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Jerome district ponders next move

Fourth failure of school bond issue perplexes backers; senior who voted against suggests sales tax

By Mark Miller
Tribune-News Staff Writer

JEROME — It will take a while for the Jerome School District to regroup after the fourth straight rejection of a bond issue proposal, Superintendent Jim Chubbie said.

But instead of hemorrhaging their good name, school officials should push for a school funding source that doesn't hinge on embittered taxpayers, said a Jerome senior citizen who voted against the bond issue.

"Nobody has yet told me why we just can't add a penny to the sales tax," Carl Gibbs said Friday, one day after voters again turned down a bond issue aimed at replacing and refurbishing Jerome school buildings.

It was the fourth time since September 1996 that a Jerome school bond issue has failed.

Until an alternate funding source is found, many seniors are unlikely to support school bond issues, Gibbs said.

Cobble wasn't ready to speculate Friday about what sort of alternatives or contingency plan

the district might come up with.

"We'll probably start talking about those next week," he said.

School administrators will probably seek the help of Jerome School Board members and perhaps even a professional consultant, Cobble said. And members of a citizens committee formed to boost the bond issue will probably be asked to stay on and help

drum up ideas.

Committee member Larry Wood said he'd gladly help, even though he was perplexed by the bond issue proposal's failure.

Thursday's bid for a \$12.6 million bond issue got 62.7 percent approval, short of the two-thirds percent majority required by

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A truck leaves the entrance of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., in this April 8, 1998, photograph.

NATO expands

Visiting lecturer sees new security for his homeland

The Times-News and The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic on Friday became full-fledged members of NATO, a move that drew plaudits from a former Polish ambassador who has been lecturing in Twin Falls.

The move to 19 countries, more than a decade after the nations exchanged communist rule for democracy and shed their Cold War military ties to the former Soviet Union.

In Twin Falls, former Polish Ambassador Bohdan Lewandowski, who served as undersecretary of the United Nations, said it was a great day for the three countries and NATO.

The countries face no immediate military threats, but belonging to NATO fills a security vacuum in central Europe — a strategic area of the continent — in the wake of the collapse of the Soviet Union.



"We feel more secure," Lewandowski said.

Talk of Poland joining the alliance began early this decade, said Lewandowski, who was persuaded to leave Twin Falls Friday after lecturing in southern Idaho for a couple of weeks.

Back in Missouri, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared "Hallelujah!" as she accepted admission papers from the three countries' foreign ministers, marking their formal entry into the 50-year-old alliance. "Never again will your fates be tossed around like poker chips on a bargaining table," Albright said.

"Hungary has come home. We are back in the family," said Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi.

In a touch of symbolism, the ceremony took place at the Harry Truman Library. It was during the Truman presidency that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was founded to halt the westward spread of Soviet-led communism.

NATO's three new members just a decade ago were still under the Soviet thumb, said Czech Foreign Minister Jan Kavan said he was in nearby

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WIPP opening case goes to judge

New Mexico lawsuit could impede Idaho waste shipments

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The state of New Mexico and environmentalists Friday argued for a delay in opening a permanent nuclear waste dump — a delay that could jeopardize waste shipments from Idaho.

Critics want a federal judge to block the Energy Department from shipping, perhaps within weeks, nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M. Meanwhile, the Energy Department says it will uphold a legal agreement to ship waste out of Idaho — whether WIPP is open or not.

"We've seen a lot of commitment under the Idaho agreement to begin shipping by April 30," department spokeswoman Anne Elliott said from her headquarters office in Washington, D.C.

The department is looking for another site to ship waste from Idaho to meet an April 30 deadline, part of a 1995 waste agreement signed with Governor Gov. Phil Batt.

IDEEL, of Idaho's House 50 barrels of waste ready that could go to WIPP when it opens, IDEEL spokeswoman Heidi Stagner said.



Mock nuclear waste containers sit inside the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, 2,150 feet below the surface near Carlsbad, N.M., in this April 8, 1998, photograph.

government to the agreement.

"This is between DOE and New Mexico,"

said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's spokesman Mark Snider. "Where it goes, that's up to the Department of Energy."

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory holds more than 2 million cubic feet of waste slated for disposal at WIPP.

The request for an injunction argued Friday in federal court, covers only waste shipments from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, also in New Mexico. But government attorneys argued a delay there would jeopardize shipments from other sites as well.

In asking for a federal injunction, the state said the shipments would violate state law and disrupt New Mexico's consideration of a permit for disposal of mixed hazardous and nuclear waste at WIPP.

The Energy Department has agreed to hold off shipments for 11 days. U.S. District Judge John Harrington Penn indicated he would decide whether to issue an injunction within that time period. The judge issued an earlier injunction barring shipments to WIPP in 1992. That injunction remains in place.

The federal government argued that WIPP — where plutonium-contaminated waste from other federal facilities would be stored in a layer of rock salt 2,150 feet underground — is safe and ready to accept shipments.

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Drug test plan gets cool reception

The Associated Press

BOISE — House-passed legislation requiring drug screening for all welfare applicants got a cool reception in a Senate committee hearing, where one lawmaker said the bill singled out poor people for unwarranted scrutiny.

In the face of that suggestion, one sponsor endorsed similar screening for politicians.

Action on the bill, authorized by federal law, was delayed until next Tuesday, but critics seemed increasingly optimistic that the measure would be shelved.

Beginning in mid-2000, the legislation requires applicants for adult welfare assistance to submit to



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screening to determine any propensity toward substance abuse. Those determined to have that propensity would then undergo a drug test. Testing positive would result in their diversion to a rehabilitation program, and their welfare benefit would continue. But failure of the drug test after completing rehabilitation would terminate those benefits.

Rep. David Callister, the Boise Republican pushing the bill with Republican Dan Mader of Genesee, said that based on various studies Idaho could expect about 25 percent of welfare applicants to be substance abusers requiring rehabilitation.

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House kills West primary, terms it a waste of money

The Associated Press

BOISE — The notoriously tightfisted Idaho House on Friday killed legislation that would have authorized the state's participation in a western regional presidential primary, calling it a frivolous expense.

"This is a waste of money and it doesn't really do anything except tell a guy he's popular," veteran Democratic Rep. Jim Stoucheff of Sandpoint said.

A majority of his colleagues

agreed as the House voted 29-27 against a Senate-passed bill to join a proposed eight-state Intermountain West primary on the first Friday after the first Monday in March starting next year.

Idaho Republicans would have supported their nominating delegates based on the results. But Idaho Democrats it would have been only a preference vote. They're required by

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Treasure Valley



High: 60 Low: 35
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Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 48 Low: 20
Mostly sunny today with some high clouds later. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Sunday, high 56; 46 in Stanley.

Eastern Idaho



High: 51 Low: 25
Mostly sunny today with some high clouds later and breezy. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Sunday, high 56.

Northern Idaho



High: 48 Low: 33
Mostly cloudy today with rain likely, same tonight. Same Sunday, high 45.

Northern Utah



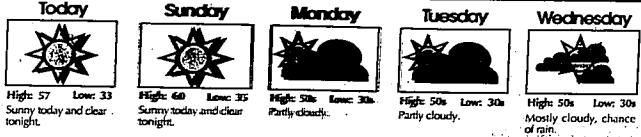
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Northern Nevada

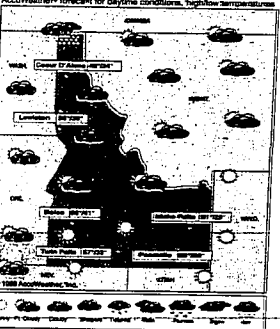


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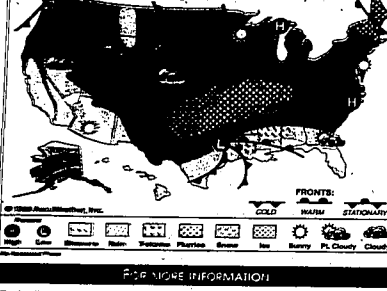
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
High: 48	Normal mo. to date: .20
Last year: 65	Normal mo. to date: 1.36
Normal: 51	Normal year to date: 4.47

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max: 51 Min: 25 Precip: 0.00
Burley	49 25
Fairfield	m m
Hagerman	m m
Idaho Falls	48 25
Jerome	m m
Lewiston	51 29
Malden	40 25
Malta	48 m
McCall	35 0
Pocatello	44 26
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The Nation

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Atlanta	59	30	.11
Boston	33	25	.01
Chicago	50	33	.00
Dallas	51	31	.31
Denver	50	28	.00
Des Moines	35	19	.01
Honolulu	81	21	.00
Houston	81	59	.03
Indianapolis	49	30	.00
Kansas City	41	30	.00
Knoxville	66	35	.00
Los Angeles	66	50	.00
Memphis	56	35	.00
Miami	82	60	.00
Milwaukee	33	20	.00
Minneapolis	36	24	.00
New Orleans	63	59	.00
New York	38	22	.03
Omaha	43	21	.00
Omaha	34	21	.00
Phoenix	71	45	.00
Pittsburgh	48	35	.00
Portland, Me.	31	20	.10
Portland, Ore.	46	45	.00
Reno	55	26	.00
San Diego	61	45	.00
Salt Lake City	48	32	.02
San Francisco	56	45	.00
Seattle	46	44	.00
Spokane	46	31	.00
Washington	46	31	.00
Yuma	75	47	.00

Canadian Cities	High	Low
Calgary	39	18
Edmonton	41	21
Toronto	31	18
Vancouver	50	32



WIPP

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 The Energy Department wants to ship as soon as possible 36 drums of radioactive waste from Los Alamos. Before the end of April it wants to begin shipments from INEEL.
 Under the Batt agreement, some shipments of spent reactor fuel to Idaho for storage would halt if the April deadline is missed. But the department plans only one shipment later in the summer. Bigger said.
 Shipments of spent fuel from U.S. Navy reactors for storage in Idaho would continue.
 New Mexico Deputy Attorney General Lindsay Lovejoy argued there was no urgency to ship Los Alamos waste to WIPP. He said the state probably would issue its permit by the end of the year.
 Government attorneys said the Los Alamos waste is not subject to a hazardous waste permit because it does not contain toxic chemicals subject to the state hazardous waste permit.

Jerome

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 state law to pass school bond issues.
 "I know that I have a kid that is going to high school in 1 1/2 years, and I don't want him going to a community class with 45 kids in it and kids sitting on the floor," Wood said.
 Wood, who co-owns Unistar Welding, said that as an Astoria mortgage in Jerome - said the condition of Jerome's schools could make it hard to reup good employees.
 "What kind of a message is this sending to people who are thinking about moving to Jerome?" he asked.
 Auto dealer and Jerome Chamber of Commerce member Con Paulos voiced similar concerns about attracting new businesses.
 "In the future it could hurt us in terms of recruiting businesses that would employ people with families," he said.
 Gibbs agreed that schools in Jerome and around Idaho might be in rough shape. Tackling the problem as a statewide issue could help save communities the middlemans costs of architect and design fees, he said. That is, the problem as a statewide issue could soften the blow to taxpayers.

NATO

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 Kansas City working with the Czech underground in 1968 when Soviet troops swept through Prague in the occupation of Czechoslovakia.
 "It is for me very symbolic that it is precisely here that we today accept the guarantee that my country never again will become the powerless victim of foreign invasion," Kavan said.
 In looking ahead to even greater expansion of NATO, Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geresmek said, "We

should keep the door of the alliance open for those who have fought for freedom. ... Another curtain should never descend on Europe."
 Albright, too, spoke of further NATO expansion. "NATO enlargement is not an event, it is a process," she said.
 She acknowledged that there were differences among NATO members on a variety of issues, including trade, but said they are united on the central theme of security.
 The expansion ceremony took place against a backdrop of the

fighting in Kosovo and the allies' failure to get either the Serbs or the ethnic Albanians to sign a peace accord despite the threat of NATO attack.
 "We must be realistic in specifying cost the consequences of intransigence," Albright said.
 To critics in the United States and abroad, she said, "The plan we and our partners have developed is more risk-free, less we prefer that risk to the certainty that inaction would lead to a renewed cycle of repression and retaliation, kidnapping, and ethnic cleansing."

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Lawmakers revive effort at anti-hate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are renewing their campaign for an expanded federal hate crimes statute, hoping public outrage over recent killings will spur passage.

"No one says hate crimes are overblown now, not after this year of savage crimes," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999, a replica of last year's bill.

Last month in Texas, John William King, a white supremacist, was sentenced to death for chaining a black man, James Byrd Jr., behind a pickup truck and dragging him to his death.

Two men have been charged in the October slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard, who was pistol-whipped and lashed to a fence in Wyoming. Two men also have been charged with beating to death a gay textile worker, Billy Jack Gaither, in Alabama last month and burning his body on a pile of tires.

"We owe it to the families of Byrd and Shepard and Gaither and perhaps others we don't know," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., who is helping sponsoring the bill in the House.

Oil ministers to cut production

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Major oil producers agreed to cut production by more than 2 million barrels a day in an attempt to bolster depressed oil prices, Saudi Arabia's oil minister said Friday.

On commodity markets, prices jumped to five-month highs.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said all OPEC members except Iraq have committed to the cutbacks, as did non-OPEC members Mexico and Oman. The agreement is effective April 1, Naimi said. The cutbacks could mean an increase of a few cents a gallon at the pumps.

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Primary

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national party rules to choose their nominating delegates by caucus.

Supporters focused on the potential political and economic advantages Idaho could realize from participating in a regional primary proposed to include Utah, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. "I don't view it as a beauty contest. I view it as an attempt to get our issues in the national spotlight," GOP Rep. Kent Kunz of Pocatello said.

But concerns about the nearly \$500,000 cost of conducting the election in addition to Idaho's late-spring primary for state and local offices outweighed benefits that skeptics considered vague at best. The possibility of other states responding by moving their primaries even earlier in the campaign season also contributed to the bill's defeat.

Backers dreamed of a 2000 election between the New York-California primary in early March and the multi-state Super Tuesday vote as a way to make the region important to candidates both in terms of delegate count and momentum. They cited the increased chance that candidates would visit participating

states and get a careful of issues distinctive to the Intermountain West. Economically, they pointed to the windfall to New Hampshire and Iowa, the first two states where delegates are selected, when Republican candidates alone spent \$100 million there in 1996.

Pie in the sky, critics said, questioning whether a lightly populated state like Idaho would warrant much attention even if it combined with its neighbors.

Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt signed legislation on Wednesday agreeing to his state's participation. Similar legislation is awaiting the governor's signature in Wyoming. Lawmakers are considering bills in Colorado and Montana, and a draft bill in Nevada is expected to be introduced soon.

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The B-52: Ageless in flight

Granddaddy of bombers triples life expectancy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The granddaddy of America's bombers, the Vietnam War-era B-52, is going to have to fly four decades into the new century, the Air Force says. By the time it gives way to a new generation, it will be 85-plus years old.

Most pilots who fly B-52s today were not yet born when their planes entered service in the early 1950s. And those same pilots will be flying well into the 21st century with pilots of a generation yet to come.

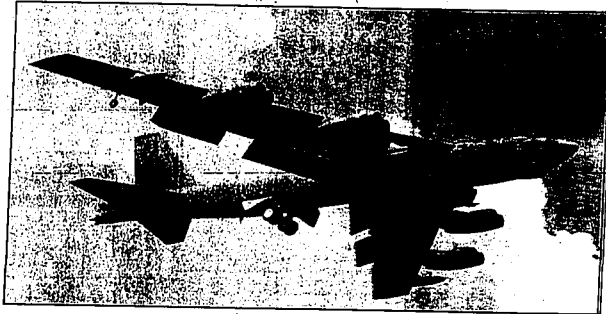
That certainly speaks highly of an airplane that already has more than tripled its original life expectancy.

"Structurally, they are in great shape," Lt. Gen. Ron Marcotte said Friday. As commander of the 8th Air Force at Harksdale Air Force Base, La., — home to 47 B-52s — Marcotte tries to thank the bombers regularly and says that thanks to exceptional maintenance, the planes are "doing extremely well."

"It's amazing," said Glenn Buchan, a Rand Corp. expert on strategic bombers. "The B-52 is one of the most remarkably successful airplanes ever built."

In fact, Buchan said in an interview Friday, the B-52 might be the best model on which to develop the next generation of long-range bombers — a large plane capable of carrying many different weapons and firing them from a great distance.

The Air Force is not ready to



Military officials expect the Vietnam War-era B-52, put into service in the early 1950s, to fly four decades into the new century.

invest in a new generation of bombers, however. Over the next decade or so, the Air Force will devote most of its aircraft development dollars to the F-22 stealth fighter to replace the F-15 Strike Eagle and the so-called Joint Strike Fighter to replace the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

"Preserve what we have" in bombers, is the way Air Force Secretary F. Whitton Peters described the strategy Friday. He and Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, briefed reporters on a congressionally mandated "white paper" on the future of the long-range bomber fleet.

The upshot is that the B-52,

along with the younger B-1B Lance and the new stealthy B-2 Spirit, will be kept around until approximately 2037, by which time the Air Force calculates that attrition will have reduced the fleet below the minimum 170 aircraft. Planning for a replacement bomber might start in 2013.

The role of strategic bombing has changed greatly since the Cold War, when the nation's leaders believed the United States needed a fleet capable of penetrating the formidable air defenses of the Soviet Union. If war came, it was expected to go nuclear, and the bombers were the backbone of U.S. strategy.

That has changed with the col-

lapse of the Soviet Union. Today the bombers are used primarily in tactical strikes such as the four-day air campaign last December against Iraq. Today a group of B-52s is standing by at RAF Fairford in England for possible use in NATO-sponsored air strikes against Serbia.

Known officially as the Stratofortress, the B-52's crew affectionately call it the BUFF (Big Ugly Fat Fellow). Its wingspan of 185 feet makes it wider than it is long (139 feet), and it stands 40 feet high. With eight turbofan jet engines, it can carry 70,000 pounds of bombs, missiles and other weapons and fly 8,800 miles before refueling.

Officials criticize security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lead investigator in last fall's twin bombings in Africa and a Clinton administration official told a Congressional panel Friday that \$650 million should be allocated in next year's budget to enhance security at embassies.

Adm. William Crowe said at a House International Relations Committee panel on international operations that \$650 million would be a good starting figure to begin addressing a new range of terrorist threats to U.S. missions overseas.

Crowe criticized the Office of Management and Budget for rejecting pleas from the State Department for an additional \$1.4 billion for fiscal 2000 for embassy security, saying he was "not sure it had received the wake up call" that the embassy bombings prompted.

Administration Secretary of State for Administration Patrick Kennedy told the House panel the administration would "feel comfortable if it had \$650 million in fiscal 2000" to begin making U.S. embassies more secure.

Attorney seeks better kids' lunches

ALCOA, Tenn. (AP) — Some fourth-graders just complain about their lunchroom food. Ryan Rose got a lawyer.

Fed up with pinto beans, corned and salad, 10-year-old Ryan hired Monte Walton to fight for better fare on the Alcoa Elementary School menu.

"Me and my friends got mad because there was not anything to eat," he said.

Walton, a lawyer in Knoxville, employs Ryan's mother as a paralegal.

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Saharan dust blown to Florida may affect coral

Sun-Sentinel, South Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Soaring 184 miles above the earth with a payload of goldfish, newt and jellyfish experiments, NASA's shuttle set an endurance record for space shuttle travel were riveted by an odd sight below.

A reddish-brown river of dust was erupting from the deserts and eroding farmlands of North Africa. Hundreds of miles wide and thousands of miles long, the plume was whipped across the

Atlantic Ocean by fierce trade winds. And, as the space travelers aboard Columbia could clearly see near the end of their July 1994 flight, it was headed for Florida.

What they didn't know was that the dust might be helping kill coral reefs here.

A novel theory gaining momentum among researchers holds that this periodically erupting river of dust, blown by the same winds that sweep hurricanes our way, is contributing to the decades-long decline of corals

across the Caribbean and in Florida. And it may be causing other environmental problems, too.

In 1989, the winds were so strong that fully grown grasshoppers were carried all the way to Antigua in the space of five days, Shinn said.

Enough dirt is carried from the Old World to the New — from Maine to Texas to the Caribbean Sea in the summer, covering much of northern South America in the winter — that air plants in the Amazon have evolved to

count on nutrients derived from the airborne soil.

And recently, researchers have discovered that the dust storms may be carrying with them pesticides long banned in this country, but still used in Africa.

Shinn, who was studying the decline of reefs in the Florida Keys, noticed that the years when the biggest dust plumes blew across the Atlantic seemed to correspond to years when corals here — and sometimes across the Caribbean — suffered.



President Clinton and an unidentified child look out of a window Friday at Clinton's childhood home in Hope, Ark.

Clinton dedicates home in Arkansas as historic site

HOPE, Ark. (AP) — Shoulders hunched against a chilling rain, President Clinton thanked his hometown Friday for the "love and loyalty and lessons of a lifetime" he learned here in a plain wood-frame home.

The president returned to Hope for an outdoor ceremony to dedicate his birthplace as a historic site. He marveled at the restoration of his maternal grandparents' home, 117 South Hervey Street, an ivory house with green trim, on a plot of land fronted by a white-picket fence so fresh the paint was still wet.

"The rain makes this day even more poignant for me," Clinton said. "To my family and friends I say thank you for love and loyalty and the lessons of a lifetime. Thank you for being there for me through this whole, wonderful ride."

The house has been open to tourists since June 1997, and visitors have come from all 50 states and 43 countries. Its official notice on the National Register of Historic Places identified the property with "Clinton's humble beginnings," his "inner strength" and "the dedication to purpose that has sustained him throughout his distinguished political career."

A few more than 100 people sat in row, biting wind on damp aluminum chairs, listening patiently as Clinton reminisced about the place where he broke his leg trying to jump rope in cowboy boots; learned to count on playing cards that his grandparents propped in a window; first prayed; and thought his mother was calling from nursing school in New Orleans each time the telephone rung.

Drunken driver gets prison in Jehovah's Witness case

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — A drunken driver got 10 years in prison Friday in the case of a Jehovah's Witness who died of her injuries after she refused blood transfusions.

Keith Cook, 32, was convicted of manslaughter in December in the death of Jadinne Russell. He was acquitted of murder.

The defense argued that the woman caused her own death by adhering to her religious beliefs. But medical testimony indicated she probably would not have survived even if she

had gotten blood.

Mrs. Russell, 55, was standing on the side of the road with police after a minor car accident last 1998 when Cook slammed his pickup truck into a parked car, pushing the vehicle into her.

She suffered broken bones and severe bleeding but told emergency workers and doctors "No blood" at least 10 times, and even tried to pull out an intravenous line.

Jehovah's Witnesses believe there is a biblical basis for refusing other people's blood.

Police arrest man on DWI after accident with MADD official


WAREHAM, Mass. (AP) — A man with four drunken driving convictions was arrested on DWI charges again, this time after allegedly plowing into a car operated by the state executive director of MADD.

Donald Podzka, 48, was driving with a suspended license when his car hit Barbara Harrington's as she headed home from a Mothers Against Drunk Driving meeting Tuesday night, police said. No injuries were reported.

Podzka's blood-alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit, the Boston Herald reported.

Podzka was immediately arrested, and police said they confiscated four cans of beer — two of them open — from an area near his car.

A witness told police he saw Podzka frantically hurling beer cans into the woods immediately after the crash, said state police Sgt. Ron Sieberg.



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Standoff in Wyoming ends

RAWLINS, Wyo. (AP) — A four-day standoff ended Thursday night when a rescue squad smashed through a sliding glass door and tackled the father of four children he had held hostage.

Police Chief Tony Rose said the raid was over within seconds.

"I was on the phone with the spotter. He says 'They're going in' and I said 'What's happening?' and he says, 'He's in custody,'" Rose said.

Eric DeMillard, 42, a former Utah corrections officer, was arrested with a pistol. Police tackled the 6-foot-4 DeMillard as he ran down a hallway. They wrestled the gun away and no shots were fired, said Rose.

"He was trying to bring it to bear on officers when they took him."

DeMillard was undergoing a mental examination Friday.

As the fourth day of the standoff went on, DeMillard became increasingly despondent and authorities worried more about a murder-suicide, according to Rose. "We had steak dinners out front for him but he wasn't even interested in negotiating for



Eric DeMillard Jr., 8, listens to a few last words from his father, Eric DeMillard Sr., Friday before leaving the house where he had been held captive for four days in Rawlins, Wyo.

them," he said. "We were even going to try to negotiate for just the dog."

He barged into his estranged wife's home Sunday night after the two had an argument. Novetta DeMillard fled and called police. The two are separated and battling for custody of the children.

Last month a judge revoked DeMillard's visitation and tele-

phone rights, saying supervision was "not sufficient" to protect the children during their father's visits.

Wyoming social workers had told the judge that DeMillard attempted to "program" his children during supervised telephone visits and posed a threat to their emotional health and safety. DeMillard had denied the allegations.

Snowpack could bring spring flooding

LEWISTON (AP) — The Natural Resources Conservation Service is warning northern Idaho residents that near record snowpacks in the high country could lead to late spring and summer flooding.

The Conservation Service is urging residents to be prepared for runoff volumes up to 65 percent above average in streams and rivers that drain higher elevation areas.


If mountains continue to accumulate snow late into spring and temperatures stay cool, the snowpack will build. That will pose a greater threat of flooding, especially if temperatures rise rapidly in May and June, causing a majority of the snow to melt all at once.

Forest Service to charge fee

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service will begin charging visitors to Mesa Falls either in late summer or early fall under a recreation fee demonstration project.

Forest Service officials last year approved the move to add Mesa Falls to its 67 other fee demonstration project sites around the country.

The exact fee is not set, but probably will be \$2 per car, said Kyle Olson, a recreation forester with the Targhee National Forest.



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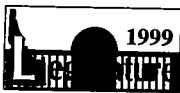
Measure targets reading skills

BOISE (AP) — A sweeping \$3.9 million initiative to improve the reading skills of Idaho's public school students is headed for a final legislative vote.

The Senate Education Committee wrapped up two days of hearings on the House-passed package Friday and forwarded it to the full Senate.

There is a percentage of our children, it appears to be a very higher percentage, who are not learning to read," said former Boise State Education Dean Robert Barr, whose research has highlighted the reading deficit.

"This will focus the attention of



all our teachers on those children," he said.

The three bill package, embraced by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, establishes teacher education and certification requirements, sets specific standards and mandates semiannual evaluations of kindergarten through 3rd grade students under

the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan and directs all 113 Idaho school districts to offer a summer intervention program for students who are reading below grade level.

Teacher standards would require Idaho universities and the state Board of Education to create a reading examination that prospective teachers would have to pass to be certified.

An estimated 7,500 kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers already on the job also would have to complete state-approved reading instruction courses or prove their continuing competence every five years.

Kempthorne plan for hiring heads to final vote

BOISE (AP) — A House committee on Friday cleared for final legislative action Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to take direct control of the state Personnel Commission.

Despite questions raised by representatives of state employees and a former Personnel Commission member, the State

Affairs Committee endorsed the legislation without dissent and forwarded it to the House floor.

At its core, the bill transfers authority over state job hiring lists, classifications and other matters beyond control from the bipartisan Personnel

Commission to a director appointed by the governor and serving at his pleasure.

Although few have raised a voice against it, many lawmakers have called it one of the most far-reaching changes in state policy in years.

Idaho, Sho-Bans reach agreement

BOISE (AP) — Eastern Idaho's Shoshone-Bannock tribes have agreed to a gambling compact with the state that includes letting a federal judge decide the extent of legal gambling on Idaho reservations.

The Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Kootenai tribes, with larger gambling operations than the Shoshone-Bannocks, oppose the deal because it raises the specter of severe restrictions on enterprises that have been economic booms to their northern Idaho reservations.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Fort Hall Tribal Business Council Chairman Kevin Timms agreed Monday to sign the gambling compact. It includes a provision that both the tribe and the state to resolve sovereignty immunity from lawsuits, allowing a determination in federal court of what types of gambling may be conducted in each case.

"It's a means of resolving a dispute that's been around for a long time," Deputy Attorney General Edward High told the House Ways and Means Committee in describ-

ing legislation to ratify the Shoshone-Bannocks compact and authorize Kempthorne to waive Idaho's sovereign immunity.

The other tribes — all of which have compacts with the state — have refused to waive their sovereign immunity, preferring ambiguity that allows their gambling operations to continue at least at their current level.

"We aren't a party to that compact and yet what happens could affect us," said Bill Roden, a lobbyist for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. "The compact that the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has has specific language about what can and cannot be done."

The Shoshone-Bannocks have a high-stakes bingo operation on the Fort Hall Reservation, along with some electronic pull-tab games that state officials contend are illegal under the state Constitution.

But the other tribes have many more of those machines in their lucrative operations than do the Shoshone-Bannocks. And as the only tribe without a gambling compact with the state as

required by the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, state officials said the Shoshone-Bannocks were at risk of having their operation shut down by federal agents.

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HB5 (Natural Resources) — Authorizes an administrative penalty for violations of the insurance code not governed by specific penalties.

HB176 (Education) — Clarifies the grounds for court determination that a guardian is necessary for a minor and who should be the guardian.

HB90 (Agricultural Affairs) — Clarifies circumstances of warehouse failures.

HB186 (Education) — Extends actual enrollment provisions to public charter school students.

HB201 (Education) — Revises procedures for assigning administrative school employees to non-administrative jobs.

HB271 (Education) — Makes criminal background checks of substitute teachers transferable between districts.

HB248 (Finance) — Allocates \$1.6 million for 2000 operations of the State Treasurer.

Filed by Senate

SB1140 (Transportation) — Replaces four tires on certain motor vehicles.

Continued by Senate

Neil Miller, Blackfoot, to the Transportation Board.

Legislative Action Complete

HCR17 (Resources and Conservation) — Declares officials state opposition to breaching the Snake River dams.

HJM3 (Revenue and Taxation) — Urges Congress to repeal the item and gift taxes.

Introduced in House

HB368 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$24 million for capital construction in 2000.

HB369 (Ways and Means) — Creates a mechanism for discounting specialty license plate processes that fail to maintain a level of profitability.

HB370 (Ways and Means) — Replaces the Environmental Quality Division of the Department of Education by developing rules regulating dog services and poultry feeding operations.

HB371 (Ways and Means) — Replaces the ton-mile tax on trucks with another method of assessment.

HB372 (Ways and Means) — Replaces the state's gambling compact with the Shoshone-Bannocks and provides a mechanism for resolving legal issues regarding Indian gambling operations.

HB373 (Ways and Means) — Authorizes a legislative study committee on natural resources.

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THE MEDICARE DEBATE

Should Congress go along with the Clinton proposal to extend Medicare coverage to 55- to 64-year-olds?

Chicken Littles are wrong: Plan is a good step

Yes

Steve Protulis

Just three years ago the professional hysterics in Washington told us the nation was doomed to drown in a rising tide of red ink unless Social Security and Medicare were slashed to the bone.

The National Center for Policy Analysis, by way of example, was saying that "By 2000, Medicare will be increasing the federal deficit by over \$100 billion in today's dollars. By 2010, Medicare alone will be running a deficit almost as large as the entire federal deficit today."

Chicken Little pundits are rarely right. The good news is that cooler heads usually prevail. Back in 1995 and 1996, President Clinton repeatedly vetoed legislation that would have decimated Medicare as we know it. Today the U.S. is running a federal surplus the Congressional Budget Office is projecting to total \$4.5 trillion over the next 14 years.

The hysterics haven't learned much, however. The latest claim by those on the far right is that a modest Clinton proposal to extend Medicare to middle-income seniors that have been involuntarily downsized will somehow "over the edge."

Nonsense. The administration's proposal would allow pre-retirees ages 62 to 65, and involuntarily downsized workers ages 55 to 62,

to buy into the current Medicare program.

Under this budget-neutral plan, new enrollees under age 65 would pay \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year to get Medicare's standard package of health care. For those aged 65 to \$10 to \$20 a month in increased Medicare premiums for age 65 on. While costing less than comparable private health care plans, this is hardly a "free lunch." In fact, the only legitimate criticism of the Clinton plan is that the high cost of the buy-in means just 300,000 to 400,000 people, out of an eligible population of 6 million to 8 million, are likely to avail themselves of the option.

To highlight the plan's strengths and weaknesses, consider Levi Strauss' recent announcement that it is terminating 6,000 employees and moving two-thirds of its labor force overseas. If you are a 58-year-old garment worker earning \$30,000 a year in a Levi's factory, you may now be permanently out of a job.

What will you do without health insurance, especially if you have a pre-existing medical condition? The Clinton plan would allow such displaced workers to buy into Medicare - unfortunately at a price most could not afford.

If the Clinton plan is budget-neutral, why would anyone op-

pose it? The answer is simple: unfettered health care profiteering. The insurance industry doesn't want to lose another profitable market to a vast community-rated insurance pool like Medicare.

When Americans join together and purchase insurance through community-rated plans like Medicare, insurance companies can no longer cancel coverage or raise prices at will.

The health insurance industry has worked hard to hide its greed, channeling vast sums of money into right-wing "think tanks" who serve as paid apologists for corporate medicine.

Most of these think-tanks have opposed every effort to extend health care to the tens of millions of Americans who remain uninsured. Instead, these pundits have focused their efforts on dismantling Medicare, a successful health insurance system that provides affordable benefits to 37 million older Americans.

As for their breathless assertion that Medicare is "going broke," don't believe it. Medicare is twice as solvent today as it was in 1982 at the beginning of the Reagan presidency.

The Clinton Medicare buy-in option is not perfect, but in the health-care arena, perfect has long been the enemy of good. A buy-in plan won't solve every one's problems, but it will solve many problems for some. That's a start worth making.

Steve Protulis is executive director of the National Council of Senior Citizens, one of the oldest and largest senior citizens organizations in the United States.

Expansion may topple house of cards

Never let it be said that the Clinton administration is unprincipled. When it comes to really bad ideas, the White House will fight to the death.

That's apparent with the reintroduction of President Clinton's plan to expand Medicare to the "near elderly" - those ages 55 through 64.

The White House floated this proposal a year ago. The idea was to let anyone age 62 to 65 who was uninsured buy into Medicare, while those age 55 up to 62 could buy in if they had lost their job.

But the idea never caught on, in part because even liberals raised concerns that the buy-in would create incentives that could exacerbate undesirable trends in the nation's labor markets.

One of those trends is that many of the near elderly are voluntarily choosing to retire early, especially those 63 and 64 years old.

Between 1988 and 1996, the increase in the early retirement rate of those ages 63 and 64 grew from 11 percent to 38.5 percent.

Expanding Medicare would only exacerbate this trend, and could even encourage employers to push the near elderly into early retirement. Though many em-

No

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ployers currently provide health insurance to those taking early retirement, would they continue to do so if they knew a 62-year-old could buy into Medicare?

But don't the near elderly have the choice to purchase affordable health insurance if they can't get it through an employer? Some do, but it's not the crisis the president would like to suggest.

For one thing, the near elderly are much more likely to be insured than any other segment of the under-65 population. While 14.3 percent of the near elderly were uninsured in 1997, 88.3 percent of all those under 65 were uninsured.

Moreover, most of the near elderly are healthy and can purchase private health insurance policy on their own if they want to - in many cases for less than what they would be charged under the president's buy-in plan.

A 1998 report by the Public Policy Institute of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) estimated that a Medicare buy-in for people age 52 to 64 would cost about \$381 per month in 1997.

But that estimate assumes people who are healthy would join the program. Since private insurance companies usually reject applicants who are already

sick, private insurers would have a healthier group of people and could likely offer a lower price.

As a result, healthy seniors would shift to private companies, leaving the Medicare buy-in program with a disproportionate number of sick people - whose premiums would begin to spiral up until no one could afford them.

Ironically, Congress has already attempted to solve the problem of the uninsurable - The Kassebaum-Kennedy health insurance reform bill that passed in 1996. It requires states to set up some type of insurance program to take care of those who are medically uninsurable.

It's true, as supporters of the Medicare buy-in claim, that many of the near elderly who have retired early and are uninsured are on fixed incomes and cannot afford private insurance, even if Kassebaum-Kennedy made it available. But then neither could they afford the Medicare buy-in - especially if it becomes a repository for all the near elderly with medical conditions.

Neither Kassebaum-Kennedy nor the Medicare buy-in do anything about the poor.

At a time when Medicare is going broke, does it make any sense to expand the program - especially when Congress has already made such provisions for those who need health insurance?

Dr. Merrill Matthews Jr. is not president for some policy at the National Center for Policy Analysis, a non-partisan, non-profit think-tank based in Dallas.

LETTERS

Civil War generals left bloody trail

Leaders learn from Grant's example. Usually, we hear only of Grant and Sherman attacking Richmond and Atlanta, but it was much different. Situation: spring 1864. The U.S. Navy began patrolling the Mississippi River, key cities were ruthlessly occupied by federal forces, bands of federal cavalry raided deep within rebel territory and seven Union armies were successing the life out of the Confederacy.

Against this pressured stood only Lee and Johnson, Wheeler and Forrest, some scattered independent units and a few guerrillas. Southern forces, even if

united into one army, could not match the firepower of Grant alone. Grant began the final conquest with 120,000 men. They were the best-equipped army in the world. Lee could scarcely gather 60,000 worn and ill-fed youngsters and old campaigners to oppose him.

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Grant's leadership and compassion in action: The Wilderness Campaign opened in northern Virginia. It was a

blister struggle in dense brush and trees. Fires broke out and fire and flog became lost in the entanglements. Though not victorious, Grant held the field, little attempt was made to help the wounded and many burned to death. The second fight came at Spotsylvania. Grant sledgehammered Lee's tough defensive line. Many federal soldiers were hit so many times the bodies literally came apart and fell four and five deep in front of the Confederates. Union wounded died where they fell. Cold Harbor was next, where thousands of federal troops were mowed down by rifle fire so intense it cut trees and tore cannons from their limbers - another direct assault on a fortified position and no truce after a day to help the wounded. It was total war, as stated by Sherman, but total war didn't just mean killing enemy soldiers, but the systematic eradication of inferior persons; and it would define American political and military ideology and methodology for years to come. Grant and his officers were not warriors. They were the federal government's executioners and close scrutiny of their conduct conducted by the auditors and thieves. MARK SCHUCKERT Twain Falls

2. Great Britain has not had a heavyweight champion since Bob Fitzsimmons (almost 100 years ago). Lewis is younger, faster and has a better knockout record. This would be the perfect time for it to happen because Europe won't produce another heavyweight contender for quite some time.

3. With a 33-year-old Lewis winning, a rematch will take place before the year is out (maybe November). When this happens, Holyfield will win and retire, making him the only heavyweight to win the title four times.

Evander Holyfield has also had some problems with fighters in first bouts. He lost to Michael Moorer in their first meeting and beat him the next. He lost to Riddick Bowe in their first fight and beat him in the rematch. Will the pattern repeat itself? I don't know, but if I were a betting man, I'd put my money on Lennox Lewis for this first fight.

In the year 2000, we could have Evander Holyfield as "Fighter of the Century." Hmmm, we could also have him as "Athlete of the Century."

TOM MENDOZA
Kimberly

Thrush is not a nice person

In reference to the letter of Julie Yon dated March 5:

I also do not know, nor have I ever met Jesse Thrush. Only after the death of Hitley Williams have I heard what a "good guy" he was - liked by the fellows he worked with as a volunteer firefighter, by people in the community that he dealt with as police officer.

The bottom line, Ms. Yon, is Jesse Thrush shook a baby and threw her on the bed. This is not a nice person. You cannot accidentally shake a baby.

As a peace officer, Mr. Thrush certainly

ly should have the maturity and training to deal with extremely tense, trying situations. In this instance, he was dealing with a trying little person going through the "terrible twos."

Since you see this as only an accident, in your experience as a caregiver of young children, I would hope you don't use this method to "obtain their attention."

BARBARA EGNER
Filer

Think before you prejudge

I would just like to say amen to Julie Yon's letter about Officer Thrush in the March 5 edition of the Times-News. I also think that all of our good citizens in the Magic Valley area that judge a person without knowing the whole story should just step back and look at themselves for a minute or two and try to remember when maybe you have done something really stupid to your spouse or children that you wish you had never done but know there is no way to take it back, and in turn you just hope they will forgive you sometime later in life.

I do not know Officer Thrush at all. I have never even met the man, but I can tell you that the hell he will live with for the rest of his life, the dreams and nightmares, whether our great or not-so-great system should send him to jail, will be greater than any of you can imagine. I hope some day in the future, little Hitley Williams' mother, father and family can forgive this man for his terrible mistake as also I hope someday Jesse Thrush can somehow forgive the Times-News because in God's eyes, little Hitley and the Lord already have.

DARREN EACKER
Kimberly

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Combining sports and politics

This weekend, we will watch a great heavyweight boxing match featuring Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. If you think (as I do) that politics play a role in sports, then listen to my reason for picking Lewis to win the fight.

I. Even though Holyfield has won the hearts of many boxing fans, he has gone through many tough battles. He's 36 years old and is just about done with his career.

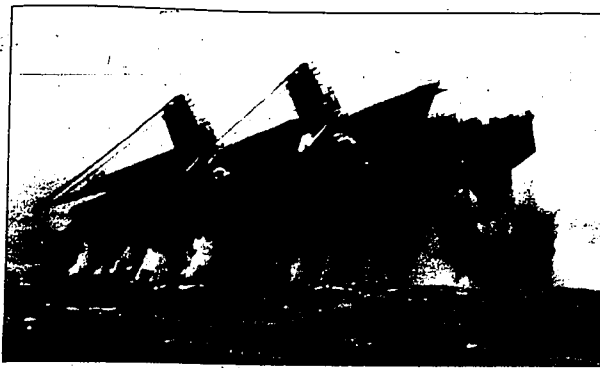
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WEST



Point-blasting 5-inch, 54-caliber rounds fired by the U.S. Navy destroyer USS David R. Ray (DD 971) explode at the waterline of New Carissa as the ship is scuttled Thursday 223 miles west of Waldport, Ore.

Oregonians celebrate 'New Carissa at the Bottom of the Ocean Day'

WALDPOR, Ore. (AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber on Friday declared "Two-thirds of the New Carissa at the Bottom of the Ocean Day." Now attention turns to the other third, the stern, mired in surf near Coos Bay.

"The only thing more stubborn and uncooperative than Mother Nature was the New Carissa herself," Kitzhaber wrote in his declaration.

"We burned her, we burned her again, then we broke her in half, dragged her out to sea, then dragged her through a hurricane, but to everyone's displeasure, she wound up back on Oregon's coast."

The saga that went on for more than a month finally came to an end Thursday, but the 420-foot bow of the New Carissa did not go quietly.

What looked like a sea battle 300 miles out in the Pacific, Navy demolitions experts first blew holes in the ship with explosives, then a destroyer riddled the wreck with 70 artillery rounds.

When the stubborn ship insisted on staying afloat, they brought in nuclear submarines that fired a torpedo that provided the knock-out blast. The ship lurched back-end first below the surface of the water, and now sits two miles down, where its 130,000 gallons of fuel oil onboard can do no more harm.

Despite initial reports of an oil sheen where the ship went down, a search Thursday was unable to find one.

The 639-foot New Carissa first washed ashore at Coos Bay on Feb. 4 and began leaking oil four days later. Efforts to burn the 400,000 gallons of fuel oil on board succeeded in burning only half of it away. The ship split in two and spilled 70,000 gallons on southern Oregon's pristine beaches.

When salvage crews tried to tow it out to sea last week, it broke away from the tow line and washed ashore at Waldport, spilling more oil on that beach. It was hauled out to sea Monday for what proved to be the last time.

The Coast Guard, salvage officials and others will meet Friday in Coos Bay to look into how to remove the 220-foot stern still mired in the sand.

Gov. Kitzhaber has said he wants a \$25 million bond posted by the ship's Japanese owners to assure that the problem will be dealt with.

The state worries about liability if someone gets hurt at the stern wreck, which is on property controlled by the Division of

State Lands.

"Nor is it enthusiastic about the image of that ship on its shores," said Langdon Marsh, the head of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

DEQ spokesman Terry Ohtesuka said crews were checking beaches in the places where the ship came ashore, looking for

additional spilled oil from Coos Bay to Lincoln City 100 miles to the north.

Cleanup costs so far have totalled about \$14 million. The ship's limit of liability under the federal Oil Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, is \$21.9 million. The ship's insurance is said to total \$29 million.

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WORLD

Virtuoso violinist Yehudi Menuhin dies at 82

LONDON — Violinist Yehudi Menuhin, whose astonishing youthful virtuosity grew into one of the great musical talents of the 20th century, died Friday. He was 82 and had been showing his love of music with ardor as an amateur, who would sit 7 1/2 hours a day practicing.



Yehudi Menuhin Tuesday night, but the concert was canceled when he took ill, concert promoter Jitta Adler said.

The London office said he had pneumonia and died of heart failure in Berlin's Martin Luther Hospital. "He was a giant in this century, as a violinist, musician, personality within the musical world ... and of course the most phenomenal child prodigy that ever existed, certainly in this century," said violinist Leokadia Perlman.

"Listening to his recordings, it is indelible what he was able to communicate through his fiddle," Perlman added.

Menuhin, who lived in London and in Grand, Switzerland, was born in New York of Russian Jewish parents who had emigrated from Israel. He was both an American citizen and a British subject, and was made a baron — Lord Menuhin of Sotheby d'Abernon — in 1983.

Menuhin was only 12 when Albert Einstein discovered him backstage after a concert in Berlin and embraced him, exclaiming, "Now I know there is a God in heaven!"

In addition to his performances in many countries, he encouraged young musicians in his school in England and with a foundation in Belgium, and won international admiration as a humanitarian.

World in brief

compensate his family — possibly paving the way for thousands of such cases in a nation of workaholics.

Before Mori Iijima hanged himself in his garage in 1985, he was driven to depression from overwork at his job in a machine shop, the Nagano District Court ruled.

Under Japanese law, the spouse and dependent children of a worker who dies from a job-related injury or illness can receive payments of about \$17,000 a year from the government. But proving that overwork caused the suicide is extremely difficult.

In Iijima's case, experts testified that he suffered from insomnia, extreme exhaustion and fears brought on by the nearly

160 hours of overtime each month. Iijima's case was only the second in Japan in which the government was ordered to pay for suicide from overwork. There was a similar ruling in 1996, and one other case is before a court. But Friday's ruling is significant because it addressed government liability.

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American food aid arrives in Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Cranes hoisted the year's first American food aid onto a ship in St. Petersburg on Friday after months of delays caused by U.S. concerns that the aid would be stolen en route.

Last fall officials said the food would help Russia's poor through the winter months, but it arrived with spring only one week away. The aid will instead stabilize the market and make food more affordable, U.S. officials said.

The United States offered \$250 million worth of agricultural products after a financial crisis last year left Russia's economy in tatters and a drought ruined the harvest.

Talks on the aid had stalled over U.S. concerns for safety of the shipments in Russia, where past aid has been melted on the black market. This year, U.S. officials will accompany the aid.

KLA suggests support of Kosovo peace plan

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanians blamed Friday they would accept a U.S.-proposed peace plan for Kosovo, where violence surged after government troops tried to drive guerrillas from three villages. Serbs remained opposed to the deal.

Western diplomats have worked for the past week to get the Kosovo Liberation Army to accept the plan, but battles among the rebel leaders have stymied several proposed breakthroughs.

Their backing would turn up the heat on Serbian and Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to sign the accord or face NATO airstrikes.

Although Kosovo's population is overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian, it is a province of Serbia, the larger of Yugoslavia's two republics. More than a year of ethnic fighting between government forces and rebels seeking independence has left more than 2,000 dead and hundreds of thousands uprooted.

Japanese court orders payment for suicide

TOKYO — A Japanese court ruled Friday that a man killed himself because he was exhausted from working 80-hour weeks and ordered the government to

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Visitor center begins 11th season today

TWIN FALLS — The Russ Langdon Visitor Center will open for its 11th season today near the Fernie Bridge.
Center manager Tina Biddle has more than 100 senior citizens ready to volunteer, said the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the center. Volunteers discuss the monthly answer questions and operate the store.
Spring hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Hours extend to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.
If you have a product or service you would like to be displayed or sold at the center, call the chamber at 733-3794.

Southern Idaho students will conclude competition

TWIN FALLS — Students from southern Idaho will conclude a two-day competition in Boise today in the Idaho Academic Decathlon final.
Local competitors include teams from Burley, Jerome, Minidoka, Shoshone and Valley High schools. They are competing in a pool of 28 Idaho teams.
The competition includes a written essay, six multiple-choice tests in math, science, social studies, language, economics and humanities, with 10 minutes to answer each question. Each 30-minute test is a five-minute prepared speech and a two-minute impromptu speech, an interview based on a panel of three judges answering questions about their school, future plans, travel and activities, and an oral question "The Brain-Teasing Interview."
The winning team will represent Idaho at a national competition in California in April.

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Skate park design nears drawing board

By Mick Heiler
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — If skateboarders in Twin Falls want to skate the concrete without eating it, a pending skate park might have to be scaled back from what was on boarders' wish lists this week.
"A lot of what skaters bring up during design workshops is outside of what we are willing to do — if only just from a liability standpoint," said Sandra Cruz, C&E based skate park designer Zach Wormhoudt.
Wormhoudt was in Twin Falls this week, meeting with engineers and city officials about what should go into a Twin Falls skate park. The current plan is to plunk the park on the approximately 12,000-square-foot concrete lid of a ground-level water-storage tank slated to be built this summer near Hankins Boulevard.
Building a park atop a water tank would be a first for him, Wormhoudt said.
He also spent time late Thursday with about 30 boarders, who brainstormed for ideas and made clay models of what the park might look like. Some of the boarders' ideas were too extreme, he said. But many of the favored features, including mock stairs and a 4- to 5-foot-high approach ramp, should be workable.
The city has agreed to put up half the money for the skate park, which might cost about \$120,000.
The next hurdle will be to figure out just when to build the park, said Brian Smith of JUB Engineers Inc. of Twin Falls. JUB is designing the water tank.
The 10-inch-thick lid is set to be finished with the rest of the tank, in July or August. Waiting until later to put the 4-inch-thick

skate park base on top of that could leave gaps between the two sections, he said.
"That probably wouldn't work for skaters, Wormhoudt said.
"There's been a trend in skate-board wheels to become smaller and shallower, so deeper, smaller and smaller irregularities can hinder skateboards," he said.
Many boarding-related injuries result from skaters hitting gaps or seams in the concrete, he said.
A possible solution would be to pour the concrete for the lid and the park base all at once, leaving

a seamless finish, Smith said. But that could make the project more complicated and expensive.
Meanwhile, engineers might have to beef up the design of the lid so it can safely support the weight of the water tank.
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READY TO ARGUE



Jeffrey Dutton, left, Don Johnston and Roger Cheney, members of a team from Ricki College, prepare Friday for the forensics tournament being hosted at the College of Southern Idaho. Students debate part in various speech and debate events for both team and individual competition during the tournament, which concludes today.

Court rejects appeal

Wood River Valley man will continue sentence for abuse

The Associated Press

BOISE — A divided Idaho Supreme Court has upheld the conviction and sentence of a Wood River Valley man for sexually molesting two young girls.
The high court, in a 4-3 decision issued Friday, expanded on an earlier split decision by the Court of Appeals that rejected claims by Daryl Byington that he was subjected to an illegal search and not given sufficient time to prepare for a surprise prosecution witness.
Byington, sentenced in 1996 to 18 years in prison with no chance of parole for six years, also contended the evidence overall did not justify his conviction.
The three-judge appellate panel last year unanimously counted all of Byington's claims except his contention that the surprise witness — Byington's step-niece who claimed she was abused more than a decade earlier — was so mishandled that a new trial was warranted.
Appeals Judge Alan Schwartzman sided with Byington in a rare division on the appellate court apparently requiring the high court majority to expand on the issue.
While his two colleagues held that each had testimony on the way the defense was allowed to deal with it violated Byington's right to a fair trial, Schwartzman claimed Byington "has literally been bushwhacked in the name of expediency."
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CSI squad hosts forensics tournament

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's debate team won its first regional title this year.
The forensics team trounced not only all of the competing community colleges but most of the four-year schools, too. CSI competed among 35 teams at the Northwest Forensics Conference Regional Championship held in Walla Walla, Wash.
Top individual honors went to Filer freshman Jeff Drown and Twin Falls freshman Tabitha Miller. The duo took first place in two interpretive events. Miller also took first place in novice

persuasive speaking, and Drown took first place in just-in-classic interpretation. Drown took second place in junior program oral interpretation. Twin Falls freshman "Christy" Bowman placed second in impromptu speaking.
Other individual awards ranging from third to sixth place

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Buhl resident gets nod; Lincoln Day defined

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BOISE — Buhl resident Dave Whitmore was named the administrator of the Idaho Building Safety Administration Friday.
Gov. Dick Kempthorne said the former car dealer and three-year veteran of the state board of corrections works well with people, and that will be a great asset in his new job.
Whitmore is a former chairman of the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee.
• Primary colors: the move to

Legislative extras
align Idaho with an early Western presidential primary failed in the House Friday by two votes.
Advocates say the move would

give the West a voice in presidential politics. However, some opponents argue the move to "frontload" the primary — California and other states are looking to crowd Super Tuesday as well — will hurt the process more than help it.
Leadership might look for a way to bring the idea back next week, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb. R-Burley, told his colleagues. But time could be running out — next week could be the final week of the 1999 session.
• Right on the money: A

House measure requiring a sales tax on Idaho events such as concerts or speakers now has a clause that excludes Lincoln Day banquets and other political events.
Some in the Statehouse have noted the accuracy of the bill's description of such events: The bill excludes events where "any entertainment value is minimal when compared to the charge for attendance."
Legislative Extras is compiled by Times-News political writer Gregory Hahn.

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Bellevue to pick new councilors, mayor on April 5

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BELLEVUE — The mayor's position and three two-year spots on the Bellevue City Council will be up for election April 5.
Incumbent Councilman Steve Finkbeiner will run for mayor against Don Keemer and Ed Lopez.
Mayor Monte Brothwell will run for a council seat. Others running for council seats are Annie Kaiser, Erika Lynt, incumbent George Moore, Larry Pitzer and Jim Thomas. Candidates don't run for particular council seats.
Council member Melanie Deibel will not seek reelection.
The mayor receives a salary of \$20,000 a month, and council members receive \$100 each

Oakley neighbors take complaints to court

Residents believe recreation district violates state law
By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer
BURLEY — Several Oakley residents upset about the creation of the Oregon Trail Recreation District have taken their complaints to court.
Kent Searle, Steven Hepworth and Stanley Baker have filed a lawsuit in Cassia County District Court against the newly created recreation district.
The district violates state law by overlapping with the 14-year old Oakley Recreation District, the lawsuit says. State law prohibits overlap between two districts, said Don Pickett, an attorney for the plaintiffs.
An Oregon Trail Recreation

February. The complaint was given to the Oregon Trail Recreation District board of directors and Cassia County commissioners.
Pickett is waiting to see if the case will proceed in District Court. If it proceeds, the recreation district's fate could be in a judge's hands, Pickett said.
Cassia County Prosecutor Steven Bywater did not want to discuss the case. He will review the case Monday, then talk to commissioners.
Once the case is reviewed, Bywater said he and commissioners will be in a better position to comment.
Commissioner Shirley Povlsen said she knew the lawsuit, but did not know the full facts. She said she did not want to speak about the case until she knew more about it.
Instead of taking the district apart, one alternative could be to recreate the district's borders. County commissioners would

have that authority, Pickett said.
Edward Evans, the recreation district board member, agrees some changes are needed. Dismantling the district would be the worst case scenario, he said.
"It's too bad the first item of business has to be a suit, but some mistakes were made that need to be changed," he said.
Cassia County voters approved the recreation district in November 1998.
Besides creating recreational activities and programs, one of the district's long-term goals is creating a seven-mile paved trail connecting Burley and Declo along the fourth bank of the Snake River.
The trail could cost \$40,000 per mile, but the district could receive federal and state grants to help pay for the cost.
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Wanted in the Magic Valley

Name: Edward Paul Sangston (also known as Seamus Bruce Wolfe, Edward Wolfe, Shea Wolfe, and Scott McWilliams).
Age: 28.
Description: White male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 160 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair. Tattoos on left arm and right shoulder.
Charged with: Grand theft.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information to call 736-4100 or 735-1971.

MAGIC VALLEY

Record

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costs; six months' unsupervised court costs; six months' unsupervised court costs; six months' unsupervised court costs; six months' unsupervised court costs...

114, Burley; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended, \$650 court costs, \$100 defender fee, 180 days in jail with 38 suspended...

Felony dismissals
Shawn Gillette, 34, 511 Malta Ave., Burley; seven counts no account check fraud; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony sentencing
Shawn Gillette, 34, 511 Malta Ave.; no account check fraud amended to insufficient funds check fraud; \$100 fine, \$43.50 court costs, \$50 defender fees...

Juvenile sentencing
Erica Lee Akala, 13, 1501 Malta Ave.; misdemeanor driving under the influence; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended...

Buhl Crime Watch
BUHL - The Buhl Crime Watch Report for the week of March 1-7 included:

Arrests and citations
Merrill S. Cheney, 24, Buhl, driving while suspended.

Reports taken
Vandalism - 200 S. Sixth (camper tip); Vehicle burglary - 1625 Maple; Aggravated assault - 556 Sawtooth.

Reported traffic accidents
300 block of South Broadway, North 11th and Broadway.

Minidoka County

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

Drunken-driving dismissal
Telephone Gonzalez Juarez, 35, P.O. Box 717, Burley; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Drunken-driving sentencing
Daniel P. Meredith, 24, 16144 N. West Gilliam Road, Portland, Ore.; misdemeanor; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended...

Shawn E. Walters, 20, 1238 Park Meadows Drive, Twin Falls; willful court costs; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, \$30 public defender fee...

Diarrhals
Misty Sue Edwards, 20, 213 E. 450 S.; misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended...

Hector Manuel Reyes, 34, 1026 Ave. J, Jerome; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended...

Divorce finalized
Mary Jo Phillips vs. William Glenn Phillips.

Cassia County
BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Drunken-driving sentencing
Munica M. Archuleta, 18, 950 1/2 Scholde Ave., Burley; under age 21 misdemeanor; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended...

Joseph P. Cenzigler, 20, 214 Yale #14, Burley; under age 21 misdemeanor; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended...

Michael Angel Palomo, 19, 1957 Texas, Heber; misdemeanor; under age 21; \$500 fine with \$200 suspended...

Juan Carlos Vasquez, 35, 112 Second E., Declo; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$30 public defender fee...

Plin Chamberlain, 50, 1249 E. Highway 81 bypass, Declo; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$100 defender fee...

Felony dismissals
Joe Damian Gonzalez, 21, 109 Aspen Drive, Rupert; drug trafficking in cocaine; amended to requesting plane controlled substance is used; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Alvin Roberts, 39, 1197 E. GS Ranch, Declo; enhanced use of deadly weapon committing felony; Magistrate Monte B. Carlson.

Terry Vern Asher, 29, P.O. Box 143, Albion; drug stamp tax violation; Magistrate Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Francisco Pete Tarin, 27, 1718 Birch Ave., Burley; bail jumping; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Felony sentencing
Patrick Allan Rodgers, 39, 1197 E. GS Ranch, Declo; aggravated battery; \$250 court costs, 12 months' probation, \$250 restitution due victim; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Randy Louis Nielson, 38, P.O. Box

Bellevue will update codes

The Times-News
BELLEVUE - The Bellevue city ordinance, which encompasses every district in the city, is in the process of being updated.

It is updated regularly, but this time revision is dealing with more business issues, Mayor Jim Harshfield said.

Specifically, the ordinance would expand what is allowed in light-industrial areas, and would more strictly regulate housing above businesses, he said.

At its most recent meeting, the City Council received the approved ordinance draft from the planning and zoning board.

The measure still needs to go through public hearings.



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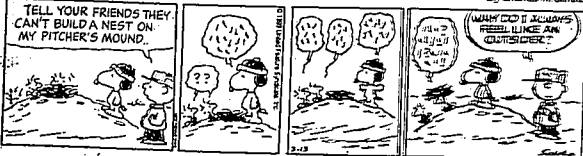
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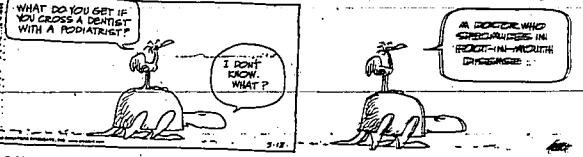
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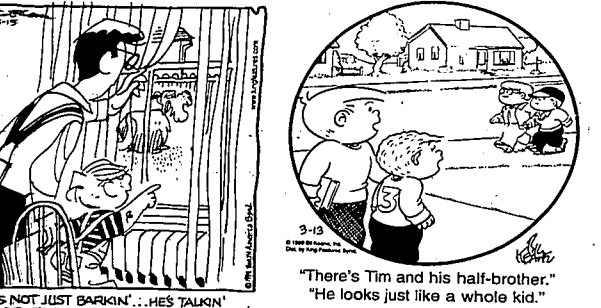


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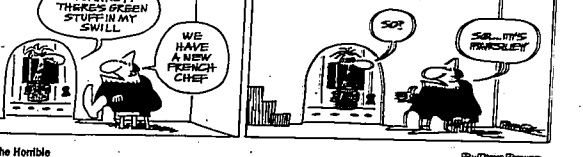
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By Clarence Brown



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By Stuart Parker & Johnny Hart



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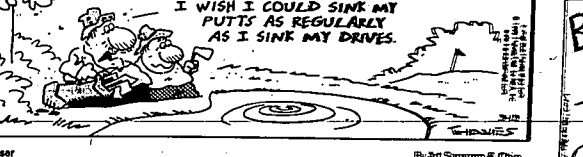
Courts

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By Wiley



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By Art Sisson & Chip



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SPORTSQUOTE

“When you look at it on paper, it has championship written all over it. But you can't win on paper. You have to do it on the court.”

—Glen Rice on his new team, the Los Angeles Lakers

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college baseball

CSI vs. Dixie (2), 1 p.m.

High school tennis

Twin Falls at Timbuctoo, 9 a.m.

Twin Falls at Vallivue, 1 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls tennis team dominates Burley, 11-1

BURLEY - The Twin Falls tennis team opened its season in grand form Friday, dropping only one match in an 11-1 rout of the Burley Bobcats. The Bruins travel west today to play two matches against Timberline at 9 a.m. and Caldwell's Vallivue High at 1 p.m.

Inaugural CSI Law Day Run starts at 10 a.m. today

TWIN FALLS - The first CSI 5K Law Day Run kicks off today at 10 a.m. at the CSI tennis courts. Late registration starts at 9 a.m., with walkers also welcome. Five prize categories are at stake for men and women over 17; junior men and ladies under 17; and seniors over 50 years of age.

15-year-old aces 1st hole at Rupert Country Club

RUPERT - The first hole in one of the season and the first hole in one ever on Rupert Country Club's 204 yard, par 3, hole No. 11. Fifteen year old Henry Creason, golfing for just three years used a 5 wood to ace the hole.

Henry, a golfer on the Minico High School golf team, had his shot attested by fellow teammates Andy Jensen, Gifford Gillette and Mike Dean.

Twin Falls softball players meet Thursday at Maxie's

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Women's Softball Association will have its first meeting of the season at 6 p.m. Thursday at Maxie's Pizza.

Sign up now for spring shooting league

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Gun Club will accept registration for Spring League shooting from now through March 18, the first day of league shooting.

Gooding Bullriding Challenge March 19-20

GOODING - The second annual bullriding challenge will be held March 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding Fairgrounds indoor bull riding. Registration is today and Sunday. Call Juanita O'Malley at 934-0939 for details.

23rd annual CSI Rodeo will be March 26-27

TWIN FALLS - The 1999 23rd annual CSI Rodeo will be indoors at the CSI Expo Center March 26 and 27. Performance times are 8 p.m. on the 26th and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the 27th. The featured event includes PRCA bucking stock out of the Powder River Rodeo Co. Tickets, which are on sale now at the college and Latham Motors, are \$6 advance, \$7 at the door and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Compiled from staff reports

Eagles drop pair to Dixie

Teams will play two again today

By Jeff Rosen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Immediately following the College of Southern Idaho's second conference loss in five hours to Dixie College at home Friday night, the Golden Eagle baseball team took the field for practice.

Alone at a far corner of the dugout, CSI head coach Jim Walker watched in silence. As night and cold settled over Frontier Field and fans filed to the parking lot, his team ran through drills which

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CSI baseball schedule table with columns for opponent, time, and location.



Golden Eagle Casey Mahan dives for home plate as Dixie catcher Bobby Burns mishandles the baseball Friday night at the College of Southern Idaho as one in the fourth inning of the first of two games with Dixie.

MARCH MADNESS MILESTONE



Albertson's coach Marty Holly, left, and an unidentified assistant celebrates Holly's 400th coaching victory - an NCAA national tournament win over Bethany College - Thursday night in Kampa.

Twin Falls boys, Tiger girls win dual meet

By Lisa Winther Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Bruin boys only gave up two first place finishes to run away from the competition in their first track meet Friday.

"The kids did great," said Twin Falls coach Larry Lewis. "I was very pleased with their times. Jerome's always been tough and they got the job done."

The Bruin girls fell short of a team victory by three points, but still posted strong times along with the boys.

Twin Falls swept all field events and relays, only giving Jerome victories in the 400- and 800-meter events.

Matt Anderson placed first in all jumping field events while teammate Nate Silvester also placed first in the shot put and discus events.

Travis Greene swept both hurdle events followed by Tiger Colton Swan taking second and Bruin Matt Call finishing third. Greene set a personal record in the high hurdles in his first meet of the season in his senior year.

Jerome fell in the team standings by only placing a total of ten athletes in the season-opening meets. The Tigers graduated their strengths last year, most of them state contenders.

"Jerome lost its nucleus," Lewis said. "But the boys ran tough against them today. The girls also ran tough today. It was a fantastic performance by both teams."

The competition on the girls side was a little more even. The Tigers and the Bruins split the relays. Jerome taking the 4x100 and the medley with times of 5:10 and 20:12 respectively. Twin Falls finished strong in the 4x200 with a 1:48.6 time and the 4x400 with a 4:14.4.

Alisha McLimore, Jana Capps and Dusty Schwanewald swept their events. McLimore took the 100- and 200-meter wins, Capps the hurdle events and Schwanewald won the 3200- and 1600-meter runs.

The Bruins host next Friday's meet beginning at 3 p.m. against Tim and Highlight.

WALLY'S WORLD

Szczerbiak's 43 points, 12 rebounds provide toumey highlight

The Los Angeles Times

NEW ORLEANS - Let's make sure we've got this name down. Basketball fans should have known it already. But after Friday's 59-58 victory by Miami of Ohio over Washington in the first round of the Midwest Regional, any further ignorance will be inexcusable.

First name Wally. Last name spelled S-Z-C-Z-E-R-B-I-A-K. And if you're wondering how to pronounce that collision of consonants at the beginning, it sounds like "zer." But you'll be forgiven if you said it like "see," as in: "Today, Wally served us up," Washington guard Senque Carey said.

Miami's Szczerbiak did more than serve. He sliced, diced, minced and pureed. He scored 43 points. He had 12 rebounds. And as if that weren't enough, he blocked Washington forward Greg Clark's attempt at a game-winning jump shot in the final seconds.

"That (guy) is unreal, isn't he?" Carey said. Oh, he's real all right. But for some reason, teams outside the



Miami of Ohio's Wally Szczerbiak is mobbed by teammates after he scored 43 points to lead the RedHawks to an upset victory over Washington, 59-58, Friday in New Orleans.

Mid-American Conference don't design special defenses to stop him or designate players to stop him. Midway through the second half Friday, two Washington players actually ran away from

Szczerbiak, scowling him all alone. He had 33 points at the time. The way he was filling it, they shouldn't have left him unguarded even when he was on the sidelines. Not that Szczerbiak missed

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three much action. He played the entire first half and checked out for only 49 seconds of the second. If anything, the Hawks should have left the rest of the team alone and guarded only Szczerbiak and Damon Finstrom. Finstrom scored 12.

Washington (17-12) didn't exploit the height advantage of center Todd MacCulloch, who scored only two of his nine points after halftime. And the Hawks didn't do anything to stop the one player who mattered for Miami: "The first example of possessions, we ran set plays and I got as open as I've been all year," Szczerbiak said.

"I missed every time I drove, that wasn't two or three guys ready to help."

Table with columns for tournament name, date, location, and scores for various women's basketball games.

Maine women beat Stanford, earn first tournament win

Malone helps Jazz beat Blazers

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Martina Tinklova made two free throws with 16.7 seconds remaining Friday night and Maine won for the first time in five trips to the women's NCAA tournament, beating Stanford 60-53.

The Black Bears (24-6) three times pulled ahead of the Cardinal (18-12), and each time saw the seventh seeds come back the last time on two free throws by Carolyn Moos with 41.8 seconds to play. The shots, Moos' first points of the game, made it 58-41 and set up the final sequence. After Jamie Cassidy's drive came up short, Tinklova rebounded and was hacked. Pumping her fist after the whistle sounded, she made both free throws. Maine finished 13-for-13 from the foul line in the second half.

No. 5 Old Dominion 74, Tennessee Tech 48

NORFOLK, Va. — Aubrey Eblin found her stroke tonight, and the 3rd Old Dominion rode her 14 points and 18 more from Lauriane Bentley to a 74-48 victory against Tennessee Tech in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

The Lady Monarchs (23-7), who struggled in winning their eighth straight Colonial Athletic

NCAA women's tournament

Association championship last weekend, scored 13 straight points early in the second half to turn a close game into a rout.

No. 10 Clemson 76, Florida A&M 45
CLEMSON, S.C. — Natasha Anderson scored 15 of Clemson's first 20 points and the Lady Tigers opened the NCAA women's tournament in dominating style Friday night, wiping out overmatched Florida A&M 76-45 in the Midwest Regional on Arizona.

Illinois 69, Louisville 67
CLEMSON, S.C. — Travis Carothers driving backer with 17 seconds left lifted seventh-seeded Illinois past Louisville 69-67 in the first round of the women's NCAA tournament Midwest Regional on Friday.

Arizona 87, Florida 84 OT
PISCATAWAY, N.J. — LaKeisha Taylor put in a rebound with 30 seconds to play in overtime and Arizona rallied from a 70-point, second-half deficit to defeat Florida 87-84 in the first round of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

Rutgers 84, Dartmouth 70
PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers defeated Dartmouth 84-70 in the first round of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — In overtime, Rosewood scored all 15 of her points on the first half and stayed in game control. She scored 22 points in the first round of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

Alabama 80, Grantling 68
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Alabama's first-round victory on Friday night in the Midwest Regional.

North Carolina 84, Northeastern 55
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — North Carolina's first-round victory on Friday night in the Midwest Regional.

UConn 97, St. Francis, Pa. 46
STURBRIDGE, Conn. — UConn's first-round victory on Friday night in the Midwest Regional.

and Connecticut dominated St. Francis, Pa., 97-46 in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament Midwest Regional game. At 6-foot-5, the junior center was the tallest player on the floor, and one of four Hawks to finish with 13 points.

Kawier 85, Fla. International 71
STURBRIDGE, Conn. — Nicole Lovinsky scored 23 points and Tara Tuskanian added 19 to lead Kawier over Florida International 85-71 Friday night in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

No. 16 Oregon 65, Cincinnati 56
AMES, Iowa — Chiquita Williams and Angelina Walker each scored 10 points and Oregon survived a late second-half cold spell to beat Cincinnati 65-56 Friday night in the NCAA Midwest Regional. Fifth-seeded Oregon (25-5) built a 16-point lead by cornering Cincinnati's attack, then held off a comeback that gave the 12th-seeded Bearcats (22-9) to make a game.

No. 18 Penn St. 82, No. 20 Virginia 69
RUSTON, La. — Substina Maren Walters scored 22 points and Danae scored 21 and Penn State defeated Virginia 82-69 in the first round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament West Regional on Friday night.

Bears' defense mauls Wisconsin

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Steve Alford was back in the NCAA tournament Friday for the first time in 12 years, and once again, he put on a record show.

"This is a great, great feat for our school," Alford said after his Southwest Missouri State Bears held Wisconsin to 12 first points and went on to a 43-32 victory in the opening round of the East Regional.

"We're going to a fancy dinner tonight," Alford said, "and we'll use every bit of the NCAA's per diem. We're used to limits, and I don't have any limits tonight."

Wisconsin's scoring output was the lowest by any team in a first- or second-round game in the history of the tournament. It also was the lowest output in any NCAA tournament game since the conclusion of the shot clock in 1986.

"I'm very embarrassed," said Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett, whose Badgers wound up with their lowest point total since 1948-49 and their lowest output ever in nine NCAA tournament games.

Alford led Indiana to the 1987 NCAA championship by hitting a then-Final Four record seven 3-pointers in the title game against Syracuse. Now in his fourth year at Southwest Missouri State, Alford has molded the Bears into one of the best defensive teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"His team's latest defensive game gave Southwest Missouri State (21-0) its 12th victory over a Big Ten team and its first NCAA tournament victory since 1987.

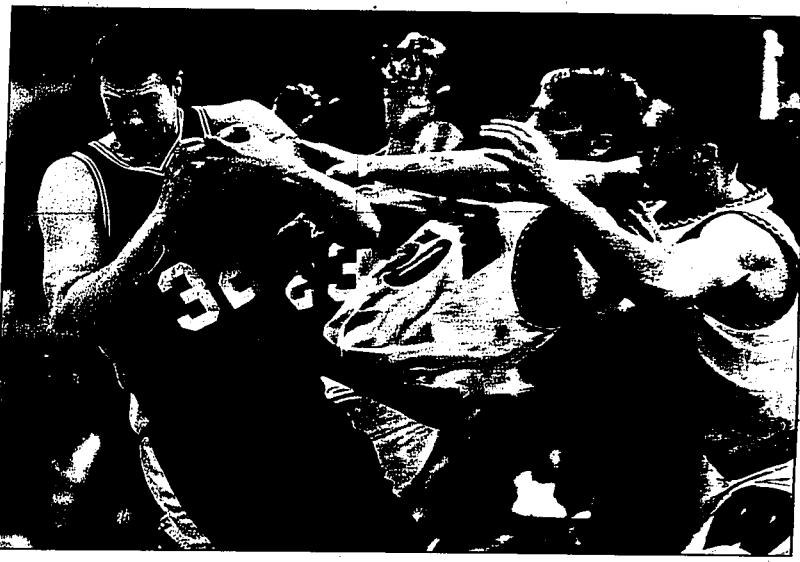
No. 1 Duke 99, Florida A&M 58
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The team expected to win big didn't disappoint Friday night in the NCAA tournament East Regional.

Top-seeded and No. 1 Duke, the prohibitive favorite to win the national championship, scored 99-58 in the first round of the tournament.

Like most of the regular season, the Blue Devils (33-1) left little drama for the second half. Duke sank 11 of its first 14 shots on the scoring floor, including the first half, extending its school-record winning streak to 22.

"Mike Krzyzewski, the winningest coach in the NCAA tournament, improved his record to 44-12 as Elton Brand scored 17 points and William Avery 15 to lead the way.

Tulsa 62, Coll. of Charleston 53
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tulsa's prize for ending the nation's second-longest winning streak is a chance to snap the only one that's longer.



Southwest Missouri State's Danny Moore, left, pulls a rebound away from Missouri State's Mark Westmore, middle, and Andy Mordant during NCAA tournament action.

Tennessee 62, Delaware 52
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tennessee overcame a miserable offensive start to win its first NCAA tournament game in 16 years and snap Delaware's 13-game winning streak.

The game was an offensive nightmare for both clubs. Neither team shot better than 33 percent and they combined for 37 turnovers.

Tennessee (21-8) missed 17 of its first 20 shots, but managed to win its first NCAA tournament game since 1983 because Delaware (25-6) shot a season-low 28.3 percent.

Utah 80, Arkansas State 58
NEW ORLEANS — Alex Jensen had 18 points and 11 rebounds in Utah's 23rd straight victory.

Utah (28-4), which has never lost an NCAA first-round game under coach Rick Majerus, outscored the Indians 40-24 and wore them down in the second half. Arkansas State (18-12) shot only 19.8 percent in the first half but missed 10 of its first 13 shots in the second half.

Kentucky 82, New Mexico St. 60
NEW ORLEANS — Kentucky's experience finally became too much for New Mexico State.

Hashimu Evans scored nine points during a 21-0 second-half run as defending national champion Kentucky (26-8) shook off inexperienced New Mexico State and won 82-60 Friday night in the Midwest Regional.

New Mexico State (23-10), which had no players with previous postseason experience, was only down 44-43 after Eric Channing's 3-pointer with 15:43 left.

Kansas 95, Evansville 74
NEW ORLEANS — T.J. Ruff had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Kansas dominated the boards to beat Evansville 95-74 Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Kansas (23-9) outrebounded Evansville 45-15 and shut down the Aces' high-scoring offense in the second half. Evansville, one of the nation's top-shooting teams, hit only 37 percent from the field after halftime, including 4-of-16 from 3-point range.

Michigan State 76, Mount St. Mary's 53
MILWAUKEE — Second-ranked Michigan State prevented the smallest school in the NCAA tournament from pulling off the biggest upset by whipping Mount St. Mary's 76-53 Friday night in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

Michigan State (30-4), which hasn't lost since Jan. 6 when the Spartans were beaten 66-61 at Wisconsin, won its 19th straight game.

Sixteenth-seeded Mount St. Mary's (15-15), a school of 3,309 students in central Maryland — or 32 times as small as Michigan State — stayed with the Spartans until Mateen Cleaves scored his first points with 7:25 left in the first half.

Cleaves stripped Melvin Whitaker of the ball near his own basket, drove the floor and hung in the air on his layup just long enough to draw a foul from Bethel. The three-point play put Michigan State ahead 22-16.

Oklahoma 61, Arizona 60
MILWAUKEE — Ryan Humphrey's tip-in with 21 seconds left Friday gave Oklahoma a stunning 61-60 victory over

Northwestern. Arizona set the NCAA West record (103-77) in the second round of the tournament. The Wildcats' first-round victory was their biggest since 1987.

UNC-Chapel Hill 88, Rhode Island 70, OT
WILMINGTON, Del. — Michael Thomas scored five of his 12 points in overtime as North Carolina-Chapel Hill rallied to beat Rhode Island 88-70.

Golden Young scored 17 points for the Tar Heels (27-0) who claimed the (Olympic) USA basketball title by winning four games in four games.

Rhode Island (20-13), which won the Atlantic 10 tournament on Larry Odom's buzzer beating 3-pointer, blew an eight-point first-half lead and was outscored 15-15 in the extra period. Odom had 11 points and 11 rebounds against Charlotte.

Mississippi 72, Williams 70
WILMINGTON, Del. — In the end, Jason Richardson, the first-time player on the team, made two clutch free throws and Mississippi was able to run away with a 72-70 victory over Williams on Friday in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

It was the first NCAA tournament victory for Mississippi (Mississippi) (19-11), which had lost in the first round four times.

As a reward for beating eighth-seeded Williams, the Rebels will now face top-seeded Michigan State in second-round action Sunday.

Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48
BOSTON — Pete Mickel scored 18 points and Cincinnati held George Mason (19-11) to its worst shooting game of the season.

Cincinnati (27-5) took control over the last 10 minutes of the first half, using a 26-6 run to take a 41-17 lead.

The Bearcats' biggest lead was 65-35 with 7:38 left on a three-point play by Jermaine Tate.

Jason Mickel scored 13 points for George Mason (19-11), which had its 10-game winning streak snapped.

Temple 61, Kent 54
BOSTON — Rasheed Brokenborough and Pepe Scahill scored 15 points as Temple beat Kent.

The Owls (22-10), playing in their 10th straight NCAA tournament, took control with a 17-2 run that gave them a 50-33 lead with 10:22 left.

Kent (23-7), playing in its first NCAA tournament, was led by John Wharton's 13 points.

Spurs 99, Suns 97

PHOENIX — Sean Elliott hit a 21-foot jumper at the buzzer as the San Antonio Spurs without a furious fourth-quarter rally to beat the Phoenix Suns 99-97 for their sixth straight victory.

Tim Duncan scored 26 points and Elliott finished with 16 for the Spurs, who hadn't won in Phoenix since a Christmas Day victory in 1995. Tim Gugliotta scored a season-high 33 points for the Suns, who lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Pistons 93, Celtics 83
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Some day, Antoine Walker was to be like Grant Hill.

On Friday night, Hill showed him he's not quite there. Hill outscored Walker 13-1 in the fourth quarter, helping the Detroit Pistons take a see-saw 93-83 victory over the Boston Celtics.

Bulls 76, Knicks 63
CHICAGO — The New York Knicks made history Friday night. The ugly kind.

The Knicks used an NBA record for fewest field goals in a game, managing just 19 in a 76-63 loss to the Bulls.

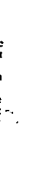
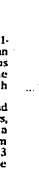
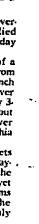
Playing without injured Patrick Ewing, New York flirted with lowest field goal percentage in NBA history as Utah against the Bulls in Game 3 of last June's NBA finals.

Pacers 109, Bucks 104
INDIANAPOLIS — Antonio Davis scored seven points in a decisive 109-104 run that propelled the Indiana Pacers past Milwaukee 109-104 Friday night in an early showdown between the Central Division leaders.

Chris Robinson led Milwaukee with 30 points and 10 rebounds and 22 for Indiana. Both teams had six players in double figures, and the best of the Lakers, scored 60 percent to snap Milwaukee's six-game winning streak.

Milwaukee coach George Karl was ejected during Indiana's run in the third quarter. The first technical foul in NBA history was called on an offensive foul by Indiana's Karl. Karl came on the court and rushed toward referee Derek Richardson and had to be restrained by Vinny Del Negro and assistant coach Terry Sotts.

Hornets 92, Wizards 83
WASHINGTON — Eddie Jones needed a half to get in the flow with his new team. David Wesley was quick to snap the only one that's longer.



SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

CSI

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Included hitting a ball off a tee - not the post-dou- bleheader nurse for the Eagles. "They don't even realize what this is," Walker said in a defensively quiet voice. "They think it's punishment. It's not. It's not working on defense and offense."

The Eagles (14-5 overall, 4-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference) could have used a bit more of ease Friday. Dixie (5-1, 2-0) assumed conference sovereignty in bold form, writing the first game 11-5 with a six-run eighth inning and claiming the nightcap 3-2.

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Tour rookie takes 4-shot lead at Honda Classic

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Another new name surfaced at the top of a PGA lead board Friday, and this one belongs to a 35-year-old tour rookie who enjoys karate and likes to sing "Love Me Tender."

With a blond curl sticking out of his visor, Eric Bookert looks unprepared for the spotlight. But he seized a four-shot lead in the Honda Classic with a 6-under-par 66 for a two-round total of 131-131.

"There's going to be the question of how this Bookert guy is going to play on the weekend," he said. "I'm kind of curious myself. Somebody has to win the tournament, and it might as well be me."

Bookert is the winner who will come out from golf's who's who, but not from the list of who's he. Tied for second at 135 were three players with no better name recognition than Bookert:

Professional golf

- **Doug Duanicky**, another 35-year-old rookie, whose 65 was the best score in the second round;
- **Dicky Pride**, who lost his tour card for two years and missed five consecutive cuts before this week;
- **Bradley Hughes**, a former Australian Rules Football player. Bookert qualified for the tour by finishing fourth on the 1998 Nike Tour, then started this year by missing the cut in his first four tournaments.

Egeling, Scranton share Tucson lead

TUCSON, Ariz. — Nancy Scranton played her best golf of the year Friday, contending for the lead with Dale Egeling in the Wells Fargo Championship. Egeling, who always seems to play

well in Tucson without winning, had a 67 earlier and was the first to reach the 6,222-yard Randolph Park North layout before.

They were one shot ahead of two players who have mastered the 6,222-yard Randolph Park North layout before — defending champion Helen Peterson, who also shot 67, and 1995 winner Dottie Pepper. She was one of four contenders when the second round began, and carded a 69.

Nakajima surges ahead in Tokoin Cup event

KEDOIN, Japan — Tsuneyuki Nakajima shot a 6-under-par 66 Friday to tie the Tetsu Taniguchi for the lead midway through the Tokoin Cup, the Japan Golf Tour's season opener.

Nakajima, winless since his 56th career victory in 1995, sank eight birdies against two bogeys on route to a 10-10.

Taniguchi, in contention for his second career victory, shot a bogey-free 67.

McCord, three others tie for Toshiba Classic lead

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. —

Television commentator Gary McCord, playing his first tournament of the year, fired a 4-under-par 67 Friday to share the first-round lead at the Toshiba Senior Classic.

Tom Jenkins, John Jacobs and Bruce Summerhays were tied with McCord entering today's second round of the 54-hole tournament at the Newport Beach Country Club.

McCord, who had four birdies and no bogeys, played in six tournaments last year and earned \$112,173.

His best finish was a tie for sixth in October at the Raley's Gold Rush Classic in El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Sweden's Lindgren paces Turespana Masters

MALAGA, Spain — Swedish Fredrik Lindgren shot a 6-under 66 Friday to take the halfway lead in the Turespana Masters tournament.

After two rounds, Lindgren had a 10-10 record.

He was one shot ahead of Englishman Roger Winchester and Ian Garratt, Scotland's Gary Orr and Swede Per-Ulrik Johansson, each of whom fired a second consecutive 67 for 134.

IOC closes inquiry, warns two members

NEW YORK — Two leading IOC members, including the highest-ranking official implicated so far, escaped with severe warnings Friday as investigators wrapped up their inquiry of the Olympics' worst scandal.

An internal commission recommended that Kim Un-yong, an executive board member from South Korea, and Phil Coles, a key player in bringing the 2000 Games to Sydney, Australia, be strongly censured for actions displaying serious conflicts of interest or lapses in judgment.

The panel expelled one member, Samosa's Scullip Paul Wallwork, and handed out lesser warnings to seven others linked to a million-dollar scheme of gifts and favors by Salt Lake bidders to win the 2002 Winter Games. Among them was Vitaly Smirnov, a former IOC vice president from Russia.

Umps challenge baseball strike zone, Cuba

NEW YORK — Baseball umpires, once again angry at owners, filed grievances Friday to block the new interpretation of the strike zone and to prevent the American League from sending them to Cuba for Baltimore's historic exhibition game.

The more serious grievance, one that could create confusion on the field, deals with the strike zone memorandum issued Feb. 19 by Sandy Alderson, the new executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

Responding to complaints that umpires have lowered and widened the strike zone, Alderson told them to raise the top of the strike zone to two inches above the top of the uniform pants. That's still below the definition called for in the official playing rules — the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants.

"In a misguided edict attempting to raise the strike zone, the commissioner's office in fact substantially lowered the zone and has done so in direct violation of the Major League Agreement, which requires a two-thirds vote of the rules committee in order to effect any rules changes," said a statement issued by the office of umpires union head Richie Phillips.

Stephon Marbury comes home — to Nets

PHILADELPHIA — Since learning his moves on the asphalt courts of Brooklyn, Stephon Marbury has dreamed of playing in New York as a pro.

His happy to settle for a few miles outside Manhattan.

Marbury joined the New Jersey Nets Friday, eager to reach his lofty basketball goals just outside the city called the "Mecca of Basketball."

Hours before the Nets' game against Philadelphia — about a dozen exits south on the New Jersey Turnpike — Marbury was introduced at a news conference with his mother and father seated in the front row. A day after being traded by the Minnesota Timberwolves in a nine-player deal, Marbury signed a \$7.05 million, six-year contract with the Nets and proclaimed his lifelong dream fulfilled.

Marbury's agent, David Falk, predicted that the Nets would soon agree to terms with Marbury's new backcourt mate, Kerry Kittles.

Marbury was adamant that New Jersey had to keep Kittles if he was going to play for them.

New Jersey also got Chris Carr and Bill Curley from the Timberwolves and Elliot Perry from Milwaukee in the blockbuster trade.

Indiana high school player collapses, dies

COLUMBUS, Ind. — John Stewart, a 7-footer who had signed to play basketball at Kentucky next season, died Friday night after collapsing during Lawrence North High School's playoff game against Bloomington South.

With about two minutes to play in the third quarter, Stewart asked to be taken out of the game.

Moments after coming out of the game, he collapsed on the bench.

Emergency personnel responded and administered CPR. Stewart was put on a stretcher and taken to Columbus Regional Hospital.

A spokesperson for the hospital confirmed that Stewart had died, but was unable to provide information on a cause of death.

After Stewart collapsed, the teams went to their locker rooms and the game was halted for about 30 minutes.

After Stewart was taken to the hospital, Lawrence North players and coaches voted to continue the game, which South won 55-50 in overtime.

Compiled from wire reports



WBA and IBF heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield weighs in Friday for tonight's title bout. He tipped the scales at 245 pounds.

NEW YORK (AP) — The undisputed heavyweight championship fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis could be billed "Truth or Consequences."

Holyfield is calling for a third-round knockout in Madison Square Garden. He says that it isn't a prediction, it's the truth.

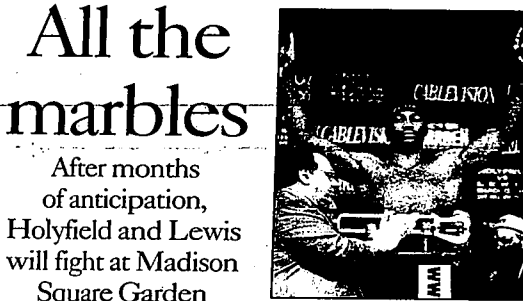
If, however, Lewis is still upright after three rounds, what will be the consequences?

"I don't have a Plan B, so Plan A has to go," Holyfield said.

"So, if this turns out not to be the "truth," it will give a psychological lift to Lewis, the WBC champion from Britain, and be a downer for Holyfield for the rest of the season."

After all, boxing is more than gloved fists hitting flesh and bone, it is also a battle of wits.

Maybe Holyfield is just playing a mind game with Lewis, who has had trouble in early



WBC heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis tips the scales at 246 pounds as he weighs in Friday afternoon at Madison Square Garden.

rounds. In his only loss, he was knocked out in the second round by Oliver McCall in 1994.

Then again, maybe Holyfield is reacting to some gamesmanship by Lewis, although he says he is not bothered by Lewis' charge that he does not practice what he preaches.

Holyfield, who calls himself a born again Christian, admitted in September that five of his nine children were born out of wedlock. He said he financially supports all of them.

Of Holyfield's prediction for third-round knockout, Lewis said, "It will be something he's said again that he's not living up to."

Holyfield's prediction was first made during a conference call Feb. 24.

It is a fight between the two best heavyweights in the world and it will happen before a sellout crowd, including 7,000 British fans and a worldwide television audience.

The 6-foot-2 1/2 Holyfield was bigger than

Tyson. But the 6-5 Lewis is the same height and about the same weight as Riddick Bowe, who won two of three fights against Holyfield. For Saturday's bout, Lewis is 246 pounds, 31 more than Holyfield.

"If Lewis fights the fight of his life, it's still no one as tough as the Tyson fight (for Holyfield)," said Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer.

A victory over the 33-year-old Lewis would enable Holyfield to join Muhammad Ali as the only fighters to be undisputed heavyweight champion three times.

Holyfield (36-3, 25 knockouts) is guaranteed \$20 million. Lewis (34-1, 27 knockouts) is getting \$10 million.

The bout is being carried on pay-per-view in the United States. The telecast will begin at 7 p.m. MST, and the fight is expected to start about 9:30 p.m.

Ligament injury sidelines Braves' Ligtenberg

The Associated Press

Injuries keep on hitting the Atlanta Braves.

After losing Andres Galarraga for the season because of a cancerous tumor in his back, the Braves found out Friday that closer Kerry Ligtenberg has a partially torn ligament in his right elbow and will be sidelined for at least one month and possibly the entire season.

Dr. Joe Chandler said, under a best-case prognosis, Ligtenberg would be able to resume throwing in 4-6 weeks. However, he could need surgery that would end his season.

"The uncertainty of whether it's going to heal or not is what's bothering me," Ligtenberg said. "I don't like the fact that I'm going to be resting and trying to make it better when there's no way we can really tell if it gets better until I go out on the mound again."

Ligtenberg, diagnosed with a partially torn medial collateral ligament, had appeared in two games this spring, giving up five runs Wednesday in his first save situ-

Pro baseball

tion, a 10-7 loss to Houston. He said he felt pain while throwing to the first batter he faced and it didn't get better.

"I got some stiffness and was real sore right after the inning and the next day," Ligtenberg said. "I was hoping it wasn't as bad as it was. I can't pinpoint exactly when it happened or if it was one pitch. ... It was right after the inning that I noticed my whole forearm was in a knot."

Ligtenberg had a breakthrough year in 1998, taking over the closer's role after Mark Wohlers experienced control problems and was sent to the minors.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Albert Belle ended his era of good feeling with the Baltimore media, saying he will no longer speak to reporters. Belle made the decision in the wake of coverage of his

tirade in the Orioles clubhouse Thursday. The brooding slugger threw two bats — shattering one — his glove and batting helmet into his locker after a questionable third-strike call in the middle of an exhibition game against the New York Mets.

Asked in the clubhouse Friday for comment on the incident, Belle said, "I'm done. I'm done with you guys." A reporter then asked, "Forever?" and Belle nodded.

Belle turned around and stared at the ground.

At Brandon, Fla., Jose Guillen finally arrived in the Pittsburgh Pirates' spring training camp, 11 days late because U.S. government officials questioned the validity of his marriage license.

"I don't know everything that happened, why there was a problem with the paperwork but I did everything I was supposed to do," Guillen said.

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Texas closer John Wetteland made his first appearance of the spring, throwing a scoreless inning in the Texas Rangers' 6-1 victory against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Sidelined until now by a strain in the back of his right ankle, Wetteland allowed a leadoff single to Darrin Fletcher. Wetteland struck out Alex Gonzalez with a changeup to end his outing.

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SPORTS

Labonte (Bobby) earns Cracker Barrel pole; qualifying lap clocked at 194 mph

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Bobby Labonte has this qualifying thing down pat—now.

The younger of the two racing brothers from Texas turned a lap of 194.957 mph Friday at Atlanta Motor Speedway to win his second pole in a row for Sunday's Cracker Barrel 500. Labonte took the top qualifying spot for last Sunday's Las Vegas 400.

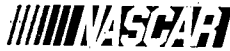
"Our Pontiac was a little faster than I thought it would be after practice," Labonte said. "I thought the track would be slower for qualifying, but it sped up for us."

Labonte, who has 15 career poles, has become one of the best and most consistent qualifiers in the Winston Cup series.

"It used to be the other way around," he said. "My dad used to chew me out because I wouldn't qualify worth a darn in the Busch Series."

What has made the difference for Labonte, in his seventh season on NASCAR's top circuit, is maturity and confidence.

"It's just about what your equipment is and what you're confident with," Labonte said. "This is one of the fastest tracks we



run on and you've just got to have confidence in those guys who work on your race car and what they do to your car."

Labonte also has confidence heading into the race at a track where he has won three of the last five Winston Cup races.

"I'd give you this pole for another (win)," Labonte said. "It's going to be tough Sunday. Any one of the top 25 guys could win."

Mike Skinner, the surprise of the season so far, took the outside spot on the front row with a lap of 194.226.

"I thought we'd have a shot at it today," said Skinner, who has two fourths and a sixth this season and is leading the standings by 51 points over Rusty Wallace. "I'd have liked to have put a Chevy on the pole at this track, but we're just trying to qualify good, keep the fenders on the race car and keep clicking along."

Skinner did bump Tony Stewart, Labonte's teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing, off the front row. The rookie will start

third after qualifying at 194.192. He was followed by the Ford of Dale Jarrett at 193.643 and Jeremy Mayfield at 193.239.

Rounding out the top 10 were the Chevy of Geoff Bodine at 193.177, the Pontiac of rookie Bucksport Jones at 192.654, the Chevys of two-time defending Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon at 192.504 and Joe Nemechek at 192.386 and the Pontiac of John Andretti, last year's pole-winner, at 192.306.

Gordon, the winner in the November race here, was disappointed by his performance Friday.

"I could have gone a lot faster," he said. "I'm kicking myself. I didn't have enough faith in the car."

The top 25 qualifiers Friday clinched spots in the 43-car race field, with the rest of the lineup to be determined following further qualifying Saturday.

Among the drivers who will have to choose whether to stand on their first-day lap or try again are seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, who was 30th; Las Vegas winner Jeff Burton, who was 33rd, and three-time series champ Darrell Waltrip, who qualified 45th.



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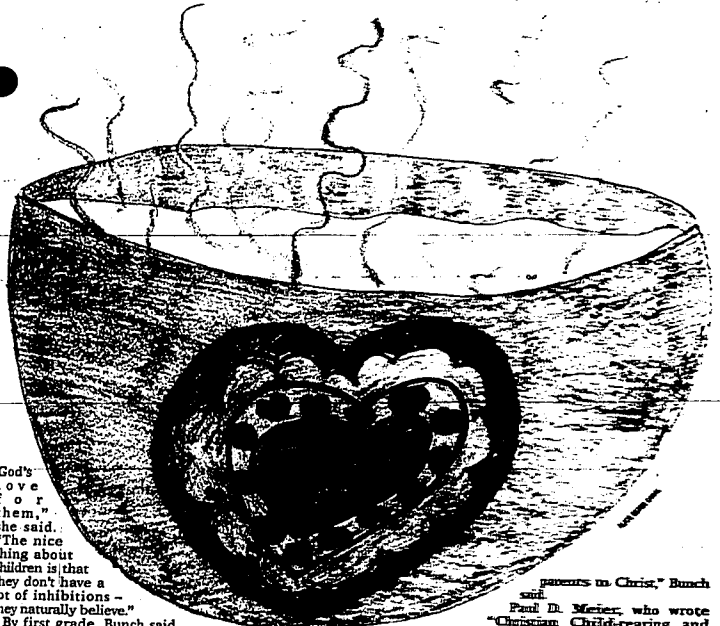
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A bowl of soup, a cuddly teddy bear

God ...

through kid's eyes



By Denise Turso
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jamie says God is like a teddy bear. Alice says he's more like a bowl of chicken noodle soup.

Jamie and Alice are third-graders at Agape Christian School in Twin Falls.

When is a child old enough to learn about God? Younger than you think, the experts say.

In a recent story in the Orlando Sentinel, Pat Verbal, of the International Network of Children's Ministry, cited studies revealing that 75 to 85 percent of Christians said they made their commitment to faith before the age of 15.

"We've shied away from conversations about God with our children because we think religion is an adult concern," author Sandy Eisenberg Sasso told the Los Angeles Times.

Sasso wrote her latest book, "In God's Name," because so many children had asked her, "Who is God?" and "What is God's name?" She contends that adults should be perfectly clear with children, and should speak in simple, concrete language.

"If you talk to them (children) about God as a spirit, they think you mean a ghost," Sasso said. "I try to give them a language to talk about what they haven't had the words to express."

Jeanne Bunch, principal at Agape Christian School, said every day starts with Bible time in all classes at Agape.

"With the youngest children (age 3), we dwell on

God's love for them," she said.

"The nice thing about children is that they don't have a lot of inhibitions — they naturally believe."

By first grade, Bunch said, the stories about God can have more depth.

"We don't talk much about the devil with the youngest, ones because it's too scary for them," Bunch explained.

"For the early elementary age, we bring in Satan, but we don't make a big, scary issue of it — we talk about the enemy who tries to lead us astray."

Gradually, Bunch's staff teaches children about how God deals personally in their lives.

"We talk about how God sent his son Jesus to show what God is like," said Bunch, who often uses an egg to explain the Trinity — with the outer shell, egg white and all being part of the egg. "The youngest ones won't understand the Trinity, but they hear it." Teachers at Agape use age-

appropriate materials, such as flash cards and activity books. Sometimes, the children act out Bible stories.

"If a child is going through a struggle — saying I don't believe in God, I don't believe God loves me — we don't get mad at them," Bunch noted. "We just continue to love and reassure them."

She said it's important to remember that most people who become Christians as adults have had some experience with God as children — and that it is important to teach children about God when they are young.

The Agape staff puts lots of emphasis on modeling behavior, and they encourage parents to read Bible stories to their children and pray with them.

"We have had children lead their

parents to Christ," Bunch said.

Paul D. Meyer, who wrote "Christian Child-rearing and Preschool Development," stresses the importance of working within the child's level of reasoning.

Between 15 and 36 months of age, Meyer wrote, children can learn memorized prayers to God (the father), but the child will be thinking about what his earthly father is like.

Those involved in children's ministry advise being aware of each child's experiences, particularly if the child has a bad father role model. Such a child might prefer to think of God as "mother" or "friend."

During their early years, many children see God as a magician in the sky.

Between the ages of 3 and 6, Meyer said, children reason concretely and see everything as black or white. When they are about 11, they begin to reason abstractly.



JAMIE TUTTLE



Jamie Tuttle, 9, sorts through a "treasure box" in Mrs. Hicks' third-grade class at Agape Christian School in Twin Falls, where students were asked to draw a picture of what they think God is like.

God is like ...

The Times-News

What is God like? We asked the students in Denise Hicks' third-grade class at Agape Christian School. This is what they said:

Jonathan Sweet: God is like a director of an orchestra that has over 100 different instrument parts. He holds them together and never misses a beat or note, and he always gets us back on track if we lose our place.

Jamie Tuttle: God is like a cuddly teddy bear. He gives hugs and likes lots of hugs. And you can hug him closely no matter where you are. If you talk to God and ask him to snuggle your heart, you will feel great and warm.

Sheree Haggan: God is like a field full of roses that never die and always smell loving and that will be with you always.

Emma Wiersma: God is like a special friend that will never let you go, a person you and I can listen to. You and I can tell him our troubles. He is also a loving and kind God to me and he will be the same to you if you let him. You can let God into your heart by praying and asking him to forgive your sins.

Ashlee Nowak: God is like the sun. He'll never burn you, but he loves everyone in the world. We

cannot live without the sun, so we cannot live without God and Jesus because if we didn't have the sun, we would freeze to death and be in the darkness constantly.

Brian Lavar Peterson: God is like a parent that keeps us safe more than any other parent, that loves us more than any other parent — and he loved us so much that he gave his only son who he would take our sins and die on the cross and rose from the dead to go back to heaven.

Amanda Kirchner: God is like a bunch of candles in a dark room. The light of his kindness and love makes a dark soul like a dark room, light up.

Angela Malberg: God is like a Beanie Baby that is big or small, pretty or plain, fat or skinny, poor or rich, white or black, girl or boy, huge or tiny, colorful or not, loud or quiet, warm-blinded or cold-blooded, flying or swimming. He is all things to all people.

Elizabeth Williams: God is like a cute little kitten that always stays close to me and needs me to protect her, care for her, pay good attention to her and, most of all, love her as much as I can.

Emily Nowak: God is like a busy bee. He works constantly to answer our prayers, and he'll

never stop answering. He'll never hurt us when you talk to him.

Ashley Gossamer: God is like a patch of red roses. A patch of red roses is a patch of love. A patch of love is God's love from his heart. Deep, deep down in our patch, we also live him, too. Love from God is a strong, strong feeling inside you.

Alice Esther Cress: God is like a bowl of warm chicken noodle soup that warms you up inside.

Nat Hut: hot warm, and definitely not cold. When you're sick, you probably eat chicken noodle soup, and it also makes you feel better, just like God.

Kacie A. Breenberg: God is like a peaceful, cooling breeze in mid-summer that cools you off. But the breeze will never turn into a wind, nor will the breeze get cold.

Carolee Hilbert: God is like sweet honey. He is so sweet and he sticks close to all of you. Sweet honey is so sweet it makes me want more.

Zachary Berg: God is like a quilt with many colors, so all the colors of all the people in the world. Red, yellow, brown, black and white — all the people in his sight. Each different piece fits together perfectly with his

'God is like a field full of roses that never die and always smell loving and that will be with you always.'

—Sheree Haggan

RELIGION

Book takes biblical approach to Moses

The Dallas Morning News

Here's a review of a recent book "Moses: A Life," by Jonathan Kirsch (Ballantine, \$27). With Passover approaching and "Prince of Egypt" still playing in theaters, you may be interested in reading one of the recent tomes on the main human character of the season. The book is absolutely biblical in its approach to Moses. That's not all good. Yes, you get more than 400 pages of footnoted information. But, as in the Bible, you also get bewildering redundancies, uneven writing

and no unifying point of view. For the Bible this makes sense. Either it was written by God, so argue with him, or it was written by many people, so a lack of coherency is to be expected. But why should this book, for instance, twice repeat a Martin Buber quote deriding Freud's peculiar analysis of the Moses story? At the same time, the book gives the reader an excellent sense of how much of our popular image of Moses comes from the Bible and how much has accreted from the tales of sage and ordinary people.



Ian Barbour, right, recipient of the 1999 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, is congratulated on Wednesday by Sir John Templeton, who founded the award. Barbour launched a new era in the dialogue between science and religion more than three decades ago and is now one of the world's leading advocates for ethics in technology.

Bridging science and religion

By John L. Haddock
The Associated Press

Templeton prize winner closes the gap

NEW YORK — Early on, Ian Barbour was in the thick of it. After World War II, in his mid-20s, he became a teaching assistant to nuclear physicist Enrico Fermi. The debate in the lab and beyond: "Should we build a hydrogen bomb?"

Convinced that science was raising more questions than it could answer, Barbour completed his Ph.D. in physics at the University of Chicago and enrolled in Yale Divinity School. What he found was that, just as few scientists knew much about religion, few theologians delved deeply into science.

"I had to put together the pieces myself," he says.

In the 1950s, he accepted an annual appointment to teach in both the physics and religion departments at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., where he is

now a professor emeritus. His 1965 book, "Issues in Science and Religion," helped launch the current debate on how scientists and religious thinkers should explore questions of mutual concern — from the theological implications of evolution to the ethics of technology.

This week Barbour, 75, won the \$1.24 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion for a lifetime of work.

He said when he started in the field there were two main ways of looking at science and religion. First, they could be seen as fields in conflict, as epitomized by the evolution versus creationism debate. Secondly, they can be seen as separate realms, in which scientists focus on natural phenomena and theologians address questions of meaning.

But a more promising

approach, Barbour believes, is dialogue that allows theologians to rethink their concepts of God in the light of science without abandoning the teachings central to their faith.

"We can take the Bible seriously without taking it literally," says Barbour, a member of the United Church of Christ.

In his remarks at an award ceremony Wednesday, and in an interview at his hotel the day before, Barbour talked about concepts advanced in his work:

- On the Big Bang Theory: The Big Bang fits with traditional (Christian) ideas quite well. This is the universe we might expect if we have a personal God present in conscious personal beings.
- On evolution: "Evolution is a more far-reaching concept. It tells us more about human nature in

terms of relatedness to other creatures (and) the importance of genetics in terms of what is similar and different about human culture. Through most of Western history, it was assumed that God created living things all at once in their present forms. It was viewed as a completed world in which a transcendent God could still intervene occasionally from the outside. Now we know that ... evolution is God's way of creating."

- On death: "You simply can't any longer say as traditional Christians that death was God's punishment for sin. Death was around long before human beings. Death is a necessary aspect of an evolutionary world ... One generation has to die for new generations to come into being. In a way, it is a more satisfying ... than to see it as a form of arbitrary punishment that God imposed on our primeval paradise."

Some things mean more than NCAA bid

This week, I hope you'll stop and think about a letter that one college basketball coach wrote to another.

With the NCAA basketball tournament under way and much of America consumed by March Madness, I hope you'll pull your head out of the TV long enough to see that some things mean more than an NCAA bid.

Like one coach extending the hand of God to a rival in need.

Western Carolina University coach Phil Hopkins was a beaten man the January day he brought his Catawbas to Davidson to play the Wildcats. His team from Delaware was in the midst of a terrible season. There were rumblings of him getting fired.

Davidson destroyed Western Carolina that Saturday afternoon, 65-23, as one prior losing bid for 49 games. After the game, Hopkins ran into Davidson coach Bob McKillop at Bob's house and shared his struggles, and went for help in his latest defeat. The two men aren't especially close, but Hopkins opened up anyway. He ended the conversation by asking McKillop to pray for him.

COMMENTARY

Ken Garfield

McKillop went home that Saturday, unable to get Hopkins off his mind: "You could just see he was a man who was struggling."

McKillop believes it was God who brought the two coaches face to face that day, that it was God who gave him this chance to comfort a troubled soul. Determined not to blow the opportunity, McKillop sat down the next day and wrote a letter to Hopkins. He wrote it in long-hand, on both sides of the paper, encouraging Hopkins to turn his troubles over to God. He sympathized with Hopkins, as a fellow husband, father and coach who knows how challenging life can be. He said he'd continued praying for him.

Hopkins said that in 25 years of coaching high school and college basketball, it was the nicest thing anyone had ever done for him. He said the letter helped him re dedicate his life to God. Two months after it arrived, he

still carries it with him.

You'd have to go far to find two more unlikely soul mates.

Hopkins, 49, is a rumped, overweight United Methodist from Pelzer, S.C. McKillop, 48, is a trim Roman Catholic from Long Island, N.Y.

But one of the morals of this story is that the bond of faith forged by these two men turned out to be more powerful than their differences. More powerful even than the fact that they are rivals in a bottom-line profession where one man wins and the other sometimes gets fired.

Life didn't get any easier for Hopkins after McKillop's letter.

His marital problems have continued. Doctors two weeks ago discovered a tumor on the pancreas of his 20-year-old son, Phillip, a student at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. It's not cancerous — "Praise the Lord for that," Hopkins said — but surgeons will have to operate to remove it. Western Carolina ended its season with a 31-point loss to College of Charleston in the Southern Conference tournament, finishing a woeful 8-21.

All of it still weighs heavy on

Hopkins' heart, the family issues far more than the basketball of course. But the letter has helped make it easier to endure.

Hopkins said so during a news conference at the Southern Conference tournament in Greensboro, at which he shared with reporters the kindness shown to him by another coach.

"I wanted to praise God for Bob McKillop," Hopkins said. "He has meant so much to me in my life."

The reason for the news conference? Hopkins' team had just upset McKillop's team 82-77 in the tournament quarterfinals.

When he wrote the letter back in January, McKillop thought it might come back to haunt him; that somehow, some way, it might help Hopkins in a purely basketball sense when their teams met again. But McKillop sent it anyway. He knew, even in the midst of this season of jump shots and cheerleaders and now March Madness, that some things are just more important than basketball.

Ken Garfield is the religion editor at The Charlotte Observer.

Deaf churches share wealth

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Two Alabamian churches for the deaf will share a \$1 million bequest.

The churches, both Episcopalian, are St. John's Church for the Deaf in Cahaba Heights and St. Mark's Church for the Deaf in Mobile. The bequest, which is being held in trust, was a friend of St. John's founder, the Rev. Robert C. Fletcher, and his wife, Estelle, who were deaf.

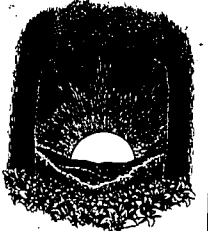
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Wall Street bulls thrive in adversity

Dow's staying power impresses analysts

By Chet Currier The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the great bull market on Wall Street has made its run toward Dow 10,000, it has impressed many analysts with its staying power in the face of a rise in interest rates.

Long-term rates in the bond market recently jumped to their highest levels since last summer, dealing prices of U.S. Treasury bonds one of the sharpest months setbacks they have suffered in the 1990s.

Yields on 30-year Treasuries jumped half a percentage point in four weeks to about 5.7 percent, a full point above where they stood in the fall.

Many analysts speculated that a strong U.S. economy, and budding recovery in many parts of Asia, could force the Federal Reserve to lean toward a tighter credit policy, and perhaps encourage some of the international investors huddled together for safety in U.S. markets to begin taking their money elsewhere in search of bolder opportunities.

But after pausing for a few weeks to consider such possibilities, stock-market investors have recently gone back to buying, pushing the 30-stock Dow Jones



A trader looks at the day's numbers while working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday.

industrial average to new highs.

"I think the stock market by and large has done extremely well dealing with the roadblocks in its way this year," says Greg Smith, investment strategist at Prudential Securities Inc.

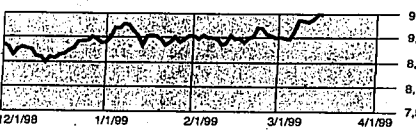
"That stocks haven't reacted more negatively to the rise in bond yields is somewhat surprising," observes Wright Investors Service of Bridgeport, Conn., in its latest bulletin to clients.

The so-called Asian contagion has hit

hard at some areas of the U.S. economy, such as agriculture and other commodity-producing businesses. At the same time, however, consumers and many producers of finished goods and services appear to have benefited from the situation.

Whatever fears persisted of an economy-wide slump in this country seem to have been dispelled this winter. Talk has lately shifted to the problems that might arise as worldwide demand and economic activity strengthens.

Dow Jones Close High 10,042.58 Net change -21.09
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"The probabilities have shifted," says Byron Wien, portfolio strategist at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. "If the pace of the economy stays strong, it is possible, even likely, that the Federal Reserve will tighten later this year."

Yet stock prices have lately forged ahead with renewed power. The way some optimists see it, the much-ballyhooped "Goldilocks" economy seems to have succeeded once again in maintaining the not-too-hot, not-too-cold pace that has kept the bull market all through the 1990s.

"We did not believe the depression and deflation case six months ago," observes Thomas Galvin, U.S. strategist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp., "and we do not subscribe to a globally synchronized recovery and deflation case today."

"In our opinion, reality is somewhere in between these emotional extremes, and better profits with continued low inflation are what valuations need more than anything else."

Technology stocks halt bid for 10,000

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average paused in its climb toward 10,000 Friday as technology stocks, the force that has propelled Wall Street higher in recent weeks, turned into an obstacle the stock market could not overcome.

The Dow, the market's best-known indicator, came within 42 points of 10,000 before giving up ground and closing at 9,876.35, down 21.09 on the day. However, the blue chips ended the week with a gain of 140.27.

Broader market indicators were also lower. Disappointing news from Microsoft and software maker Oracle set off broad

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Last, Chg, and %Chg. Includes sub-sections for Gainers, Losers, and Dividend Yield.

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Table listing various bean futures contracts and their prices.

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Table listing cheese futures contracts.

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Microsoft attorney fine-tunes arguments

Legal experts have criticized Microsoft to date for seeking to challenge every government allegation — insisting, for instance, that it faces vigorous competition in the market for desktop operating systems — but now focusing where its arguments are strongest. Smith's presentation, in contrast, suggests that Microsoft has begun to concentrate on legal rather than factual disputes.

Stocks

Continued from C4 selling in technology stocks. The technology index Nasdaq composite index fell 30.72 to 2,581.55.

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and register now.

Someone is needed to assist a disabled young man in Jerome to set up his Apple computer so he can access the Internet. Please call Interfaith Volunteer Co-ops at 733-NEED (6333) if you can volunteer. All volunteers are insured.

Someone is needed to provide relief through respite care for a woman in Jerome. She is the sole caregiver for her elderly mother and simply needs a few hours a week to run errands and keep appointments. Please call Interfaith Volunteer Co-ops at 733-NEED (6333) if you can volunteer. All volunteers are insured.

Lutheran Social Services, in partnership with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, urgently need people to care for emotionally-disturbed children. If you have special skills and/or training in working with children who have emotional/behavioral disorders, please call, (208) 672-3434 or 1-800-549-2907. A college degree is a plus.

Someone is needed to learn a hand with laundry and light housekeeping to a disabled woman in Wendell once a week or so. Please call Interfaith Volunteer Co-ops at 733-NEED (6333) if you are able to help. All volunteers are insured.

Someone is needed to paint a fire damaged kitchen for an elderly woman in Jerome. The paint will be provided. Please call Interfaith Volunteer Co-ops at 733-NEED (6333) if you are able to help. All volunteers are insured.

Community Cleanups For Families is looking for the following volunteers for a monthly family of five: refrigerator, washer and dryer. If you are able to donate these items please call (208) 673-6618 or 208-670-0186.

A single mother of three needs a twin size bed mattress and metal bed frame for her son. If you are able to donate this item please call Tricia at 208-678-6606 or 208-670-0186.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need an answer, call Judy Tyson, director of the Bureau of Senior Volunteer Programs (BSVP), at 736-4122, Ext. 312. BSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Do have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to re-examine request.

Students place at BPA conference

Business Professionals of America students from Filer High School placed in competition at the Regional BPA conference held at Twin Falls High School.

The students were Breah Lawley, Jerica Guth, Nycol Mesaros, Ian Skelton, Sara Evesman, Kathleen Lambert, Misty Johnson, Brandon Hoobler and Erica Mejia.

Lockwood will be honored in June

Sara Lockwood of Kimberly received top honors in 1998 by earning two youth year-end high point awards.

She will receive two belt buckles designed by R.A. Guthrie Co. Cowboy

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Silversmiths for training 13-15. She will receive her awards at a banquet in June during the 52nd National Appalachian Horse Show in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Boys and Girls Club honors

More than 55,000 was raised for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley at a bowl-a-thon Jan. 23 at the Bowladrome.

Participants included the children, parents and staff and board members. On Jan. 30, the club held a building dedication and 90th birthday party for Clifton J. Smallwood.

Smallwood has been instrumental in making the Boys and Girls Club a

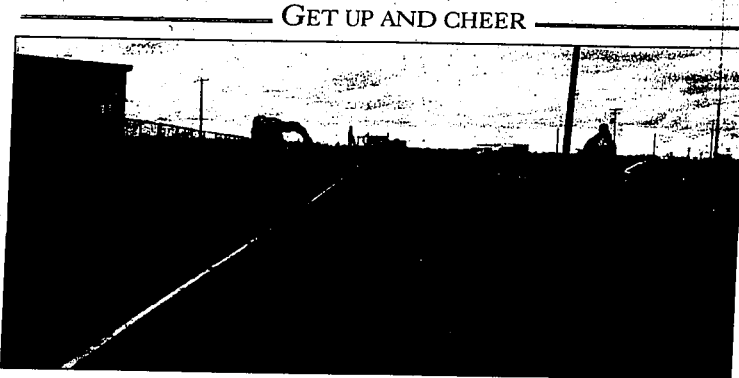
really in the community, the club says. Myra Gale Klenduff, project coordinator, Smallwood with a proclamation declaring Feb. 1 as Clifton J. Smallwood Day in Twin Falls.

Three students place on honor roll

John Vacina of Fairfield, Sara Bonner of Hazelton and Erin Shank of Mullanagh have been named to the George Fox University dean's list for the fall semester of the 1998-99 academic year.

Whitney Tractor makes dean's list

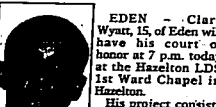
Whitney Yule Tractor of Twin Falls has been named to the Colangelo Southern Idaho University dean's list for the 1998-99 school full semester.



Toner Construction of Paul spent a week removing the old walls-side bleachers and debris at Minico High School to make way for new bleachers. Then company owners Dan and George Toner donated the money paid by the school district back to the school for new bleachers. Toner is donating time, labor and equipment including Randaes Martin, Steve Toner, Brad Smith and 35 football players. It's expected to have people like the Toners make contributions to the school, Coach Tim Perrott says. Construction of the new bleachers should be completed by May 7.

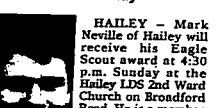
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Court of honor held for Clark Wyatt today in Hazelton



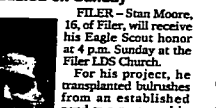
EDEN - Clark Wyatt, 15, of Eden will have his court of honor at 7 p.m. today at the Hazelton LDS 1st Ward Chapel in Hazelton. His project consisted of removing old tires at Valley Elementary School's playground and replacing them with a white fence. He was helped by other scouts and family members. He is a member of Troop 183 from Hazelton 1st Ward. Wyatt is the son of Roy and Brenda Wyatt. He also is active in sports at Valley High School and has four older brothers who all earned their Eagle Scout Award.

Mark Neville receives Eagle Scout award Sunday



HAILEY - Mark Neville of Hailey will receive his Eagle Scout award at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hailey LDS 2nd Ward Church on Broadway Road. He is a member of Troop 91 sponsored by the ward. For his project, he built a U.S. Forest Service sign for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, which will be located along Highway 75 in the Stanley Basin to mark the headwaters of the Salmon River of No Return. The project took more than 60 hours to complete with the assistance of fellow scouts. He is the son of Timothy and Anne Neville of Hailey. Neville is a seventh grader at the Hailey Middle School, plays football and enjoys skiing and camping.

Moore's court of honor scheduled on Sunday



FILER - Stan Moore, 16, of Filer, will receive his Eagle Scout honor class at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Filer LDS Church. For his project, he transferred mud from an established pond to a new pond in the Niagra Springs Wildlife Management Area, creating a new habitat and cover for waterfowl. Eleven people assisted him for a total of 100 hours. He is a member of Troop 72 with the Filer LDS Church and has earned 26 merit badges. He is the son of Ray and Julie Moore of Filer, a sophomore at Filer High School and involved in track, pep and jazz bands and the INEEL Quiz Team.

Relaxation techniques will be discussed at MS support

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Room 103 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho. A therapist will speak on relaxation techniques. People with MS and their

families and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Shelly at 655-4355 or Sue at 736-7258.

Diane Wormsbaker presents program at Master Gardner

TWIN FALLS - Diane Wormsbaker will make a presentation on herbs at the Twin Falls Master Gardeners meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the county extension meeting room, 246 Third Ave. E. Anyone interested in the program also is invited to attend. Master gardeners mentor new gardeners and research problems of fellow gardeners. For more information call, Louise Koontz at 733-7115 or Deloras Frey at 734-8781.

Bring your troll, Sons of Norway plan 'troll' night

TWIN FALLS - "Troll Night" is planned for the next meeting of the Sons of Norway Monday. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Members are encouraged to bring trolls and troll-related items. For more information, call 733-5944.

Blood drawing planned, past drawing called success

BURLEY - "A Time for New Beginnings" is the theme of the blood drive to be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at the Burley American Red-Cross Chapter of the American Red-Cross sponsors the drive. This year marks 50 years of blood services by the Lewis and Clark Region of the American Red Cross. During this drive, blood donors are invited to share in some celebration cake. Anyone wishing to donate blood should call Joyce at 678-2984 for an appointment. Reminder card will be sent to all that have made appointments. The Nov. 30, 1998 drive was a success with 105 pints of blood donated. Red Cross officials said. Students from the American Heritage Academy set up the drive and the Burley LDS Snake provided refreshments. Cassia County 4-H members cleaned up afterward, Culligan Water Conditioning Company of Burley provides water for donors at drive or at the National Guard donates the use of the building.

Working with OSHA workshop offered by businesses

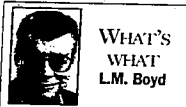
BURLEY - A Free Working with OSHA Workshop will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the McCall Herrick Learning Center, 218 W. Highway 30. Subjects that will be covered include providing a safe environment, working to keep you working, rehabilitation of the injured worker, the 10 top violations of OSHA rules and questions and answers. Registrations can be made by contacting Personnel Plus Inc. at 678-4040 or Arlene Willenborg at 677-6428.

Magic Breather's hear from pulmonary director at meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Breather's Club meets Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Senior Annex Room. Tracy Hill, director of pulmonary rehabilitation, will be talking on Pulmonary Rehabilitation at the Center and at home. For more information or any questions, contact Kurt at 734-9330. Lutharian women serve salad and potato bar BURLEY - A springtime salad and potato bar luncheon will be offered by Zion Lutheran Women's Missionary League Wednesday. The meal will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the gym at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Avenue, Burley. A free will donation will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will be divided between Good Shepherd Homes for the mentally challenged and Conterdia College, Portland, Ore. Jaycees seek youth to apply for national commerce honor GOODING - The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for a new award called Outstanding Young Public Servant. The award program is offered on a statewide level and the public is invited to participate. The award will recognize the professional and personal achievements of one young man or woman, ages 21-39, working in a field of public service. The recipient will be honored at the Jaycee State meeting in Coeur d'Alene on May 14-16. For more information call the following Jaycee Chapters: for the Northside, Canyon, call Rex Ward at 934-9144; for the Southside Canyon area, call Theresa Selgworth at 734-6279, or in the Wood River Valley area, call Konni Chapman at 578-0479. Dr. McClusky presents talk about ARTEC at meeting TWIN FALLS - Dr. David McClusky will provide an update on the ARTEC project at the today's meeting of the XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International. The meeting is held at 10 am at the Canyon Springs Park Hotel. Crafters welcome to register for Northside Arts Show JEROME - Booth spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis for the annual Northside Arts & Craft Show, April 9-11. Spaces cost \$50 each. A \$15 fee will be collected from every crafter and returned after completion of the show. But the fee won't be returned if crafters leave early. Set up time is from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 and from 10 a.m. until it opens on April 9. Entry deadlines are April 3. For more information call Kay Smith at 324-2795 or Ada Carter at 324-2322. Ralph Harris will lead drawing classes starting Monday HAILEY - Artist Ralph Harris will teach an introductory drawing class from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Monday at the Wood River High School. The class will explore various drawing media with emphasis on proportion, perspective, light and shade. Cost is \$65 per student, plus materials. For more information or to register, call the class call the College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center at 788-2033.



A praying mantis insists on live food



WHAT'S
L.M. Boyd

The metallic pointer that exists a shadow on a sundial is called a "gnomon." It was once a well-known word. Not anymore. Students of the language speculate that digital clocks are a day will make the word "hands" in reference to clocks as obscure as gnomon.

Elephants, too, get fat feet. Any trail cook can tell you: A "gnom" takes one cup of liquid to one cup of flour. A "thrup" takes one cup of liquid to two cups of flour. A "thrup" takes one cup of liquid to two cups of flour. A "thrup" takes one cup of liquid to two cups of flour.

Q. What's a missile's "throw-weight?"
A. Size of warhead or warheads it can carry.
Item No. 9833C in our Love and War man's file is this observation by writer Adela Rogers St. John: "I learned that there is lit-

tle difference in husbands. You might as well keep the first."
Q. What's the most common method of escape from jail?
A. The escapee just picks up a broom and sweeps his way out of the building. Undocumented, but that's the best guess of seasoned law officers.

On a clear day in flat open country, you can see 32 miles, if you're six feet tall and not too myopic.
Just because that hungry lad has a big appetite doesn't mean he has a tapeworm. Its a clinical fact that such an intestinal parasite needs so little food it doesn't influence its host's appetite at all.

Researchers overdo it, I think. They've studied dogwalkers. To learn that 25 percent turn away as so not to look when the dog does what it's supposed to do out there. The researchers now expect to break this down to find out what percentage turn away out of personal distaste as opposed to the percentage who turn away as so not to embarrass the dog. They want to know "too much, those researchers."

Alexander Hamilton wanted to name this country "The United State of America," Singular. Finitely little beast, the praying mantis. It won't eat a meal that isn't alive.

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Reach beyond what seemed impossible, Capricorn

IF MARCH 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Parents were separated while you were young, you threw caution to winds where love is concerned. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play outstanding roles in your life. Could have been better, initials in names D, M, W. Current cycle relates to participation in big business deals, added responsibility, marital status. Social activities accelerate in April, you travel due to commitment to charitable organization.

Horoscope
Sydney Omar
that you are capable of handling almost anything. Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo will figure prominently.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You beat the odds, stick with underdog. Gain comes via written word, you will be encouraged to write. If you have not already, start a diary. Gemini, Sagittarius involved.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Music emphasized, you will be sensitive to vibrations, to feelings expressed via words, music. Taurus and another Libra play outstanding roles. Romantic journey dominates scenario.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Transform tendency to brood into positive meditation. Parted techniques, streamline procedure - Pisces person appears out of nowhere, champions your efforts.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Results will be your key word - focus on responsibility, willingness to meet and beat deadline. Financial opportunity is presented on proverbial silver platter.
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Obtain hint from Aries message. Stress individuality. You'll make new friends, one of those friends

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Highlight diversity, ask questions, give full rein to intellectual curiosity. Moon position emphasizes cooperative efforts, added recognition, marital status.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Questions arise concerning health, work schedule. Prove

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Imprint style, let others know, "There are two ways to do things, the right way and my way." Love relationship heats up, could get too hot.
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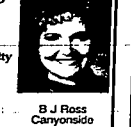
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