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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy, light winds, high 48. Mostly cloudy tonight, low 26.

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Testing food quality: The Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory and the College of Southern Idaho are about to graduate their first two students.

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Oh boy, Olazabal: Jose Maria Olazabal, winner of the 1994 Masters, leads the pack at Augusta.

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Youth movement: The Utah Jazz can no longer be called a bunch of geezers.

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Shouts of victory: This Twin Falls church has a brand new, and victorious, name.

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Talbot, McGuire: Terry Talbot and Barry McGuire will be singing in Twin Falls.

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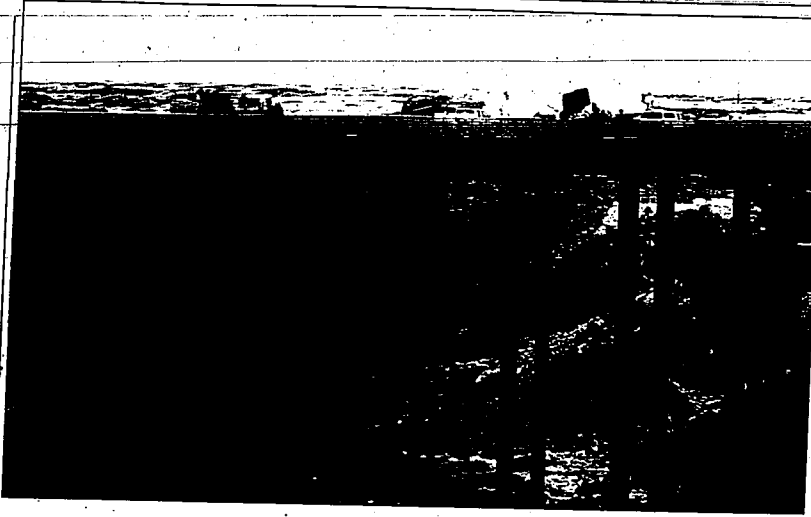
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On the road: President Clinton pushes the Democrats' patients' rights bill.

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COMING SUNDAY

Learning at home: Homeschooling is a growing movement in the United States. A story in Sunday's Times-News takes a closer look at educating children at home.



Winds gusting to more than 50 mph toppled a semi tractor-trailer onto its side as it was crossing the Perrine Bridge at about 11:30 a.m. Friday.

SPRING SURPRISE



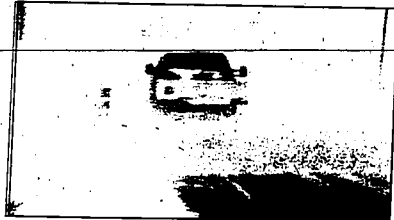
Workers from Canyonside Auto Body and towing brace themselves against the wind as they prepare to tow a wrecked truck off the Perrine Bridge.

Storm lashes valley, sends U of U athletes to hospital after accident

By John T. Huddy
Lorraine Cavener
and Brian Haynes
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — A wintry springtime storm brought high winds, widespread power outages and dozens of traffic accidents on the Magic Valley on Friday. Winds overturned a semi tractor-trailer on the Perrine Bridge, forcing traffic to stand for nearly three hours while towing crews removed the big rig. The southbound semi knocked down a light pole when it overturned. Many motorists packed at the Magic Valley Mini while crews separated the light pole from the trailer and then the trailer from the tractor.

"All of a sudden, there was a whirlout and we couldn't see anything," said Utah track team member Trevia Hildebrand. "Our bus hit a truck and then we were swamped by another truck and several cars. We focused on help-



Many roads in the Magic Valley were plagued with whiteout conditions, including U.S. Highway 30 outside Kimberly.

ing each other out." More than 20 athletes were on their way to a track meet at Boise State University when their truck stalled with a truck and several cars on Interstate Highway 84, a tributary of Utah's new interstate.

Some injured athletes were taken to the Cassia County Regional Medical Center. Three team members suffered broken bones while the others were treated for scrapes and other minor injuries. "It just happened so fast," said

Erika Floyd, a 5,000-meter runner. "I could hear people saying, 'We're all gonna die.'"

After being treated and released from the hospital, the track members were taken to the National Guard Armory in Burley where a Mini-Cassia Red Cross emergency shelter had been set up.

Jimmy Shelton, the team's athletic trainer, suffered a gash on his leg and a concussion from the accident.

"I'm supposed to take care of them when they get injured,"

Storm highlights

Severe Weather Awareness Week starts on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. But the Magic Valley gets a nasty surprise on Friday. Storm highlights:

Two justices — More than 6,000 Magic Valley motorists were stranded just north of Burley because of high winds and cold weather. Details, Page C1.

Power outages — The Twin Falls Energy Agency kept an emergency shelter for about 200 motorists and people whose homes were without power. Details, Page C1.

Power outages — Many a storm knocked power out across the valley. In the Magic Valley, a high school north of College of Southern Idaho Expo Center was postioned. Power lines were unable to be repaired. Details, Page B1.

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Clashes erupt on Kosovo borders

Russia plays down earlier statement

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Tension along Yugoslavia's borders with Macedonia and Albania heightened Tuesday amid NATO's continuing all-out bombing assault across Serbia and warnings from Moscow that Russia may alter its military policy if the West adds ground troops to the battle.

Four Kosovo Liberation Army fighters were reported killed in a five-hour clash along Albania's northern frontier and a Macedonian soldier was killed on his nation's border by gunfire said to have come from Yugoslavia. Both sparked worries of a wider war.

In Moscow, President Boris Yeltsin said Russia may alter its military policy.

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Yugoslavia. He said, however, his nation has no plans to intervene.

Earlier in the day, Russia's parliamentary speaker, Gennady Seleznyov set off an alarm in Russia and the West when he claimed that Yeltsin already had ordered nuclear weapons to be readied at NATO countries because of the airstrikes against Yugoslavia. Later, officials said that Seleznyov's remarks were misunderstood.

Waves of intensive NATO bombing continued throughout Serbia on Orthodox Christian Good Friday. A fuel oil dump at Smederevo, east of Belgrade, went up in flames and Serbian ground troops were reported hit in Kosovo.

In Washington, however, Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said that the allied air assault has failed to stop further atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, including the systematic rape and murder of Kosovar women.

"We're getting some very disturbing reports out of Kosovo that young Kosovars are being herded into a Serb army training camp near the town of Djakovica, which is in southwest Kosovo and camp inmates are being raped by troops, and we have reports that as many as 20 may have been killed in the course of this," he said.

EPA OKs Idaho dairy operations

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Times-News writer

BOISE — Amid ongoing divisiveness surrounding groundwater protection, large livestock operations and the preservation of Idaho's rural integrity, a federal nod of approval for Idaho's dairy industry. The Environmental Protection Agency — in a report released at the annual review of the Idaho Dairy Pollution Prevention Initiative — an Environmental Protection Agency — in a report released at the annual review of the Idaho Dairy Pollution Prevention Initiative — an Environmental Protection Agency — in a report released at the annual review of the Idaho Dairy Pollution Prevention Initiative.

The report validates that the state's dairies have made substantial improvements and are taking steps in environmental concerns, said Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association. "The report said that the EPA 13 years to do what we did in three," Eilers said. According to the EPA report, dairies are inspecting an average of 2.5 times a year, well above the single inspection per year mandated in the agreement.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 38 Low: 17
 Partly cloudy today, light winds. Same tonight, but with chance of rain.
 Thursday, high 41.
 Friday, high 41.

Treasure Valley
 High: 49 Low: 34
 Partly cloudy today, light winds. Slight chance of rain. Same tonight, but with snow. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 59.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 40 Low: 24
 Partly cloudy today, light winds. Same tonight, but with chance of snow. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 48.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 43 Low: 20
 Partly cloudy today, light winds. Same tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 55.

Northern Idaho
 High: 49 Low: 29
 Partly cloudy today with light winds. Same tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday, with high 55.

Northern Utah
 High: 54 Low: 37
 Snow possible early then partly cloudy today with light winds. Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday, slight chance of showers, high 59.

Northern Nevada
 High: 48 Low: 26
 Partly cloudy today, light winds. Slight chance of rain. Same tonight. Partly cloudy Sunday, high 54.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High: 48 Low: 26 Partly cloudy with light winds. Slightly cloudy tonight.	High: 54 Low: 34 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 50 Low: 36 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 50 Low: 36 Partly cloudy and warmer.	High: 48 Low: 30 Partly cloudy and warmer.

Idaho weather
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National weather
 The AccuWeather forecast for noon Saturday, Apr. 10

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	Normal	Year to date	Normal year to date
42	26	26	33	6.81	6.40

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High	Idaho Low
Boise	45	12	0	45	10
Bonanza	33	27	0	33	27
Fairfield	31	21	0	31	21
Hagerman	31	21	0	31	21
Idaho Falls	31	20	0	31	20
LeWiston	49	37	0	49	37
Malad	37	26	0	37	26
Malta	36	26	0	36	26
McCall	30	21	0	30	21
Postville	12	2	0	12	2
Salt Lake City	39	34	0	39	34
Shoshone	29	20	0	29	20
Twin Falls	39	27	0	39	27

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	71	35	0
Albany	45	27	0
Albuquerque	55	47	0
Albuquerque	45	24	1.51
Albuquerque	43	22	0
Albuquerque	45	29	0
Albuquerque	48	31	0
Albuquerque	45	43	1.08
Albuquerque	82	71	0
Albuquerque	48	31	0
Albuquerque	64	57	1.4
Albuquerque	54	41	0
Albuquerque	60	41	0
Albuquerque	58	45	0.6
Albuquerque	45	28	0
Albuquerque	85	48	2.12
Albuquerque	61	45	0
Albuquerque	86	72	0
Albuquerque	53	35	2.6
Albuquerque	73	52	0
Albuquerque	62	50	0.2
Albuquerque	62	50	0
Albuquerque	50	30	1.27
Albuquerque	50	37	0
Albuquerque	44	27	0
Albuquerque	62	57	1.8
Albuquerque	16	16	1.0
Albuquerque	54	41	0
Albuquerque	48	35	0
Albuquerque	48	31	0
Albuquerque	69	60	0.8
Albuquerque	67	53	0

UV INDEX
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 Fair
 Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION
 Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

SKYWATCH
 Sunset today 8:14 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:04 a.m.
 Lunar phases: New, April 16; first quarter, April 22; full, April 30; last quarter, May 8.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A vigorous winter-like storm brought snow and strong winds to a large portion of Idaho Friday morning. Winds consistently gusted out of the Northwest to Southwest in the 25 to 40 mph range across southern Idaho. In southeastern Idaho wind gusts in excess of 50 mph were reported. Elsewhere: Dully storms ripped through the Midwest on Friday while parts of the West had snow and the Northeast had rain. Thunderstorms were possible in most areas of the central Appalachians and an Atlantic report. Light rain fell across most of southern New England. The showers were expected to spread northward into most of the Northeast. The Southeast and Gulf Coast region had fair and dry weather. The central part of the United States was fair, with warming temperatures. A new storm system over the Rockies brought increasing clouds to areas of the western High Plains. Snow fell from Montana and Idaho, south over Nevada and Utah. The heaviest snow fell over the Wasatch Front in Utah, where some areas piled up nine inches.

— The Associated Press

Killer tomados rake Midwest, leaving 6 dead

CINCINNATI (AP) — A tornado with 200-mph winds demolished about 200 houses in two Cincinnati suburbs before daybreak Friday, killing four people and leaving normally man-made yards littered with bricks, broken two-by-fours and tattered roofs. Two other people were killed in Illinois as powerful storms tore through the Midwest overnight. In the Cincinnati suburbs of Montgomery and Blue Ash, water swept into the air from broken fire hydrants and shopping center parking lots were strewn with broken glass. Sheet metal that had been sliding was wrapped around utility poles. Stately pines and thick sycamore and maple trees were yanked out by the roots. Lindsey Stiffler, 13, was asleep in her bedroom with the window open in Montgomery when she heard rain and hail and then a roaring noise. She looked out, saw the storm, and fled to the basement with her family. When they emerged, the back portion of her neighbor's wooden house was split in two, with one side remaining over, she said. Elsewhere on her street, "there were mattresses and curtains and everything sticking out of the windows," she said. "Roofs were ripped off."

Jamie McGill, 13, her friend from down the street, told of a similar experience: "I could hear everything flying through the house, smashing around. I didn't realize what was going on until I got outside. There was glass on the ground. The carport was lying against the house."

Two people were killed in a house, and two in separate car crashes. One of the victims, a 40-year-old man, was thrown from his car when the wind flipped it over.

Storm

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Weather Service reported. The high winds came on the heels of a snowstorm that left between 4 and 8 inches overnight and into late morning.

icy roads caused dozens of accidents and forced the closure of several major highways, including Interstate 86, U.S. Highway 93 from Twin Falls to the Nevada border and U.S. Highway 30 from eastern Twin Falls County into Cassia County, the Idaho State Police said.

Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said emergency personnel did their best to help stranded motorists and accident victims. But snowdrifts and ice made it almost impossible for local crews to get out on the road.

"This is the worst I've seen in a long time," Crystal said. "We could have used more ambulances or 10 times as many tow trucks."

By 3 p.m., the Cassia County Regional Medical Center had declared a state of emergency. Injured motorists were being brought into the hospital by the dozens, including two sheriff's deputies involved in separate accidents.

One patrol car was responding to a call on I-84 when it was hit by a semi-truck, while another patrol car slid into a wrecker on Idaho Highway 81, said Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Jim Higgins.

"It is one hell of a mess out there," Higgins said. "There were many accidents and many multi-car accidents."

The deputies suffered minor injuries. They were treated and released by the hospital Friday. Higgins declined to name the injured deputies.

The wrecker knocked out Twin Falls television station KMYT's signal for most of the day. The station was back on the air by 2:30 p.m.

Times-News correspondents Dex Dutton and Heidi Turtle contributed to this report.

Dairy

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The number of dairies receiving one or more notices a year for noncompliance by 1998 had dropped to 103 — 10 percent of Idaho's dairies — down from 456 dairies in 1996. Discharge violations were down to 29 dairies in 1998 — 3 percent — down from 253 dairies in 1996.

The initiative is the result of a 1995 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Dairyman's Association, the EPA, the Idaho Department of Agriculture, and the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality to allow the Ag Department's Dairy Bureau to take the lead role in regulating dairy wastes.

The program gives state inspectors the authority to revoke a dairy's permit to sell milk until any waste management violations found are corrected.

The program is "more restrictive than any other inspection program in the United States," Eilers said. "We're OK with having a stringent program as long as it will allow our producers to continue to operate ... and expand."

Despite Eilers' contentions, some rebuke his claims. "We think the whole thing is a bunch of smoke and mirrors," said Della Johnson, a Nampa area member of the Idaho Rural Council at the dairy review Wednesday.

"The 'pro-active arrangement' wherein the Agriculture Department holds sole regulatory responsibility is questionable, she said.

"I think that there have been some improvements, but I think it is also being used to bring in far more of these industrial farms," she said.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

SATURDAY'S JACKPOTS:
 Powerball is estimated at \$17 Million

Wild Card is estimated at \$320,000

Don't forget to watch the Powerball drawing live on Wednesday's and Saturday's at 8:30pm A.M.T. on the following stations:

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POWERBALL
 5 26 31 37 39
 POWERBALL NUMBER 42

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 NUMBERS
WILD CARD
 1 10 22 24 25 31
 WILD CARD: SIX OF HEARTS
 FRIDAY, APRIL 9 NUMBERS
FAST
 11 14 19 21 30

CORRECTIONS

An article Friday gave the incorrect date for The Standards concert in Twin Falls. The concert will be May 17. The Times-News regrets the error.

The Associated Press on March 23 and March 24 erroneously reported the amount anti-drug activist Milton Creagh was paid for his appearance in Idaho in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Creagh was paid \$65,000 to make a appearance during the last three years for the Enough is Enough campaign.

The campaign's expenses in the same period totaled \$175,000.

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Clinton presses patients' rights

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Clinton portrayed Republicans as handmaidens of insurance and health-care companies Friday as Democrats launched a novel Internet petition drive to mobilize support for the "patients' bill of rights."

"The people who are against it — basically the large HMOs and the insurers — have got the ear of the congressional majority, and they have a lot of political influence," Clinton charged in a speech in one of Pennsylvania's most Democratic congressional districts.

Across the nation, House and Senate Democrats staged rallies and speeches in 32 states to ask Americans to raise their voices by petition for new health-care rights.

Republicans warned Democrats against trying to "poison" the health-care reform process with "partisan rhetoric and political gamesmanship."

A modest crowd of perhaps a couple of hundred people had to strain to hear Clinton because of poor acoustics in historic Memorial Hall, built for the 1876 Centennial World's Fair in Philadelphia.

Clinton delighted the audience as he attempted to imitate Italian movie director Roberto Benigni's heavily accented lament in accepting a second Academy Award that, "This is a terrible mistake, because I used up all my English." Clinton used the same language to say that earlier speakers had said all that needed to be said at Memorial Hall.

The historic surroundings were chosen to invoke memories of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Clinton recalled that citizens of Philadelphia, in 1791, launched the first successful petition drive in the New World and won the right to practice any religion they chose.

Responding to Clinton's speech, Republicans said they have been working with Democrats to come up with an acceptable HMO bill.



President Clinton and Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell talk in Philadelphia's Memorial Hall Friday. Clinton was seeking support for the Democratic version of a "patients' bill of rights."

Premier: China needs US environmental technology

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. critics of environmental technology in China could be the key to easing the American trade deficit with China as well as China's air and water pollution problems, Premier Zhu Rongji said Friday.

"In all, it is a very arduous task for us to protect the environment," Zhu said at a U.S.-China forum on development and the environment.

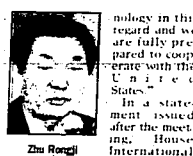
Zhu, who is here on an official visit, said that with President Clinton on Thursday, disputed U.S. estimates that the American trade deficit with China is \$57 billion, amounting, the figure is exaggerated. He said he would be willing to trade China's surplus for a cleaner environment.

"If that happens I will be very happy," Zhu said, speaking through a translator.

White House spokesman said the State Department authorities, said the United States and China rank first and second, respectively, in worldwide spending on the gas emissions and must work together for a solution because of their impact on global climate change.

"If these trends continue, we will be competing in the 21st century for the title of 'largest producer of greenhouse gases in the world,'" he said.

Zhu suggested the United States should help reduce air pollution in China by exporting clean technology, saying, "I think the United States has developed their advanced technology in this regard and we are fully prepared to cooperate with the United States."



Zhu Rongji

Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., called the U.S. trade deficit with China "very troubling." He predicted the American people will demand congressional action unless China opens its markets.

U.S. and Chinese trade officials held marathon discussions this week but were unable to reach a comprehensive agreement that would open China's vast markets to U.S. exports. They had hoped to come to an agreement during Zhu's visit, which ends Saturday.

Also meeting with Zhu on Friday was Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., the House's first Chinese-American member. Wu said in a statement he was "deeply concerned that the recent suppression of political and religious freedom critically undermines China's credibility in the international arena."

NATION IN BRIEF

Police chiefs agree to traffic stop policy

WASHINGTON — Police chiefs from some of the nation's largest departments said Friday they will create a national traffic stop policy that they said will ensure that minorities are not unfairly targeted.

The police chiefs made the announcement at a news conference with minority activists to launch what they described as an honest discussion on police and race.

Public attention has been focused on police conduct since February's fatal shooting of Amadou Diallo in the Bronx borough of New York City. Four officers from New York's elite street crimes unit fired 41 shots at Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, hitting him 19 times. His killing prompted numerous protests in New York and Washington. The officers have been charged with second-degree murder.

Judge orders FBI probe of McDougal jury

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The judge in Susan McDougal's trial froze jury deliberations Friday and ordered an FBI investigation of possible attempts to influence the jurors.

The chain of events began after it was discovered a juror had brought a state law book into the jury room.

As he ordered the FBI inquiry, U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. also issued a subpoena to bring in for questioning a former Arkansas Supreme Court justice whose business card was found in the book.

Jurors had begun their deliberations Thursday on charges of criminal contempt and obstruction stemming from Mrs. McDougal's refusal to testify before grand jurors investigating her Whitewater business partners, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

FDA okays implant to fix nearsightedness

WASHINGTON — Millions of mildly nearsighted Americans won a radically new way to improve their vision without glasses or contact lenses Friday. The government approved tiny, transparent rings that are implanted directly onto the cornea.

KeraVision Inc.'s IntraC implants offer an alternative for some patients to popular but irreversible laser eye surgery, at about the same price. Nearly three out of four patients who tried the implants in clinical trials achieved 20/20 vision.

Parks commissioner seeks to chop fine

NEW YORK — The city's parks commissioner said Friday he'll ask a judge to chop down the \$1,000 fine against a Manhattan dad who let his children climb a tree in Central Park.

Parks Commissioner Henry Stern often requested the fine be reduced to \$100, but Avellino said he planned to appear in court on April 28.

"I think the whole thing is kind of ridiculous. I'd rather not pay the \$100 at all," Avellino said. "It's not like I intentionally sent my kids out to hurt a tree."

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Graduate Record Exam eliminates paper, pencils

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christopher Delaney just bought a laptop for his sailing school business, so he's fairly comfortable with computers. Yet, Delaney, 27, who's seeking a master's degree in oceanography, jumped at the chance to take the final paper version of the test required to get into most graduate schools.

"Paper and pencil is suited to my retraining skills a little better," said Delaney of Boston. "You can skip around if you come to a question you find particularly difficult."

Today, he joins about 39,000 people nationwide taking the last paper Graduate Record Exam, the second major entrance test to become fully computerized.

After that, all 400,000 annual GRE test-takers must use the computer test, which unlike the paper version "adapt" to each person, asking tougher questions of those doing well, easier questions of those performing poorly and adjusting scores accordingly.

The computer version of the test-takers click on answers on a computer screen with a mouse instead of penciling in ovals on a sheet of paper — has been available since 1993. In 1997, the Graduate Management Admissions Test, required by



Amy Bracken of Washington applies her pencil to a test form at the Kaplan Center in downtown Washington Tuesday. Today, 39,000 people will take the last-ever paper-and-pencil version of the GRE, the entrance exam for graduate schools.

most business schools, was the first to switch entirely to computer.

Last year, almost half of GRE test-takers opted for the computer version, said Nancy Cole, president of Educational Testing Service, which administers the standardized tests owned by individual policy boards.

The change, however, has sparked debate over the quality and fairness of the computerized tests. And it's angered one test-taker enough that she's seeking legal action.

"These test scores will determine a person's life course; if there's still a problem, it's unforgivable for them to be switching the test," said Amy Cuddy, who has used a Massachusetts consumer law to alert ETS of a pending lawsuit.

Cuddy, 26, who's required to send a letter 30 days before filing suit, charges that a computerized test she took in East Longmeadow, Mass., last fall was incorrectly scored. The score she got on the computer version differed wildly from the score on a paper version she took a month later, and from scores on practice computer tests.

Supporters say the computer's ability to "adapt," asking tougher or easier questions, gives a better picture of a test-taker's ability because concentration and time aren't wasted on questions that are too hard or easy.

Police uncover buried rifle near slain doctor's home

AMHERST, N.Y. (AP) — A rifle was found buried near the home of an abortion doctor who was killed in his kitchen by a sniper's bullet Jan. 21, investigators said Friday.

The rifle was sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington to determine whether it was used in the killing of Dr. Barnett Stinson.

"If it's not too badly damaged, they may be able to match the bullet back to the weapon," said Walter Rowe, firearms scientist, professor at George Washington University.

Bullets fired from high-powered rifles can become dislodged and provide few clues, but the rifle might yield clothing fibers, fingerprints or a serial number that can be traced to the buyer, Rowe said.

Authorities here said Stinson, 38, was killed by a bullet from a high-powered rifle fired through his window during the weeks before his home Oct. 23.

"No arrests have been made... & the suspect is a four beneath the ground, was unearthed during a search of a heavily wooded, three-acre area Thursday.

Due to weather and ground conditions generally in existence at the time, search, although planned, early in the investigation, was not conducted until this case," Stinson's attorney, the first state judge said in a statement.

Investigators did not say how close the weapon was to the house.

Stinson's attorney, James Harty, is being sought as a potential witness in the shooting.

Court blocks government work safety program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has blocked enforcement of a government program aimed at improving safety at some 12,500 relatively high-risk workplaces.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health

Administration illegally instituted its cooperative-compliance program in 1997, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled on Friday by a 2-1 vote.

The program had been challenged by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, American Trucking Associations and Food Marketing Institute.

OSHA failed to provide adequate notice and opportunity for public comment before instituting the program, in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act, the court ruled. It therefore set aside the program "without prejudice to the ability of the agency to repropagate it after observing the required procedures."

Other GOP hopefuls wait for chance

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Steve Forbes and Tommy Thompson know they can't be president in 2001 unless the early Republican front-runners falter. Forbes says he will "smoke 'em out." Thompson hopes to wait them out.

announced his campaign in March. "Although most of the (challengers) seem to be going in a particular direction, if I don't make the case, nothing can happen," Forbes told The Associated Press. "I want them to see that I have a message and will go to every possible source to get support."

Forbes has campaigned non-stop since his failed 1996 presidential bid, yet public opinion polls show him far behind Bush and Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross.

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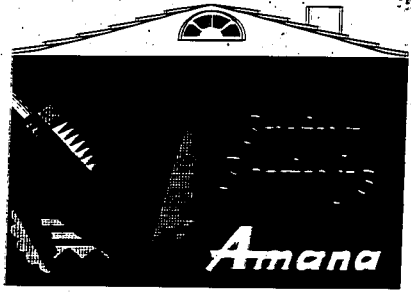
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10 men plead guilty in slaughter of up to 2,000 federally protected birds

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Ten men — three Lake Ontario fish-ing guides and seven avid anglers — pleaded guilty in the slaughter of as many as 2,000 cormorants, a federally protected bird with a voracious appetite for fish.

In federal court Tuesday, nine of the men admitted shooting the birds last summer. The 10th man admitted hiding the weapons.

Sport fishermen and guides on eastern Lake Ontario have long complained that the cormorants are ruining the fishing and threaten-

ing their livelihoods. The birds were shot on Little Galloo Island, an uninhabited 52-acre five miles offshore that is the cormorant's principal colony in eastern Lake Ontario, with an estimated 7,500 nesting pairs. Hundreds of the birds were wounded and left to die.

"There is no excuse for the inhumane way in which these birds were slaughtered and left to die," said Ron Lamberton, regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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NATO beefs up presence in Albania, Macedonia

The Washington Post

BRUSSELS, Belgium — As a result of their air campaign against Yugoslavia, the United States and its European allies are forging deeper security ties with Albania and Macedonia that may serve as the basis for a permanent NATO military presence in the Balkans.

NATO plans to deploy 2,000 Apache attack helicopters in Albania that will serve as the vanguard of a substantial new U.S. force that is to include 2,000 troops, two dozen support helicopters, multiple rocket launchers, M1A1 Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles. The first advance units arrived Friday.

In addition, NATO is dispatching some 8,000 soldiers to help Albania set up tent cities to accommodate more than 300,000 ethnic Albanian refugees who have fled Kosovo, a province of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia, since March 1998. The troops are scheduled to arrive by next Friday.

Nearly 12,000 NATO troops, led by British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, are now stationed in Macedonia, still waiting for the possibility to enter Kosovo as the leading edge of an international peacekeeping force.

Macedonian leaders, concerned that their country could be caught up in the war, have asked to become a full NATO member on an accelerated timetable.

After welcoming Macedonia's foreign and defense ministers to NATO headquarters Friday, Secretary General Javier Solana warned the Serb-led Yugoslav government that the alliance would protect "the territorial

integrity, political independence and security of the former Yugoslav republic," against any threat posed by Serbian forces.

With the prospect of a peace deal all but dead, NATO forces in Macedonia are concentrating their energy on their security and resources in feeding and sheltering the displaced, whose presence has alarmed the Macedonian government. Nearly 2 million of Macedonia's 2.5 million inhabitants are ethnic Albanians, and Macedonian leaders fear the arrival of thousands of additional ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo could upset the country's delicate ethnic balance and possibly encourage secessionist moves to link parts of the country to a

Greater Albania. Macedonian Foreign Minister Aco Stankov said his country will require NATO help for years. At a meeting with NATO's 19 ambassadors, Stankov and Defense Minister Nikola Kujufev pleaded with them to consider speeding up the process to make Macedonia a full NATO member.

Albania opens its doors, hearts to thousands of Kosovo refugees

By Liz Sly
Chicago Tribune

TIRANA, Albania — As they crowded together for an evening in front of the television, the Peterci family and their new friends, the Kondriollis from Kosovo, laughed uproariously at the suggestion that conditions are somewhat cramped in the two-room apartment where they are sharing.

Ethnic majorities

- Map key: Albanian Muslim
- Serb Bosnian Serb
- Other No clear majority



AP/Wm. J. Castallo

"We're Albanians. We're used to being in large families," said Myrtez Peterci, 73, as his son, Luli, poured glasses of fiery Albanian raki for the gathering. "And indeed, although the Petercis and Kondriols were complete strangers until they met at a refugee camp two weeks ago, now they feel as if they belong to the same family," he said.

"They are my people. They are our people. I feel toward them as if they were my blood relatives," said Peterci, who did not stop to think about the implications for his own family's well-being when he set out to "adopt" an Albanian refugee family in the first days of the crisis. Since the massive humanitarian tragedy triggered by NATO's bombing campaign against Serbia, Albania has done far more than just open its borders to the hundreds of thousands of Kosovo Albanians who have streamed across the border to escape Serb atrocities.

It is Albania that has borne the brunt of the refugee prob-

lem with an estimated 290,000 refugees currently sheltering there. Yet despite the fact that Albania is the poorest country in Europe, an astonishing 120,000 of those refugees are believed to have been welcomed into the homes of ordinary Albanians.

Albanians feel a special bond with the refugees because of their shared language and ethnicity. In some instances, blood ties have enabled refugees to move in with distant relatives.

"I always knew Albanians are generous people, but the scale the generosity they have shown has surprised me," said Fatos Baxhaku, who edits a nightly television program on the refugee problem aired by Albania's most popular private television station, TV Klan.

The program began as an attempt to help families separated in the scramble to leave Kosovo to find missing relatives. But the station switchboard is being swamped by phone calls from Albanians offering shelter in their homes to the refugees who appear on the program.

"What's remarkable is that the vast majority who call in are the poorest of Albania's poor," said Baxhaku.

The five members of the Peterci family probably don't count among the poorest of Albania's poor, though their living standards are modest. Peterci runs a small grocery store. His son works as a driver. His daughter-in-law is a nurse

while his two grandchildren, ages 14 and 11, are in school.

But, by Western standards, the tiny two-room apartment — comprising a bedroom and living room with a small kitchenette — is barely big enough for a family of five, let alone 10.

At night, the five Petercis sleep together in the bedroom while the five Kondriollis crowd together in the living room.

"Maybe it is a little cramped," said Luli Peterci. "But it doesn't matter. They will stay here with us until it is safe for them to go home. However long that is."

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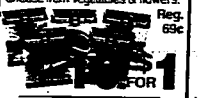
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By making limited war, Clinton sees LBJ's legacy

The echoes of Vietnam run over NATO's conflict with Serbia over Kosovo. President Clinton cut his political president as a proponent of the war in Vietnam, but the tactics he approved there are the very ones he now embraces as commander in chief.

Thirty-five years ago, it was argued the United States should not insert itself into civil war. It was presumed North and South Vietnam could work out their differences, despite infiltration and liter-

atures from the North.

President Lyndon B. Johnson contended at the time that "guns and butter" would not be altered because of the war. He believed, as did many of his advisors, that the war would be won in the cheap-to-win, through air power.

That assumption was soon called into question. Yet at every stage of the Vietnam War, LBJ applied the same military escalation, contrary to the advice of his key advisers.

While the Balkan conflict will almost certainly not approach the scale of Vietnam, there are curious analogies.

Some historians might well question whether a civil war was fought in Vietnam, but no one can seriously entertain the thought that a civil war is not being fought in Kosovo.

If Vietnam protesters maintain that the United States had no business in a civil war, what is their justification for our involvement in Kosovo?

I suspect they will point to the general impulses of Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic. But as the "killing fields" of Cambodia suggest, similar impulses guided forces in Southeast Asia.

President Clinton presides over one of the most prosperous periods in American history. He does not intend to rattle his place in history by stepping on Balkan tar paper.

Yet Clinton believes he can influence Milosevic's behavior through air power. The same way Johnson thought he could break North Vietnam leader Ho Chi Minh's determination with bombing.

So far the evidence doesn't support Clinton's contention. Most military officials believe that absent the deployment of ground forces, Clinton's goal of stopping the slaughter of innocent civilians in Kosovo cannot be achieved.

Clinton has also adopted LBJ's emphasis on gradual escalation. He approves the targets to be attacked and carefully calculates the likelihood of unintended casualties.

Slobodan Milosevic realizes Clinton cannot escalate the war without bringing demonstrators onto the streets. (Ho Chi Minh managed the Vietnam War with one eye on American demonstrators.) Having the most powerful force in the world is almost irrelevant if you are unwilling to unleash it.

High-income, low-birthrate nations like the United States can no longer afford casualties. Consequently, they are likely to exclusively fight "sanitized" missile and air war.

There is little doubt that ethnic cleansing - a phrase redoubt of Nazi-era atrocities - should send chills down the spine of every thoughtful person. The question is, how much is the United States willing to spend in blood and money to bring it to an end?

Just as LBJ was amazed at Ho Chi Minh's willpower in the face of America's lethal force, Clinton has underestimated Milosevic's sanguinary drive in Kosovo.

The White House acted on the assumption that Milosevic would yield, if not under the threat of bombing, then surely in the first wave of bombs. That has not occurred.

Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, is arguing that ground troops will have to be deployed. Others in Congress have said air power alone will not achieve the desired results. Still others maintain that if further escalation is to occur, the War Powers Act should be invoked.

Clinton the Vietnam peacenik is gradually being transmuted into an LBJ-style hawk.

Moreover, if Clinton's defining strategy is appropriate, then he may be responsible for a revisionist review of Vietnam.

The war once considered inconceivable may some day be seen as a war that was badly managed but certainly justified. History may not repeat itself exactly, but repeat itself in kind.

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Parents must be responsible for Johnny's education

BRANDON DUTCHER

The duties of parents to their children consist in maintaining and educating them during the season of infancy and youth.

First edition of his American dictionary, was one of the most important duties of parents and guardians.

This doesn't mean every parent must become a home-schooler, any more than every parent must become a farmer, a grocer or a restaurateur. It simply means that, whether Johnny goes to a public, private or home school, his parents are duty-bound to superintend his education. "Those who nurture (the child) and direct his destiny," the Supreme Court declared in 1925, "have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations."

Nature declares in no uncertain terms that children belong to parents. (It wasn't Johnny's schoolteacher who conceived and bore him.) "The duties of parents to their children as being their natural guardians," legal scholar James Kent wrote in 1803, "consist in maintaining and educating them during the season of infancy and youth, and in making reasonable provision for their future usefulness and happiness in life."

Zachariah Montgomery, an assistant attorney general in the 1880s, said "historically, every standard writer on the subject of either laws or morals proclaims with one voice that parents are bound by the natural law to feed, clothe and educate their children."

School teachers don't have any original authority over Johnny; they simply act in loco parentis (in place of parents), exercising the limited authority parents have delegated to them. If Johnny is barely literate in the ninth grade, the school system certainly has a lot of explaining to do. But where on God's earth have Johnny's parents been for the last nine years?

The debilitating effects of the paternal state are by now well known: government usurps another of the family's responsibilities, causing citizens to become increasingly irresponsible. We see it in the third-generation welfare moon or in the retiree living from check to check on Social Security. But often we're slow to recognize our own abdication of responsibility where education is concerned.

Yes, the schools are gobbling up our hard-earned money and often giving us a meager return on investment. But this doesn't relieve parents of their duty. If a nighttime intruder were to burst in to Johnny's room, no responsible parent would simply wait for the police to arrive on the theory that "it's the policeman's responsibility - after all, I pay my taxes." Parents are responsible.

It's not enough to bring cookies on Friday, vote for school bond issues and make sure Johnny does his homework instead of watching television. Parents must have a clear idea what kind of education they want Johnny to receive, and then oversee and direct that education. If their delegates fail to reach satisfactory, or if they teach things that contravene parental intent, parents must find another teacher or another school.

Sound like a hassle? Perhaps. But what could be more important?

"An immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties," Webster reminds us. The buck stops with parents.

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Miraculous mechanics at work

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... And God looked upon everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good."

Genesis 1:27, 34

An old man has certain things in common with an old dog: both have body parts begin to wear out and need fixing.

But the profound, too-little-appreciated difference between the old chunker and the old geezer is the human body's capacity to heal itself, to regenerate itself. Rebuild. Regrow.

This recurring physical phenomenon has been my preoccupation during the past three weeks of professionally guided rehabilitation at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston since a complex multi-step surgical procedure on March 12 that took 13 hours and doubtless saved my life.

"When I came to afterward, I learned that the most serious problem I had was made than I'd expected. The entire right jaw had been taken. So had an adjacent section of the neck and eight teeth."

From my left lower leg, a skilled surgeon had taken a six-inch segment of bone to carve a new jaw for me.

As the bone was moved from my left thigh was transplanted to the tongue, inner mouth and external chin and cheek. This caused my old pal and longtime press friend, Mike Overton, to observe that after 40 years of trying to keep my foot out of my mouth, I now seemed to have my whole leg in it.

This entire symphony of modern medical miracles was the work of a team of specialists led by Dr. Helmut Goepfert, chairman of the Department of Head and Neck Surgery of M.D. Anderson. Seven years ago, Goepfert successfully removed an earlier cancer at the base of my tongue.

Medical discoveries ahead at a dizzying pace in the past generation - even in the brief years since my 1991 operation. Doctors are constantly learning more about the body's amazing ability to renew itself, and how to help it do that.

My father lost a jaw to cancer more than 30 years ago. There was no thought then of replacing it with bone from somewhere else in the body. Dad, a proud man, spent his last days with a facial disfigurement that was the mark, then, of many cancer victims.

Dr. Michael Miller, the surgeon who is in charge of my leg bone in my jaw, tells me this is now a fairly well-rehearsed procedure. Three weeks after the operation, my new jaw seems to be working well.

The astounding thing to me is the manner in which the leg becomes whole. Faced with a 6-to-8-inch gap in the fibula, a bone that runs down the length of the muscles that formerly entwined that bone begin to reach out for one another, up and down along the power-grip corridor, until they connect, rejoin and have a thick, protective cord that can become almost as strong as the original bone.

Sometimes ordinary things can be miraculous.

Good blood circulation is vital to this whole self-healing process. Connecting a healthy piece of skin from the left side of my face to previously irradiated tissue that covered the area of my new right jaw, Miller and his reconstructive surgeons were anxious to know that the blood would flow freely, and not clot, once the delicate vein network was hooked up.

So they installed in my facial skin at the spot of the crucial connection a very electronic monitor. This sent signals to a Doppler machine in a room next to my bed by turning the knob over so gently at any moment for the next several days, observers could tune in and listen to my blood whoosh through that particular area.

Maybe my godliest personal revelation came upon my discovery of my left thigh, bare of its epidermal layer and looking like a segment of ruby red grapefruit.

What seemed a transparent tent of wrinkled skin encased the upper leg like the lid of an aging pachyderm.

"How could I be so dumb that much?" I gaped in horror.

It wasn't human skin that sagged down around my leg. It was, I was told, but a miracle protective plastic sheath developed by modern science and made to resemble the human skin in two magnificent particulars: It will admit healing oxygen, but it won't admit bacteria.

"Good as new" would be a misleading summation of my condition. Medical science can do only so much. At 76, I heal more slowly. Some functions return only grudgingly.

The good news is that cancer can be conquerable. Useful life is prolongable. And there really are miracles.

And so for every day of health we're given, for family's love and hope of heaven, for every friend who prays for you, for each day there is to do - thanks be to God: Rejoice!

Jim Wright of Fort Worth is a former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Who's responsible if Johnny's public school leaves him educationally impaired? The school system must accept its share of the blame, to be sure. But the primary responsibility rests elsewhere - with Johnny's parents.

Don't misunderstand: It's a given the public school system could stand improvement. Abysmal test scores, dumb-edition textbooks, grade inflation, public and private remediation, Jay Leno's man-on-the-street interviews - they all paint a distressing picture of a nation still at risk.

In fact, one need look no further than our current school-produced literacy crisis. The federal government acknowledges that 21 percent to 23 percent of the adult population is at the lowest level of literacy (Level 1) - essentially illiterate. Despite several years of compulsory, maximum school attendance, these skills are unable to locate an intersection on a street map or find two pieces of information in a spurs article.

Even more startling, fully 46 percent of 50 percent of the adult population find themselves either at Level 1 or the barely literate Level 2, where "their repertoire will just quite limited," as the government gingerly puts it.

In short, the performance crisis is real, and the schools must accept their share of the blame.

But many of public education's critics seem to blame only parents who are ultimately responsible for the education of their children.

If Johnny becomes malnourished, who's the blame? The school cafeteria? The local grocery store? Burger King? Of course not. They're not responsible for feeding the child - his parents are.

Likewise, parents are responsible for Johnny's education. "To educate children well," Noah Webster wrote in the

WHEN NATO TROOPS HIT THE GROUND.



LETTERS

Pay for the dead cougar

Several weeks ago, there were two animals closely related but in different segments of your paper.

The first was "Freedom" shut. It just bought the Perrine Bridge). The unfortunate cat forced out of its habitat by man's Malthusian proliferation.

In a letter to the editor, a woman complained she could not find a home "where" to rent because she had five children in storage.

It was sure she emphasizes with the cougar and will join me in a prayer for the safe passage of its soul.

CATELEINE J. STAPP

Do something about gas prices

It's time we did something about the price of gasoline, especially since the prices have jumped so drastically in the last few weeks.

We are all sick and tired of high prices when there are literally millions of gallons in storage.

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"they" would get the idea that we are not going to stand for this price gouging any longer. The so-called oil cartel has decided to slow production by some 2 million barrels per day to drive up the price.

What would happen if we did not buy gas for one day? Let's have a gas out!

Buy on Thursday before or Satur-

day after. Do not buy gasoline on Friday, April 30. Wanna help? Tell everyone you know. Ask them to do the same. All we need is a few million to participate in order to make a difference.

I received a letter on the Internet, so the word is going around.

BOBBIE DUKE

Hagerman

NATION/WORLD

Bandleader's WWII log to be sold

LONDON (AP) — A military logbook that sheds light on the mysterious disappearance of American bandleader Glenn Miller during World War II will be up for auction next week, offering a chance to own a clue to one of aviation's most captivating puzzles.

Miller, who created the 1940s big band sound, was en route to France to organize concerts for Allied troops when his plane disappeared over the English Channel on a foggy December day in 1944.

No trace has ever been found of the single-engine aircraft or its passengers.

Bad weather was the chief suspect until the flight log was produced, which suggests a more haunting — and now largely accepted — theory: Miller's plane may have been blasted out of the sky by bullets jetted by a Royal Air Force squadron emerging from an aborted raid on Germany.

"There are many theories ... and we'll never know for sure what happened. But this is certainly an intriguing possibility," said Stephen Maycock, an aeronautical specialist at Sotheby's, which is auctioning the logbook Tuesday.

The book, which belonged to the late Royal Air Force pilot Fred Shaw, will be sold along with a letter from Britain's Ministry of Defense bolstering the theory and a bundle of newspaper clippings and other materials.

The items are expected to fetch \$360 to \$1,300.

Husband dies; wife's death made to look accidental

ATLANTA (AP) — An abusive husband killed his common-law wife by setting her on fire, then tried to convince her he apparently yanked out a natural gas line in hopes of making the blaze look accidental.

Fred said William Reese, 45, doused Rosemary Flournoy, 41, with gasoline and set her on fire early Thursday.

As the flames engulfed Ms. Flournoy, Fred apparently yanked a gas line knob, causing an explosion that killed him and blew out a chunk of wall in their four-story apartment building.

"I heard Rosie yelling. Help me! I can't get out, I can't get out," said Rebecca Murphy, a friend who said she heard the sound of breaking glass.

"As we were heading out the door, I heard a big boom."

A badly burned Ms. Flournoy died in a hospital.

Ms. Murphy, who had been friends with Reese and Ms. Flournoy for nearly 20 years, said she had been "afraid something bad was going to happen." The couple had had a 15-year relationship.

Reese had arrests for murder, robbery, burglary, battery and theft. Most of the charges, including a 1983 murder charge, were dismissed. The stiffest penalty he got was probation and a \$350 fine for a 1981 larceny.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Russian parliament delays impeachment

MOSCOW — Parliament put off Friday a final decision on when to open an impeachment debate against President Boris Yeltsin, the most serious effort yet to oust the Russian leader.

Dominated by hard-liners bent on Yeltsin's ouster, Parliament decided it needed more time to consider the issue and will vote next week on whether to delay the debate, tentatively set to begin April 15.

Gennady Seleznyov, the speaker of parliament's lower house, told lawmakers that Yeltsin himself suggested a delay. But presidential spokesman Dmitry Yakovlev said Yeltsin does not want the vote postponed.

The impeachment motion is considered a long shot, but Yeltsin's frequent illnesses and Russia's economic crisis have weakened his power and made his ouster more likely than it once was.

The motion must win a two-thirds majority in both houses of parliament and approval by Russia's highest courts. The upper house, the Federation Council, has been more supportive of Yeltsin in the past than the lower house.

A Duma panel has charged Yeltsin with instigating the 1993 Soviet collapse, improperly using force against hard-line lawmakers in 1993, launching a botched war in Chechnya, bringing the nation's military to ruin and waging genocide against the Russian people by pursuing economic policies that impoverished the country.



Boris Yeltsin

Security guards assassinate Niger's leader

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — Niger President Ibrahim Bare Maïnassara was assassinated Friday by members of his personal security guard, foreign diplomats said.

Word of the killing came as troops and tanks reportedly swarmed the streets of the West African nation's capital, Niamey.

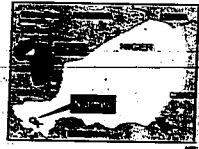
U.S. officials said Prime Minister Ibrahim Assane Mayaki had gone on television to announce the National Assembly had been dissolved and all political activity suspended. The officials spoke in Washington on condition of anonymity.

In his television address, Mayaki said Maïnassara had been killed in a "tragic accident." The officials insisted the president had been killed by members of his presidential guard.

By late morning, telephone communications had been cut in the desperately poor country of 9.6 million people at the edge of the Sahara Desert. Radio stations — both private and state-run — went off the air.

The killing came amid speculation calls for Maïnassara's resignation after the Supreme Court annulled the results of regional elections held earlier this week and ordered a new round of voting.

Maïnassara seized power in a January 1986 military coup, ousting the country's first democratically elected government. He placed then-President Mahamane Ousmane under house arrest but released him three months later.



Niger

Lockerbie bombing arrests are complete

CAIRO, Egypt — A Saudi mediator who helped negotiate the handover of the Lockerbie bombing suspects says the United States and Britain agreed not to seek any further arrests in the case.

If true, the concession would limit the scope of the trial and make it difficult to implicate the Libyan leadership in the 1988 Pan Am blast.

The United States and Britain agreed that no other Libyans would be tried or arrested "even if there were continuing concerns" against them, said Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, in remarks published Friday.

Britain's Concorde marks 30th anniversary

LONDON — Concorde, the sleek passenger aircraft that flies at twice the speed of sound, marked the 30th anniversary of its British debut Friday by returning to its original airport west of London.

Some 100 enthusiasts packed the one-hour superersonic return trip from London's Heathrow airport to Filton, a 140-mile, 400-mile trip miles west — going via Scotland, 400 miles north.

Air France and British Airways have 13 Concordes, and there are no plans to develop a replacement, partly because of the huge cost.

Concorde is also super-costly — nearly \$9,500 for a London-New York roundtrip.

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Air Force's Titan rocket lifts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An Air Force rocket thundered into space with a mobile communications satellite Friday in the first Titan IV flight since a spectacular \$1.1-billion launch explosion last August.

The Titan IV-B, the nation's largest unmaned rocket — hoisted a Pentagon satellite capable of detecting missile launches as well as nuclear tests.

Everything seemed to go well during the early stages of the flight. Liftoff, though, was 1 1/2 hours late as workers fumbled in their work at the pad, then launch controllers had to wait for a Russian satellite and a piece of U.S. space junk to pass overhead.

The last time a Titan IV took off, carrying a spy satellite, the flight lasted just 41 seconds before the rocket blew up.

Ninety percent of the wreckage was pulled from the Atlantic and helped investigators pinpoint the cause of the early failure. It also helped them make design changes. The investigation cost more than \$45 million.

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“This is a circus. It's like going to the California State Fair to find out what kind of beef you're going to buy.”

—St. Louis Rams assistant coach Wilbert Montgomery on Ricky Williams' Wednesday pre-draft workout.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball**
 CSI at Salt Lake CC (tentative)
- College rodeo**
 CSI at Southern Utah University in Cedar City
- High school baseball**
 Bishop Kelly at Burley (2), 11 a.m.
 Highland at Jerome (2), 11 a.m.
 Caldwell at Twin Falls (2), noon
 Minnie vs. Vallivue at Simpson Stadium (Pocahontas), 4 p.m.
- High school rodeo**
 5th and 6th district at CSL, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- High school softball**
 Twin Falls at Nampa, Noon
 American Falls at Jerome (2), 1 p.m.
- High school track**
 Minnie Meet of Champions at BSL, 11:30 a.m.
- Golf**
 Cove 21 Man Best-Ball at Twin Falls Municipal GC

The Shark joins in Masters feeding frenzy

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Greg Norman, whose 1986 Ryder Cup spectacular finish the last time he led at Augusta National, shot a 4-under 68 Friday to move into second place in the second round of the Masters.

Norman was a stroke behind 1994 winner Jack Nicklaus, who was 6-under for the tournament with five holes to play in his second round.

After opening with his only bogey of the day on the backhole, Norman played flawless golf, making five birdies to get to 5-under after two rounds.

Lee Janzen finished the third for a 62 to tie Norman at 68, while Scott McClellan was at 69.

“I’m glad I’m here,” Norman said. “I’m glad I’m playing well. I’m going to keep back into the groove of this.”

A host of big names were just behind. Former PGA champion Ben Cramer was a stroke under on the back nine, while Nick Price finished at 3-under.

David Duval was at 2 under after he took a triple bogey on the 15th. He finished a stroke under at 18 and was 1-over midway through the tournament.

Tiger Woods was even par through eight holes.

Norman's opening 71 on Thursday was his first round since par in the Masters since shot a 78 and a six-hole lead to Nick Faldo in the 1996 event. He missed the cut the last two years.

“Not much was expected of him this year, either. He was coming off shoulder surgery and had just had a bad week at the week's best,” Norman said. “I was a little nervous when he came down with seventh sin.”

On a windy and cool day, the shot a 34 on the front nine, then added birdies at Nos. 12 and 13 before paring in for a 70.

After knocking a punch shot into the hole on the 13th, he finished 4, Norman got a standing ovation for the gallery in the clubhouse as he walked toward the tee on No. 14.

“That was a special shot.”



Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke follows his shot Friday on the 13th green at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. during second round play in this year's Masters major tournament.

Norman said. “The gallery was phenomenal.”

Twelve players remained in the groove, making a first round that was suspended by storms, that our shirt because of darkness.

Price capped in for par to complete his first round in a tie with Faldo. McClellan and Masters newcomer Brandel Chamblee.

Duval also completed his first round with a par to finish with a 71.

He said Price then headed toward the clubhouse, their second round one time a little more than an hour away.

Conditions that have changed almost hourly since play began Thursday were markedly different today, with brisk winds blowing down the 18th fairway as Price, Duval and 10 others who failed to finish a day earlier began play again.

If anyone needed reminding of the dangers of Augusta National's hard, fast greens and tricky pin placements, all they needed to do was look at Duval, the world's hottest golfer, losing his share of the lead Thursday with four consecutive back bogeys on the back nine.

As his game came apart —

though ever so briefly — the wrap-up shades that are Duval's trademark came off his head as menacing clouds rolled in to force a storm delay.

By the time Duval walked off the 17th green Thursday, he had regained some composure but others had the lead.

Meanwhile, the steady course with some new makeup showed it was indeed capable of still holding its own.

On a course like this you run into some bad stuff,” Duval said. “You try to outweigh it with the good stuff.”



Spain's Jose Maria Olazabel tips his cap to the gallery Friday during second round action of the Masters in Augusta, Ga. Olazabel leads the event by one stroke.

Masters no longer a putting contest

“Halfway through the Masters, Nick Price believes the most notable effect of all the changes may be that the green jacket won't necessarily be won in a putting contest.”

“The guys who were the best chippers and the best putters from 30 feet and in always to seemed to have a distinct advantage on this golf course,” Price said.

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Jazz tune in youth movement

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone hit the game-winning shot on a pass from John Stockton, but Rudy Tomjanovich, coach of the Utah Jazz, said last week after his team's 88-67 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers that he didn't have the Jazz all but themselves.

“It's their young guys that are doing for them this year,” Tomjanovich, the Jazz coach, said last week after his team's 88-67 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

“Everybody talks about them being an old team, but they've got a group of quality young guys who are as good as anybody else.”

It's a theory that is being repeated throughout the league as Utah goes after its third straight Western Conference title. The Jazz, long known as the NBA's graybeards, are gradually experiencing a youth movement.

“It's not taking some responsibility for keeping the Jazz alive.”

“We've had a lot of young guys give us some quality minutes,” Tomjanovich said. “I'm not saying we're a young team, but we're a team that's got some quality minutes.”

Utah's veteran presence and structured hierarchy has allowed the team's young players to develop on the job.

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Utah Jazz forward Byron Russell, foreground, waits beside the key while teammate Sherman Antunovic (40), was called for a foul Thursday in Salt Lake City. The two players make up the youth movement on the aging team.

“That added experience is something few teams can match — and the Jazz hope it will carry them to another June.”

“This is a team where you can learn a lot,” Easley said. “Everybody has something to teach you.”

Encouraging the weekend's games, Russell was averaging 22.5 points per game, Anderson 22.5 and Easley 20.0 — all career-highs. Russell and Anderson have become starters, while Anderson and Easley are the Jazz's top two reserves and have frequently been in game-effective lineups.

“I'm glad to see that,” said Tomjanovich.

The Golden State Warriors caught a bullet from Utah's young guns in their 92-85 loss at the Delta Center on Thursday.

Russell scored 15 points and hit all three of his 3-point attempts, while Anderson had 12 off the bench.

He and Easley compensated for poor shooting from Stockton and Horncastle by playing together for long stretches, and they led Utah's double-digit comeback in the third quarter.

Ostertag also helped with four blocked shots, six rebounds and a strong defensive game.

“They've got a good group (of young players), and they benefit from the veteran leadership on this club,” Golden State coach P.J. Carlesimo said. “They could stay good for a while with these guys.”

After spending most of the

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Seems like old times: Yogi returns to Yankee Stadium

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wandering through the halls that twist and turn to the clubhouse of Yankee Stadium, Yogi Berra could have used a road map.

“I had to find my way back,” Berra said after ending a 14-year exile and returning to throw out the first pitch on opening day Friday. “I got lost. I've got to get my bearings. It's a lot different. They fixed it up so much.”

Berra took over the first-pitch role that Joe DiMaggio held for so long. The team remembered DiMaggio, who died March 8 at 84, with signs around the ballpark that quoted the Hall of Famer as saying, “I want to thank the good Lord for making me a Yankee.”



Hall of Famer Yogi Berra throws out the first pitch Friday at the Yankee home opener against Detroit.

Before the national anthem, fans were asked to remember the Yankee Clipper with a moment of silence.

Then, Berra walked slowly out of the Yankee dugout, favoring a gimpy right knee, as a sellout Stadium crowd roared.

After Bob Sheppard introduced him as “a great leader and a man of conviction,” Berra tossed the ceremonial pitch from in front of the mound to catcher Joe Girardi.

“The Yankees defeated Detroit 12-3 in a game ended in the seventh inning because of rain.

Berra, who played for 10 World Series championship teams with the Yankees, vowed he would never return to the Stadium after owner George Steinbrenner fired him as manager after just 16 games in 1985.

He resisted repeated overtures to return for games, even when former teammates attempted to intercede.

“I’ve been asking him to come back for years,” said old batterymate Whitey Ford, who joined Phil Rizzuto to raise the 1968 World Series championship banner.

“I told him, ‘I don't care what you think of Steinbrenner, the people miss you.’”

This winter, Steinbrenner apologized to Berra and the feud was settled.

Berra arrived at the Stadium early Friday as bench coach for manager Don Zimmer, a friend who coached with Berra during one of Billy Martin's terms as Yankees manager.

“Yogi and I became really close the last three years,” said Zimmer, who returned to the team in 1996 as bench coach for Joe Torre. “Yogi would call me four or five times each summer, saying, ‘How ya doin’, kid? How ya doin’, kid?’ We became very close.”

In the moments before the first pitch, Berra sat on the Yankees bench, flanked by his two pals, Zimmer on one side, Ford on the other.

The Yankees cap fit just like the old days.

IN BRIEF

Weather forces schedule changes

TWIN FALLS — Generally miserable conditions in Twin Falls and snowing as high as four feet in outlying areas of the Magic Valley on Friday forced some local sporting events to be postponed and others to be cancelled altogether.

The 5th and 6th District High School Rodeo originally slated for Friday and today did not begin as planned Friday. Today's event times remain 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., with Friday's competition rescheduled for Sunday at 5 p.m.

Twin Falls and Vallivue high schools did not play their scheduled baseball game here Friday. Minnie's game was also cancelled. Twin Falls will play Caldwell twice beginning at noon at home today, while the Spartans will travel to Pocatello to play Vallivue at 7 p.m. in Simpson Stadium.

The Southern Idaho baseball team was unable to play at Salt Lake CC Friday but will attempt to play a doubleheader there today.

Today is last day to sign up for Wendell leagues

WENDELL — Today is the final day to sign up for the Wendell Recreation District's summer baseball and softball programs at Wendell High School.

Registration will be at the high school gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No late registrations will be allowed.

Co-ed volleyball tourney is next weekend

SHOSHONE — There will be an adult recreational co-ed volleyball tournament next Saturday, April 17, at the old Shoshone High School.

Cost for participating teams is \$65, which covers entry, food, snacks and prizes. The event is co-sponsored by the Shoshone chess leaders and the Shoshone BLM Stock and Horse Committee. For more information, contact Tara Hagen at 886-7205.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SPORTS

Masters

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said. "Now they've brought the ball strikers back into it."
The biggest course changes made in the history of the Masters have been well received by most players.

Mostly, the changes have made for some new and different shots from the tees and fairways - and especially the rough, which takes off the spin needed to control shots into the hard and undulating greens.

"The course is more demanding now than it was before," said leader Jose Maria Olazabal, who won here in 1994. "The second cut (of rough) doesn't allow you to control the ball."

Prize was even par for the day and still in the hunt for the Masters title at 3-under for the

Jazz

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regular season coming off the bench, Russell has started every game this year. Only Malone plays more than Russell's 34.1 minutes per game, and with Horrocks's scoring down, Russell has emerged as Utah's No. 2 offensive threat.

over-the-hump, 34-10 Russell, the oldest of the group at 28. "We've been to the finals the last two years, so we know what it feels like to have a lot of team success."
This year, I think we just want it even more.

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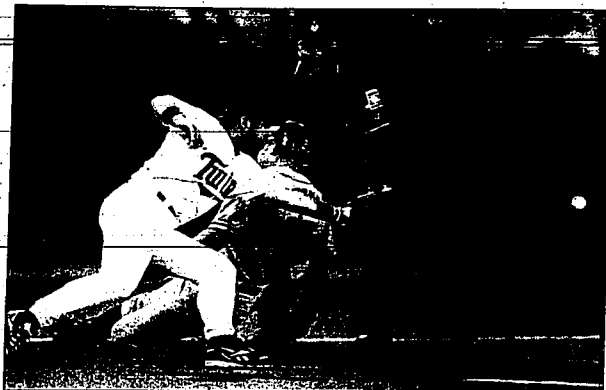
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Minnesota Twins third baseman Ron Cramer reaches for the incoming throw Friday in Minnesota as Cleveland Indians baserunner Jim Thome slides safely into third for a triple under the watchful eyes of umpire Larry Young.

Berra, slew of long balls highlight Yankees' home opener, Angels win

NEW YORK (AP) — Chili Davis went 4-for-4 with a grand slam, and Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius also homered as the New York Yankees pounded Detroit 12-3 Friday in their home opener.

On a soggy, cold afternoon, David Cone (1-0) took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and Jason Grimsley finished up the combined three-hitter, making Don Zimmer a winner in his first home game as the Yankees' interim manager.

The game finally was halted with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, and umpires called it after a 66-minute delay.

Martinez led off the second with a homer and Brosius hit a two-run shot in the inning. Belker Grateron, making his major league debut, walked his first two batters in the third, and one out later intentionally walked Bernie Williams to pitch to Davis, who hit his eighth career slam for a 7-0 lead.



Angels 8, Rangers 4

ARLINGTON, Texas — Chuck Finley ended his four-year jinx against Texas with six decent innings and Tim Salmon continued to terrorize the Rangers in the Anaheim Angels 8-4 victory Friday night.

Finley (1-0) allowed four runs on nine hits to end a personal 0-9 skid against Texas. He struck out five and walked one while beating the Rangers for the first time since June 29, 1995.

The Angels put the game away in the seventh as Andy Sheets ended Esteban Loaiza's stretch of eight straight outs with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on a double by Randy Velarde. Salmon homered two batters later.

Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mark Ptorek allowed three hits in 6.1-3 shutout innings Friday night as Boston remained perfect in 1999 and ruined the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' home opener with a victory.

Portugal (1-0), signed as a free agent after going 10-5 for the Philadelphia Phillies last season, struck out three and walked two in injury the last two games to Nomar Garciaparra.

Royals 10, White Sox 5

CHICAGO — Kansas City's Scott Liles homered for the first time in nearly three years, right after Chicago's Mike Sirotka tied an AL pitching record by making three errors in the same inning.

After Joe Randa singled in the fifth, Sirotka bobbed Johnny Damon's comebacker and threw past first base, committing two errors on the same play. Jeff King then hit a sacrifice fly to tie the Royals. Instead, they never relinquish, 5-3.

Sirotka (0-1), who gave up nine hits and nine runs in five innings, tied the AL record for pitchers being pitched to, with three errors in one inning while with New York on July 27, 1988.

National League

Reds 3, Cardinals 0

ST. LOUIS — Pete Harnisch never dreamed he could go the distance.

Harnisch was bumped from opening starter to No. 4 due to back spasms late in spring training and the extra three days rest did him a lot of good. He pitched a six-hitter and struck out eight in the first complete game in the major leagues

this season, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Friday night.

"I wouldn't have imagined it," said Harnisch, who threw 115 pitches, 77 for

Sean Casey and Greg Vaughn hit consecutive seventh-inning home runs to break up a scoreless game, and Pauley Swann also homered as Cincinnati won for the first time after an 0-3 start, the team's worst since losing six straight to start 1995.

Mets 10, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Mike Piazza hit a three-run homer and went 3-for-4 with five RBIs — his most since joining the Mets — and Ruben Ventura hit his first ML home run to lead the New York team over the Montreal Expos.

Piazza and Ventura hit back-to-back homers in the first inning to stake Montreal 3-0 (1-0) to a four-run lead before the three a pinch.

Braves 3, D'backs 2

ATLANTA — Andrew Jones, who had struck out three times but a game-winning single in the 10th inning Friday night as the Arizona Braves called to beat the weekless Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2.

Arizona, swept by Los Angeles in a season-opening three-game series, led 2-0 in the sixth but Greg Olson couldn't hold it.

Astros 3, Brewers 2

HOUSTON — The weeklonging Houston Astros are finding unusual ways to score. Tim Lincecum's two-out RBI single in the eighth inning gave Houston a 3-2 victory against the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday night.

Marlins 7, Phillies 4

MIAMI — Brian Mearns was pitched to for six innings and Ted Dunwoody drove in three runs to help Florida beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 Friday night.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1

PITTSBURGH — Kris Benson limited the Cubs to two runs and a run over six innings in his major league debut. And Jeff Sewell made Warren Morris — Benson's roommate on the U.S. Olympic team — hit his first home run Friday night in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 2-1 victory over Chicago.

"For the pitcher at the end of the day he homered — well, that's special for both of us," Benson said.

Pistons upend Pacers 102-101; Utah fights off Suns' upset bid

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Grant Hill scored 20 points and Lindsey Hunter hit a 3-point basket at the buzzer to give the Detroit Pistons a ground-grinding 102-101 victory over the division-leading Indiana Pacers on Friday.

The Pacers led 100-96 after two free throws by Julian Rose with 30 seconds to go. After a 3-point shot by Dirk Nowitzki brought the Pistons within one, Rik Smits made use of two free throws for Detroit with five seconds left.

Benson then raced downcourt and Hunter launched the game-winner from the left side. Smits, who had a season-high 35 points, made his first 14 free throws before the late miss.



Indiana Pacers forward Antonio Davis, left, blocks a shot by Detroit Pistons forward Grant Hill, right, in the first half of their game Friday in Indianapolis. Pacers Al Harrington and Sam Perkins await the outcome.

Jazz 93, Suns 92

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 31 points, including three free throws with six seconds left, to give the Utah Jazz a 93-92 win over the Phoenix Suns on Friday night.

Chris Murray, who left the Jazz during the offseason, hit a 3-point shot with 27 seconds remaining to give Phoenix a 92-90 lead. Steve Nash then inbounded the ball to Malone, who attempted an awkward 3-point shot and was fouled hard by Clifford Robinson.

Malone's first foul shot bounced around the rim before going in, but the last two dropped straight through. A desperation 3-point shot by Jason Kidd, who had 13 points and 11 assists, was off to the right.

Malone was fouled from the floor, 5-16 (11) from the line and grabbed 11 rebounds as the Jazz won their fifth straight and beat the Suns in the fifth consecutive game.

Mets 106, Raptors 99

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kevin Van Horn scored 30 points and Lance Stephenson added a season-high 17 as the New York Nets trounced the Toronto Raptors their third straight loss, 106-99 on Friday night.

Stephenson's Micbury added 20 points for the Nets, who built an 80-point third-quarter lead and extended their Toronto rally squashed by Tracy McGrady and Dale Brown.

The Raptors, who lost for only the sixth time in their last 17 games, pulled within three points in the final minutes on two late free throws on different occasions down the stretch.

But each time the Raptors got within striking distance, Harris, who has battled injuries all season, answered.

76ers 83, Celtics 67

BOSTON — The Celtics scored their fewest points in 44 years Friday night in an 83-67 loss to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Allen Iverson scored 23 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to their third straight win.

Boston shot 31 percent from the field and turned the ball over 20 times. The Celtics scored only 14 points in the fourth quarter and finished with their lowest point total since scoring 62 against Milwaukee on Feb. 27, 1995.

Knicks 88, Hawks 78

ATLANTA — In danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in 12 years, the New York Knicks got a badly-needed victory Friday night.

Latrell Sprewell scored 18 points and Patrick Ewing had 16 as the Knicks snapped a three-game losing streak with an 88-78 win.

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Magic 95, Bucks 83

ORLANDO, Fla. — Penny Hardaway had 26 points and nine rebounds, and Darrell Armstrong added 18 points and seven assists for the Magic, who won their sixth straight contest, beating the Milwaukee Bucks 95-83 on Friday night.

Ray Allen led Milwaukee with 21 points and Glenn Robinson added 15.

Hornets 90, Wizards 88

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Elden Campbell, the Charlotte Hornets' 7-foot center, scored a season-high 32 points to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 90-88 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Campbell was 12-of-21 while drawing single coverage from the Wizards' center tandem of 6-foot-10 Terry Davis and 7-foot-1 back-up John Coker.

The loss was the fifth straight for Washington and the third straight for interim coach Jim Brown, who took over after Bernie Bickersland was fired.

Cavs' Kemp is a different player

By Chris Tombrone
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CLEVELAND — There is a photo on the cover of the 1996-97 NBA Yearbook of Kemp holding the ball high above the rim, ready to slam down a slam dunk.

The photo is only three years old but it really has changed since it was taken. Kemp has changed teams three times: Seattle to the Cavaliers. He's since been 36 from his jersey number — No. 41 to No. 4 and added size. Kemp has no longer gets up his legs like the deft linch pin photo.

But that doesn't mean Kemp is not the player he once was. He's just a different player.

The Kemp who spent his first eight seasons in Seattle was a number one pick and a dunker. The Kemp who can dunk with the Cavs got the best

two seasons in low-post force.

"When he first came into the league, like a lot of young players, he was a great runner and rebounder," said Milwaukee coach George Karl, who coached Kemp during his final six seasons in Seattle. "He's had to learn the low post game, and he has. And he's incorporated a pretty good 18-footer into his game."

"He's matured from Level A to Level D," said Orlando forward Horace Grant. "He's not just relying on his athletic ability like he used to. He doesn't get in foul trouble as much. He's worked on his shot. He has a better sense of knowing when to pass the ball out of the double team. He's really adjusted his game to Fratello's system."

Of course, this doesn't necessarily

mean Kemp has liked all of the adjustments.

"I prefer to get out and run," Kemp said. "The Eastern Conference definitely has more halfcourt sets. There's limited flamboyance, no doubt. I think the guys in the West express themselves a little more. They probably have more fun, I'd say."

"I've had to play more inside this year because Z has been hurt. But that's something that I've had to adjust to. My career has been one of adjustments. I started out as a West Coast runner and now I've been able to prove that I have a strong post game and can handle all the double and triple teams."

The new Kemp has played lately he is worthy of a return engagement on the cover of the NBA Register.

Hardball's storyteller now the story

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty-one years in baseball has made Don Zimmer one of the game's great storytellers. One month as New York Yankees interim manager has made him the story.

"I don't think you guys said nine words to me in three years being a bench coach and I loved every minute of it," Zimmer said Friday before the Yankees beat the Detroit Tigers 12-3 in their home opener. "This is something I just hope I don't screw up. I can't wait for Joe to get back."

Until Joe Torre returns from prostate cancer surgery, Zimmer is first priority with keeping the best team in baseball on track, not being the Yankees' Yoda, imparting wisdom and tales.

And he has an ample supply of

both. That's to be expected from a man who played briefly for the team that lost the most games in baseball history — the 1962 New York Mets — and was bench coach for last year's Yankees team that won the most games ever.

But while Torre is gone, don't expect Zimmer to try to imitate his friend.

"I did that the first two weeks and that was the end of that," said Zimmer, whose record is now 3-1. "I have to be myself."

David Cone, who started Friday's home opener, has seen the field.

"I think he is more comfortable," Cone said. "The only way you can do that is to win some games."

If not for Torre, who asked Zimmer to join him in New York

before the 1996 season, Zimmer would be back in Florida with his wife Jean, spending his time at the moment and the race track.

Instead he is running the World Series champions, talking baseball and enjoying every minute of it.

"Anybody who doesn't feel a special feeling on opening day, especially if you are in a uniform, something is wrong," said Zimmer, who last summer at Yankee Stadium on July 22, 1982, less than one week before he was fired by Torre.

Zimmer, in fact, was supposed to manage the Yankees at Yankee Stadium that year, but a snow storm wiped out the entire event. He was here for the opener the year before, when his Rangers lost to the Yankees 31-3.

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SPORTS

Russian drops Schnyder, Agassi wins

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) - For 40 embarrassing minutes, Patty Schnyder lolled around, saying as if she didn't want to be there. As soon as the match was over, she admitted that was precisely the case.

She rolled over in the quarterfinals of the Bausch & Lomb Championships, more or less handing No. 9 Anna Kournikova a 6-0, 6-2 victory Friday.

Schnyder, the No. 6 seed from Switzerland, said the weak effort stemmed from a feud between her and Kournikova, believed to date to Kournikova's 6-1, 6-3 victory over her in Amelia Island last year. After that match, Schnyder accused Kournikova of stalling tactics that made her "so upset, I couldn't think of anything, my game or my tactics."

After the latest match, the feud was still brewing in Schnyder's mind.

"I hate playing her and I don't play if I'm on the court against her," Schnyder, 20, said. "It's her person and everything around her. It's not her game."

Pro tennis

6-3 winner over top-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, and Becker will meet Germany's Bernd Karbacher, the world's 117th-ranked player, who defeated No. 7 seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-4, 6-4.

Rios to meet Martin in Portugal

OSIRIAS, Portugal - No. 3 seed Marcelo Rios beat No. 5 Gustavo Kuerten 6-4, 6-3 Friday and will meet Todd Martin in the semifinals of the Estoril Open.

Rios targeted Kuerten's weaker backhand, while the Brazilian, who displayed occasional flashes of brilliance but lacked consistency, sought to pin Rios on the backline. The two clay-court specialists broke each other's serve early in the first set before Rios, ranked 13th in the world, gained the advantage.

In the women's quarterfinals, the last remaining seeds were knocked out.

Agassi and Becker reach Salem Open semis

HONG KONG - Andre Agassi, who was a wild card entry, and Boris Becker, who is semi-retired, scored straight-set victories Friday in the quarterfinals of the Salem Open.

Agassi, the No. 3 seed, reached the semifinals with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Germany's Nicholas Pietrangeli. Becker beat Italy's Laurence Tielemans 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-3).

In today's semis, Agassi will face giant-killer Brad Pitt. Dreekmann of Germany, a 6-3, 3-



France's Mary Pierce rushes the net Friday to attempt a return on a volley from Spanish player Conchita Martinez during their quarterfinal match at the Bausch & Lomb Championships in Florida. Martinez won the match.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Delta Center honors Raft River alumna

SALT LAKE CITY - A former Raft River High School student was honored Friday at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City during halftime of the Utah Jazz and Phoenix Suns game.

Sheila Hutchinson, who now attends Union High School in Roosevelt, will be honored by *The Deaver News* as most valuable player in outstanding basketball player and first team all-state player.

Hutchinson led the Coconino in scoring (5.9 points), rebounds (7.9) and steals (4.3), and scored 25 points at the state tournament against Ben Lomond.

"Sheila set the tone for her teammates every time she took the floor," said Union coach Mike Roy. "She does a tremendous job defending."

Bruin signs on with Bengal basketball

POCAATELLO - Salt Lake Community College guard Tim Erickson and San Joaquin Delta (Calif.) junior college center Doug Silva have signed to play basketball at Idaho State University next fall.

The two recruits join Burke's Aaron Bradley, who signed during the early period last fall.

Erickson, a 6-3 sophomore from Salt Lake City, was a two-time all-State West Athletic Conference player. He averaged 17 points per game, shot 41 percent from beyond the 3-point line and 85 percent from the free-throw line, leading the SWAC in free-throw percentage and ranking sixth in scoring.

Idaho meets Colorado trio in track

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - The University of Idaho men's and women's track teams will take on the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado in a regionally televised meet this weekend.

The meet will be televised regularly by Fox Sports, the second of three televised meets for the Vandals this season.

Hammer throw nets Bengal weekly award

POCAATELLO - Idaho State University hammer thrower Michelle Simmons was named the conference's Field Athlete of the Week for her heave of 171.7 at the Boise State Triple Dual last Saturday.

The throw was the second-best in school history and the sixth-best in the history of the Big Sky Conference.

IHL catches pair of Steelhead goalies

BOISE - Two Idaho Steelhead goalkeepers have climbed the ranks to the International Hockey League, the team announced Friday.

Tyrell Zamboni has joined Kansas City and Nicolas Chabot has joined Utah. The two were the second-best without scoring this year again, however, as Kansas City is boosting Utah this weekend.

Beaubien played seven games for Utah in November and December. He set the Steelheads' single season goaltender records for goals (45), minutes (6,574), wins (2) and saves (1,246) in 1998-99, and set single season goaltender records for save percentage (89.1) and goals-against average (3.71) in 1997-98.

Idaho right wing Bryan Randall is currently on the Utah roster, while right wing Dennis Licozov is playing for the IHL's Long Beach, Calif. franchise.

ISU track competes in Missoula

MISSOULA, Mont. - Idaho State University's men's and women's outdoor track teams will compete in the fifth annual AI Manual Invitational in Missoula this weekend.

ISU will compete with the host Grizzlies, Eastern Washington, Montana State and Portland State.

Bengals blank EWU in tennis regionals

POCAATELLO - The Idaho State University men's tennis team blanked Eastern Washington 7-0 on the indoor courts at Reed Gym Thursday afternoon in the first match of the men's Big Sky Mountain Regionals.

No. 1 singles player George Kivrenitsky imposed to 10-1 this spring and 47-0 on 6-3 doubles partner Matt Galt.

The Bengals improve to 9-6 and played Montana State (1-246) in 1998-99, and set single season goaltender records for save percentage (89.1) and goals-against average (3.71) in 1997-98.

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Stampele's Jones gets Newcomer award

BOISE - The Continental Basketball Association named Idaho guard Damon Jones its 1999 Newcomer of the Year in honoring by the league's new head coaches.

Jones, a 6-3, 185-pound guard from Houston, enjoyed his first season with two CBA-to-NBA callups (Orlando Magic and New Jersey Nets) and was a National Conference All-Star.

Jones led the league in scoring average (21.7 points), 3-pointers (1.20), and 3-pointers attempted (3.36) and was third in assists (6.3).

Three Vandals earn academic honors

MOSCOW - Three University of Idaho basketball players earned Academic All-Big West honors this week.

Susan Wood (Anadoc, Kan.), Kelly Bartleson (Spokane, Wash.) and Kerby Byrne (Casta Mesa, Calif.) all met the standards - they maintained a cumulative 3.2 grade point average, earned a minimum standing academically and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's contests.

Wood and Bartleson join 15 other Big West women on the team, while Byrne is one of six men chosen. Byrne was also recently picked as one of 300 student athletes from around the nation to participate in the third annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference.

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Gymnast, parents settle embattled legal fight

HOUSTON (AP) - Olympic champion Dominique Moceanu and her parents have reached a financial settlement that ends a protective order against the gymnast's father.

"I certainly realize that people can make mistakes even when their intentions are good," Moceanu said in a statement released by her Boulder, Colo., publicist at Gold Medal Management.

"This has been an extremely difficult time for my family and I hope that we can now begin to move forward in support of one another."

The 17-year-old gymnast, declared a legal adult Oct. 29, won a one-year court order in December that kept her father at least 500 feet away from her.

She sought the order after police said they were investigating accusations that Dumitru Moceanu, 44, tried to have two of his daughter's friends slain. He has denied the accusation.

The protective order was lifted Thursday by Judge Patricia Lykos.

Moceanu's lawyer, Ellen Varelle, said Friday her client is "confident that the settlement assures her personal safety and achievement of her financial goals."

Dumitru Moceanu did not return a call Friday. His lawyer, Jimmy Phillips, would say only that "the family is back together again."

The family fight became public last October the gymnast sued for her independence. She claimed her father squandered the money she had earned during a 10-year professional career.

Her parents had held her earnings in a trust fund, which they administer. She did not have access to the trust until she turned 17.

Her father has said all of his daughter's earnings went into building a \$4 million, 70,000-square-foot gym with his daughter's approval.

"I know that deep down my father loves me, and of course I love him, so I need to find a way in my heart to give him forgiveness," the gymnast's statement read. "I hope there is a chance someday things in my family can be normal again."

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Gymnast Dominique Moceanu, left, speaks with her mother Casimira after an October 29 hearing gave the athlete adult status in Houston. A report Friday said Moceanu and her parents have reached a settlement in their dispute.

Fomer Washington QB sues coach over injury

SEATTLE (AP) - Former Washington quarterback Shane Forney has sued Jim Lambright, contending his ex-coach mishandled his knee injury in 1996 and hurt his chances to play professionally.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in Everett and seeks unspecified damages for Lambright's "reckless, malicious and unreasonable treatment."

Forney, now a builder in Maryland, told The Seattle Times he had not been inclined to file suit until Lambright threatened to sue the school for termination pay. Forney has not sued the university.

"It just went too far," Forney said.

"He needs to be humbled," Lambright's lawyer, Tracy Codd, said he first became aware of the suit Friday.

"We have not received a copy of it," he said. "Till then it would be inappropriate to comment."

Forney hurt his right knee during the second game of the 1996 season against Brigham Young, costing him the starting job. He played sporadically in three other games, but the injury caused a rift between Forney and Lambright. The player transferred to Northern Iowa.

The lawsuit says doctors knew Lambright and not the school, Forney lawyer David Beninger said. "He's the one there day to day...he's the one that made the decisions."

Forney was injured when Lambright sent him into the game with less than two minutes remaining. He was tackled and sustained a partial tear of the posterior cruciate ligament.

The lawsuit says doctors knew or should have known the injury required surgery or four to six weeks to heal. Instead, it says, Lambright allowed Forney to rest for less than two days before telling him to practice.

When Forney left the Huskies, team doctor Steve Bramwell was asked if the player had been at increased risk of playing and practicing.

"We don't think so," Bramwell said. "We wound up doing the same thing. Whether he was at risk to do more (damage) is always unknown."

Forney attended the NFL scouting combine a year ago and says he was not as fast or agile as when he was Washington.

"I'm doing my own thing right now," Forney said. "I'm done with football."

WNBA labor talks to resume soon

NEW YORK (AP) - WNBA labor talks will resume Sunday or Monday, and commissioner Val Ackerman said the "hopeful" that an agreement will be reached at that time on the league's first collective bargaining agreement.

"Time is running out, and we have to have a deal very quickly in order to prepare for our season," Ackerman said Friday.

Two of the most contentious issues remain the minimum salary and the number of players from the defunct ABL, who will be allowed into the WNBA. The union is asking for a minimum salary of \$45,000, while the league's latest offer is \$20,000.

The league also wants four roster slots open to ex-ABL players for each of its teams and six slots for the two expansion teams in Orlando and Minnesota. The union wants to limit the number of ex-ABL players to two per team.

The sides have already agreed in principle on year-round health care coverage, the guaranteeing of contracts after a certain date and the creation of an advisory panel to give players input into league operations.

"The next several days are very important," Ackerman said. "We have told the union we need an agreement by early or mid-April, and here we are closing in on that time frame."

The WNBA players are affiliated with the same union as NBA players, who were locked out by NBA owners from July through mid-January.



AROUND THE VALLEY

Storm sends many to shelters, inns

Federal judge orders 'whackies' to pay

BOISE — A federal judge has ordered a group of what Attorney General Al Lance has called "whackies" and "right-wingers" to pay \$2.640 for the expenses Lance incurred in defending himself against unspecified claims of misfeasance and nonfeasance.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill adopted a report finding the lawsuit claims against Lance and four county prosecutors were baseless and frivolous. He said the charges reflected only the political and philosophical views of Cornelius Butler of Franklin County, Koreen Morgan of Madison County, Elmer Stecklein of Bingham County and Lane Cunningham of Clearwater County.

The lawsuit, dismissed last fall, accused Lance and the prosecutors of falsely prosecuting some defendants and failing to prosecute others who deserved it. No cases were specified.

The plaintiffs had been represented by Twin Falls lawyer Lloyd Walker, but Walker withdrew as their counsel last summer, according to the attorney general's office.

Web site offers tips on immunizations

The Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse web site features the latest information about childhood immunizations as the topic of the month. This month's topic coincides with National Infant Immunization Week of April 18 to 24.

The web site is bilingual and offers a variety of articles on immunizations and links to other related sites.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare developed the Clearinghouse in October 1998 to provide information access for parents and caregivers of young children.

Air Force holds open house and air show

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Mountain Home Air Force Base is holding an open house and air show on Mother's Day, May 9.

The latest information about the event, including directions to the base, a list of aerial and static demonstrations, and photos are available on the Internet at <http://www.mountainhome.af.mil/ac/default.htm>.

For questions, call Lt. Steve Rolenz, MRAFF Public Affairs, at (208) 628-3471.

Visitor center scheduled to reopen today

TWIN FALLS — Due to icy conditions, the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center was not open for business Friday. The center is scheduled to reopen today.

Regular hours at the center are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

The center provides visitors and locals with information about the natural resources and features that are available in the Magic Valley and Idaho.

Phone service to be interrupted in Jerome

JEROME — Telephone service will be interrupted Monday at Jerome City Hall.

A new telephone system is to be installed and interruptions should not last more than a few minutes at a time, said Jerome City Clerk Kirby Miller.

FHS expands family practice into Jerome

JEROME — Due to an increasing number of patients in the Jerome area, Family Health Services has expanded its family practice into Jerome.

The clinic is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the South Central Health Department building located at 951 East Ave. H in Jerome.

FHS is a private, non-profit corporation with health centers already in Twin Falls, Burley and Buhl. FHS accepts Medicaid, Medicare, all insurance companies and uninsured self-pay patients.

Pat Morgan, executive director of Family Health Services, said no one will be denied service. At an appointment, patients may call 543-8271.

Compiled from staff reports

By Dex Dutton
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Friday's winter storm filled emergency shelters and motels with people victimized by power outages and highway closures.

People fled everywhere on Interstate Highway 84 experienced rough going. The storm that knocked power out to many areas also stopped traffic on the interstate, forcing motorists to take shelter wherever they could.

The American Red Cross harbored stranded motorists at the Cassia County Armory. The Burley Inn booked more than 100 rooms for stranded travelers by noon, according to Starla Bingham, the hotel's director of sales. She said she expected the hotel to be filled by evening.

"We are seeing a lot of truckers, senior citizens, and moms with kids that just need someone to stay," she said.

Phil and Debra Roth and their friend Janice Johnson had been going to Moab, Utah, for an outdoor vacation. They had hoped to make it to Salt Lake City before the storm worsened.

"We are waiting for the storm to blow over or we will have to stay here the night," Phil Roth said. His wife said she hoped they hadn't packed along their mountain bikes in vain.

"We wanted to go hiking and running. I packed swimwear and summer clothes," Donna Roth said. "I sure hope we get a chance to see SHELTER, Page C3.



Burley Inn's Stayay Bingham provides road condition information to Phil and Debra Roth and his daughter Denis, both of Idaho Falls. Bingham booked more than 100 rooms for stranded motorists in just a few hours.

Weather leaves thousands powerless

The Times-News

BURLEY — Utility crews worked around the clock to fix downed lines after a storm swept through the Magic Valley.

"Most crews have been out since midnight," Chuck Jones of United Electric Co-op said Friday.

Between 800 and 900 customers in Minidoka County and about 1,000 in Cassia County were left without power Friday.

"Ice was one of the main problems the crews faced," Jones said. "The wind snapped 14 power poles north of Paul."

Things weren't much better in the western end of the Magic Valley, where 3,000 power outages in eastern Twin Falls and Jerome counties were without electricity Friday, Idaho Power Co. spokesman Dennis Lopez said.

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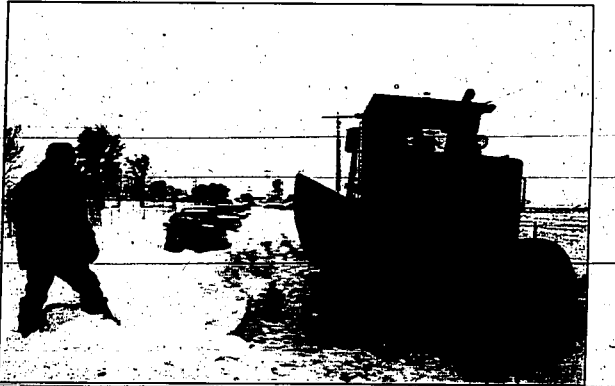
Workers had restored some power by Friday evening, but about 2,000 customers were still in the dark, Lopez said.

Idaho Power hoped to repair its major lines and return electricity to most of those customers by this morning, he said.

The high winds began early Friday morning and reached gusts of 56 mph during the day.

All available Idaho Power crews were working Friday, even those who had finished their work for the week. But snow drifts and road closures made it difficult for crews to work, said Perry V. Patten, Twin Falls area manager for Idaho Power.

"If we can get to the spots, then we can get our work done," Van Patten said.



Workers struggle to free a stranded snowplow Friday near the E.E. Shoup plant in Rupert.

BACK IN BUSINESS

Food lab is back on its feet, running

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the past several months, the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory has tested residual pesticides on more than 40,000 produce samples.

Its internship program with the College of Southern Idaho is about to graduate its first two students.

And its open house on Friday was well-attended by the state's political and agricultural leaders who are pleased with its progress.

Not bad for a place former Gov. Phil Batt had to shut down for mismanagement a years ago.

And the lab's partners — CSI, the University of Idaho and the state Department of Agriculture — hope it will even get better.

"If you think it's something today," CSI's Mike Glenn said, "wait until you see it next year."

Dr. Eric Probst, Project Manager, Kim Tims gave tours of the facility, which uses a mass spectrometer and other equipment to gauge pesticide levels in food products from around southern Idaho. The lab has the technology to isolate 50 pesticides in



Irene Tomasec analyzes data at the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory in Twin Falls. The lab analyzes pesticides on crops.

potatoes and 76 in wheat, Titus said.

Three full-time staff supervise eight student interns in the building on the west side of CSI's campus. They analyze samples — mostly spuds — from the several commodity groups that are funding the lab's budget.

Even groups that may never send samples to the lab are investing in its future. The mint and alfalfa growers committed a combined \$10,000 a year for the next three years, said mint asso-

ciation head Rich Garber.

Assuring consumers — and foreign governments — that Idaho food products are safe is one of the most important tasks for farmers today, said Michael Duff, the new executive director of the Potato Growers of Idaho.

"It's imperative when one looks at the future of Idaho agriculture," he said.

And it's important to the state as a whole, said state Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who sponsors the bill.

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Conservationists, Air Force settle injunction

By W.S. Mulholland
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Air Force has agreed to halt construction on a controversial proposed training complex in eastern Owyhee County, and a coalition of conservationist groups has agreed to withdraw an injunction against the project.

The agreement between Air Force officials and the coalition will meet the approval of a federal district court judge.

"This is a major step in the effort to resolve the Air Force's ongoing legal dispute with the conservationists," said David Lucas, a lawyer with the Land and Water Fund who represents the coalition.

Air Force officials at Mountain Home Air Force Base declined comment.

The agreement — a stipulated order or "judgment" — has been signed by lawyers for both sides and would remain in effect until the District Court in Boise has ruled on motions for summary judgment in the so-called Wild Area.

A hearing on the case has been set for May 3 at Boise. The agreement settles a

request for a preliminary injunction filed in March by the Greater Owyhee Legal Defense — a coalition of environmental, conservation and sportsman groups formed to bring legal action against the Air Force.

The injunction would have blocked construction of parts of the proposed training complex, and it would have blocked the Air Force from expanding superonic operations over Little Jacks Creek — an area under study as a wilderness area and deemed important to wildlife.

Under the agreement, the Air Force can do some preliminary construction and surveys, but officials agreed to most of what the coalition had hoped to halt with the injunction, including superonic operations over Little Jacks Creek.

"We are particularly pleased that the Air Force will not begin military training over the Little Jacks Creek wilderness study area," said Craig Gehlke, regional director for The Wilderness Society.

In 1990, Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists said the area was home to an impor-

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Forest official grants emergency status for logging in Panhandle

GOBERNADENE (AP)—A top U.S. Forest Service official has granted emergency status to a Panhandle National Forests plan to conduct logging on 4,000 acres of lands hit by heavy insect infestation, the agency said Friday.

The declaration by Gloria Manning, the agency's Washington, D.C.-based acting deputy chief, means logging can proceed on a fast-track basis near populated areas on the outskirts of Coeur d'Alene and Hayden Lake.

The parcels that comprise the 4,000 acres covered under the declaration are in the drainages to Hayden and Fernan lakes.

"The decision allows us to accelerate removal of dead and decaying trees that can fuel the spread of wildfires and beetles into the urban areas around Coeur d'Alene and Hayden Lake," said David Wright, supervisor of the Panhandle National Forests.

Wright sought the emergency declaration in March.

At Spokane, Wash.-based environmental group said Friday it supports the decision.

"It sounds like their mind is already made up," said Lisa

Ramirez of The Lands Council. Let's see if we can be tough to get something like this overturned."

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, applauded Friday's announcement, saying the region would suffer "needless economic and environmental losses and threats to public safety" without aggressive logging.

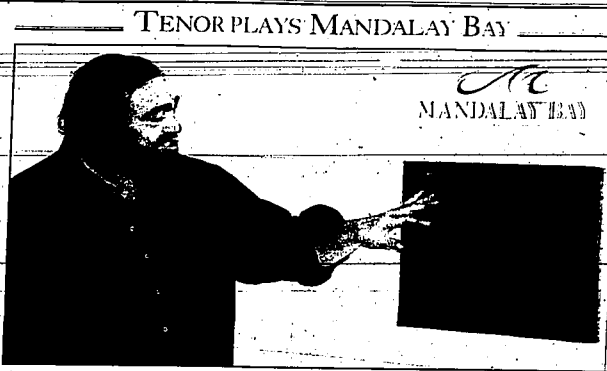
Field crews likely will begin preparatory work next week on the lands affected by Manning's declaration, Panhandle National Forests spokesman Brad Gilbert said.

No timber sale contracts can be awarded until at least mid-June. At that point, contracts could be awarded regardless of whether appeals are pending, he said.

Most of the parcels are to be selectively cut and replanted with white pine, ponderosa and western larch.

The 4,000 acres are among 25,000 acres the Forest Service says have been hit by epidemic levels of Douglas fir bark beetle infestation on the Panhandle National Forests and nonfederal Washington's Colville National Forest.

Beetles are blamed for thousands of amounts of damage on tens of acres.



Luciano Pavarotti admires his hand prints during an unveiling at the Mandalay Bay Entertainment Center on Friday. The tenor will christen the 12,000-seat arena at the hotel on Saturday night.

MAGAZINE WANTS

Preston student wins spot in national contest

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A 17-year-old student from the University of Idaho has won the national contest for the best student magazine in the United States.

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Salmon coffee shop serves up Western hospitality

SALMON (AP)—Even though their former boss is officially retired, cooks at the Salmon River Coffee Shop suspect Irman Gott was keep on sneaking in the back door to taste and doctor the soup.

Gott, who sold the Coffee Shop to Lloyd and Cheryl Tutor of Burgers cooked Friday night dinners, heaping helpings of good food since 1960. Once the restaurant's head chef and chief heckler, the second-generation restaurateur often emerged from the kitchen in his apron and hat to visit with customers.

"I always get customers like you're guests in my house," Gott said at his retirement party.

Until a couple years ago, the octogenarian who has raised two generations on Gott Burgers cooked Friday night dinners. And on the day of his retirement party, he still hadn't given up on "fixing" the soup.

"I come in and taste the soup and then I fix it if it doesn't taste right," he said. "I try to do it so the cook can't see me."

A melting pot for businessmen, bachelors, boaters, cowboys and baby-toting parents and grand-parents, the Salmon River Coffee Shop has served a vanishing commodity: unpretentious Western hospitality.

Mornings find businessmen and their wives, and one another before heading off to work. Bachelors, who sometimes stop in three or four times a day, step up to the counter knowing they'll find food, coffee, and someone who cares.

"This is the meeting place," said Roscoe Jones, a regular. "This is where people come to find out the gossip."

Visitors have their favorite spots—the counter or a booth—and likely their favorite waitresses, too. Sometimes holding a booth for hours, customers sip coffee and swap an endless stream of rumors, rotating friends in and out as they come and go.

Waitresses, who hear it all, pass the coffee and pour it up regularly, treating them the same whether they're drinking coffee or eating steak.

At lunch, Main Street businessmen and women, anxious to get in and get out in an hour, know they can count on speedy service. On Wednesday, roast beef sandwich specials meant a packed house.

Any time a crowd of 12 or more might gather in the back dining

there for more than 25 years.

At Gott's retirement party Tuesday, Edwards and other waitresses said part of the reason they stayed on is that they liked working for Gott.

"He's been a good boss," said Edwards. "And he's always been real good about giving credit to his help."

Gott and his daughter, Judith Dodd, who has managed the restaurant for the past decade, also didn't breathe a word that the cooks, said the Coffee Shop crew.

When waitresses and other staff do what they need to do to cover their shifts, waitresses said Gott was good at cheering them up when they needed it, but that once he gave an employee heck, he didn't hold a grudge.

"He would growl at you when you needed it, but I know if I went up and asked to borrow \$200 he wouldn't ask me what it was for," said Judith Edwards.

Gott didn't skimp on help or helpings.

Second-generation restaurateur, who started working in his mother's cafe at age 12, Gott estimates he has employed thousands of people. Hundreds of them, including his own nine children and their children, got their first taste of the working world at the Salmon River Coffee Shop.

"If it wasn't for Irman being my three girls, everyone of them would probably have been in trouble," said Judith Edwards, who joined her daughters as a Coffee Shop employee. "They've all been working here since they were old enough to work."

The Tutors say they didn't have big plans to change the old-fashioned.

"People will see the differences," said Cheryl Tutor, a former roofing contractor in Southern California. "The waitresses are wonderful. We'll have the same quality food and service."

—Irman Gott, retired coffee shop boss

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—Irman Gott, retired coffee shop boss

Council OKs fisherman to catch hatchery coho salmon

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—For the first time in six years, fisheries managers decided Friday to allow ocean sport fishermen to catch hatchery bred coho salmon off the central Oregon coast.

The level of catchable coho was sharply below the amount sought by fishermen, but it was more than what Oregon wildlife authorities recommended.

"It's a compromise, but I can live with it," said salmon fisherman Jim Welles of Brookings, Ore.

The Pacific Fisheries Management Council voted to allow 15,000 coho salmon—which are protected and tracked by fishing authorities—to be caught during the fishery season.

Oregon authorities, along with federal officials, had urged a 10,000 fish limit and the council's proposed Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber had opposed allowing a catch limit.

The last-minute compromise between biologists, politicians, environmentalists and fishermen, the council approved an amount exceeding the catch to 15,000.

The council also agreed to a critical issue in Oregon's central coastal waters, where fishermen

have sought permission for a larger catch.

Survival conditions have improved post-El Nino, and hatchery coho returns are projected at more than 600,000 this year—a fourfold increase over last year. Projections of wild coho returns are 61,000 fish.

However, projections are not reliable. Last year's projection for wild coho was 47,000, compared to actual returns of 23,000.

Doug DeHart, director of fisheries for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said nine out of 10 hatchery coho, marked by a clipped adipose fin, are surviving.

Because of that, he said, keeping hatchery coho would pose no greater impact on wild fish than is allowed by regulations or has been seen in the past five years.

But fishing interests believe the coho can best be protected by rebuilding habitat instead of lowering the catch.

"You could shut off all ocean fishing and you're not going to save a thing unless you rebuild the habitat," said Duncan MacLean, an angler from Half Moon Bay, Calif., and a member of the council's salmon advisory panel.

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choices to open them.

Qittess: waste is happy simply to have found safe lodging. After finishing a business breakfast in Berkeley, the delegation of State House City left for home—but some were really lucky.

"I was really lucky to get back

here," Luddington said, shaking his head. "Why didn't I just stay in bed this morning?"

—Times-News correspondent Dex Dutton can be reached in Burley at 577-3333. Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavenor contributed to this report.

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on the committee that's overseen the lab since the lab reopened.

She's also a vice chair on the legislative budget committee.

"I don't see no longer spends general funds on the lab," she said. "The deals with the commodity groups end in 2001, and the operation's budget is going to have to come from some-

where. The lab will likely charge for service then, but the building and technology will need to be maintained.

"I think the state should be a partner," Bell said. "And I hope we can do that."

—Times-News staff writer Gregory Hahn can be reached at 733-9931 Ext. 231.

Power company will lower river to find man

BOISE (AP)—Idaho Power Co. will lower the Snake River below Swan Falls Dam on Sunday to allow police to search for a 18-year-old man presumed drowned.

Officials say conditions will make it dangerous for anyone but searchers to be in the area

while they look for Roger Kennedy, who was overcome by swift currents on March 26.

"This is our No. 1 concern," Ada County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Freeman said.

The Ada and Owyhee County Sheriff's departments will search

for Kennedy by boat and divers. This will be their fourth search.

Kennedy was last seen in the cold, fast-moving water of the river, which the jump artist had been using to try to scale a rock from a vehicle parked nearby.

Governor names new chair for Envision Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Gov. Mike Leavitt announced Friday that Jon Huntsman Jr. will be the new chairman of Envision Utah.

The Envision Utah Selection Committee unanimously chose Huntsman to replace Robert Grow, who is leaving the organization to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Huntsman will also join 12 other Utah residents on the newly-created Quality Growth Commission, which will make anti-sprawl recommendations to the state Legislature.

"Jon's community minded-

ness, intelligence and hard work will move Envision Utah forward in preserving quality of life for the greater Wasatch area," Leavitt said in a written statement.

Envision Utah is a public/private community partnership working to help Utahns find residents and leaders form a long-term strategy for growth.

Huntsman said he is dedicated to the organization's mission.

"I will do everything in my power to bring the various stakeholders together in full cooperation to solve the challenges we are facing because of our state's rapid growth," he said.

Hairline engine cracks ground 17 fighter jets

PHOENIX (AP)—An insect infestation into a rash of cracks at the nation's largest F-16 base has led to the discovery of engine cracks in 17 of the fighter jets, the Air Force said Friday.

Cracks up to an inch long were found in the jets' Pratt & Whitney 20 engines. Later Air Force Base spokeswoman Mary Jo May said.

At least 75 percent of the jets have been inspected so far at Luke, which has 290 of the nation's roughly 400 F-16s.

"If we find any more cracks, we'll have to shut down engines until they can be flown again. Those planes will be down until new parts come in," May said.

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hurd of California bighorn sheep, and was critical winter range for wild sheep, antelope and sage grouse.

The sheep herd had not been affected by low-level overflights and could be important as a comparison in studies of the effects of military overflights, biologists said.

The first of the two pending lawsuits filed by GOLD challenged the 1992 Air Force environmental impact statement on the establishment of an airport at the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The suit challenges the adequacy of the environmental impact statement on the current proposed training complex, which relies on the previous 1992

impact statement.

The Air Force wants to build a 12,000-acre practice bombing range in the area of the target areas and 30 electromagnetic emitters that would make up an electronic combat range over about 1 million acres in eastern Owyhee County.

Plans also include consolidating and expanding blocks of military training in southern Idaho, northern Utah and Nevada and eastern Oregon.

The Air Force has testified in court that the proposed training complex is not necessary but would enhance training.

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Energy: Part of Hanford will become wildlife refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department will announce today that it wants to preserve as a wildlife refuge 50,000 acres once used to part of the top-secret project to build the atomic bomb.



Bill Richardson

But much of the land in the security buffer has been untouched for decades and is considered to be in near-pristine condition.

Wildlife refuge proposal at a news conference in Washington state. If the proposal clears all state and federal administrative hurdles, the area could become a refuge in November.

than 40 rare plants and animals, such as the long-billed curlew bird and the White Bluffs bladder-pod, a bright yellow flower that blooms each June.

and other uses. Farm advocates want to irrigate and plant crops in 20,000 to 30,000 acres of the slope.

Richardson plans to announce the

SOMETHING TO SWING ABOUT



Sunny weather on the first day of spring vacation goes Nick Jason, 7, of Conwye, Wash., something to smile about Monday afternoon. Jason spent part of his afternoon on the swings at the Willow Grove Beach Park playground with his stepdad, D.D. Whitman.

Matching grants will fund faculty

LEWISTON (AP) — The presidents of Idaho's four-year schools are working to make sure they have an opportunity to receive money under Gov. Dick Kempthorne's initiative to recruit and retain quality faculty members.

This year's Legislature appropriated \$1.3 million of the \$1.5 million that Kempthorne requested for his College/University Competitiveness Program.

Double life: Physician tends to patients, cattle

DOANEY (AP) — Dr. Maureen Mack lives a double life. By day and sometimes by night, she's a busy Pacific pediatrician. The rest of her life is taken up with children and cattle on her ranch south of Downey, where she raises award-winning Tennessee walking horses.

Mack grew up in Oregon with horses. A friend runs a boarding farm for horses and had a cow he called Gene. One of Mack's winning animals carried that name in Downey, she said.

They are always ready to help with hay and other chores. Poshon medical duties call after three children, Brian, 15, Emily, 19, and Andy, 22, have supported her efforts as well.

She moved to Idaho after a divorce left her a single mother, settling near Pocatello. She had been in private practice in Oregon for 15 years, but found herself on-call 24 hours a day, with no time for family.

Four men get prison terms for meth, pot conspiracy

BOISE (AP) — Four men were sentenced to prison for their roles in what U.S. Attorney Kerry Richardson said was a large-scale conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and marijuana in southwestern Idaho.

Richardson said on Friday that evidence showed the men were involved in a conspiracy to transport large amounts of marijuana and methamphetamine from Los Angeles to Idaho for distribution and sale.

Besides conspiracy, Alvarez and Ferrando Quezada were convicted of being illegal aliens for possessing firearms in violation of federal law. Among the items found in their apartments were two shotguns, a .357-caliber handgun and a .44-cal. Beretta Magnum revolver.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ordered terms of 15 years each for brothers Fernando Quezada of Boise and Jerry Quezada of Los Angeles. Adrian Alvarez of Boise was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

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Humboldt Cannabid Center horticulturist Steve Tack gestures beside both mature and baby marijuana plants he is growing for medical users of the drug.

Top cop delivers 'pot cards' to medical marijuana users

ARCATA, Calif. (AP) — Arcata's police chief waded into the house and was escorted upstairs to a bedroom filled with marijuana plants and enough smokable pot to fill a grocery bag. Instead of reaching for his gun or a search warrant, Mel Brown offered a handshake. "I used to leave places like that with plants and prisoners," Brown said on the way out of Jason Browne's 25-plant marijuana garden. "But here, law enforcement is holding out the olive branch to people who smoke medical marijuana."

What makes Arcata's program work is the fact that law enforcement and the medical community are involved.

— Nathan Karabinik, spokesman for California

of who applies for an ID and doesn't keep track of those who currently use a card. One of the card holders is Browne, who smokes pot to relieve his back pain and injured the chief to survey his crop. During the visit, she chief listened attentively while the grower spoke of the potency of his next harvest, and sighed sympathetically when Browne shook some smokes and unleashed a stream of marijuana-smoking hugs.

"Jason and I were both very cautious when the program first started," said Brown. "I didn't want to be associated with black market drug dealers and the didn't want to be associated with someone who was going on with him in the back. But time passed and we got over the stereotypes."

Last year, the U.S. Justice Department won a court order to shut down most of the state's cannabis clubs for violating federal laws against marijuana distribution.

Lodger, who is seeking a compromise that will avoid the wrath of federal officials, has brought a task force of law enforcement officers and medical marijuana advocates to study the issue.

"What makes Arcata's program work is the fact that law enforcement and the medical community are involved," said Nathan Karabinik, Arcata's spokesman. "The task force has been asked to look at Arcata as a model and perhaps make some recommendations on whether other cities for Arcata works for Los Angeles and other larger communities."

Arcata already works for Mendocino County, where the new District Attorney, Suzanne Womack, plans to announce a similar ID card system next month.

"We thought it was very successful and we intend to plagiarize as much of it as we can," Womack said.

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Tucked between groves of towering redwoods and misty coastal beaches in far northern California, Arcata, population 16,000, is getting considerable attention for its response to Proposition 215, the 1996 voter initiative that allows people to grow and use marijuana for medicinal purposes. Brown personally issues photo identification cards bearing his signature to people who register as medical marijuana patients, after confirming that they have a doctor's recommendation.

So far, he has issued about 100 of the "gray out of jail" cards, and rejected about 10 people who failed to get the proper recommendations. Officers have been instructed not to arrest pot growers or smokers who carry the ID.

Brown said he is not concerned about trouble from Attorney General Janet Reno, who personally reminded state Attorney General Bill Lockyer last month that Proposition 215 runs counter to federal law.

"Quite frankly, I don't see Janet Reno coming to Arcata and arresting somebody or having her people arrest somebody," he said. "I can see that being a real political nightmare to come in and start walking on local authorities who are conducting themselves in accordance with state and local law."

As a precaution, however, Brown keeps no record

Grant pays for parent skills program

REXBERG (AP) — A coalition in Madison County is working to reduce juvenile crime rates and help students succeed in school by educating parents about their child's development.

The coalition is using a two-year \$374,000 grant from the J.A. Wellstar Albany Foundation to launch the Love, Language and Literacy Project.

The project has several components, including a parent resource room in the Madison Library District, parenting classes, training for childcare providers, brain awareness booths at local fairs and free audiotape and vision screening for newborns and young children.

"Child is an asset only if it is connected to health, language and love," said Dave Duerden, an early childhood professor at Ricks College and the project's director.

"If we start kids out right then it saves money down the road in remedial programs. It can help prevent teenage pregnancy and help lower drug use and drop-out rates," Doerden said.

Parents will also be eligible for Parents as Teachers, a national program that pairs child development workers with families. The workers visit families monthly or weekly, conduct screenings, answer questions about child development and encourage par-

ents to read to their children.

The Albertson Foundation began underwriting Parents as Teachers programs on a pilot basis around the state last fall. But it hopes to be able to turn the effort over to the state or someone else in about 20 months so it can focus on other initiatives.

It was Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's attempt to secure over \$1 million in state financing for the Parents as Teachers approach that GOP lawmakers used last month to let the new chief executive know that they were unhappy with the way he had been handling issues, and then during his initial legislative session.

Commission OKs resort in Cascade

CASCADE (AP) — The Valley County Commission has unanimously approved the concept behind the proposed multimillion-dollar four-season WestRock Resort.

A comprehensive development agreement still must be reached before a conditional use permit is issued by the county, but approval allows construction to begin along the west side of Cascade Reservoir.

But concept approval included agreement on how the \$15 million that WestRock developers have pledged to mitigate the resort's impacts on the area would be divided among the affected agencies and jurisdictions.

"We feel awfully good," WestRock President Don Weilmusser said after Tuesday's vote. "We've got the signal that we can go ahead and jump through these hoops. Maybe we can see how our money's going now."

Weilmusser said negotiations were continuing with the McCall-Donnelly and Cascade school districts toward agreements on their mitigation needs.

And with the developer's concept approved by the county, WestRock officials can seek to begin formal meetings with the Idaho Department of Lands and the state Land Board over 1,300 acres of state land proposed for inclusion in the western Idaho project.

That land would primarily be used for the proposed ski area, along with some facilities for snowmobilers. Weilmusser said he expects formal discussions with state officials to begin in 60 to 90 days.

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Shepard slaying suspect asks to see prison

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — The main defendant in the Matthew Shepard-murder case wants to take a look at what would be his home for the rest of his life: the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins.

A motion filed on behalf of Aaron McKinney asks that his lawyer's be able to tour and videotape the cell, recreation yard and other areas of access where the defendant would reside ... if he received a death sentence.

McKinney, 21, remains at the Albany County jail in Laramie. He is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery in the beating death of Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student.

Shepard was found Oct. 7, tied to a fence and lying in a pool of

blood. He died five days later from 18 blows to the head.

McKinney's co-defendant, Russell Henderson, 21, pleaded guilty Monday to felony murder and kidnapping and received two life sentences.

The attorney wrote that access

to the prison is "absolutely necessary for Mr. McKinney's defense."

Judicial officials have brought a "caution" for presenting mitigating evidence in the case, so the jury will accurately and more completely have the effect of a sentence of life imprisonment."

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Worldwide, couples race to conceive millennium babies

The Associated Press

Around the world, couples trying to have a "millennium baby" did everything conceivable Friday.

In Spain, the United States, radio stations held first-baby-of-2000 contests, and couples were offered some private time together, romantic hotel getaways and aphrodisiacs ranging from a traditional Malaysian poison to a Barry White CD.

Friday was considered the optimum conception date for a Jan. 1, 2000, birth.

"I guess it's normally not so trendy," said Sandra Mendez, who participated in a Boston radio station's "conceive-a-thon" with her husband, Ernest.

Dianna and Michael Maurer accepted a Philadelphia radio station's offer of a free hotel room. Mrs. Maurer said after-

ward: "We gave it a good go." A radio host in Barcelona, Spain, wore pajamas as he interviewed his station's two competing couples in a king-size bed hours before they went in search of parenthood in their free hotel suites.

One couple — a Russian man and a Spanish woman — was selected for saying a mixed-culture baby in 2000 will foster international harmony. The other couple reasoned that it would be easy to remember how old the kid is.

A hotel on the resort island of Penang in Malaysia helped out with a native elixir. "We're serving a freshly brewed pot of tongkat ali. It's our Malaysian version of Viagra," said Cheah Mei Lin, an assistant manager at the Feringi Beach Hotel.

Municipal employees in Kautokaino, Norway, were given the morning off Friday so they could use the time reproductive. "This is a big joint effort for our town and I expect everyone to do their very best," Mayor Anton Dahl told the newspaper Verdens Gang.

In the township of Sel, in the mountains of Norway, nursery schools are staying open this weekend to insure children for free so that their parents can try to conceive in peace.

In Romania, the newspaper Evenimentul urged readers to "get to work" and promised the equivalent of seven years' average wages — \$6,800 — to the country's first baby next year.

Britain's Independent Television network planned to show a two-hour program called "Birth Race 2000" on Saturday

that included tips on conception and romantic movies.

All this activity worries some. A January 2000 baby boom could overload maternity clinics at a time of possible staff shortages and equipment failures because of Y2K computer problems when the year rolls from '99 to '00.

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ing, fascinating, controversial — consider "know." "I think you are wonderful." Taurus. Scorpio presence in picture.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sprinkle reality among your aspirations, ambitions. Money will come from surprise source. Have material ready for display. You will feel, "I'm on 'easy street.'" Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could be talk of the town. Some thoughts you put on paper stir up revolutionary spirit. You have ability to make people come back to life. Taurus person proposes partnership or marriage. Trip involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Music in scenario, changes take place where residence is concerned, questions relating to marriage looms large. Be diplomatic, not weak. Be generous, not extravagant. You'll catch on soon.

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Federal ruling may put Owyhee County leases at risk

MURPHY (AP) — Livestock grazing on more than a million acres of public land in Owyhee County may be jeopardized by a federal court ruling, environmental groups contend.

But the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and a lawyer for 70 Owyhee County ranchers are not so sure.

"I can't imagine the judge saying that, 'Yeah, we're going to put 200 people out of business' to

please environmental groups. BLM Owyhee Area Manager Daryl Albiston said.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill agreed this week that the bureau did not conduct proper environmental reviews when it issued more than 60 grazing permits.

Winmill sided with the Idaho Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert, which now may ask the



John Marvel
livestock use. Idaho Watersheds Project founder Jon Marvel said.

judge for a ruling against until federal environmental regulations are followed.

"Ninety percent of the streams down there are degraded by livestock use," Idaho Watersheds Project founder Jon Marvel said.

"We're talking about a severely degraded environment in Owyhee County."

Marvel's group was another victory a week earlier when the Idaho Supreme Court declared that it be given a legitimate chance to win some Land Board grazing leases from Idaho ranchers.

The high court said the Idaho Watersheds Project was not given a fair opportunity to west

34 leases from ranchers in 1995 and 1996. But the justices left standing the Land Board's authority to review the legitimacy of bids after an auction is held and to select the one that best meets endowment management goals.

Marvel has been trying for years to get the board to charge ranchers more for state leases or turn the tracts over to him for rest and regeneration of the

riparian areas. He has managed to secure only two allotments.

In the federal case, a Boise lawyer who represents dozens of longtime cattle ranchers in Owyhee County contends Winmill's ruling should not put an end to the livestock business in southwestern Idaho. Bill Myers said conditions on public lands have improved, and the federal government should be allowed to continue that process.

Prosecutor lashes out at reporters, radio hosts

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Utah County Attorney Kay Bryson, having lost his three-year court battle to convict a Movie Buffs manager of distributing pornography, has unleashed his wrath on the media.

In a letter to news outlets Thursday, he blasted reporters, accusing them of twisting his words.

Some of his choicest curses were directed at the radio hosts who have painted him as an 'un-American pride.'

"Some of them would pull everyone into a roller of a world with its pornography, illicit drugs and all its other misery-creating features," Bryson wrote.

"That's my goal," laughed Tom Barberi, a KALL radio host and unrelenting critic of the case, which ended first in a hung jury and finally in a mistrial.

Buff's ex-general manager Larry Peterman.

"I'm amazed that this guy is blaming the media for a fact that he is the main loser in this case," Barberi said. "He should be a prosecutor in some foreign land where he can rule as a dictator, because he obviously can't live with democracy."

Prosecutors that videos rented at the now-defunct chain's American Fork and Lehi stores violated community standards of decency. The videos had been edited to the standard for showing on cable television.

Juror Betty Gleason said she and other members of the jury who did not believe the videos were pornographic convinced those who wanted to find Peterman guilty that Lehi, which issued a Peterman a business license, should have known what he was renting.

Hate crime investigation stands still

MOSCOW (AP) — An investigation into a burning cross and hate letter found at an activist's home in December has come to a standstill, authorities say.

Police Chief Dan Weaver said the hate-crime investigation into the incidents at the home of Lori Graves is inactive. There are no leads and no suspects, although police still are waiting for state crime lab results from tests on glass and a letter found at Graves' home.

"There is not enough information or information to move forward with a prosecution, City Attorney Randy Fife said Wednesday.

"If we had enough information to proceed against someone, we would," he said.

A report of the Dec. 1 incident, obtained by the Moscow-Pullman Daily News, casts doubt on the version of events given by Graves' roommate. Sarah Scranton claimed she found a racist letter in a mailbox the morning a burning cross and gasoline bomb were found.

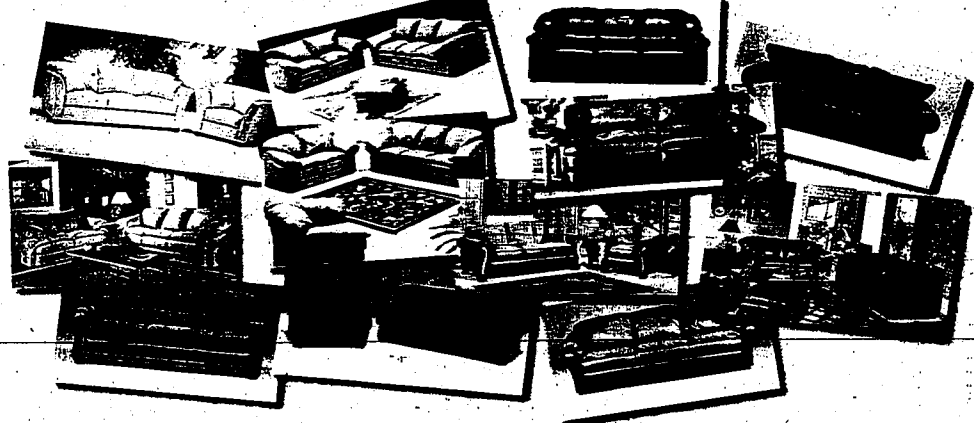
But a report by Cpl. Carl Wommack said the threatening letter showed no evidence it had ever been inside the mailbox, which was damaged and collected rainwater that dampened anything placed inside.

Graves claimed she was the target of threats from white supremacists because of her involvement in protests of an Aryan Nations march in Coeur d'Alene last summer.

Graves, 29-year-old Washington State University graduate student, has gained attention because of her challenge to Moscow's indecent exposure ordinance, and a battle with the city of Coeur d'Alene over alleged civil rights violations.

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Situational Timbercular Glaucoma afflicts parents

Cindy glanced nervously at the clock on the kitchen wall. Five minutes before midnight.

"They should be home any time now," she thought as she put the finishing touches on the chocolate cake she was frosting. It was the first time in her 12 years she had tried to make a cake from scratch, and to be honest, it wasn't exactly an aesthetic triumph. The cake was - well, lumpy. And the frosting was bitter, as if she had run out of sugar or something. Which, of course, she had.

Then there was the way the kitchen looked. Imagine a huge blender filled with all the fixings for chocolate cake - the requisite bowls, pans and utensils. Now imagine that the blender is turned on. High speed. With the lid off. Do you get the idea?

But Cindy wasn't thinking about the

VALUESPEAK

Joseph Walker

mess. She had created something, a veritable phenix of flour and sugar rising out of the kitchen clutter. She was anxious for her parents to return home from their date so she could present her anniversary gift to them. She turned off the kitchen lights and waited excitedly in the darkness. When at last she saw the flash of the car headlights, she positioned herself in the kitchen doorway. By the time she heard the key sliding into the front door, she was THIS CLOSE to exploding.

Her parents tried to slip in quietly, but Cindy would have none of that. She flipped on the lights dramatically and trumpeted: "Ta-da-a-a!" She gestured grandly toward the kitchen table, where a slightly off-balance, two-layer chocolate cake awaited their inspection.

But her mother's eyes never made it all the way to the table. "Just look at this mess!" she moaned. "How many times have I talked to you about cleaning up after yourself?"

"But, Mom, I was only -"

"I should make you clean this up right now, but I'm too tired to say up with you to make sure you get it done right," her mother said. "So you'll do it first thing in the morning."

"Honey," Cindy's father interjected gently, "take a look at the table."

"I know - it's a mess," his wife said coldly. "The whole kitchen is a disaster. I can't stand to look at it." She stormed up the stairs and into her room, slamming the door shut behind her.

For a few moments, Cindy and her father stood silently, neither one knowing what to say. Later she looked at her mother, her eyes moist and red. "She never saw the cake," she said.

Unfortunately, Cindy's mother isn't the only parent who suffers from situational Timbercular Glaucoma - the occasional inability to see the forest for the trees. From time to time, we all allow ourselves to be blinded to issues of life of great significance by Stuff That Seems Awfully Important Right Now - but isn't.

Muddy shoes, lost lunch money and messy kitchens are troublesome, and they deserve their place among life's frustrations. Is a lost dollar more valuable than a youngster's emerging dignity? And while the kitchen sanitation is important, is it worth the sacrifice of tender feelings and relationships?

I'm not saying that our children don't need to learn responsibility or to occasionally suffer the consequences of their actions of their own bad choices. Those lessons are vital and need to be carefully taught. But as parents, we must never forget that we're not just teaching lessons - we're teaching children. That means there are times when we really need to see the mess in the kitchen.

And times when we only need to see the cake.

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

TF Church updates, widens appeal

Members choose a new name

By Rachel Donny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A name may be just a name, but members of the Tyler Street Baptist Church decided their name needed a little updating.

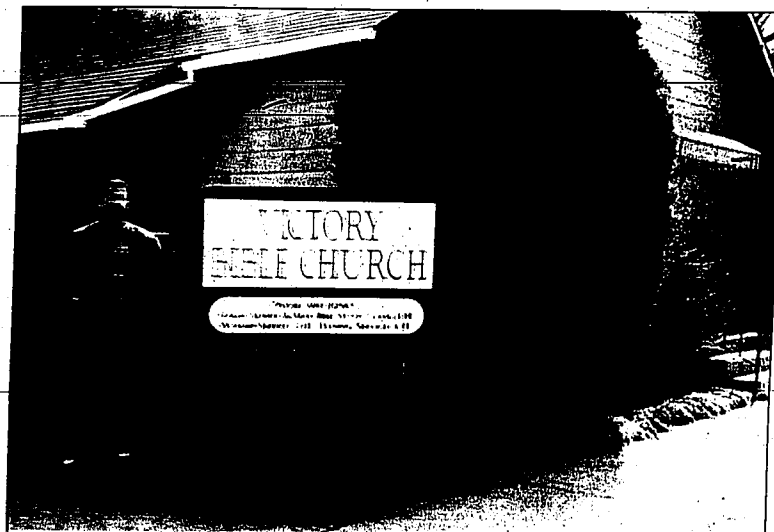
The church is now Victory Bible Church, even though its members still adhere to the same Conservative Baptist teachings and have not severed their denominational ties.

"First of all, with Tyler Street we felt it was too local," said Mike Jones, pastor of the church. "Our church family comes from all over the Valley. We picked Victory Bible Church because we're victorious in Jesus Christ and because we follow the Bible."

The church has also updated its services, to appeal to unchurched people while maintaining current members.

"To a lot of unchurched people, Baptist sounds denominational and it sometimes turns people off," Jones said. "We want to appeal to unchurched people. We have more of a contemporary style of worship than in the past."

He continued, "A name can create an atmosphere one way or another. I think people per-



Pastor Mike Jones' church has a new name. The Tyler Street Baptist Church has become Victory Bible Church, with updated worship services.

ceive denominations to be old-fashioned and boring."

Substantially, most churches are moving away from traditional and formal worship and moving toward a more relaxed

worship, Jones said. "In this (church) world, people seem to be looking for things that are more contemporary and up to date, with meanings that are more practical."

The church used to have one person lead the congregation in music. Now there are several individuals who lead the singing in the midst of the congregation with microphones.

"There's more give and take between me and them than there was before," Jones said. "The way the message is perceived and presented is the thing that makes the difference."



Terry Talbot, left, and Barry McGuire will team up for a concert at the Twin Falls Reform Church.

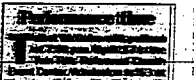
Talbot McGuire comes to Twin Falls

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Barry McGuire and Terry Talbot are bringing their hand-clapping foot-stomping, high-energy, sing-along show to Twin Falls.

Talbot McGuire is acoustic folk music for the 1990s.

McGuire, who has three Gold Records, began his career on the "Andy Williams Show" as lead singer with the New Christy Minstrels. He wrote the group's classic hit, "Green Green," and in 1965,



recorded "Eve of Destruction." He was in the original Broadway production of "Hair."

Talbot started out as a 12-string guitar player. He recorded such talents as Glen Campbell and Sammy & Cher.

He was lead songwriter/writer for the Warner-Bros. group. He wrote the hit single, "Two of a Kind." The Grammy-nominated album, "The Equinox," was recorded with his brother, John McGuire.

Talbot, McGuire and Talbot are "new oldies" including classical, folk, and gospel.

Their first two albums together are "Whim Whimsors" and "Lead the Earth" and "Mummers Garden."

New bestseller witnesses to novelist's spiritual interests

By Jim Jones
Knight Ridder News Service

The scene is deep in the jungles of Brazil, Rachel, a missionary who refuses to accept a billion-dollar inheritance, is asking Nate, a hardened, twice-divorced and alcoholic American lawyer, to pray with her.

"Dear God, forgive me of my sins, and help me to forgive those who have sinned against me," Nate prays, repeating words given to him by Rachel. Then Nate had "an odd sensation as his hands seemed to be lifted, his shoulders felt lighter, his head clearer, his soul

was less troubled."

"Your sins are forgiven, Nate." Is that a passage from the latest Christian movie? Not at all. It comes from John Grisham's newest bestseller, "The Testament."

Grisham has another gripping plot: a lawyer, trying to track down a missionary on Brazil, is persuaded to accept her inheritance. The story is a most unlikely effort to tell about his own Christian faith in one of his

legal thrillers.

The novel, like his others, including "A Time to Kill," "The Firm," and "The Client," is being snapped up by readers.

"John Grisham's best novel in years," writes Deirdre Donahue in USA Today. "The novel has plenty of action - storms, plane crashes, a terminally ill billionaire leaping to his death from a building. But the spiritual emphasis is pervasive. During an intense funeral bout with disease, Nate finds the missionary mysteriously at his side, holding his

Orthodox Church celebrates Easter

The Orange County Register

This weekend marks the Orthodox Christian Church's holiday of Pascha, which commemorates the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. And this year, inserted into the liturgy will be special prayers for peace in Kosovo.

"We always pray for peace in the world, but we will offer special prayers that peace will come back to that region," said the Rev. John Constantine of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Anaheim, Calif.

There are about 300 million Christians worldwide.

Why do the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Easter, or Pascha, a week later than Christian churches in the Western tradition?

The Orthodox Church bases its calculation for Pascha on the Julian calendar, which was in effect at the time of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. Christians from the Western tradition use the later Gregorian calendar.

Both traditions maintain that the holiday will occur on the Sunday after the first full



Prayer service next week, Father Philip Nixon will lead special prayers for peace during Holy Week, through Saturday, the Feast of the Resurrection of Antioch, Orthodox Easter, 1992. Addition: Pascha, the Resurrection. For more information, call 733-1384.

moon of the vernal equinox - the first day of spring, Constantine explained.

But the Orthodox Church follows the admission of the Council of Nicaea. Under that decree, Easter cannot occur until after the Jewish holiday of Passover in the faithful biblical accounts of the Passion narrative.

The Orthodox Church separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 11th century because of theological differences, including issues like purgatory and the infallibility of the pope, which the Orthodox Christians don't believe in.

There are special services on Great and Holy Friday, which commemorates the Crucifixion.

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Rev. John Constantine, referring to the Balkans crisis

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MISSIONARIES

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Several young people from the Magic Valley area have been called to serve or returned from foreign missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve

Elder Spencer Stanger will serve in the Wisconsin Milwaukee Mission. He will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Natuagh Ward.

Elder Nicholas Speira will serve in the Venezuela Valencia Mission. He will speak at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Sh. chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard.

Van Nooy is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School, where he participated in state track and was a captain. He is an Eagle Scout and a Fork Leadership Institute graduate.

Returned from serving

Sister Tara Wheeler, daughter of Dee and Linda Wheeler of Paul, served in the New York Utica Mission. She will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Paul 1st Ward chapel, 424 W. Ellis.

Elder Peter J. Wells, son of K. and Carol Wells of Oakley, served in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission. He will speak at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley 3rd Ward chapel, 301 N. Center.

Elder Luke Martin Hansen served in the Ecuador Quito Mission. He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley Stake Center chapel, 2050 Normal Ave.

Hansen is the son of Kim and Patricia Hansen of Hereford to attend Utah State University in Logan.

Sister Mandy Rae Howard served in the California Arcadia Mission. She will speak at 1:50 p.m. Sunday at the View LDS Church chapel, 554 S. 490 E.

Howard is the daughter of DelRay and Galeen Howard of



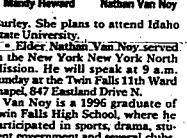
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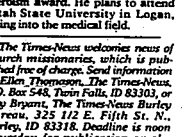
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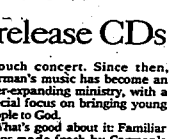
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Nathan Van Nooy

Burley. She plans to attend Idaho State University.

Elder Nathan Van Nooy served in the New York New York North Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 15th Ward chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.

Van Nooy is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School, where he participated in sports, a student government and several clubs. He is an Eagle Scout and earned a heretofore award. He plans to attend Utah State University in Logan, going into the medical field.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries, which is published free of charge. Send information to Ellen Thompson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Joy Bryant, The Times-News Burley, P.O. Box 112, Layton, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Sunday religion page.

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Boise UUF minister will speak in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers: Light From Shadows will be the topic when the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Twin Falls welcomes the Rev. Elizabeth Green of the Boise UUF as guest minister. The service is set for 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the YFCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.

All interested people are welcome to the fellowship offers religious education classes for preschoolers and up and a nursery for infants and toddlers.

Vocal ensemble performs at Sunday service

TWIN FALLS — "The Image of Christ" will perform in concert during the Rev. Wilbur Green's Easter service at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

The ensemble consists of Bethany Ann, Autumn Grubb and also from Drain, Ore., tenor Joshua Gaffney from Elkton, Ore., and bass Anthony Parker from Phoenix, Ariz.

Colorado Springs, Colo. — Tucked in a Ponderosa forest north of Colorado Springs, there's a historical treasure — a small, southwestern chapel with thick, stucco walls, 20-foot tall redwoods, and log vigas.

It's exactly the kind of chapel you'd expect to find in Santa Fe or Taos, N.M., but not in the heart of the Black Forest — unless, of course, you know the story of Alice Bemis Taylor, who had an intense passion for Southwestern art and artifacts.

For months, Alice's story has consumed the Rev. Wilbur Green, who spent 25 years at work as a minister in the United Church of Christ and 15 years in pastoral and counseling. Now, four years into "retirement," Green has begun his third career: Saving Alice's chapel.

Green has been working on placing the Bemis Taylor Chapel on the National Register of Historic Places. He compiled his research into a publication, sent it off to Washington, D.C., and is awaiting a decision, expected sometime this spring.

If the chapel, possibly the only example of its type of architecture in a church in Colorado, becomes part of the national register, it'll be easier for the city to pay for restoration of the structure and some of the art inside, including seven santos in the choir loft.

A relative newcomer to Colorado Springs, Green found out about the chapel and Alice Bemis Taylor after he saw a newspaper ad that said the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center — one of the many important sites left to the city — was offering trading for donations.

Green visited the chapel, located at LaForest, a 450-acre conference and retreat center that is owned by the Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ.

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Minico Choir will sing at Burley church Sunday

BURLEY — The Minico Choir, under the direction of Andy Percellid, will perform during the 11 a.m. worship Sunday at the Burley First Christian Church, 419 Oakley Ave. The public is welcome.

Men's conference states event in Boise stadium

BOISE — The 1999 Men's Conference, "Returns to Me," is planned for 7 to 10 p.m. April 30 and noon to 5:30 p.m. May 1 at Hawks Memorial Stadium.

Speakers include Dave Roever, Jim May, John Eldredge, Wellington Boone and Dave Hamada. Cost is \$15 per person. A-Seat outlets or 537 at the door.

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Southern gospel quartet presents 7 p.m. concert

RUPERT — "Liberty," a southern gospel quartet, will present a concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the First Christian Church, 111 Eighth St. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. The event is hosted by the First Baptist Church of Rupert.

LDS church sponsors final lectures in series

Final sessions of this year's Know Your Religion lecture series, sponsored by the Church Educational System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be held at area churches. Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Alfred will speak today at the Bailey Chapel on Broadway and Cedar Street. His topic is "Lighten Your Load: Learning to Forgive." Alfred is the seminary principal in Morgan, Utah.

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the chairman of the Division of Religious and Family Living at Rice College in Reburg.

Todd A. Knowles will speak April 17 at the Rupert West Stake Center, 100 W. 36 S. His topic is "I Will Show Unto You a God of Miracles." He is a teacher at the Boise State University LDS Institute.

Randal Bird will speak April 17 at the Wendell Stake Center, 605 N. Idaho. He will discuss "Revelation: Receiving the Mind and Will of the Lord." Bird is the manager of the Church Educational System seminary curriculum.

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High country ministry strives to rescue chapel

By Erin Emory

The Denver Post



Carole Westphal, executive director of LaForest, a 450-acre conference and retreat center owned by the Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church, and the Rev. Wilbur Green, stand outside the LaForest Chapel in the Black Forest area of El Paso County, Colo. Historic Registry designation is being sought for the site.

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Morgan Pike Taylor. The couple began constructing the six-room summer home in 1927 with lumber cut from the western side of Pike's summit.

But before the summer home was completed, Alice's husband died, in 1928. That same year, while on a trip to New Mexico to buy art and view ceremonial Indian dances, Eugenia

Shumaker, a Santa Fe artist, introduced Bemis Taylor to architect John Gaw Meem, one of the masters of the Santa Fe style.

Bemis Taylor commissioned Meem to build the church and Shonnard to design and execute the interior woodwork. Meem was so slouch in his field. He was first affiliated with Alexander Hamilton Rapp, who is credited as the "Creator of the Santa Fe Style." Rapp designed the Museum of Fine Arts and the La Fondas Hotel, both in Santa Fe.

In later years, Meem designed the Alumni Memorial Chapel at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and numerous facilities at the Fountain Valley School.

Christian artists release CDs

By Patty Ringenberg

Knight-Ridder News Service

Label: Cema/Sparrow

Description: I've always thought—that Garman, Mr. Shinnard, and I are really a lot in common with the late Rich Mullins, the oft-barefoot minstrel of the Plains.

Actually, Garman has many things. He has embraced everything, from gospel to country to rap. Here he returns to the core of his faith — a single-minded dedication to serving the Lord through their music, and both of them are singing with faith in a direct, straightforward way.

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"I've Been Redeemed" and a sunny, upbeat take on "The Lord's Prayer." He also records some of his own stand-alone songs, notably "Jesus is the Light," which gets a fresh spin with an irresistible rockabilly beat.

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Artist bio: Born Dominic Livorno, Garman gave his heart to Jesus during an Andre

Crouch concert. Since then, Carman's music has become an ever-expanding ministry, with a focus on bringing young people to God.

What's good about it? Familiar songs made fresh by Carman's energy and 112 Layton. Great sing-along material.

Carolyn Arends, "This Much I Understand," Label: Reunion Records

Description: This album took me by surprise. It seemed to be going along pleasantly enough when all of a sudden, in the midst of a stressful day, it reached out and spoke to me in the song "Surprised by Joy." The song is about the unexpected joys God plants for us in our lives.

Singer/songwriter Arends shines brightest in the songs that are the most personal, reflecting on the loss of a loved one in "Love You Out Loud," and the birth of a child in the whimsical "Even the Willow." Birth and death, those journeys from the familiar to the unfamiliar — are paralleled in the last songs, "We've Been Waiting For You." Listen to it keeping in mind that Arends is dealing with the death of her friend Rich Mullins and celebrating the upcoming birth of her son when she wrote it. The comparison of a baby being welcomed into this world and a soul being welcomed into the most heaven is moving and life-inspiring.

Artist bio: A native of Vancouver, Arends toured extensively with the All Saints and his Ragamuffin Band. This is her third album.

What's good about it? It's a personal journey of faith, guided by Arends' gentle, reassuring voice.

Novelist

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Countering that view on the same Web site is a retired professor who also referred to Grisham as "John the Apostle." He refers to one episode in the novel in which Nate, looking for a church, walks into a small Brazilian church where he sees a mural of Christ on the cross.

"He studied the crucifixion, the nails through His hands, the sword in His side, the vol. His face. Did they really kill Him in such a dreadful manner?" Grisham writes.

Roman Catholic, in proclaiming redemptive Christian orthodoxy. Those who know Grisham well aren't surprised by the religious subject matter in "The Testament." Write about what you know, teachers of creative writing always advise. And Grisham knows about Brazil and missionaries.

While a member of First Baptist Church in Oxford, Miss., Grisham, 44, went on several voluntary mission trips to Brazil. He helped build churches. Grisham told USA Today that he liked the experience so much that he plans to volunteer for more mission trips in the future.

Grisham writes. The English professor compares Grisham to American novelist Flannery O'Connor, a

Most Christians follow Jesuit scholar's views

The views expressed in the Knight-Ridder News Service article published two weeks ago were first put forth by the Jesuit scholar, Francisco Ribera in 1520.

Ribera wrote a 500-page commentary defending the pope from the charge of "Antichrist" by Martin Luther. When Ribera claimed, would appear in the last days, make a covenant with the Jews for 3 1/2 years, and his most personal, reflecting on the loss of a loved one in "Love You Out Loud," and the birth of a child in the whimsical "Even the Willow." Birth and death, those journeys from the familiar to the unfamiliar — are paralleled in the last songs, "We've Been Waiting For You." Listen to it keeping in mind that Arends is dealing with the death of her friend Rich Mullins and celebrating the upcoming birth of her son when she wrote it. The comparison of a baby being welcomed into this world and a soul being welcomed into the most heaven is moving and life-inspiring.

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Man needs a cleanser for his spiritual life

My wife prepares meals for Magic Valley Christian High School lunch on-op, when it is our turn. While washing some pans with baked-on grease, I thought,

"My life is dirty, just like these pans." Then I thought, "What would it be like if we didn't have dinner to clean with?"

I have been using backwashing trips enjoying the best nature offers. After several days, I would get like some people, a skin-on grease. I always get pimples and sores on my hands, and my clothes always get filthy. Soap would be a lot of effort, would get me physically clean again.

Mentally and spiritually, we can get dirty. Soap will not get us clean. Man's best efforts can only show us the dirt, and so we need a cleanser to clean us.

First John 1:7, "but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin."

The best cleanser is the blood of Jesus.

STEPHEN HARRIS Twin Falls

Misconduct has no sacred/secular limits

It has been written that human sinners are guilty in relative terms, while God's crea-

tures speak from a perfect idiom.

Construily, God's standards may leave one in agony. "Now go and sinne Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass: but do not subscribe to Kato's Kosov's daughter? How about Muslims, Christians clash on Easter? So, what else is new while eternal war of gods and men?"

You can preach morality until you run out of breath, but it isn't being so chiding or preaching that makes any difference, if virtuous action does not follow the words.

Pedophilia, for example, has been called a "divinity's flaw," as indeed in profanity's cloth, so imponderable misconduct has no sacred/secular boundaries. But I would suggest subscribe to humanist ethics than to make vindictive gods that perpetually lead humans to killing fields, my standard for human morality.

Words of caution — beware of piety: man offering God's loving kindness, for he may in fact be using a virtuous heart dwelling in hatred and lust.

BERT EAMES Heyburn

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Priest loses church, but not followers

Popular minister bends the rules a bit too far for Roman Catholic hierarchy

By Ben Dobbin
The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Jim Callan's childhood dream of becoming a priest early evaporated when he refused to wear a Roman collar. In his view, the neckties serve only to place the clergy on a pedestal.

"They almost didn't ordain me," he said, looking back to the issue that, 25 years later, he agreed to wear the black-and-white collar for hospital visits and funerals only.



Father Jim Callan hugs Kate West, 17, during a meeting held Aug. 28 at Corpus Christi Church in Rochester, N.Y. Callan was removed as the church's pastor because he conducts gay weddings, allows women an active role on the altar and serves Holy Communion to non-Romans Catholics.

Callan succeeded in leaving other young pastors in returning Roman Catholics to the fold. In 22 years at Corpus Christi Church in downtown Rochester, his congregation swelled from 200 to more than 3,000 by last summer.

How could a priest like this lose his church? What could make a pastor who was so popular among his congregants lose favor with the Catholic hierarchy? Why was Father Jim Callan excommunicated?

Driven by the gospel of Matthew, Callan made "uplifting the poor" the core message of his ministry. He opened a free health center, a homeless shelter, halfway houses for former convicts and a hospice and even a clinic in Haiti. He set aside 12 percent of the weekly collection for the poor.

Teaching people who are not in the pews, but who will never be in the pews: That's really at the heart of Catholicism, but it isn't always encouraged by Catholic practice," he said.

Callan also began bending rules to make each worshipper in the pews feel equally welcomed, not least single parents, mixed-faith couples, homosexuals and other "who have been really hurt" by society and by the church.

He said there's a need in every organization for a group "at the edge."

For him, that meant testing the church's boundaries on sacraments after liturgy, allowing women priestlike roles on the altar, inviting non-Catholics to share Holy Communion and, starting in 1993, blessing gay

unions of church people.

After years of Vatican warnings, Callan was reassigned to a small-town parish in September and in December was suspended by his western New York diocese for persevering with practices contrary to church law. Unwilling to fall back into line, Callan accepted an invitation

from his former parishioners to join them as "pastor" at the St. Vincent-Fortunate churches while they searched out a permanent base.

Callan's small flock of 1,400 people thronged a Christmas Eve Mass, and the weekly audience easily outnumbers those who served in his parish.

February: Callan and any Catholic who joined the newly chartered New Faith Community of women had to have excommunicated themselves for starting their own church.

"It's been a very sad time for me," Callan said. "I'd wintered in his sparsely furnished apartment. Catholic means universal, all-embracing, all-encompassing, and we just tried to make the church what its name means."

Bishop Matthew Clark of the Rochester area has been forceful in an increasingly conservative Catholic hierarchy, acknowledging slurring with Callan "a lot of common values and sympathies." But change can only come by consensus, he said.

For Callan, a child of the '60s, civil disobedience was always a legitimate way to force social change. He was jailed for five days in 1972 for protesting the Vietnam War, and was suspended for two months for refusing to live in a new rectory he designed in his hometown.

Callan has seen the church adapt some of the ideas he preached — such as altar girls, Eucharistic ministers, and the ordination of women — but he thinks inter-Communion among Christian denominations and the ordination of women are inevitable.

He even expects to be welcomed back into the church. But he acknowledges, "It might take 10 to 20 years."

Angels play a role for many spiritual people

By Dru Wilson
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Rev. Donald Dunn of St. Mary's Catholic Church was 4 years old when he learned a prayer asking his guardian angels to watch over him.

"Angel of God, my guardian dear,

only symbolic and do not exist as living entities. Many adults believe angels do."

For evangelical Christians, angels are a big part of some church's teaching on heaven. The Rev. Ted Haggard, pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs, says angels are one of three sources of messages from God.

Haggard has no doubt angels are delivering God's messages and watching over Christians and individuals today just as they did in the Bible. Angels have appeared during services at New Life Church and have been seen by many congregant members in the past year, he says.

Ever this day (night) be at my side, To enlighten and guard me, To enlighten and guide me."

"Growing up I said it every night at bedtime," Dunn says.

Angels are prominent elsewhere in Catholic theology, too. The final prayer at a Catholic funeral is for angels to come and carry the person to heaven, Dunn says. The many Catholic feast days include ones dedicated to the archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

In the Christian faith, angels are messengers and protectors sent by God. In fact, "angel" is a Greek word meaning messenger. And angels still play a role for many Christians and other spiritual people, although their image may not be that of Della Reese.

In recent years, angels have become more popular in American culture, in Reese's TV show "Touched by an Angel" and in such movies as "Michael" and "Angels in the Outfield." And at least one study reinforces the trend.

Three-fourths of adult Americans believe angels exist and affect people's lives, according to Barnet Research Group in Oxnard, Calif., which studies contemporary religious trends. However, 63 percent also believe the devil and the Holy Spirit are

representing the nations of the world.

Church elders have met to discuss what the unusual level of angelic activity might mean for the church and for Colorado Springs. Haggard says angels can appear in human form, or at other times "just stay in the spiritual world and in essence whisper."

Angels play a lesser role in most mainline Protestant theology. In the Bible, angels herald both the birth and resurrection of Christ.

"I think that is because old-school Protestants tend to be too reasonable and too logical, which often crowds out the emotional aspects of religion," says the Rev. Nick Natelli, a retired United Church of Christ minister.

Some people wear an angel pin to ward off evil or bad luck, just like his grandmother wore a bag of herbs around her neck to ward off illness, he says.

Spiritual-life coaches help seekers find their way

By Dru Sefton
Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Last Sunday, millions of Christians around the world gathered in churches to celebrate a special holy day, offering thanks to God many think they know personally. But others aren't so secure in their own spirituality.

Maybe they didn't worship a child or fell away from religion years ago. Perhaps they want to make the transition to being a spiritual person but just don't know how. Or perhaps they haven't been to church for years and are looking for a new place to worship.

"Some people are just struggling to understand," said Barb McAtee, who founded a spiritual life coaches group at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan.

McAtee's group is one way that local seekers are exploring tentative steps to finding their meaning of faith within their lives. For Pam Infranca of Kansas City, Mo., the search for a new spiritual life began shortly after her baby daughter was born. She was a single mother, angry, hurt and resentful of the baby's father. Infranca, 32, had been baptized

Selected readings

... from the Book of Isaiah ...

... from the Gospel of Matthew ...

... from the Book of Revelation ...

Catholic but grew up attending Methodist churches. As an adult, she wanted to get back to church and to overcome her struggle with forgiveness. She wanted more of a change in her life than she thought counseling could bring.

She sought out a priest at a Catholic church in Trenton, Mo., where she lived. Last fall, after moving to Kansas City, she began adult instruction in the catechism as a program at Visitation Church.

Infranca received first Communion and confirmation at catechumenate ceremonies on the

evening before Easter.

McAtee's group had its genesis nearly six years ago, when McAtee and three other KU employees approached the medical center's chaplain to ask if the would sponsor a small discussion group to explore issues of spirituality.

KUMC Interfaith has since blossomed into a wide-ranging circle of "believers, nonbelievers, employees and members of the outside community who chat, read and listen to speakers on everything from suicide to American Indian healing rituals. They've

heard from Mormons, Muslims, Christians, Jews, a Tibetan Buddhist.

As a follower of the Baha'i faith, McAtee says she has a "sense of religion." Her advice to those who are just beginning to explore their spirituality is to keep an open mind.

But these days a person know what is important to them spiritually. That's where a spiritual-life coach might be helpful. Jan Liles of Lee's Summit, Mo., a Kansas City suburb, is one.

She and her husband, Allen, encouraged by the United Way, have founded Spiritual Resources for Abundant Living for that very reason: to help clients discover their personal beliefs.

As with any form of personal coaching, Jan Liles said, "each person has the answers hidden in them. A coach helps them discover those answers. It's like a partner, somebody on their side, to be there for them as they go through the process of making their own life, to get to where they want to be."

Liles' faith coach does this by conducting "personal foundation work." As that foundation becomes more solid, their spiritual values begin to emerge.

Pagan festival plan offends some

DENNISTON, Ky. (AP) — Residents of rural, predominantly Christian Menifee County are not looking forward to a pagan festival planned for a ride-top tobacco farm April 30-May 2.

"It's just a horrible disgrace," says Denniston grocer Clayton Wells, 72, who lives three miles from the festival grounds east of Frenchburg.

As many as 200 dancing, drum-beating revelers plan to celebrate the blossoming of spring and the powers of fertility, organizers say, and some of the self-declared pagans and neo-pagans will be naked as they chant and worship.

everyone I've talked to," said Bethel Baptist Church pastor Joseph "Buddy" Rhodes of Frenchburg, who calls nude worship an abomination.

But William Lawson, a Menifee County native and ex-Pentecostal who is helping organize the event, said: "I want people to know that they have nothing to fear from us."

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Two new Christian books reach store shelves

By Paul R. Buckley
The Dallas Morning News

"Mother Teresa of Calcutta," by Sunita Kumar (Ignatius Press). The presence of suffering is a common objection to God's existence in modern times, but not at all for Mother Teresa. This new book, full of mostly black and white photography, chronicles her life of radical Christian discipleship.

Mother Teresa believed that the thousands of sick and dying who crossed her path were gifts from God, and they allowed her to do "something beautiful" for him. "There are people who can do great things," she said, "but there are very few people who will do the small things." To clean a toilet for the feeble, to tend to a leper's sores — these were privileges. "Mother Teresa of Calcutta" con-

victs in its simplicity. Mother Teresa wanted to remind us that if we are humble, God will work through us, not in deeds of worldly success, but in deeds of boundless glory.

"American Sermons," edited by Michael Warner (The Library of America). If you're the sort of pew sitter who winces through sermons because they're too tre-

some, are silly, too long, too whatever, a book such as this — 975 pages of pulp-like — will probably sound as "scintillating" as a game of trivial "trivia." On the other hand, the preachers represented here are supposed to be the best. The volume begins with the Pilgrims and ends with Martin Luther King Jr. Biographical sketches are given for each preacher.

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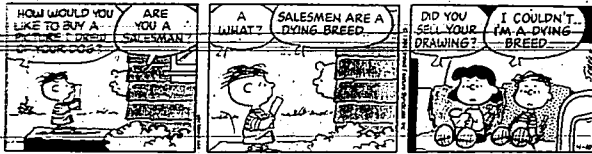
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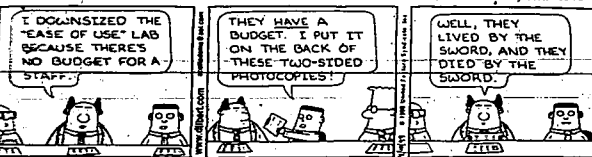


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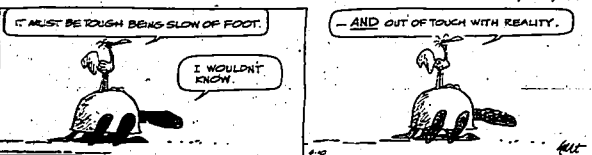


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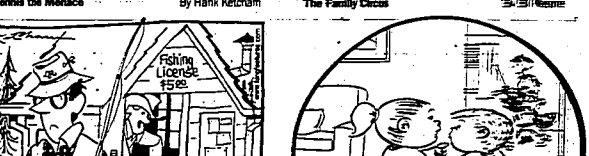
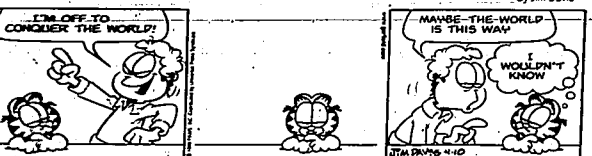
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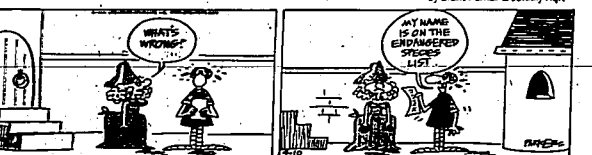


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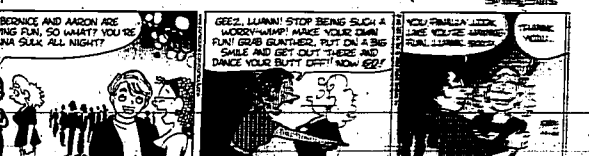


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Sales of top general retailers

Table showing sales figures in billions of dollars for various retailers like Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, etc.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. \$13.89 ↑ 13.3%

Kmart Corp. \$3.09 ↑ 10.1%

Sears, Roebuck and Co. \$3.58 ↓ 2.9%

J.C. Penney Co. Inc. \$3.01 ↑ 9.7%

Dayton Hudson Corp. \$2.89 ↑ 17.5%

Some retailers do not report their sales as a company. Wal-Mart, Kmart, J.C. Penney and Sears, Roebuck and Co. are not included in this table.

Source: AP Research

Utah and Idaho health insurers move to consolidate operations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Utah and Regence Blue Shield of Idaho plan to consolidate many of their administrative operations in a reorganization aimed at lowering costs.

The reorganization will combine such departments as information technology, marketing, cooperative planning, claims processing, internal auditing and human resources.

It helps us to control costs, which helps us keep (insurance) costs lower," said Jed Fischer, chairman and chief executive of the Utah firm.

The consolidation of administrative departments is expected to be completed by the end of 2000.

No employees are expected to lose their jobs. The two companies hope to eliminate duplicative positions through attrition.

The Utah firm, which employs about 850, is the state's largest health insurance provider. The nonprofit corporation provided insurance for 613,619 people last year and had revenue from insurance premiums of \$492.5 million.

John Ruch, president and chief executive of Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, was promoted to president and chief operating officer of the Utah and Idaho companies.

Regence Blue Shield of Idaho provided health insurance to 325,762 people last year and had revenue from insurance premiums of \$362.7 million. Ruch joined the company in 1997 as vice president of healthcare services. He was promoted to president and chief executive in May 1997.

Both health insurance companies are part of the Regence Group based in Portland, Ore.

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Refugee aid efforts accelerate

PRAZDA, Macedonia (AP) — After an all-out push by aid agencies, foreign nations and NATO, relief workers were at the point of ensuring food, shelter and safety for all the nearly half-million people who fled Kosovo, the U.N. refugee chief said Friday.

But the international community was still concerned enough about the plight of Kosovo Albanian refugees in camps in often-hostile Macedonia that it asked NATO troops to stick around.

"The humanitarian effort continues to gain momentum and I think it will be a matter of days before we have the situation quite under control," said Sadako Ogata, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Ogata toured the week-old Prazda refugee camp in Macedonia on Friday — at 2,000 tents and 25,000 refugees, the largest of the NATO camps sheltering Kosovo Albanians.

Visiting Italy, Albania and Macedonia, the U.N. refugee chief is trying to coordinate care for the Kosovo refugees — and for any new influx, either from Serb offensives or a renewed campaign of forced expulsions.

Macedonian leaders committed themselves Friday to keeping their borders open to refugees in the event of a new crisis, Ogata said.

Yugoslavia appeared to have at least partially reopened borders by Friday, after closing them three days earlier. Aid workers said they had seen dozens of children fleeing across Albania's mountainous borders on buses, and—

—suddenly stop. "It's very worrying because the children are in a state of shock and can't tell us what has happened to their family," UNICEF spokeswoman Marie Helene said in Geneva.

"They aren't in a fit state to tell us where they can't push them too hard." In Macedonia, U.N. workers started collecting evidence and testimony from refugees for any war-crimes trials that might come from the conflict between Yugoslavia and Kosovo's ethnic Albanian rebels.

And Ogata, acknowledging reports that Macedonia security forces were abusing "the preference is to keep the refugees in temporary camps in the region until they can return home," Ogata said.

One 14-year-old refugee boy burst past officials during Ogata's guided tour of the camp Friday, demanding when he could return to Kosovo, and inviting her to come too.

Ogata reached out and gave him a reassuring pat. "I would like to go back there, too," she said. "We can go back when we can go there safely."



Unlike Albania, Macedonia has been reluctant to take in refugees and has acknowledged as little as 50,000 of security forces who guard the camps perimeter beating a resident.

"I think for the time being, it would be important to ask NATO to maintain security," Ogata told reporters in Skopje, the Macedonian capital.

More than half the refugees fled from Kosovo have been taken in by private citizens, mostly fellow ethnic Albanians, the UNHCR said. The rest are in "camps that have sprung up in Albania and Macedonia over the past week; Ogata said by now she believed all the refugees in Macedonia at least had a roof — or tent — over their heads and food to eat.

Thousands of the "refugees" already have been airlifted to camps in other countries, mostly Germany, Norway and Turkey.

Ogata indicated plans by the United States and Canada to send more than 20,000 refugees to North America were on hold for now, in an effort to keep them closer to the province they left behind.

While "these generous offers are very much appreciated," the preference is to keep the refugees in temporary camps in the region until they can return home, Ogata said.

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An ethnic Albanian girl washes her hair, with the help of her sister, at a refugee camp near Stenkovce, six miles northwest of Skopje, Macedonia. Macedonia has been flooded with an estimated 100,000 refugees since the NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia began two weeks ago.



Above, Alberto Barahil, 2, her cousins Kosovara Barahil, 8, left, and Dorovtina Barahil, 5, from the Kosovo village of Isen, play inside a tent where they now live outside Kukes, Albania. Alberto, who suffers from conjunctivitis, is to fly with other Kosovars to Geneva, which has agreed to temporarily take in 10,000 refugees. Vahide Barahil, Alberto's grandmother, said Alberto's parents were shot to death by Serb paramilitary units.

Left, hundreds of Kosovar refugees expecting a food handout line at earlier this week at a NATO-run refugee camp in Shkupye, near Skopje, Macedonia.

How Serbs 'cleansed' Kosovo

Key steps in the assault on Albanian population:

- 1** Feb. 27: NATO strikes Serbian military targets in Kosovo.
- 2** Mar. 24-25: Serbian forces first clear the zone along border. Serb forces pack explosives in bridges and tunnels in Macedonia; border with Albania is mined and sealed.
- 3** Mar. 26: International monitors pull out. Yugoslav army attacks Podujevo, expel population and open supply corridor to Serbia.
- 4** Mar. 26-27: Serb troops push west through mountains into Shkice, hammer KLA rebel headquarters. Hundreds of men reported executed. Thousands of refugees flee south.
- 5** Mar. 24-26: NATO airstrikes begin. Serbs begin terror assault around Gjakova and Prizren; dozens reportedly executed, including women, children. First wave of refugees enters Albania.
- 6** Mar. 27-28: Serb forces and police go door to door in Prizren, Kosovo's second city, drive up to 60,000 people into Albania, Montenegro.
- 7** Mar. 28: Civilians move southward. As many as 40,000 refugees trapped in Pagarac Valley under Serb attack; most led to safety by KLA rebels.
- 8** Mar. 29-31: Serbs clear out of more than 100,000 ethnic Albanians, pack many into trucks headed for Mitrovicë. Up to 70,000 trapped for days in muddy field at border.
- 9** April 6: Serbs declare ceasefire, invite refugees to return, force thousands waiting at Macedonia border to turn back into Kosovo.
- 10** April 7: Despite cease-fire, fighting continues between Serb forces and rebels.

SOURCES: Refugees interviewed in Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro; KLA general headquarters; Western monitors; human rights organizations; White House; Knight-Ridder correspondents Lou Montgomery and Jeffrey Pearlman.



Ethnic Albanian refugee children from Kosovo line up Friday to receive a food handout in Kukes, Albania. An estimated 320,000 refugees are now in Albania.

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When West leads the spade eight and dummy plays low, it's tempting for East to duck and allow South to win his king. After the duck, if South cannot rattle off nine quick winners, East will cash four spade winners—after he wins his diamond ace. If he rattle off hope to win the diamond ace in time? Not for an experienced East. He will recognize the folly of relying on a waiting defense. If East allows South to win his spade king, surely South will cash six clubs and at least two hearts, to make his game.

So it's time for action at trick one, and East wins his spade ace. What next? Obviously, diamonds offer the only hope. If he attacks in that suit? If he cashes his ace and leads a small one, he gets a "C" for effort and an "F" for execution. Three diamonds, but South gets the rest.

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