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Kempthorne agreed, but as legislators packed up to leave the Capitol he was much more Please see SESSION, Page A2

Still an issue. List of legislative items for 2000: For good or ill, by design or happenstance... A fix for Idaho's crumbling public schools... Proposed network for training wildlife biologists... Department of Fish and Game... Moving endangered species policy to the governor's office... Enhancing benefits for public employees... Form limits for legislators and other elected officials... Negotiating large animal... Result operations... Joining a proposed Western regional presidential primary... Outward-bound team works the state's maximum wage.

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and laugh at him," Creagh said. But he would never snitch on anyone, he said.

Years later, Stoney was a home- less addict who froze to death in a Chicago alley. "Some animals found him before humans did, and chewed on parts of his body," Creagh said.

Increasing numbers of people like Stoney are why nobody should keep quiet about substance abuse, Creagh told the children. He delivered a similar message during a meeting later with clergy and religious leaders from across the valley. "As a Christian, I'm ashamed. As a religious man, I'm ashamed, because we have been sitting on the sidelines," he said.

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Creagh's message was enough to get Kimberly seventh-graders Laura Allen and Ashley Smith thinking.

Allen said she doesn't think substance abuse is a major problem among her peers yet, but signs of it are starting to show. "I think it's good to come watch him and hear what he has to say," Smith said. Wes Remaley, principal, West Remaley, enjoyed the pep rally atmosphere of Creagh's presentation. But the real work will always be in the hands of local parents and teachers, he said. "This is an effective way to get started. The schools need to work up their own programs before the kids get bad."

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With Clinton suggesting NATO action against Yugoslavia, President Slobodan Milosevic may be close, the State Department began evacuating the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade. "Our allies are strongly united behind this course," Clinton told an East Room news conference. "Make no mistake: If we and our allies do not have the will to act, there will be more massacres."

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Burned rental car holds two bodies

House, Senate to work on missile defense plan

SUPERIOR VILLAGE, Calif. (AP) —

Two bodies were found in the trunk of a burned-out rental car found weeks after three women disappeared during a trip to Yosemite National Park, the FBI said Friday.

There was no sign of a third body, the FBI said. "Everything in the car was consumed by fire," said James Masdock, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation.

Maddock said the three women, Carolee Sunde, 42, her daughter Julie, 15, and Silvina Pelosio, 16, a family friend from Cordoba, Argentina were most likely the victims of a kidnapping or carjacking late Feb. 15 or early Feb. 16.

"There are people out there who know what happened here. We've got some very specific in the last 24 hours, tips that have identified people that we're talking a hard look at," Maddock said at a news conference.

Authorities had searched for the three women missing for more than a month in rugged Gold Rush country before the charred red Pontiac Grand Prix was found on Wednesday about 100 yards off Highway 108, northeast of Sonoma. It was identified by its license plates.

The FBI said that whoever crashed an automobile in the area clearly knew the area, which is accessible only by narrow, stony, logging roads hidden by dense woods. It's often used by locals as a dumping ground.

The spot is nearly three hours away on winding roads from Cedar Lake, where the women had been staying during their trip to the park.

"This is not an area someone would have just stumbled across," Maddock said. He said the car was well hidden off a spur road.

Maddock said the bodies found Friday morning in the trunk of the rental car were not yet identified. The cause of death was not released.

Shopkeepers in the nearby town of Twin Harre said they had called the FBI to report seeing the women after their last sighting, reportedly occurring at the lodge in El Portal, but couldn't get through on the FBI hotline.

Previous foot and air searches had been discontinued further to the south, near El Portal, Mex.

Americans are uncertain about nuclear power

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are more uncertain about nuclear power than they were a decade ago, with fewer than half saying they support using atomic energy to produce electricity, according to an Associated Press poll.

They percent say they believe nuclear plants are safer now, but half the respondents believe a serious nuclear accident is likely at a U.S. power plant. That number is unchanged from the 1989 AP poll.

The latest poll, taken 20 years after a serious accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant near Harrisburg, Pa., found 45 percent of adults saying they support the use of nuclear energy. That is down 10 percentage points from 1989.

The nuclear power industry supplies about 20 percent of the nation's energy. No new plants are being built, but the industry and many existing facilities are seeking reauthorization.



California Highway Patrolmen Tom Wills, left, and Ken Kulp stop motorists on Highway 108 near Long Barn, Calif., Friday, near the site where a rental car of three missing sightseers was found Thursday. Authorities closed the area.

Sunde's wallet was found Feb. 19 in Modesto, a two-hour drive to the east, also down winding, narrow roads.

Mrs. Sunde is a member of the prominent Carrington family, which made millions in Northern California real estate and now mostly lives in Europe.

Penny Mann, owner of the Cedar Cottage gift shop in nearby Twin Harre, said she believes the three visited her shop the afternoon of Feb. 16. The last previous sighting was the evening of Feb. 15, in a restaurant in El Portal near the park.

"I've gone over this so many times," Mrs. Mann said today.

"I'm sure it was them. I'm sure it was Tuesday. It was so quiet that day they were here. We're not normally open on Tuesdays. I was in there to work. After that (President's Day holiday) weekend, it was so busy ..."

She said she called the FBI hotline about three days later, but couldn't get through. After talking to friends and family, she called again about a week ago and that time, she passed her information on to authorities.

Louise Guthmiller, who owns a gas station about one mile from where the car was found, believes she sold the women a small amount of gas. She said

today that she didn't know what day that happened.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators now must produce compromise legislation to commit the United States to a national defense against a limited ballistic missile attack.

The House on Thursday approved its version 317-105, a day after the Senate passed similar legislation 97-3.

The White House once threatened to veto the legislation — long a GOP priority and part of the Republicans' 1994 "Contract With America." But members of the Clinton administration no longer are talking that way.

Instead, they plan to monitor a House-Senate conference committee that will come up with the final version.

Russia and China were quick to criticize the action. "That poses a serious threat to the whole process of nuclear arms control, as well as strategic stability, for which major international agreements have been worked out for decades," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign



How they voted
Idaho Republican representatives Mike Simpson and Helen Chenoweth voted with the 217-105 majority Thursday to approve a bill to commit the United States to a nationwide defense against ballistic missiles.

Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi said the measure is counterproductive for arms control.

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NATION

Clinton tries to leave scandal behind

President fields questions on China, Kosovo, legacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five weeks after surviving impeachment, President Clinton said Friday the record will show "one negative" when he lies but hundreds and hundreds of other times "when I did not abuse my authority as president, that I was truthful with the American people."

In a post-mortem on a scandal-ridden year, the president also said he and his wife Hillary are still working on repairing their relationship and that "We love each other very much." He said he had not a clue whether she would run for a U.S. Senate seat — but pointedly added that the first lady had suggested they move to New York when he leaves the White House.

Clinton spoke with reporters at his first full-scale White House news conference in nearly a year, answering questions that largely focused on suspected Chinese nuclear espionage and the threat of airstrikes in Kosovo.

He said NATO must be prepared to carry out airstrikes against Serbs because "hesitation is a license to kill." He said the Serbs already had crossed the threshold that warrants military actions.

The president defended his administration's handling of China's suspected theft of secrets from U.S. nuclear labs in the 1980s. He also said, "The best of my knowledge, no one has said anything to me about any espionage which occurred by the Chinese against the labs during my presidency."



President Clinton makes a point during his first news conference in a year Friday in Washington, D.C.

GOP lays out crime bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of dollars in crime-fighting grants to local law enforcement would be preserved and tougher penalties for drug traffickers imposed under a \$17.5 billion bill unveiled Friday, Senate Republicans said.

Senate OKs more hog farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved giving hog farmers an extra \$200 million in direct payments to help them weather a sharp downturn in pork prices. The measure was added late Thursday to a \$9.9 billion emergency spending bill that includes aid for justice and hurricane-battered Central America.

New Democratic party chief calls Republican field 'a motley crew'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats' incoming party chairman, promising Friday to be a scorched-earth GOP critic, called Republicans "the cranks of American politics" and their presidential hopefuls for 2000 a "motley crew" — a disaster in the making.

The current crop of Republican presidential candidates is a Democratic consultant's dream," Joe Andrew said in a speech to the Democratic National Committee, which is set to name him national chairman today.

Republican spokesman Mike Collins replied that Democrats, with Vice President Al Gore as their 2000 favorite, are in no position to criticize.

Democrats are becoming aware with Al Gore's gaffe-day campaign that the chips in his hand are hanging steeply. It's crisis nine months early," he quipped.

President Clinton tapped Andrew to replace Steve Grossman, a longtime activist from Massachusetts who resigned after the mostly successful midterm election last year.

This week's Democratic meeting also will provide the latest stage for Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley in their contest for the party's presidential nomination. Bradley, busy campaigning in Iowa, sent his wife to court activists. Gore will address the group Saturday.

An overwhelming majority of DNC members back Gore, but an anxious minority say they may side with Bradley. Some say they



four that Clinton supporters will snub off on the vice president, others are fretting about polls showing Gore trailing Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the current GOP favorite.

"We need to open this up so people can see who Bradley is," said Virgie Rollins, a DNC member from Detroit who is not committed to either candidate.

Andrew, 39, the former Indiana state party chairman who introduced the use of computer technology in his state's grassroots

organizing, promised an information-age approach to his work in Washington. He wants to create a National Voter File to help state parties "slice and dice information" so they can customize their messages to voting blocs.

And he will invest \$1 million to upgrade software of some parties, linking them by computer to the DNC.

Andrew also promised to reestablish a training center for Democratic operatives, recruit 1 million volunteers by 2000, create a Democratic Mayors Campaign Committee, build a new Washington headquarters for the DNC and open a "campaign store" on the Internet — one-stop shopping for a candidate who needs anything from telephones to cars.

His remarks Friday were laced with attacks on Republicans, and the behind-the-scenes, Andrew said after his address, that he didn't mind being called the party's attack dog.

"The Republicans have become the cranks of American politics," he said, condemning that GOP favorite "Gumpie Old Party."

"In the matter of presidentially good times, they still see an enemy under every bed, a crack in every sidewalk, a cloud behind every silver lining," he said.

Afterward, Andrew and general chairman Roy Romer conducted a news conference with their new co-chairs, including Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Rep. Louie Gohmert. Bush was a frequent target all day.

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NATION

Newly discovered map may give clues

Lewis and Clark sketch from 1851 may pinpoint site of Fort Clatsop

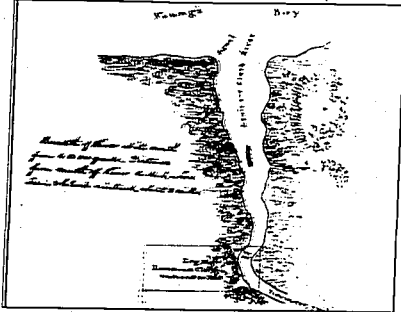
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A newly discovered map drawn in 1851 may help unlock one of the stubborn mysteries of the Lewis and Clark expedition: Where, exactly, was Fort Clatsop, where the explorers spent the cold, soggy winter of 1805-1806?

Anthropologists and historians have made periodic attempts to find the site, most recently last fall, and say they know about where it was, near Warrenton, south of Astoria.

Homesteaders' accounts from a century ago as to where the ruins of the log fort stood agree on a general area, but there is disagreement on details. The area has been logged and farmed since Lewis and Clark were there.

Scott Byram, a doctoral candidate in anthropology from the University of Oregon, found the map by accident last month while researching Oregon Indian history at the National Archives in Greenbelt, Md.

It had been drawn in 1851 by a



A newly discovered map may help solve a stubborn riddle from the Lewis and Clark expedition. Shown on the map is Fort Clatsop, the Oregon enclave where the explorers spent the winter of 1805-06 after their trek across America.

member of the U.S. Coast Survey, which was mapping the lower Columbia Basin. It labels the fort area "Fort Clatsop and Clark wintered in 1805."

It shows the fort at the edge of a slope that drops down to the river's flood plain. Such a slope

still exists and the Lewis and Clark River at that point is still as wide as the map says it was, 150 yards.

"The map is significant because it tells us we're looking in the right place," said Jim Thompson, the regional archaeol-

ogist for the National Park Service in Seattle, under whose auspices the search for the fort's location is being made.

The search will resume in April. Researchers for the Lewis and Clark project plan to visit the archives this spring to see if there are written accounts of the fort's location.

Capt. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and the band of soldiers they led on the exploration of the West built the fort near the mouth of the Columbia in late 1805.

A replica of the fort was built in the 1930s and is maintained by the National Park Service, possibly within a few hundred feet of where the fort actually sat, if the newly found map is accurate.

"I didn't know whether Fort Clatsop investigators had actually seen the map. But I knew they were trying to pinpoint the exact location of the fort, and I had a hunch that if they hadn't seen the map, they would very much want to get a copy," Byram said.

No maps by Lewis and Clark locating the fort are known to exist, although their drawings of the fort survive.

The fort, 50 feet square, took about a month to build and was occupied for about three months. The expedition left for home March 23, 1806.

NATION IN BRIEF

Court: Keep rates competitive

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court upheld a Federal Communications Commission decision Friday that was designed to spur local telephone competition.

Specifically, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia affirmed FCC orders, dating from 1993, that determined how much the nation's Bell companies, GTE and other major local phone providers may charge other companies for sending space into their central offices.

Companies that compete or want to compete against the major local phone companies need to install equipment in those offices in order to provide their own phone or other communications services.

"We concluded that the FCC did not engage in arbitrary or capricious decision making," the court ruled. "The case attacked, among other things, the FCC's rate-setting methodology."

A group of local phone companies led by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. brought the case to court.

Doc: Farrakhan not in real danger

CHICAGO — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is recovering from prostate cancer treatment and a case of flu and will take a four-month sabbatical from leading his group, his personal physician said today.

"The minister's life is not in imminent danger from any medical cause," Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad told a news conference.

"This should serve notice to all of the assailants who are hovering over what they expect to be a dead carcass that you can go home," he said. "There is no death vigil. This is no death watch."

Farrakhan, 65, was first treated for prostate cancer in 1991. His most recent treatment, combined with two recent bouts of the flu, anemia and his hectic schedule, left him in need of a break, Muhammad said.

Farrakhan has often sparked controversy with his

unsubstantiated support of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, whom he has visited several times, and his incoherent comments about Jews, Christians, white people and the government.

Teen pleads guilty in slaying

TIMES BEVER, N.J. — A teen-ager pleaded guilty Friday to strangling an 18-year-old neighbor who came to his door selling gift wrap and candy for the PTA.

Sam Mizoin, 17, appeared calm as he described in court how he choked Eddie Warner with a cord from an alarm clock for 40 minutes, stuffed his body into a suitcase and dragged it into the woods. He did not address prosecutors' allegations that he raped the boy.

Eddie, who was in sixth grade, was hoping to win a walkie-talkie set by selling the tapes. His 1997 killing shocked the community and raised questions about the use of children for fundraising.

Mizoin faces 30 years in life in prison at sentencing April 18. His challenge for his pleading guilty to murder, prosecutors dropped charges that he raped and tortured the boy.

Bullet kills woman at drive-up

LAS VEGAS — A woman waiting to pick up an order at a McDonald's drive-through window was accidentally killed by a teen-ager who opened fire inside the restaurant during an argument, police said Friday.

"It was just a random act of stupidity," North Las Vegas Police Lt. Joseph Forti said.

Digital Cam, 17, was arrested on charges of murder and attempted murder.

The act occurred after young people got into an argument Thursday night, Forti said. Two shots passed through the operative-through window and through an open window of a pickup truck, killing Crystal Lee Griffith, 26.

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Yugoslavian targets

Potential military targets for NATO air attacks:



Serbs would be formidable foe

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — If NATO orders airstrikes on Yugoslavia, U.S. pilots will confront a well-trained and motivated air defense force that may well knock down planes and cost pilots' lives, U.S. defense officials said Friday.

Though their equipment is at least 15 years old, Serbian air defense troops are generally knowledgeable about U.S. tactics and protected by mountainous terrain and erratic weather, officials said. In addition, because of their past fears of a Soviet air assault, the Serbs are well prepared and equipped to endure a bombardment.

U.S. military officials, worried that the public may have become too relaxed about possible U.S. military casualties after eight years of lowest encounters with Iraq, have been warning that an air assault on Yugoslavia would not likely be entirely one-sided.

"These guys are very good," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan, who oversaw the 1995 air campaign against Bosnia, told the Senate Armed Services Committee this week.

He said casualties are a "distinct possibility," a view seconded by Marine Commandant Gen. Charles Krulak. "It is going to be tremendously dangerous," Krulak said.

The Serbian defenders have more air defense equipment and are better trained than the Bosnian Serb troops who battled NATO pilots during the 1995 air strikes on Bosnia-Herzegovina. And they are also more proficient and have more concentrated air defense equipment than the Iraqis, who have skirmished with

U.S. and British pilots in Iraq's "fly" since 1991.

The Serbs have about 60 surface-to-air missile batteries in Yugoslavia, including Soviet-built SA-2s and SA-3s and the relatively sophisticated Soviet-made SA-6s. It was an SA-6 missile, hard to detect and capable of flying nearly three times the speed of sound, that knocked down an F-16 carrying U.S. combat pilot Capt. Scott F. O'Grady during an air patrol over Bosnia in June 1995. He was rescued after surviving in a war zone for six days on insects, grass and rainwater.

Ryan said the network of batteries presents "a very substantial air defense capability" and includes a heavy concentration of anti-aircraft artillery, which is used for lower-flying planes. The Serbs, he added, have a "very professional army and air defense corps."

NATO currently has about 400 aircraft in the region, including about 200 U.S. planes and six warships capable of launching cruise missiles.

Yugoslavia consists of a series of interlocking valleys, ringed in part by mountains. Stormy weather is expected intermittently in the region throughout much of the spring, defense officials said. Cloud cover and fog make it harder for pilots to see targets and, in some cases, can force a temporary interruption of an air campaign.

Fearing a Soviet air attack, Yugoslav forces have practiced air defense drills and refined doctrine for four decades. In that time, they stockpiled ammunition and buried communication lines and other air defense infrastructure to help ensure that their systems would keep working during a bombardment, experts say.

Some fear bloodbath as monitors pull out

Los Angeles Times

CIREZ, Yugoslavia — Foreign peace monitors began an exodus from Yugoslavia on Friday, raising Kosovo Albanian fears of a blood bath if NATO bombs start falling and Serbs seek revenge.

As NATO's threat of airstrikes loomed larger, the first of about 1,400 international peace monitors, including several hundred Americans, began heading for the Macedonian border.

Although the unarmed monitors were powerless to stop Kosovo's war, they have been witnesses who could assist the blame for crucial events such as the massacre of at least 45 Kosovo Albanians in the village of Racak on Jan. 15.

Without the monitors, ethnic Albanians said, they are all the more frightened that Serbs will retaliate against them if NATO delivers on its threat to strike military targets in Yugoslavia. Kosovo is a province of Serbia, the larger of Yugoslavia's two republics, and is 90 percent ethnic Albanian.

But danger from the Serbs isn't new to villagers such as Shukri Ahmeti, 55, who said NATO should go ahead and attack to stop a Yugoslav army offensive that drove him from his village Friday.

"Maybe the Serbs will forget us if bombs are falling on them," Ahmeti, 55, said as he brought eight women and three children out of the battle zone behind a farmer's tractor. "Maybe they will start to run away. Who knows?"

"It's better to bomb because otherwise we cannot survive. They will not leave us alive."

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, or OSCE, which set up the foreign monitoring mission, ordered the observers to begin leaving Friday, but the bulk are expected to depart today.

They will drive out in a long convoy that, even if it doesn't run into trouble along the way, is expected to take at least eight hours to cross the border into Macedonia.

"The situation has made it

increasingly difficult for the team to carry out their task, and it is no longer justifiable to keep them in Kosovo," said Knut Volleback, who heads the OSCE.

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Should states be able to stop their cities from suing U.S. gun makers?

Bankrupting gun manufacturers won't solve cities' crime problems

U.S. cities should be allowed to sue gun makers for rising crime rates

Emboldened by their successes in forcing tobacco companies to cough up billions of dollars to the states, trial lawyers have convinced several big-city mayors to sue gun manufacturers to recover the costs of gun violence in their cities on the grounds that guns are a public nuisance.

But the lawsuits are backfiring in many state legislatures. Georgia has enacted, and other states are considering, legislation for forbidding cities from suing the gun industry. And Wyoming lawmakers have introduced legislation encouraging its attorney general to intervene on behalf of gun manufacturers in liability lawsuits.

Gun control activists, the mayors in question, and the state attorneys who encouraged the mayors have complained that such legislation usurps local authority and threatens public safety.

Quite the opposite is true: state legislatures are defending democracy, the economy and the public.

The United States does not have a pure free-market economy with respect to consumer goods. As part of the political process, legislatures control, limit or prohibit access to some products, such as tobacco, guns and prescription drugs. It's a delicate balancing act to give a free people access to certain products while maximizing public safety.

These lawsuits would replace the will of the majority as expressed through the legislature with the determinations of an unelected judiciary.

YES

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Lawsuit proponents, unable to convince legislators that removing suits from the books of law-abiding citizens will reduce crime, are attempting to use the courts to impose their views on a skeptical public. By protecting lawful gun makers from frivolous lawsuits, legislators are defending the democratic process.

Moreover, if the lawsuits prove successful, what kind of message would it send? If gun makers are to blame when their products are misused, what products are safe?

Knives, cars and many household products are used each year to commit crimes. Should these products' manufacturers compensate the public for the costs incurred when people misuse them?

Some companies would be unable to survive the lawsuits, others might simply move overseas to countries that still hold individuals, rather than inanimate objects, responsible when they take criminal, stupid or negligent actions.

If the trial lawyers and mayors were really concerned about public safety, they would be encouraging gun ownership. Citizens use guns in self-defense be-

tween 800,000 and 3.6 million times annually. This exceeds the total number of firearm crimes—463,000 in 1996.

The fact is that the best defense against violence is an armed response. People defending themselves with guns during an assault were injured only 12 percent of the time, compared to 25 percent for those using other weapons, 27 percent for those offering no resistance and nearly 26 percent for those who fled. Firearms are the safest, most effective way to protect oneself against criminals—which is why police carry guns rather than going unarmed or carrying knives.

By preventing these suits, state legislators are doing mayors a favor. The lawsuits will not reduce crime, poverty or homelessness, improve the schools, or fill pot holes. Guns are not the cause of our cities' ills, they are just scapegoats for the mayors' inability to check crime. If the suits result in a decline in lawful gun ownership, crime and unemployment would likely increase as citizens are left defenseless against criminal violence and industries flee to friendlier and safer business environments.

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Mayors will have to find a new scapegoat to blame for these cities' problems, since gun makers and state legislators are actually doing them a favor by keeping guns legal and available.

H. Sterling Burnett is a policy analyst with the National Center for Policy Analysis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to illuminating vital public policy issues.

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Lawsuits hit target

M. Kristen Rand

The American firearms industry has now realized it might be headed for the same fate as the tobacco industry.

Thanks to innovative legal challenges, gun makers could finally be held accountable for their irresponsible conduct. This is a resolution they want to avoid at all costs.

So, they have now begun preparing for arguments as appropriate litigation by several individuals and five cities—even as some cities, several state attorney general offices like the NAACP are considering similar lawsuits of their own.

So far, the industry hasn't come up with a very convincing argument. When you look past the National Rifle Association's political muscle and the industry spin doctors' high school rhetoric, all that remains of their defense is this: "We Sell a Legal Product."

Defense. The gun industry is quick to point out that the manufacture and distribution of its product is legal.

True enough, but the legality of a product is irrelevant. When business uses negligent practices to make or sell legal products irresponsibly, and thus cause death or injury, they can be sued.

Airplane are legal products too. If a consumer buys and uses substandard engine parts that caused a plane to crash, we would not sue the engine manufacturer. Most of us would do the same. Guns are legal, but gun makers' practices can still be negligent in a court of law.

1. The "Who Will Be Next?" Defense. The gun industry constantly criticizes the lawsuits by predicting that rapacious government lawyers, emboldened by litigation against the tobacco and firearms industries, will soon sue

everyone from General Motors to Frito-Lay.

After all, their theory goes, lots of people die in car crashes and high-fat snack foods can contribute to heart disease, one of America's top killers. This argument is a nice attempt to induce panic among the Fortune 500 and gain their support for a counterattack.

It falls apart, however, when one considers that tobacco and guns share one deadly characteristic: neither has been regulated for health and safety by government authorities.

GM must meet minimum safety standards for crashworthiness, and Frito-Lay must follow food-safety and nutrition labeling requirements, but the gun industry operates free of such restrictions.

In short, most industries are subject to strict federal regulations and to potential liability in court for misbehavior. The gun industry's arguments deny liability and request to be freed from both of these obligations to the public.

These silly excuses don't cut the mustard. The gun industry has had its fair share for decades and has simply refused to make its products safer or to take any responsibility for the death and injury associated with them.

Guns kill far more Americans every year than all other household products combined. Let the gun industry fend for itself in court and end its deadly immunity from regulation.

M. Kristen Rand is director of federal policy at the Violence Policy Center, a nonpartisan think-tank that helps public policymakers reduce violence in American society.

LETTERS

Pole Line Road is first priority

To the Twin Falls City Council:
Twin Falls County Grangers have a definite concern that you are not considering the most logical plan of benefit to farmers and landowners by the cross-country road that you are approving. This road would be a ruination of that area of Magic Valley.

We urge that Pole Line Road improvements be first priority as that will always be a heavy travel road.

CLINTON DOUGHERTY
Master, Pamona Grange
Twin Falls

Climbers oppose anchor policy

The Sawtooth Climbers Coalition, formed in the fall of 1998, does not support the current Forest Service policy on fixed anchors. The SCC is asking that the Sawtooth National Forest lift its ban on fixed anchor use and placement in the Sawtooth Wilderness.

In the spring of 1999, the SCC will present to the National Forest Service a document that is a written resource which represents the viewpoints of the SCC on the fixed anchor ban. It is the hope of the SCC that this information can be used by land-managing officials

in the ongoing administration of the Sawtooth Wilderness, especially as it pertains to climbing. The SCC finds it important that policy makers, land managers, climbers, as well as the general public recognize the long history and tradition of climbing in the area when considering land-use policy in the Sawtooth Wilderness.

For more information on the document or the Sawtooth Climbers Coalition, contact me at (208) 725-5064.

NATASHA SEVILLA
Sawtooth Climbers Coalition
Ketchum

Jerome schools and bald man

On March 11, the Jerome School District's vote for a bond to build a new middle school failed. The vote was 62.7 percent yes and 37.3 percent no.

Soon after seeing the results announced on KMVT, I saw a Propecia commercial. For those of you who do not know, Propecia is a medication for men who are losing their hair. The results of this hair growth study amazed me. It said that 66 percent of the men using this drug had new hair growth.

Think of that, it is easier to grow hair on a bald man than to pass a school bond in Jerome.

Thanks to all the voters who voted yes - again.

PAULA BROWN
Jerome

Thanks to three on TF council

Three cheers for the cartoon and editorial in the Sunday issue of *The Times-News*.

Why would four of the members of the Twin Falls City Council vote for the cross-country alternate route? It has absolutely no benefit to Twin Falls city. It lies entirely in county territory and would be of no benefit to the county residents in the area.

This alternate route from the junction of Highway 30 and Highway 93 to Grandview would have no exits or entrances; therefore, local traffic could not use it. At each intersection with a county road, there would be an over-pass. This means building four over-passes, plus a bridge across Rock Creek. If an elevated interchange at Pole Line and Grandview, Grandview, it would be two lanes like 93 south of 30 to Nevada, when widening 2400 East and Pole Line in Twin Falls County. Don't let Twin Falls city dictate the use of our county roads and farms.

Congressmen vote to the three thinking council members who voted against the cross-country route.

LYLE WILLIAMSON
Commissioner, Filer Highway District
Chairman, Association of Highway Districts
Twin Falls

Calling all wheelchair dealers

Should I or shouldn't I? My wife, Jean says we should have a cell phone just in case, but she makes lots of her decisions on just in case. If I get one, I want to impress people with my savvy and important I am. I want them to think I'm a big wheeler and dealer, a mover and shaker.

Should I get one of those cute little cases that fold up or one of those radio types that would hang over the right hip pocket of my old blue overalls. I think I'll better stick to the cure one that folds up.

I'll need to get rid of my four-door Mercury sedan. No self-respecting wheeler and dealer would be caught out in anything but a sport utility vehicle or at least a Beamer or a Benz. See, I'm already mastering the lingo.

The first stop is the airport! I'll get out there about an hour before the plane takes off. You've got to learn to talk: about three decibels louder than normal so people will realize how important you really are.

Look for a cell phone that will get on the airplane. I can hide in the john when it's time to take off. I'll have to go to a movie at least once a week. Not that I need it, but I'll have a cell phone ringing in a crowded theater at a tense moment. I've also got to find a vacant parking lot. I'll need to practice talking on my cell phone, drinking coffee and driving at the same time. I want to attract attention but not kill anyone. It shouldn't take me too long before I'm ready for Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

I was in the mall before Christmas and had to go into the restroom. There were a man in the stall and a woman in the john and talking on a cell phone at the same time. Can you imagine answering nature's call and buying and selling perfume while on the toilet? Talk about time management! I just hope when he finished, he didn't forget that was his cell phone in his right hand.

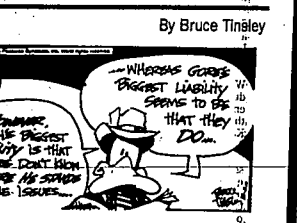
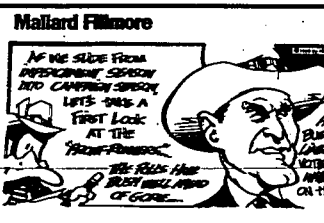
If I can pull this off and convince everyone that I am busy, a true mover and shaker, maybe I can join GOP and run for county commissioner. Naw! Probably not!

KENNETH P. GOLIER
Twin Falls

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WORLD



Bomb in Russian market kills 62

MOSCOW (AP) — A bomb ripped through a busy market Friday in southern Russia, cutting down a crowd of shoppers, shattering vegetable stalls and leaving a city in chaos. At least 62 people died and scores were injured.

An anonymous group claimed responsibility for the worst attack since a 1992 ethnic war killed hundreds in North Ossetia, a republic in Russia's volatile

Caucasus region.

Police called the explosion a terrorist act and were searching for two suspects, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported. Politicians across the spectrum said the bombing was an attempt to further destabilize Russia.

"The place looks like a meat grinder," said local journalist Olga Vyslova, reached by phone from Moscow.

President Boris Yeltsin went on

state television Friday to ask forgiveness from the victims' families for the lapse in security. "I apologize to the families of the victims. I apologize because I carry the responsibility for it all," Yeltsin said slowly, without elaborating.

North Ossetia is close to Chechnya, which claimed to have pulled out of Russia after a 1994-96 war. "How much of that republic is controlled by armed bands and kidnappers,

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Libya agrees to turn over two suspects

CAIRO, Egypt — Libya took a key step Friday toward ridding itself of U.N. sanctions by agreeing to turn over by April 6 two men wanted for trial on charges of blowing up a Pan Am jetliner over Scotland.

The announcement — delivered by South African President Nelson Mandela, who has been pressing to resolve the dead-end — stages the first time Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi has set a date for the handover.

The 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killed 270 people. The U.N. imposed sanctions on Libya in 1992 for refusing to hand over the two men for trial.

Gadhafi has agreed to a trial in the past but always on conditions that prolonged the deadlock. However, the latest deal has a good chance, given that Gadhafi has involved a statesman like Mandela, a longtime ally whom he respects highly. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, a major U.S. ally, also lent his support to efforts to find a compromise.

Nigeria's president-elect promises to end fraud

ABUJA — Olusegun Obasanjo had the men in gray suits clapping and beaming at his premiere performance as earnest president-elect, determined to wipe dirt off Nigeria's name even before taking office.

"What is my recipe for changing our image as a pariah nation?" he said, echoing a question asked in a hall packed with French executives. "Part of my recipe is my presence here."

Obasanjo, the general who handed power to civilians in 1979 and then retired to his farm, made no bones about the current state of Nigeria: corrupt, mismanaged, crippled by poverty and life-threatening crime.

"The president who succeeded him was soon overthrown by a string of military governments, including the dark reign of Gen. Sani Abacha, who kept Obasanjo in prison until a fatal heart attack ended his regime."

But, Obasanjo added, Nigeria's vast oil reserves, its fertile soil, and its huge population offer great potential to a continent badly in need of a strong cornerstone.

Burglar jailed for eating expensive pet tortoise

HONG KONG — A Chinese illegal immigrant was given a year in jail for breaking into a Hong Kong home and eating an expensive pet tortoise.

Judge Stephen Chow Siu-hung told Chau Chao-ping, 22, that the normal sentence for burglary was three years in prison. But the judge imposed a lesser penalty because Chau pleaded guilty and had shown no intent to steal anything valuable, the South China Morning Post reported Friday.

"It was due to hunger that he slaughtered a tortoise for food, but he left the two other tortoises in the hut intact," the judge said Thursday.

Boat capsizes kills 70 in West African nation

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Seventy people were killed when a boat bound for eastern Sierra Leone capsized and sank in a storm, port officials said Friday.

The accident happened Wednesday when the boat, a dugout vessel with an outboard engine, was caught in a storm off the village of Kaga, said Patrick Kamokai, the head of this West African nation's port agency.

The boat was loaded with passengers and supplies for the eastern town of Bo. The region's overland connections with the capital, Freetown, have been cut off by the storm.

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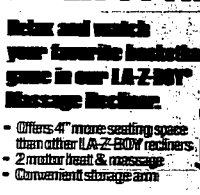
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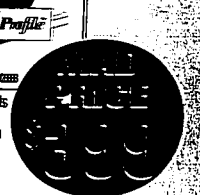
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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF police charge man for pointing knife

TWIN FALLS - Clifford Eli Velasquez wanted a ride, and he's been charged with pointing a knife to a man's throat to get one.

Velasquez, 22, was charged Friday with second-degree kidnapping in connection with the Jan. 17 incident.

Around 1:30 a.m. Jan. 17, Velasquez and two others were at the house of April Wilkerson, Fourth Avenue West, where they had been for more than four hours, Twin Falls police detective Gary Rinehart said in his report.

"When Wilkerson asked the men to leave, they became angry and demanded a ride to another house, Hubbard's boyfriend, Rick Hubbard, joked about not being a taxi and Velasquez attacked him, the report said.

Velasquez held a knife to Hubbard's throat and another man Hubbard drive him and his friends to another house with the knife at Hubbard's throat most of the trip, the report said.

Afternoon car accident closes Blue Lakes road

TWIN FALLS - A three-vehicle accident Friday afternoon forced the closure of Blue Lakes Boulevard for about 15 minutes.

The accident occurred when a van turning left into the parking lot of Fiesta Ole was rear-ended by a pickup truck and was pushed into a car heading north, Twin Falls police Sgt. Steve Ryan said.

"No one was seriously injured, he said.

Sheriff seeks details about headstone

JEROME - Jerome County Sheriff's Detectives are seeking information about a headstone found this week in the back yard of an Eden home.

The headstone bears the name of Barbam Mills, born 1933, died 1982. Anyone with more information should call the Jerome County Sheriff's Detective Division at 324-8845. The office's fax number is 324-5094.

CSI will host workshop on assistive technology

TWIN FALLS - A free informational workshop for people 55 years and older who use assistive technology devices will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25 in the Taylor Building's Cedar Room at the College of Southern Idaho.

Caregivers are also invited to attend the workshop that will discuss how to select, acquire and use assistive technology devices. The workshop is being sponsored by the Idaho Assistive Technology Project at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development based at the University of Idaho. Those interested may call 1-800-432-8324.

Compiled from staff reports

Wanted in the Magic Valley

Name: Amanda Lucie-Belle Diaz.
Age: 19.
Description: Hispanic, 5 feet 3 inches tall, 120 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair. Tattoo of eagle and owl on right shoulder.
Charged with: Possession of a forged check, and a probation violation on a controlled substance possession conviction.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information about this suspect to call 736-4100 or 735-1911.

Judge sentences teens for drive-by

Gunman faces minimum of 16 years

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Three teens, a gun and the gang mentality - that combination killed a man last summer and sent three Jerome teenagers to prison Friday.

Nicholas Garcia, Antonio Garcia and Alfredo Ortiz Jr., were sentenced for their parts in the death of Armando Javier Iruegas, 23, the unintended victim of a drive-by shooting.

"Today we're faced with the fact that four more bodies have been laid at the altar of the gang mentality," District Judge Roger Burdick said during sentencing. "Armando, whose family laid him to rest less than a year ago, and you three, because

you will never be the same after today. You were never the same after that night."

July 29 was the night the three teens went looking for a man they say had threatened the lives of two of them.

Antonio Garcia drove his car and brought his gun. Ortiz helped plan the attack. Nicholas Garcia, who didn't even know the intended target, pulled the trigger.

Together they conceived and carried out a plan that they never would have done by themselves, Burdick said.

"If one of you would have said, 'Stop. This is crazy. Look where we're going,' you all would have woken up the next morning with 'hangovers,'" Burdick said.

But no one stood up for fear

looking like a wimp, he said.

Before handing down the sentences, Burdick lectured the defendants, and indirectly, the community, on the dead end of the gang mentality.

"The gang mentality leads to nothing," he said. "It leads to the courtroom. It leads to blood. It leads to addiction... More of all it leads to prison."

"That is where it led Nicholas and Antonio Garcia and Ortiz. All three could have received life sentences, but their ages and their prospects for rehabilitation saved them from that, Burdick said.

"This sentence will never be enough," he said. "Unfortunately for the victim's family, we deal with justice, not revenge."

Twin Falls County Prosecutor

A quick look at the sentences

Three teens convicted of drive-by shooting last July will spend time in prison. Here is how 5th District Judge Roger Burdick sentenced them.

Antonio Garcia, 15, the gunman, could spend 25 years in prison, with parole available after 16 years. He was credited with 262 days in jail.

Nicholas Garcia, 19, the driver of the car and owner of the gun, will serve at least 10 years of his 17-year sentence before he can be paroled. He

was credited with 262 days in jail. Alfredo Ortiz, 18, who helped plan the shooting and switched seats with Nicholas Garcia, could serve seven years in prison, with parole available after three years. He was credited with 160 days in jail.

Each defendant must pay \$2,000 plus court costs.

The defendants must pay equal portions of \$13,164 to the Iruegas family and \$2,500 to a funeral home in case, where Javier Iruegas was buried.

Grant Loebbs thought the sentences were appropriate, and the Iruegas family thought they found at least some of the justice they were looking for.

"Just like the judge said, it wasn't enough for the life of my

son, but at least it's a little justice," said Juan Iruegas Sr., the victim's father.

Times-News staff writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

TAKING MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS



Homeowner Steve Miller scrambles across the roof of his house at 1472B River Road near the Clear Lakes river crossing Friday, spraying down flames as the Bald Fire District responds to the call. Lt. Scott Wilde said the fire started when a ceiling light fixture shorted out, spreading the fire into the attic. The fire also damaged the roof of the house.

Doctors petition to bring back ousted Jerome hospital chief

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Some doctors at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome on Friday asked members of the hospital's board of directors to reinstate ousted administrator Mike Wiltermood.

"No decisions were made during the morning meeting, because the full board wasn't present, said board Chairwoman Theresa May.

The full board will meet with the doctors in a closed session late Tuesday to discuss the doctors' request and the circumstances of Wiltermood's dismissal.

A petition supporting Wiltermood, signed by hospital employees and some Jerome residents, will also be considered, May said.

Wiltermood on Friday said he hadn't gotten an explanation for his dismissal. May said the board wasn't ready to release any details.

"Out of tremendous respect for Mike, we don't want to discuss that publicly," she said.

While working at St. Benedict's, Wiltermood was actually an employee of St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, which provides contract management services to St. Benedict's.

That means St. Alphonsus could have fired Wiltermood at

any time without consulting the hospital board, May said. But she indicated that at least some of the board members were consulted or at least privy to the decision.

"The full board was not contacted or consulted for the dismissal," she said.

"The board did not vote on my termination," Wiltermood said. "It was not a hospital board action."

Wiltermood said he's trying to keep a positive view.

"I do really appreciate all the support that people have given."

Times-News writer Mark Heinz can be reached at 324-6962.

Cassia County issues no citations in fatal accident

By John T. Hudly
Times-News writer

BURLEY - No citations have been issued in connection with a Thursday night accident that left a Cassia County resident dead.

Pennie Braegger, 20, died Thursday night at the scene of an accident at 500 West and U.S. Highway 30 in Cassia County. She died of head injuries.

The accident occurred at about 6:45 p.m., as Braegger was on her way home.

Braegger was driving northbound on 500 West, across Highway 30, when she failed to yield at the stop sign at the intersection. Trevor Stanger, 23, was driving a cattle truck westbound on Highway 30.

Stanger's truck hit Braegger's vehicle on the passenger side door, a Cassia County sheriff's report says.

Braegger was ejected from her 1993 Dodge Spirit, Capt. Jim Higgins of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department said.

Both vehicles went off the right side of the road. Braegger's car rolled over as it went through a fence. Stanger was not injured, but his passenger, Karrie Garvin, suffered slight injuries in the accident, Higgins said.

Braegger was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, but this did not play a role in her death, Higgins said.

"Speed was a factor in this accident," Higgins said.

"The posted speed limit on Highway 30 and 500 West is 55 mph. Stanger was driving within the speed limit.

Drugs and alcohol were not factors in the accident, Higgins said.

This accident comes amid a string of other serious accidents on Mini-Cassia roads during the last few weeks.

On March 12, a Suburban truck carrying 11 passengers rolled over on Idaho Highway 27.

Ten of 11 passengers were ejected from the truck as it attempted to pass a slow-moving vehicle and lost control. All 11 passengers were injured, some seriously. Several passengers were cut members in the Guleley Valley Arts Council's production of "Fiddler On The Roof." None of the passengers in the accident were wearing seat belts.

Rhonda A. Robinson, 42, of Rupert was killed Feb. 25 after being ejected from her vehicle on Idaho Highway 77. Robinson, who also died of head injuries, was not wearing her seat belt.

Highway 30 has been the scene of several accidents over the years. High speeds, sharp curves and narrow lanes make drivers vulnerable, Higgins said.

The Idaho Transportation Department determines if more safety measures, such as signs and guardrails, need to be added on state highways and roads, Higgins said.

"No matter how many signs are posted, or how many safety measures are added, buckling up is critical, Higgins said.

"I've seen too many accidents where if people were wearing their seat belts, it might have been a different turn-out," Higgins said. "I feel naked if I don't wear my seat belt."

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Kempthorne applauds Filer Kiwanis

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With its roots in agriculture and small town life, and its dedication to helping children, the Filer Kiwanis Club represents what all of Idaho should strive for, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne told club members Friday evening.

"You know about the importance of seed corn, so you understand the importance of children," Kempthorne said during his appearance at the club's 75th anniversary celebration in Twin Falls.

Kempthorne also took the chance to plug his administration's proposals to help children such as an elementary-school

reading incentive program, mandatory minimum sentences for people caught making or trafficking methamphetamine and a campaign to promote childhood immunization.

Addressing the growing methamphetamine use problem, Kempthorne said prevention - through families and civic organizations such as Kiwanis - is the best approach.

"I don't think we've yet seen a program that will consistently get people off meth once they've taken the poison," he said.

He also stressed the need to boost Idaho's childhood immunization record, currently 49th out of the 50 states.

"That's not Idaho, we need to be number one," he said.

The proactive approach to social issues, taken by organizations such as Kiwanis, will also help fill a void, Kempthorne said.

Even seemingly insignificant good deeds taken by organizations such as Kiwanis, will also have a lasting effect, Kempthorne recalled that one of his interns, now 17, said he was inspired years ago when Kempthorne shook his hand during a visit to the boy's elementary school.

"Many of you may have had similar situations," he said. "You may not have known it at the time, but you have."

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Trip to Phoenix helps Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center staff members

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A recent trip to Phoenix taken by 13 staff members at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center helped teachers find new ways to understand students' situations and help them through problems, said Candace Hurst, a teacher at MCOC.

Students at an alternative school all have vastly different needs, MCOC junior high school teacher Bob Withrow said.

"I learned different ways to work with different people," Withrow said. "My students are better for my having gone."

"What is absorbing many ideas from the National School Conference Institutes workshop in Phoenix, on challenging learners with untapped potential. One thing he learned was to constantly examine his teaching methods."



Kim Sumner of the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center reads with Acaquia Elementary School first-grade student Garth Crane. MCOC students tutor local grade school children in a program that benefits both students and tutors.

food drive, a clothing drive and time donated to Head Start, she said.

Cheryl Kilroy brought back the idea of teaching using love and respect.

"Students of any age and any background need to feel there is a reason for what they are doing," Kilroy said.

But students also have to learn responsibility.

"Having consequences for actions and having everybody

involved in a whole community effort was one of the most important things I learned," she said.

"If they are not working to their complete ability it is our responsibility as teachers, administrators and staff to work together to get them to their highest potential," Hurst said.

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Minico High School safety project receives green light

By Damian D. Rodriguez
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minico High School officials and students hope a \$50,000 project will improve safety and prevent accidents at the intersection of Idaho Highway 25 and 300 West.

A safety proposal was presented by the Idaho 25 and Minico High School Traffic Study committee to the Idaho Transportation Board Thursday in Boise.

The board approved a \$50,000 project to improve safety at the intersection, the main access to Minico High School, which has been the scene of numerous accidents over the years.

Minico students and officials were delighted with Thursday's results. Now it's just a question of getting the plans moving, said Jesse Allen, student body president at Minico.

"We hope everything will be in effect by the next school year," Allen said.

The project is a long time coming, Minico principal Dan Rogers said.

"Hopefully it will be a solution," he said.

Minico students played a major role in Thursday's decision, School Board member Greer Copeland said.

"The transportation department was impressed with the students and the proposal presented by Allen," Greer said.

Transportation Board chairman Charles Winder echoed Greer's thoughts, praising the students and the community as a whole.

The recommendations represent very sensible solutions," Winder said.

The committee — made up of Minico students, parents, state and county officials — made 10 recommendations to the board. Four recommendations required the board's approval for funding.

"The recommendations were excited about our proposal," Allen said. "I think it's a good idea."

Project criteria

The board directed Idaho Transportation Department staff to develop a project that includes the following:

- Installing video monitoring equipment at the intersection, and citing drivers who violate traffic laws.
- Re-engineering the intersection to restrict use of the outside lanes as turn or acceleration lanes, prohibiting passing.
- Installing warning devices ahead of the intersection.

Robert Vasquez, chief deputy for the Meritola County sheriff's department, said the department will continue to patrol the school during lunch hours and after school. The goal is to ensure students comply with traffic signs and speed limits, Vasquez said.

The traffic study committee will hold an open house this spring.

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Hurst is putting an idea into effect now. She is taking some difficult ninth-grade boys from the alternative school to Acaquia Elementary School on Thursdays, where they read with first-, second- and third-graders.

"The boys are so wonderful and so tender with the little kids. I was impressed," Hurst said.

"The kids are crazy about it."

Ninth-graders are also using a software program to write children's books which they will share with elementary students, she said.

Another idea is to get seniors working on community problems, Hurst said. Three groups of four students each will research and implement three projects — a

O'Leary hosts parent forum on new schedule

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Vera C. O'Leary junior high school will host a parent forum this month to inform parents, teachers, students and community members about class scheduling changes

anticipated in the fall. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

O'Leary wants to abandon the tradition of rotating students through seven class periods a day. The school day would be extended by five minutes in the

morning, and students would take eight classes each day after school. They would attend four 85-minute classes a day and alternate blocks every other day. The practice is called block scheduling.

Those interested may call the school at 733-2155.

Cabinet Wilderness mine is approved

Idaho activists say new operation will threaten grizzlies

Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. The other is Asarco Inc.'s Rock Creek Mine, which still is in the permit process.

A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge recently upheld a lower court ruling that Noranda's claim was valid. The mine obtained a U.S. Forest Service permit in 1994.

Rock Creek Alliance are concerned about the Montzmore ruling.

"Our main concern is that there are going to be cumulative impacts from two major mines," said Mary Mitchell of the Alliance. "Fundamentally the grizzly bear. We're looking at a wilderness that's going to be consumed by mining operations."

It is going as long as Noranda contains the discharge from its exploration entrance, said Bob Winegar, Montana's hard rock mining supervisor.

For now, nothing is happening with the Montzmore project because of the low prices for copper and silver, said Joe Schaefer, school Noranda's Blackbird Mine in Idaho.

Nonetheless, members of the

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Kissed by a skunk

Author inspires children at Bickel Elementary School

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With peals of laughter and loud applause Friday, children at Bickel elementary school listened to a tale of a skunk named Sassy.

Sassy was lost in the school, after kissing the school secretary and trying to eat her grape lip gloss.

Finally, after holding the students at bay for 40 minutes, author Dave Sargent found the skunk and revealed her to the kids.

Sassy turned out to be a stuffed animal that helped him make a very good point.

"That's all part of a story," Sargent told the students. "What I tried to do is show you how easy it is to be an author."

Sargent travels around the United States speaking to students about the importance of learning to read and write, something that wasn't easy for him to do.

The author has a severe form of dyslexia and didn't read or write until he was an adult. He said although he will never overcome the disabilities, he has

learned how to adapt to them. "I can't write in cursive, read cursive or use a computer," he said. "I have to print in capital letters. But, I've been writing ten years and writing every day. The more you do it the better you get."

He said he spends his time helping kids realize they can do anything they set their minds to and crushes the myth that authors are mythological people.

"I try to get them to realize that being an author is something they can do and they're real people," Sargent said. "Some kids don't believe that authors are real people."

The author has written 200 books — more than 500 stories — with his wife, Pat, who he calls his inspiration.

Many of his stories are based on his experiences growing up on a dairy farm.

"I write about animals a lot because growing up on a farm exposed me to them and it seemed natural," he said.

The author's favorite book, "Spike the Black Wolf" is about his longtime dream of owning a pet wolf. The book is also a favorite of fifth-grader Nate Moody.

"I liked his book," Moody said. "His books are interesting. They're fun."

Although Moody was let down a bit when he realized the skunk was really just a stuffed animal, he did get the point Sargent tries to get across.

"It was exciting," he said. "He's a good storyteller. I learned that it's easy to be an author."

All in all, the experience was a great one for students, librarian Joan Hayes said.

"When we bring in authors of any kind it inspires them to read," she said. "His overcome problems and become an author."

Sargent said dealing with learning disabilities most of his life has taught him some important lessons. He said one thing he's learned is that no one in the world is perfect.

As for writing, the author said he's learned to write about what he knows.

"Everything you write is an extension of your personality," he said.

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Gas fumes in Utah force evacuations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For the second straight day, strong gas fumes chased workers from a business and students from a school Friday on the north end of the city.

Paramedics also treated students at Westcott Elementary School, just south of a Chevron refinery that was blamed for Thursday's gas cloud.

but none of the students were hospitalized from an oil spill.

State inspectors were monitoring the air, trying to figure out what is causing the odor, said Daniel Sisco, spokeswoman for the Utah Dept. of Health.

"Is the odor caused by the typical inversion where the petroleum is concentrated in the pollution? Or is it something else? We're not sure yet," said Sisco. "We know that plume was released by Chevron, but we don't know if they're entirely responsible."

The odor drove 217 employees from the Southwest Airlines Reservation Center, complaining of nausea, vomiting and headaches. Southwest spokeswoman Ginger Hardage said paramedics treated the employees outside the building and 12 workers were taken to area hospitals.

"I wouldn't say the smell's worse, but we're having more side effects than yesterday," said Trish Wedin, a secretary at the school. "The symptoms are ranging from slight headaches to severe headaches. Unstoppable nose bleeds ... vomiting, dizziness."

Wedin said students with asthma were also having problems,

but none of the students were hospitalized from an oil spill.

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MUSIC MAKERS



Geris Abo from Minico High School, Sarah Parson from Minico, and Lisa Moses from Burley High School prepare for a Friday night concert at Burley High School. Area high school and junior high school students participated in a concert with the visiting ensemble The Dallas Brass.

Appeals court says negligent water pollution can be criminal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Water pollution can be a crime punishable by a year in jail if it's caused by simple negligence, or carelessness, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

worker who faces a six-month jail sentence for an oil spill.

Edward Hanousek Jr., a roadmaster for Pacific & Arctic Railway and Navigation Co., was convicted of negligently discharging between June 1980 and June 1981 100,000 gallons of oil that spilled from a ruptured pipeline into the Skagway River in October 1984.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a case from Alaska, sets a broad standard for prosecutions under the Clean Water Act in the nine Western states covered by the circuit.

Most crimes involving unintentional acts — an accidental shooting, for example, or vehicular manslaughter — require proof of at least gross negligence, or a failure to use even slight care.

But the court said the Clean Water Act was a "public welfare" law, designed to protect people from the dangers of water pollution.

Criminal prosecutions under such laws can be based on ordinary negligence, or a failure to use reasonable care, the same standard used in most civil suits for injuries.

"Civil negligence thins the criminal net pretty broad, and brings in a lot of conduct that would otherwise warrant grassroots civil fines," said Jerry Juley, a lawyer for an Alaska railroad

The court said Hanousek was in charge of a rock-quarrying project on an embankment 200 feet above the river, next to a high-pressure oil pipeline. A contractor had previously covered part of the pipeline with protective material, but no further sections were protected after Hanousek took over the work.

The pipe was punctured by a backhoe operator who was sweeping rocks from the tracks.

A jury acquitted Hanousek of conspiring to provide false information to investigators. Four Coast Guard officers but convicted him of violating the Clean Water Act. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James F. Fitzgerald to six months in jail, six months in probation and a \$50,000 fine. The maximum punishment for a first offense is a year in jail and a \$25,000 fine.

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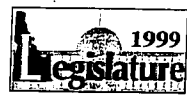
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Bingham jail plagued by frequent escapes

BINGHAM — Police are looking for a 24-year-old Bingham inmate who escaped for the second time in four months by crawling through a hole in the ceiling...

Commissioners face detention center woes

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SPORTSQUOTE

Some of those shots were certainly nothing we see in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

Joel Bate, CSI women's basketball coach, on Meridian (Miss.) guard Jackie Winfield who scored a career-high 45 points as the Eagles eliminated the Golden Eagles from the NCAAA national tournament in Salina, Kan.

Meridian eliminates CSI

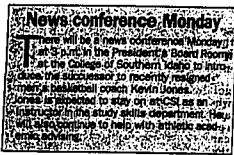
Lady Eagles finish season 24-12

By Darnen Clow Times-News sports editor
SALINA, Kan. — Jackie Winfield was on the bench for just two minutes of the second half Friday, but that was more than enough time for her team to realize how much it needed her.

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The scariest thing about Winfield's 23rd point — scarier to Meridian than the price paid for it, scarier to Bate than the fact that the game was now tied because of it — was that she was only half done.

Records fall in opponents' favor

By Darnen Clow Times-News sports editor
SALINA, Kan. — Out of the gates, there were none better than the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles in this year's NCAAA women's basketball tournament at the Bicentennial Center.



News conference Monday
There will be a news conference Monday at the College of Southern Idaho to introduce the new president to recently resigned basketball coach Kevin Jones.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College baseball
Snow at CSI (2), 1 p.m.
High school baseball
Burley at Madison (2), 11 a.m.

Eagles serve

split to Snow

Teams play two more today

By Jeff Hixon Times-News staff
TWIN FALLS — Southern Idaho focused on shaky Snow College pitching Friday, rocking the Badgers for five home runs and a total of 30 hits, but the Golden Eagles left Frontier Field with another frustrating split.



The Golden Eagles' J.P. Candalaria watches his throw to first base as he leaps over a Badger baserunner in the seventh inning of the opener of Friday's doubleheader. The throw was wide of first base for an error.

IN BRIEF

Stampede host free hoops clinic today

NAMPA — The Continental Basketball Association Idaho Stampede will host an open house, free basketball clinic today for young athletes at Nampa's Idaho Center.

A tale of two styles: Michigan State, Gonzaga

Spartans muscle past Sooners

Bulldogs, Huskies enter Elite 8 with strict resolve

The Associated Press
ST. LOUIS — Michigan State isn't the smoothest team in the NCAA tournament, although the Spartans may be the toughest. Oklahoma found that out Friday night.

Chicago Tribune
PHOENIX — The sense of resolve began a year ago at opposite ends of the country.



Michigan State's Matten Cleaves drives past Oklahoma's Eduardo Najera during the Spartans' 66-46 victory over the Sooners Friday night.

Nielsen plays 18 in 38 minutes, 17 seconds

TWIN FALLS — Area golfer and avid runner Mike Nielsen played a round of "speed golf" Thursday at Twin Falls Muni for the TF Men's Association and to bring attention to the burgeoning sport.

McCall skier places ninth at Rolex event

ODGEN, Utah — McCall's Kriszina Revello finished in the ninth spot for women's ski hill Friday at the Rolex junior national ski tournament in Odgen, Utah.

SPORTS

LOSS

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Winfield returned, and after a Shontie Witherspoon 3-pointer, scored the Eagles' next 12 points and 16 of their next 18. In fact, it was Gibbs, who was playing with four fouls as well, kept CSI in the game with six points in two minutes, and Zovio's foul shot, as the lane for a finger-roll bucket to pull CSI within two.

begin a run of 12 straight CSI points, and the sophomore from Boise had nine points of a 17-2 run that put the Twin Falls squad up 27-9 with 10 minutes left in the half.
Five of Bates' 12 first-half points came from shooting free, and a dozen of technical fouls, as the southern Eagles were whittled for three such violations in the first 15 minutes.

shooting. The Golden Eagles shot 82 percent from the line in the first 20 minutes, while Meridian was 11-of-13.
The Eagles (26-6) improved from 35-percent shooting in the first half to nearly 44 percent for the game, and take on Connors (20-14), State College today at noon MST for the consolation tie.

Split

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don't know how many mistakes we made."
CSI starter Craig Mosher struck out nine through the first seven innings of the first game, surrendering just one walk, but allowed a do-or-die home run to force an in the Snow seventh, where the Badgers went up 9-7 and maneuvered the Eagles into a do-or-die

first batter in the fourth inning, the Eagles' lead began to unravel.
After Snow's Jeremy Huntington reached on a double in the fourth, Jones stroked another to drive in two runs and the CSI lead shrunk to one, 6-5.

fourth, and Thomas capped the rally with an RBI double to score Maloff and Candalaria.
At 12-3, the Eagles nearly shut the door on the fourth base, but Snow ground out two runs in the fifth before a trio of base hits from Ben Johnson, Manley and Hoorbelle struck CSI back to the brink, 15-6, in the sixth inning.

Records

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the postgame media interview room, he spoke on his first experience at the national tournament in seven seasons in Twin Falls.
"I now understand why teams who have been to the national tournament really tip it up in our conference," he said. "They see what it takes, what it's about to recruit for, and they're more prepared."

Eagles for were the tenuous press they saw on their first day and the pure athleticism of a guard they saw on their last. By Friday's game, the press became an everyday occurrence. But no matter how well Meridian sophomore, Jackie Winfield, did, he was not the star of the game.

Logan (Ill.) College in 1992.
Bates' mantra the last two weeks has been that the Sonic West has prepared his players for just about everything. North Idaho College has the guards, while Bates have the post players. And now the Golden Eagles have national tournament experience.

SEATTLE (AP) — New York Jets quarterback Glenn Foley, who lost his job last season to Vinny Testaverde, was traded Friday to the Seattle Seahawks for a seventh-round pick.
"Glenn is a fierce competitor with a good understanding of the game," said new Seattle coach and

Seahawks sign quarterback Foley

general manager Mike Holmgren.
He's a natural leader who we think should be a starter for the right-ack-positive influence on this team."
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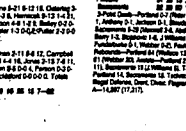
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SPORTS

Weber St. coach earns top honors

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Ron Abeggen, who led Weber State to the Big Sky Conference basketball title and an upset victory in the first round of the NCAA tournament, was named the league's coach of the year on Friday.

Abeggen, whose eight-year career at Weber State ended with an 82-74 overtime loss to Florida in the tournament's second round, received the award on a vote of the conference's nine head coaches.

The honor came less than a month after Weber State's board of trustees unanimously upheld university President Paul H. Thompson's seven-month-old decision to terminate Abeggen's contract after the 1998-99 season.

An Aug. 4 agreement between Thompson and Abeggen was reached after the coach was involved in a domestic altercation with his wife, Nedra. Abeggen and the WSU basketball program already were under NCAA and university-imposed probation for violation of NCAA rules.

Abeggen, who had four years remaining on a seven-year contract extension he signed in 1995, will receive a \$95,000 buyout that is considerably less than his \$86,000 per year salary. Abeggen, while repeatedly refusing to discuss his future as fans clamored that he be retained, led the Wildcats to a 25-8 record, won the Big Sky regular season title and the post-season tournament.

Entering the NCAA tournament as the No. 14 seed in the West last week, Weber State defeated the heavily favored No. 3 seed, North Carolina, 76-74. The Wildcats then fell to Atlantic Coast Conference member and sixth-seeded Florida.

It was the second time in his career at Weber State that Abeggen had led his team to a first-round defeat of a No. 3 seed. In 1995, the Wildcats knocked off Michigan State in the first round before losing to Georgetown in the second. Abeggen's 25-8 record was the third-best at Weber State and the best in 19 years at the school. In his eight seasons at Weber State, Abeggen was 132-83 (.647 overall) and 86-34 (.717) in Big Sky games and won or tied for three league titles.

One more time: Courier vs. Sampras

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Jim Courier's reward for winning Friday at the Lipton Championships will be a second-round match against a longtime friend and foe: Pete Sampras.

The two former Lipton champions will meet for the 20th time on the ATP Tour in a rivalry dating to juniors tournaments.

"It's an early round kind of appetizer for the fans," Courier said.

The unseeded Courier advanced by beating Jan Froede Andersen 7-6 (8-6), 6-2. His record against Sampras is 4-15.

"Most of them haven't been blowouts," Courier said. "Pete just

has seemed to win when he needed to." Fifth-seeded Andrei Patric Rafter beat countryman Andrew Ilie in their first career meeting, 6-3, 7-5. Kenneth Carlsen upset No. 13 Goran Ivanisevic for the first time in their seven matches, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

On the women's side, No. 3 Monica Seles beat Brie Rippinger 6-2, 7-5. Amelie Mauresmo, Mary Joe Fernandez and Chanda Rubin also won.

Sampras, supplanted at the top of the rankings this week by Carlos Moya, is rusty after taking a two-month break this winter. He has a modest 4-2 record this year and has yet to reach a final.

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Section C

The treasure in the box

Did you see the news story about the teacher who found an old cigar box in her attic? When she opened it, she saw it was crammed full of old papers. She was about to toss it in the trash when she noticed the word "stock" on one of the papers. Upon further inspection, she discovered that the box was filled with old stock certificates. Just for fun, she had their value assessed. You guessed it: instant millionaire.

"I don't imagine my life will be all that much different," she said after looking her newfound fortune. "I may buy some new clothes. But other than that, I won't be making many changes."

Personally, I think wealth is wasted on such people. What's the point of being suddenly prosperous if you're not going to allow yourself to suddenly ... you know ... prosper?

I know I would. I know this because I've been thinking about it all week - or at least since my dad's wife, Jean, called to tell me

VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

about a box she found while doing some early spring cleaning.

"There are some real treasures in these boxes," she said. "You ought to have them."

"Treasures?" I asked. "What sort of treasures?"

"Oh, you know - jewelry, certificates, a little money and there are some metals that are absolutely precious."

Jewelry? Certificates? Money? Precious metals? And she wants to give them to me? Cha-ching!

Like the teacher in the news story, I could come up with plenty of ideas for improving my life once those treasures made their way into my bank account. Most involved quitting my job and buying a Winnebago. By the way, I got the one from Jean. I had already imagined myself back and forth across the country and all the way to Hawaii (with and without the Winnebago, respectively).

In the privacy of my car, I carefully opened the black jewelry box. Inside, it was just as she had promised: jewelry, certificates, money and precious metals. Only the jewelry was costume jewelry in brilliant blues, reds and aquamarines. The certificates included my mother's high school diploma. The money was an English penny. And the precious "metals" were actually precious metals, including one awarded to my great-grandfather for being an "Indian War Veteran" and another presented to my great-grandmother for helping to pioneer the American West.

OK. I'll admit it. I was disappointed at first. There was nothing of any value here - unless you counted sentimental value. But the more I studied the stuff in the box, the more like a treasure it seemed to be. And the more like a mystery. What did my great-grandmother's garish red rhinestone brooch tell me about the personality of a woman I never met? Am I the only one in the family who will be surprised to learn that Mom graduated from high school in Denver? Who wore the dangly blue pendant and why did it smell - vaguely but distinctly - of turpentine? And what about the cool reading spectacles? What was the deal with those?

I'm not exactly sure where to look for the answers to these questions. But we're going to have a lot of fun trying to find them. Meanwhile, I'm enjoying this wonderful sense of connection as I handle and admire objects that were obviously cherished by my ancestors. It makes me feel grounded. It makes me feel like I belong. It makes me feel like I'm a part of something that extends beyond the here and now. And that feeling is something I value and treasure.

Regardless of the value of the treasure in the box.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

'On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God...' - Scout oath



Assistant Scoutmaster Erik Holdmann sits down with A.J. Stone in the Fireside Room at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Holdmann feels strongly about keeping God in Scouting.

Scouts' faith awards tie some in knots

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Boy Scouts is about learning skills, working with others and earning awards. While many young men are learning about camping, canoeing, first aid and knot-tying, some of them choose to pursue a deeper knowledge of their faith through a religious awards program.

But faith is a higher power, according to a recent Knight-Ridder/News Service story, is both a central and a sometimes controversial aspect of Scouting.

Some atheists and agnostics have filed suits claiming the Boy Scouts are a public organization that discriminates on the basis of religion. So far, the courts have backed the Boy

Scouts' insistence that members profess an allegiance to a supreme being. And Boy Scouts officials have said that religious affiliation is not a requirement for membership.

"The thing I remember was that it was really the least interesting thing," said Bill Ross, 34, who was a Boy Scout in the 1960s. "I remember the BSA's religious oath."

But Ross said he was glad he received his Gold Award (Country Scout) from the Boy Scouts. He said he and his wife and other Scouts go for their religious awards.

Ross is one of thousands of Scouts throughout the region. Valley wide across the country - Catholics, Mormons, Protestants, Jews,

Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims - who earn awards through extensive knowledge and practice of their faith.

"One of the principles of the BSA (Boy Scouts of America) is belief in God," said John Callaway, Scout executive for BSA's Snake River Council. "However, we're not promoting one religion over the other."

The first line of the Scout oath is, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God..." In pledging the Scout Law, the Scout promises to be "loyal."

Some of the better-known religious awards are "On My Honor," "Duty to God," "God and Me," "God and Country" and "God and Church."

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints receive a "Faith in God" medal.

These awards, however, do not come directly from Scouting units. A handbook with award requirements is developed by each religious organization. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts work with their ministers or church leaders to fulfill the requirements, which often include a service project.

The award is granted through the Scouting program and the emblem is allowed by the Irving, Texas-based BSA to be worn on the Scout uniform.

Working toward a religious award is not a requirement, but a choice made by each individual Scout.

While not all of the Scouts who receive religion awards are churchgoers, this aspect of Scouting becomes an opportunity to bring boys into a

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Michael W. Smith performs at the 1998 Dove Awards show in Nashville. He has 10 nominations this year.

Michael W. Smith talks about the Dove Awards and Christian music

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News Staff Writer

BRANDYVILLE, Tenn. - Smitty is more amused than surprised.

(Going into the annual Dove Awards for gospel music, scheduled to air Wednesday from the Nashville Arena, said Mike McKecheon of the radio. "Talk has been running since Michael W. Smith, known affectionately throughout the Christian music industry as Smitty, McKecheon has 10 nominations; Smith has 10.

Smitty and Smith would be tied, but a Gospel Music Association committee ruled that Smitty's pop ballad "Love Me Good" wasn't really a gospel song because of its lyrics. Smith thinks the problem may be that the song's imagery was too far out for some GMA conservatives. He says the chorus was taken to be too suggestive: "Give us love, give me love, love me good."

Taking a break from songwriting to talk about the Dove Awards and the Christian music industry in general, the former keyboard player for Alvin Gray was surprisingly critical of his own industry.

Smith, 41, a native of West Virginia, has long yearned to be a pop singer who often writes

about his faith, rather than a singer known only in Christian music. His musical hero is Elton John, and artists including Sheryl Crow and The Backstreet Boys have told him they are fans.

Christian music has enjoyed some success beyond its roots, scheduled to air Wednesday from the Nashville Arena, said Mike McKecheon of the radio. "Talk has been running since Michael W. Smith, known affectionately throughout the Christian music industry as Smitty, McKecheon has 10 nominations; Smith has 10.

"I even hate that term 'Christian music' a lot, because I've never been able to separate the sacred and the secular," Smith says.

I. How do you feel about awards shows in general?

Smith: I like them OK. I don't think I care as much now about awards as I used to early in my career. As you grow up, you kind of learn what's really important in life... There's so much of people competing, and we used to have block voting that went on in the early days - which I think has gotten better. Everybody thinks the artists are bad, the record companies are brutal. It's sad to me that it gets so competitive when there's a way to do this in love and not stab each

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Animal rights group says Christians ought to be vegetarians

The Washington Post

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) animal rights group is involving the name of Jesus in its campaign to stop the annual slaughter of billions of animals.

The Norfolk, Va.-based organization argues, was a vegetarian. And every Christian should be, too.

Following Jesus means "being filled with the knowledge of God's love, which is a difficult order to fill," said Bruce G. Friedrich, PETA's campaigns coordinator. "One area where it's easy is at the dinner table, by refusing what used to be live miserable, pitiful lives and to die bloody, violent deaths."

Friedrich knows that not everyone will

buy the argument that Jesus refused to eat or serve meat. But he hopes a series of well-placed billboards, part of PETA's \$1 million-a-year vegetarian campaign, will provoke discussion of Scripture-based eating. The billboard message is simple: "Jesus was a vegetarian. Show respect for God's creatures - follow Him."

The first sign went up in December across from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. It pictures the famous statue of Jesus, with outstretched arms, overlooking Rio de Janeiro and is an effort, unsuccessful so far, to solicit the influential evangelist's support, said Friedrich, who claims PETA has 600,000 members.

In St. Louis in January, the image of a

sworn-to Jesus, from the 19th-century, steel-perched monument to an advertisement for Malbeco gain was placed along the motorcade route of Pope John Paul II, who was visiting last week, the same image next participants at the 1998 Dove Awards in Nashville.

Il. Michael White, professor of classics and director of religious studies at the University of Illinois at Austin, has seen the billboards, but the real trouble is the religious studies students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who were visiting last week, the same image next participants at the 1998 Dove Awards in Nashville.

David White, "This is just an attempt to make Jesus look like a vegetarian."

The Rev. Henry T. Williams, retired Catholic bishop of Amarillo, said there is no proof to back up PETA's assertion:

that Jesus was a vegetarian. "There are no indicators (in the New Testament of Christ) being a vegetarian," he said. "I grow up on a farm eating fried chicken and vegetables."

But Friedrich and other animal lovers cite passages in the Bible to prove that God - from the Garden of Eden on - always meant for humans to be vegetarians.

The gist of the argument is that Jesus belonged to the Essenes, who some historians believe were one of several Jewish sects that observed animal sacrifice and were practicing vegetarians. Jesus' teachings about love and compassion extended to animals and culminated in his sacrifice in the temple before his arrest and execution. He directed most of

his ire at vendors in this "den of thieves" who were selling animals for sacrifice and consumption.

Furthermore, there is no mention in the New Testament of Jesus eating poultry, beef or lamb, even during the last meal with his disciples, where Scripture mentions only bread and wine.

Religion professor White said he knows no biblical scholars who believe Jesus was a vegetarian. They assume Jesus ate meat because it was the practice of the time. Lamb, for example, traditionally was part of the Passover meal and probably would have been included in the Last Supper. And the Gospels tell of numerous occasions when Jesus ate in people's homes without mentioning the menu.

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Trial could tear United Methodists apart

Same-sex unions are the issue at trial of minister

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — When two women first asked him to bless their "holy union" — in essence, their wedding — the Rev. Gregory Dell was hardly fazed.

Dell was then a pastor at a United Methodist church in Evanston when he got the request more than 15 years ago. But everything was different when Karl Reinhardt and Keith Eccarius stood before Dell and exchanged vows at the church on Chicago's North Side last September, about a month after Methodist leaders had outlawed same-sex ceremonies.

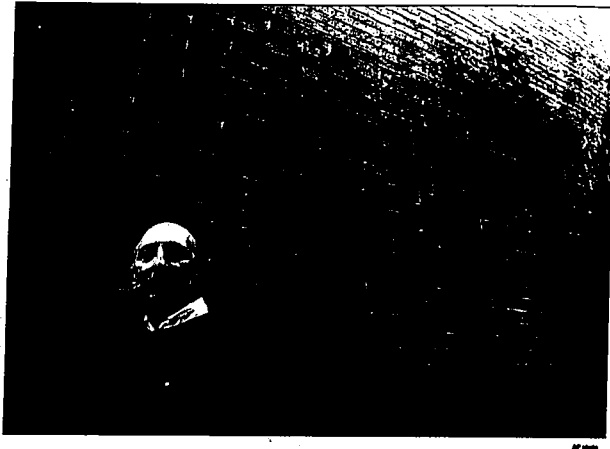
Next week, Dell goes on trial before a jury of 13 peers. If he's found guilty, jurors may revoke his ordination, ending his 30-year career as a Methodist minister.

"It is tragic," said the Rev. Stephen C. Williams, a Methodist minister from the Chicago suburb of Franklin Park who is serving as church prosecutor.

While he cares about Dell "as a friend and a human being," Williams said, "I feel that he's broken a basic vow that all pastors take. No pastor is larger than the covenant we are part of."

Indeed, those on both sides of the issue say this will be a defining — and possibly dividing — moment for the 1.5 million Methodist Church and its 8.5 million members.

"Many are beginning to talk about irreconcilable differences," said the Rev. James Heidinger, president of Good News, a conservative United Methodist group that wants



Rev. Gregory Dell stands in the sanctuary of Broadway United Methodist Church on Chicago's North Side. Dell will go on trial before a jury of his Methodist peers in March for performing a gay marriage ceremony.

church based more in "historic, scriptural Christianity."

Chicago Bishop C. Joseph Sprague, who filed the charges against Dell, said he did so only grudgingly. Before the new law took effect, he had performed same-sex unions as a pastor in Ohio.

Others remain defiant, including more than 90 Methodist ministers who gathered at a Sacramento, Calif., church in January to bless the union of a lesbian couple. Charges have been filed against an Iowa minister who participated, and other

charges are expected.

But Dell's trial will be the first to test the new church law — a law he said he broke out of duty. "I don't see it as some spectacular, courageous thing to do," said the 53-year-old minister. "If it's a faithful expression, then you do it. I was celebrating the gift of constructive, affirming love. ... I was doing a service for two guys who love each other."

Dell was a classmate at Duke University's Divinity School of another controversial Methodist minister, the Rev. Jimmy

Creech. It was Creech's 1998 trial over a same-sex union at his former Nebraska church that prompted Methodist leaders to codify a "social principle" that had only applied against blessing same-sex unions. Creech, who was not defrocked, is on leave from the Methodist church.

A key to Dell's defense will be the notion that church founder John Wesley would have wanted issues such as homosexuality to be handled on a church-by-church basis — the approach taken by the Episcopal Church and United Church of Christ.

Pastor helps Hemlock Society train volunteer counselors to the dying

The Dallas Morning News

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — He's a credentialed massage therapist and has a black belt in judo. He has been a college professor, the director of an experimental outreach ministry and a high-profile advocate for the homeless in Texas. These days, he's a part-time pastor, a full-time stock clerk and the only cleric on the national board of the Hemlock Society.

The Rev. Andrew Short, a 60-year-old Presbyterian minister with a small congregation in Grand Prairie near Dallas, and a member of the national board of the Hemlock Society, says that his current work continues a lifetime commitment to the lives of society's least powerful.

He says he's stood by the bedside of two desperately ill people who chose to hasten their own death.

The first was his wife. Recently, he helped train a cadre of volunteers to advise dying people who are considering suicide. The "Caring Friends" program is new for the Hemlock Society. It is the first time the group has had a formal way to connect sick people who want to die with volunteers trained to inform them about their choices.

The issue is a controversial one in this country. Pope John Paul II and others condemn assisted suicide on moral and theological grounds, while Dr. Jack Kevorkian stands trial in Michigan for delivering a lethal injection in full view of the cameras for 50 minutes.

The Hemlock Society, created in 1980 by Derek Humphry, is well-known as an advocacy group for the right of dying people to choose a peaceful death. But before the creation of Caring Friends, the group officially restricted itself mostly to distributing information to its members and other callers.

Short was one of those callers in 1985. His wife of 35 years was dying after a five-year fight with bone cancer. Kit Short spent her last two months in the hospital

For more information

The Hemlock Society of the Caring Friends can be reached at 1-800-247-7421.

Secular organizations opposed to assisted suicide include the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 1-888-333-AFSP, and the National Hospice Organization, (703) 243-6900.

and her final days refusing nourishment and water. Her slipping path to death left her husband confused, enraged and unable to draw much solace from his faith — even though he preached at her funeral service. He left his job as executive director of the Texas Coalition for the

Homeless.

Reaching out to the Hemlock Society — he joined in 1996 — has been part of his ongoing healing. It is a caring friends program has three goals to make sure that a dying member of the Hemlock Society understands all the issues of a controversial one — including the best pain management, hospice and other palliative care leading to a natural death — even though if suicide is selected, it is peaceful and successful, and to make sure that no member has to die alone.

So far, only one volunteer has been at the bedside of a person as she died by her own choice.

Unlike some denominations that have unambiguous stands for or against assisted suicide, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) — Short's denomination — is still mulling over a position, denomination officials say.

Among those who are concerned is Dr. Robert Fine, head of the Institutional Ethics Committee at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas and co-chair of the ethics committee of a large private hospice company. He has said he is troubled by the lack of training given to Hemlock volunteers compared with that given to credentialed hospice workers, and he questions whether a Hemlock volunteer can objectively present alternatives to suicide.

Nonprofit takes aim at teen pregnancy rate

The Messenger-Inquirer

OWENSBORO, Ky. — A "pregnancy-free adolescence" is a phrase to stop a parent cold. It's also the rallying cry of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. The nonprofit, nonpartisan effort wants to reduce the United States' teen pregnancy rate by a third by 2016.

It also wants religious groups to start talking about sex.

Campaign leaders think the teen pregnancy rate can be reduced by "supporting values and stimulating actions that are consistent with a pregnancy-free adolescence," a campaign task force writes. It's something that the effort's leaders believe churches and other faith groups are well equipped to do.

"The United States' teen pregnancy rate is already declining, campaign leaders acknowledge. It's still the highest in the industrialized world, however, at 1 year. Teaching clear values is essential in helping teens avoid sexual activity and pregnancy, says the campaign's Task Force on Religion and Public Values.

"Research is beginning to show what many of us have long known from working with teens," writes Sister Mary Rose McGeady, a campaign supporter and chief executive officer of Covenant House International. "Religious

human existence. Many teens hunger for a framework of values and faith that can help them make moral decisions and manage the every day problems of living that can be so stressful in these transition years. They also want help in seeing beyond the present moment."

Discussions should begin when children are young, before adolescence.

Learn about contemporary youth culture, what your young people are reading, listening to, watching and doing.

Encourage supervised group activities for teen-agers in your faith community.

Reach out to teen-agers who are not involved in any faith community. These are the young people who are particularly likely to get into trouble.

Celebrate achievement and excellence. Research shows early school failure and dropping out of school are closely associated with becoming a teen parent, the task force points out. Churches can help by offering tutoring, college or vocational scholarships, opportunities for community service and honoring young members for a wide range of achievements.

Reach out to other faith communities, neighborhood organizations and institutions that work with young people. The campaign also offers several resource kits from a variety of faith traditions. For information, call (202) 261-5591.

"Religious faith and a strong moral sense play vital roles in protecting teen-age boys and girls from too-early sexual activity and teen pregnancy."

— Sister Mary Rose McGeady, CEO, Covenant House International

develop character and personal values through interacting with respected and empathetic adults.

Make sure the children and teen-agers in the faith community understand what their religious group says about sex, love and marriage in general, and teen pregnancy in particular. Use clear and unambiguous language.

Religious TV highlights

The Dallas Morning News

SATURDAY
 "Religion & Ethics Newsweekdy": Biblical scholars N.T. Wright and Marjorie Borg discuss J.E. (2:30 p.m., PBS)

"Mysteries of the Bible": Biblical women: Sarah, Deborah, Ruth and Esther. (5 p.m., PBS)

"Gather 'Round": Gospel groups perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Program includes Bill Gaither and the Gaithers, Tom and Sandi Patty, Andrew Crouch, Vestal Goodman, Bonnie King and Solire Dunsen. (11 p.m., TNN)

SUNDAY

"Mysteries of the Bible": Biblical women: Sarah, Deborah, Ruth and Esther. (10 a.m., PBS)

"Great Preachers": The Rev. Susan Johnson Cook. (3:30 p.m., Odyssey)

"Fasting It Out": Matters of faith and social issues. (Midnight, Odyssey)

TUESDAY
 "CoCo's Place": Fred Hammond and Radical for Christ, Michelle Williams and Avalon join host CeCe Winans for gospel music and conversation. (10:30 p.m., Odyssey)

"Faces on Faith": The Rev. Calvin Butts. (1 a.m., Odyssey)

BETTER THAN REFORMATION

"Take heed...to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Being purchased with the blood of the Lamb, the church is for bringing people to salvation. Getting them to heaven. This is done by spreading the gospel "the power of God unto salvation" according to Romans 1:16, and by building up the church through teaching the Bible.



"And now I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance..." (Acts 20:32).

But you wouldn't believe it from the announcements made by many churches. You wouldn't believe the major work of the church is that of taking the gospel to the lost and building up the Christian through teaching the Scriptures. You would think it was almost anything else.

So often church announcements feature dramas, films, dances, concerts, cake bake-offs and suppers. Christ and the Bible often go unmentioned. As you go down the streets, you frequently see a church sign advertising "Bingo Night" in large letters. This announcement is given more prominence than anything else. You may ask yourself, "Is this what a church is for?"

Isn't it time that the church gets back to its original purpose for existing? Isn't it time that we get back to the Bible? All the way back? This is exactly what we of the Church of Christ in Jerome are determined to do. If you are looking for something like this, come and visit us at 513 South Buchanan St. We meet Sunday at 10:00 AM for Bible Study and at 11:00 AM for Worship and again at 6:00 PM for Worship.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Methodists kick off birthday celebrations

GOODING - With music and cake, the Gooding United Methodist Church will celebrate its 90th birthday starting today.

An "O! Time Gospel Hour" will be held at 7 p.m. today. A variety of local talent will perform a selection of gospel music. Additional activities include the Gooding United Methodist Church Children's Choir, J.E. Thompson, Charles Bean, the Don Mason family, the Ed Mintun family, Helen Lucke, Lynn Larson and congregational singing. Birthday cake and fellowship will follow.

Special services will be held at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Rev. Him Wegner-Monroe, assistant to the Bishop, will be the speaker. Additional activities include music by the church and children's choirs and youth group songs.

Many former church pastors will join the service.

A potluck dinner will follow services.

Aging office celebrates Older Workers' Week

TWIN FALLS - As part of its recognition of Older Workers' Week, March 14-20, the Idaho Aging Office is celebrating their 58.6 percent rate of placing older workers in jobs.

This year, Idaho ranked second in the nation for success in placing Senior Community Service Employment Participants in unsubsidized jobs.

Area IV, which includes Twin Falls, Cassia, Gooding, Minidoka, Blaine, Camas, Lincoln and Jerome counties, has an average placement rate of \$5.36 per hour for older workers, the local office says.

CSI Black and Gold Ball tickets sold out

TWIN FALLS - Tickets are sold out for the College of Southern Idaho Black and Gold Ball at the Blue Lakes Country Club on Saturday, March 27.

CSI Foundation assistant executive director Debra Wilson thanks all who bought the \$50 tickets and says the foundation regrets there is no more seating available for the event.

Jerome Library closes Thursday for training

Jerome - The Jerome Public Library will be closed Thursday.

Staff members will attend training for a new database funded by the Idaho Legislature.

Masonic Lodge serves up chili feed and auction

TWIN FALLS - Kayler Masonic Lodge will host the annual chili feed and auction fund raiser at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Temple at 833 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the chili feed. If there are items you cannot attend, donations will be picked up. Call L.C. Craig at 733-6448, Bill Fyron at 423-6937 or Don Tucker at 733-5061 to arrange

collection.

The lodge invites all Masons, wives and friends to attend this once per year event.

Rebekah Lodge holds Irish stew dinner Sunday

HAGERMAN - Union Rebekah Lodge 45 of Hagerman will have an Irish stew dinner at the Hagerman Odd Fellows Hall from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Cost is \$4.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children.

Mount Harrison Quilters discuss quilting tips

RUPERT - The Mount Harrison Quilters will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 8th St.

Spielrey Kraus will present a program on bindings and mitering corners.

A new challenge block will be announced at the meeting and fabric will be available for \$1.

The trauma dolls project was presented at the February meeting. The pattern will be available at the meeting.

The Snake River Valley Quilt Guild's quilt show, "Quilting is the Common Thread," will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 16 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17 at the First Lutheran Church at the corner of Sunnyside Road and Park Road in Idaho Falls. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12-18 years old.

The Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley will present "Quilts in Bloom" from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 17 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 18 at the Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. in Twin Falls. The suggested donation is \$2.

Members are reminded to wear name tags and bring secret sifter and show and tell items.

Safe House presents talks on safe places

TWIN FALLS - A dinner auction today will raise money to repair the roof of the Ike Kistler Safe House.

The dinner is sponsored by the Medical Alliance and is one of the activities in recognition of National Safe Place Week, March 15-21.

Presentations about Project Safe Place will be held at Lincoln Elementary School Monday and Tuesday. The program is designed to assist youth and families in crisis situations.

Safe Places are businesses and public locations displaying a Safe Place logo.

When a child in need enters a site, the business contact the Ike Kistler Safe House, which dispatches a volunteer or staff members to meet the child at the Safe Place site. The child's situation will be assessed and the child will either be transported to the safe house or wait until the parents can pick up the child.

For more information or to participate in the program, call Val Stotts at 735-8087.

Hospital Auxiliary plans slate of events in April

RUPERT - A bake sale for April 2, the yearly awards banquet in April, a May Tea and a style show in November were items discussed by the Minidoka County Hospital Auxiliary Guild at its March 8 meeting.

Linda Meuleman, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes, correspondence, communications, treasury reports and committee reports were given.

Bonnie Hansen has applied for membership and Judy West's membership was reinstated.

The guild also plans to purchase items for the new hospital addition.

The next meeting will be the awards banquet at noon on April 11.

Writers League meets for lunch, critique today

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Writers League will hold its monthly meeting from noon until 2 p.m. today.

There will be a no host lunch at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Those attending will bring brief manuscripts to critique at this meeting.

For more information contact Linda 324-7695 or lhcms@northrim.net

Pooh, Peter Rabbit read for Hastings story time

TWIN FALLS - Tales of Pooh Bear and Peter Rabbit will be told at the Hastings story times.

Those attending will bring brief manuscripts to critique at this meeting.

For more information contact Linda 324-7695 or lhcms@northrim.net



The Rupert Lions Club donated a 25-inch television set, VCR and wooden television stand to the Magic Valley Community Center. Lori Jeno, fair board secretary, accepted the new equipment on behalf of the center. Several community groups have used the center for gardening and parenting classes. Following renovations, the center will house the fair office, county extension agents, soil and water offices, weed control and sheriff's department supplies.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteer 55 and older are needed to work with children to increase their reading abilities. "America Reads Program" needs volunteers to work with kindergarten through third-grade students for a minimum of four hours per week. Volunteers are needed for Twin Falls' Lincoln, Jerome's Horizon Elementary, Buhl's Popplewell Elementary and Hagerman schools.

For more information, call Mindy 736-2122, Ext. 325.

A few hours a week in your own home and help appointments. Please call Bradefield Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All volunteers are insured.

Someone is needed to hand a hand with laundry and light housekeeping to a disabled woman in Wendell once a week or so. Please call Bradefield Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All volunteers are insured.

Someone is needed to do light housekeeping and pre-packing clothes for an elderly woman in Jerome, who is planning to move. Her house is for sale and it needs to be straightened up for prospective buyers. Please call Bradefield Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333. All volunteers are insured.

Volunteers 60 and older are needed for the new Helping Unite Generations (HUGS) project organized by South Central Hand Shop. If volunteers qualify, they can receive a small stipend and mileage reimbursement to help cover the costs of volunteering. HUGS volunteers will work with young children in local child care centers in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Elgin, Hamden, Fairfield and Gooding. Those interested can call Catherine or Alberta Murchill at 736-0741.

An older man with few belongings in his apartment is in need of a dresser to store his clothes. Please call Shannon at 733-5959.

A household is in need of an electric cook stove. If you have one to donate, call Billie at 733-5959.

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 a volunteer, call Judy Hyton, director of the Bureau of Senior Volunteer Program (BSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. BSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. We have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

Hospice Visions, a nonprofit community hospice, is recruiting people old and young, men and women, boys and girls to help others who are faced with death.

All Flo at 735-0121.

A comprehensive training program will be offered in April, so volunteers will feel confident in any service of their choice, the organization says. Training manuals are limited, so respond early.

Don't be frightened by the word "death" and don't hesitate to call and become involved, Hospice Visions says.

Someone is needed to assist a disabled young man in Jerome to set up his Apple computer to access the Internet. All volunteers are insured. Please call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Someone is needed to provide relief through respite care for a woman in Jerome. She is the sole caregiver for her elderly mother and needs a

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are Pat Marcantonio and Joey Bryant. It is our job to fill this page with the news about:

- Community meetings
- Celebrations
- Social events
- Rewards
- Individual accomplishments
- Your kids and their activities.

We will also want to publish your pictures and photos if they are of the community that is important to our readers.

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Deadline for the Sunday page is noon Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is noon Tuesday. Deadline for the Wednesday page is noon Friday.

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Women's Day Out Show

Wednesday, March 24
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Twin Falls High School
Gymnasium

Door Prizes will be given out every two hours beginning at 2:00 p.m.

EL SOMBRERO RESTAURANT will be featuring a lunch special at the show.

Free Admission

Over 40 booths on display with demonstrations and hands-on exhibits.
See The Times-News March 21 edition for more information.

Call 733-0931 extension 254 for more information.

Please note: Parking will be limited in the High School parking lots until 3:15 p.m. Both the large parking lot and the John Repper Auditorium parking lot will be available after 3:15 p.m.

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Tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School which begins at 6:30 p.m., have been SOLD OUT

Parents By Charles M. Schutz

SO HERE'S THE LIST OF PLAYERS WHO ARE ON OUR TEAM THIS YEAR.

HOW ABOUT YOU KNOW WHO?

"YOU KNOW WHO" IS IN RIGHT FIELD AGAIN...

I AM?

HOW DO YOU KNOW "YOU KNOW WHO" IS YOU?

YOU KNOW ME.

-For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHAT'S UNIVERSITY GOING TO BE LIKE? I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'LL BE THERE!

BUT I'LL BE THERE!

I'LL HAVE TO STUDY A BIT AND I'LL LIVE IN A DORM. CE. I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME HOME TOO OFTEN, BUT I'LL GET USED TO IT. MY TALKING TO YOU.

I WISH I WAS YOURS. YOU'VE GOT LINE AND I'M NOT. I'LL TRY TO GET USED TO IT. MY TALKING TO YOU.

AND I'LL TAKE IT WITH YOU!!

SPEND A FEW DOLLARS, JULIUS. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!!

YOU'VE GOT TO GET USED TO IT. MY TALKING TO YOU.

Obert By Scott Adams

I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH YOU, ALICE.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT EVERY TIME WE DISAGREE, I'M EVENTUALLY PROVED CORRECT?

EVERY SINGLE TIME!!

YES, BUT I'M ALWAYS RIGHT INITIALLY.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE WINE LIST, MR. OTHERS?

NO, BUT I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO.

NUMBER 24 IS OLIVIAN FROM THE WINE LIST. SHE MUST BE THE BEST OF THE BEST.

SPEND A FEW DOLLARS, JULIUS. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!!

YOU'VE GOT TO GET USED TO IT. MY TALKING TO YOU.

E.C. By Johnny Hart

HI THERE, I AM A CLAM. WHAT ARE YOU?

I AM A FIDDLER CRAB.

...AND NO, I DON'T KNOW "TURKEY IN THE STRAW"

Picks By Brian Crane

SO EARL, HOW'S LIFE TREATING YOU?

LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY... I'VE BEEN MY OWN BOSS SINCE I WAS 17. I'VE GOT MY OWN SLIPPERS.

AND MY BOSS SAYS I'M A GOOD BOSS.

WELL, AT LEAST YOU'RE GETTING THE SAME SERVICE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL YOU COOL CATS OUT THERE!

ARF!

SECURITY!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

Washing Wells

"This is the first time I've been to a real live cemetery!"

Bill and Luke By Chance Browne

SPRING IS HERE! TIME TO GET IN SHAPE!

SINCE WHEN IS THERE A SPRING TRAINING FOR SPRING CLEANING?

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"This is the first time I've been to a real live cemetery!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

SEES A REAL BEAUTY?

I DON'T KNOW...

BUY NOW, AND YOU'LL BE THROWN IN WITH THE PRISONERS!

Liberty Meadows By Frank Cho

OTHER, WITH THE WINDER DOG REEL ONLY DONT DAVY, I'M GOING TO SHRE A LITTLE TERNING JERRET, ONE WORD, VIZUALIZATION

JUST IMAGINE YOU'RE A MIDDLE TERNING JERRET, ONE WORD, VIZUALIZATION

FEATHER, FEATHER YOU FEEL THAT BIRD BEING BITE OFF YOUR BODY TERN BIRD? YOU SEE THE TORSE WHO WIN THE RACE.

CAN YOU PICTURE THEIR OTHER?

WINE, WUMPER

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

DON'T ACT TOO CONFIDENT!

WE WANT TO LULL THEM INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

OK, SO SOME GUY SAYS THAT YOU HAVE A SMALL HEAD. SO WHAT?

WAS CAREFUL?

WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF OUR INDIVIDUALS!

WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL OF OUR INDIVIDUALS!

WHAT WAS THAT SURPRISE TO MEAN??

MITHY!

Bonnie Bailey By Mort Walker

YOU'RE TAKING ME OFF THE TEAM?

SORRY, ZERO, YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND BASEBALL.

GEE, I WASTED ALL THAT MONEY BUYING THIS BATTING GLOVE

Luan By Greg Evans

SO I'M ASKING IF YOU'LL GO TO THE SPRING-BLIND DING WHATEVER THING WITH ME, LUANN.

YES, GUNTHER.

I MEAN, IT WAS JUST ANNOUNCED SO I'M SURE NO ONE'S ASKED YOU YES YET.

YES, GUNTHER.

AUTOTOUGH I SUPPOSE SOMEONE COULD ASK YOU OR POSSIBLY CALLED YOU AS ONE LAST NAME.

HEARTY!

YES, GUNTHER!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

SHIRT SALE!! GUARANTEED TO FIT LIKE A GLOVE

Strago Brew By John Doering

MY PARENTS FOUGHT IN THE CROGSADES AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS LOST T-SHIRT

THE BERRY HERE, BE CAREFUL. IT'S BEST TO DRINK TO GET YOU FEELING LIKE YOU'VE DRINKING ORDINANCE...

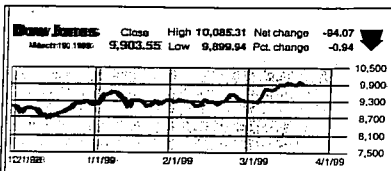
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IBM troubles drag Dow below 10,000 points again

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A poor showing for the blizzards of the blue-chip stocks dragged the Dow Jones industrial average lower Friday, ending its strongest run yet past 10,000.

IBM's Dow component dubbed "Big Blue," sidelined amid revenue concerns over its growing profit, IBM's stock sparked a sell-off of technology stocks and sent the broader market lower as well.

The Dow fell 64.07 to close at 9,407, offsetting an early 86-point surge that sent the blue chips to 10,085.31, their biggest point gain since the 10,000 milestone.

Wall Street's heavy turnover indicator has now passed 10,000 during three separate sessions, but has fallen below that time.

"I think it will make a couple more of these practice runs before we get past it," said Jim Weiss, deputy chief investment

officer for equities at State Street Research and Management Co. "The market needs one really strong catalyst."

Friday's early run past 10,000 was fed by two main sources. Japan's Nikkei stock index, buoyed by Wall Street's recent gains and increasing signs of an improved economy, rose 4.2 percent.

Then, an analyst's favorable report on General Electric's growth prospects sent its shares rising. The Dow component finished up 2, at 112.

But around midday, concerns about IBM's revenue growth prompted Morgan Stanley Dean Witter analyst Thomas Kraemer to predict that IBM shares will reach 195 within 12 months, down from an earlier estimate of 210.

IBM's shares plunged 9 1/16 to 168 9/16, responsible for nearly 40 points of the Dow's loss. It also set off selling in a wide range of technology companies.

SLEEPING ON THE JOB

Many bosses encourage afternoon 'power naps' at work

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn. — Ssshhh. Mel Meyer is sleeping on the job.

The salesman snoozes unshamed on his desk this windy afternoon, even as the phones ring off the hook outside his door. Yet his boss is not angry at Mel's siesta, not upset that Mel's hands are pressed lightly against his temples rather than wrapped around a receiver.

"Sometimes," the boss explains calmly, "Mel eats a big lunch."

Is this any way to run a business? The answer is more and more frequently "yes," as the workplace nap — once derided as the refuge of the worthless and weak — is embraced like a soft pillow by American businesses.

Meyer, aluminum products manager at Yarde Metals in Bristol, Conn., naps at his desk after lunch March 12. Yarde is among a growing number of employers who believe a nap in the afternoon makes workers more alert.

Increasingly, corporate America is waking up to that reality — even if some companies still feel compelled to hide behind euphemisms.

At Nike, employees have access to "relaxation rooms." The Kansas City architectural firm Gould Evans Goodman Associates features "spont tents," complete with pillows, blankets and alarm clocks.



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Attitudes are changing elsewhere. Rocker Paul Westerman, once renowned for partying around the clock, recently told Entertainment Weekly magazine the most important lesson he can teach his newborn son.

"Learn how to nap in the afternoon," he advised.

Even the city that never sleeps is getting a little drowsy. The Metropolitan Transit Authority, which runs the New York subway system and two suburban railroads, is considering 10-to-20 minute "power naps" for its train operators and bus drivers.

"Twenty years ago, the person taking the nap would fire a pink slip, too. But safety concerns have changed that thinking, at least where other railroad companies already encourage napping to prevent nodding."

The pro-nap crowd, which celebrates National Nap Week beginning this week, also argues they face widespread disdain over the workplace snooze. This, they complain, despite statistics showing that typical American collects an annual sleep debt of 500 hours, that a typical person awakes from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. physically benefits from an afternoon nap.

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S&P 500	↓	1,000	1,000	↓	1,000
NASDAQ	↓	1,000	1,000	↓	1,000
Russell 2000	↓	1,000	1,000	↓	1,000
SmallCap	↓	1,000	1,000	↓	1,000
MidCap	↓	1,000	1,000	↓	1,000

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

This is the 20th issue of the Market Report. It contains information on the stock market and other financial markets. It is published weekly by the Wall Street Journal.

Market Summary: This section provides a quick overview of the market's performance, including the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and NASDAQ Composite Index.

Stocks of Local Interest: This section lists the performance of stocks that are particularly relevant to the local market.

American Stock Exchange: This section provides a detailed list of stocks traded on the American Stock Exchange, including their current prices and changes.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of closing futures prices for various bean contracts.

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LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Table of cattle futures prices.

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Gates: Microsoft did not plot Internet competitor's demise

The government would have you believe that Microsoft was late in recognizing the importance of the Internet and then methodically sought to destroy the company's single biggest Net competitor, Netscape Communications.

No one says Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates is the "Business (at) the Speed of Thought." While the Internet was not a top priority in the early 1990s when it should have been, Gates writes that Microsoft was aware of cyberspace at the time. But it took a handful of young, idealistic executives to prod Microsoft into action, firing off e-mail to senior managers to spark attention.

Just as management guru Steven Covey lists "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" published in 1989 and revised in 1996 to add his Internet insight, has sold more than 25 million copies worldwide. "Business (at) the Speed of Thought" is being published in 21 languages and will be available in more than 60 countries.

Career doors remain closed for man who won sexual harassment reversal

NEW YORK — Years ago, sexual harassment was typically considered extorting sex in exchange for job security. Now, harassment has gotten so bad that it encompasses a stry comment that one person would consider innocent and another hostile.

What took place was an episode in which Jerry Seinfeld was trying to remember an old girlfriend, recalling only that her name rhymed with "body part." It turned out to be "Delores."

The woman complained, and a day later the father of two boys was fired from his \$95,000-a-year job at Miller Brewing. He sued, arguing not only that the sexual harassment was gross but also that Miller had secretly downgraded his job status without telling him years earlier.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, returns, and other metrics.

IDAHO/WEST

Throwback to bygone era Idaho officials debate role of creationism in schools

Gun-toting bailiff gives Old West flavor to small Nevada courthouse

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP) — Bearclaw the bailiff was in the right part of the country during the wrong century.

In a courtroom here during a hearing last month, the bailiff looked like an Old West lawman come to life.

He is. Bearclaw — whose birth name is Bob Stutsman — was on loan to the Storey County Courthouse to keep things peaceful during the court session. Nobody made trouble.

"When Bear says he'll enforce the rules, he's not kidding," said John Tyson, Storey County range investigator and reporter on KOLO-TV, Channel 8 in Reno. He's the guy you want around in a big court case. If something bad happens, he'll put a step to it right quick."

Bearclaw, a 6-and-one-half foot tall and weighing 330 pounds, dresses in black pants, a wide-brimmed buckaroo hat and a black shirt with a silver and gold badge on his chest. In his hands, a grapefruit looks as small as a baseball.

He has the fierce, drooping mustache of a mountain man. A necklace of 20 black bear claws circles his throat. Two 44-caliber Magnum pistols are holstered, crisscrossed, at his belt line.

He says he can shape up an angry inmate with a single glare.

"If he says stop, it gets your attention," Carson City District Judge Michael Gorman said. "He has no difficulty with anybody.



Bearclaw, 58, the gun-toting Carson City bailiff, stands tall even next to the huge columns at the Storey County Courthouse in the Nevada town.

Before they moved Max (maximum security prison) out of Carson City, we'd get a lot of murderers-in-prison cases. Those guys are already doing life plus 20 years. They don't care about a lot."

Griffin said Bearclaw talks to inmates before they enter the courtroom. That's usually enough to keep them polite.

"Yep, I'm big and ugly. Sure ain't no movie star," said Bearclaw, 58. "Everybody can't be big and tough, but the ones that are should help the ones who aren't."

He's made a living at being big and tough since he was an overgrown kid in Arizona. He chopped trees and packed horses for the Forest Service, served in the military and as a mercenary, worked law enforcement and security jobs, was a bush guide and trapper in Alaska and worked in prisons.

He uses "cowboy" as a verb. "I was raised on a ranch near Tombstone, Ariz., so that kind of set my way of life," Bearclaw said. "I've cowboied all my life and I've enjoyed it."

He still works with horses and wagons on weekends and once carried mail and broke mustangs.

He began his bailiff career in Carson City Justice Court in the 1980s for the popular Judge Tom Davis, who gave him the custom-made badge he now wears.

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BOISE (AP) — The debate over whether evolution or creationism should be taught in public schools has become part of a larger debate over how existing standards for high school students should be handled.

At a state Board of Education meeting Thursday, members of the group Idaho Committee for Integrity and Excellence in Education did not mention creationism, but instead pushed for local rather than state control of curriculum.

Local school districts, parents and teachers should remain in control of educational programs," said Robert Compton of Midvale, an executive in education committee member.

Existing standards, which are being developed for Idaho

schools, have not yet been proven effective in other states, Compton said. He also fears the unfunded standards will cost school districts too much money to implement.

The excellence in education committee, which Compton said is comprised of thousands of citizens, opposes state existing standards that deal with teaching evolution in high school science classes, said Larry Andrews, chairman of the existing standards commission.

During a series of 16 statewide public forums held last year by the commission, the committee shared its view that teachers should not teach evolution as the only theory of the world's beginning and development, Andrews said.

Federal court to reconsider student-led school prayer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court said Friday it would reconsider a ruling that allowed student-initiated prayers at high school graduation.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals voted unanimously last May to uphold a rural Idaho school district's policy of allowing the students in each senior class to decide whether to include a prayer in their graduation speeches.

Because the decision was up to the students, the court said, the policy did not violate a 1992 Supreme Court ruling that public schools could not require prayers in graduation ceremonies.

The ruling was binding on federal courts in nine Western states.

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