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Dane Watkins responds to a question with fellow candidates Mike Simpson and Mark Stubbs Monday at a forum held at the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau office to discuss agricultural issues.

Water fight

Simpson, Watkins debate protecting irrigation

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Congressional candidates Mike Simpson and Dane Watkins sparred before a group of agricultural supporters Monday over who would better defend Idaho irrigation interests.

Watkins said he was the only candidate voters can trust because he owns farmland. He said he is not "an attorney," referring to candidate and state Rep. Mark Stubbs, or "a professional politician," referring to Idaho House Speaker Simpson.

Watkins, Simpson and Stubbs spoke during a political forum hosted by the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation and United Dairyfarmers of Idaho in Twin Falls. Former state Sen. Ann Rydick of Idaho couldn't attend because she was traveling for her employer, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Simpson fired back that Watkins was not trustworthy because of his campaign rhetoric. He noted that Watkins served 15 years in the state Senate, one year longer than Simpson's 14 years as a state representative.

"And on the professional politician?" Simpson said. "All I'm saying is, how can you trust anything he says?"

Republican party members will elect one of the four candidates in the May 26 primary election. The winner will compete

Watkins' debts — B2

for a seat in the 2nd Congressional District against former Democratic U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings of Pocatello in the November election.

Watkins said Simpson can't be trusted to protect Idaho's water and residential power rates against electrical deregulation because Simpson accepted campaign contributions from power companies.

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Report on hospital's future may be ready in 60 days

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Within two months, a draft report on the county hospital's future could be completed.

But that could be only the beginning, depending on the recommendations that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center should be sold, leased or affiliate with another company.

The report will be written by a hospital committee charged with studying proposals from companies interested in the hospital. The committee met Monday evening.

The draft report will probably encompass the findings of the committee's study of hospital finances, legal and medical issues and what the doctors, staff and the public think about a change, said Terry Schultz, committee co-chairman. For

example, the finance subcommittee found the hospital in good financial health, so there was no reason to sell.

But the recommendation may not be so simple as selling or not selling, Schultz said. A lease or partnership might be preferred. In other words, a whole range of options.

"Somewhere (the report) will have to kick us to another level," Schultz said.

That could include focusing on proposals from seven profit and nonprofit companies that have expressed an interest.

The committee's final report will go to the hospital board and ultimately, the county commissioners. A hospital sale must go before the vote of the public.

Committee member Ferris Freestone of Kimberly said people may ask him why the hospital even was considering a change.

"I can't give them an answer, and I don't know why we are doing it," he said.

Darrel McRoberts, a hospital board member, said the issue arose because St. Luke's Regional Medical Center and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center approached Magic Valley Regional.

The hospital board couldn't say "no" without knowing all the advantages and disadvantages or whether it was passing on a good opportunity, said Dr. Craig Bennett, board chairman.

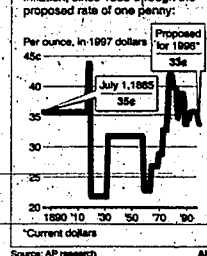
But this group will have to identify a clear and compelling reason to make changes, Schultz added.

"I see a lot of areas of potential improvement, some of which may take outside help and capital," committee member Dr. Kevin Kruel said, as one reason to at least

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Postal rates

A look at postal rates, adjusted for inflation, since 1885 through the proposed rate of one penny.



The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite three years of billion-dollar mail profits, the independent Postal Rate Commission, today reluctantly agreed to a post office request to raise the price of stamps by a penny.

The increase could take place later this summer, although the commission urged that it be held off at least until January.

"The commission is reluctantly granting the Postal Service request to raise the price of the first-class stamp from the present 32 cents to 33 cents," said Ed Gleiman, chairman of the commission.

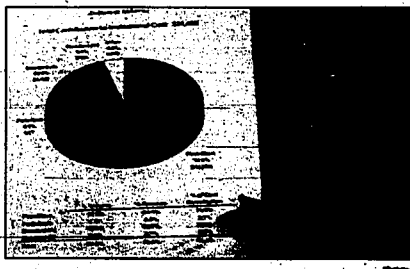
costs and expenses.

But, in the end, the commission agreed to much of what the Postal Service had asked for.

It approved the 1-cent increase in first-class letters and a series of increases for other types of mail.

The commission rejected a request to raise the price of sending post cards by a penny, keeping them at 20 cents.

In addition, the commission recommended cutting the price of heavier letters. Currently, each extra ounce costs 23 cents, and the commission called for reducing that to 22 cents.



Postal Rate Commission Chairman Ed Gleiman announced that the commission has agreed to a post office request to raise the price of stamps by a penny, to 33 cents.

School Board gets an earful on orchestra proposal

Teachers, parents voice unharmonious feelings

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the Twin Falls School Board tunes up to decide the fate of elementary school orchestra, board members are getting an earful.

And teachers and parents aren't all in harmony on the controversial proposal.

Del Traveller, vice chairman of the School Board, said he's been fed "a steady diet of letters" on the issue, which could be decided tonight.

Twin Falls School District administration has proposed moving fifth- and sixth-grade orchestra from the school day to a before or after school program, replacing the orchestra instructor's position with a full-time general elementary music teacher. Part-time instructors would teach orchestra.

The School Board has received many written comments about the issue, including anonymous statements from fifth- and sixth-grade classroom teachers responding to a district questionnaire.

Some classroom teachers said it's up to orchestra students to make up missed work. Other teachers said they plan to penalize student work during orchestra.

A handful of students won't miss a lesson. Some classroom teachers said their orchestra students struggle or do not make up missed work. Other teachers criticized

Musical debate

The Twin Falls School Board will discuss the orchestra issue at its next meeting at 7 o'clock at the district's office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Safety of more imported food is questionable

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From Chilean grapes to Mexican tomatoes to fish from around the world, Americans are enjoying an expanding cornucopia of imported food. But with imports up 50 percent in less than a decade, inspectors are failing to keep pace.

A General Accounting Office study released Monday stopped short of concluding that imported foods are more dangerous than those produced domestically. But it found plenty of potential for problems.

Investigators were particularly harsh on the Food and Drug Administration, which the study found was able to inspect only 1.7 percent of 2.7 million shipments of fruit, vegetables, seafood and processed foods under its jurisdiction.

Of the shipments that were inspected by FDA, only 16,000 samples underwent a laboratory analysis for disease-causing organisms or other problems. Meanwhile, thousands have been sickened in high-profile incidents involving imported foods, including

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NATION

SBC buys Ameritech for \$5.7 billion

CHICAGO (AP) — SBC Communications Inc., pushing to become a global telecommunications titan, is snapping up Baby Bell rival Ameritech Corp. in a \$5.7-billion deal that aims to build the first local phone company with customers across the country.

The deal would be the third-largest merger ever. The consumer groups and competitors on Monday immediately asked regulators to block the megamerger, contending it would create a monopoly after previous phone deals failed to lower rates and made service worse in many areas.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Bill Kennard said his agency, which can scuttle the deal, will examine it closely.

"The bottom line question is: Is this merger, on balance, competition, or will it be a non-competition pact?" Kennard said.

SBC, itself the product of a marriage between Southwestern Bell and Pacific Telesis, wouldn't be allowed to sell long-distance service after combining with Ameritech. Still, the specter of three former Baby Bells shrinking into one creates images of the old AT&T monopoly that was broken up into seven regional phone companies in 1984.



Steve Collins, a spokesman for SBC Communications, says the deal will be the third-largest merger ever. He is seen here in front of the SBC office in April in San Antonio. Full-page photos grant SBC Communications Inc. has agreed to purchase Baby Bell rival Ameritech Corp. for \$5.7 billion in a stock-swaps deal that would be the second-largest merger in corporate history.

Too few get tested for colon cancer

Less than 1/3 Americans, especially women, miss out on proper testing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than one-third of Americans get properly tested for deadly colorectal cancer, and women especially are missing out because of a myth that it's a man's disease, says a congressional report to be released Tuesday.

"This is an equal opportunity cancer ... striking men and women at equal rates," said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., who asked federal health officials to define barriers to colorectal cancer screening. "It is curable if it's detected early, and far too few Americans get tested early."

Cancer of the colon and rectum is expected to strike 131,000 Americans this year, and kill 56,500. National statistics show it strikes men and women about equally, and is the No. 3 cancer

killer for each group. While relatives of cancer patients or people with colon growths, called polyps, are more prone to the disease, the biggest risk is simply getting older. So people are supposed to be tested regularly starting at age 50.

But too few people are tested — mostly because doctors don't push the exams and patients find them "embarrassing and unpleasant to talk about," said the report to Congress by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Twenty-six percent of Americans ages 50 or older have been tested for blood in their stool samples within the last three years, and only 29 percent had an actual colon exam within five years, according to the CDC's latest data.

Men were more likely than women to be tested, 35 percent vs. 24 percent, and minorities also were significantly under-tested, the report said.

The nation's colorectal screening guidelines, issued last year, say simply taking those fecal blood tests every year after age

50 — with every 55 abdomens test for possible colorectal mesoducts by a test. People also can choose a test that inserts a small tube into the lower colon to hunt cancer every five years, or a full colonoscopy every 10 years that can detect even tiny polyps that years later could turn cancerous. Most insurance pays for some colorectal screening. Medicare coverage begins at January. Slaughter wants Congress to urge a national colorectal screening campaign that educates doctors to recommend testing and patients to demand it — much like earlier public-awareness campaigns that helped increase breast cancer screening.



Janet Reno

Reno requests independent counsel to investigate labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno requested an independent counsel to investigate whether Labor Secretary Alexis Herman engaged in influence peddling or solicited illegal campaign contributions.

Reno's decision to seek a seventh independent counsel for a high-ranking member of the Clinton administration was relayed to a special court late Monday and described in a brief court document that was made public.

Complicating Reno's decision was the fact that prosecutors and FBI agents during five months of preliminary inquiry have neither corroborated a range of allegations made by a businessman against Herman nor found other evidence to question her actions,

Justice Department officials said. The primary allegation was that, as a White House aide, Herman took kickbacks for helping friend's claims. Herman has denied any wrongdoing.

President Clinton maintained his confidence in Herman, "and in her ability to set whatever these allegations are behind her," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Monday. "She's doing a spectacular job as secretary of labor."

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Ex-soldier gets full retirement despite conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's former top enlisted soldier will get full retirement pay despite his conviction for obstructing justice in a sexual harassment case, his lawyer and

a Pentagon spokesman said Monday. A military-jury-reduced Gen. McKinney by one rank to master sergeant and cut his pay after his conviction in March.

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NATION

Childcare question looms

Clinton proposes corporate tax breaks for childcare

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — At a time when President Clinton is pressing for new ways to subsidize day care for working families, a group of Republican lawmakers is daring to ask: What if Americans didn't have to put their kids in day care?

Clinton has proposed a \$21.7 billion, five-year plan that would give businesses tax breaks for helping their employees with child care. It would also provide federal aid to improve day care quality and create federal day care subsidies to a million more children.

These Republicans, by contrast, are proposing something quite different: They would give tax breaks to families in which one parent goes without an income and instead does what many parents still pollsters would say it only they could afford it: Stay home with the kids. The size and nature of the tax breaks have yet to be determined.

"We all know, if it's possible,



Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, with paint-covered hands, laughs as talk show host Rosie O'Donnell places a handprint on a piece of paper next to a handprint by the first lady as 6-year-old Erin Yogasundam of P.S. 158 in Manhattan looks on Monday in the set of *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*.

that the best possible care is the care of a mom or dad or a grandmother or grandfather or a relative," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., one of the conservative lawmakers who is leading the countercharge to Clinton's initiative.

Critics of the Republican approach argue that day care centers should be improved, not undermined, by government policy. And they charge that Republicans are pitting stay-at-

home parents against parents in the work force in an unseemly fight over who is best and who deserves the government's help.

The debate comes as the proportion of mothers of infants and toddlers in the paid work force has grown from 25 percent in 1965 to 65 percent at last count. And the 1996 federal welfare reform law is adding to the pressure for more day care by requiring most public aid recipients to work.

GOP leaders demand China documents

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congress's two top Republicans are demanding that the White House provide documents on whether China's nuclear missile capability was aided by an administration policy on exporting commercial satellites.

Both the Senate and House have begun investigating President Clinton's decision to let two aerospace companies, Loral Space and Communications and Hughes Electronic Corp., export satellites to be launched atop Chinese rockets. The chairs of the House International Relations and National Security committees have asked the administration for documents in late April after clearing the Justice Department is probing whether Loral improperly gave advice to the Chinese when analyzing the crash of a Loral satellite in 1996.

Couple annuls marriage to stay at West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Two West Point cadets who married and had a baby avoided expulsion by getting an annulment.

"It's really been my goal throughout this that the service academy's policy remains unchanged. Married cadets are not allowed," said Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman, superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

The couple, who were not identified, got married last year. The Times Herald-Record of Middletown reported Friday. The baby's age was not disclosed.

While the seniors avoided expulsion, Christman did impose an administrative penalty on at least one of the cadets, which could mean demerits, loss of privileges or other punishment.

737 grounding shows need to rethink safety assumptions

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Boeing designed the 737 in the late 1960s, it figured fuel pump tubes could last a lifetime if they were coated with Teflon and sealed in a metal tube. The government agreed and did not require inspections after the planes rolled off the assembly line.

Now, 30 years later, reports of frayed wires and punctured tubes have disproved the initial assumptions. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the oldest 737s grounded until emergency inspections can be completed.

The initial results were not heartening: Of the 142 fuel pump tubes inspected on 71 planes by

Monday afternoon, half showed signs of wire abrasion and electrical sparking. Each plane has two fuel pump tubes. The impact on travelers was minimal, however.

Continental Airlines had to cancel about a dozen flights Monday as the last of its inspections were begun, but that was less than 1 percent of the airline's 2,000 daily flights.

Critics say authorities have long ignored wiring problems in civilian and military aircraft, which could cause problems as benign as a flickering reading light to as serious as a fuel tank explosion such as the one suspected in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

INS reaches limit on high-tech workers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Immigration and Naturalization Service Monday stopped issuing new visas for temporary high-tech workers, saying it has already reached the category's annual limit. The move injected urgency into congressional efforts to raise the cap.

Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., sponsor of a bill to address what he calls a "critical shortage of high-tech workers," said the INS announcement has made passage of his measure "urgent" and

that he hopes for a vote as early as Tuesday.

But the Clinton administration opposes raising the cap without also reforming the visa program for these foreign employees to protect U.S. workers and provide more training for Americans seeking entry into high-tech fields.

Moreover, groups representing U.S. technology workers say claims of a labor shortage have been vastly exaggerated by employers who want to use immigration to hold down wages in a tight labor market.

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Cop duty deaths rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — During 1997, 64 law enforcement officers were murdered in the line of duty nationwide, up from 56 the previous year, the FBI said Monday.

The bureau said its preliminary figures show that firearms remain the most frequently used weapon. Handguns were used in 43 of the murders, rifles in 12, shotguns in six. Two officers were stabbed and one was killed by a blow from an assailant's fist or foot.

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NATION

Survey: GOP cares more about tobacco than kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite efforts to remake their image, Republicans are seen by the public as more interested in shielding the tobacco industry than in protecting young people from smoking.

Republicans are seen by the public as more interested in shielding the tobacco industry than in protecting young people from smoking, according to a poll taken for the GOP. It also found the opposite is true for Democrats.

At the same time, the survey suggested that Republicans can scuttle the comprehensive tobacco control legislation in the Senate in favor of a less sweeping measure without additional loss of public support.

The conclusions were contained in a nationwide survey completed within the last two weeks for the Republican National Committee and shared with lawmakers in recent days.

"Republicans — but not Democrats — have a perception problem as defenders of the

tobacco industry," reads the document circulated by RNC Chairman Jim Nicholson.

While Democrats are viewed as defenders of the industry in a survey last fall, they "have flipped their imagery" in the intervening months, it adds.

The findings come at a critical time in the debate over tobacco, and with Republicans still searching for an election-year strategy.

The Senate is expected to begin work next week on tobacco-related legislation, possibly on a bill by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. It would increase the price of cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack, require the industry to pay \$516 billion over 25 years, increase the authority of the Food and Drug Administration to regulate nicotine products and extend limited liability to the industry from future lawsuits.

Apple abandons plan

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apple Computer Inc. has abandoned a plan to radically alter its Macintosh operating system, responding to demands from Mac users and developers for a less wrenching update of the core program.

Apple will continue advanced features from Rhapsody — once intended as the future software for running Macs — with the existing operating program, company co-founder Steve Jobs said Monday.



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Girl settles in case where police tried to block abortion

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A teenage girl who was taken from her home in the middle of the night by police officers trying to keep her from having an abortion has settled her lawsuit, according to papers filed in federal court Monday.

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

"We are happy with the settlement," said Jeanelle Kleveland, attorney for the girl and her family. "But at this point, we believe we were right and they believe they were right."

Ruby Scott was 15, six months

pregnant and living with her parents in 1994 in the small town of Blair, about 25 miles north of Omaha.

On Sept. 29, just after midnight, her parents looked on helplessly as she was taken away three uniformed officers with a letter from a physician's assistant saying an abortion could be dangerous for her.

She was released a day later — after her parents agreed in court that she would not have an abortion unless a court approved.

Ten weeks later, Ruby's daughter, Breezy, was born.

Ex-husband kills 3, commits suicide

RUSSELLVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two days after his ex-wife remarried, a former deputy sheriff set her mobile home on fire and shot and killed her, her new husband and their friend when they ran outside.

Then Everett "E.C." Cobb walked to a field and **suicided himself**. Cobb apparently had been depressed for weeks about the marriage of his former wife, Joyce, to Michael Newberry.

"From what I understand, the divorce became final last week and she turned right around and married Newberry," Hamblen County Sheriff Charles E. Long said Monday.

Long described Cobb, 52, as "over-jealous" and said he "had problems with his women."

Cobb was a deputy in the Hamblen County Sheriff's Department for about six years until 1983.

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EDITORIAL

Sheriff's needs seem less desperate than city's did

Events were not kind last week to Wayne Touseley, the Twin Falls County sheriff.

First, Touseley saw the Twin Falls Police Department swept in three new officers, three of six emergency hires recently approved by the City Council.

Then Touseley heard from a county commissioner that Touseley's parallel request for just one emergency hire will probably be rejected. Not only that, but Touseley's request for eight new deputies in the next budget year appears equally in doubt.

That had to be disappointing to the sheriff. Yet there appear to be good reasons for the commissioners' reluctance.

Some of those reasons are structural and political. While the City Council has sole authority over city operations, the three county commissioners have to share power with six other elected executives. Beefing up the sheriff's department at the expense of the assessor or the clerk is a recipe for a ruckus.

It doesn't help matters that Touseley, elected as an independent, is the only non-Republican among the county's nine bosses. Here's one more reason for thinking about restructuring county government.

Politics aside, Touseley's case for a fast transfusion of manpower isn't particularly convincing.

City officials sold their staff increase based on a startling jump in crime (179 percent over six years) and a corresponding jump in police workload. Drugs are a key factor.

The county has seen growth as well. One measurement of county crime showed a 24 percent increase in a sin-

gle year. The county's total calls for service grew even faster than the city's.

But those numbers don't tell the whole story. Others are less persuasive.

For instance, city figures showed a 21 percent average annual increase in police reports from 1991 to 1997. Touseley shows a 7 percent annual increase

in a comparable agency period. Of the eight new positions that the sheriff is requesting in the next budget year, four are jailers. Touseley notes the addition of 72 jail beds in 1996. Yet jail records show many of those beds often stand empty; the prisoner population has not grown proportionately.

Most significantly, Touseley has been an effective advocate for expanding and modernizing his department during his five years in office. By his own count, he has added 17 deputies since 1992. That figure includes four investigators—a tripling of that division.

By way of comparison, before the recent hires, the city police force had only two officers since 1991.

So it's hard for Touseley to contend that county law enforcement has been neglected in recent years. And it's especially hard for commissioners to justify an emergency request for an investigator.

Crime is rising in Twin Falls County, and a continuing effort to expand and upgrade the sheriff's department is appropriate. But that effort will have to be balanced against the other needs competing for the county's scarce dollars.

For now, the level of urgency displayed by the city doesn't seem to exist in the county's case.

Sheriff Wayne Touseley has been an effective advocate for his department during his five years in office. By his own count, he has added 17 deputies since 1992.



LETTERS

School music enhances academia

The Twin Falls Elementary Orchestra Program should not be relegated to an after-school activity. This would allow fewer children to participate and lead to the demise of the program. Both our sons benefited from participation in the Lincoln Elementary School Orchestra, and we feel every child should have a similar opportunity.

Numerous studies have shown that music education can increase academic success, especially in mathematics, and should be started early. Instead of decreasing music offerings in our grade schools, we should take this opportunity to enhance them.

Children are never too young for music. The very successful Suzuki method has shown that children benefit from instruction on musical instruments as early as age 3. A beautiful example of a model Suzuki program in the New York Public Schools is depicted in the video, "Small Wonders." This video, available at Hastings, should be required viewing for all School Board members before a final decision is made on the future of our elementary school program.

The children of Twin Falls deserve a world orchestra program. We hope the School Board takes this opportunity to support and enhance the existing one. After all, you never know where the next young Mozart will come from.

TOM AND MAGGI MACHALA
Twin Falls

Parents want to cut orchestra?

In the many articles that have been published in *The Times-News* concerning the deep cuts being planned for the music department of the Twin Falls School District, one statement is continually repeated that this is what the parents want.

It makes me wonder—what parents? Who was polled? Certainly none of the parents I have spoken with. This proposition has greatly upset me. My husband and I grew up in Twin and moved back because Twin Falls is a good place to raise our family.

The school district has an excellent program and reputation. Don't make it less than it is. Leave the orchestra program in the elementary schools. We don't want history to reflect that the music that should have been filmed in Twin Falls was not "Breakfast of Champions," but rather "Mr. Holland's Opus."

CARLEEN R. EGGERT
Twin Falls

Music education helps intelligence

Regarding the Twin Falls School Board's consideration of dropping music education:

I am headmaster of Liberty Christian Academy and a state-certified music teacher. I am concerned about your consideration of dropping music training in the violin from our elementary schools.

Current research seems to verify that early learning about music is helpful in developing temporal intelligence and even mathematics. Dr. Catterall, a researcher for the Department of Education, has shown that increased partici-

ipation in music increases academic performance. The longer the involvement in music, the higher the increase.

The College Board 1997 profile of college bound seniors shows students who participate in an education course score higher on SAT's than those who do not. The improvement is more pronounced with increased years of participation (Ibid.).

At the beginning of this decade, research was done on kindergarten students by Gordon Shaw and Frances Rauscher. They divided students into four groups: one received 15 minutes of private piano instruction per week, another received 30 minutes of vocal singing per day, another received training on computers, and the last group received no special training. The group that showed improvement on intelligence testing in the spatial area was the piano group. No improvement was seen of a significant nature in any other group, even computer. These same researchers have done intelligence tests on college students and have found that they will temporarily do better after listening to Mozart. ("Back To Basics" Teacher Magazine, May/June 1998, p. 24).

The Journal Nature published research in May 1996 that first-grade classrooms receiving specialized music training do better in math, even at the end of two years. Listening and singing even to young children has led to theories that pitch discrimination helps phonemic stage of learning to read (<http://elwood.pionet.net/~hub7/pre.htm>).

As these articles show, most of this research is in its first decade, but the findings consistently show that music is beneficial to academic learning. We do not need to take music programs that are successful out of the public schools, but need to enhance them. Japan and Germany require music education for their students.

It would that explain some of their high scores in international comparative tests?

DIANE B. DAVIS
Jerome

Music cut would not improve ed

I am absolutely dumbfounded by the recommendation currently being considered by the Twin Falls School Board to discontinue the elementary school orchestra program during school hours.

In these times of efforts to "improve education," I simply cannot rationalize the narrowing of horizons and opportunities for our children that such a move represents. As an individual who extensively studied music, I must look to my elementary school string instruction in Jersey as the doorway to a rewarding experience in various orchestras. Well-intentioned as I am sure this recommendation is, such a move only serves to further narrow the opportunity of a public school education to unacceptable levels of mediocrity.

Numerous studies have demonstrated that music sharpens the mind, demands and teaches proper discipline and can provide true emotional and intellectual fulfillment. The thrill and excitement I have experienced playing

symphonic works such as the "Finale of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5" is closely rivaled by the sheer excitement of the banging, acceleration and adrenaline I have experienced racing stock cars.

To suggest that we should "contain" our students for more time in their traditional classrooms misses the point of a well-rounded education. Let us consider ways to broaden the scope of our children in all ways, not only in the so-called "basics" of education but in the arts as well. The study of all orchestral musical instruments, both wind and string, should begin in the elementary schools, certainly by the fifth-grade level, if any level of excellence is to be achieved by the high school years.

I would suggest that instead of cutting such a program, that instrumental music instruction be expanded.

Currently, with the trendiness toward "vocational tracks" and other attempts to narrow students' focus of their futures, students are overtly advised by counselors to avoid music classes, if they have no real intention of becoming a professional musician. This advice is not only shortsighted but verging on educational malpractice. Wake up, Twin Falls educators! This continual "dumbing down" of our children to supposedly assure "success" by all our students only serves to promote mediocrity. Let's demand excellence, not only in the ability to spell, manipulate numbers and avoid slaughtering the King of England, but in the arts as well.

We will all be better off if we don't lose sight of the fact that art and music are essential if we are to call ourselves a truly enlightened species.

TIMOTHY E. THOMPSON
Twin Falls

Why deny children music?

On May 12, the Twin Falls School Board will be voting on whether to keep the orchestra program at the elementary level or terminating it. Why would we even have to consider such a thing? This program is part of the music curriculum and has been for many years. Why deny students the opportunity to learn to play an instrument at an early age? The teachers may disagree with me because it has been their tradition to keep them in their classroom during the school day, but they offering it quite well.

I feel adjusting it as an after-school program will not work for most students. Parents have been for many years trying to transport children to activities after school without adding to it. I also think that once it has been removed from the elementary level program, we will never get it back.

Let's not take away yet another opportunity for a child to succeed at something they really loves. As we all know, everybody listens to and enjoys music.

If you feel as I do, please call a School Board member and tell them how you feel. That will make a difference.

School Board members: Chad Hafer, 733-2692; Mike McIntyre, 733-2181; Vera Redman, 734-6311; Kevin Rossenau, 733-6093; Del Traveller, 733-9588.

GOODYE MURRAY
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LETTER

'Harvey' actors perform well

Well done! On April 30, I saw "Harvey" at the Roper Auditorium. After the play, I had a chance to talk to the actors and directors. Even those shows that get rave reviews are never perfect. Amateur or pro. But there's a broader perspective here.

One of the actors commented that there were flaws in the performance, and there were. Even those shows that get rave reviews are never perfect. Amateur or pro. But there's a broader perspective here.

These are high school actors, just beginning to learn the fine points of a complete process called acting. It is a labor of love but is also work. Good acting is never easy, since it calls for attention to an incredible number of details and adjustments. That is over and above the matter of fidelity to the characters developed

and projected by a collaboration of actors, directors, and others behind the scenes.

It is never easy to do it well, and I appreciated the way the performers kept trying to cover the rough spots like a good actor will.

There will be flaws in places, but all those things were also doing very well in other places. "Harvey" had its golden moments and, overall, I enjoyed it immensely. Would I go to it again? Yes! Resoundingly!

Actors, too, learn from their mistakes. And anyone can criticize. Howard Miller, nonetheless, is directing a good high school drama group that will improve with experience. For an enjoyable evening, well spent, I thank him and his students profusely.

BILL WOODFIN
Hull

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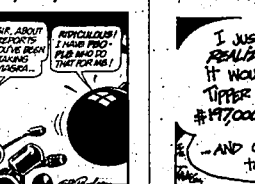
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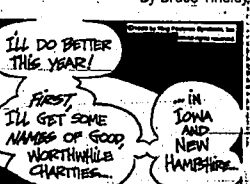
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WORLD



A masked Palestinian displays weapons as others look on during a march to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the al-Nakba, or what Palestinians consider the disaster of the founding of the state of Israel Monday in the West Bank town of Nablus.

Israel hints to take fight to U.S. public

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hinted today that he would take his fight with the Clinton administration over a West Bank troop withdrawal directly to the American public.

President Clinton insists that Israel withdraw from 13 percent of the West Bank, but the Israeli prime minister has resisted pressure from Washington. Citing security concerns, Netanyahu has said he can transfer no more than 9 percent to Palestinian control for now.

U.S. mediator Dennis Ross briefed Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today on his weekend trip to Israel in which he failed to win Israeli acceptance of the American withdrawal plan.

Clinton then directed Albright to meet Wednesday with Netanyahu

— who will be in the United States this week — to explore the next moves. The president said their meeting in Washington would seek to overcome the remaining differences so that we can proceed immediately with accelerated, permanent status talks.

U.S. officials have suggested Albright might go public with the American initiative as a way of increasing pressure on Israel. But Netanyahu, a master at lobbying the U.S. Congress, suggested today that he would not be immediate.

"At the end of the day, in matters of security, it is Israel that must decide and I think this is the view shared by, frankly, the people of America and I would like to believe also the government of the United States," Netanyahu told an international conference of mayors in Jerusalem.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Mexican Mormon custodian found dead

MEXICO CITY — A custodian employed by the Mormon church was found dead in the southern city of Oaxaca, beaten and apparently choked with a plastic cord daily days after a Catholic priest was killed in the same state capital.

A group of youngsters arriving to sing for mothers on Mother's Day discovered the body of Mario Concepcion Rosales Lopez, 58, in his bedroom, the daily El Universal said Monday.

The body was left on the floor, nude and with the face covered by a pillow, the report said. The room was disordered and a television set was missing.

Rosales' daughter told police that a man had been seen near the home. Police had yet to identify any suspects.

Beijing pollution draws government attention

BEIJING — The Chinese government is renowned for its ability to keep bad news under wraps, but one secret was bound to come out in the end: Of all the polluted air known to be hanging over China, Beijing's is the worst of all.

It's not the most polluted all of the time, but often enough to put Beijing among the top three most polluted cities in China, and for it to rank first during some of those memorable days when the entire city seems virtually to vanish beneath a brownish smog.

Police guard Christians from Muslims

FAISALABAD, Pakistan — Police sprayed tear gas to keep thousands of Muslim extremists away from churches and Christian homes Monday in this eastern city, where sectarian violence has boiled over following the suicide of a bishop.

The demonstrators, some carrying automatic weapons, paralyzed the center of Faisalabad as they surged through the streets. Muslim leaders called for a strike and threatened to bring down the government if concessions were made to Christians.

The rioters screamed slogans against the United States on Monday as they tried to reach the church where Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph was buried. Joseph, 65, shot himself Wednesday in protest after a Christian was sentenced to death for insulting Islam.

Surgeons steal kidneys from poor Indians

NEW DELHI, India — After luring dozens of poor Indians with promises of cash or jobs, three leading Indian transplant surgeons robbed them of their kidneys and sold the organs to rich clients, authorities said Monday.

The doctors allegedly paid agents to cruise shantytowns for potential patients in a racket that involved several Indian states.

Police arrested the three surgeons, the owner of the prestigious Noida Medicare Center and six others, said Manoj Singh, the senior official in Gauram Bush Nagar, an industrial district next to New Delhi.

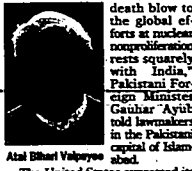
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India conducts 3 nuclear tests, says it's weapon-ready

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India set off three underground nuclear blasts Monday and announced it was capable of making nuclear weapons, engaging its neighbor and rival, Pakistan, and defying a worldwide campaign to contain the spread of nuclear arms.

The 1-month-old government led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party surprised allies and enemies alike with the nation's first nuclear tests in 24 years.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, fighting a reputation of being too weak to control his fractious coalition partners, summoned reporters to his hotel to announce that India had conducted three underground nuclear tests in the desert 330 miles southwest of New Delhi.



Atal Bihari Vajpayee

The United States expressed its disappointment but did not say if it would ban aid or impose sanctions to keep sophisticated technology out of India.

"This runs counter to the effort, the international community is making to promulgate a comprehensive ban on such testing," Clinton spokesman Mike McCurry said in Washington.

Nonetheless, Indian officials were clearly in a celebratory mood, handing out sweets to reporters at a news conference.

"We have taken economic repercussions into account. We will not face any problems," said Brajesh Mishra, an aide to the prime minister. "These tests have established that India has a proven capability for a weaponized nuclear program."

No radiation was released into the atmosphere, he insisted, adding that scientists tested a fission device, a low-yield device and a thermonuclear device. He refused to answer questions.

Pakistan, also believed to have nuclear capability, immediately pledged to make its defenses impregnable against any Indian threat, be it nuclear or conventional.

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Pakistan issue warrant

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani authorities issued an arrest warrant for Benazir Bhutto today after she failed to appear in court on charges of illegally hiring more than 1,000 people while she was prime minister.

The warrant, issued by a special tribunal in her hometown of Karachi, ordered Ms. Bhutto to appear in court May 19.

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Estrada — whose support comes mostly from the Philippine poor he entertained for years in low-brow action movies — has dominated the contest between 10 candidates, the most in Philippine history. Despite opposition from the traditional elite, Estrada, now vice president, was in front in the first vote counts Monday, according to results released by an election watchdog group.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police find meth, cocaine during stop

TWIN FALLS - A man stopped by police for driving on a stopped sign was assigned Monday several drug charges, including trafficking in methamphetamine. Oscar Gozales-Leon, 24, was arraigned Monday on trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and tax stamp violation charges. Police stopped Gozales-Leon for running a stop sign Friday night, according to court documents. While searching the vehicle, police delivered a dozen and a half Baggies containing methamphetamine and cocaine. The street value of the 67.9 grams of methamphetamine is about \$2,500, while the 24.8 grams of cocaine would sell for \$800, the document said. Gozales-Leon was also carrying \$1,240 in cash, a pager and a cellular phone, the document said. If convicted Gozales-Leon could face life imprisonment and a \$25,000 fine.

Judge sentences man in elk poaching case

KETCHUM - A Wood River Valley man has been fined \$3,700 and lost his hunting privileges for nine years after pleading guilty to poaching a bull elk on Bennett Mountain last September. Kelly D. Brace pleaded guilty last week to possession of an unlawfully taken elk, waste of an elk and possession of an unlawfully taken mule deer. In addition to the fine, District Judge James May ordered Brace to spend 60 days in jail and forfeit his 300-caliber Winchester rifle. Brace could not be reached for comment Monday.

His troubles began on or about Sept. 22, 1997, when the elk was gunned down near Bennett Mountain Road, north of Glenns Ferry. Because of its size, the elk was well-known to people who passed through the area. The fatal bullet was fired by Brace, who said he was a small chief game warden with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's regional office in Jerome. The big bull was shot and left to rot, but the poacher hacked off its antlers and made a clean get-away from the scene. He was charged until a key witness stepped forward.

"His girlfriend tipped us off," Hompland said. "She knew a lot of information that only somebody who was there would have known."

Fish and Game officials recovered an elk rack from Brace, but they are unsure if it was from the Bennett Mountain bull.

Hearings on fish farm permits will be held

TWIN FALLS - Proposed new federal discharge permits for area fish farms will be the subject of discussions this afternoon and evening. The permit stems from a seven-year effort by industry representatives, area residents and state and federal regulators who have worked since 1991 to develop a nutrient management plan for the Minidoka Reservoir in the Magic Valley. At a workshop from 1:30 to 5 p.m. federal and state officials will explain the purpose and requirements of the permit. Later, the same group, testify during a public hearing on the permits 7 to 9 p.m. The hearings will be at the state Division of Environmental Quality office, 601 Pole Line Road.

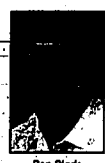
Compiled from staff reports

Council confirms new chief

Ron Clark will lead city firefighters

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twenty-two years ago, Ron Clark went to work as a city firefighter and, after steadily working his way up through the ranks, he arrived at the top of the ladder Monday afternoon when the City Council unanimously confirmed his appointment as Fire Chief. Clark responded to the council's confidence in him with a simple vow. "I give you my word that I will do my best," he said. More than 50 people applied for the position wanted by Phil Clough, but Clark - who had been a battalion chief since 1992



Ron Clark

- was the clear choice for the job, said City Manager Tom Courtney. Also Monday, the council voted to create a Business Improvement District for the Old Towne area. The BID will arise in the Old Towne area, which will be funded by assessments from property owners in the area. Several Old Towne tycoons testified in favor of the ordinance, but the owner of a pump company said a spiffier image for Old Towne might not be a boon for service-oriented businesses. "Some of the businesses will

profit from walk-in traffic, but a lot of businesses won't," said Dale Pippitt, who owns the Floyd Lilly Co. He said some service-oriented businesses want to move out of the Old Towne area. Pippitt's words were the only discouraging ones the council heard before voting 6-0 to create an Old Towne BID. Councilwoman Elaine Steele - who is still employed by the city's other BID - abstained from the vote. The two BIDs will share a neighborhood director, Randy Bombardier, who was recently hired. In other business, the council:

Agreed to lend its voice to a chorus of support from other government entities to raise Idaho's limit for tax-exempt bonds. The current bond cap is \$150 million per year, but momentum is building to boost the limit to \$250 million.

Authorized the 15th edition of the Budweiser Door-to-Door Softball Tournament, scheduled for Harmon Park Aug. 28-30. As many as 700 ball players and their adult family members will be drinking beer provided by the event organizers, but beer will not be sold and donations will not be sought, said Tournament Director Roger Misera.

Reviewed a plan to create landscaping low-cost traffic islands that will be constructed on the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road. The islands will be adorned with jumpers, pines and other hardy flora. Lava rocks will round out the area model. Total cost is estimated at around \$10,000.

Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

STOMPIN' GOOD FUN



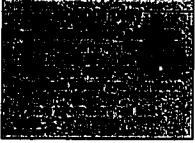
Fifth-grade students at Poppewell Elementary School in Buhl rehearse for their upcoming production of 'The Saga of Dead Dog Gulch.' The curtain will rise Thursday and Friday for the 20th year of producing musicals at Poppewell.

Student operetta keeps past alive

Buhl 5th-graders carry on a 20-year musical tradition

By Lovetta Burichart
Times-News correspondent

BUHEL - At the end of every school year for the last 20 years, all Poppewell Elementary School fifth-graders have had their moment on stage. That one rule for the annual fifth-grade show. "We make sure that every child is on stage in at least one



scene," said Eileen Lanting, a fifth-grade teacher who has helped with all 20 productions. The tradition began in 1978 with a performance of "The Saga of Dead Dog Gulch," an operetta about the Old West.

For the 20th anniversary, students will perform the same operetta this week, and bring the fifth-grade show full circle. "This year some former members of the cast will be in the audience to see their own children acting out the same parts," Lanting said. "Original cast members are invited to Friday night's show, and some former participants will be honored them. For the students, the annual show provides an education in stage makeup, set construction and scene changes. Practices are held during regular school

hours, but students are required to keep up with assignments. "It's very hard work, but the play is good for them," said principal Helen Brown. "The students learn some good organizational skills." And even with the entire fifth grade involved, the school can't put on the show alone. "It's also a community effort," Lanting said. "We could never do this without the help of the community."

Times-News correspondent Lovetta Burichart can be reached in Buhl at 543-6623.

Sawtooth Society seeks SNRA protection

By N.S. Nohkventov
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Protecting the Sawtooth National Recreation Area from subdivision development has driven up the value of the remaining private lands. The spectacular scenery of the Sawtooth Valley - and being part of the SNRA, where development of most private property is limited by scenic easements - makes the land so valuable. Bethine Church and Bob Hayes of the Sawtooth Society told The Times-News editorial board Monday they want to see the SNRA completed the way Congress pledged it would be when the area was created in 1972.



Church, the widow of the late Sen. Frank Church, founded the society. Hayes is the society's executive director and vice president. When the SNRA was created, it included about 25,000 acres of private land. Over the years the

Forest Service has acquired scenic easements on all but about 2,500 acres. But rising property values on the remaining land, and a shrinking Forest Service budget threaten the integrity of the SNRA, Hayes and Church said. Easements on the last 10 percent could cost more than easements on the first 90 percent. Without zoning laws in Custer County, nothing but good will keeps that 2,500 acres from being developed.

That would cause irreparable damage to the area's rural character, recreation and scenic values, and violate the spirit of the SNRA, Hayes said. About half the 2,500 acres is made up of small packages not suitable in size or location for high-density development. Of most concern, however, are 1,200 to 1,300 acres in size or 10 parcels in the most visible part of the Sawtooth Valley, Hayes and Church said. The society is not against development, but against high-density development, Hayes said. For example, a subdivision is proposed near Stanley on 160 acres, allowing 20 eight-acre lots for "trough homes." A possible solution, an easement allowing three to five houses compatible with the natural scenic character of the SNRA, Hayes said. The society is working as an intermediary to keep negotiations alive between the private landowners and the Forest Service. And it is working with the Forest Service on a strategy to acquire easements on the remaining private land, through donations and land trades, not necessarily outright purchase. "The SNRA deserves the protection that was sought for it 25 years ago," Hayes said. With use increasing and the SNRA operations budget shrinking, the Sawtooth Society also is concerned about infrastructure. But the group has not taken a stance on the controversial experimental Forest Service user fees charged on the SNRA and Ketchum Ranger District. There is not enough money to maintain the SNRA properly at its current use, Hayes said. If the Forest Service can't get more money out of the regional budget, it has to look at other sources. A user fee is one option, though Hayes and Church oppose. Please see SNRA, Page B3

Grissoms plead innocent

Trials will begin in mid-August

By Mark Heid
Times-News writer

JEROME - Though they face related charges, Cynthia Grissom and Michael Scott Grissom appeared in court Monday under very different circumstances. Handcuffed, shackled, and wearing Jerome County Jail stripes, Michael Grissom was led by guards to an arraignment before District Judge Barry Wood. Free for weeks on bail, Cynthia Grissom wore neat, casual clothing as she entered the courtroom, hearing her mother and a family friend. During the hearing, Cynthia Grissom sat squeezed between her court-appointed attorney, Patrick McMillen, and Prosecutor John Lothspheik, who initially charged her as an accessory to murder in the death of her infant son. Michael Grissom, 37, pleaded innocent to a felony charge of injury to a child, and Cynthia Grissom, 34, pleaded innocent to being an accessory to the same charge. The charges stem from the March death of 5-week-old Canaan Reign Barnett. Trials for the Grissoms are set to begin Aug. 11 in Jerome. Prosecutors have filed a motion for a joint trial, Wood said. Investigators say Michael Grissom was under the influence of heroin when he placed Canaan between himself and Cynthia Grissom on a Jerome motel bed, Wood said while reading the charge against Michael Grissom. A pathologist determined Canaan suffocated after Michael Grissom fell asleep with his arm over the infant's head. Cynthia Grissom conspired with her husband to bury Canaan's body under a tree near Detroit, but later led detectives to the grave, according to affidavits written by Idaho Criminal Investigations Bureau agent S.M. Robinson. Michael Grissom was held on \$50,000 bond.

2 contend for district Senate seat

Christensen runs against Darrington's experience

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

DECLO - Deemon Darrington is running for re-election on his eight terms as state senator and his chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. His challenger, Earl Christensen, says it is time someone else got a chance to do a good job, but after so many years in office, some voters are starting to think it is time for a change. Christensen said now is the perfect time to elect someone new. If not, term limits will leave the Magic Valley's District 25 - made up of Cassia County and portions of Minidoka and Twin Falls - filled with freshmen in 2004. "It is really important to become a leader in a committee ... then we really need to get on with it and get into the job," Christensen said.

Question/Answer

Q - I am seeking the nomination in the Republican primary on May 26, but I am unopposed in the November election. Christensen, 61, said Darrington has done a good job, but after so many years in office, some voters are starting to think it is time for a change. Christensen said now is the perfect time to elect someone new. If not, term limits will leave the Magic Valley's District 25 - made up of Cassia County and portions of Minidoka and Twin Falls - filled with freshmen in 2004. "It is really important to become a leader in a committee ... then we really need to get on with it and get into the job," Christensen said.

Critics say Idaho stalls on stream list

BOISE (AP) — The state has failed to meet the April 1 deadline for an updated list of streams damaged by pollution...

declares it will not add to the list of streams designated as "threatened," will not detail the pollutants...

the list which will be announced Thursday includes streams removed or added from the existing list...

Police chief: Checks, balances averted conflict in sex case

SEATTLE (AP) — Wenatchee's police chief said Monday there was no conflict of interest in allowing the department's chief...

convictions were later overturned. Badgley said concerns about the conflict of interest issue were brought to his attention by Perez...

then 10, had to be "discounvened somewhat" and bolstered by observation or by medical evidence.

Reservoir dispute nears solution

ALBION (AP) — A dispute over two earthfill dams the state went to court over could be resolved soon.

An agreement filed said Smyer will complete alterations to both dams by May 15. "It's massive enough I don't think it's going anywhere," Water Resources engineer Mike Stubblefield said.

park. But Smyer still lacks a water storage right, so he can only impound water if the flow coming in exceeds the outflow.

DEATH NOTICES

Josephina Valenzuela TWIN FALLS — Josephina Valenzuela, 55, of Twin Falls, died early Monday morning, May 11, 1998...

Marvin A. Lopez OUTLOOK, Wash. — Marvin Andrew Lopez, 29, of Outlook, Wash., and formerly of Burley...

died Saturday, May 9, 1998, in Las Cruces, N.M. of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Jewell D. Brown CASTLEFORD — Jewell Dean Brown, 79, of Castleford, died Sunday, May 10, 1998...

Florence I. Bones, of Filer, a funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Tom Loucks of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church as Celebrant...

Cindy L. Nathan of Boise, 2 p.m. today at the LDS Chapel, 1918 W. Utrick Rd., Boise (Accent Funeral Services of Meridian).

Debt weighs down GOP senator's assets

BOISE (AP) — Former state Sen. Dan Watkins would be the richest man in this year's Republican congressional primary in Idaho's 2nd district if heavy debts were not being paid...

Watkins, who has been circulating rumors of a late April poll showing him with a solid lead over the other three GOP candidates, reported assets ranging in value between \$1.5 million and \$3.35 million.

Sympathy Flowers A beautiful way to honor a beautiful life.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER and Mary Fredrickson of Rupert. Some names omitted at patients' request.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted: Barbara Rodriguez and Rody Zamora, both of Burley.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0331, Ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or Ext. 282 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication.

POCATELLO Sarah I. Johnson Sarah Isabelle Johnson, 94, loving mother and grandmother, was born June 10, 1903, at Charlton, Iowa...

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Floyd O. Goodnight Floyd Oren Goodnight, 87, died at his home on May 17, 1998. He was born May 12, 1911, to Benton and Zula Maude McCoy Goodnight in Chapman, Kan.

Sarah I. Johnson Sarah Isabelle Johnson, 94, loving mother and grandmother, was born June 10, 1903, at Charlton, Iowa, the daughter of Lorontus Dora and Emma Lorene Monroe.

BURLEY Harry F. Reas Harry Fred Reas, 90-year-old Burley resident, died May 3, 1998, at the Burley Care Center.

FREE SBA SEMINAR Burley, Idaho / Wednesday May 20, at 7 pm. First Security and Region IV Development Assoc. INC. are co-sponsoring an informational seminar on the SBA 504 and SBA 7A loan programs.

Seinfeld Tomorrow, May 13 8:00-9:00 p.m. KMVT will air a special episode of Seinfeld — "The Boyfriend."

IN RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH MONTH Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services is providing Free Mental Health Screenings during the month of May.

Senate candidates answer questions

The Times-News
To better acquaint readers with the candidates appearing on the May 26 ballot...

Denton Darrington
Age: 40
From: Declo
Current occupation: Farmer and rancher...

Earl J. Christensen
Age: 62
From: Declo
Current occupation: Farmer and rancher...

the state's budget. Is this a reflection of the times...

Darrington: "As you know I was the one who put the governor's 'Committee of One'...

Darrington: "No."
Christensen: "I do not support reducing the two-thirds requirement for bonded indebtedness..."

Christensen: "I will favor some further revision of the abortion law in Idaho."

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer
HELYBURN - A Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board member has resigned...

"I know a lot of the money raised was not just for the chamber," Moon said.
Without view or other sources of income...

"We still feel the Community Chest is viable," said Rae Smith, the secretary-treasurer...

She said that if given the chance, the foundation could serve the chamber and maintain the building as a community center...

Minidoka County amends hog ordinance

By Penelope Reedy
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A host of still-angry residents let the Minidoka County commissioners know how they feel about the amended ordinance...

After a public hearing two weeks ago, the commissioners amended their new ordinance, which forbade pigs to be raised in rural subdivisions...

their attorney, Rick Bollor, to draft the ordinance following complaints by Minico. Sub-division resident Jan Sheridan...

"There are more problems with septic tanks than animals in the subdivision," Graham said.

Commissioners stood by the reworked ordinance.
"From a health and safety standpoint," Remsburg said...

odors caused by such a large number of animals raised in such close confines.

"You're taking my land away. I make some of my living from these pigs," Graham said.

"We'll let a judge decide, then," Commissioner L. Don Handy said.

Times-News staff writer Penelope Reedy can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

No more clues in apparent bridge scuffle

JEROME - No new clues cropped up Monday in connection with an apparent struggle on the Murrough bridge that left a baby bottle and baby bottle handle.

"I spent about an hour out there today, looking around and stomp around, but I didn't find anything," Brant said.

Lack of evidence has brought the case to a standstill, Brant said.
"I'll just have to wait and see if anybody is reported missing or something else," he said.

Officials reschedule bone marrow drive for today

JEROME - A drive to find people willing to donate bone marrow will be held today.

The drive will take place between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 W. Main St., Jerome.

The drive is sponsored through a fund established by nine area residents and the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Cassia County gauges reactions to judicial bond

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - In an effort to root out misconceptions and misinformation about Cassia County's bond issue...

In general, committee members were worried about the low turnout, but are heartened to see that most people who filled out the forms are in favor of the \$3.72 million bond issue.

Not everyone was sure how they might vote, but most saw the need for a new judicial building, Steve Leroy told commissioners Monday afternoon.

Public meeting
The final public meeting on the judicial facility bond issue will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday...

"I hope we can show people what they need to see,"

-John Adams, chairman

investigate the bond issue and make an informed decision, Leroy said.

"The last thing you want to happen is people to not know the issue, to hear about the polls," he said.

"When we've reached one we've reached 10 people," he said. "The question is how do we reach the rest."

"That's the big question, Leroy said, and one that may not be answered or remedied before May 26.

"We wish it was exposed to more people," he said. "This has been such an unusual effort by the county I think people really need to get out and see what's going on."

CSI trustees will consider campus security

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is considering increasing campus safety by offering more training for security officers.

Trustees indicated Monday they wanted to study the prospect. The college received training proposals from Twin Falls city and county law enforcement agencies.

"We hope business, the college is entertaining a request by Head Start to administer its grant - handle its bookkeeping - for three years. The college would receive a 5 percent grant administration fee.

Head Start would gain access to college employee benefits. Mike Mosen, dean of the college, is entering the grant would not cost the college money but instead would provide a slight revenue. It also would help support Head Start.

Youth center escapee walks to Jackpot

TWIN FALLS - A 17-year-old boy who escaped Saturday night from the Magic Hot Springs Youth Camp was found wet and hungry Sunday morning in Jackpot, Nev.

The boy had walked through the desert for 18 hours in the rain before being found by Elko County, Nev., sheriff's deputies, according to the Twin Falls Sheriff's Office. He wasn't wearing any shoes, police said.

He was returned to the camp Sunday afternoon. Saturday's escape was the second in six weeks. Another boy escaped from custody April 8 while he was being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He stole a car and headed north, and he was later captured in Lewiston.

Deadline to comment on ordinance passes

TWIN FALLS - Monday was the deadline to submit written comments on the county's proposed livestock confinement ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would set limits on size and location and set requirements for livestock operations. The county can block livestock operations in agricultural zones, but can set controls to protect public health and water quality.

But critics say the ordinance is ineffective and the county should do more to protect residents from operations that present a nuisance and potential environmental problems.

The Twin Falls County commissioners plan to consider the comments on June 15 in their office in the courthouse.

Compiled from staff reports

Race

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Meanwhile, Christensen said he has heard from several constituents who say Darrington is more interested in the party politics of the debate rather than listening to the constituents and voting for their concerns.

Darrington declined to respond directly, but said nothing could be further from the truth.

"Certainly party politics play a small role in my legislative efforts," Darrington said. "I have tried hard to work with many other people in building consensus and working in the areas where we need to work."

Darrington added: "Most leg-

islative work has to do with the committees to which you are assigned."
Christensen said Darrington did not seem vocal about a workers' compensation law passed in 1996. Christensen also noted that staunch anti-abortion activist Kelly Walton ran against him two years ago.

Darrington said he is a two-time recipient of the Idaho Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture award. On abortion, he has always been a solid pro-life and never wavering against it and everyone knows that.

Darrington said his platform is public safety.

"I've worked hard to keep communities safer and that has been a cornerstone of my efforts in the Legislature for years," Darrington said.

Darrington responded to the term limits argument by saying the district may change drastically under legislative reapportionment two years from now.

"If the people think I have done a good job and represented this district fairly, they will elect me," Darrington said.

Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 231.

SNRA

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size that some people philosophically oppose paying to use something they think they're already paying for with taxes.

Another alternative is to close down some parts of the State Park but that only increases the pres-

sure on the areas that remain open.
"Someone has to maintain the trails," Hayes said. "The government has to do it."

The society has raised money to open the visitor center at Redfish Lake and is working on money for trail maintenance.

Church said.
"If we can't find a way to keep the area up, it's not going to be a pristine place," he said.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Newberry can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

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FAMILY LIFE

Commitment is not marriage

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the advice you gave to "Upset in Tennessee," those who are unhappy that his live-in was not considered a part of the family.

You are so right about this arrangement not being sanctioned by religion and that the right to inherit property, the right to collect their Social Security benefits, share in lower cost on insurance and to make medical decisions are not allowed couples who are not legally married. The live-in may even be barred from the beloved's hospital room.

I have lived with a man for 40 years. We have paid our taxes; raised two fine children who are now responsible, loving, successful adults. I have been in our community needed; we attended church regularly; and yet we never married.

I have read your column for years and was often amazed by the advice you have given your readers. I seldom disagreed with it. But this time I was astounded by your answer because it stated in print what gays have been fighting for so loudly over the past decades.

Oh, did I forget to mention that my live-in and I are gay?
—SANTA CLARITA, CALIF., READER



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR SANTA CLARITA: READER: I am in favor of committed relationships, regardless of the sexes of the individuals. I think what makes religious conservatives uncomfortable at the notion of same-sex committed partnerships is the term "marriage." Call it what you will, legally recognized domestic partnerships carrying equal legal emendments should be available to everyone. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Upset in Tennessee," who refuses to recognize her son's "live-in" because the two are not married.

I have a slightly different twist to the story. I am a gay man in my 40s and have been in two long-term relationships. The first was for 12 wonderful years and ended in 1990 when my partner died. When he and I visited my parents at the same time my brother and his live-in girlfriend did, my mother showed my brother and

his girlfriend to separate bedrooms, but showed my partner and me to the same bedroom.

My brother was upset and asked, "Mother, why are you making us sleep in separate rooms and letting Jim and Doug share the same room?" Mother responded: "If Jim and Doug could be married, they would be, so in my eyes, they are married. Now, as the older hand, therefore, under my roof, you will abide by my rules."

Abby, I wish the law and society were as wise and understanding as my parents.

I agree that people who love each other and have a committed relationship should be married, and I wish I could marry the person I love and have lived with for six years. But until society can accept our love, I guess we will have to be without benefit of the "cheap piece of paper." As it stands, if he becomes ill and hospitalized, I may not even be allowed to visit him.

Thanks, Abby, for hearing me out. I wish I could "make it legal."
—MARRIED IN MY HEART

DEAR MARRIED: Your mother is a woman with great insight and compassion. And I hope that one day soon your wish is granted.

Miscreant parents disappoint kids

Los Angeles Times

Until a spring day in her sophomore year of high school, Tristram Lemons thought her father and stepmother were antiques dealers. That morning in 1983, she was awakened at 4 a.m. by a phone call from authorities in London. Through static, she heard the news — her parents had been arrested for smuggling \$1.7 million worth of cocaine.

"First, the A-student learned to lie to her friends about why her parents hadn't returned from their latest trip abroad.

"Lies are way better — you have more control over lying than the truth," said Lemons, now 31, a Portland, Ore., health worker.

Then, after the local paper printed the story, she became the object of questions and judgments. "I felt that people were thinking I was bad or disgusting," she said. It only made her more loyal to the father she loved, and she defended him, telling others they just didn't understand.

But by fall she had become a nervous wreck. While her parents were ensnared with their trials in London, the 16-year-old was trying to run a household for herself and her brother, go to school

and apply to colleges. Her stepmother was acquitted and came home, but her father served four years in prison.

It took many years before she finally realized "You don't have kids and smuggle" and many more years before she forgave her parents.

"When your parents fundamentally let you down," she said, "you live with that every day of your life."

When the full glare of scandal shines mercilessly on parents, sometimes the ones hurt the most are those in the shadows — their children.

Recently the public has noticed a few famous offspring trying to cope with scandalous, sometimes lurid, publicity surrounding their

parents: Chelsea Clinton, said to be "holding her head high" as her father continues to deal with embarrassing questions about his sexual liaisons and his honesty; the children of Michael Kennedy, coping first with allegations that he had a relationship with their baby sitter, then with his sudden death in a diving accident; Sydney and Justin Simpson, whose mother's life and death were graphically displayed in supermarket tabloids as their father stood trial for her murder.

There are countless more children who wake up one day, look at the parents they have idealized, and have to consider that they might also be criminals, scoundrels, cheats or frauds.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY!

David L. Delimont aka PG Taylor

MOVIES
Movies For May 11-13

OPD HEUM
11:00P - 12:30A
The Odd Couple 2 - 7:15-9:15
City of Angels - 7:00-9:30
Deep Impact - 7:00-9:30

MOVIE CINEMA
155 West Main - Jerome, 321-8905

MOVIES
Paulie - 6:45-9:00
City of Angels - 7:15-9:45
Lost In Space - 7:15-9:45
Dangerous Beauty - 7:30-9:30
Love & Death/Long Island - 7:30-9:30
Lex Miserables - 7:15-9:45
Titanic - 7:15-9:45
Man In The Iron Mask - 7:15-9:45
Mercury Rising - 9:45
Ho Gai Game - 7:15-9:45
Dumb & Dumber - 6:45-9:00
Odd Couple 2 - 6:45-9:00

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APPLIANCES
Amana 18 cu. ft. upright deep freezer - Zenith 24" console color TV - Counter top microwave oven - Several small kitchen appliances

HOUSEHOLD MISC
2 Sets of dishes - Pots and pans - Knick knacks - Pictures - Pressure cooker - Cold pack canner - Fruit jars - 2 Large Christmas cactus plants - Other assorted plants - Flower baskets - Christmas decorations - Alghams - Assorted pillows and bedding - Dish towels and linens - New handmade quilts and other household misc items

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IT'S SO EXCITING TO VISIT MY SON'S CUBICLE!

I WORKED HARD TO PUT YOU THROUGH COLLEGE. NOW I'LL SEE THE RESULTS OF MY INVESTMENT!

UH... YOU DID ATTEND CLASSES, RIGHT?

By Johnny Hart

MY CROPS ARE DYING UP CAN YOU MAKE IT RAIN FOR 4 DAYS?

I CAN ONLY DO 2 DAYS AT A TIME, PAL.

BUT I NEED FOUR.

SOLEY.

WHAT'S THIS?

A RAIN CHECK.

By Jim Davis

THANKS FOR THE USE OF YOUR PEN.

TOO BAD IT RAN OUT OF INK.

By Chance Browne

ANY MAIL FOR ME TODAY?

YES, PITTO, YOU FINALLY GOT SOME MAIL.

I GOT MAIL, MCM!

HEY, YOU FORGOT TO TAKE THE REST OF THE MAIL IN!

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WHY DON'T YOU TAKE CREDIT CARDS?

ARE YOU CRAZY? IT WOULD TAKE SIX HOURS TO TAKE UP THE COLLECTION!

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WHEN OUR SHIP SANK, YOU COULD HAVE SAVED OUR FOOD.

YOU COULD HAVE SAVED OUR WATER KEYS.

BUT OH NO! YOU HAD TO SAVE THOSE!

WHAT CAN I TELL YOU... THEY'VE GOT FRIENDS.

By Mort Walker

I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT MEN AND WOMEN ARE TRAINING FOR COMBAT TOGETHER.

WHY?

WE CAN MAKE LOVE AND WAR!

GO BACK TO YOUR OWN FOXHOLE.

By Bob Thaves

WHY DO YOU REMOVE MY COMPUTER TERMINAL?

HAVEN'T I BEEN MAKING EFFICIENT USE OF IT?

YOU WERE USING THE CD-ROM TRAY FOR A CUP HOLDER!

By Art Sansom & Chip

I THINK IT MEANS "SEIZE A NICE DAY!"

DOWN!

1. Eastern religious figures

2. Loan shark

3. Scaevola

By Lynn Johnston

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, WATKIN IS DOING NOW, GUY? IT'S KISSING MYSELF BUSY.

LAST THING I PUT THE PHOTOGRAPHS INTO ALBUMS TODAY. I WANT TO SIT ON THE SIDES.

HOLY COW!

WHAT?

SWEEET! SHE'S SAYING THEY WERE ORGANIZED.

By Dean Young & Stan Wright

WELL, I'LL WALK YOU TO THE BUILDING, CLAUDIA.

HEY, THIS IS MY UMBRELLA. I LENT IT TO YOU LAST YEAR.

THANKS, DINGHOOD.

By Brian Crane

THIS IS WHERE YOUR MOM WALKS AT A TRAVELING CARNIVAL?

YEAH, SHE'S A FORTUNE TELLER. ARE YOU SHAKED?

NO, ACTUALLY I'M RELIEVED.

I WAS AFRAID SHE MIGHT BE THE BEARDED ONE.

By Hank Ketcham

WAIT! I TELL MY DAD. HE SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH.

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

Today we learned everything there is to know about the Sarah Desert.

Sharks belch to regulate depth

Q. Live seen underwater film sequences that prove sharks... A. They burp. To regulate their depth. But they don't roar. So says an expert.

Today a 40-year-old man can expect to live five years longer than could a 40-year-old man in 1950. Eighty percent live in 146 countries outside the United States where soccer generally is far more popular.

Q. Why did women start wearing high heels? To make themselves look taller?

A. Maybe, but some researchers say the 17th century French Court popularized high heels for another reason. Women who wore same couldn't walk any too well on cobblestones. So they had to be carried around in sedan chairs. That showed how classy they were.

Telling off your boss is not the quickest way to get fired. It's the

WHAT'S WHAT?

L.M. Boyd

IF MAY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is your power year, cycle coincides with big business, intense relationship, marriage; Gemini, Sagittarius persons play magnificent cards; you may have marvelous sense of humor, gift of laughing at your own foibles. Major domestic adjustments. Take "Yes it July" (no pools); will be leaving home for holiday trip. During August, period of introspection. September memorable for money and joy. Creative juices much in evidence during November.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be greeted with genuine feelings of affection as you take place as an emcee with those back from journey. Moon position stresses philosophy, history, future prospects. Decision will be reached concerning where you live and marriage.

TALISMAN (April 20-May 20): In rapid pace, don't be afraid of debt. In the past year, long pauses add to dramatic effects; you'll be in charge. Focus individual expenses desire to do cause. Phrasing situation at home requires immediate attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be "in it." Make it up and don't be something about it. Attention revolves around legal complications, marriage. Love is on the air. I'll take for granted, "I will decide when I am good and ready."

VIRO (June 21-July 20): You will feel in tune with the universe. Live individual, acting as devil's advocate, makes a mark in the past. Your response: "I feel you need help, I'll give it to you." Argument "will resolve into genuine friendship."

LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): Creative juices stir. You are alive, dynamic, yearning for romance. Answer Affirmative; it is time for start in new direction. Acquire the means to smash past major fault. Romance might get too hot to cool down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spotlight on real estate, building material, popping the question concerning partnership, marriage. Your extraordinary perception enables you to detect fraud. Take action, perpetrators deserve to be exposed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be selective, choose quality in aiding. Friends number fewer. People hear your tune, join in the dancing. Social activities accelerate. Settle the cards in excellent. Gemini will perform costly routine.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Financial proposition looks good on surface - but remember, all that glitters is not gold. Protect collection, where value for mere value in new direction. Prices, Virgo persons figure in scenario.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It is October, the month of the harvest. Look for others to catch up, play advantage to full advantage in October. Virgo personality, initiative, ability to be at first place at crucial moment. Follow inner feeling.

CHARLES (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you ask for is handed on, preserve silver platter. Let go of burden, you were foolish to assume in first place. Be to travel, to participate in unique project that earns respect and your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have waited long enough. Make room for yourself to get joy. Answer request help you make the climb. Romance blends with caring. You, answer request help you, question, appeal. Creative justice-str; you'll be commended for pity, panceche.

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

1. Broom-bee
2. Desert Storm
3. Knappe's demand
4. Hippo
5. Sock
6. Gnatcatcher
7. Horse of a different color
8. Made liquid by heat
9. Antipater with letter
10. Part of LAE
11. Back of hand
12. Recovered
13. Neighbor of Iran
14. Basketball
15. Nerve
16. Overwhelming
17. Wood for models
18. Two performers
19. Ends of the earth
20. Draw near
21. More than enough
22. In the back
23. Bling mough
24. Military hats
25. Various cozes
26. Mystical
27. Sedimentation
28. Armstrong
29. And Collins
30. Soviet doctor
31. Wimbledon
32. Winner of 1977
33. Actor Wallace
34. Oriental tea
35. Heavy message
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7. Germanic god of thunder
8. Fast month of Islam
9. Sun-dried bricks
10. Org. of flame and Collins
11. Surt's lat
12. Sarcophagus
13. Pyra
14. Pines
15. Brown loon
16. Back over
17. Sarcophagus
18. Heavy hammer
19. Transition point
20. Sarcophagus
21. Grades
22. Thorax pronoun
23. Groyal prawn
24. Trile (with)
25. Hand cream
26. Loan shark
27. Sanctify
28. Mopay
29. Watch your
30. Without a
31. Saw coos
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33. Trile (with)
34. The greatest
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Marrned couple penetrates extremist group for FBI

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The Montana Freeman told of raising a guerrilla army, but what they really needed was an office manager, says a husband-wife team of FBI informants who penetrated to the heart of the anti-government movement.

The Freeman were so desperate to bring order out of chaos that they eventually turned most of their paperwork over to FBI informant Connie Jakes, who spent each day taking copious notes.

"On the back pages of her legal pad she recorded names of recruiting militiamen, license plate numbers, telephone numbers, and ultimately computer code numbers from the heart of the telecommunication system in a cabin," said her husband, Dale Jakes.

Their supervising FBI agent was delighted, Jakes said. The FBI found itself with information about dozens of extremist groups that tramped to the cabin from all over the country for three-day seminars Jakes described as "basic hate courses."

The FBI wanted the FBI to put off attempts to arrest the Freeman ringleaders on outstanding warrants—a decision that ultimately led to the 51-day standoff in 1996, at which time the Freeman fled their vulnerable cabin for a more secure location.

The Freeman leaders go on trial in U.S. District Court in Billings on May 26.

The Jakeses recount their 14 months of spying on the Freeman in "False Prophets," a 352-page paperback being released this month, by Dove Books.



Connie and Dale Jakes, shown in this undated handout photo, a husband and wife FBI informant team, infiltrated the Montana Freeman for 14 months, videotaping their cabin as they recorded Freeman seminars and supplying information on members while managing the militia group's records, according to informant Dale Jakes.

It provides no major surprises about the Freeman themselves, but the insiders' view is the first indication of just how deep the FBI penetrated the extremist group. Ghostwriter, Clint Rickmond tells their joint story in Dale Jakes' voice.

The FBI, the U.S. attorney's office and the retired FBI agent identified as their handler, Tommie Canady, all declined to comment on the book. But other sources confirm the basics of their story.

Buzz Jones, a former Musselshell County sheriff's deputy who suggested Dale Jakes to the FBI, said Jakes has an extensive background as an

investigator for federal and state agencies, primarily against drug dealers. He said Canady told him information provided by the Jakeses about the Freeman was highly valued by the bureau.

At the same time, Jones said some of Dale Jakes' claims appear exaggerated and over-dramatized, such as his melodramatic story of being trained, years earlier, at a secret government camp.

Most of the story is set before the Freeman arrived at the site of their 1996 standoff. At the time the Jakeses penetrated the Freeman in 1995, the anti-government group was holed up in a cabin in the Bull Mountains near Roundup.

Water level shallows flood plan

Lake Powell too low to help restore Grand Canyon riparian environment

LEES FERRY, Ariz. (AP) — Lake Powell is too low for scientists to resume its schedule of human-made floods designed to help restore the Grand Canyon's natural riparian environment below Glen Canyon Dam.

Two years ago, operators of the dam opened the floodgates and drained 3.5 feet off Lake Powell. The Colorado River roared for nine turbulent days, churning up years of accumulated riverbed silt and creating 55 large new beaches.

And researchers hoped this year they could repeat the flushing. But predictions of an El Niño-charged runoff reaching the historic proportions of 1983 and 1984 were canceled.

"The plan is to try again, but for now we are restricted to releases only during high-water years, and this did not turn out

to be one of those years," said Dave Haskell, director of Grand Canyon National Park's Science Center. "We're pretty limited to what we can do now, so we are just trying to tweak operations on the dam the best we can to benefit the river environment."

Last Thursday, the National Weather Service forecast for the April through July runoff in the Colorado Basin was for 100 percent of normal, a 4 percent increase from the previous April 29 forecast. As a result, Glen Canyon operators increased releases into the Colorado River through Grand Canyon to an average of 15,000 cubic feet per second to 16,000 cfs beginning Saturday.

Lake Powell is at an elevation of 3,579 feet, about 21 feet below maximum. The 266-square-mile lake has not been full since August 1984.

The recent drawdown of the popular reservoir was to make room for what researchers predicted would be a repeat of the floods of 1983, said Barry Wind, spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation.

"But it's a risk management thing because the El Niño runoff may not materialize and you have to recognize that Lake Powell's primary purpose is as an insurance policy against drought," he said. "Some of the most severe droughts in the Basin occurred after El Niño years, so we have to be careful about drawing it down too much."

The 110-billion-gallon experiment in 1996, which cost an estimated \$1.5 million in lost power generation, was intended to mimic the natural spring flooding that occurred before Glen Canyon Dam came on line in 1963.

Scientists generally considered the 1996 experiment a success in attempting to restore the natural river environment.

Dworshak Hatchery steelhead spawn easily meets quota

AHSAHKA (AP) — The 3,601 steelhead spawned at the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery this season easily met the quota for producing the next generation of fish, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said.

Eggs from the spawning will produce some 2 million steelhead smolts that will be released next spring into the Clearwater River and its tributaries.

The steelhead run that returned to the Clearwater River last fall and this spring began with high expectations but ended up more average than expected.

Dworshak spokesman Ralph Roseberg originally expected some 6,000 steelhead to return, but revised that prediction down by a third to 4,000 fish after the run began to materialize in the Columbia River and move up the Snake River toward Idaho waters.

Roseberg expected ocean conditions would treat steelhead as well. Even as recently as late March and April, experts were counting on solid numbers of the Clearwater-bound steelhead to charge toward Idaho after a layover in the mid-Columbia or lower Snake.

Coeur d'Alene River cleanup brings in more mining money

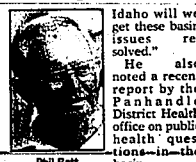
BOISE (AP) — Four mining companies and the state will free up an additional \$80,000 for cleanup in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin, Gov. Phil Batt says.

Hecia Mining Co., ASAICO Inc. and Coeur d'Alene Mines and Sunstone Mining and Refining Co. will match dollar for dollar state funds to initiate cleanup of the lower Coeur d'Alene River for heavy metals from by-mining in the Kellogg area.

Batt asked the state Division of Environmental Quality to allocate \$40,000 to the Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission—which he appointed—for use in "on the ground" projects.

He gave them the task of reviewing and prioritizing cleanup activities in the basin, which may include stabilization of riverbanks and adding vegetation to reduce erosion. Batt wants them to keep the public informed of the work.

"We want to see more projects completed and less money being spent on lawyers and litigation," Batt said. "Only by working together with the mining, the federal government, the trustees and the communities of North



Idaho will we get these basin issues resolved."

He also noted a recent report by the P.A.N.D.A. District Health office on public health questions in the basin.

The health officials say there is no threat to public safety in Lake Coeur d'Alene," Batt said. "That should come as welcome news as we get underway with cleanup activities from mining in the basin."

The mining companies were sued by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the federal government for environmental damage in the river basin.

City of Coeur d'Alene leaders have criticized the chance the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund cleanup of the Bunker Hill Mine near Kellogg will break out of that "box" and extend to Lake Coeur d'Alene, spreading bad publicity to prospective tourists.

Once-common butterfly brinks on extinction; no one knows why

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of Southern California's most colorful and most common butterflies is dying. Quino checkerspots, once so numerous they splattered windshield in the Otay Mesa area near San Diego, have virtually dropped out of sight in the past decade.

Unlike many endangered butterflies, the orange and black Quinos had a wide range, from the Santa Monica Mountains south into Baja California and east to the desert.

Apparently extinct now in Los Angeles and Orange counties, the remaining Quinos threaten a new status as the federal Endangered Species Act in southern San Diego County and southwest Riverside County, hotbeds of the construction industry.

"I do not believe we're going to save this butterfly," conservation biologist Dennis Murphy said.

"Four engines out and about 10 seconds to impact," federal biologist Chris Nagano said of the Quino's plight.

The U.S. government waited nine years before placing the Quino on the endangered species list last year. Continued building during that time probably doomed the butterfly, Murphy said.

However, builders set doom for profits and growth because the law now forbids destroying the butterflies or their habitat.

And Quinos are hard to locate. They are believed to spend most of the year as tiny, dormant caterpillars hidden under rocks and in crevices.

"There's going to be millions of dollars lost as a result of the Quino checkerspot, to our detriment," said Bruce Kittle, vice president of Van Daele



Development Corp., which is building homes in Riverside County and surrounding areas.

"These species are being looked at as 'invertebrates as toxic waste on your land,'" said consultant Dennis Hollingsworth of Murietta.

A landowner who finds butterflies might well decide to "go to the hardware store and buy Roundup (pesticide)," he said.

"We're going to cause economic displacement, but with no hope of conservation victory," Murphy said. "It's a bummer."

Of the 16 butterflies on the federal endangered list, 10 live in California, where homes and freeways have supplanted the unique mixture of plants on which they live. Many occupy small areas. The El Segundo Woodrat, for instance, favors dunes near Los Angeles International Airport.

Butterfly expert and professor, Gordon Pratt, along with Fish and Wildlife manager Marlon Hoffman search for Quino Checkerspot butterfly larvae in the Delzura area of San Diego County, Calif., Tuesday.

A Quino Checkerspot butterfly feeds on the ground in the Delzura area of San Diego County, Calif., Tuesday. Once a common sight in southern California.

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UP High School Sports CLOSE Martin dispels Gen-X myth

By Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - This is one generation X'er who isn't afraid of a working toward his goal.

It's the struggle, the goal and the fun of competing that keeps Chancey Martin on the tennis court year-round, training and working to improve his game.

His father, David, describes Chancey as "basically a nice guy," as well as "hard-working academically and sports-wise. He does four to five hours of homework each night."

Martin trains and competes year-round and is coached by top local pro Mark Scribner three to five times a week.

He was a naturally talented freestyle skier. His father, David, said of his son, "He has succeeded in tennis because he worked so hard at it." But back and knee injuries hindered the youth when he was 12.

"I just burned out on freestyle skiing with the injuries. The doc said I'd have to choose between tennis and skiing. I chose tennis," the younger Martin said.

Tigers advance to state tournament

By John Derr
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When it comes to the district tournament, you can throw out the records.

Jerome proved that Monday as the No. 3 seed, who entered the tournament with 5-16 record, defeated Wood River twice Monday to earn a trip to the A-2 State Baseball tournament beginning Thursday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon.

game, then held off a Wolverine rally in the bottom of the seventh to grab a 6-4 win to face another game.

The second game was a pitchers duel between Jerome's Jon Atkin and Wood River's T.J. Peterson. Donovan Adfield's RBI single gave Jerome the championship with a 2-3 victory in eight innings.

Game Two Jerome 2, Wood River 1

For most of the game, Atkin could be found behind the plate as the Tigers catcher. Monday to throw a one-hitler,

giving the Tigers the state berth. I'm really proud of my team, they came together at district and we all stayed focused," said Atkin, who moved to the mound at district and collected a pair of important wins for Jerome.

Jerome got on the board first, scoring a run in the bottom of the first. Donovan Adfield walked then scored on a double by Atkin.

Then the offense for both teams dried up. Peterson collected 11 strike outs through six innings and Atkin's only blemish was a single by Peterson.

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NCAA tabs baseball sites for tourney

The Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - For the first time since 1970, Florida schools have been selected to host three of the eight regional competitions in the NCAA Division I baseball tournament.

Florida will host the South One Region tournament, the Atlantic Two Region and MIAMI, the nation's top-ranked independent, will host the Atlantic One, the NCAA announced Monday.

Ray Wellman, chairman of the 23-member baseball committee, said 23 schools submitted bids to host regionals May 21-24. The winners of the eight regionals will advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Also chosen were Clemson in the East-Region; Louisiana State, South Two; Wichita State, Midwest; Texas A&M, Central; and Stanford in the West Region.

The hosts are all familiar to college fans. Four of the schools hosted last year and three others last hosted in 1996. Texas A&M, the Big 12 regular-season champion, hosted as recently as 1993. All host schools are guaranteed to be in the 48-team field that is announced on May 18, and will play on their home field.

The committee considers crowd control and revenue and attendance history and potential as well as a team's won-loss record, said Wellman, the athletic director at Wake Forest.

Wellman added that the committee is sensitive to the competitive advantage that teams may get from hosting regionals.

"We look at that and we talk about that," he said. "The fact is the committee feels LSU and some of the teams that have hosted on a regular basis are deserving of the bids they receive. At the same time, we're interested in moving to other sites, but we don't feel we should penalize those who have (made previous successful bids)."

Jim Wright of the NCAA staff said that in the 10 years the regionals have been held, through 1975, teams have had regionals on 176 campuses and only 39 of those advanced to the College World Series.

"That can cut into just 51.3 percent," Wright said. "People are always talking about how it's such a huge advantage, but statistically that just doesn't bear out. Being a No. 1 seed and the host is a lot of pressure for them."

Wellman said the committee passed before awarding three bids to the state of Florida.

"All these made excellent bids to us as revenue and quality of programs," he said. "We came out there that they should not be penalized for all of them bidding and submitting strong bids. Florida is the No. 1 seed in the ACC and Miami is the top-ranked independent in the country. It would have been difficult to penalize any of the most successful teams from the same area make strong bids."

IN THE SWING



BRADY THOMPSON/The Times-News

Brady Thompson of Gooding High School hits along the 18th fairway at Canyon Springs Golf Course Monday during the A-3, A-4 State Golf Tournament. Thompson tied for sixth place with a 77.

Senator putts into 2nd

By Damon Cline
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A handful of onlookers made its way up the car path to the 18th hole at Canyon Springs, where the A-3 girls' state golf championship would be decided in a span of about three seconds late Monday afternoon.

At the front of the mini-gallery was Andrea Rideganets of Homedale, who was in the clubhouse with an 82, and the parents of Gooding's Tamara Thompson, who was one 25-foot down-hill putt away from the state title.

Bulldog boys hold 1st-round lead

later recalled, her thoughts still fresh in his mind after watching Thompson three-putt for an 83 and second place. "I thought it would roll a lot more, but I didn't hit it hard enough," Thompson said of the first putt, which landed about six feet short. "Then I rolled it right by the cup."

"It was my first (double-bogey) all day, too. It had to come on 18," added

the Senator sophomore, who placed fourth at state last year.

Murtaugh's Reagan Widmire, playing as an independent, placed fourth with a 97, eight strokes behind Ririe's Karhi Moss. Misty Maier of Kimberly was the only other girl to break 100, with a 99.

Today's play will feature five boys' squads (Kimberly, Filer, Wallace, Homedale and Valley) and four girls' squads (Homedale, Kimberly, Declo and Aberdeen) competing for the team title.

The Bulldogs were paced by Nick
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- GET A LEG UP -

Head west, ye faithful track fans



AP Photo

U.S. track star Marion Jones, left, and Coach Trevor Graham warm up at a sports center in Chengde, China, Monday where Jones and Asian record holder Li Kelong will square off today in a one-on-one 100-meter dash.

In a few days, Idaho's best track and field athletes will converge on Bronco Stadium for the annual state meet. For those of you who are faithful attendees, you know what this gala entails. For those of you who have never been, perhaps by the time you finish reading this journalistic work of art, you'll head up to Boise and take it in.

The state track and field meet, arguably, is the class of Idaho's state tournaments. Whether it's the first-rate facility or the parade of athletes, I'm not sure. But one thing is certain: At no other time are so many quality Idaho athletes in the same place.

Speaking of Twin Falls has quietly gone about his business this spring, dominating the shot put and discus. His Magic Valley best discus toss of 173-8 and No. 2 shot put of 52-4 1/2 are, to quote Darth Vader, "impressive... most impressive."

In fact, the shot put has taken on Herculean proportions this year as there are more than 10 Magic Valley boys who have cracked the 40-foot barrier, and two are over 50 feet. Last we forget Murtaugh's Kerana Dye, who's 38-11 puts her among the elite ladies. If Kimberly's Brian Harshman finds a couple more inches, he'll join Silvester and Wood River's Boe Rushton in the 50-foot club, and I'll be out a steak dinner.

I admire, and I'll be out not only

for their work ethic, but because they take care of business when they're not readily visible to the average field fan. With the exception of Declo's facility, I believe all Magic Valley discus and shot put circles are outside the oval. There are obvious safety concerns here, but if high school would take the same precautions as NCAA and world-class competitions, throwers would enjoy the spotlight they rightly deserve.

So if you go to the state track meet, you'll find the shot put and discus circles at the north end of the stadium (that's the end by the Boise River), bring a lawn chair and camp out under the evergreens - you'll be glad you did.

Where's Marcus?

Many coaches and athletes have been asking me what I know about Marcus Christensen, the Homedale standout who won the 100, 200, 400 and long jump at last year's state meet. Randy Potter, the ex-Kimberly coach who is an assistant at Homedale, tells me Marcus re-injured his hamstring on route to winning the long jump at last week's District 3 meet. The

coaches are bringing him along slowly. He did quite in the 100, 200 and 400, though his times are a half-second to a second slower than last year's 10.7s, 21.9 and 48.4. Look for him on the anchor leg of the Trojan 4x400, too, instead of the long jump (just a hunch).

Where's the Top 5 list?

The Magic Valley Top 5 list will appear in either Thursday's or Friday's state preview. Thanks to all who have contributed by way of their phone calls or e-mails to make this list the most accurate one out there.

Predictions

Now that I have your attention, no, I will not predict who will win anything at state. However, I will predict another awesome display and merely tease you by saying the Magic Valley WILL produce at least four team champions. It happens every year, boys and girls, Jerome's boys, and Twin Falls' boys brought home the first-place trophies.

Folks, that's half the top awards won. Who does that tell you about track and field in the Magic Valley?

See you Friday!

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GIVEN THE CHOICE, WITH CHANCEY MARTIN

There are many choices that a high school athlete has to make each day, from sock color to lunch selection. Undefined are a few of the choices this athlete would make:

- Pete Sampras Andre Agassi
- Baseballer Steve and Yvonne
- Defense Defense
- Big City Skating
- Wilson Basketball
- Wilson Nike
- Ranababu Novela
- Republican Democrat
- Min. only Min. late
- Extrovert Introvert

SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

Indiana 110, Seattle 102. LA Lakers lead 3-1. LA Lakers 112, Seattle 102. LA Lakers lead 3-1.

NBA playoff comebacks

Tampa Bay won a double-digit playoff series after being down 3-0. Boston's Phoenix, 1981 Eastern Conference Finals.

NBA playoff leaders

Table with columns: Team, G, W, L, Pct, PPG, RPPG, APG, SPG, BPG, TO, FTA, FT%, FT/100, FTA, FT%, FT/100.

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs

Colorado 4, St. Louis 3. Colorado leads 3-0. Colorado 4, St. Louis 3.

GOLF

PGA leads

PGA TOUR leads 4-1. PGA TOUR leads 4-1.

PGA leads

PGA TOUR leaderboard table with columns: Rank, Player, Score, Par.

NFL BOX SCORES

Box score for Browns vs Redskins. Browns 20, Redskins 10.

AL STANDINGS

AL Standings table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

NL BOX SCORES

Box score for Braves vs Reds. Braves 10, Reds 6.

ASTRONOMY

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore. The Wolverines took the game in the six weeks...

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Pool, WPGA Classic Tour, Bowling, PWBA Omaha Open.

LOCAL SPORTS

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TENNIS

ATP leaders

ATP Leaders table with columns: Rank, Player, Points.

WTA leaders

WTA Leaders table with columns: Rank, Player, Points.

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TRANSACTIONS

Transactions table with columns: Team, Player, Position.

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Tigers

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"It was much time I guess," said Adfield, who was 3-3 for the game...

Game 6, Wood River 4

Jerome took advantage of three doubles and a pair of Wolverine errors to lead 4-0 before the rain halted play on Friday.

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Korda stuck in clay at Italian Open

ROME (AP) — Petr Korda got stuck in the clay at the Italian Open on Monday and quickly lost a chance to regain the No. 1 ranking from Pete Sampras.

Stewart leads way at Indy 500 prelims

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Stewart has been in the Indianapolis 500 only twice, yet he's already one of the more familiar faces of the more famous races.

Martin

Virginia academics could get me into those schools, but tennis schools want to see a top national ranking, said Martin.

Transactions

Transactions table with columns: Team, Player, Position.

Knicks re-live playoff nightmare

PURCHASE, N.Y. (AP)—The playoffs have been surreal for the New York Knicks, first with another series-altering fight against Miami and now with Reggie Miller's de ja vu 3-pointers.

History keeps repeating itself, and it seems Knicks diehards know exactly what to expect next: Patrick Ewing missing another finger-roll, or some latter-day Charles Smith missing another four layups.

The next episode of "Knicks, This Is Your Life" is Wednesday night when New York and Indiana play Game 5 at Market Square Arena.

Game 6, if necessary, will be in New York on Friday night.

If the present keeps resembling the past, the Knicks will have one thing going for them:

The last time they played Indiana in the playoffs, in 1995, they also were down 3-1 and came back to win Games 5 and 6.

"We were a very confident ballclub then, like we are now," said John Starks, one of the holdovers from the Knicks' playoff battles with the Pacers in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

"We're a better team than they are," Starks said. "The talent level is even, but we have the players that can get the job done. Normally the second seed is a lot better than a seventh seed, but that is not the case going into a big game like this. Our confidence is way up there."

Of course, the Knicks have been saying stuff like that for almost a decade.

And every year, some stunning and unlikely

turn of events seems to seal their doom.

Miller's 3-pointer Sunday in Game 7 was the latest episode of "stunningly familiar" to Miller's heroes in 1994 and 1995.

The turn of events in the first round was stunning, too, as Alvin McMorris of Miami and Larry Johnson got into a fight that led to suspensions — just like the P.J. Brown-Chris Ward fight in 1997 that helped knock the Knicks out of the second round.

In 1995, Miller scored eight points in the final 8.9 seconds of Game 1 — including a pair of 3-pointers from the exact same spot in front of Spike Lee where he hit Starks' shot. The Knicks won Games 5 and 6 of that series, then lost Game 7 by two points when Ewing's finger-roll shot spun out at the buzzer.


Bookie coach Bird to be named NBA's best

MEMPHIS (AP)—Larry Bird, whose unorthodox approach to coaching turned around the Indiana Pacers with his first two NBA Coach of the Year awards, has been named the Associated Press' best coach.

It is the second time in coaching history that someone has won the NBA's Coach of the Year award. The Indiana Pacers will hold a news conference Tuesday for a major announcement regarding the team and the NBA. Pacers spokesman David Beaver said. He and league spokesman Eric McNulty declined to discuss the nature of the announcement.

But the NBA had planned to announce its Best Coach of the Year award on Tuesday, and Bird has been considered a favorite.

When Bird took over the Pacers' helm last year, there were doubts that the superstar player would have the patience to coach players with ordinary skills in a league famous for "A-I want to be hard work in practice and for about 25 minutes in a game."



Larry Bird

Hornets face uphill battle against Bulls

DEERFIELD, ILL. (AP)—The Chicago Bulls won't come right out and say it, but they know. Charlotte coach Dave Cowens and his players do, too.

With a 3-1 lead in their best-of-7 series with the Hornets, all that's left for the Bulls is to finish things off. And that's exactly what they plan to do in Game 5 Wednesday night.

"I think they know it's an uphill battle," Bulls reserve Scott Burrell said Monday. "They're playing at our place and it's going to be tough for them to try and get a win here."



Burrell doesn't mean to sound cocky or disrespectful. He's just talking cold, hard facts: The Bulls have won 23 straight playoff series in which they led.

Add in the fact Game 5 is back at the United Center, and things don't look so good for Charlotte.

"We've got to beat these guys three in a row," Cowens said. "I don't know if anybody's done that since Michael Jordan started playing."

In fact, it has been done in the playoffs, last in 1989 by the Detroit Pistons in the conference finals. Still, that's of little consolation for Charlotte.

"It doesn't look good, but that doesn't mean we're not going to go out there and try," Cowens said. "You know — let's win this one and then we get to come back home and then let's try to win that one. That's the way to do it."

Then Cowens paused and smiled.

"This is all short-term planning," he said. "There's no long-term stuff going on."

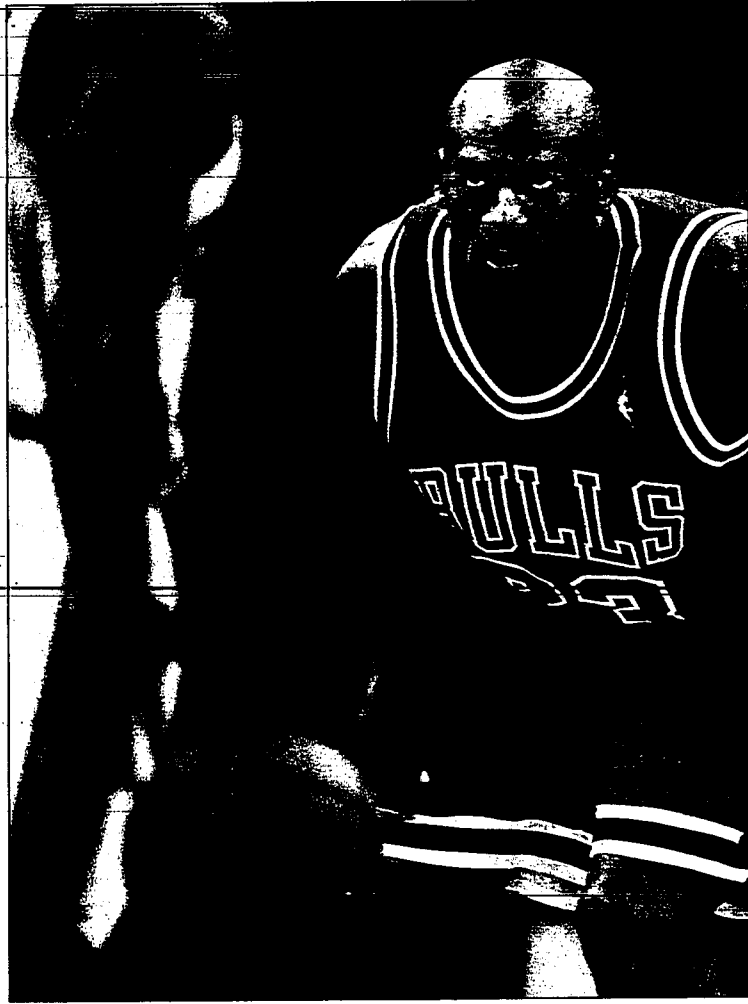
While the Hornets did steal Game 2 from the Bulls last week, that may as well have been a month ago. Charlotte is weary, and Sunday's 94-80 loss at The Hive didn't help.

The five-time champions beat up on the younger Hornets mentally and physically. Glen Rice, Charlotte's leading scorer, is still struggling, while Jordan and Scottie Pippen are in a groove. Dennis Rodman is keeping his cool despite his race with Wade Davis to see who can drive the other crazy, first.

Cowens knows his team is tired and he gave them the day off Monday after a short film session. But everyone is tired at this time of the year, Cowens said.

The Bulls also took it easy Monday. Most players headed for the golf course after a brief weightlifting session.

"We've worked too hard to not come and go to war," Cowens said. "Every game is a war, and that's what we have to prepare for. Naturally they smell blood. We're just going to have



Chicago's Michael Jordan eyes Charlotte's David Wesley during Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semi-final Sunday.

to put it in our heads that we're going to go up there and compete as hard as we have.

"We're not eliminated yet, and until we are, we fight hard to do whatever we can to represent ourselves, to represent Charlotte and the NBA."

As for the Bulls, they just want to

get this "I" done. While no one else will admit it — there are a lot of clichés about focus flying around — Luc Longley says he's keeping a close eye on the New York-Indiana series, which the Pacers lead 3-1.

But first, there's Game 5.

And on the off chance the Bulls

don't win Wednesday?

"It'd be a real drag," Longley said. "We don't particularly want to go back down to Charlotte, go on another trip and lengthen our season any more than we have to. But there's no given."

"Things don't go by the script unfortunately, as we proved in Game 2."

Spurs coach: Malone will be in Hall

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The San Antonio Spurs can only hope Karl Malone cooled off during the plane ride home.

"Karl Malone is a Hall of Famer," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Malone scored 34 points in Utah's 82-73 win in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinal. "He just killed us with jump shots."

Malone scored 10 points in the final 7:15 as Utah took a commanding 3-1 lead in the series. The Jazz will try to close out the Spurs and earn their fourth conference finals berth in five years in Game 5 tonight.

In his first truly outstanding game of the playoffs, Malone buried jumper after jumper over David Robinson and a Spurs defense that seemed powerless to defend him — much the way the Jazz looked in the first two games of the series against Tim Duncan.

"Karl did a tremendous job," Robinson said. "I mean, what can you say? He hit all the big shots."

Malone's 1 jump shot was working so well that he rarely ventured into the paint. As a result, Malone, who leads the NBA in free throws made and attempted, didn't go to the foul line for just the second playoff game of his career.

"It was a good game, but that's all it was," Malone said. "We've got to come out in the next game and do the same things that made us successful."

The Jazz aren't comfortable "with their series lead, despite the fact that only six teams in league history have recovered from such a deficit."

"One bounce here, one shot goes in there, and we're down in this series," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We're not pretending like we're in control."

The Spurs are taking heart from their two previous strong performances at the Delta Center, while Utah's play in the first three games of the series was hardly confidence-inspiring.

"We've played these guys tough twice in their building, so we know we can be successful (in Utah)," Popovich said. "We lost two games by a total of four points. That's not much."

"I wouldn't say they outplayed us, but they had two chances to win games in our building," Jeff Hornacek said. "Not many teams get that."

Still, the odds are stacked heavily against a San Antonio comeback. Utah hasn't lost three games in a row since January 1997, and the Jazz haven't lost consecutive home games since April 1996. The Spurs have never won a playoff game in Salt Lake City, and Utah hasn't lost two straight home playoff games in four seasons.

"It's do or die," Avery Johnson said. "We know we can play with them up there. ... We just need more of a team effort."

That complete team effort has eluded both squads in this series. San Antonio has relied almost exclusively on Robinson and Duncan for offense, which proved to be the Spurs' downfall when Robinson had a subpar game on Sunday.

The Spurs' lack of consistent scoring, which has plagued them throughout the season, reached a critical point in Game 4. Jackson was a dismal 3-for-15 from the field and had only eight points.

Shaq's attack has Sonics on the brink of extinction

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle SuperSonics knew Shaquille O'Neal was good. Just not this good.

"There's a lot of strategies," Seattle coach George Karl said when asked how to stop the Los Angeles Lakers center who is averaging 30.5 points against his Sonics. "You can foul him every time he catches it. Or you can let him score 60."

O'Neal hasn't scored 60 in the playoff series with Seattle, but he has scored 27, 26, 30 and 39 points. And the Lakers have won three straight from the Pacific Division champions, putting the Sonics on the verge of playoff extinction.

If the Lakers win here Tuesday night, they will advance to the Western Conference Finals.

Before the series began, Karl criticized O'Neal's game, particularly his high elbows and hip-hop moves in the paint. He said the referees didn't call enough fouls or make enough traveling calls on O'Neal.

Karl wasn't in a critical mood Monday, a day after the O'Neal-led Lakers beat the Sonics 112-100 in Los Angeles in Game 4 to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"I must give Shaq credit now," Karl said. "He's now the most difficult guy to prepare for in the NBA. Michael Jordan was the most difficult. Now Shaq is with no question."

"With his intelligence and his passing, he's added patience to his game over the last three or four games. He's a very difficult

man to prepare for."

O'Neal has had monster games against the Sonics in the playoffs. The 7-foot-1, 315-pound giant has blossomed into an unstoppable force in his fifth NBA playoffs, averaging a career playoff-high 29.8 points against Portland and Seattle.

Against Seattle, he's shooting 61 percent (46-for-75).

"The Trail Blazers tried to stop him with Arvydas Sabonis, and O'Neal killed him. The Sonics have Jim McIlvaine. That's been an even worse mismatch. McIlvaine played six minutes Sunday."

"It's going to be hard," said Gary Payton, Seattle's All-Star point guard who is averaging 22.5 points and 42 minutes in the Los Angeles series. "One of the

advantages is that we're going to be playing at home."

That might not help. After losing Game 1 by 14 points in Seattle, the Lakers took Game 2 in the Key Arena by 24, holding the Sonics to a franchise playoff-low 88 points.

Sure, the Sonics are going to be playing at home. But O'Neal will be there, too.

"It's gross when you have the luxury of having a 350-pound center who needs a double team every time," Seattle's Detlef Schrempf said. "There's not much you can do when he comes across the lane and he outweights you by 80 pounds."


"All you can do is fall down. But they haven't been calling that either."

O'Neal isn't just terrorizing the

Sonics in the paint. As he ran up the court late in Game 4, he celebrated with his patented head-bobbing celebration. All the Sonics could do was watch and wince.

"They're up 3-1," Schrempf said. "Obviously, they can show off right now. Right now they're playing with confidence and they're playing arrogant."

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8,000 home runs?

St. Louis coach says that's how many he's served up to McGwire

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire enjoys picking on certain pitchers, with Orel Hershiser, Mark Langston and Scott Eversole among them.

Then again, when it comes to serving up long balls, none of them is close to Dave McKay.

"I've probably given up more home runs to Mac than anyone else," McKay said.

How many? Try 5,000, McKay estimates.

McKay is the first base coach for the St. Louis Cardinals, and his job includes pinching batting practice. The former major league third

basesman held the same job in Oakland for several seasons, coaching both players to McGwire for 10 years.

"It's the best show in baseball," McKay said last week in New York, a day before McGwire hit his 49th career home run. "He never stops amazing me how far he hits it."

Whenever the Cardinals play these days, coaches come out early to watch baseball's most feared slinger clear his track, not only at Busch Stadium, up to 1 1/2 hours before game time to let fans see their home-run hero. About 1,000

people already were in the left-field seats in Pittsburgh recently when McGwire stepped in.

McGwire rarely disappoints. In his first pregame swing at Shea Stadium, he sent a drive rocketing over the picnic area in left-center field, drawing cheers from the rival Mets fans.

McGwire, however, looked as if he never noticed.

"A lot of people think he's purging on a show," McKay said. "But he's not. He's just trying to work on the things he'll do in a game. You can get in a lot of trouble playing home run derby."

Says McGwire: "I never try to air it out."

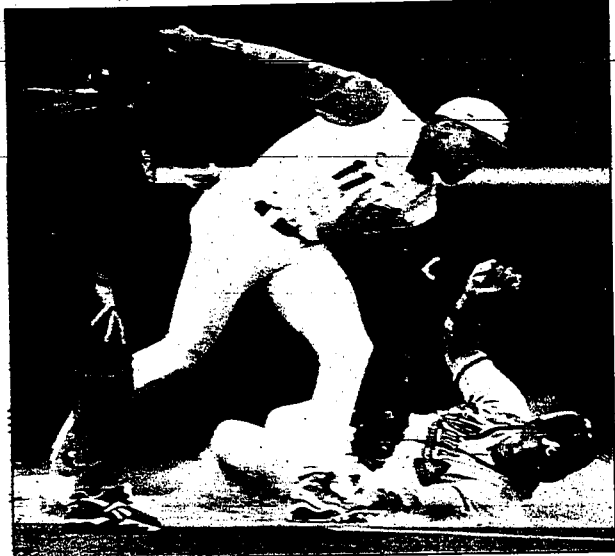
In fact, it's only been in the last couple of years that McGwire's exploits have become a must-see event. And his main-setup man thinks he knows why, too.

"When we had the Bash Brothers in Oakland, Jose Canseco liked to put on a show for the fans. He tried to hit them as far as he could," McKay said.

"But Mac used to make me get up close, like 50 feet away, and throw as hard as I could. He wanted to battle you in BP," McKay said.



St. Louis coach Dave McKay pitches to Mark McGwire during batting practice at Busch Stadium Monday afternoon.



Reds shortstop Barry Larkin tags out Braves batter Eric Power on an attempted steal during second-inning Major League Baseball action Monday in Cincinnati. Inset: Barry Larkin positions himself to make the out call on the play.

Devil Ray pitcher scorches Tribe

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rolando Arrojo pitched eight strong innings for his third straight victory and lead the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Cleveland Indians 4-2 Monday night.

The former Cuban national team star, coming off three-hit shutouts of Minnesota and Kansas City, allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one, sending the AL champions to their fourth straight loss. Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth for his fourth save in seven chances.

Arrojo (5-2) fell short of his bid to become the first rookie since Orel Hershiser in 1984 to throw three straight shutouts. Cleveland scored in the first on Jim Thome's RBI single.

Dave Martinez scored Tampa Bay's first two runs. He homered off Dave Burba (3-4) to make the 1-1 in the first, then came home for a 2-1 lead in the fifth.

American League

their second straight shutout loss. Minnesota has lost nine of 13. The Orioles have won three of four but only nine of their last 24.

Erickson, who also pitched his first shutout in 1997 at the Metrodome, struck out five and walked none to win for the first time since April 12. It was his 12th career shutout and his third complete game of the season.

Both Erickson and Bob Tewksbury (3-5) were perfect through four innings.

AL NL awards

Go to Wood, Gaffey

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Wood of the Chicago Cubs and Ken Gaffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners won the 1998 American League and National League Most Outstanding Player awards.

Wood hit a major league single game record with 20 strikeouts. Gaffey pitched against Boston and four other teams, his season record of 2-0.

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For the season, Gaffey is batting .290 with 13 homers and 23 RBIs. Erickson won the AL Most Outstanding Player award in 1997. He pitched 144 innings for the Oakland A's, struck out 164 and pitched a no-hitter and a perfect game. Other candidates for the NL award were Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants, Ken Griffey Jr. of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Steve Carlton of the Philadelphia Phillies. Gaffey of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Gary Sheffield of the Florida Marlins.

Rangers 8, Red Sox 2

ARLINGTON, Texas — Rusty Greer, Kevin Elster and Ivan Rodriguez all homered to lead the Texas Rangers over Boston for their fourth straight victory.

Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs with a groundout, giving him a major league-leading 48 RBIs. Rodriguez got his 1,000th career hit as Texas stopped Boston's three-game winning streak.

Bobby Witt (4-1), pitching on his 34th birthday, overcame a two-run first and allowed five hits in seven innings.

John Wasdin (3-1) lost in his first start of the season.

Orioles 4, Twins 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Scott Erickson pitched a five-hitter against his former team, and Rafael Palmeiro and Roberto Alomar homered as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Minnesota Twins.

Erickson (4-3), who came into the game leading the majors with 71 hits allowed, handed the Twins

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National League

with his fifth start July 25.

Jose Guillen went 3-for-4 — he is batting .583 (28-for-30) during an eight-game hitting streak — as the Braves won their fifth in seven games.

Pittsburgh scored solo runs in each of the three extra innings against San Diego, making his first start since July 2. He missed the second half of last season after needing surgery on his right shoulder, then began this season on the disabled list with shoulder inflammation.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 0

ST. LOUIS — Paul Scottenierre struck out 13 and Ryle Lankford homered and doubled twice as the St. Louis Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brewers lost in their first year in Busch Stadium since the 1967 World Series.

Scottenierre (4-2) allowed two hits in eight innings, retiring the final 16 batters, 11 by strikeout. He walked none.

Jeff Brantley pitched a hitless

ninth, striking out one.

Lankford, who was in an 0-for-14 slump, hit a two-run homer and Brian Jordan and Ron Gant each hit their sixth home run.

Scott Karl (4-1) failed in his bid to become the first left-hander in Brewers history to start a season 5-0.

Astros 5, Marlins 2

HOUSTON — Bill Spiers drove in the go-ahead run after a pair of sixth-inning errors, and the Houston Astros overcame the first complete game of Livan Hernandez's career to beat the Florida Marlins.

Hernandez (2-3), the MVP of last year's World Series, struck out a career-high nine, giving up 11 hits and walking three. It was the 26th regular-season start for Hernandez, who did have one postseason complete game, a three-hitter against Atlanta in Game 5 of last year's NL championship series.

Shane Reynolds (3-3) scattered eight hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked two as Houston won for the 12th time in 15 games.

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

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Hobson finds life after Bosox

FAIRHOPE, Ala. (AP) — On most days, Butch Hobson can still be found at the ballpark, wearing his old Boston Red Sox gear with his name stitched in black ink under the bill.

"You're too close to the plate," he yells to one player.

"Get your glove under the ball," he tells another.

But Fairhope Municipal Stadium is a long way from Boston's Fenway Park and the baseball players he's working with are not Red Sox.

They're little kids.

"I'll give you \$5 if you don't swing at the first pitch," he tells 7-year-old Jon K.C., who still swings at it. "He always does," Hobson says, grinning.

It's been a long fall, but grace for the 47-year-old Bostoner, the former Red Sox manager who is slowly trying to put his life back together after his 1996 season on

occane charges.

Learning to make a life outside of professional baseball, Hobson has been earning money through clinics and private lessons for children in his well-to-do hometown, retired town on Alabama's coast.

But with a wife and three young children to support, \$25 a lesson doesn't always pay the bills. So Hobson, a Tuscaloosa native, is considering moving his family to New Hampshire to take a public relations job with an oil company.

"It's a good job with a salary and benefits," said Hobson, who a special-assignment scout for the Red Sox.

Still, it will be hard for Hobson to leave Fairhope, the community that embraced him when his drug problems were making headlines and leading the night-

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Dow gains 36 most stocks fall

NEW YORK (AP) - A blue-chip index moved up a single point, but most stocks fell Monday as another day of big mergers only provided a fleeting distraction from the renewed concern about interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose just 36.37 to close at 9,951.52, and would have barely risen higher if not for some hefty gains from DuPont and General Motors.

An early gain of nearly 135 points was briefly put to rest by a record of 9,912.66 by the blue-chip measure.

Mergers

Continued from D4 success of Wachovia Bank, a small Atlanta credit card issuer that has changed national attention for its low, fixed interest rate of 8.5 percent.

If anything, the credit card industry's recent consolidation has only heated up competition. First USA's acquisition last year by Banc One enabled the company to save nearly \$130 million. Part of the savings went to developing a 9 percent platinum credit card that it has been offering nationwide, said Gary Marino, executive vice president at First USA.

It is to be outdone. Capital One has responded with its own 9.9 percent card. As the scale of these companies grows, they can afford to offer cheaper rates, said Bill Anderson, president of Bank Rate Monitor, a research company that tracks credit cards.

Of course, not all the merger changes are positive for consumers. Unlike other financial products, such as car loans and mortgages, credit-card contracts are typically subject to change at the discretion of the issuer. So, in addition to a new name or card design, credit cardholders may be subject to a new interest rate, higher credit-line cancellation of a popular rebate program.

"If banks decide to change the terms, they only have to give you 15 days' written notice," Deweller said.

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