one dissenting vote.

The measure - sponsored by cities, counties and the Idaho School Board Association - would allow voters in 1998 to decide whether to approve changes in the term limits law. Voters in 1994 approved a wide-ranging term limits initiative.

"I think there is broad support for revisiting the issue," said Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg, R-Boise.

Only one person - Jim Wroten, who represents 80 members of the Eagle Island Water Users Association in Ada County - testified against the measure Friday. "We haven't even tried term lim-



its," he told lawmakers on the Senate State Affairs Committee. "We don't know how it works and how it doesn't work. We're sort of operating on perception."

In 1994, 59 percent of Idaho voters approved a ballot initiative intended to limit terms for federal, state and local candidates. Since then, however, the Supreme Court has ruled against allowing states to set federal term limits.

But the rest of the initiative - aimed at setting term maximums for all office holders within Idaho - still stands.

The high court ruling is reason to ask the voters if they really intended to place term restrictions on all Idaho

office holders - especially in districts that have a shortage of willing candidates, lawmakers said.

"When this was on the ballot, we had a whole different set of circumstances," said Senate Majority Leader Jim Risch of Boise, who voted for the bill. "People thought they could set term limits for congressmen and U.S. senators."

The bill would allow voters to alter the 1994 term limits initiative by:

- Allowing legislators and state elected officials to serve for 12 out of the past 23 years instead of eight out of the past 15 years.

• Repealing term limits for school board members, county commissioners, county prosecutors, sheriffs and other county elected officials.

• Allowing individual counties to opt for term limits on county commissioners.

• Allowing individual cities to opt for term limits on its mayor or City Council members.

Small communities are worried about getting people to serve sometimes the less terms on the school board, said Chairwoman Majorie Spadinger, Board Chairwoman and Timedate past president of the Idaho School Board Association.

It takes three or four years to become an effective board member, she told lawmakers. The current term limit law prevents them from serving more than six years.

"Believe me, this'll be a disaster for our local schools," she said.

Of local legislators, Sens. John Sandy of Hagerman, Denton Darrington of Declo and Clint Stennett of Ketchum supported it during a vote vote.

"The concerns that come up are real," Sandy said.

Hagerman, seats have gone unfilled because no-one ran for them, he told lawmakers.

Sen. Sheila Sorenson, R-Boise, cast the lone "no" vote.

Fatal Buhl fire ruled accidental

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

BUHL - The house fire that killed a Buhl woman Thursday night was ruled an accident, according to Buhl Fire Department officials.

Jackie K. Jensen, 53, died in the fire in her home at 309 Fruitland Ave., Twin Falls County Coroner Gene Turley said.

The fire was caused by a cigarette in an ashtray found upside down on the front-room couch, said Buhl Assistant Fire Chief Earl Tyree.

Jensen was lying on the couch when the fire started, Turley said. The flames probably killed her.

"She was unconscious when she died, but she didn't die of smoke inhalation," Turley said.

Jensen would have been dead even before firefighters were called, Tyree said.

A relative talked to Jensen on the phone about 6 p.m., Tyree said. The fire was reported at 6:25 p.m., but had probably been burning for a while when it was spotted, he said.

The fire burned within the house, and had consumed all the oxygen inside, so opening a door or window would have blown up the fire, Tyree said. The fire blew out a window.

Firefighters responded to the blaze less than a minute after being called, and were on-scene within four minutes, Tyree said. They found heavy smoke and a heavy fire upon arrival.

An obituary for Jensen is on page B2 of today's *Times-News*.

Rupert hospital plans big changes within 2 years

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital plans to build a women's center, new surgical suites and to remodel its emergency room.

Architects estimate the project will cost \$3.4 million, said Ken Knight, Minidoka Memorial's financial planner.

The hospital will finance the project privately, and does not plan to ask the county or its taxpayers to help pay for it, Knight told the hospital board at its February meeting. Private loans would be repaid with hospital revenues.

Administrator Randy Holom said the building projects aren't necessarily tied together, but the hospital would like to get them financed at the same time if possible.

Otherwise, the projects would need to be completed in phases. The obstetric and operating room addition, planned for the west side of the hospital, would come first; remodeling the emergency room would follow.

The hospital's existing operating room is next to its emergency room. The remodel would expand the emergency room into the operating area, which would be relocated in the hospital's new addition.

The obstetric center would include a physician's office and birthing rooms, while the new operating area would include an outpatient surgery and recovery center and an operating suite.

The obstetric center and operating room addition is expected to cost \$2.4 million. Improvements and expansion to the emergency room are estimated at nearly \$533,000.

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New ISDB chief charts new course



Idea Wilding, Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind student body secretary and treasurer, initiates a new tradition by cutting off the tie of new superintendent Ron Darcy during an assembly in Gooding Friday.

Long-time employees' breadth of experience proves key in tight race

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

GOODING - Ron Darcy is hardly new to the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, but as the next superintendent, he wants to take the school in new directions.

Darcy has worked at ISDB for 15 years, most recently as the director of the outreach program. He took over as the interim superintendent after James Rainier died of a heart attack last year.

He applied for the permanent position, as did more than 20 experts from across the nation.

The State Board of Education last week picked Darcy from among five finalists interviewed in Boise.

The competition for the position was tough, but Darcy's qualifications made him the obvious choice, said state board member Chris Eaton of Twin Falls, a member of the search committee that narrowed the field down to the five finalists.

Darcy's long experience at ISDB was important, but his broad range of skills put him ahead of the pack, Eaton said.

While most applicants were experts in either deaf education or blind education, Eaton said Darcy has an excellent teaching and administrative record in both fields.

Darcy's good rapport with teachers and staff at ISDB will also help him lead the school, Eaton said.

ISDB has changed for the better during the last 15 years, Darcy said, but there is still plenty of room for improvement.

The school has a strong academic program, but the students will need better vocational skills to survive and succeed in the outside world, Darcy said.

Education professionals across the country are starting to recognize that,

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Snowfall too light to plow, official says

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - No, the city hasn't sold its snowplows. And yes, the city was sanding the streets after Friday morning's snowfall.

Slick, snowy roads caused dozens of car accidents in Twin Falls Friday morning, keeping police on the run. But the snowfall wasn't great enough to warrant plowing, said Twin Falls city engineer Gary Young.

Plowing a light snow isn't always worth the expense, Young said.

"It depends on the weather reports, and what we're anticipating," he said Friday. "Plowing snow that is going to be gone by end of the day, is something we try to avoid. It's a waste of resources. If it's going to melt off, like it did today, you're better off working on something else."

However, city policy is to sand intersections when roads have ice on them, Young said. Sanders were out by at least 7:30 a.m. Friday, and worked until about noon, he said.

Twin Falls police hadn't totaled up

the number of accidents they handled Friday morning, but department officials said they handed out dozens of accident reports to people who came into the station with crunched cars.

At least one accident caused injuries. Police reports said an empty school bus rear-ended a car at 7:20 a.m. Friday in the intersection of Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive.

The driver of the car suffered a sprained neck, the report said, although further details were unavailable Friday evening.

City sanders and plows typically start to work at 4 a.m., Young said. Whether they're called out depends upon the weather.

"This was somewhat of surprise snowfall. I checked at 11:30 p.m. (Thursday) and there was no indication it was going to do anything. There were certainly a lot of people surprised to have snow on the ground this morning," Young said.

The expense of plowing or sanding snow is mostly in wear and tear on equipment when the manpower is the same, Young said.

Twin Falls airport has its own snowplows and does its own snow removal, Young said. The plows are good for throwing snow off the 100-foot-wide runway, and is too big to use in town, he said.

In the 1970s, Young said, Twin Falls had snowplows for trucks. The city has acquired snowmower equipment since then.

"Snow removal may be one of the reasons the original town site of Twin Falls sits in streets at angles to the county grid and not to the town, with the accompanying odd addresses.

The streets were laid out to get maximum exposure from the sun, and speed snowmelt, the argument goes.

"That's the most plausible story I've heard, but not going to tell you it's gospel, because nobody is around to tell us," Young said. "It seems to be plan for whole area, because Buhl has the same situation, but I don't know for sure."

Whether the layout actually speeds snowmelt is hard to say, Young said. "The solar coverage of the streets is more uniform, but whether it's a big factor or not, is a matter of conjecture."

House OKs bill killing marriage penalty tax

By Karen Tokkinen
Times-News writer

BOISE - House members overwhelmingly approved a bill Friday to remove the marriage penalty tax from Idaho code.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Dan

Mader, R-Geneseo, would phase out the penalty over five years beginning in 1999, with a \$10 million estimated cost to the state.

Married couples who don't itemize their deductions receive \$1,400 less in deductions than two singles.

This proposal is a repeat of one last

year which also overwhelmingly passed in the House. But that bill died in a Senate committee after Gov. Phil Batt alerted lawmakers of towns, was one of several bills that could harm the budget.

Batt - whose own marriage penalty

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MAGIC VALLEY

Gooding deputy will patrol schools

By Olina Mulder Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - A new position in the Gooding County sheriff's office will give the Hagerman Joint School District law-enforcement assistance to maintain a secure and nondisruptive learning environment. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough assigned Deputy Greg Amo to the school district last month, answering school officials' request for law enforcement presence on campus after a November drug search at the high school resulted in six students' citations for possession of drugs and/or drug paraphernalia. Gough said the role of the school resource officer is that of a peace officer - to uphold law and protect citizens of Gooding County - beginning with the school district. "As a school resource officer, Greg is there to help. He's not down there to be a bully. We have a mission to help, not harass

and step on as many toes as we can," Gough said. Superintendent Ron Worrell said it is the school's responsibility to provide a safe learning environment, and when suspicions of drug activity were confirmed, school officials decided to take the offensive. Meanwhile, Gough had been investigating ways of placing a SRO on his staff but couldn't get around county budget restraints. Gough's desire and Hagerman's need brought the two together. In a letter of agreement signed by school officials and the sheriff's office, the school district agrees to provide Amo with an office at the high school and pay his salary for six months. Gooding County agrees to supply Amo with a police car, uniform, radio and the authority of a county deputy. Amo's salary is about \$1,800 monthly, Worrell said. At the end of six months, the contract will be renegotiated. "After the November incident,

the School Board felt it was in the best interest of the district to bring an SRO into the system as soon as possible. This was the only way we could bring Amo on board right away," Worrell said. Amo said he will use his experience as a teacher to develop specialized programs to heighten understanding of laws, the role of police and their objectives. The courses will be available to students, teachers and community members. "I want the students to see that the law is important," Amo said. "It establishes boundaries as well as facilitates our ability to relate to each other." "As the school resource officer, I will hopefully establish a relationship with the students where they will see me not here to oppress them but that I'm really here to assist and help them in any way I can," Amo said.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder, in Hagerman, can be reached at 837-6273.

Wendell sets special meeting to consider Internet provider

The Times-News

WENDELL - The City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to rule on a special-use permit application from an Internet service provider, North Rim Communications. The council, acting as the city planning and zoning board, tabled the issue Wednesday after North Rim owner Tony Rost said the business - at 280 E. Ave. A - might be in a commercial zone. The permit would be required for a business in a residential zone.

As part of the permit application process, the city sent 30 letters to North Rim's neighbors. No one responded. An attachment to the application says the business has limited retail sales of computer equipment for Internet connection; has business hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; holds computer instruction classes from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and provides a site for two other functions - to develop a program with Wendell and possibly other school dis-

tricts, and for the public to do Internet research. Parking and alley usage were issues discussed at the Wednesday hearing. Also at Monday's meeting the council will meet the city's two new policemen, Jason Waters and Lyle Duke Steffens. The two fill vacancies left by the resignations of Arnold Morgado and Thomas Ledbetter. After the meeting the council will hold a workshop to hear the latest reports on the city's water project. The public is invited.

Cutbacks may keep SNRA trails closed

HAILEY (AP) - The Sawtooth National Recreation Area may be able to open only a small fraction of its 750 miles of trails this summer because of budget cutbacks, Ranger Paul Ries says. The reductions will be felt across the entire Sawtooth National Forest. One possible solution for now is the institution of user fees in the recreation area and neighboring Ketchum Ranger District. The 1997 budget shows a \$33,500 reduction in the area's recreation management budget. As a result, the area's two-person trail maintenance team may be able to clear only about 50

miles of paths. Unless volunteers step in, the remaining 700 miles will be closed and obstructed with fallen trees and other reminders of winter. "It's going to be another tough year," Ries said. The forest's options include a 10 percent reduction in the forest's 130-person permanent force over three years, Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said. Another may be user fees for the recreation area and Ketchum district. "There is a price, a cost to keeping it the status quo," LeVere said. "The campgrounds and water systems don't stay safe

forever." The recreation area's total budget is down about \$145,000 from last year, to \$2.2 million, officials said. Each year, about one million people visit the area for fishing, camping and other activities. Last summer was the first time it could not afford to open the visitor's center at Redfish Lake, the top attraction in the Stanley Basin. The forest's overall budget has risen from \$10.1 million to \$11.1 million. Other line items to drop this year include fish, ecosystem and facilities maintenance, and restoration and work with endangered species.

SERVICES

John Weber, of Rupert, grave-side service, 11 a.m. today, Gem Memorial Gardens, Burley. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Helen Bertha Newman Giles, of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, viewing, 10 to 11 a.m. today, Jerome LDS Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E. Interment, 11:15 a.m., Jerome Cemetery, (Olphin Family Mortuary in Pleasant Grove).

Frank C. Helz, of Filer, memorial service, 11 a.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Winona Tolman Gee, of Yerington, Nev., and formerly of Oakley, 11 a.m. today, Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church, (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Eva Dee Otto, of Jerome, 1 p.m. today, Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Viola Parr, of Rupert, grave-

side service, 2 p.m. today, Rupert Cemetery, (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Pearl Ames Mitchell, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 2:30 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

John "Red" L. Filer, of Jerome, memorial service, 2 p.m. Sunday, American Legion Hall, Jerome. (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Winifred Jean Coon Brown, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Community Christian Church, Twin Falls. Concluding service, 3 p.m. Monday, Carey Cemetery, near Carey. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with family present from 5

to 7 p.m., and one half hour before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Anna Marie Andersen, of Rupert, 11 a.m. Monday, Rupert LDS West Stake Center. Burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Logan Cemetery, Logan, Utah. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the church.

William Campbell Nichols, of Rupert, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Rupert West LDS Stake Center. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, and one hour before the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Roger Roghaar TWIN FALLS - Ralph Roger Roghaar, 48, of Twin Falls, died Friday morning, Feb. 28, 1997, in

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

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Larry Sabin of Twin Falls. Released Ginger Jordahl and Tina Mitton, both of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Mary Gordon, Paul Lopez and Linda Rocha, all of Burley; Leticia Salinas, Trina Schmidt and Chris Uhl, all of Rupert; and Harvey Myer of Sparks, Nev. Released Sara Child, Melissa Streling and Christian Valdez, all of Burley; Graciela Castaneda, Ellis Powers and Patricia White, all of Malta; and

Ronald Hawkes and Miranda Summers, both of Paul. Birth A baby was born to Leticia Salinas of Rupert.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Connie Carter, Delia Diaz and baby boy, Charles Fisher, William Barrie and Erik Hawker, all of Rupert; Falcia Martindale of Burley; Angelica Ochoa of Heyburn; Selena McAllister of Soda Springs; Ronald V. Thorne of Paul; and Gale Ward of Malta. Released Mary Engraf, Steve Mani and Del Wenslawski, all of Rupert; and Levi Osterhout of Burley.

Birth A son was born to Daniel and Delia Diaz of Rupert.

Jerome council to discuss pay raises

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A controversial raise for the Jerome City Council and mayor is on the city's agenda again.

The second reading of an ordinance raising council members' annual salaries from \$6,000 to \$8,400 and the mayor's from \$8,400 to \$10,800 will be heard at the council meeting Tuesday evening.

The raise is only \$200 a month, but technically, it's a 40 percent raise. "Since the city is in a recession, I guess it is 40 percent," Councilman Dennis Moore said. "Since the South Lincoln annexation, our work load has increased probably twice what we did before. Right now, councilmen are working for about \$5 per hour, not that I mind. But it looks like the work load will continue to increase as South Lincoln develops."

Moore said he keeps a journal of his City Council activities and estimates his work load is well more than 80 hours per month. The raises, if passed, will take effect Jan. 1, 1998. City Council meetings are open to the public. Interested people are invited to attend and discuss their concerns with the council.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's City Council meeting is the first reading of a bill to authorize issuance, sale and delivery of \$1.345 million in sewer revenue bonds to refund the city's outstanding sewer rev-

Meeting Tuesday The Jerome City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at Jerome City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

enue bonds. This refinancing would let Jerome city finance the lift station/submersible pump on South Lincoln.

A special council meeting has been scheduled for March 11, when Michael Moore, Jerome City Bond Council, and Bob Hildeman of U.S. Bank will be on hand to assist the city with adoption and implementation of this ordinance.

Other agenda items include: Now if a nonhandicapped person gets a parking ticket for parking in a handicapped space in the city of Jerome, the fine money goes to the state. The first reading of an ordinance designed to keep the fine money in the city is set for Tuesday's meeting.

A reworked juvenile curfew ordinance will be introduced, which includes revised wording and procedures that have been tested in federal court. Definitions are given; offenses are detailed for minors, parents and guardians of minors, and business establishments violating curfew regulations; defenses are provided and exceptions listed; and enforcement and penalties are included.

There will be a second reading of the amendment of the Wastewater Rate Ordinance to raise the rate for the average household of four using 50 gallons per person per month from \$14 to \$15, an increase of about 7 percent.

The Jerome Cheese plant provides over 40 percent of the wastewater treated at the Jerome facility," Jerome City Administrator Jon Cecil said at the Feb. 28 City Council meeting. "With the new ordinance that rates will go up accordingly, they will now pay their fair share of the bill."

Approval for capping and abandoning the city well on A Street by Smith Drilling and Pump Co. Inc. at a cost of \$2,300 will be considered. The public works department is to go out summer work hours - four 10-hour shifts - effective March 31.

The current city irrigator, Harold Applewhite, resigned Feb. 21. The public works department seeks approval to fill the position by the end of March. Public works also seeks approval to hire 12 part-time summer employees for irrigation work and retain six for summer street maintenance. Several training requests for city employees also are scheduled.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale, in Jerome, can be reached at 324-3670.

Buhl Highway District sets hearing on proposed route Wendell items up for auction

The Times-News

BUHL - The Buhl Highway District will sponsor a public hearing on the proposed extension of State Route 46 from Wendell to U.S. Highway 30. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Thursday in the City Council chamber at Buhl City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave. N. The meeting is to seek public comments and provide information about the proposed state route. Points to be discussed include: Is the state route need-

ed? How much public interest is there for it? Which of the optional routes would people prefer?

Joseph Haynes of Boise, representing the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, will be there to answer questions, as will consulting engineer Dale Riedesel and a representative from J-U-B Engineers, both of Twin Falls. Riedesel and J-U-B have prepared reports with alternative routes on the proposed project that would cost roughly \$13 million to \$15 million.

WENDELL - The Wendell City Council has ordered that a number of its surplus items be included in the community auction that begins at 10 a.m. today. The auction site is on the west side of the Rex Leland Highway, just south of Interstate 84. Among the city's surplus items are a 1982 Ford pickup, engine lift, tire machine, trailer axle with tires and used tires. Wert Auction Service, of Wendell will do the auctioning.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

TWIN FALLS front areas. He was a collector of historical items and also enjoyed hunting. He is survived by his mother, Eleanor Lohren of Twin Falls; sister, Patricia Grubb (Jack Higgins) of Twin Falls; two nieces, Tracy Smith of California and Doe (Bryan) Schulz of Twin Falls; and two grandnieces, Chrilline and Stephanie Schulz of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his father, John F. Lohren, and his grandparents, Walter and Buehla Free and John and Gertrude Lohren. A graveside service for Bruce Lohren will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, 1997, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls with the Rev. Dale Moltzport officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 1997, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory.

BUHL Jackie Kay Jensen of Buhl, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997, as a result of a fire in her home. She was born Oct. 30, 1943, in Wendell, Idaho. She graduated from Buhl High School in 1961 and also from

nurses training in Lawton, Okla. She returned home to work at the Twin Falls Hospital and later she graduated from beauty college in Boise. She married Duane Jensen and had a son, Stacy, and they later divorced. She married Cliff Jensen and they were later divorced.

She ran Jackie's Beauty Shop until 1983. She suffered from multiple sclerosis and was forced to quit working. She spent the last years in her home that she and her father renovated together. Jackie found the Lord Jesus and was baptized a few months ago. She has peace with God.

She is survived by her mother, Cario Bartlett of Buhl; son, Stacy Jensen of Fairbanks, Alaska; two brothers, Marvin Bartlett of Wendell and Ralph Bartlett of Fairbanks, Alaska; four sisters, Arlene (John) Kiser of Hagerman, Maxine (Dean) Haumont of Buhl, Juanita (Jim) DeVall of Middleton, and Mary Wood of Buhl; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar, brother, Alvin, and niece, Brooke. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, 1997, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Memorials are suggested to the Buhl Kiwanis Club or the Shriners Hospital.

Bruce Blaine Lohren Bruce Blaine Lohren, 45, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997, in Boise. He was born Aug. 11, 1951, in Bethesda, Md., to John F. and Eleanor Lohren. He attended Twin Falls High School from which he graduated in 1968. Bruce enlisted with the U.S. Army and served four years with a tour in Vietnam, serving in the 101st Airborne Division. He worked in mining management in several di-

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GROWTH INDUSTRY



Scott Bray, an employee at Mini-Cassia Equipment in Heyburn, explains to a group of students from the Minidoka County Alternative Junior High how a sugar beet harvester works Saturday. The students, Nestor Juarez, Brandon Barrera, Andrew Stephens and Anthony Jones, attended the equipment company's 49th annual open house to learn about agriculture, as a reward for good behavior.

House backers say initiative bill gives rural areas a say, Senate next

BOISE (AP) — After a 90-minute debate Friday afternoon, the Idaho House approved changes in the initiative process on a 48-18 vote and sent the measure to the Senate.

"The way to protect the initiative right is to see that it is not abused," said sponsor Rep. Ron Crane, R-Idaho. "People who have genuine statewide issues and organize their forces effectively still will be able to qualify their issues for the ballot."

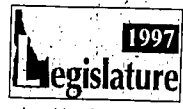
But opponents argued that with the changes proposed in the bill, there would be no more of the citizen-based, grass roots initiative drives that have put issues on the ballot since 1933.

"It ensures there never will be another initiative done by voters," said Rep. Ken Robinson, D-Boise. "This bill absolutely means the death of citizen volunteer initiatives."

Four initiatives made the 1996 general election ballot, and voters rejected three. As occurred in 1994, all of the successful petition drives used paid signature-gatherers.

Many legislators voiced concern about that trend.

But the bill approved Friday does little about paid signature-gatherers, except to stress that they must be registered voters.



each petition also must declare whether it is being presented by a volunteer or someone paid to collect names.

The key provision in the bill requires sponsors to collect signatures from at least 6 percent of the registered voters in half of Idaho's 44 counties.

Sponsors said that would guarantee that rural areas would have a part in the process, since sponsors wouldn't be able to get all their names from the big counties.

Opponents argued that since 1933, people have had the right to put initiatives on the ballot and the new restriction would virtually end that right.

Highlights of the bill:

- Sponsors would have to get signatures from at least 6 percent of the registered voters statewide. The current requirement is 10 percent of the vote cast in the last gubernatorial election, now 41,335, and both sides agree the new requirement is about the same.
- "It's an onion bill," said Rep. Jim Stoecheff, D-Sandpoint. "When you start to peel it, it makes your eye weep. The more you peel it, the more you weep. When you get down to it; you have nothing but tears."
- Rep. Ruby Stone, R-Boise, said in the last two elections, initiatives have gathered more of their names from a few big counties.
- "I think that is blatantly unfair to the people who live in the less-populated counties. They have a right to know what that initiative is all about before they get into the polling place."
- "I'm going to oppose this bill because of the process," said Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Jona.

Polygamist leader convicted in slayings

HOUSTON (AP) — Polygamist cult leader Aaron LeBaron was convicted Friday for directing the 1988 slayings of three former sect members and a young girl who had fled to Texas for a chance at a new life.

An unemotional LeBaron stood with his hands clasped behind his back as U.S. District Judge Sim Lake read aloud the jury's decision.

The panel deliberated for 6 1/2 hours before finding LeBaron guilty in the June 27, 1988 slayings of Ed Marston, brothers Mark and Duane Chynoweth and Duane Chynoweth's 8-year-old daughter Janyne.

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minutes apart at two sites in Houston and one in suburban Dallas. The girl was killed because she was a witness to her father's death, testimony showed. "It took three years to get Aaron, and we got him," assistant U.S. attorney Mike Shelby said.

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Senate committee left in limbo on controversial tobacco sales bill

BOISE (AP) — The only thing clear after a Senate committee's hearing on a bill to change how Idaho restricts juveniles' access to tobacco was that the issue has deeply divided anti-smoking forces and businesses.

"It's built up to being the tobacco industry and the retailers against the rest of the room," Jennifer Lindsey of the Idaho Retailers Association told State Affairs Committee members on Friday.

A lengthy discussion left the committee more than a little confused about just what the House-passed measure being promoted by retailers and the tobacco industry would do. After moves to endorse it conditionally and to hold it under the same conditions failed, the panel's chairman finally decided to hold it himself until some questions are answered.

Sen. John Hansen, R-Idaho Falls, personally recused himself from any votes on the issue. But he said he would ask the attorney general's office to address a state Department of Health and Welfare official's concerns that the changes might cost Idaho 40

percent of its annual substance abuse grant from the federal government.

Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg, R-Blackfoot, said that should give his companion bill assuring local governments are not prohibited from enacting tougher restrictions time to get to the committee for consideration.

Tobacco industry lobbyist Bill Roden dismissed fears about the federal grant expressed by Terry Pappin, a Health and Welfare substance abuse program specialist.

Roden said that argument had never been raised before, and that he doubted it was valid. But more importantly, he said, the legislation makes a legitimate effort to reduce juveniles' access to tobacco by steps that include imposing tougher restrictions on vending machine sales.

"It won't end the war against kids getting tobacco, and we'll continue to be active participants in doing just that," he said.

But representatives of the Idaho Sheriffs Association, the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Idaho PTA, the

American Lung Association of Idaho and others said the bill actually would do little to keep youth away from tobacco. It also includes some gaping loopholes and would make it more difficult for law enforcement officials to stop retailers from making illegal sales, they argue.

"Maybe it doesn't go far enough," and legislators might want to do more, Roden replied. However, "law enforcement is acting like these retailers are a bunch of bad doctors."

Sen. James Risch, R-Boise, agreed that law enforcement should not be the focus.

"I could care less if we ever get a conviction under this," he said. "If the bill does anything better than the existing law to stop young people from getting tobacco it should be given serious consideration," Risch said.

But the question of whether Idaho would be violating federal rules now being tightened also must be settled with some assurance from the attorney general's office.

"This is a disaster waiting to happen if we don't have this," he said.

Volunteer moms enforce 'no-nit' policy

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Nipping nits in the bud, Duane Osburn are gearing up for the spring population explosion among head lice.

The mothers are volunteers who examine pupils' scalps for lice. To prevent infestations, district policies require that children with lice be sent home.

Scalps are examined monthly during the winter, and twice a month in spring and fall, when

the risk of infestation is greater.

"They almost go through a child's head hair by hair," said Howard Reesor, principal of elementary schools in both Silver Valley towns. "I can't believe it."

Head lice are common, but the outbreaks are not as widespread as they used to be. When volunteer Minde Bechner's oldest child was in kindergarten six years ago, 13 of 20 pupils had head lice, she said.

The district began enforcing its anti-lice policy — based on a state law that ranks the infestation with contagious diseases — after fed-up parents hired an attorney. Now, Bechner and others check the heads of every Osburn and Wallace elementary-school child at least once a month. The moms look for the eggs, or nits, which are attached to individual strands of hair and look like dandruff or blobs of hair spray.

Marriage

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proposal was rejected by the House Revenue and Taxation Committee — has similar concerns this year, said spokesman Frank Lockwood.

"The governor has serious concerns about the fiscal impact of this bill," he said. "So far no one has satisfactorily explained how we're going to pay for this measure in a tight fiscal year."

But had wanted to raise the marriage deduction while lowering the deduction for singles.

"However, Mader's bill is the fairest way to remove the penalty," said Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls.

"Batt isn't the only one concerned about the fiscal impact."

Two lawmakers — House Minority Leader Jim Stoecheff of

Sandpoint and Rep. Diann Richman of Sugar City — debated against it on the House floor.

"This is spending into the future," Stoecheff said. "I would feel much better if we waited until next year when we could see how much money we have, and then I would be glad to support it."

Richman objected because of the tight budget and also because two people can live more cheaply than one.

"Many of the singles I know feel that the married people are getting a break anyway," she said.

According to the proposal, married couples would get an additional \$300 deduction in the 1998 tax year, \$500 the following year, \$750 and then \$1,000, until the penalty would be wiped out.

The legislation would benefit young families who don't have enough deductions to itemize, Mader said.

"The most difficult part of this is that it does have a fiscal impact," he told lawmakers. "But we're not spending any more money. We're leaving money out with the people of the state of Idaho. It will constantly be bringing us more income and benefit."

In the long run, he said, Idaho will be "blessed" for supporting marriage.

And the reduced revenues, he said, pale compared to the \$1.5 billion budget the state will work on in 1999.

The bill passed 64-3. No Magic Valley lawmakers voted against it.

Pocatello plant violates air standards, data suggests

POCATELLO (AP) — The Pocatello area has again violated federal air pollution limits, according to preliminary data from two monitoring stations on the Fort Hall Reservation.

The valley's last violation was in January 1993.

FMC Corp.'s phosphorus plant annually emits more small-particle air pollution than any other single source in the valley, including the adjacent J.R. Simplot Co. phosphate plant.

"It means the EPA, state and tribes need to re-evaluate the control measures and air quality plans that have been developed

to date," said Steve Body, senior air quality engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"It will probably require more controls on industry and most likely those located on the reservation. That's basically FMC."

EPA's program manager that the valley broke the federal air pollution standard for particles smaller than 10 microns in diameter during the last three months of 1996 is not yet official.

A company that performed an independent audit of the valley monitoring network gave its preliminary report to EPA

Wednesday. It indicates the network is reporting accurate information, Body said.

During the last quarter of 1996, he added, it said the air exceeded the federal 24-hour average concentration limit 15 times between two monitoring stations.

Federal law says the 24-hour average cannot surpass 150 micrograms of that size pollution per cubic meter of air.

The two monitoring sites where pollution limits were apparently exceeded are both within 100 yards of FMC Corp.'s fence line and on company property.

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purely academic education, aimed at preparing students for four-year universities, doesn't fit the needs of every youngster, he said. Many public schools are starting to offer more technical and skill courses, and ISDB shouldn't be any different.

Over the past several years, ISDB has also emphasized "mainstreaming" students into regular public schools. Darcy said that is an improvement over the days when deaf and blind students were kept in special schools from kindergarten through high school graduation.

He wants to continue pushing mainstreaming, not only for individual students, but the

entire school.

Meanwhile, ISDB can become a more active part of the entire school system. Specifically, Darcy wants more teachers to go to public schools for training in meeting the needs of deaf and blind students. That will help more ISDB students get into mainstream schools sooner.

Basic life skills training for some students has also been overlooked, he said.

For example, Darcy wants to push summer courses for blind students to learn the skills they need to live independently as adults.

"Right now, a lot of those kids aren't taught how to peel an orange, break an egg or other basic cooking skills," he said.

Darcy also wants to head off a budget crisis by getting the state government to see ISDB as part of the larger system.

Over the past few years, the state has held back part of the education budget to save money, Darcy said. Public schools are getting that "holdback" money, but ISDB, considered a special state agency, hasn't seen any of it.

If more money isn't included in ISDB's budget next year, some teachers may have to be laid off, Darcy said.

While ISDB's student body has shrunk by about 25 students over the last year, it is still important to keep a full budget because the number of students is bound to jump again, Darcy said.

Rupert

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The hospital plans to ask the Board next month to approve the general construction plan, and the next task will be design details, Holm said.

The new additions won't require the juggling of services, he said. Remodeling the emergency room will require some logistical planning.

"We will have to find a tempo-

rary place for the ER," he said.

Minidoka Memorial's goal is to have the projects completed by May 1999. The hospital is recruiting an obstetric-gynecologist for the women's center.

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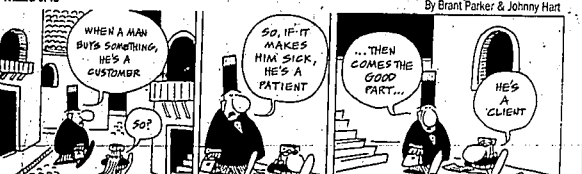
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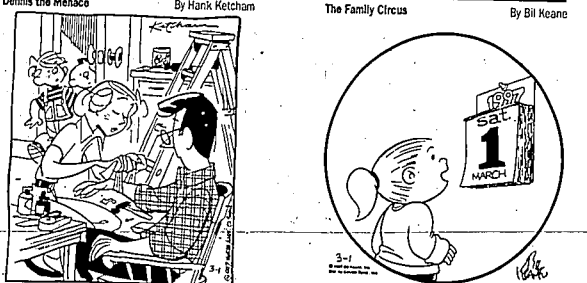


Demis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



"SHE HAS TO FIX MY DAD EVERY TIME HE TRIES TO FIX SOMETHING."

"It's the onath of March!"

Why rain makes your hair curl

Q. Why is cocaine that's cooked with baking soda called "crack"?
 A. Makes a snapping sound when smoked.
 Not every soul of retirement age likes the term "Senior Citizen." But many preferred it to the term put forth sometime back by one Presidential Commission on Pension Policy: "Aged Units."
 Statistics indicate the states with the highest wage rates also report the highest marriage rates.
 It has been noted in the publishing industry that if 99.9 percent were "good enough," then 2.5 million books could be sent out with the wrong covers.
 My turn: Men's shoe sales are up, way up, but women's remain about the same. Your turn: Why this difference?
 Q. In the magazine business, what's a "kill fee"?
 A. If a publisher commissions a writer to do a piece, then elects not to use it for whatever reason, custom dictates the writer be paid a "kill fee" for the time and effort, usually a third of the full price paid if the piece had been printed.
 Q. What makes my hair curl in the rain?
 A. Moisture swells each hair shaft unevenly around the circumference, forcing the shaft to bend away from the more swollen side.
 Contrary to previous report, "In Gold We Trust" has never appeared on a U.S. coin, according to William T. Gibbs, News Editor, Coin World magazine. "I'm not sure where this myth arose," he says, "but the real it is in a number of publications and references. It's not true."

WHAT'S WHAT?
 L.M. Boyd

HOROSCOPE
 Sydney Omar

IF MARCH 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Current cycle relates to whirlwind of social activity. You'll be super-sensitive concerning body image, you'll be aware of fashion trends, will be considered an expert. You are original, independent, dynamic, sensual, stubborn. Leo, Aquarius plays part dramatic roles in your life. You have been told many times you are psychic—it is true that you possess extraordinary perception. Significant domestic adjustment takes place in March, involves where you live and marital status.
 ARIES (March 21-April 19): Soon you'll be free of obligations not your own in first place. Facts, figures presented that evaluate personal life with Neptune, Scorpio persons in important roles. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Be ready for necessity to be quick-change artist. Previous rules no longer apply. Keep plans flexible. Employment picture undergoes transformation. Virgo figures prominently.
 GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Home appliances result in mechanical defects. Attention revolves around gifts, luxury items, questions concerning marriage. What you seek will be made available.
 CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your Moon signifier blends with Neptune keynote — day for dreaming, creative imagination. You'll learn that being alone has nothing to do with being lonely.
 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Late-night negotiations result in completion of transaction. Focus on intensity in professional, personal relationships. Older individual commands, suggests substantial reward.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reach beyond the immediate, study Leo message for inspiration. Activities range on international scale. Confusion ends, results announced. Aries plays outstanding role.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Potential result — immediate, study Leo message. Financial burden removed, views varied. You'll be talked about in favorable manner. Creative juices stir. Leo will play romantic role.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Where have you been? People will ask as if you previously were invisible. Take it in stride, be sure impact felt here and now. Appropriate results depend on your participation in hearing.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Jupiter keynote highlights expansion of horizons, including travel, philosophy, love. Soon cycle will be high, you'll be at right place and make proper judgments. Gemini involved.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Those who are pessimistic about authority agreements, signatures. For some it could be bed-nurrah. For you, it is climate to great show.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Jupiter keynote — authority agrees to fathers budget. Accept challenges, let people know, "I'm here to stay and win!" Focus on communication, gain via writing skills. Do it!
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Music plays close to your own mind. Soon you learn where you stand in connection with important assignment. Focus on logical, scientific adjustment involving marital status.

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Commuter train to undergo test this fall

BOISE (AP) — A German commuter train should be running temporarily between Ada and Canyon counties this fall, local officials say.

Representatives of Siemens Transportation Systems Inc., met with Boise Mayor Brent Coles, Nampa Mayor Winston Goering and Meridian Mayor Bob Corrie on Thursday. Siemens agreed to bring the RegioSprinter train to Boise in for a test run.

"The number of vehicles on Interstate 84 continues to increase, and there are people who seek an alternative," Coles said. "The diesel-powered train can carry up to 175 people and run on existing tracks. In November, Coles visited Germany to ride on a RegioSprinter."

Bonner County won't protect water source

SANDPOINT — Bonner County commissioners have voted to deny protection for the sole source of drinking water to more than 5,000 Oldland and Newport, Wash., residents.

Siding with those who claimed that individual property rights were more important, the commissioners denied an application by the West Bonner Water District No. 1 for a protection overlay zone on about 550 acres.

The plan, in the works for about five years, cost about \$66,000, mostly footed by Washington taxpayers. It encompassed thousands of hours of meetings, testing, public hearings and professional work by hydrologists, engineers and others. About 20 agencies were involved.

2 testify defendant admitted slaying man

COEUR D'ALENE — Two former friends of a man accused of killing his apartment manager testified against him at a preliminary hearing.

Gerald Angelo Barcella's former girlfriend and a drinking partner said they did not believe he killed William J. Smith until Smith's body was found hours after Barcella allegedly told them he killed Smith.

Smith, 69, was found dead April 3, 1995 at the apartment building where he was a resident manager. Barcella was a tenant in the building.

A preliminary hearing is being conducted in 1st District Court to determine whether there is enough evidence to bring Barcella to trial on a charge of first-degree murder. The hearing was expected to conclude Friday.

Barcella's former girlfriend, Rikki Bobo, 46, said he called her and told her he killed Smith with a pickax. Kenneth W. Thrift testified that he had been drinking with Barcella for about 17 hours leading up to the time Smith was killed.

Caribou County must pay killer's defense fees

SODA SPRINGS — Caribou County has been ordered to pay \$20,950 in defense fees for appeals on behalf of a man who killed a bank teller.

Sixth District Judge William Woodland ordered the payment in the case of Timothy Dunlap, who was convicted of murder and given the death penalty for shooting Tonya Crane during a robbery at the Security State Bank in Soda Springs.

Caribou County Prosecutor Clyde Nelson said a motion had been filed for post conviction relief to review the sentence, but was denied because it ran past the deadline. Woodland ordered the county to pay the defense fees. Dunlap's attorneys seek a new sentencing hearing.

Nelson said he would file objections to any additional fees on the appeal before the Idaho Supreme Court.

Compiled from wire reports

Senate passes shaky lot exemption



BOISE (AP) — Idaho senators have approved a bill extending the state's 50-50 property tax exemption to residential lots, though even the measure's supporters know it is unlikely to be enacted.

The 20-15 vote on Friday pitted primarily rural against urban interests.

Supporters argued that Idaho's average residential property values have doubled in recent years, driving taxes up even as rates in many cases have declined.

Opponents countered that commercial property owners who do not benefit from the 50-50 exemption already bear too much of a tax burden, and the proposed change would only make it worse.

Existing law allows residential property owners to exempt the first 50 percent or \$50,000 of the value of their primary residence from property taxes, excluding the value of the land. The change sponsored by Sen. Evan Frasure, R-Pocatello, would allow prop-

erty owners to include lots up to one acre in the exemption.

That would remove about \$1.5 billion in property value from the residential tax base, Frasure said, without significantly changing the proportion of tax receipts between residential and commercial properties.

"If you leave the tax code as it is, unchanged, you will continue to see a tax shift to residential," he said. "This would simply slow down that shift."

Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, argued that commercial and residential property that does not qualify for the 50-50 exemption — such as rental units — would be forced to carry more of the load of financing local governments.

Sen. Atwell Parry, R-Melba, said voters in his largely agricultural district would have his head if he supported Frasure's measure.

"If I voted for this bill I would go home and be tarred and feathered, and I'd come back Monday with less hair than I have now," said Parry, who already is bald.

But Sen. James Risch, R-Boise, summed up the frustration of supporters when he said he would cast a protest vote for the bill that is certain to be killed in the House.

"There is no chance this bill is going to become law," Risch said. "Simply isn't."

Similar pieces of legislation already have been rejected by the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, where by tradition all the legislature's tax and revenue bills originate. The panel's chairman, Rep. Donna Jones, R-Payette, said when the House bills were introduced their sponsors were "testing a short grandma

who's a new chairman this year." Still, Risch said even people who voted against last year's One Percent Initiative — which would have capped property tax at 1 percent of taxable value — believe the system needs fine-tuning.

He and others also said a change like Frasure proposed could help forestall future One Percent Initiative drives by reducing one source of property tax opposition.

"This is the perfect form of initiative reform," Sen. Gordon Crow, R-Hayden, said.

Frasure went even further. He said reducing opposition to property taxes by allowing homeowners to exempt the value of their lots as well as their homes would help local taxing districts win approval for bond issues to finance such things as a new high school in Pocatello.

"You'll see an absolute economic boom across this state," he said.

House panel refuses to give in to sin tax

BOISE (AP) — A House committee has killed bills proposing tax increases on beer, wine and liquor to put more money into drug rehabilitation and education programs and county probation services.

After a hearing spread over two days, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee Friday voted down two bills. The vote came despite a challenge from Rep. Maynard Miller, R-Moscow, to "have the guts" to raise the taxes despite opposition from lobbyists.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

For Thursday, Feb. 27:

SB1036 (Health and Welfare) — Creates Drinking Water Loan Account to disburse federal funds to upgrade public drinking water systems.

SB1275 (Agricultural Affairs) — Clarifies exemptions from licensure requirements for pesticide applicators.

SB365 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$4.8 million to Department of Insurance for fiscal year 1998.

HB366 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$2.7 million to Department of Finance for fiscal year 1998.

SB1247 (Finance) — Appropriates \$5.77 million for Public Employee Retirement system for fiscal year 1998.

SB1248 (Finance) — Appropriates \$23.1 million for Department of Commerce for fiscal year 1998.

SB1249 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires state compliance with federal law on restrictions of hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth.

117 prisoners sent to facility in Texas

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Correction finished its transfer of 117 inmates to southern Texas Thursday, caused by a critical shortage of prison beds.

It already is causing rumbles in the Legislature. "It's reflective of the fact that we don't have any prison space," House Speaker Michael Simpson said.

But Sen. Cecil Ingram, R-Boise, said the factors leading up to the transfer should be investigated.

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Whiff! Albert Belle did not impress in his White Sox debut Friday
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I sympathize with any nongolfer who finds himself in a room with a bunch of guys who played that morning and insist on describing every heroic shot, or even worse, seeking pity because they hacked about like the klutzes they are.

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—Mike Royko of the Chicago Tribune

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball**
CSI at Treasure Valley (2), 1 p.m.
- Women's college basketball**
Idaho at New Mexico St., 4 p.m.
- Boys' high school basketball**
A-3 inter-district playoff at Mt. Home Wendell vs. Parma, 2 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
State finals, Pocatello, 9:30 a.m.
- College basketball**
Top 10 women
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IN BRIEF

CSI basketball player placed on probation

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho basketball player Tony Heard was sentenced Friday to a year of unsupervised probation and ordered to pay a \$200 fine for a November shopping incident. Heard, a freshman point guard, was cited for petty theft Nov. 9 for taking compact discs from the Shopko store in the Magic Valley Mall. He originally pleaded innocent to the misdemeanor, but later changed his plea to guilty as part of a deal with prosecutors. In exchange for the guilty plea, the city attorney's office agreed to recommend Heard, 18, be given a suspended 30-day jail sentence. Fifth District Magistrate John Melanson went along with that deal Friday, meaning Heard will never serve jail time unless he breaks the law again during the next year. In addition to the fine, Heard must pay \$53.50 in court costs.

CSI baseball twinbill against Ricks scratched

TWIN FALLS — Mother Nature threw a curveball at the College of Southern Idaho baseball team Friday, forcing cancellation of the Golden Eagles' scheduled home opener. The twinbill with Ricks College will not be made up; the games would have counted in the Region 18 Northern Division standings. CSI will take its 4-4-1 record to Ontario, Ore., today for a 1 p.m. doubleheader with Treasure Valley Community College. The Eagles will try again Sunday to break in Frontier Field when the Chukars come to Twin Falls at 1 p.m.

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By Daman Clow
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Not again, she thought. And then the tears came. Cielita Lopez, fresh off a team-high 214 in the third and final game of the state tournament at Rupert Bowl Friday, withdrew to her mother in the gallery to hear the math she had been gossamerously avoiding all game. Happiness turned to despair with her

mother tallied up the pins, discovering that the Twin Falls junior, who rolled a 278 for the District 4 singles title last week, had lost to two pins to Gooding's Tara Stranges.

"I was like, not again," Lopez said. "I lost last year by one pin — the 5-pin in the ninth frame — and today I missed two spares at the beginning of the second game. I was just thinking, 'Why is this happening?'"

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Minico boys take 3rd spot at state tournament

The Times-News

Only three Magic Valley boys' teams competed in Friday's state bowling tournament. Minico finished in third place, losing in the semifinals to two-game baker to Centennial, 353-327, who then lost to Skyline in the final, 390-356.

Here are team and individual results:
Girls' team: 1. Minico; 2. Twin Falls; 3. Jerome; 4. Gooding; 5. Wendell; 6. Bishop Kelly; 7. Kimberly; 8. Pocatello; 9. Buhl.
Girls' individual: 1. Celine Lopez, Twin Falls and Gooding; 2. Tara Stranges, Gooding (561); 3. Tara Stranges, Gooding (561); 4. Sarah Schmitt, Bishop Kelly (525); 5. Jennifer Winger, Bishop Kelly (525).
Boys' team: 1. Centennial; 2. Skyline; 3. Minico; 4. Skyline; 5. Eagle; 6. Pocatello; 7. Jerome.
Boys' individual: 1. Steve Stranges (207); 2. Josh Williams, Pocatello (212); 3. Edie McGowan, Eagle (212); 4. Mike Williams, Pocatello (212); 5. Erik Magnuson, Skyline (206); 6. Ryan Hunter, Pocatello (202).

PIECE OF CAKE



Burly's Cody Bowers advanced to the 189-pound state semifinals Friday in Pocatello after riding Isalah Womack of Rigby to a 20-3 win.

Dark horses shine at state

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — A couple of forgotten wrestlers from the Magic Valley will get the opportunity today to write their names in the record books as state champions, along with nine other local grapplers.

Fifth seeds Ted Larsen of Wood River and Tyler Stoker of Declo were supposed to battle through the consolation brackets for a medal. Instead, both wrestlers upset the top seed in their weight division Friday at Idaho State University's Holt Arena during the state wrestling championships, placing them in today's final round. Championship matches begin at 3:30 p.m. Consolation round matches start at 9 a.m.

"I've busted my tail every day since December to get here," said Larsen,

who pinned Emmett's Jason Clemens in just under two minutes in the 140-pound semifinal.

Larsen still barely made it to the semifinals. The sophomore wrangled his right knee in a quarterfinal match against Lucas Smith of Bishop Kelly. Shortly before the semifinals, Larsen sat on a trainer's table in tears.

"I had to block my knee out. It didn't bother me at all," he said.

Stoker didn't have to battle any injuries, just quizzical looks from folks wondering who he is. Although his 22-6 record coming into the tournament was good, he wasn't considered a real contender for a title as a junior.

Against Layne Richins, the top-seeded A-3 wrestler at 189-pounds, Stoker changed that. For the second consecutive match, the Hornet wrestled strategically, not allowing his opponent a point in a 7-0 decision.

Stoker is one of five Magic Valley wrestlers from A-3 schools who made the championship finals today.

His teammate Lonnie Osterhout, the No. 1 seed at 171-pounds, will tangle with Rife's Drew Summers.

Behind those two, Declo is in sixth place after two days of wrestling, with 63 points. Defending champion North Fremont has 137 in first place.

Osterhout, a junior, shook off a disastrous sophomore performance at state to get to the finals.

"It was a nightmare for me — second and finishing sixth, losing to the same kid twice," Osterhout said. "This year, I'm a lot more confident."

Dusty Mars of Glenns Ferry isn't allowing himself too much confidence after the undefeated senior needed overtime to beat North Fremont's Tye Atchley.

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Lawmakers deliver blow to Ultimate Fighting

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Eleven minutes into the bout, Mark Schultz was in control. He sat astride his opponent, swinging his fists freely, landing numerous blows squarely to Gary Goodridge's head. Blood flowed from a cut above Goodridge's right eye, spattering the floor and Schultz's bare knuckles. A doctor finally stopped the fight.

Schultz, a Lindon, Utah native and head wrestling coach at Brigham Young University, had won the May 16 fight in Michigan, and \$50,000. It was his first experience with almost-anything-goes Ultimate Fighting.

On the undercard, however, had been a legal battle in Michigan's Wayne County Circuit Court. A judge let the fight proceed only if promoters first outlawed closed-fisted punching. Promoters agreed, but fighters used closed fists anyway. Fines of \$50 for each punch thrown were expected.

Ultimate Fighting is taking a beating in states across the country. Eight states — Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, Rhode Island, South Carolina and New York, where legislation was signed last Tuesday — have banned the matches. A Utah ban has passed both houses and needs only Gov. Mike Leavitt's signature to become law.

Alabama is considering a ban after a fight planned for New York was relocated there recently. And U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has sponsored legislation



Mark Schultz of Lindon, Utah, celebrates after winning his first Ultimate Fighting match — and a \$50,000 prize — last May in Detroit.

in the U.S. Congress to restrict the sport. The Utah bill, sponsored by Sen. Steve Poulton, would make it a Class A misdemeanor to engage in Ultimate Fighting. "The Ultimate Fighting that we were really concerned with was one description where one fighter had beaten this

one fighter down and slammed his knee into the guy's head and slammed his head into the floor," Poulton said. "When the referee wiped the blood off to see if he was still conscious, the fighter slammed his knee into his head again."

Sugar Ray guns for win vs. Camacho

By Jay Searcy
Knight-Ridder News Service

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Saturday night, it will all be over and Sugar Ray Leonard will know whether his 40-year-old body has been lying to him, whether he has been lying to himself.

About 10 p.m., before a pay-per-view crowd of millions (air time is 9 p.m.) and a live crowd of perhaps 10,000 at the Convention Center, Leonard will return to the ring after four retirements, five world titles and six years of inactivity. He is looking for his lost youth, for one more round of the cherished applause that drove him through a decade of greatness.

Saturday night's fight with Hector "Macho" Camacho means more to him, he said this week, than any fight since he beat Marvin Hagler in a world title bout almost 10 years ago.

It is not Camacho's International Boxing Council middleweight title that makes it so, for it is a minor one. Nor is it the purse, believed to be about \$4 million, for Leonard earned more than \$100 million and is a wealthy man, and it certainly isn't his opponent, for Camacho, once an outstanding lightweight, is now a 34-year-old past-prime middleweight living on charisma.

Ray Charles Leonard, who will be 41 in May, is getting back into the ring because he wants to get high again, wants to feel his heart beat fast, to feel the skin on his face grow hot, feel his hands turn cold.

He wants to feel that inner nervousness that strikes a fighter sometime after he leaves the dressing room and before he reaches the ring — an addictive, adrenaline-stirring fright that affects only boxers and lives only in the present. That's the high.

How important is it to him? He has trained like a Trojan since late November. He has sparred more than 250 rounds, run hundreds of miles, punched tons of iron, and turned his loose 173 pounds into 160 pounds of hard muscle. Once, when he rapped his washboard stomach with his knuckles here earlier this week, it sounded like someone tapping a board.

"I don't walk back in the gym," he remembered. "I felt that old pressure, I got excited working out, trying to do moves, to do combinations. Then I started doing them, then I started punching with power, then with speed ... All those things that once had naturally were coming back."

"It's a scary thing to get in the ring without them."

His last fight, for instance, in which he suffered a terrible beating by Terry Norris in 1991, was a scary thing, for he had a painful rib injury and a hurting left shoulder that he tried to hide, and that took away his jab.

"I didn't fire back," he said. "If I could have fired back, Terry would have been more reluctant to come in. I couldn't jab."

The memory of that loss, only his second in 39 fights, may be part of the reason he is back against the advice of almost everyone, but he won't say that. And he won't say whether he will try again after Norris again if he wins Saturday night.

"I don't want to get into that," he said Sunday repeatedly, adding, "If I win, I may get something going, see where this takes me."

Asked if he considered himself to be among the top 10 middleweights today, he replied, "Oh, sure."

Top five?

"Yes."

Top two?

He didn't answer but his grin said, "Could be."

Look, he said, explaining it for the umpteenth time. "This is just a competitive thing. I'm so excited with what I've done. I enjoy performing, beating the odds. I've always been under a microscope, especially now. That's part of what drives me."

You may not think of Camacho as much, but I do. From where I stand, a so-called 40-year-old inactive guy with the odds stacked against him, this is fun.

So convincing is Leonard, the Las Vegas odds favored Leonard at 3-1 in favor of Camacho now favor Leonard, 7-5.

SPORTS

Vandal women victorious

Special to The Times-Herald

DENTON, Texas — Alli Nieman's name highs of 19 points and 12 rebounds led Idaho past North Texas 69-57 at the Super Pit before 667 fans Thursday.

The Vandals (8-5, 13-12), which are trying to open first-place Nevada in the Big West Eastern Division, play New Mexico State on Saturday at 5 p.m. MST in the Pan American Center.

"This is one of the toughest road trips," said Idaho coach Kate Rue, filling in for Julie Holt gave birth Sunday.

It's the end of the year, we're tired from traveling and we're playing in strange places."

If Idaho defeats NMSU (7-6, 10-15), it will win the Eastern Division of the Big West. The Vandals were picked to finish last in both the coaches' and media polls.

Idaho overcame a 14-point deficit to beat the Roadrunners 82-69 on Jan. 23 in Moscow. Nieman scored 28 points in that game, while Kathryn Gussert had a career-high 21.

In conference action, NMSU owns a 5-1 home record, while Idaho is 3-3 on the road.

If Nevada, Boise State and Idaho end conference play with identical records, the Vandals would be granted the No. 1 seed by the tiebreaker system.

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Thursday night Idaho 53, Long Beach St. 51

MOSCOW — Idaho upset Long Beach State 53-51, snapping the Golden State school's five-game winning streak Thursday night in a Big West matchup.

Down by two with nine seconds left, the 49ers had a chance to tie, but Brandon Titus' running 14-footer missed at the buzzer.

"We ran a clear-out (for Titus)," LBSU coach Wayne Morgan said. "We had a poor shooting night period."

Idaho mainly used a man-to-man defense that held LBSU to 36 percent from the field. "We had a couple of opportunities to win the game," Morgan said. "We didn't get a couple of breaks and they did."

The Vandals (5-10, 13-16) held a five-point lead with 4:36 left in the game. The Big West's second-leading scorer, James Cotton, nailed a 3-pointer. A free throw by Brian Yankelevitz cut Idaho's lead to 52-51 with 2:44 remaining.

The Vandals' Derrick Elliott hit the front end of a one-and-one with 1:04 for the final margin.

Wrestling

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"I think confidence will hurt more than help," said Mazz, who is matched up with West Jefferson's Jake Summers.

Filer's Lonnie Edwards advanced to the title round at 130 pounds by pinning West Jefferson's Gordon Wood at 47 seconds.

Mike Coelho of Wendell had to go all six minutes with Raft River's Rocky Jones in a heavy-weight rematch of the District 4 title round. This time, Coelho used his speed to beat Jones 8-4.

The Magic Valley's strongest class for wrestling is still A-2. Jerome and Buhl are only two points apart in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

But the Wolverines have as many wrestlers going for a state title as both the Tigers and Indians.

Boys' dual Sugar-Salem's Jared Kam in the second round to set up a championship rematch with the only wrestler who has beaten him, Sugar-Salem's James Huml.

Jared's duo of 119-pound Justin Madson and 189-pound Ty Matthews is right where they were expected.

Madson had little trouble posting a 17-2 technical fall over Bryce Andrews of Shelley. The Tiger junior is trying for his second straight state title.

Madson is looking for his first title. After handling Kellan Fluckiger of Preston 12-2,

Matthews must beat top-seeded Ty Hendrix of Kellog for the gold medal.

Bull took three wrestlers into the semifinals. Only Austin Bartlett, with an 11-9 overtime win against Chad Echeverry of Soda Springs, came out a winner for the Indians.

Minico had the same luck at A-1. With only five of their 16 wrestlers still alive, the Spartans will have to battle to stay in the top-five team finishers.

A state title for Austin Arthur at 149 pounds would just had enough to defeat Zac Jockumson of Idaho Falls 8-6 in the semifinals.

The Spartans are in fifth-place overall. Idaho Falls, with 20.5 points, is ready to end Sandpoint's three-year reign over the A-1 title.

All of Twin Falls' wrestlers were eliminated during competition Friday. Junior Sam Garner wrestled into the consolation quarterfinals, but 6-0 by Bryan Roberts of Post Falls.

For Burley, Cody Bowers can still finish third after losing to Boise's Andy Inel in the championship semifinals.

Team standings (through an invitational):
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SPORTS

Albert isn't Belle of the ball for ChiSox

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Albert Belle, in his first game as the Chicago White Sox, struck out with the bases loaded and went 0-for-2 Friday in a 15-victory over the Minnesota Twins. Belle, who signed a \$55 million, five-year contract as a free agent, also grounded out and walked.

Belle came to bat in the second inning with the bases loaded, but looked at strike three from losing pitcher Frank Rodriguez.

"Frank looked like he was laboring out there, but that's the way it is this time of the year," Belle said. "I've struggled against Frank, but I feel like I got some free at-bats against him today."

"These spring games are not meaningless to me. I want to get in at least 80 at-bats and try to pick up on a pitcher's release point," he said.

Chris Snopce had four hits and drove in two runs for Chicago. Ozzie Guillen and Jeff Abbott each drove in three runs with two hits.

Jaime Navarro, another free agent signed by the White Sox, was the winning pitcher. He started and gave up three unearned runs in two innings.

Yankees 7, Cardinals 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Cecil Fielder hit a three-run home run and the World Series champion New York Yankees started the exhibition season with a win over St. Louis.

Newcomer Mark Whiten also homered for the Yankees. Royce Clayton and Tom Pagano connected for the Cardinals.

Dwight Gooden pitched three innings for New York, allowing only Clayton's wind-blown homer. Mariano Rivera, in his first game as the closer since replacing World Series MVP John Wetteland, pitched a perfect ninth and struck out one.

Reds 6, Rangers 5

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Deteriorating pitcher Bronson Arroyo pitched six innings for the Cincinnati Reds, playing his first baseball game since 1995, went 0-for-2 for Cincinnati in a win over Texas.



Chicago's Albert Belle gives his bat the heave-ho after striking out in the second inning during his first exhibition game with the White Sox Friday.

Indians 8, Astros 2

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Tony Fernandez, trying to win a job as the starting second baseman, hit a two-run homer as Cleveland beat Houston.

Fernandez tripped over first base and fell face first onto the infield dirt after homering in the fourth of Mike Hampton. Fernandez got up and completed his trot around the bases with a grin on his face.

Braves 5, Dodgers 4 (11)

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Rafael Belliard, Ed Giovanola and Jermaine Dye hit consecutive singles with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning, lifting Atlanta over Los Angeles.

The three hits all came off losing pitcher Matt Ebersole. Chris Brantley got the victory with two scoreless innings of relief.

Tigers 7, Royals 7 (10)

LAKELAND, Fla. — Mike Sweeney's home run leading off the ninth inning tied the score, and that's how it ended when Kansas City and Detroit ran out of pitchers after 10 innings.

David Howard and Craig Paquette also homered for the Royals, who rallied from a 7-3

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TUCSON, Ariz. — The exhibition opener between Milwaukee and Colorado was rained out. The teams will play a 15-inning game Saturday at the Brewers' site in Chandler, Ariz.

Athletics 12, Angels 2

TEPE, Ariz. — Patrick Lennon, who entered the game after Jason Giambi was injured, hit three homers and drove in six runs as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Anaheim Angels in the exhibition opener for both teams.

Lennon, a 28-year-old journeyman, came in after Giambi strained his right quadriceps while running the bases in the first inning. Lennon hit three two-run homers and struck out.

Cubs 6, Mariners 2

MESA, Ariz. — Ryan Sandberg and Johnny Sosa homered in the fifth inning as the Cubs beat the Seattle Mariners in the first game at Chicago's new HOFKam Park.

The spring park, built on the site of the old stadium by the same name, cost \$250 million and cost \$10 million. A crowd of 8,804 watched on a cool, rainy afternoon.

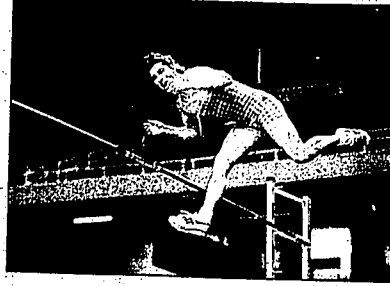
Giants 5, Padres 3

PEORIA, Ariz. — Barry Bonds, showing no ill effects from his tumble down a staircase earlier this week, doubled in his first at-bat of the spring and the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres.

Bonds doubled to the right-field corner off Sean Bergman and had an RBI groundout in his second and final at-bat.

Bonds fell down a staircase at his rented home in Scottsdale earlier in the week, landing on his right hip. An MRI showed no damage.

NL-winning champion Tony Gwynn, who had off-season surgery on a right Achilles' tendon, was 0-for-4 with a walk in his first appearance of the spring for the Padres.



Stacy Dragila knocks off the bar on her third and final pole vault attempt at 4.20 meters during the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Atlanta Friday. Dragila won the event with a height of 4.15 m.

Stacy Dragila wins pole vault, qualifies for Worlds

ATLANTA (AP) — The first time Stacy Dragila tried pole vaulting, she was frightened and uncertain.

On Friday, Dragila, the national record-holder, won her second straight title in the U.S. Indoor Championships and qualified for the American team that will compete in next weekend's World Championships in Paris.

"I closed my eyes ... I was scared," Dragila said of her initial experience at trying to clear the bar in 1993. "I was frustrated, because I didn't know what to do. I was free-falling."

Dragila had been a volleyballer until her coach at Idaho State, Dave Neilson, convinced her to try vaulting, an event that was just coming into vogue among women.

"He said that with my background in the volleyball, why not try the vault," Dragila said.

"I said, 'Why not?' I've always been the strange one in the family. My mom was concerned about this upside-down thing, but my father was very supportive."

Dragila became so proficient at the event that she won her first national title last year in the U.S. indoors, clearing 13 feet, 5 inches. In January, she vaulted 14-1 1/4 at Reno, Nev., for an American indoor record — only four inches short of the world record of 14-5 1/4 by Australia's Emma George.

Dragila also won the American outdoor record, 13-9 1/4 set in last year's Olympic trials, but the competition was an exhibition, since the women's vault has yet to be approved for the Summer Games.

On Friday, she cleared 13-1 1/2, and made her first international team.

"It wasn't a great jump," Dragila, 25, said, "but it's a trip for 40 feet."

It also will be the first time women vaulters will have a chance to compete for big money. First prize at Paris will be \$25,000 — half of what the other gold medalists in the meet will receive. Dragila is excited about the opportunity.

"We're not used to getting paid," she said. "I guess because it's such a new event is why we're getting only half of what the others will receive."

The event is so new that it still will not be included in the World Outdoor Championships at Athens, Greece, in August.

"That's disappointing," Dragila said.

The pole vault was the only individual event decided Friday in the championships.

In relay finals, Purdue won the men's distance medley relay in 19 minutes, 45.54 seconds and North Carolina took the women's distance medley relay in 11:18.05.

The championships conclude Saturday with 29 finals.

The women's 60-meter final might be missing two of its biggest stars — Gwen Torrence, the Olympic bronze medalist at 100 meters, and D'Andre Hill, a member of the U.S. Olympic 400-meter relay gold medal team.

Both were entered in the 200 Friday, but withdrew. They were then disqualified from the 60 under USA Track & Field's "honest effort" rule.

Both could appeal to the Jury of Appeals for reinstatement into the 60 before Saturday's race.

In addition to the vault and the two relays, there were trials in the men's and women's 200, 400 and 800 meters.

Blue Jays 2, Pirates 0

DUNEDIN, Fla. — AL Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen pitched three scoreless innings and Robert Perez hit a two-run double Friday as the Toronto Blue Jays won their exhibition opener, 2-0 over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Hentgen allowed three hits. He walked two and struck out one. He was 20-10 with a 3.22 ERA last season.

Marlins 11, Orioles 2

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Jim Eisenreich went 4-for-4 with three RBIs and the Florida Marlins opened their exhibition season under new manager Jim Leyland by beating Baltimore.

Jeff Conine also drove in three runs for the Marlins. Florida got 17 hits, including a single by ex-Oriole Bobby Bonilla in a three-run first against Scott Erickson.

Mutombo torments Lakers as Hawks soar

ATLANTA (AP) — Dikembe Mutombo, taking advantage of Shaquille O'Neal's absence, scored a season-high 27 points and Steve Smith hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch as the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 86-75 Friday night.

Mookie Blaylock also scored 27 points for the Hawks, who limited the Lakers to 25 percent shooting in winning their third straight game.

Los Angeles, second in the Pacific Division, has lost five of eight since O'Neal suffered a hyperextended left knee on Feb. 12. He is likely to be out at least for the rest of the regular season.

Mutombo also had 14 rebounds and four blocks for the Hawks.

Pistons 106, Celtics 100

BOSTON — Grant Hill had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 Detroit handed Boston its 23rd straight loss, one shy of the Celtics' record.

It was Hill's sixth triple-double of the season.

Rick Fox's rebound basket with less than a second remaining in regulation put Boston up by two points, but Lindsey Hunter's layup off a halfcourt inbounds pass from Hill sent the game into overtime.

Warriors 117, Nets 108

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Laurrel Sprewell scored 37 points as Golden State snapped a four-game losing streak.

Knicks 112, Nuggets 108

DENVER — John Starks scored 23 points, including seven in overtime, as the road weary New York Knicks still managed to hold on for a 112-108 win over the Denver Nuggets on Friday night.

Starks' driving layup with 52 seconds left broke a 106-106 tie, and he and Allan Houston each hit clinching free throws in the final 16 seconds to send Denver to its second straight overtime loss and sixth overall.

Soles 96, Heat 95

MIAMI — Gary Payton scored 27 points and blocked Keith Askins' 3-point attempt with time running out, leading Seattle to a 96-95 victory over the Miami Heat on Friday night.

The Heat, struggling in its third game without injured center Alonzo Mourning, had a last chance to pull even, but John Crotty missed the first of two free throws with the Heat behind by three and 4.6 seconds left.

76ers 104, Grizzlies 100

VANCOUVER, British Columbia

Bulls 126, Kings 108

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan scored 35 points and Scottie Pippen added 29 as the Chicago Bulls rebounded from a rare loss, to beat the Sacramento Kings.

Paets 101, Bucks 85

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Jackson had a franchise-record 19 assists in his fourth game since being reacquired by Indiana.

Indiana pulled away in the second half, when the Bucks had only one field goal in nearly 11 minutes.

Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee with 20 points.

Blazers brush rumors aside, shoot down Jazz

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Kenny Anderson had 30 points and 12 assists Friday night as the Portland Trail Blazers brushed aside suggestions that their coach might be fired, and beat the Utah Jazz 115-105.

The Blazers, who snapped a three-game losing streak, shot a season-high 58 percent from the field and were at 66 percent before going cold in the final seven minutes.

Isiah Rider scored 25, including a spectacular 40-footer in the third quarter, while Cliff Robinson and Rasheed Wallace added 20 apiece for the Blazers.

Portland's starting backcourt of Anderson and Rider outscored Utah's starters John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek 55-19.

Utah's Karl Malone scored 30 points. Shannon Anderson added 16 for the Jazz, who lost for only the second time in 11 games and fourth in the last 18.

Earlier, two published reports said Portland coach P.J. Carlesimo would soon be out of a job, possibly after Friday night's game. But Blazers' president Bob Whitsitt denied Carlesimo's demise was imminent, and the team responded with one of its best games in recent weeks.

"Still, there were some scary moments down the stretch."

The Blazers, who blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead in the 95 overtime to New York Wednesday night, saw a 21-point lead shrink to nine in the fourth quarter against the Jazz.

Consecutive baskets by Shannon Anderson capped an 11-0 Utah run that cut the lead to 103-94 with 5:37 to play. But the Jazz were called for four technical fouls in an 18-second span to help Portland hold on. The last two technicals were on Antoine Carr, who was ejected with 2:58 to play.

Through 3 1/2 quarters, just



Utah's Karl Malone slams one home Friday as Portland's Gary Trent looks on helplessly.

about everything went right for Portland.

When the Blazers didn't realize that the shot clock was about to expire, the fans and Carlesimo chattered at Rider to shoot. He did, and sank a 40-footer to put Portland up 88-69 with 1:41 left in the third.

Malone scored his team's first 10 points of the third quarter to briefly put the Jazz within five. But Portland used a 15-2 run to go ahead 81-65 on Rider's three-point play with 4:31 left in the third period.

The Blazers capped the run when Anderson grabbed Portland's 11th steal of the game, then Rider for an easy basket.

The Blazers' shot 62 percent from the field and Utah 57 percent in a first half that was reminiscent of the NBA's old high-scoring days. Anderson scored 17 and Portland scored a season-high 64 points in the first half to take a 64-53 halftime lead.

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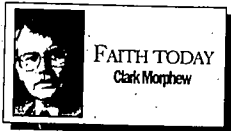
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Let's not get too excited about cloning

Now that Dolly the sheep has been cloned, we have an ethical situation with the potential to rock the very foundations of our morality.

With some scientists saying they can clone a human being almost as easily as they cloned a sheep, ethicists and theologians already have begun weighing in on the implications.



FAITH TODAY
Clark Morphet

Just because something is technically possible does not make it morally right, says David Clark, professor of theology at Bethel Theological Seminary, Arden Hills, Minn.

"It's enormously complicated," Clark says. "There are a lot of theologians and ethicists who argue that the desire for total control over the forms of life is a kind of hubris. In general terms, a lot of people are going to say this takes over God's role as the one who shapes life. It's kind of like playing God."

But James Burntress, a professor of theology at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., prefers not to think of cloning as playing God.

"I don't even talk that way because I think it's God who created human agency, even knowing that human agency would be used against God," Burntress says. "That term 'playing God' could be used to condemn many things."

Burntress says scientists have been cloning frogs and plants for some time. But cloning sheep is so much closer to cloning human beings that public interest will now radically increase.

"One of the hopeful things is that within a month there will be massive interest in all of this," Burntress says. "And the cumulative effect of that will be to encourage us to talk about it in an open way. I think there will be a long time before someone tries this on humans. And by that time, there will have been so much discussion, that we will decide not to go ahead with it."

There are a couple of reasons, it seems to me, why we should not become unduly concerned with this matter.

First, before you know it, lawmakers will be forging strong legislation against cloning human beings, perhaps cloning of any kind.

Second, absolutely no religion on the face of the Earth would condone the cloning of human beings. And you can bet theologians and church officials will be vocal in the discussion.

The religious concern is simple: Cloning human beings would cheapen life. If and less numbers of human beings can be cloned, then of what value are the genuine articles? Further, many of those clones would be created out of arrogance, caprice or a desire to control.

These are all reasons that fly in the face of the purpose of religion, which is to connect human beings to something holy.

We are not put on Earth to control others or to use others for our own pleasure. Consider the nightmare of some madman cloning humans to use as personal slaves. Or worse, if some nation cloned humans to serve the state in some machine-like capacity. For all those reasons, religions would oppose and condemn any attempt at cloning humans.

In fact, in a 1987 instruction to Catholics, the Vatican clearly stated that cloning human beings would be contrary to the church's teachings. So far, the Vatican has made no direct statement concerning the cloning of other animals, according to Dan Maher, director of publications for the Pope John Center, a Braintree, Mass., group that studies ethics in health care.

Maher believes scientists will be eager to clone human beings.

"The people who want to do this won't look at it the way we do," Maher says. "They've already found the heart-strings case of why someone would want to do that, which is that a couple has a dying child and they want to replace it. That's what they will use to defend it."

Burntress of Luther Seminary takes a more laid-back view.

It's easy, he says, to imagine that someone eventually will try to clone a human being. On the other hand, Burntress says, many people in 1945 feared that nuclear energy would be used to destroy the entire world. "We all thought it would happen, but it didn't."

These people who have the knowledge and the skill to do this are, in my respectful opinion, he says, "So the chances of that happening might be slim."

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Taking some 'Time out for God'

By H.R. Welzel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — "Time out for God" is the motto being offered to Jerome High School students in an all-out effort to help young people deal with growing up in today's high-tech world.

For more information
Want to know more about the new CERTS program? Call 324-5734.

The students will be allowed release time from their regular studies to attend a Bible-based class off campus. A parental approval will be required for the one-hour Bible exploration time that will replace time normally spent studying an elective course at the high school.

Called Christian Education Release Time for Students, or CERTS, the class will be taught by Stacey Young. Jeff Pierson serves as chairman of the board of directors organizing the non-denominational course of study. Others involved are Tammy Becker, secretary; Charlotte Merritt, treasurer; Cheri Kober, curriculum development and teacher/vice chairwoman Young. Classes are scheduled to begin with the fall school semester.

"CERTS will give our young people the Christian world view, dealing with problems they are facing in school today," Pierson said. "They'll learn how to grow up and be a Christian using Scripture as their guidelines. This is a non-credit elective."

Young said, "I've worked as a substitute teacher at the high school and I figured that, since I have a daughter who will be in high school next year, she could lose all the Christian values we've taught her. So when the idea of a Christian release time was suggested, I got really excited and, the more I prayed about it, the more I liked it."



From left, Jeff Pierson, Stacey Young, Charlotte Merritt, Cheri Kober, Jessica Young and James Turner look forward to release time from Jerome High School for Bible studies.

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Pollster finds spirituality up, church attendance down

The Providence Journal

BOSTON — Christianity in America is in a state of growth or decline? The way pollster George Barna sees it, the answer is still very much in the air.

On one level, he says, there seems to be a tremendous interest in faith and spirituality these days, as evidenced by sales of books, attendance at seminars, the numbers of people "investigating" various spiritual paths and talking to each other about religious things.

"Seventy percent of the people we interviewed call themselves religious, and 85 percent say their spiritual faith is very important to them, the highest we've seen since we started measuring," says Barna.

But it that makes you think all this bodes well for the nation's Christian churches, he says, consider this:

- Church attendance, according to Barna's research, is lower than it has been at any time in decades — down to 37 percent in any given week, with Bible reading, Sunday School involvement, small group participation and prayer all showing broad declines.

- In contrast to earlier decades, only 1 in 4 Americans today believe there is any one thing as absolute moral truth, and the proportion of those who believe in absolute moral truth is down even among active churchgoers.

- While 86 percent of Americans pro-

fes to be Christian, some 45 percent of Americans — including 30 percent of those "claiming to be 'born again'" — say they believe that Jesus, while on earth, committed sins; and a large number do not believe the key Christian doctrine that he was physically resurrected.

Barna, who says he was a nominal Catholic back in the days when he attended and graduated summa cum laude from Boston College in 1976, traces his own interest in religion to when he was in New Jersey and was brought to a new understanding of the faith through a fundamentalist minister.

After working for several major advertising and marketing research agencies, he realized one day that he could apply his research and marketing skills to help Christian ministries and founded Barna Research Group, now in Oxnard, Calif., in 1984.

Unlike another well-known pollster, George Gallup, who says church attendance among Americans has held remarkably steady at about 40 percent since the early 1970s, Barna says his numbers show a decline in church attendance during the last six years, most especially so in the period between 1990 and 1991, and again during the last two years, when, he says, the proportion of male worshippers and worshippers over 70 has begun to drop.

Why that's so, Barna isn't sure. What

he does know, he says, is that it still isn't time to declare Christianity dead in America.

Speaking to more than 7,000 participants at the Evangelistic Association of New England's Congress '97 earlier this month, Barna said that while it looks like Christianity in America appears to have entered some troubling times, it may yet be on the verge of revival because of the continued presence of so many active, committed believing Christians. "No, you aren't in the majority. But as Scriptures show, God has never needed a majority to do His will."

The pollster said he "follows the numbers carefully every day" and is firmly convinced that "in the next five to seven years, America is about to enter a great transformation, where the outcome is either massive spiritual revival or moral anarchy."

If revival comes, the Holy Spirit will certainly have something to do with it, he said. But it will also be due to the willingness of churches to rise to the occasion in terms of courage, commitment and creativity in trying to bring the Gospel to a materialistic world.

He said he is especially hopeful when he looks at the young.

Granted, he said, the members of the so-called Baby Boomer generation, people under 30, may well be the first generation in America's history where the

majority are choosing to start their religious journey with something other than Christianity.

Still, he said, they represent a tremendous evangelistic opportunity for the church, because its members appear to be highly attuned to spiritual matters, are looking for "purpose and sense of meaning in life," and are less selfish in their outlook.

"Among the generations, they may well be the most the most relational generation that America has had in this century. They are looking for intense friendships, solutions to family difficulties and practical teaching on how to live a more meaningful life," says Barna. In some ways, the Busters are more like their grandparents.

And how to reach these Busters, as well as others?

Barna thinks the churches that succeed in reaching the young will be those that have their finger on the pulse on the culture.

"The thing that worked for the churches 10 years ago doesn't necessarily work today, because the culture is reinventing itself every three to five years. The stuff we used a decade ago is two change-cycles away, and therefore outdated and irrelevant. We have to keep the timeless truths of the faith in place, of course, but the way we present it has to change."

Mystery of the missing atheists remains unsolved

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — They pulled moving trucks up to the O'Hair house a couple of weeks ago, and emptied it.

They took the furniture and the appliances and all the belongings of Madalyn Murray O'Hair — America's foremost atheist — and loaded van after van. Then they put a red-white-and-blue sticker on the house, declaring it government property, and drove away.

Sometime soon, the Internal Revenue Service intends to auction it all off, to satisfy a lien for personal taxes unpaid in 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Of course, Ms. O'Hair could stop them by stepping forward to appeal the seizure. Or by paying off the debt. But don't count on it.

It has been more than 17 months since she disappeared with her son, Jon Garth Murray, adopted daughter Robin Murray, and tons of money. They have left a trail of tantalizing clues that so far have led absolutely nowhere.

Are they alive? Are they on the lam, with more than \$500,000 in funds that are missing from organizations led by Ms. O'Hair? Or has something more sinister happened to America's first family of godlessness?

Somewhat, it seems fitting that the person at the center of this mystery is one of the most outrageous Americans of the half-century — a woman who tried to remove the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. currency, and to stop potential jurors from saying "so help me God."

Ms. O'Hair, 77, first gained fame when she took credit for a suit, already filed, which ultimately removed the Bible and sponsored prayer from public schools.



Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, center, poses with her son, Jon, and granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, at a 1988 celebration noting the 1963 court decision that outlawed school prayer. All three have been missing more than 17 months with no clue to their whereabouts.

She moved into and out of the spotlight in the decades since, challenging God in the courts and on television while creating her own empire and many enemies — atheists and Christians alike.

One day in August 1995, when employees arrived for work at the bunker-style brick building in Austin

that houses American Atheists, Inc., they found a note from Ms. O'Hair posted on the door. Their jobs were on hold. They had been laid off.

Few who were close to the family were concerned. They said O'Hair and her family had just returned from a trip to Virginia where they had visited old friends and viewed Civil War sites.

Atheist leaders said the family was in contact by cellular phone; they talked about a plan to picket the Pope in New York. Staffers were told the family was handling "business" in San Antonio and would return within weeks.

Meanwhile, there was speculation. Did Ms. O'Hair, who has suffered from diabetes and dizzy spells, go somewhere to die privately so Christians could not pray over her at the end?

Then, at 4:35 p.m. on Sept. 28, all contact with the organizations ceased.

"To my knowledge nobody has talked to them since then," said Spike Tyson, who now occupies O'Hair's office at American Atheists, and lived in the family's Austin home until it was taken by the IRS.

Since then, there have been a series of intriguing disclosures. Among them:

- Jon Murray, 42, had sold his 1988 Mercedes on Sept. 4 through an ad in the San Antonio newspaper. The transaction was clandestine, done through a cellular phone and handled by a man who identified himself as Jon Murray, but did not resemble him. Robin's Porsche 944 was found parked in a lot at Austin's Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

- Atheists found that the family's three dogs had been left unclaimed at a kennel. The family's breakfast dishes were still on the table of their home. Tyson moved in to house-sit and dog-sit — until the two young dogs that belonged to Jon and 31-year-old Robin "just disappeared" from the yard one day, he said. Ms. O'Hair's 17-year-old poodle, Gallagher, was left behind.

- The Houston Chronicle reported

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RELIGION

Questions linger after church fires

Knight-Ridder News Service

BOLIGEE, Ala. — The new sculpture stands just left of the new Mount Zion Baptist Church building. It's a striking, nearly life-size, twisted-iron image depicting the crucifixion.

The church itself is quite nice, bigger and more richly appointed than the old sanctuary, torched during a three-week span of fear that saw two nearby black churches also deliberately set afire.

Coming as they did, at a time when much of the nation was riveted by report after report of arson at black churches in the South, the fires cast a national spotlight on this tiny rural community.

The spotlight is long gone. The fear that gripped many Americans — are among the region was being revisited by its ugly racist past — has faded under the glare of a massive investigation that has no evidence of a racist conspiracy.

All three churches — the undrivable, mostly black community have been rebuilt, the beneficiaries of an outpouring of money and labor from volunteers all across the country.

Still, the church fires remain a mystery. "I still think about it sometimes," said the Rev. Levi Fickens, 71, pastor of Mount Zion. "I'm still wondering, but I just don't know who did it."

The church fires here — at Mount Zion on Dec. 22, 1995, and at Mount Zion Baptist Church and Little Zion Baptist Church on Jan. 11, 1996 — are among the most difficult to investigate.

In all three instances, the buildings burned to the ground, leaving virtually no physical evidence and no eyewitnesses.

There were, in the racist scrawls that defaced the walls of Reggie White's church in Knoxville, Tenn., nor was the arrest of Klansmen as in two fires in South Carolina. But racist motives still cannot be discounted, because no other motive has been established as in some of the other fires, where burglars trying to cover their tracks were found responsible.

"We don't have anything," said James Cavanaugh, the special agent in charge of the Birmingham office of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and



Members of the Johnson Grove Missionary Baptist Church march to their new church in Madison County, Tenn., last Sunday. The congregation finally held services in the church which replaced one burned in 1995.

Firearms. Cavanaugh is heading the investigation in church fires in Alabama and Mississippi.

There were, however, instances in which the church fires were thought to be the work of hate-mongers.

One is the Jan. 8, 1996, fire at Inner City Church in Knoxville, Tenn., where Green Bay Packers defensive end and former Eagles standout Reggie White is an associate pastor.

In that case, spray-painted, racist graffiti was left on doors and walls.

And in two communities in South Carolina, Greelyville and Klansmen pleaded guilty to bombing two black churches.

There have been attacks since the peak of the fires, too, most recently the Dec. 23 arson of a black church in Tillman, S.C.,

and an unexplained fire Jan. 7 at a church in Carroll County, Miss.

The churches of Boligee, whose singleness-ton hall how sports a new coat of gray paint, apparently will not need any of the new money.

Groups of volunteers organized by the Quakers helped rebuild Mount Zion, while Quaker and Mennonite groups helped rebuild Little Zion and Mount Zion — all three bigger now than they were before the fires.

The new Mount Zion, where once again the boom of gospel rhythms echo across the catfish ponds and winter-irrigated fields, was built on a site closer to town, and is complete with a kitchen, pastor's study and fellowship hall, a little more than a year ago the church consisted of a simple sanctuary and two restrooms.

CHURCH NEWS

March for Jesus plans under way

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the national March for Jesus will be held at 10 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran School, 2055 10th Ave. E., under the direction of Sue May.

The march will be held May 17 in Twin Falls, using the theme "Churches Tear Down The Walls." Events feature a concert at noon at the Twin Falls City Park.

Community musicians and anyone interested are invited to the meeting. For more information, call May at 324-8415 or leave a message at 733-7820.

Gooding starts Moms in Touch

GOODING — A new group of Moms in Touch Interfaith is being organized in the Gooding area. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Mondays, beginning March 10, in Room 1 of the Board Building at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, 202 14th Ave. E.

Moms in Touch meet for one hour a week to pray for their children, schools, teachers and administrators. Participants do not need to be parents; friends, family and neighbors are welcome.

For more information, call June Peterson at 934-8296.

Nazarenes welcome missionaries

TWIN FALLS — Eric and Paula Kellerer will be the guests Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.

The Kellerers, members of the Twin Falls Nazarene Church, were appointed as missionaries to Bangkok, Thailand, in 1992. Eric Kellerer earned a bachelor of arts degree from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa and a master of divinity degree from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. Paula Kellerer earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics education from Northwest Nazarene College and a master's degree from Boise State University. They have a 6-year-old son, Justin.

A breakfast set for 9:30 a.m. today will feature the Eric Kellerer.

Christian Women's Club sets meeting

TWIN FALLS — A prayer coffee time sponsored by the Christian Women's Club will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the home of Robin Atkins.

Lutheran churches celebrate week

Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center and Church is joining with other Lutheran schools and churches nationwide in celebrating Lutheran Schools Week this week. Clover Trinity, near Bull and Immanuel Lutheran in Twin Falls also are among those celebrating.

Students at the Trinity Lutheran Early Education Center will help church members in "Celebrating God's Love" by singing during the morning service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. A coffee hour will follow. Activities are planned throughout the week.

Max Schaefer will be speaking at 10:30 a.m. March 9 and Henry and Shirley Schutte will be installed as ambassadors of the Concordia University System to the Trinity at the Lutheran Church members. Those who have graduated from one of the Concordia universities will be recognized. Schaefer will speak to high school youth and their parents about the opportunities and benefits of attending a Concordia university. Schaefer is from Des Moines, Iowa, and Concordia Relations at the Concordia University Foundation in Portland, Ore.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located three miles south of Eden on Edin Road. For more information, call 825-5277. The public is invited.

Henson provides special music

KIMBERLY — Lori Henson will provide the special music during morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly United Methodist Church, 205 Madison St. N.

Pastor Jerry D. Steele will speak on "The Ears of Christ." Henson has performed in several Magic Valley Dilettantes productions.

Motorcyclists meet March 8

TWIN FALLS — The Christian Motorcyclists Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. March 8 at the Sodbuster Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. For more information, call Tom at 324-6885 or Carl at 734-8120.

Community Christian plans seminars

TWIN FALLS — "How to be a Real Person in a Raunchy World" is the theme of a series of meetings planned for next week at the Community Christian Church on Grandview Blvd. N.

Bible teacher and author Knofel Station will conduct a seminar for committed Christians and leaders in the 10-12 p.m. and a service in 7 p.m., all on March 8. He will speak during worship at 10:30 a.m. March 9 and again at services set for 7 p.m. March 9 and 10.

A meal will be served at 5:45 p.m. March 8 and March 10. Child care will be provided for all services. For more information, call Pastor Bob Adams at 733-2886.

Pat Boone rocks boat, but Christian music continues to roll into future

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Pat Boone rocks boat, but Christian music continues to roll into future

CHICAGO — The leather, the dog collar, the wolf-in-tattoos — it was all a joke, Pat Boone's people claimed after Boone appeared on a nationally televised awards ceremony looking like the world's best-coiffed headbanger.

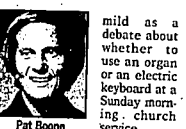
But the joke struck a sour chord among some of Boone's more literal-minded Christian fans. By last week, viewer response had grown so loud that Boone's weekly show was canceled by the Christian cable network that televises it.

Suddenly, Boone — the 62-year-old icon of clean living and vanilla pop — found out firsthand what Elvis Presley could have told him 40 years ago: There are people who believe that rock 'n' roll, or anything that resembles it, is the work of the devil.

Certainly, the Christian critics of rock are fewer in number than they were when Presley's gyrating hips were hit. Faced with a combination of threats to morality and religion, many of today's church kvetchers would probably admit that the post-punk Pat controversy is a sideshow.

Amid the one-liners, the incident provides a reminder that some people still hear an irremediable dissonance in the term "Christian rock." They bristle at the idea that God can be pleased by a form of music that has also been, or at least reflected, a culture of sex, drugs and me-first rebellion.

Their reaction can be as extreme as the half dozen Internet sites devoted to proving that the Bible says rock — including "Christian rock" — is a tool of Satan. Or, it can be as



Pat Boone

it points to the generational seam that is still working its way through churches in America. "I think rock 'n' roll was very effectively used by a group of

...no matter what the style is, it can all be done to glorify God."

— John J. Thompson, a Christian rock promoter

people who had an agenda that was opposed to God," said John J. Thompson, a Christian rock promoter based in Whiston, Ill.

"Some people haven't gotten beyond that," Thompson said. "Especially in the South and among the older generation, they're as uptight about rock 'n' roll as they ever were."

Thompson is the founder of True Tunes, the name of a Wheaton music store and a magazine devoted to Christian rock. He also runs Upstairs, a Wheaton club that presents Christian rock bands, and he plays in his own band, the Wayside.

From Thompson's vantage point, Christian rock is thriving on the local scene and nationally. Thompson said that he is able to fill Upstairs with 40-something who want to hear folk-style music as artists as well as with busloads of churchgoing

teens who come to hear youth-oriented pop.

Perhaps the biggest boom, however, is in the musical scene known as alternative rock — the self-proclaimed cutting edge of anti-establishment music. There, Christian artists are also, and secular artists are blurring, while the market for purely Christian alternative and punk rock soars.

Thompson characterizes some of the CD books for Upstairs Christian as "pretty aggressive. You play it for a kid who's into punk, and he's going to like it."

Nonetheless, "no matter what the style is, it can all be done to glorify God," he maintained.

And when it comes right down to it, Thompson is more concerned about the music industry's historic distaste for overly Christian performers than about churchgoers' indignation at rock 'n' roll.

Doug Moss has not tried a dog collar, but he finds no contradiction in being a practicing Christian "who has bleached blond hair and wears weird clothes."

Moss and his wife are the youth ministers at Homewood Church, a Baptist congregation in the Chicago suburb of Homewood, Ill. He is also a singer and guitarist for Honey, an alternative rock band made up of Christians whose songs have religious themes.

For Moss, the music has less to do with evangelism than self-expression.

"It's what I like. It's what I identify with. It's what speaks to me," he said. "I don't feel I'm dressing in any way that I feel I'm sinning and the kind of music I play it's a gift from God. Anything I create as a Christian, I think, is Christian."

Vatican: No sex for divorced, remarried Catholics

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Divorced Catholics who remarry should be urged to stop living in a "state of sin" — meaning no sex in the new relationship, the Vatican said Tuesday in issuing guidelines on the subject for priests.

Priests also should counsel couples who have not divorced but remain faithful to their original vows and not enter into other unions, according to the guidelines, issued by the Pontifical Council on the Family.

The council released its recommendations after a meeting last month devoted to divorced, but remarried Catholics.

It told priests to show compassion for Catholics whose marriages have failed, and noted that Pope John Paul II has said the divorced who remarry still belong to the church.

But the church "must not express any desire to become private, that could appear to be a legitimization of the new union," the document said.

Priests should invite such couples "to recognize their irregular situation, which involves a state of sin, and ask God for the grace of a true conversion." Vatican officials said that means couples should abstain from sex.

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She added, "The whole thing rallied and got going. God has been very powerful in this. He's working miracles already."

Young is a Christian educator at the Jerome Nazarene Church, and she plays guitar in the church band. She said the CERTS classes will be open to all high school students "regardless of what church they are connected with, or for those who have no church; we just want to give these kids a place to come and get help as they are growing up."

Becker explained, "I have three teen-agers and they need a Christian support group so they can be among their peers at the release time. My experience as a mother tells me this is something really needed."

Kober, who teaches seventh-grade math, science and health at Jerome Middle School, and will assist in finding "the best curriculum available."

Merritt said she is a grandmother who knows from her experience of putting her two

children through the high school that release time has been needed for a long time.

"My kids went to school with some of the board members, so I see what kids can become. I know the benefits they can get from just one hour of special education based on the Scriptures," she said.

I Timothy 6:18-19 is being used as the guideline for putting God into the schedule of classes available to the students. "Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."

Finding a suitable location for the classes is being explored, Pierson said. Students will be housed at the CERTS class, unless the board finds a location close to the high school.

The young people will learn how to apply the Ten Commandments to life's problems they face today, Young said. Other lessons will include explor-

ing what the Bible says about dating, peer pressures, respect, abstinence and other issues.

"We have the responsibility to help them (the students) and teach them how to live a Christian life," Pierson said.

He emphasized the curriculum will not contain denominational teachings, but "will be based on what the Bible says."

Carol Matthews, Jerome High School principal, said he didn't attend the school board meeting when Young presented the idea of the release time.

"But by state law, this is allowed," he said. "With our current schedule, the release time would be for one hour. When we go to a trimester, it will be for 45 minutes."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jerome Stake Seminary, is located across Tiger Drive near the high school. Release time studies for this church are conducted in the church's seminary, with Pierson as instructor. He said classes had been held at the seminary since 1991.

William later found God and became a minister. In so doing, he lost his mother. He has been estranged from his family for 20 years.

Nonetheless, William Murray has been frustrated by the lack of progress in the search for his mother. He has sought the help of Texas Gov. George Bush. He has tried to generate interest in the case.

"It became really apparent to me in the last six months that nobody is really interested in finding these people, except maybe the media," he said.

William Murray thinks his mother is dead: "Standing between my mother and a camera was a danger plane. Just the fact that she hasn't appeared in the middle of all this is cause to believe she is dead."

But others are not so sure. "You find the dogs, you'll find the O'Hairs," says a neighbor of Ms. O'Hair's. "They loved those animals. They never would have left them."

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that as much as \$1,000 a month has been charged. Robin Murray's American Express card since August, and the monthly balances have been paid. Vanity Fair reported that the three were sighted in Auckland, New Zealand.

Activist Ellen Johnson took over the mission of American Atheist from her New Jersey home. Until last year, she maintained that there was no evidence of foul play and no money was missing.

But money is missing — a great deal of it. Two of the five non-profit atheists organizations headed by Ms. O'Hair and her family — American Atheists and United Secularists of America — have told the IRS they are missing \$627,500 from a New Zealand trust account, along with at least another \$25,000 that has disappeared about the same time as the trio.

"These reports are true," Ms. Johnson wrote in the American

Atheist newsletter. "It was my decision to wait before making any discovered information public, in the hope that we would find the O'Hairs first — whether dead or alive."

There is no shortage of people who are looking for the family. The atheists are among them, although Ms. Johnson says her group would not press charges against the three.

"We'll never do something like that. There isn't the slightest thought in my mind that they've done something criminal. I can not emphasize that enough," she said.

The IRS wants them. Police also want to know whether foul play was involved, although little progress has been made, according to Austin police Detective Stephen Baker.

And then there is the odd situation of William Murray — son of Madlynne, wife of Robin, and atheist apostate. The child involved in his mother's school prayer lawsuit,

RELIGION

Revival fervor takes hold of Christians in Pensacola

Services produce 'Great Awakenings'



Missionary evangelist Stephen Hill urges his congregation to 'kick the devil in the face tonight' in the sanctuary of the Brownsville Assembly of God in January in Pensacola, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — In one of the most spectacular revivals in modern times, charismatic Christians have flocked to a Gulf Coast church four nights a week for 20 months. Their goal: to bring about a spiritual awakening in America before the third millennium.

More than 1.5 million people have attended the revivals at the Brownsville Assembly of God since it began on Father's Day 1995. People line up as early as 2:30 a.m. to get one of 2,000 seats for evening services.

Little noticed by the mainstream secular and religious media, the Brownsville Revival has shaken up Pentecostalism with its return to the movement's roots in emotional worship. Hundreds of pastors visit each week in hopes of learning how they, too, might fill their churches with baby boomers.

This is hard-edged Christianity — the path to hell is paved with pornography, alcohol, drugs and cigarettes — combined with contemporary worship style that allows participants the freedom to cry, dance, sing or do whatever the Holy Spirit tells them to do.

It sounds a lot like the "Jesus Movement" of the '60s, it is.

Only this time, church leaders say, the church is not going to keep its distance if people want to dress casually, listen to their kind of music or pump their fists in the air if they get excited about their faith.

"People are hungry for a real move of God," said 55-year-old Jay Smith. He had driven up from Talco, Texas, and got his lawn chair in line at 4 a.m. for that day's revival service.

"People are tired of going to church and leaving church the same as they went."

There is also something more: a shared sense that America is in moral decline, and a belief preached by other great revivalists throughout the nation's history that God is going to set things right.

Pensacola — known as "the

gay Riviera" for its openness to homosexual tourists, and more recently as the city where two abortion doctors were murdered — is the place God has chosen.

"I believe America is ripe for revival," said evangelist Stephen Hill. "I believe this is turning into an awakening."

America has seen two great moments of religious fervor, in the 18th and 19th centuries. Hill, a 43-year-old former drug addict and leader of the revival, says this "very well could be" the third.

Hundreds of people lie prostrate, face down, wailing.

"Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy," the choir sings, each time lifting their voices higher as Hill storms across his holy stage, holding out the promise of eternal life for those who step to the altar and warning of eternal damnation for those who hold back.

Heaven. Hell. Heaven. Hell. Two minutes left. Now people are running down the aisles, stepping over the bodies of teenage girls and middle age-men already "slain in the Spirit."

"Get on your face before God ... You've got 40 seconds left, what on Earth are you waiting for ... 11,10,9, hurry, hurry, hurry."

Hill and the Rev. John Kilpatrick — the church's pastor — like to say the Holy Spirit runs things at Brownsville. No two services are alike and few emotions are wrung to get the last sinner in the house to repent.

One night, a lone trumpeter plays "Reveille" to get people up to the altar, then "Taps" for those who are "in the grave, and they're throwing dirt on you; spiritually speaking."

Another night, children being cared for behind the sanctuary start to sob uncontrollably. Microphones are turned on the

kids until many worshippers inside take up the wailing.

There is not a dull moment. An organist dressed in black with long blond hair and the mannerisms of a rock musician gets the audience on its feet with contemporary Christian music.

Revivalists have long been accused of appealing to emotion rather than reason to win converts. Hill explains the dancing, the tears, the prone bodies on the floor, another way "God is in this house; friends."

How else to explain how a one-day stop at Brownsville by the traveling evangelist Hill grew into a spiritual colossus?

Hill had a troubled youth; at age 21, he was a morphine addict. He was jailed, and was sentenced to a religion-based drug rehabilitation center. There, he gave his life to Christianity, and he became a traveling preacher.

The Associated Press

There have been two Great Awakenings — explosions of religious fervor fueled by famous revivalists — in the nation's history.

The first Great Awakening began near the middle of the 18th century with Jonathan Edwards in Northampton, Mass. The revival spread throughout New England and beyond as other remarkable preachers such as George Whitefield and Gilbert Tennent sought converts throughout the country and local pastors intensified their efforts at personal evangelism.

The Second Great Awakening began during the 1790s in New England with scattered revivals, and gathered momentum into the early 19th century. What the late Yale historian Sydney Ahlstrom refers to as the most "cataclysmic" outbreaks of religious enthusiasm occurred in Kentucky at the great camp meetings of 1800 and 1801, including the famous meetings at Cane Ridge.

In addition to an emphasis on personal experiences of God —

where the Holy Spirit could be seen in physical and emotional forms of worship — both great revivals had a unifying effect on American evangelicism.

Evangelists discovered one another in these movements, and transcended their theological differences in the interests of revival. They would move on to be some influential forces in social reform movements of the times.

His work took him to Argentina and throughout the United States. But nothing like Brownsville had ever happened before.

A thousand people responded to the altar call that first day in June 1995. Kilpatrick grabbed the pulpit and announced that he felt a wind blowing through the church and that the revival the church had been praying for had come. He fell back on the marble floor and didn't move for nearly four hours.

Each night they decided to go one more night. Word got around. Suddenly, people were coming from throughout the city, and then from around the world. Now, hundreds are turned away from the sanctuary each night, and must watch the services on a

monitor in the church cafeteria.

"I know it's so big it has to be of the devil or of God," said Shirley Keltner, 66, who flew in with a church group from Washington state. "If God gets the credit, it can't be of the devil, can it?"

It is so big that the organized church is sitting up and taking notice.

The Assemblies of God, born in the fires of the Pentecostal movement, had come under some criticism that it was becoming too institutional as a denomination grew and entered the religious mainstream. So far, the church's leaders in Springfield, Mo., have embraced Brownsville as a sign of their own commitment to Spirit-led worship.

Grassroots push for contemporary saints continues nationwide

A sampling of Catholic saints and their causes

Knight-Ridder News Service

His image appeared not on statues and stained-glass windows but on CNN and the cover of Newsweek. And he died a cancer victim, not a martyr.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Joseph Bernardin did have one thing that has characterized Christian saints for centuries: a life story that can teach believers how to follow Jesus more closely.

When this leader of Chicago's Roman Catholics was falsely accused of sexual abuse, he publicly forgave the man who made the charge. When Bernardin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he ministered to others who were dying and became an international example of how to approach death with honesty and faith.

Should Bernardin be declared a saint a few months after his death, some Catholics are already saying yes.

This call for his canonization is part of a larger grassroots push to recognize more contemporary people as saints. Authors of an increasing number of books about the saints report a growing fascination with men and women who showed great faith and virtue while living in a secular age.

"People are looking for good human examples of how to live their lives," says Anne Gordon, author of "A Book of Saints: True

Knight-Ridder News Service

Earlier this month, many Catholics lined up in their churches to get their throats blessed. Priests placed candlesticks on both sides of the congregants' necks and prayed to St. Blaise — a 4th-century Armenian martyr who once healed a boy who was choking — to protect them from illnesses of the throat.

In the Catholic Church, there's a patron saint for specific illnesses, occupations, even countries.

Here's a sampling of saints and their causes:

Air travelers — Joseph of Cupertino, who died centuries before man could fly but is reputed to have levitated 70 times in his life.

Animals — Francis of Assisi, often depicted feeding birds.

Athletes — Sebastian, an early martyr who was once shot with arrows and left for dead.

Bankers — Matthew, tax collector and apostle.

Emigrants — Francis Xavier Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who became the first American citizen to

be canonized, in 1946.

Lawyers — Thomas More, who lost his head for opposing King Henry VIII's divorce bid.

Physicians — Cosmos and Damien, twin brothers who offered free medical treatment, and Luke, author of the one of the Gospels.

The poor — Anthony of Padua. Alms given for his intercession are called "St. Anthony's bread." He's also invoked in prayers for the return of lost articles.

Students — Thomas Aquinas, the medieval author of "Summa Theologiae" and the Catholic Church's greatest intellect.

Travelers — Christopher. Little is known about him, though his legend inspired generations of Catholics to place St. Christopher medals in their cars.

France — Joan of Arc, Maid of Orleans. She led French troops to victory, was later burned at the stake after capture by British.

Ireland — Patrick, who turned the Emerald Isle into a bastion of Catholicism. Irish-Americans still celebrate his feast day, March 17.

their churches and children after them, imitate them and pray to them to appeal to God for everything from cures to safe traveling.

"The thinking is that those who had a very close relationship to God in this life have a very close one in the next life, too," says the Rev. Paschal Baumstein, archivist and historian at Belmont Abbey.

The Catholic Church doesn't say that recognized saints are the only

poor, sick and homeless. (Being dead is the first prerequisite for being canonized, so Mother Teresa is not yet eligible).

There is one book about sainthood have also noted the public interest in Dorothy Day, a social activist (and subject of a new movie) who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement in the 1930s. Not that she also the 1930s. Not that she also the 1930s. Not that she also the 1930s.

The Catholic Church has been recognizing many more saints in recent decades. According to the Vatican, Pope John Paul II has canonized more than 270 saints since 1982. That's more than any other pope in centuries.

He has said he wants to offer Catholics constant examples of people who lived a holy life and has been more sensitive than his predecessors to the hunger for more contemporary saints.

Today's campaign for sainthood begins at the grassroots level, with local people appealing first to the resident bishop. But ultimately, it's the Congregation for the Causes of Saints — a Vatican committee of cardinals, priests, nuns, lay people and canon lawyers — that determines who's recognized a saint.

Sweepstakes contest to God: You may be a winner!

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — American Family Publishers found God in Sumter County. And He may be very, very rich.

A sweepstakes notice arrived at the Bushnell Assembly of God earlier this month announcing God, of Bushnell, Fla., was a finalist for the \$11 million top prize.

"I always thought he lived here but I didn't actually know," said Bill Brack, pastor of the church about 60 miles north of Tampa. "Now I do. He's got a P.O. box here."

"God, we've been searching for you," American Family wrote in the letter, as first reported by the local weekly newspaper, the Sumter County Times.

The message was centered between two round seals request-

ing God to "come forward."

If God were to win, the letter stated, "What an incredible fortune there would be for God! Could you imagine the looks you'd get from your neighbors? But don't just sit there, God!"

Sweepstakes officials did not return several telephone calls for comment Thursday.

Brack said a youth pastor collected the mail that day and pointed out the address. "I read it in church a couple of weeks ago and everyone got a kick out of it," he said. "It is funny and everybody seemed to enjoy it. It lifted everybody's heart."

Brack said his 140-person congregation is considering whether to mail in the entry. The church could use the money.

If they win, Brack said he'd settle with American Family for 10 percent on the dollar and call it even.

"I'm willing for them to show up here at the church with cam-

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CLUB PROFILE



Officers of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge #1183 are from left, Dave Shawfelt, esquire; Stan Novacek, chaplain; Bill Stuart, inner guard; Hal Rene, tiler; Max Matthews, treasurer; Ralph Smith, secretary; Tom Richardson, lecturing knight; Bob Lemire, royal knight; Tony Baird, leading knight; Jim McKay, exalted ruler; and Earl Cunningham, grand esquire.

Twin Falls Elks Lodge #1183

Purpose: to provide charitable and patriotic services to the Magic Valley. Some of the national projects are the National Veterans Service Commission and a Basketball "Hoop Shoot" for children ages eight to 13. On the local level the Elks Lodge supports scouting programs, Little League ball teams, local scholarship awards, drug awareness programs and the Safe Kids Coalition.

Lodge #1183 participates with other lodges in the funding and operation of the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

For more information contact Wm. A. Yurkevich at 324-2559.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to April Crnich, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Meets: 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Elks Lodge, 205 Shoshone St. No.

Dues: \$100 a year

Major projects: The Twin Falls Elks

HIGHWAY RECEIVES HELP



The Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club and Cassia County Snow Advisory Board donated \$1,000 to the Burley Highway District for snow removal on Howell Canyon Road and Heglar Canyon Road. Pictured left to right are Fred Nelvert, BHD commissioner, Clarence Barkes, BHD commissioner, Terry Cole, president of the snowmobile club, and Rick Balles, snow advisory board member.

Christian Academy honors

BURLEY - The Burley Christian Academy has released its honor roll for the first and second quarters. Students with accumulative grades of 95 percent to 100 percent qualify for high honor roll. Students who earned high grades are listed below.

First Quarter High Honors
Rachael Castaneda, Danielle Fisher, Virginia Glenn, Shea Ann Ochoa, Caroline Glenn, Emily Glenn, Cody Holmes, Shantell Holmes, Karl Latta, Destiny Miller and Anissa Turley.

First Quarter Regular Honors:
Shannon Brown, Alayna Dalton, Gayle Johnson, Christy O'Dwyer and L.J. Ochoa.

Second Quarter High Honors
Rachael Castaneda, Danielle Fisher, Virginia Glenn, Shea Ann Ochoa, Anissa Turley, Karl Latta, Cody Holmes, Emily Glenn, Shantell Holmes, Caroline Glenn and Destiny Miller.

Second Quarter Regular Honors
Alayna Dalton, Gayle Johnson, L.J. Ochoa, Shannon Brown and Christ O'Dwyer.

Burley High Honor Roll

BURLEY - The first semester honor roll at the Burley High School has been announced. Listed below are students who earned high grades.

SENIORS
4.0: Larinda Anderson, Maren Ashliman, Janelle Bair, Chelsea Clayton, Alicia Davids, Sean Harris, Amy Hondo, Hillary Knowles, Billie Marsh, Scott McMillin, Marie Michaelson, Erik Onofre, Nicole Seamons, Holly Searle, Russell Searle, Adam Wayton and Tawna Whitehead.

3.5-3.9: Sarah Aldrich, Candi Albert, Amy Albertson, Ashley Albertson, Steven Allen, Jonathan Bandy, Susan Bean, Cameron Beck, Ty Beck, Jaralyn Bingham, Jennifer Lynn Blauer, Jerilyn Blauer, Thomas Bowen, Heather Boyer, Munde Brookshire, Amber Couck, Jeff Davidson, David Dille, Brittnie Dilworth, Krystal Downs, Meredith Drake, Kytson Foyles, Jill Greener, Melissa Handy, Rebecca Harper, Sarah Harris, Samantha Howard, Sommers Hunt, Jeremy Hunter, Becky James, Melissa Jennison, Sarah Dawn Johnson, Sonnet Larsen, Timothy Lynch, Sara Mallory, Audrey McCall, Guinevere Melina, Amanda Meredith, Gary Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, Thad Neilson, Tory Neiwert, Jason Neilson, Kelby Olson, Kathryn Ovit, Megan Peterson, Wendy Ramsey, Justin Ross, Melissa Sager, Curtis Spevak, Joshua Terry, Kimball Thomas, Kevin Toner, Nikki

Tuten, Roxa Varr Tassell, Chris Wiberg and Cami Yost.

JUNIORS

4.0: Clint Adams, Joshua Aston, Jason Baker, Heather Barlow, Kessie Beck, Marcie Bowles, Emily Davis, Rok Dedic, Jon Garn, Amanda Glenn, Ashley Hanson, Scott Jones, Ty Jones, Casey Johnson, Jason Jones, Ty Jones, Michelle Medgaris, Joseph Mitchell, Erik Nielson, Benjamin Peterson, Julie Pope, Jamie Roth, Amanda Thomsen and Jennifer Wayment.

3.5-3.9: Trevor Albertson, Molly Anderson; Megan Arnell, Paul Ashliman, Erin Atkins, Bethany Bagwell, Stephanie Barker, Chelsea Beck, Kathy Blanch, Karin Bodily, Jennie Branan, Amanda Carrick, Tyler Carson, Mary Christensen, Brandon Clegg, Ainsli Davis, Megan Davis, Belinda Estrada, Amanda Gillette, Chalei Haycock, Janna Hildreth, Hailee Holmes, Christopher Huck, Nancy Huist, Sunni Ilse, Candace James, Rebecca Larson, Kristin Lynch, Scott Lynch, Tawnie Mecham, John Mellinger, Joshua Murphy, Angela Fares, Nikkala Parish, Garrett Pence, Jennifer Petty, Logan Ormond, Brian Randlek, Sarah Sagers, Heather Shuey, Erica Smith, Justin Sowers, Derek Wilkinson and Kylee Wornell.

SOPHOMORES

4.0: Morgan Anderson, Mandy Arnold, Candice Baker, Amy Boehmer, Jennifer Gochmour, Janay Greenwall, Nichelle Holloway, Thomas Manning, Shanby Mecham, Karina Parish, David Plotts, Kristen Price, John Ringle, Victor Rodriguez, Ben Searle, Mary Searle, Alisha Southern and Sally Stuchouse.

3.5-3.9: Ashley Adams, Michal Adams, Brandon Arlett, Brandon Beck, Hilary Beck, Alyson Berg, Michael Blauer, Sara Bowen, Aaron Bradley, Sterling Broadhead, Elizabeth Bywater, Richard Carl, Rahndi Chard, Kimberly Clayton, Emily Corbett, Lawrence Giebler, Carol Gonzales, Jeffrey Goodrich, Kimberly Hadden, Janelle Hanks, Esther Hansen, Jamie Harris, Julianna Hernandez, Melinda Hernandez, Melissa Horley, Tiffany Hoskins, Rebekah Jeppson, Brittny Johnson, Megan Johnson, Jesse Jones, Karina Judd, Idahnell Lopez, Marilyn Meredith, Kyle Millard, Melinda Mitchell, Haley Morley, Deanna Kay Moses, Brian Muir, Cory Ondler, Duane Pearson, Justin Rector, Dusti Rogers, Amy Roskelley, Shawn Seamus, Amber Shal, Valerie Smith, Kasey Swisher, Jillian Terry, Ashley Toner, Teresa Velasquez, J.C. Warren, Kristen Yee and Sara Young.

Center to hold dinner

KIMBERLY - A Sunday dinner is planned for noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ageless Senior Citizens Center, 310 Main N. Everyone is invited. For more information, call 423-4338.

Association to meet

EEDEN - An Idaho Rabbit and Cavy Breeder's Association meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Oasis Truck Stop, located at Exit 182 of Interstate 84.

Discussion will focus on the 1997 State Show set for April 28 and 29 at the Mindokota County Fairgrounds in Rupert and the Youth Royalty contest for all youth who have not reached their 19th birthday. Participants must be a member of the ARBA and the state association before competing. For more information, call Glenn L. Spencer at 934-5021 after 8 p.m.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Shoshone Honor Roll

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Junior/Senior High School has announced its first semester honor roll. Listed below are students who earned high grades.

SENIORS
4.0: Becky Gedeborg.
3.5-4.0: Jenny Hamilton, Alecea Standee and Michael Oneida, Drew Payne, Alicia Roberts, Amanda McKenzie, Amber Tews and Adam Wyatt.

3.0-3.5: Melissa Barrat, Shadd Bollar, Annetta Kins, David Patterson and Clayton Shaffer.

JUNIORS
4.0: Bobbie Jo Clark, Catherine Sandy, Tiah Stark and Johnathan Tews.
3.5-4.0: Aita Cutler, Kelley Green, Helena Moraira, Jenny Oneida, Drew Payne, Alicia Roberts, Amanda McKenzie, Amber Tews and Adam Wyatt.

3.0-3.5: Melissa Barrat, Shadd Bollar, Annetta Kins, David Patterson and Clayton Shaffer.

SOPHOMORES
4.0: Heidi Thueson.
3.5-4.0: Melissa Arrate, Hollie Baltazar,

Bliss Honor Roll

BLISS - Following are the students who earned high grades during the first semester at the Bliss Junior/Senior High School.

SENIORS
High Honors: Iris Diaz, Scott Goolsby, LaNee Jensen and Carrie Lawson.
Honors: Marie Lajla.

JUNIORS
High Honors: Nicholas Bennett, Jeremy Couch, Mandy Faulkner, Paul Gehwen, Christopher Huffman, Heather Huffman, John Kamphorst, Tracy Oney-Park and Dustin Wood.
Honors: Amber Lafferty, Jenn Razez and Chad Thompson.

SOPHOMORES
High Honors: Mark Bennett, Tara Brizendine and Amni Gough.
Honors: Clayton Pleyte and Jennifer Sawyer.

FRESHMEN
Honors: Lindsey Fernald.

EIGHTH GRADE
Honors: Trever Drake.

SEVENTH GRADE
High Honors: Joshua Bishop, Calib Burk, Cade Erkins, Sean Goodbody and Marya Morrison.
Honors: Samantha Allen, Talisha Brown and Maria Mendez.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

• Volunteers are needed in the Magic Valley to become a part of the program, Guardian ad Litem (a United Way Agency) advocate for abused or neglected children. Our next evening training will be Feb. 27, and March 1 and 3. For more information, call Michelle Shildt at 1 (208) 324-6890 or 1-800-251-6890.

• The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is in need of volunteer tutors for adult students in reading, English, math and English as a second language. For more information, call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, ext. 2536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 2536.

• The Foster Grandparent Program needs a few good mentors. There are children out there that need a good role model - a caring grandfather type - who will help them learn to read, write and do arithmetic. Sign up now! We offer you benefits you can't turn down. You must be low

income and over 60 to qualify. Call Marcie or Teresa at 736-2122.

• If you are caring and compassionate, and would like to make a difference - call Susan Harris at Magic Valley Staffing Service, Hospice Division. You will be rewarded for your acts of kindness to clients and family members who are experiencing a life limiting illness.

Duties of a volunteer can encompass a variety of jobs such as support for the patient and/or caregiver, clerical assistance, assist in preparation of newsletter, copying, mass mailings, and assisting with fundraising activities. We service the Magic Valley and volunteers are needed in all locations.

Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month for new volunteers. For more information, call 734-9600 or outside Twin Falls at 1-800-303-0602.

• The Senior Companion Program needs six new service providers. How

would you like to earn a little money that does not affect your Social Security and other benefits? That is just one benefit we can offer you. If you are 60, lower income, and would like to make a difference in another senior's life, we have a job for you! If you can help, call Marcie or Teresa at 736-2122.

List your need

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley. With your help, if you need a volunteer, call 736-2122. The Magic Valley of Southern Idaho, 736-2122. It is requested that persons submitting items for this column should call Teresa before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call Teresa weekly to retain interest.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Now serving breakfast

TWIN FALLS - Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland Drive. Ham, sausage or bacon, eggs, hash-browns, toast, fruit, juice, coffee and milk are featured on the menu. Suggested donation is \$2.50 per person.

Sport card show starts

TWIN FALLS - A sports card show is planned for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Collectors may buy, sell and trade. Approximately 25 dealer tables will be set up (cost is \$30 each). Admission is free, and the public is invited.

For more information, call Mark Stowman at 734-1384 or 734-0779.

Troop makes pancakes

TWIN FALLS - Boy Scout Troop 65 will hold its annual pancake supper from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the First Christian Church. Cost for the all-you-can-eat supper is \$4.50 per person or \$10.50 per family.

Auxiliary lunch planned

BURLEY - The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Voice of Democracy Awards luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday in the VFW Hall, 554 Hilland. All members are urged to attend and bring a covered dish with table service.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April Crnich and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Individual achievements
- Your kids and their activities



We also want to publish your photos of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Crnich, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403 or Joey Bryant, The Times-News, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, Idaho 83318.

You can also reach us by fax at 677-4543 or 734-5538. You can also email us at: twnews@comcast.net.

Deadline for the Sunday page is 9 p.m. Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Yellowstone's winter popularity creates headaches

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — Just 25 years ago, no one could imagine how popular Yellowstone National Park would become in the winter months.

The snowmobile industry is still in its infancy and the machines were often hard to start and undependable. The park shut its borders when the snow gets in the winter. The snowmobile industry is still in its infancy and the machines were often hard to start and undependable. The park shut its borders when the snow gets in the winter. The snowmobile industry is still in its infancy and the machines were often hard to start and undependable. The park shut its borders when the snow gets in the winter.



Snowmobilers on a groomed trail zoom past a bison in Yellowstone National Park last month. The increase of winter visitors has made the park face a variety of challenges.

"Our visitors come from all over," she said. "People have learned that Yellowstone is wonderful in the winter time." From 1973 through 1994, winter visitation increased by almost 7

percent annually — about three times the annual growth of the traditionally heavy summer season. Park officials estimate about 180,000 people now visit the park in the winter season, which runs

from about Dec. 20 through March 10. In 1984 only 60,000 ventured into the park in the winter. The rapid growth in snowmobile use has some groups saying enough is enough. The Greater

Yellowstone Coalition, based in Bozeman, has asked the National Park Service to hold the line on winter use inside Yellowstone.

Critics point to air emission and noise problems created by snowmobiles and the disruption of wildlife, especially the bison that use the groomed trails to venture outside the park's boundaries and are shot or captured for slaughter by the state of Montana to prevent the spread of brucellosis.

"The park doesn't really have a good handle on the impacts of air emissions, noise and wildlife disturbance created by the number of snowmobiles in Yellowstone," said Jeanne Marie Souvigney, associate program director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. "Those conflicts need to be addressed."

The bison situation is particularly distressing near Park Service headquarters. Nearly 1,000 animals have been killed, many followed the groomed snowmobile trails out of the park. "Why should we be encouraging the bison to walk to their death?" Souvigney asked. "We believe the state of Montana is practicing hypocrisy. They want the economy that the snowmobile industry provides for areas like West Yellowstone, but they don't want the bison to use the snowmobile trails. They can't have it both ways."

Keeping the park open for winter use is also an expensive proposition for the National Park Service. When you consider that about 3

million people visit Yellowstone each year, 180,000 visitors "is really just a drop in the bucket," said Bob Seibert, Yellowstone's West District ranger. But the Park Service spends anywhere from 5 percent to 13 percent more per person in the winter to keep Yellowstone's roads groomed and concessions open, he said.

The sudden growth that began about 10 to 12 years ago caught the Park Service somewhat by surprise, Seibert said. Much of the early management of winter use was reactive as the number of winter visitors grew. Extra snow groomers were purchased to keep the roads from getting too rough and more seasonal help was hired to keep the lines from getting too long at the park's gates.

By the late 1980s, park officials realized the growth was significant and in 1990, Seibert said, the plan effectively "drew lines in the sand" on a variety of issues including the number of people that officials felt could visit the park without creating problems for the park.

Two years later, visitor numbers exceeded those limits, Seibert said. That launched an effort to develop a new winter use management plan that would include input from the six surrounding national forests, which when completed should help set the course for the future of winter use in the Greater Yellowstone area, Seibert said.

50 LEGAL

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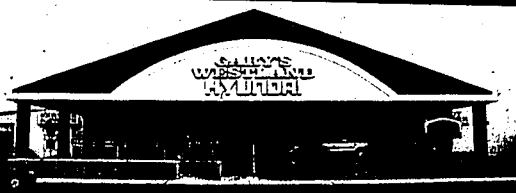
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♥ 8 5 2
♦ A J 7
♣ A K 7

WEST ♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ A Q 10 2

EAST ♠ 6 5
♥ 10 7 3
♦ 9 5 4 3
♣ 9 6 3

SOUTH ♠ A K Q 9 4
♥ K 6
♦ Q 8 2
♣ 8 5 4

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: West

The bidding:

West North East South
1♣ Pass Pass Pass
2♣ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Club queen

BID WITH THE ACES

♠ 8 3
♥ A Q 10 4
♦ K 10 6
♣ Q J 10 2

North South
1♣ 1♠

ANSWER: Two no-trump. No reason to reject the standard bid. The jump shows a balanced opening bid with all unbid suits stopped.

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South had the right idea about how to make today's game. The bidding told him that West had all the high cards and was therefore ripe for an endplay. Unfortunately, South took a long time to realize, and an alert defense allowed West to slip off the hook.

South took dummy's club ace, drew trumps, and led a diamond, to dummy's jack. After the finesse won, he cashed dummy's club king, intending to give West the lead with third club. However, an alert West unloaded his club 10! under dummy's king and South was stuck. When South led the third club, West was able to play his deuce under East's nine, and the marked hand shift beat the game one trick. South lost two hearts and a trick in each minor.

Excellent defense by West? Yes, but it was poor execution by South. The plan was simple. West was sound, but South should have denied West his opportunity for good defense. He should have ducked West's opening lead completely, allowing him to hold the trick.

After West leads a second club, dummy wins and South draws trumps. Next, he takes a winning finesse to dummy's diamond jack and cashes dummy's high club. Finally, South cashes dummy's diamond ace and offers his diamond queen to West. Now there is no escape, and West must give South a stiff and ruff or lead hearts. Either way, South gets his 10th win and scores his vulnerable game.

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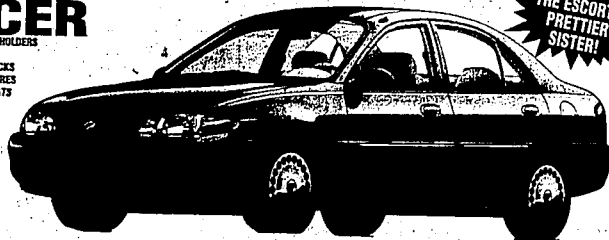
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