



GOOD MORNING

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Recall effort begins



Jerome resident Diamantina Amaya signs a petition for a recall vote against Jerome's Sheriff Jim Weaver outside the Jerome County Courthouse Monday morning.

Marchers call for removal of Jerome County sheriff

By Mark Helms
Times-News writer

JEROME — Carrying banners calling for the ouster of Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver, protesters marched quietly several times back and forth in front of the Jerome County Courthouse early Monday before lining up to sign petitions supporting a recall election against Weaver.

Some of Weaver's staff stood on or near the courthouse grounds watching the parade, but declined to comment when approached by reporters.

Officers and administrators from the Jerome City Police Department — brought in to

Petitions available

Petitions calling for a recall election against Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver will be available for review and signing from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in Jerome City Park along East Main Street in Jerome, according to petition drive organizer Cindy Kopp. Copies will also be available at: CAPPS Paralegal Services at 215 N.

Lincoln Street in Jerome; The Corner Lounge at 150 W. Main in Jerome; The Snug Lounge at 165 W. Wilson in Eden and the Shuffie Inn at 633 Second Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

People wishing to read or sign the petition can also contact Lori at Russ' Market & Grill at 215 W. Wilson in Eden during regular business hours.

A drug warrant at the home of George Timothy Williams, 47, Butte gunfire broke out shortly after Cpl. James Moulson, 30, kicked in a door leading to Williams' living quarters, according to Idaho State Police investigators' reports. Williams, Moulson and Cpl. Phillip Anderson, 23, all died in the house.

After the Idaho Attorney General's Office revived the case and recommended that no criminal charges be filed in connection with the shootings, Jerome County Prosecutor John Nicholson announced last month he would not file any charges.

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public demonstration of dissent against Weaver sparked by a Jan. 3 gunfight in Eden that left two deputies and a suspect dead. Weaver and most of his staff, that evening attempted to serve

Bush: Don't pin hopes on quick resolution

President warns of deteriorating relations

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush cautioned on Monday that the spy plane standoff may not end soon — "diplomacy takes time" — and warned China that relations with the United States could suffer.

As the 9-day showdown threatened to become a political problem for Bush, U.S. diplomats met for a fourth time with the crew of a crippled EP-3E surveillance plane. The 21 men and three women were doing fine, the president reported, and administration officials said negotiations for their release were progressing.

Nonetheless, Beijing insisted

Crapo cancels trip — B1

anew Monday that Washington apologize and take responsibility for the spy plane's collision with a Chinese fighter jet before dawn April 1 Chinese time. The White House said neither demand was warranted, as frustration grew over the slow pace of talks.

"Diplomacy takes time," Bush told reporters before a Cabinet meeting about his plans for the federal budget. "But there is a point — the longer it goes — there's a point at which our relations with China could become damaged."

Bush, who has issued similar



San Francisco resident Noni Richen ties a yellow ribbon around the trunk of a tree across from the Chinese consulate in San Francisco, Monday, in protest of the Chinese government holding a U.S. spy plane and its crew.

warning to Beijing before, broke new ground with the diplomacy-takes-time formulation. Advisers said it was a plea for patience.

aimed at conservatives who rattled up their anti-China

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After 21 years, once-condemned man will be freed

Paradis will plead guilty to lesser charge

The Associated Press

BOISE — Donald Manuel Paradis, who spent 21 years in prison including 14 years on death row for the 1980 murder of Kimberly Ann Palmer in northern Idaho, will plead guilty to a lesser charge and walk free today.

Paradis will be the first once-condemned murderer in Idaho to be released.

A hearing is scheduled in Coeur d'Alene before 1st District Judge Gary Haman where Paradis will



Donald Manuel Paradis

pleaded guilty to being an accessory to murder for helping his co-defendant dump the 19-year-old Palmer's body in a ravine near Post Falls. The maximum penalty for that crime is five years in prison, so because of the years he already has spent behind bars Paradis will be released without any further restrictions on his freedom. Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill

Douglas said. The agreement to dismiss the murder charges, announced Monday, was reached in negotiations between Douglas and Paradis' attorneys, Bill Mauk of Boise and Edwin Matthews of New York. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last month upheld U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge's order for the state to retry or release the former motorcycle-gang member within 60 days.

Douglas cited that ruling and the facts behind it in saying there was "no realistic chance of success," either for further appeals or a new trial.

"I have determined that a reason-

able doubt exists that this crime occurred in the state of Idaho. Thus, the state will not retry Paradis for this murder," Douglas said. He also said that Spokane County, Wash., prosecutors have agreed not to pursue charges of any kind against Paradis.

Paradis, 52, and Thomas Henry Gibson, 49, both were convicted of the June 1980 strangulation death of Palmer. Along with fellow biker Charles Amacher, Paradis and Gibson had earlier been acquitted in Washington state of murdering Palmer's boyfriend, Scott Currier. Amacher has since died and been repeatedly cited as the killer of both Currier and Palmer.

More filings

Developers propose more hydro projects

By N.S. Nokkentyed
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Developers have proposed two hydro projects in reaches of the Snake River protected from hydro development.

In addition to the proposal filed by Twin Falls earlier this year at Auger Falls, and a competing application at that site, proposals have been submitted to federal regulators for a site at Star Falls — near Murtaugh and at "Boulder Rapids" near Buhl.

The recent rise in power prices and an apparent shortage of power in the Northwest is driving renewed interest in hydroelectric development at these sites, said Bill Block of J-U-B Engineers, who has been involved in the Auger Falls project and is involved in the Boulder Rapids project.

Applications were filed earlier this year with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates private hydroelectric facilities.

But the river from Milner to King Hill has been declared off-limits for hydro development in the state water plan approved by the state Legislature in 1993.

Environmentalists have vowed to sue any new projects, and state and federal agencies have questions about the effects on water quality, fish and wildlife.

The state water plan would have to be amended before the projects could be built.

Some people have questioned whether that is true, Block said.

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BPA chief wants to cut power sales

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Northwest drought is so dire that the region's utilities should cut back their purchases of electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration by 5 percent to 10 percent, the federal energy wholesaler's acting director said on Monday.

Local utilities that buy BPA power include the cities of

Burley, Rupert and Heyburn, the Rati River Rural Co-operative and the United Electric Co-operative of Heyburn.

Steven Wright said the second-worst Northwest drought in 72 years means the region faces a tripling to a quadrupling of wholesale electricity prices beginning Oct. 1 unless radical cuts in power consumption are made.

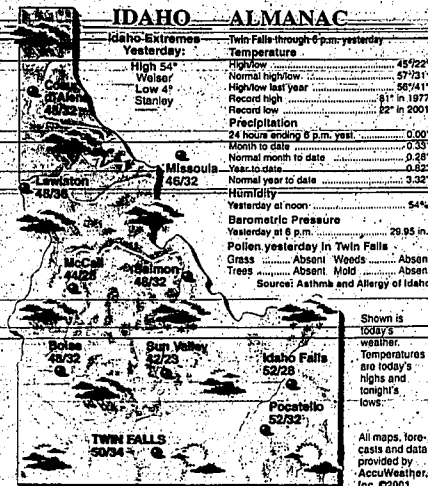
"An increase of this magnitude would have widespread economic consequences," Wright said. "With such an increase, we'd surely see more businesses close and more job losses."

He said the aluminum industry would virtually shut itself down for two years and that residents and businesses should adopt a strict conservation plan to save the region from having to buy more electricity on the open market later this year.

"We're all in this together," Wright said. "That's the difficulty."

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

AccuWeather.com



FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Clouds and some sun; maybe a p.m. shower.	Mostly cloudy; a few rain and snow showers.	Cloudy with a few showers-likely.	A shower is possible.	Plenty of clouds and a shower.	Cloudy to partly sunny.
▲ 50° ▼ 34°	▲ 34° ▼ 34°	▲ 44° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 34°	▲ 54° ▼ 34°	▲ 52° ▼ 36°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and a sprinkle and flurry this morning, then partly sunny today. Highs 44-52. Turning out cloudy tonight with a couple of rain and snow showers into tomorrow. Lows tonight 27-37.

Boise: Occasional sunshine today. Highs 48-53. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few rain showers, which could mix with some wet snow late tonight and tomorrow morning. Lows tonight 30-36.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and a couple of widely scattered snow showers this morning; otherwise, partly sunny today. Highs 43-57. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows 15-25 in the coldest mountain spots to 28 elsewhere.

Northern Utah: Snow in the Wasatch Mountains into afternoon could accumulate a few inches by midday. Mostly cloudy elsewhere. Highs from 30-35 in Snowbird and Alta to 45-50 in places like Ogden and Salt Lake City.

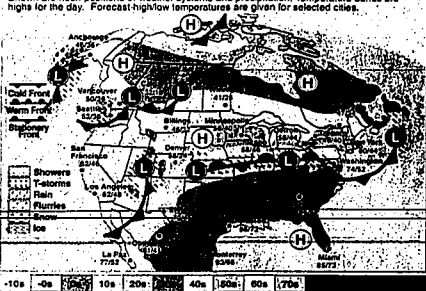
Northern Idaho: Clouds and a shower of rain and snow this morning, then some breaks of sunshine today. Highs 40-48. A few rain and snow showers are likely again tonight. Lows 30-38.

NATIONAL EXTREMES



High 97° in Petersburg, VA Low 3° in Lodgepole, CA

NATIONAL WEATHER

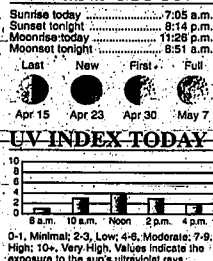
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SUN AND MOON

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	
Plenty of clouds and a few showers.	Cloudy to partly sunny.
▲ 54° ▼ 34°	▲ 52° ▼ 36°

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NATIONAL CITIES

Today						Wed.						Today						Wed.						
City	Hi	Lo	W	Mo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	Mo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	Mo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	Mo	W	
Atlanta	86	64	pc	82	63	c	Memphis	88	66	c	88	64	c	88	64	c	88	64	c	88	64	c	88	64
Baltimore	62	43	c	49	42	c	Miami	85	73	a	85	73	a	85	73	a	85	73	a	85	73	a	85	73
Birmingham	82	63	c	82	63	c	Minneapolis	68	50	c	68	50	c	68	50	c	68	50	c	68	50	c	68	50
Boston	45	32	c	45	32	c	Nashville	86	68	pc	86	68	pc	86	68	pc	86	68	pc	86	68	pc	86	68
Buffalo	68	50	c	68	50	c	New Orleans	84	69	s	84	69	s	84	69	s	84	69	s	84	69	s	84	69
Charlotte, NC	89	64	c	89	64	c	Phoenix	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Charlotte, WV	83	64	t	83	67	s	Omaha	84	61	sh	84	61	sh	84	61	sh	84	61	sh	84	61	sh	84	61
Chicago	58	48	sh	58	48	sh	Orlando	89	63	s	89	63	s	89	63	s	89	63	s	89	63	s	89	63
Cincinnati	82	64	c	82	60	sh	Philadelphia	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Cleveland	59	34	sh	50	31	c	Phoenix	83	48	sh	73	50	c	73	50	c	73	50	c	73	50	c	73	50
Denver	66	51	c	64	47	t	Portland, ME	48	34	s	47	32	c	47	32	c	47	32	c	47	32	c	47	32
Des Moines	66	51	c	64	47	t	Raleigh	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Detroit	82	64	c	82	60	sh	Rapid City	48	38	sh	48	30	c	48	30	c	48	30	c	48	30	c	48	30
El Paso	72	46	sh	50	31	c	Reno	52	34	pc	55	31	c	55	31	c	55	31	c	55	31	c	55	31
Fairbanks	46	32	sh	52	30	pc	Rio Grande	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Fargo	82	64	c	82	60	sh	St. Louis	77	64	sh	75	45	sh	75	45	sh	75	45	sh	75	45	sh	75	45
Honolulu	82	71	sh	81	61	sh	St. Paul	57	42	pc	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43
Houston	88	72	c	84	61	sh	St. Paul	57	42	pc	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43	sh	56	43
Indianapolis	82	64	c	82	60	sh	Tampa	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Jacksonville	88	72	c	84	61	sh	San Diego	61	55	pc	65	55	pc	65	55	pc	65	55	pc	65	55	pc	65	55
Las Vegas	82	64	c	82	60	sh	San Francisco	52	48	sh	52	44	c	52	44	c	52	44	c	52	44	c	52	44
Lincoln	70	60	sh	71	45	r	Salt Lake City	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68	c	86	68
Los Angeles	82	64	c	82	60	sh	Shanghai	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64
Memphis	88	69	pc	88	63	pc	Tucson	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64	sh	73	64
Minneapolis	68	50	c	68	50	c	Washington, DC	74	52	c	60	50	c	60	50	c	60	50	c	60	50	c	60	50
Nashville	86	68	pc	86	68	pc																		

Weather (W): a-sunny, p-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, at-snow (flurries), an-snow, f-fog, ice.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Boise	48 32	48 29	Idaho Falls	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Pocatello	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Portland, OR	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Richland, WA	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Salmon	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Salt Lake City, UT	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Seattle, WA	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Spokane, WA	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Stanley	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Sun Valley	48 32	48 29
Butte	48 32	48 29	Yellowstone, MT	48 32	48 29

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
 Poleline At Blue Lakes North

Bush budget plan curbs initiatives

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush sent Congress on Monday the full details of his \$1.96 trillion budget, promising to restrain what he considers the excessive growth of government spending by trimming a multitude of government programs, from energy conservation to putting police on the streets.

Tax cuts - A3

The nearly 5-inch-thick stack of blue-budget-books-which-flees out the broad budget outline the president released in February, seeks to put the new administration's stamp on the federal government by rolling back many initiatives promoted by former President Clinton's administration.

All of the cuts make room for Bush's signature proposal, a \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut, while also using a projected \$5.5 trillion surplus over the next decade to pay down a record amount of the national debt. Democrats contended Bush was cutting programs too severely.

In his full budget, Bush re-estimated the cost of his campaign-promised tax cut at \$1.49 trillion over 10 years, giving him room to add some new tax breaks to the package - the biggest of which is a \$52.9 billion program to provide up to \$2,000 in tax credits to help low-income families pay for health insurance.

Hydro

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Power prices are significantly higher than in the past. This week power that typically sold in the region for 3 or 4 cents per kilowatt hour is selling for 30 cents.

California recently announced requests for proposals for 10 year contracts at 10 to 12 cents per kilowatt hour, Block said.

Western Land Investments has proposed a project at Boulder Rapids near Buhl. The project would divert a portion of the river, with a wetland peninsula jutting 320 feet at angle into the north side of the river. The peninsula would be 225 feet wide at the bank and about 20 feet at the tip. It would divert a portion of the river into a canal opening across the river. The canal - about half a mile long - would carry water to a concrete power house. The project would have a generating capacity of 4.9 megawatts.

A megawatt is a million watts - enough power to light 10,000 hundred-watt light bulbs.

Symbiotics LLC of Rigby - in an application filed by Brent L. Smith of Rigby - has proposed building a 20-foot high, 400-ft long dam across the Snake River at Star Falls. The dam would divert water into two 12-foot diameter buried pipes, 130 feet long, to a concrete power. The project would have a generating capacity of 25 megawatts.

The capacity of the proposed project at Auger Falls would be about 44 megawatts.

It would be several years before these projects are completed.

Idaho Power also is looking at adding generating facilities. The company expects to complete a 90 megawatt generating plant in Mountain Home by July, and it has contracted for about 250 megawatts from a company in Canyon County by 2004.

But those plants would burn natural gas - a resource that also is climbing in cost.

Interviews indicate spy plane crew wasn't at fault

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - New information from U.S. crew members about the collision of a Chinese jet fighter and a Navy spy plane shows the Americans were not at fault, U.S. officials said Monday.

Interviews with the detained 24 crew members held on Hainan Island reveal that Chinese pilot Wang Wei passed three times below the lumbering EP-3E reconnaissance craft - once within 2 or 3 feet - before striking the

U.S. plane's left wing with the fighter's tail and plunging into the sea, said Pentagon officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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China

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rhetoric over the weekend and began to question his handling of the situation.

The president also hoped to prepare the public for the possibility of protracted negotiations. Polls show voters support Bush's performance on China, but senior Republicans close to him said the good will could evaporate if the

standoff continues much longer.

Bush himself set high expectations a week ago Tuesday when he told China "it is time for our servicemen and women to return home" and again Friday when he reported "we're making progress" in negotiations.

Many of his own advisers had said they believed the 24-member crew would be released over the weekend.

Instead, China increased its hard-line rhetoric. "Where is the responsibility? I think it's very clear," said Zhu Bangzao, a senior foreign ministry official traveling with Chinese Premier Jiang Zemin in Argentina.

"The United States should apologize and respond appropriately," Zhu said at a Buenos Aires news conference. "If they don't, it's going to be difficult. If they do, it's going to help resolve the problem."

Recall: How it works

For Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver to be ousted from office, the following events must occur:

1. Voters equaling 20 percent of the voters registered for Jerome County's most recent election must sign a petition to recall a resolution that amounts to 2,022 signatures from the county's 10,107 registered voters.
2. If the Jerome County Clerk's Office finds the needed signatures are valid, Weaver will have five days to resign. If he chooses not to, Jerome County Clerk Cheryl Watts must call a special election for a recall vote.
3. If a recall election takes place, according to Idaho state law, a majority of voters must support the recall for it to pass.

In addition, according to the law, "the number of votes cast in favor of the recall must be at least 10 percent of the total number of votes cast in the election for that officer." Simply put, more than 2,992 voters would have to vote to recall Weaver - who received that many votes in November 2000, when he won a three-year term for reelection. Weaver captured 49 percent of the vote in that election.

- Source: Idaho Secretary of State's office

Recall

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But some of the people who showed up for Monday's march and petition drive said they weren't satisfied with that conclusion.

"The truth has to be known," said Janet Helms of Jerome. "The laws must be stopped. Justice must reign."

Joy Reed of Kimberly, who knew Williams, said she was disappointed with how Weaver and other officials handled the case.

"This whole situation is wrong. This kind of thing should never have happened," Reed said. "There's been too much held back on this. Even if there aren't any secrets, it's been made to look like there is."

"I think there's a question of proper procedures," David Zortman of Jerome said just after signing the recall petition. "I don't think safety procedures were followed during the raid."

That means Weaver should step down, Zortman said.

"We need a sheriff who will tell the truth and is not just going to help only the people he wants to."

Speaking to the media for the first time since a Jan. 10 press conference, Weaver declined to comment on the Eden shootings.

But said he recognized the protesters' rights.

"I support the Constitution of the United States and the right to peacefully protest and demonstrate," Weaver said. "Those are some of the most important rights guaranteed by the Constitution."

Eden resident Cindy Kopp, who launched the recall petition, said she was somewhat disappointed by the turnout for the march, but said she was confident enough residents are behind the drive to oust Weaver.

"I know a lot of people were intimidated by the idea of coming out right in front of the courthouse," she said.

Kopp said she that as of Monday, she and other organizers were not planning to take the petition door-to-door. Instead, the copies would be available starting today at several Magic Valley businesses, she said.

"If we still aren't getting enough signatures, we'll have to then we might consider going door-to-door," Kopp said.

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 POWERPLAY # 4

Sunday, April 8, numbers
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 7 5 3

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Bush adds health credit, other breaks to budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax credits for people who have health insurance. Tax breaks for homeowners who invest in solar power. A tax deductible savings account for farmers and ranchers.

These are among more than two dozen tax relief items — many of them championed by key Republican members of Congress — that President Bush included Monday in his fiscal year 2002 budget proposal. They were squeezed into Bush's overall tax cut, which remains at \$1.6 trillion over 10 years.

"This plan reflects the president's vision and priorities for providing tax relief for American families," said Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. "I look forward to the day when the tax overpayment that is sent to Washington is returned to the hardworking Americans who earned it."

Bush is committed to his \$1.6 trillion figure, even though the Senate voted last week for a budget trimming the tax relief by 25 percent, to \$1.2 trillion. Bush wants the bulk of the tax cut to come from across-the-board income tax reductions, repeal of the estate tax, relief from the marriage tax penalty and doubling of the \$500 per child tax credit.

But the president on Monday proposed a lower list of specialized tax breaks that would total \$137 billion over 10 years. Many are part of broader White House initiatives involving education, trade, the environment, health care and other issues.

The biggest single item would provide a tax credit for people to purchase private health care insurance if they are not covered by an employer plan or public health program.

The proposal is similar to legislation pushed in Congress by Republicans who contend the private sector can best help the estimated 44 million Americans who have no health coverage. Democrats generally favor expansions of federal and state programs to provide that help.

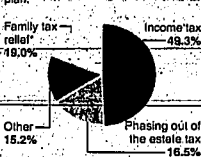
When fully phased in, the maximum annual credit would be \$1,000 for individual taxpayers with up to \$30,000 in adjusted gross income, \$2,000 for married couples with incomes up to \$60,000.

It also would be refundable, meaning that people who don't actually pay income taxes could still enjoy its benefits. The plan's cost is estimated at \$71.5 billion over 10 years, but the total would reach only about \$53 billion if restricted to people who pay income taxes.

Bush also is proposing to make medical savings accounts permanent. This perennial GOP favorite that lets people make tax-deductible contributions for health costs. In addition, the president wants to allow people a

Cutting taxes

President Bush on Monday proposed \$1.6 trillion in tax breaks over the next 10 years. Here is a breakdown of his plan.



*Denotes the reduction of the "marriage penalty" and increases in the child tax credit.

SOURCE: Department of Treasury

AP deduction for long-term health care costs whether or not they itemize of tax returns.

In many cases, Bush is proposing tax breaks long supported by key lawmakers on Capitol Hill. For example, the president endorsed a measure by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, that would create a tax deductible savings account for 20 percent of annual income for farmers and ranchers. Grassley is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which likely will determine the success or failure of Bush's overall tax relief plan.

Bush also is proposing:

- A new 15 percent tax credit for individuals who purchase home water heaters or home electric systems powered by solar energy.

- A \$400 annual credit for teachers' out-of-pocket classroom expenses.

- A three-year extension of a tax credit for electricity generated by wind and biomass, such as farm and forest byproducts.

- Repeal of a limit on how much utilities can deduct for the costs of taking nuclear facilities out of service.

- A tax credit for developers of affordable, single-family housing.

- A 50 percent capital gains tax break for private landowners who voluntarily sell land or water resources to a government agency or conservation organization for preservation.

- Permanent extension of a current "brownfields" tax credit for expenses involved in cleaning up abandoned industrial sites.



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Rafter, divers drown in rescue attempt

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. (AP) — Two fire department divers and the kayaker they were trying to rescue drowned in a creek at a state park near Pittsburgh.

The 23-year-old man struck a submerged log, flipping his kayak Sunday in Slippery Rock Creek at McConnell's Mill State Park, police said. The kayaker, whose name was not immediately

released, became trapped underwater by a fast current.

Anthony Murdick and Scott Wilson, both 25, of the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department drowned while trying to save the man. Their bodies were recovered about a half-mile downstream, police said.

Fire Chief Mark Lauer said it was unclear what caused the

divers' difficulties, but "the creek was high and fast."

The divers entered the water without scuba equipment. A line was tethered between the two men and a longer safety rope was connected to shore.

"We believe the tether line that held them together got caught on something and pulled them both down," Lauer said.

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California power outages stir fears across America

The Associated Press

A continent away from California, there's a scramble to start up 11 small power generators in time for the summer heat wave that is sure to hit New York City. In Kentucky, 18,000 people are worried about being cut off by their utility because of unpaid natural gas bills from the winter.

In Iowa, politicians are debating something they haven't talked about in years: whether to build more power plants. A move to deregulate the state's electricity market has been put in cold storage.

After months of watching California's deregulation fiasco and power outages from afar, Americans in state after state are asking: could blackouts occur here?

While most officials in a 50-state survey by The Associated Press say they expect to have enough power, utilities are sprucing up their systems, pitching conservation to customers and searching for ways around likely power grid bottlenecks when humming air conditioners produce peak demands this summer.

In board rooms, power plants and state government offices, they're holding strategy sessions on how to deal with the unexpected, which is sure to strike somewhere.

"We're cautiously optimistic," says Maureen Helmer, a member of the New York Public Utilities Commission. "I think everyone wants to make sure we don't end up where California ended up."

In Washington, the words "energy crisis" are used almost daily as the new Bush administration and lawmakers worry that California's blackouts could spread and possibly drive the already faltering

stock market into recession.

"The bad news is that the situation in California is not isolated," says Energy Secretary Abraham. Nonetheless, he adds, "America's energy problems can be solved."

Electricity demand rose 3.6 percent last year and is expected to climb 3.1 percent this year, says the Energy Department. In the Northeast, South and Midwest, as well as Texas, dozens of new power plants have come on line, easing supply problems, but more are still needed to meet future growth, energy experts say.

The safety margins to deal with peak load demand on the hottest days has been shrinking, according to the electricity industry's North American Reliability Council, which likes to have a generating capacity of at least 15 percent above the peak summer demand.

People almost certainly will pay more for energy this summer. Many utilities already have filed requests to state regulators for price increases—in some cases to pay for losses from the winter's high natural gas prices.

A growing number of power plants, including almost all of the new ones run on natural gas, which was once cheap but has more than doubled in price over the past year, sending electricity prices skyward as well.

The worst problems this summer are expected in the West, where the department of making whole-sale transfers of witnesses, not suspect, just to get them to talk.

A federal lawsuit filed by a Detroit lawyer late last month seeks a court order banning the "practice of arresting witnesses who may have knowledge of murders but who are not involved in the actual murders."

Critics blast arrest numbers in murder probes

Detroit police's high

Police Chief Benny Napoleon has denied the department makes "dragnet arrests" of witnesses. But he has begun an internal review, and issued a new policy in March that prohibits officers from taking witnesses into custody without a court order.

The arrest rate, and allegations of unconstitutional dragnets, were first reported by the Detroit Free Press in March.

This reviewer cited FBI statistics showing Detroit police arrested 1,310 people in investigating 430 murders in 1998, the latest year for which national figures were available. At the same time,

less than half of those 1998 homicides have been solved—one of the worst performances among big-city police departments.

The 3-to-1 ratio of arrests to murders is far above that of other major U.S. cities.

"From the outside, it seems outrageous and extraordinary," said James Alan Fox, a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston. "I don't know of it being done elsewhere. Three-to-one just of the charts."

For the same year, Chicago police made 753 arrests in 703 murder cases and Philadelphia police arrested 309 people in 338

homicides, the FBI statistics showed.

In 1999, Detroit police arrested 1,152 people in connection with 415 murders. Comparable figures for other major cities were not available. Only 189 of the Detroit homicides were cleared—that is, suspects were identified, regardless of whether they were convicted or even arrested.

The city has reached at least two six-figure settlements with people alleging they were detained illegally as witnesses while homicide investigators waited for them to tell what they might know.

Bush names gay man to AIDS office

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has chosen an openly gay Wisconsin man to direct his administration's policies on AIDS, the White House announced Monday.

Bush selected Scott Evertz to head the new Office of National AIDS Policy, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer. Evertz, leader of the Log Cabin Republicans in Wisconsin, is the first openly gay person nominated to an executive branch office by a Republican president.

"The president picks the best people for their jobs, regardless of what their backgrounds may or may not be, and that is why he has chosen Scott," Fleischer said. "The president respects him. He will be welcome in the White House."

Evertz is a political ally of Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, former governor of Wisconsin. The Human Rights Campaign, the country's largest gay political group, praised Evertz's appointment even while it criticized as inadequate the \$1.8 billion allotment for AIDS programs in Bush's fiscal 2002 budget proposal.

"We applaud President Bush for this appointment," said Winnie Stachelberg, the group's political director.

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Agency warns of rollover risk in 15-passenger vans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government warned on Monday that 15-passenger vans — like those used to shuttle college teams, church groups and airport passengers — have a dramatically higher risk of rollover when fully loaded.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also said the vans, often driven by students or volunteers, should be operated only by experienced drivers.

NHTSA issued the rare consumer advisory after finding the

vans are three times more likely to roll over when carrying 10 or more passengers. The study was prompted by a series of rollovers involving college sports teams.

Four members of the Prairie View A&M University track team were killed and seven others were seriously injured when their van rolled over on the way to a meet last year. Other serious rollover accidents last year involved the Wisconsin-Oshkosh swim team, the DePaul women's

track team and the Kenyon College swim team.

NHTSA found that when fully loaded, a large van's center of gravity shifts up and to the back, increasing the risk of rollovers, especially in panic maneuvers by drivers.

"You have a vehicle that behaves entirely differently than when they are lightly loaded," NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson said. "There is nothing inherently wrong with these vehicles as long

as you understand those characteristics and take that in to account."

Officials from General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG agreed that van drivers need to be especially cautious. Ford, which makes the top-selling Econoline, warns drivers in its owner's manual to avoid sharp turns, excessive speed and abrupt maneuvers, but the other two manufacturers do not.

Couple loses bid for 'Internet Twins'

LONDON (AP) — The "Internet Twins" — born in America and adopted by a British couple through an online service — should go home to have a court decide who should raise them, a judge ruled Monday.

Justice Andrew Kirkwood ruled that the 9-month-old girls should be returned to Missouri, where their estranged biological parents are seeking custody.

The British couple who adopted the twins were considering

whether to appeal. Kirkwood said the twins would be placed in foster care in Missouri pending rulings there on their future, and he said arrangements for taking them out of Britain would be confidential.

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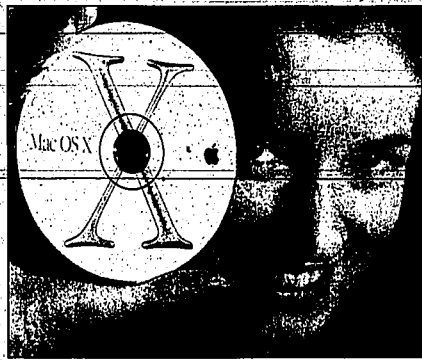
Mac OS X,
Windows will
go head-to-head

By Julio Ojeda-Zapata
Knight Ridder News Service

Steve Jobs, watch your back. The Apple Computer chief executive thinks he has a winner in Mac OS X, the cutting-edge Macintosh operating system that was released in near-finished form March 24. But the Mac peddler faces horrific competition in Windows XP, the next-generation version of Microsoft's industry-leading consumer OS, which was publicly unveiled in "beta" or test form late last month.

The differences between the two operating systems are striking, but the similarities are all that really matter. Both are built on new software foundations that give them far more stability and reliability than the versions that came before. Both have fresh, bright front ends or "interfaces" that make their forebears look unbearably bland.

Both have dramatically improved multimedia features for consumers who want to dabble with digital pictures, music and movies.



A woman shows the new Software Mac OS X for Apple Macintosh Computers during a presentation at the Computer fair CeBIT, in Hannover, Germany, last month.

And that's why WinXP will likely have the upper hand in what looks to be a titanic operating-system struggle later this year when both Microsoft and Apple are slated to release completed versions of their software. Not even Jobs' notorious "reality

distortion field" may be enough to trigger large-scale Windows defections in such a close race. After scrutinizing Mac OS X ("X" Macs the spot," March 24) we turned to Windows XP Home Edition—not to be confused with the Professional Edition—last

week. We mostly like what we see. However, we'll reserve final judgment on the still-glitchy WinXP, as with the also-quirky Mac OS X, until we see a polished final version.

Windows XP already represents a big leap forward in consumer computing even though its surface design—hicknamed Luna—is evolutionary, not revolutionary. Unlike OS X, which is near-total reworking of the current Mac OS 9.1, Windows XP retains such conventions as the Start menu and the bottom-of-the-screen Taskbar.

WinXP—"XP" is short for "experience"—is loaded with modest but meaningful interface enhancements. File windows, for instance, now include colorful left-side WebView panels with lists of tasks and places. The panel in the My Computer window includes such clickable options as "Search for files or folders," "Add or Remove programs" and "My Documents."

The WebView panels really come in handy with multimedia-related folders. My Music has "Play Selection" and "Shop for music online" options. My Pictures includes a "View as a slide show" option along with "Order prints from the Internet," which prompts users to upload images for processing by a Web-based photofinisher.

Teachers wish Net was used better in schools

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Eighty-seven percent of teachers responding to a survey said they were comfortable using the Internet, and 84 percent thought

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Wireless Web
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Knight Ridder News Service

The wireless Web was launched with much fanfare just over a year ago.

There were great expectations that consumers and corporate types would relish being set free from their desktops—browsing the Web, sending e-mail, checking stock quotes or baseball scores.

But the reality has been slow to match these expectations.

In a recent study, the Yankee Group estimated that 1.8 million people tried the wireless Web over their browser phones in December, but only 700,000 would become regular users.

Industry analysts say accessing the Web on a cell phone or a PDA is still cumbersome. Many consumers were disappointed the "Web-to-go" wasn't the graphic-rich medium they've become accustomed to on their stationary PCs.

Also, in today's age of increasing high-speed Internet access at home and at work, surfing the Web on a wireless phone is done at the mind-numbing speed of 14.4 kilobits per second or less. That's slow considering the top speed on the current generation of dial-up modems is 56 kbps.

Sprint PCS launched the first wireless Web service for consumers in September 1999.

'Read-Only' problem can
be solved with a few clicks

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q&A

Q. I'm faced with a frustrating dilemma when opening Word and Excel files from my directory. In the past, without first opening the Word and/or Excel program, I was able to double-click open files for these programs directly off my directory. The files would open in the appropriate program, and I could edit and save them with no problems. For some strange reason, when I open them now, they say "Read Only," and I am unable to amend them without renaming them each time. I've tried in vain to solve this irritating problem.

A. Ellen May: Go figure how you managed to get those files marked as "Read Only." Ms. M., but the fix is a mere pair of clicks away. Instead of right-clicking to open the icons, click on them with the left mouse button. This will call up a box that includes the choice

Properties at the bottom of the menu.

When the Properties box for the individual file comes up, look at the settings at the bottom for Attributes.

There will be a check beside Read-only. Remove that check and the file will open properly the next time it is right-clicked.

You also should check the Options menu in Word to make sure you haven't set it to make those particular files read-only every time they are saved. Click on Tools in the Word tool bar and then Options and Save.

There you will find a command that can be set to make the document read-only. Make sure that it is not set on your machine to avoid other files being set so that the user cannot make changes.

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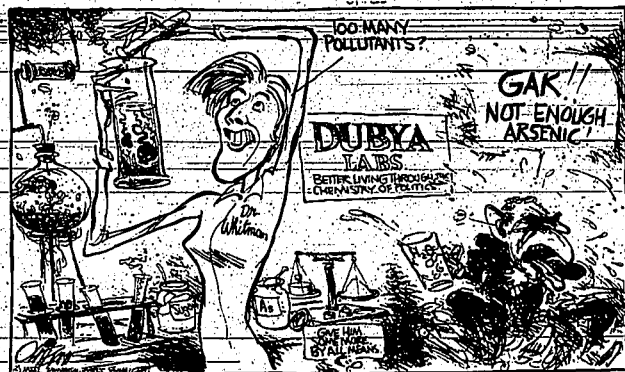
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Keeping it clean at INEEL

There have recently been several articles and letters published discussing environmental violations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Many of the allegations are simply not true. Certain of the violations discussed are the subject of a 1996 lawsuit against former contractors, which has just recently been made available to the public. All of the violations in the 1996 lawsuit have long since been corrected, were the subject of prior enforcement actions and have been covered by the news media in previous years. INEEL officials have been working vigorously to correct past problems and to solidify public confidence.

Bechtel BWCT Idaho, a limited liability corporation, is fully committed to environmental compliance and protecting the environment. Our environmental policy emphasizes the need to conduct our operations in full compliance with regulatory requirements, protect the natural resources at the INEEL, and minimize the impact from our operations. We are committed to prompt identification of non-compliance conditions, full disclosure and aggressive resolutions of issues.

We have made significant progress toward resolving past environmental issues and putting controls in place to prevent new ones. As a result, we have seen sig-

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nificant improvements in environmental compliance. An April 2000 inspection by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality initially resulted in 10 violations, of which eight were ultimately penalized. By contrast, 1998 inspections initially resulted in 86 violations, of which 45 were ultimately penalized. Our goal is full compliance with environmental regulations, and we're moving in that direction.

We've taken a number of aggressive measures to strengthen our environmental management systems, including:

- We moved all environmental compliance professionals into a central Environmental Affairs organization. This has provided consistency in interpretation and application of environmental requirements and ensured that our staff has the appropriate level of expertise.

- Environmental planning has been integrated into our work control processes as part of our Integrated Safety Management program. Environmental requirements are seamlessly included in the tools used to prepare work control documents.

- We have conducted, and continue to conduct, numerous inter-

nal environmental assessments to identify and correct environmental issues.

- Increased open communication with our employees, stakeholders, and regulatory agencies is the rule, not the exception. Regular meetings are held with Idaho DEQ managers to discuss permitting schedules and actions. We have arranged for assistance visits from DEQ to increase the environmental awareness of our operations managers and employees.

A key focus of our mission at the INEEL is to identify new technology for cleaning up and protecting the environment. Our management and employees understand that our future depends on becoming a model for environmental compliance. Conducting operations in compliance with laws and regulations, self-identifying non-compliance conditions, and promptly resolving them is the right thing to do and makes good business sense. Consistent with the commitments we have made to our clients, our regulators, our employees and our corporate management, a strong program dedicated to environmental compliance is the way we will conduct business at the INEEL for many years to come.

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Budget debate ignores productivity

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Take away the names scrolling across C-SPAN, and the debate that dominated through the Senate last week on President Bush's budget could have been lifted from 1981, 1951 or 1931. All the players read lines so familiar they could have been cribbing from cue cards.

Farm state senators—even those who otherwise fulminated against shameful federal spending—shamelessly sought more federal subsidies for their voters or constituents. Liberals demanded billions more for Medicare. And conservatives insisted the most important thing Washington can do is cut taxes.

It was an argument powered more by reflex than reflection. No one listening would sense that America is undergoing a historic transformation to an information- and innovation-based economy—or that the transformation itself was facing its first serious bump with the bursting of the dot.com bubble and the sagging of the stock markets. Missing, in other words, was any sustained discussion of how Washington's fiscal decisions can support the information revolution and nurture the revival in productivity growth the new technology has ignited.

Productivity is the pivot of social progress. In the quarter-century after World War II, as American industry flexed its muscle worldwide, productivity grew at an annual rate of 2.9 percent, over that same period, average families saw their income double. From 1973 through 1993—amid oil shocks, inflation and corporate sclerosis—productivity growth fell to just 1.3 percent a year; living standards stagnated.

But as the computer and Internet advances have diffused through the economy, productivity has surged again. It's averaged 2.8 percent annual growth since 1995 and hit an eye-popping 4.2 percent last year. Once again the updraft is lifting incomes.

Those at the top have done best, but the benefits of rising productivity (coupled with low unemployment) have cascaded through the economy. From 1995

through 1999, the median income jumped by more than 10 percent—more than twice the gain over the previous 20 years. In inflation-adjusted dollars, families on the bottom fifth of the income scale had a lower median income in 1995 than they did in 1973; but by 1999,

Productivity is the pivot of social progress. In the quarter-century after World War II, as American industry flexed its muscle worldwide, productivity grew at an annual rate of 2.9 percent.

their median income was nearly \$2,000 higher than it was just four years earlier. Poverty rates have dropped more since 1995 than in any four-year period since the late 1960s, another era of dynamic productivity growth.

It's difficult to imagine any government program or tax cut that could generate such broad social gains.

It would seem to follow that the Senate's debate over the federal budget might have focused at least in part on how Washington can help boost productivity. But that issue was drowned out by stale arguments about the rapacious and greedy bureaucrats.

To its credit, the Senate took one step Thursday toward recognizing the importance of productivity. It approved a bipartisan amendment to spend significantly more than President Bush proposed on advanced scientific research. Such federal support is a critical element of any initiative to accelerate productivity growth: federal dollars seeded the initial development of both the semiconductor and the Internet.

But investment in federal research, though critical, is only a small part of the picture. Last week, congressional Democratic leaders—working closely with

the Progressive Policy Institute, a centrist think tank—released a more comprehensive strategy to spur innovation and drive productivity. For a blueprint produced by committee, it's an unusually far-sighted and inventive document.

The plan is organized around four big ideas. It aims to expand access to advanced technology (largely by using federal subsidies and tax credits to speed the development of broadband technologies that will allow the Internet to operate at faster

greater speeds). It would boost research and development with more federal spending and an expanded tax credit to encourage corporate R&D.

Next, it calls for upgrading education and training—with grants to improve science and math education in elementary and secondary schools, incentives for companies to increase worker training and a new government-business collaboration to increase the number of students receiving advanced degrees in science and engineering. (That supply-side approach to productivity would provide more people with the skills to produce innovations as yet unimagined.) Finally, it outlines a series of ways to encourage greater Internet use by government and business (centered on stronger measures to protect privacy online).

Any of these specifics are open to debate. What's less debatable is the need to think freshly about ways to sustain the productivity revival that's boosting living standards so broadly.

Focusing on productivity would require both parties to move beyond the tired arguments over fairness and federal overreaching that they dogged like last-leg old naps last week. But the payoff could be enormous. Grow the pie through continued productivity gains and both sides will have more money to fund their priorities. More important, productivity gains mean income gains, and that could benefit more families than anything else the Senate debated last week.

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Kempthorne signs public works package, public school legislation

POCATELLO (AP) — More pieces of the economic plan hatched during last winter's legislative session were signed into law on Monday by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

At the beginning of a three-day tour with stops in at least 11 communities, Kempthorne signed \$693.5 million in state operating grants for public schools at a Pocatello grade school and the \$100 million public works package at Idaho State University.

Then he headed up the Snake River Valley to sign another piece of the tax cut in the small farming community of Ucon and his rural



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Dirk Kempthorne

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economic development package in Salmon. "While the process at times was long and perhaps grueling, the results are

Kempthorne said after lawmakers' and your need, "significant tax

Money for Magic Valley

Among the items in the Public Works appropriation signed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne were to Twin Falls-specific items:

But the \$12.4 million personal property tax exemption for farm and ranch equipment was getting mixed reviews elsewhere in the state. While many believe the break will provide financial breathing room for struggling farmers,

\$4.3 million to complete planning and construction of a Fine Arts Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Kempthorne recommended \$41,000 more.

\$200,000 for unexpected ground work at the new State Police headquarters in Twin Falls.

main street businessmen want to know why they were left out. The governor also signed the \$5.7 million substance abuse initiative he hopes can begin reducing criminal recidivism and ease the inmate pressure on the prison system and the bill decriminaliz-

ing infant abandonment during the first month of life under certain circumstances.

The public schools aid package reflected the second largest increase in state operating support for education at \$57.5 million. The package also includes another \$63.5 million to replace the local property tax levy the Legislature repealed in 1995.

The package provides a 5.5 percent increase in the state share of teacher pay and boosts the minimum starting salary for teachers, but it still falls short of the request State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard and a coalition of

education interests.

While a solid increase, Howard said the failure to recognize that many school districts have more teachers and staff on the their payroll; in many cases to reduce class sizes, than authorized by the state formula.

In Salmon, the governor signed the Commerce Department budget that includes \$3.9 million in grants to help invigorate a flagging rural economy.

The package has \$3 million in grants for sewer and water systems, streets and other infrastructure needed to attract new business.

Idaho ranks among least diverse

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — John Tucker is striking it out in Vermont, but he isn't urging his three grown children to join him.

"Would you be interested in being Jackie Robinson?" asked Tucker, a rare black in northern New England.

The region's three states are the whitest in the country, according to 2000 census figures: Maine is 96.9 percent white, just ahead of Vermont (96.8 percent) and New Hampshire (96 percent).

Idaho at just under 91 percent white is in the top 10.

Each state grew slightly more diverse during the 1990s, but their minority populations remain proportionately the smallest in the country.

One theory on the lack of diversity is that northern New England did not have the industries of Detroit or Chicago to draw southern blacks during the 1930s and '40s, said Deirdre Mageean, a demographer at the University of Maine.

All three states have enjoyed record low unemployment — below 3 percent — for much of past decade. But until the 1990s, many industrial mainstays — machine tools, shoes, textiles — were in decline.

Tucker, who works on issues of race for a Burlington advocacy group, said the region isn't particularly attractive to people of color.

He cited the small numbers of others from the same background with whom to socialize, limited job opportunities and cultural offerings.

"I think if you're young and black and starting a family there's not much happening for black folks in these states," he said Monday.

The region's minority populations did grow during the 1990s. All three states were at least 98 percent white in 1990, led by Vermont at 99 percent.

New Hampshire was 98 percent white in 1990. Since then, its Asian population has climbed from 0.8 percent of the state population to 1.2 percent last year. And its black population grew by 26 percent, more than twice the overall population growth rate.

Crash kills two

HARRISON (AP) — A 19-year-old Bellingham, Wash., girl and her passenger died when their vehicle lost control on a curve, struck a tree and plunged into the Coeur d'Alene River.

Kootenai County Sheriff's Deputies recovered driver Tara Louise Klineman's body, but as of Sunday night, still had not found her passenger, 26-year-old Patricia Lara, of Edison, N.J.

The accident occurred at the end of nearly two-mile stretch of newly paved asphalt road that parallels the river.

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Accident west of Shoshone kills man

SHOSHONE - A man was fatally injured early Monday when a snowplow rolled over on top of him at the Idaho Transportation Department's grounds near Shoshone, according to an Idaho State Police report.

Harold A. Krug, 68, of Burden, Kan., was pronounced dead at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome after being transported there from the site of the accident west of Shoshone on U.S. Highway 26, according to the report.

Krug was releasing a strap to unload the plow at about 8 a.m., when the plow shifted and rolled on, according to the ISP.

The accident was still under investigation late Monday.

TF School Board to hear budget projections

TWIN FALLS - The School Board today will review what a continued decline in enrollment could mean for the 2001-2002 school year budget.

The state distributes money to school districts based on their average daily attendance. Declining enrollments can mean eventual staffing cuts and a pinch on services.

From the first week of school to the beginning of March, the district's enrollment count dropped by 133 students from 6,860 to 6,721 or by about 2 percent. It's the second consecutive year that the district has seen an enrollment downturn.

Other School Board business today includes cost information on the I.B. Perrine re-roofing project planned for summer break. The board also will review a proposed contract for the re-districting of school board trustee zones. Idaho school districts are required by a new law to evaluate board zones every 10 years using Census data to determine whether population growth merits the redrawing or voting boundaries.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Brothers waive right to speedy trial in shooting

TWIN FALLS - Two California brothers charged in connection with a March 10 shooting that left two other men wounded waived their right to speedy preliminary hearings, court records say.

Hearings were scheduled Friday for Paul Thomas Zollo, 36, and Anthony Robert Zollo, 39, in Twin Falls 5th District Court. But the hearings were delayed until April 20 to allow attorneys more time to review the case, court records say.

Paul Zollo faces two counts of aggravated battery and a fourth Zollo faces two counts of aiding and abetting aggravated battery, according to court records. Both were held Monday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond each.

The charges stem from an altercation south of Twin Falls March 10. The fight left Twin Falls residents Matt Harrington, 38, and Gerami Scott, 21, with gunshot wounds, according to Twin Falls County sheriff's department reports.

Witnesses told investigators that Paul Zollo opened fire after Anthony Zollo and Harrington got into a fist fight, court records say.

The Zollo brothers were later arrested in Jackpot.

Dietrich School Board to hear annexation update

DIETRICH - The Dietrich School Board today will hear an update on Hidden Valley's annexation request.

Hidden Valley residents have traditionally sent their children to Dietrich School. They have asked the State Board of Education to allow them to vote on annexation from the Shoshone School District into Dietrich School District. The State Board continues to ask for more information and still has not made a decision.

Other business at today's School Board meeting includes a proposal from Idaho State University on the redistricting of school board trustee zones.

Idaho school districts are required by a new law to evaluate board zones every 10 years using Census data to determine whether population growth merits the redrawing of voting boundaries.

The board will convene in a closed meeting at 6 p.m. in the district business room to interview maintenance supervisor job applicants.

The regular board meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Dietrich High School.

Compiled from staff reports

Dairyman to meet critics

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

FILER - A controversial dairyman plans to meet his critics face to face tonight in hopes that he can answer some of the heated questions about his odor-ridden dairy near Filer.

Hank Hafliager said the meeting will give the community a chance to speak with him about his dairy and with state Department of Agriculture officials who are working with him on his dairy's odor management plan.

Hafliager gives community chance to speak tonight

"We're just giving people the opportunity to meet and ask questions," Hafliager said recently.

Hafliager's dairy has been heavily criticized because of its odor problems. Hafliager said he is working to correct the trouble by creating an odor management plan and using better equipment.

With help from the husband-and-wife team of Howard and Marsha Neibling, Hafliager

installed a new aerobic digestion system in his dairy's large waste lagoon.

Hafliager said some smell has been controlled by the new system.

But many residents, including Earl Miracle of Filer, said the problem continues.

"It's still bad - it's still really bad out here," Miracle, who plans to attend tonight's meeting, said Monday.

Miracle lives about a mile from Hafliager's dairy - close enough that when the wind is right, Miracle said he can't open his windows because of the smell.

The state Department of Environmental Quality's "trained odor sniffers" concur that Hafliager's dairy still smells bad.

The DEQ recently sent its local odor sniffers out to several residents' homes near Hafliager's dairy - after numerous com-

HORSEPOWER



Jerome High School Rodeo team member Rachel Cox, 17, practices barrel racing at the Jerome County Fairgrounds Monday after school.

Hospital board recommends nonprofit status

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital board Monday accepted a recommendation to change the hospital's status to private nonprofit.

Following an executive session Monday, the Magic-Valley Regional Medical Center board voted unanimously to send a citizen's committee recommendation to the Twin Falls County commissioners to transfer the hospital from a public nonprofit to a private nonprofit organization.

The commissioners and the citizen's committee will now negotiate a lease agreement that will eventually go to the public for comment. There will be at least one public hearing on the board's attempt change the hos-

Celebration schedule
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's kickoff celebration as an America's Future hospital.
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Cost: Free

pital's legal status.

Also during Monday's meeting, board members heard a presentation on the hospital's recent designation as an America's Promise hospital.

"And this is quite a designation," Medical Center marketing manager Rhonda Bright told the hospital board Monday.

Magic Valley Regional is having a celebration open to the public Wednesday to mark the kickoff of efforts to better the

lives of more than 14,000 youth in south central Idaho.

America's Promise is a national nonprofit organization that "strives to mobilize people from every sector of American life to build the character and competence of our nation's youth," a Medical Center news release said.

The designation means Magic Valley Regional has been recognized as an entity that does so. It is the only institution in the Mountain States region to receive the designation, Bright said, and one of more than 550 institutions across the country.

The organization recognizes institutions based on whether they fulfill five "promises" for youth.

Those promises include providing ongoing relationships with caring adults, safe places for non-

school activities, good health, marketable skills through effective education and opportunities to serve the community through volunteer work.

The hospital has identified 31 hospital-based collaborative programs with which to reach its goal of 14,000, the release said.

Some of those programs include Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, HealthNet and Born to Succeed, the release said.

"(And) it will open the door for enhanced partnership opportunities," Bright said.

Magic Valley Regional has also recognized other community agencies, businesses, schools, churches and civic organizations as partners in the hospital's America's Promise campaign.

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Time to meet

Hank Hafliager - whose dairy has sparked intense debate between dairymen and angry residents because of its smell - will meet with the community tonight in an informational meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 o'clock at the Filer high school chemistry classroom in Filer.

plaints from neighbors about its smell.

The sniffers reported off-the-scale readings.

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Physician faces charge of violating probation

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley physician convicted last year of drug possession and placed on probation was charged Saturday with violating that probation.

But Charles Suits, 45, denies he committed any such violation.

Suits was arrested at 1:15 a.m. Saturday on allegations that he was in the bar section at George K's restaurant in Burley and drinking alcohol, said Sue Cummins, section supervisor with the Division of Probation and Parole of the Idaho Department of Correction.

Suits said Monday a hostess had seated him in the bar because the dining area was closed, but "he adamantly denied drinking any alcohol."

Suits was released around 9:30 a.m. Saturday after posting a \$2,500 bond, jail officials said.

In May 2000, 5th District Judge Monte B. Carlson handed Suits a three-year prison sentence, but suspended it. Suits was instead put on probation for his February 2000 conviction of methamphetamine possession.

Cummins said that a detailed violation report will be filed in Cassia County 5th District Court sometime this week.

When Suits is arraigned in court on the violation of probation charge, he can either admit or deny the violation.

Punishment for a probation violation ranges from time in the local jail, further conditions placed on the terms of his probation, or he could be ordered to carry out his suspended sentence.

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Charles Suits

Crapo, other senators cancel trip to China

The Associated Press

Continuing conflict over the detention of a U.S. spy plane and its 24-member crew prompted cancellation of U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo's trade visit to China with other members of the Senate Banking Committee. The Idaho Republican, en route to South Korea on Monday, said the delegation led by Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm of Texas instead would visit the Republic of China on Taiwan.

"Our decision not to visit China demonstrates to the Chinese government our support for the safe release of our detained military personnel," Crapo said. "While improving trade is also important, that certainly takes a back seat to protecting our military men and women."

The trade delegation left Washington, D.C., on Saturday and plans several stops in South

Korea over the next four days. The group originally was to arrive in China on Friday, but now is expected to divert to Taipei, Taiwan, for a few days before returning to the United States on April 17. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer acknowledged the change on Monday, saying the administration "clearly understands what they're thinking and why they did what they did."

The Americans have been held by the Chinese since their crippled EP-3E surveillance plane made an emergency landing on Hainan island in southern China on April 1 after colliding with a Chinese fighter jet. The Chinese pilot is missing.

Bush and his advisers are growing impatient with China in the ninth day of the standoff. Some U.S. officials had expected the administration and China to come to terms during the week-end.

Council approves grant

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council unanimously approved a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to complete a master plan for the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The \$183,240 FAA grant will be spent on the airport's master plan - a five year forecast of airport improvements to come, including extension of the airport's parallel runway, an airport water system plan and new airplane hangers.

The FAA gave the city more than \$1 million dollars last year to repave the airport's runway.

Dale Riedesel of Riedesel Engineering LLC in Twin Falls said the master plan will look not only at projected airport improvement projects over the next five years, but also at projects on the horizon in 10 to 20 years.

City Manager Tom Courtney told the council Monday that

the airport is looking at future expansion. There is increased demand for corporate hanger facilities, he said.

The Bureau of Land Management already has built an airport hanger for its equipment.

The master plan will take about a year to complete.

In other business, the council:

• Voted 5 to 1 to waive green fees for a College of Southern Idaho golf tournament April 28 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Grandview Drive.

The tournament will benefit some of the school's sports programs.

Councilman Trip Craig dissented.

• Agreed to explore building a "Welcome to Twin Falls" sign at the city's entrance on U.S. Highway 53.

An exact location has not been decided.

The sign could cost, with landscaping and materials included, about \$150,000.

Detective says Jerome escapee is still at large

The Times-News

JEROME - A man who escaped late last year from the Jerome County Jail was still at large Monday, and deputies were still hoping for hot leads on his whereabouts.

Since his escape on Nov. 23, three warrants have been issued for Monty Ray Boston, 23, said Jerome County sheriff's detective Jim Dunsbergen. Boston faces a federal warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, as well as Jerome County warrants for battery of an officer and failure to appear, Dunsbergen said.

Boston is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. He has blue eyes, brown hair and a tattoo across his chest that says, "Confessing a Feeling." He is to be considered extremely dangerous.

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Police continue probe into apparent overdose

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome County sheriff's investigators said Monday the aren't finished probing the Feb. 9 death of a man who apparently overdosed on a diet drug.

But the focus has shifted away from the possibility that Steven D. Land, 40, might have met with foul play, said Jerome County sheriff's detective Jim Dunsbergen and Capt. Gerald Brant.

Land was found dead by the roadside near the intersection of 240-North and 100-East in

Jerome County. His last known address was in Flin, according to sheriff's department reports.

Jerome County Coroner Gerald Oster later said toxicology reports revealed that Land died of heart failure prompted by an overdose of phentermine. Phentermine, and a combination of other chemicals was used in a diet drug known as fen-phen. But fen-phen was taken off the market after numerous reports that users had suffered heart damage and other complications.

Phentermine is still available through clinics for legitimate weight-loss treatment,

Dunsbergen said. It is also evident that it's increasingly used illicitly for a "quick rush or high," he said.

Land had a very slender build and apparently was in good health before he was exposed to the phentermine, Brant said.

But investigators still haven't figured out how, where or why Land got the drug, Dunsbergen said. And whether Land took it himself or was forced or tricked into taking it was also a mystery, he said.

"Those are the things we are still trying to figure out," Dunsbergen said.

Even so, the possibility of foul

play — once the primary focus of the investigation in to Land's death — has been moved to the back burner, Brant said.

There was no sign of struggle at the scene where Land's body was found, he said.

On the day before his death, Land was arrested and held in the Jerome County Jail on a charge of failure to purchase a driver's license, according to court records. He posted bond and was released the same day, records say.

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Rupert's Emmett Olmstead is serving as temporary Veterans' Service Officer until Minidoka and Cassia county commissioners fill that position.

Minidoka School Board finalizes levy resolution

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — It's a \$10.5 million levy.

Minidoka County School Board members put the finishing touches on a plant facility levy Monday morning. Fifty-five percent of voters must approve it in a May 22 election.

School officials say if the levy passes, Minidoka County property taxes will not increase.

An expiring 20-year bond issue has been paid off at a rate of about \$773,000 per year. The ballot for the upcoming election of a school plant facility levy will include this number.

This means that if the levy is approved by voters in May, the district will pay the same amount it has for the past 20 years, district Superintendent Nick Hallett said.

"That guarantees you're not going to have a tax increase," Hallett said.

Property value in Minidoka County, currently around \$833 million, will likely increase slightly over future years. Because the same amount of money will be

levied from an increasing tax base, the tax rates will actually decrease, school and bank officials have projected.

Going from a \$9 million loan to a levy of \$10.5 million is possible without smoke and mirrors, school officials claim.

There are two factors that will make up this difference, Hallett said.

The most direct addition of money to this fund will probably be in the form of government assistance earmarked for schools that have construction needs based on safety. The district hopes to receive \$627,358 from the federal government.

House Bill 315, recently approved by the Idaho Legislature, provides money for schools based on safety issues.

Several safety inspectors — including Dave Munroe, administrator of the state Division of Building Safety — toured several of the schools in the district last week.

Costs of the safety improvements were not discussed during the tour, Munroe said.

According to Hallett, the district will submit an application

for funding that outlines roughly \$4.54 million worth of improvements to the district, says a safety related.

Hallett said he is confident that the request will be granted. If the state does agree that the funding is needed for safety issues, then it will provide \$627,358 to help in those costs.

In order to receive the money, the district has already earmarked about \$390,000 of the \$773,000 it would collect every year to remedy safety issues.

"This is a safety levy," Hallett said. "It is significantly affected by safety needs."

This money will be allocated only if the district passes the levy. These improvements are essential, according to Greer Copeland, the board's vice president.

"Safety issues need to be corrected," he said. "Without these funds, they won't be."

If the levy passes, the district will receive the \$9 million, plus the expected amount of \$627,358, up front in a lump sum.

The \$9 million will be repaid with a low-interest loan, Hallett said. While work will begin

immediately, it will not be completed for several years, and during this time the district plans to invest a portion of the money with the Idaho state treasurer.

Returns from these investments, coupled with the state money, will bump the levy up to \$10.5 million, Hallett said.

Board member George MacDonald pointed out that this was speculative, but Hallett and Jason Walker, the school district's attorney, said that the research they had done indicated that it was a sound and risk-free move.

Even if the levy passes and work begins, it will take a relatively small bite out of a large chunk of work that needs to be done, Hallett said. School officials have said in the past that the district could easily spend a \$40 million levy on needed items.

"The levy proposal represents step one," Hallett said. "When the time is right, we'll take the next step."

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Mini-Cassia area looks for a new vets' officer

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia area should have a new veterans' service officer sometime next month, but a temporary officer will keep service to vets running smoothly during the interim.

Because of the March 22 death of Al Thaxton, Emmett Olmstead of Rupert, a Mini-Cassia veterans' officer himself until 1996, is filling in until a permanent replacement is hired.

Olmstead said he plans to work the same number of hours as Thaxton did, from 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Once the job contract is advertised in the newspaper on Monday, applicants will have 30 days to apply.

Together, Minidoka and Cassia counties pay \$10,000 for the veterans' service office, which covers the officer's salary

as well as the program's expenses.

The veterans' officer helps veterans receive health benefits and coordinates transportation to out-of-town hospitals for medical treatment.

Thaxton, who had held the position since 1996 and was also a city councilman, died last month at a Twin Falls hospital from congestive heart failure.

In other county business, Cassia County commissioners designated April 20-21 county cleanup days.

On those days, the Milner Butte landfill and waste transfer station in Abbot, Idaho, Malia and Oakley will waive fees for tires, appliances, scrap metal and clean wood waste, as long as they're separated.

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Eastern Idaho hospital participates in cancer trial

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A new clinical trial being conducted at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center could mean cutting-edge treatment at a discount price for some breast cancer patients.

The hospital is one of 350 sites around the world testing a new chemotherapy regimen that will be given immediately after surgery.

Pharmaceutical companies are providing two of the drugs being used — including one that costs more than \$400 a week — free of charge.

The Idaho Falls hospital predicts about 25 percent of the 50

to 60 new breast cancer patients it sees each year could qualify for the trial.

"We think it could really benefit some of our patients," said Dr. Michael Huntington, a cancer specialist.

The Breast Cancer International Research Group, a global oncology research group, is sponsoring the trial. It is set to begin at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center this month.

Huntington expects the trial to last at least two years. It will test whether the drug Herceptin prevents cancer from returning in patients with aggressive breast

cancer if given during chemotherapy immediately after surgery.

The drug has been shown in other clinical trials to be effective in prolonging the survival of some breast cancer patients. The trial targets women diagnosed with highly aggressive breast cancers.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women and the leading cause of cancer death.

To qualify, a patient must have a gene known as HER2-neu that is amplified, or working overtime. HER2-neu normally is involved in regulating cell

growth and cell death. When it is found too abundantly in breast cancer patients, it can cause the disease to spread rapidly and decreases chances of survival.

About 20 to 25 percent of malignant breast tumors have an overabundance of HER2-neu, according to the breast cancer research group.

Researchers are hoping that adding Herceptin to a chemotherapy regimen administered right after surgery will kill that growth factor.

The research cooperative expects about 3,200 women to enroll in the trial worldwide.

LDP deadline approaches

The Times-News

JEROME — Farmers have until Thursday to request loan deficiency payments on commodities harvested and marketed from the beginning of crop year 2000 through April 12, 2001.

According to Jim McLaughlin, Farm Service Agency county executive director for Jerome and Twin Falls counties, most producers have applied for and received payments. But there may be some producers who were previously determined ineligible and now qualify due to beneficial rule

changes.

These changes now make it possible to request an LDP by Thursday for any wheat, barley or oats not previously filed on and that was marketed before March 31. Producers may also request an LDP by May 31 for any corn still owned and either farm- or warehouse-stored.

For corn marketed after Thursday, the producer must have a beneficial interest in the crop on the days of the LDP request or the crop is ineligible for the LDP.

For more information, call your county FSA office.

Activist accepts position in Massachusetts

BOISE (AP) — One of the state's most prominent human rights activists has accepted a top leadership position in the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts.

The Rev. Nancy Taylor, 45, made the announcement to her congregation on Sunday.

Taylor has been a minister at the First Congregational Church in Boise since 1992.

In September, she will move east to oversee 432 congregations

with more than 100,000 members in the largest Protestant denomination in Massachusetts.

She is a founder of the Idaho Voices of Faith for Human Rights and the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial.

She regularly speaks out for the rights of gays and non-whites.

"It will be a tremendous loss. Her leadership has been invaluable," said Marilyn Shuler, former director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission. "She's fearless and she just has a lot of courage to speak out when she believes an injustice is present."

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Unwillingness to recycle frustrates officials

POCATELLO (AP) — As the 8-year-old dump plans to move to 125 feet, Bannock County officials find themselves looking for a new landfill location.

The current landfill was expected to last for 13 years.

So far, Bannock County programs have met with some success, residents have not seemed willing to recycle, making it necessary for officials to find more room for garbage.

"We have a problem with Idaho that we have lots of land," Assistant Landfill Director.

Therese Wight said. "So the incentive to recycle isn't as strong as in a state like California, where they're looking for places to ship their waste in some places."

The county is already using a "compulsory" ordinance, on a trial basis, to maximize use of the landfill.

The \$60,000 device unrolls a heavy tarp to cover fresh garbage so dump operators do not have to apply six inches of dirt every night.

"We cover the garbage for

odor control and to prevent flies from getting in and spreading disease," Wight said. "Before we were putting 360 tons of dirt in the landfill a week. If we can get permission to use the tarp as an alternate cover and use dirt only a couple times a week, that would mean 240 tons less dirt going in every week."

Meanwhile, Bannock County officials are trying to convince residents to reuse and recycle.

"Any reduction in volume would help," Bannock County Engineer Laura Lamberty said.

Governor reaches deal to buy power lines

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a bid to pull the state's second biggest utility back from the brink of bankruptcy, Gov. Gray Davis announced a deal on Monday for the state to buy transmission lines from Southern California Edison for \$2.76 billion.

The deal requires Edison to use its generation assets to provide low-cost regulated power to the state for 10 years and dismiss a lawsuit against the Public Utilities Commission seeking to significantly drive up consumer

rates, Davis said.

"These were tough negotiations but they've produced a good balance of interests," Davis said.

The agreement still requires approval by state legislators and regulators.

Edison International chief executive John Bryson said the deal is challenging but preferable to bankruptcy.

"We will be well-served by having financially healthy utilities with skilled and experienced employees," Bryson said.

The agreement comes a few days after the state's largest utility, Pacific Gas and Electric, filed for bankruptcy protection Friday. That action angered Davis, who has been counting on all three utilities selling their transmission lines.

"This agreement proves good things can happen when the parties are responsible, resolute and stay at the table," Davis said Monday. "If you walk away from the table, nothing can get done."

Group threatens lawsuit over plan to poison crickets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An environmental group threatened Monday to sue the U.S. Forest Service over a plan to use poisoned grain to kill Mormon crickets this summer.

The Forest Service wants to distribute grain treated with an insecticide called carbaryl over approximately 3,000 acres in the Uinta National Forest.

The poison will kill some of the crickets that have infested local crops in increasing numbers in recent years, said Forest Service spokeswoman Loyal Clark.

But the Utah Environmental Congress says the plan also endangers animals that might eat the grain or the poisoned crickets. The group sent a notice to the agency saying it plans to sue in 60 days if those concerns were not addressed.

Carbaryl is known to cause cancer and may kill animals that ingest it, said Denise Boggs of the Utah Environmental Congress.

"The problem is that virtually anything can eat this," Boggs said.

She said the poisoned grain poses a threat to any animal that might eat it, including fish, and predators that might eat those animals, such as hawks or falcons.

The group asked the Forest Service to conduct an environmental impact assessment before going ahead with the plan, but the service refused, Boggs said.

"They just said, 'This is what we're going to do' and rubber-stamped it," Boggs said. "They were unwilling to alter the proposal at all."

Concern. A committee will go over the survey results in greater detail.

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Senator supports ban on drilling in national forest

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Craig Thomas is supporting a proposed ban on oil and natural gas drilling near the Teton Wilderness, putting him at odds with Gov. Jim Geringer.

The U.S. Forest Service wants to ban drilling on 370,000 acres in

the Gros Ventre area.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency supports the ban to preserve wildlife habitat. Oil and gas industry officials have said the proposal is inconsistent with the multiple use philosophy and Bridger-Teton National

Forest plan.

In a letter to the Forest Service, Geringer wrote that the agency is responsible for considering the "current national energy crisis and the long-term solutions that will be needed for all Americans."

Boston

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Anybody with information about him may call 324-8845 (during business hours) or 735-1911.

Along with two other Jerome County Jail inmates, Boston escaped from the jail Nov. 23 after severely beating a guard, officials said. The other escapees later turned themselves in.

Boston had been jailed on charges of sexual abuse of a child, child custody interference and other crimes, according to court records. Charges stem from an October 2000 incident in which Boston was accused of trying to strangle a Jerome homeowner who found him in a closet.

Boston apparently was having

a romantic relationship with the homeowner's 15-year-old daughter, and he had been camped out in her closet with the homeowner's knowledge for as long as two weeks, according to Jerome police reports.

When the homeowner opened the closet door, Boston jumped on her and tried to strangle him, according to police reports.

Dairy

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The state Department of Agriculture is working with Hagliger's odor management plan.

Hagliger also announced recently that Filer High School students will be monitoring his

system's success.

Informational booths about Hagliger's dairy, his odor system and what he is doing to control his operator's odor problem will be set up at tonight's meeting.

Officials from DEQ, the Department of Agriculture and

the state Department of Water Resources are also scheduled to attend.

Hospital

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Wednesday's event is at 2 p.m. out on the main entrance to the hospital. The celebration includes an explanation of the hospital's commitment to the campaign as well as success stories from youth.

There will also be displays of

the local programs and refreshments.

In their hospital board business Monday, the board heard a brief presentation of the results of a physician satisfaction survey conducted in November. The results of the survey were generally favorable, with some areas of

concern. A committee will go over the survey results in greater detail.

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Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Second career

Educator trains as medical assistant

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—After retiring in June from the Twin Falls School District, Lillie Brown is back in school—as a student.

"I'm a goal setter," said Brown, who served as principal at Bickel and I.B. Perrine elementary schools for 14 years.

"I have to keep moving."

And move is what she did—right into the field of medicine, another career she has always dreamed of pursuing.

A recipient of the Ted Sandmeyer Memorial Nursing scholarship, Brown is enrolled in the medical assistant program at the College of Southern Idaho.

training to become a certified medical assistant, a health professional who works with physicians or in an outpatient setting.

"I love to be challenged. . . and I love to learn new things," said Brown, 56, who is also a certified horticulturist and professional artist. "And there's a lot to learn here."

The former educator admitted the studies have been difficult.

Want more information?

Or for an application for admission to the CSI Medical Assistant Program, call Penny Glenn at 733-9554.

The program runs from August to June. Applications should be received by the program director no later than July 1. Students requiring preparatory classes must complete them before entering the core curriculum.

"To be a transcriptionist, there is so much to know about the human body. . . and the terminology for anatomy and physiology are very hard," Brown said. "But I'm happy I've done this and I'll be graduating in May."

As part of class requirements, Brown is filling a 160-hour internship, a supervised, non-paid work experience with Dr. Lisa Burgett.

Her duties include preparing patients for procedures, assisting with examinations and treatments and performing diagnostic tests under the supervision of the physician.

Brown spent two years as a technology integration specialist in a "Train the



After more than 14 years as a principal for Twin Falls elementary schools, Lillie Brown is training for a second career as a medical assistant.

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The Times-News

Trainer" program teaching database and spreadsheets and 14 years in the classroom.

CSI and the Bureau of Labor statistics say medical assisting is one of the fastest growing health occupations in the nation.

and was named the no. 1 job for future growth in the field of health care by US News & World Report.

Children parade in downtown Buhl

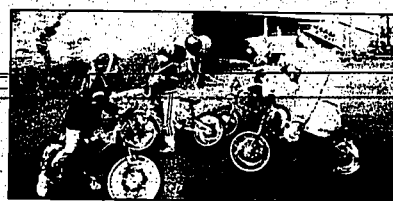
BUHL—The second annual El Dia de los Niños/Day of the Children parade will be held on Saturday in Buhl and all west end youngsters are invited to participate.

The theme is again, "Hats Off to Children." Participants are encouraged to dress up, decorate or make hats, pull wagons or ride bikes. No motorized vehicles will be permitted.

The parade will assemble at 8:45 a.m. at the senior center parking lot at Main Street and Broadway Avenue. Judging will be from 9:30 a.m. by Mayor Barbara Gietzen and Buhl City Council members Irv Tveddy, Bob Vande Water, Chuck Goska and Jim Wilson. All participants will receive ribbons.

The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. and go down Main Street to Sixth Avenue North and then turn left to end by the tennis courts near Eastman Park.

Police Chief Terry Tipiton will lead the procession, which includes the Buhl Head



Children prepare for last year's Day of the Children parade. This year's parade will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in downtown Buhl.

Photo courtesy of Buhl Public Library

Start and local dancers. Officer Keith Cox will coordinate bicyclists. The Buhl Citizens on Patrol will assist in directing traffic.

Children can hunt eggs in the park immediately after the parade and Head Start families will hold a bake sale.

The egg hunt and parade are funded in part by the Buhl Kiwanis. Additional parade support comes from the city of Buhl, Buhl Public Library, Buhl Chamber of Commerce, Buhl Head Start, Buhl Citizens on Patrol and Jesus Montes. Parade coordinator is Mary Beth Welch.



Reed Hansen, Gene Daniels and Bob Johnson show the Magic Valley Mall tent. It is one of several efforts to raise funds for the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City.

Shriners take food and care to children's hospital

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—"We have a great saying. 'There are no cash registers in a Shrine Hospital,'" says Wayne Moberg, ambassador for the El Korah Shrine, "That's our motto."

The Magic Valley Shriners does all it can to support that motto. One of its main efforts is raising funds for its annual food caravan where members take donations to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Salt Lake City.

On Feb. 11 about 40 Shriners, along with their wives, delivered food, cash, toys, handmade blankets and other goods to the hospital.

"Our main thing is rehabilitating children with orthopedic and burn problems at no cost to the patient," Moberg says. "These men (Shriners) go out there and raise all the funds themselves. We took down \$51,000 worth of donations."

"Most of the merchants around here have been fabulous," says Darrell Sweet, ambassador for El Korah Shrine.

Magic Valley Shriners have been taking the trip to Salt Lake City annually for about 15 years.

There are about 145 Magic Valley members. They organize several fundraisers each year such as the Icebreaker Open—a mini-golf tournament put on by local bars, an all-star football game and

Want to help?

The Magic Valley Shriners take donations for the food caravan on an ongoing basis. They need personal hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items. In Twin Falls, call Dick Anderson at 543-6555, Wayne Moberg at 543-6147, Laird Stone at 733-5533, Darrell Sweet at 733-2426, Frank Urmel at 733-3829 or Joe Kilmes at 536-2120. In the Buhl/Rupert area, call DeWayne Mahr at 438-4550.

For membership information, contact any of the above members. The 24th annual Shriners All-Star Football game will be held May 29 at Twin Falls High School.

playing Santa. All proceeds go to the hospital. There are 72 participating "Shrine kids" in the area who have received help at the hospitals.

"Our biggest cost is patient funds to and from the hospital," Moberg says. "Our Shrine hospital probably spends \$40,000 a year on transportation costs."

The public is unaware of how much Shriners do for children, he says. But the payoff is a smile or holding a special child and doing as much as he can to make a difference in the life of a child.

"I'm real proud to be in this organization," Sweet says, "I like working with people. I get a lot of fun out of it."

"No one has as much fun working hard as a Shriner does," Moberg adds.

RUPERT—A technology class at Minico High School placed first in the Technology Student Association State Competition in Moscow March 8-10.

The teachers are Marvin Schow and Shannon Brown. This is the second year that Minico High School's team has won the award.

Shannon Brown received third in architecture, second in chapter team, third in construction, first in prepared presentation, second in promotional graphics and second in design car. Tyson Dierz received first in architectural model, second in chapter team and third in technology problem solving. Tim Elison received first in architectural model and second in chapter team. Tim Ferbrache received first in architectural model and third in construction. Jeremy Jensen received second in chapter team, second in safety poster, third in technology problem solving and first in promotional communication.



Marvin Schow and Shannon Brown's technology class at Minico High School placed first in the Technology Student Association State Competition in Moscow March 8-10.

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Kellene Koch received first in architecture, second in desktop publishing, third in promotional graphics and first in promotional communication. Brandon

Rucker received second in chapter team and first in promotional communications. Christian Shoup received second in architectural model.

EXCHANGE STUDENT



Julien Warrant is the foreign exchange student from Belgium attending Hagerman High School where he works as a library aide. He says he enjoys new friends, horses, travel and especially, sports in this country. In Belgium, if a student wants to participate in sports, they must join a club. The Belgium student says he has learned to ride horses since coming to the United States. "My host family is planning a week's horseback trip in the hills when school is out," Warrant said. He also has enjoyed many different outdoor activities, from hunting to snowboarding.

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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ronan Allen Wilcox, son of Tonya Leann Wilcox of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 24, 2001.
Samh Jean Wood, daughter of Desiri Mae and William Frank Wood of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 28, 2001.
Casey Dale Heffernan, son of Angela Marie and George William Heffernan of Ellet, was born Wednesday, March 28, 2001.
Marquis Jose Flores, son of Isabel Lupe Aspeyita and Matthew Paul Flores of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.
Makyla Renee Flores, daughter of Jeri Corinna and Oscar Flores of Castleford, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.
Bridget Arismendi, daughter of Helia and Martin Arismendi of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.
Mackenzie Rose Lyons, daughter of Halle Ann Lyons of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.
Eric Ryan McMillan, son of Maria Nicole and Ryan Craig McMillan of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.

Skyler Parry Cook, son of Melanie Ann and Gary Suterland Cook of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 30, 2001.
Jordan Elijah Barendregt, son of Amy Jane Barendregt of Heyburn, was born Friday, March 30, 2001.
Gage Adam, son of Lora Reyes of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 30, 2001.
Dakota Loren Underwood, daughter of Deanna Lynn and Carl Daniel Underwood of Jerome, was born Friday, March 30, 2001.
Alexis Anne Politis, daughter of Cory Anne Politis of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 31, 2001.
Kaseen Bruce Jones, son of Nichole Dana and Rex Seth Jones II of Burley, was born Sunday, April 1, 2001.
Alexei Greysen Holland, son of Stephanie L. and John H. Holland Jr. of Hazelton, was born Sunday, April 1, 2001.
Cyrus Wesley Kerlin, son of Serena Grace and Jason Dwight Kerlin of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 1, 2001.
Terrill Ace Praegtzter, son of Megan M. Butcher of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.

Armin Colic, son of Alma and Ramiz Colic of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Korbin James Fife, son of Jennifer Dawn and Glen Brock Fife of Rupert, was born Monday, April 2, 2001.
Kelsie Ray Fleming, daughter of Tamara Dec and Jerry D. Fleming of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Melissa Clover Gallegos, daughter of Cheryl Lillian Grant and Douglas Kurt Gallegos of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Spencer Brian Maughan, son of Wendy and Brian Grant Maughan of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Nashley Grace Sherman, daughter of Rachelle Janine and Brian Lee Sherman of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Havite Mae Mounce, daughter of Heather Mae and Timothy Nolan Mounce of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 3, 2001.
Jennica Leigh Higley, daughter of Michelle D. and Ellis Wade Higley of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center
Jovany Adon Peralta, son of Lucas and Lilliana Adon of Jerome, was born Wednesday, March 28, 2001.
Cassia Regional Medical Center
Ashley Vanessa Diaz, daughter of Terry and Lisa Diaz, was born Wednesday, March 28, 2001.
Jessica Rose Hutchinson, daughter of Ryan and Carrie Hutchinson of Burley, was born Thursday, March 29, 2001.
Lisa RaeDean Jensen, daughter of Jeff and Christy Jensen of Burley, was born Saturday, March 31, 2001.
Sara Marissa Bardales, daughter of Dennis and Estela Bardales, was born April 2, 2001.
Adrian Robert Hunt, son of Bob and Jeannie Hunt of Burley, was born April 2, 2001.
Rachel-Lila McEwen, daughter of Jeff and Anna McEwen of Acquia, was born Wednesday, April 4, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

BUILDING HISTORY

Third- and fourth-grade students of Diane Cramer at Clover Trinity Lutheran School near Buhl show the Indian villages they designed and made for their study of Idaho history. The students are, from left, Chuck Rutter and Kyle Vanderstelt; top: Tara Paulsen and Danielle Martens.



Photo courtesy of Clover Trinity Lutheran School

SERVICE NEWS

Grimm finishes basic Marine training

Marine Corps PFC Jared A. Grimm, son of Virkie M. Calzada of Milwaukee, Ore. and Kelly R. Grimm of Twin Falls, completed basic Marine Corps training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Grimm is a 1999 graduate of Murtaugh High School. He completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge recruits physically and mentally.

Benson winds up 12 weeks of Marine training
Marine Corps Pvt. Derek A.

Benson, son of Junie R. and Walter R. Benson of Kimberly, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Benson is a 2000 graduate of Kimberly High School. He completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge recruits physically and mentally.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

TF School District recognizes employees

The Twin Falls School District has named Duane Stands as certified employee for the month of March.

Stands is a department head and math instructor. Originally from Boise and the son and grandson of teachers, Stands says his inspiration are several of his fellow teachers. He considers his greatest accomplishment that he and his wife successfully raised their children and reaching Mount Borah in the summer of 2000.

Maggie Wright is the classified employee of the month of March. She is a media center assistant. Her hometown is Minneapolis, Minn. She considers her greatest accomplishment as serving young people and says she is in this field of work because it is never boring.

Bopp becomes National Merit Scholarship finalist

John R. Bopp of Carson City, Nev., son of Robert and Julie Bopp, formerly of Twin Falls, and grandson of Bob and Esther Bopp of Twin Falls, is a finalist in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship program, which recognizes less than 1 percent of the United



John Bopp

State—high school graduating seniors for their academic achievements.

He has received a certificate of merit and will be eligible for other scholarships sponsored by corporations and colleges. He will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno this fall.

Bokma makes it to dean's list at university

Louis William Bokma of Twin Falls has made the 2000 autumn quarter dean's list for Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.

Students must have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.5 or high grade-point average.

Kevan serves on mission team at Dordt College

Angela Kevan, daughter of Andrew and Sandra Kevan of Twin Falls, is one of more than 240 Dordt College students who are using their spring break to serve on a mission team with

Putting Love in Action.

Dordt College is a Christian, liberal arts college in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Each year, groups of 12-15 students go to work sites across the United States to do general construction work, serve in soup kitchens or do ministry outreach to inner-city neighborhoods.

Kevan is serving at the Cary Christian Health Center in Cary, Miss., where her team is doing construction and volunteering in a thrift store.

Walker completes degree at University of Oregon

Carly Sharon Walker will earn a bachelor's of science degree in general science at the University of Oregon in Eugene at the end of the winter 2001 term.

Jerke directs Concordia University play

Louisa Jerke, a senior student from Buhl, was a student director for a production at Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

The students actors and directors showcased their talent during a festival March 30-April 1 and April 6-8.

More than 30 students actors had roles in the productions, which ranged from farce to drama.



Mary Steile

Steile is involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Chamber of Commerce, chamber of commerce and PEO. She also played the organ at the Presbyterian Church for many years.

Steile has one son, John T. Steile III of Saudi Arabia; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Literary arts society holds meeting, discusses book

TWIN FALLS—The April meeting of the Lelivert at LaPlume Literary Arts Society will be held Thursday at the home of Marilyn Mecham.

Isabell Sudweeks will review the book "The Real George Washington."

Co-hostesses are Marilyn Mecham, Cathy Dahl and Retha Anderson. The guided thought will be given by Debra Plane and the author's sketch will be presented by Ruby Victor.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menu not available.

Activities: Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Exercise class Wednesday

Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday Pinchola at 1 p.m.

Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lunch bingo Monday

Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information.

Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday: Beef stew, salad, biscuits, dessert.

Wednesday: Finger steaks, tater tots, mixed vegetables, bread, dessert.

Thursday: Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, apple sauce, relish tray, birthday cake and ice cream.

Friday: Potato bar, bread, dessert.

Sunday: Center closed.

Monday-Hamburger-pot-pie, tomato slices, dessert.

Activities Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.

Tuesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m.

Treasure Tuesday Bingo at 11:45 a.m.

Board meeting at 1 p.m. Crafts from 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday Exercises from 7-8 p.m.

Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m.

Bingo from 1-3 p.m.

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord

Cards at 6 p.m.

Friday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Saturday Dance with the Roseland Band from 8-11 p.m., \$3 per person.

Sunday Center closed

Monday Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m., smorgasbord

Cards at 6 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday.

Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday Sloppy joe on a bun

Thursday: Stuffed turkey, stuffing

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly

Wednesday: Baked potato bar, cake, coffee, milk

Friday: Chicken and noodles, corn, relish dish, bread and butter, cake, coffee, milk

Monday: Manwich on a bun, french fries, corn, tossed salad, cherries, coffee, milk

Activities Tuesday

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Blood pressure check

Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday Foot clinic at 11 a.m., sign up, \$5

Easter baked food sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents learn about their hometown

BUHL—Buhl residents learned about almost every aspect of their hometown at the Buhl Community Fair.

More than 500 people attended the second annual event in February.

The fair was coordinated by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and The West End Head Start.

Residents and guests had the opportunity to ask questions of the city council members concerning new housing projects, water supplies and other projects.

West End Head Start answered questions by parents about their many programs. Judy Widener, Head Start director, was on hand along with McGruff, the crime prevention dog.

A large group of youngsters also gathered around the DARE booth as officers explained and displayed various materials and paraphernalia associated with drugs.

Officer Mark Burgess answered questions and demonstrated techniques used to teach youngsters to "Just Say No."

Community residents were also treated to a potato bar supper with lots of toppings, drinks and ice cream sundaes.



Children shook hands with McGruff the crime dog, who is accompanied by Judy Widener and volunteer Ben Ledbetter, at the Buhl Community Fair.

The residents took home brochures, pamphlets and a better idea of how the city, service clubs and schools are operating.

We want your news

Deadlines

For the Sunday page: noon Wednesday
For the Thursday page: noon Monday
For the Tuesday page: noon Friday
For the Saturday page: noon Tuesday
For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

Please send your news and photos to:



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Buhl Recreation Association announces upcoming classes

BUHL—The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following classes:

Rusty treasure can will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 19 in the Buhl High School art room. Participants will paint an inspirational verse among a garland of flowers, berries or fruits on a can. Participants should bring a can and verse. The cost is \$7 plus \$8 for supplies.

Making wind chimes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 28 in the Buhl High School commons area. Participants should bring materials such as pots, food cans, shells, rocks with holes, rusty metal with holes, weird kitchen utensils, fossils or keys. Participants should also bring scissors and speed drill. The cost is \$8 plus \$10 for glass, buttons and beads.

Hiking and backpacking will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 1 in Buhl-High School room 122. Participants will learn the latest techniques and equipment. The cost is \$7 plus \$3 for food.

Intermediate computer will be offered from 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 2 in the Buhl Middle School computer lab. Basic knowledge of computers is needed. The cost is \$18.

Hand-carved toiletries will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 5 in the Poppell Elementary library.

Participants will learn how to make soup, lotion, shower gel, bubble bath and bath salts. The cost is \$7 plus \$10 for supplies.

A study in mosaic will be held from 1-3 p.m. May 5-6 at 705 Maple in Buhl.

Participants will learn how to make cement benches, bird baths, wooden chair seats and table tops. Participants should bring the snips, cutting pliers, medium spatula, small hand-held sponge and white cloth rag. The cost is \$9 plus \$20 for supplies.

Balloon bouquets will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 10 in the Buhl High School art room. The cost is \$5 plus \$4 for supplies.

For more information, call the association at 543-6553.

National Honor Society holds talent show this week

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls High School National Honor Society will hold a talent show at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Roper Auditorium.

Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 for adults at the door. All proceeds go to the scholarship fund for members.

Twin Falls resident celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS—Mary "Macey" Steile of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Raytheon clarifies power plant projects

LEXINGTON, Mass. — Defense contractor Raytheon expects a first-quarter charge of up to \$325 million for assuming construction of two power plant projects involved in its dispute with Idaho-based Washington Group International.

Last year's deal for Washington Group to purchase subsidiary Raytheon Engineers and Constructors has resulted in fraud charges against Raytheon and pushed the Idaho company to the brink of bankruptcy.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing last month, Raytheon said it could face up to \$450 million in liability on the projects. It said Monday it had a more specific idea of what the projects would cost to complete. It put that total at between \$275 million and \$325 million.

Raytheon retained liability for a 1,600-megawatt gas-fired plant at the Mystic Station in Everett and an 800-megawatt plant at the Fore River Station in Weymouth when it sold its construction and engineering division to Washington Group last year. But the two companies have fought over a purchase price adjustment in the deal to cover the costs of finishing the two projects, and Washington Group abandoned both last month.

In early March, Washington Group shocked investors by announcing it was facing possible bankruptcy, sending its share prices down 79 percent the day of the warning.

A state judge last week refused to dismiss Washington Group's fraud claims and declined to limit the records and other information Raytheon may have to make available in the case. No trial date has been set.

Raytheon wants Washington Group to cover whatever it spends to complete the projects. Spokesman David Folk said Raytheon "is not focusing on the possibility" of recovering the costs but would not record it for accounting purposes.

Deposit broker must repay investors for alleged fraud

BOISE — Two California men must repay Idaho investors and pay a \$5,000 fine for allegedly selling fraudulent securities.

The Idaho Department of Finance has issued a cease-and-desist order against Bruce E. Smith and Dariusz Zalewski, who run Prime Yield Inc. from Lake Forest, Calif.

The order alleges representatives of Prime Yield offered and sold brokered certificates of deposit to Idaho investors, violating Idaho law.

The state says Prime Yield failed to tell investors the company had been named in a previous cease-and-desist order issued by the National Credit Union Administration. It also allegedly made misrepresentations of information about the investment transactions.

Smith, Zalewski, Prime Yield and their agents and representatives are barred from fraudulently offering and selling securities.

Barnes & Noble increases stake in magazine seller

Online bookseller Barnes & Noble.com and retailer Barnes & Noble Inc. — which has bookstores in Twin Falls — both have increased their investment in enews, a seller of magazine subscriptions over the Internet.

Together, the companies hold a majority stake in enews, although the two declined to be specific about exact percentages. Enews offers subscriptions to more than 100,000 magazines, newspapers and newsletters online.

Barnes & Noble.com had initially acquired a 32 percent stake in enews in December 1999 and has been using the company to sell subscriptions through its website since March 1998.

Bookseller Barnes & Noble will use the deal to increase offerings of magazines in its 569 superstores. The company also plans to launch a pilot program to offer subscriptions to college students in Barnes & Noble-owned college bookstores.

Compiled from wire reports

SkyWest boosts Hailey service

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Whatever else may be happening in the U.S. economy, there's no slowdown in SkyWest Airlines' passenger demand for the Sun Valley area.

The airline has announced it's adding four daily round-trip flights between Salt Lake City and Hailey, the Sun Valley-area airport, for the summer, effective the first week of June.

That will make 11 daily round trips between SkyWest's Salt Lake City hub and Hailey, one of 14 SkyWest cities receiving added summer service.

The new flights include two new morning departures from Hailey at 7:05 and 8:22, and two evening departures at 6:20 and 9:30. New flights out of Salt Lake City for Hailey will be at 7:03 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8:05 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

A SkyWest spokesman, Jeremy Larkin, said the airline's passenger traffic traditionally increases during the summer, despite the Sun Valley area's reputation as a winter ski playground.

Sun Valley resort businesses have been marketing summertime recreation and events to lure more family business and make the area's economy year-round.

According to Larkin, winter

passenger volume ranges between 5,000 and 8,000 people per month, while summer traffic jumps to between 9,000 and 12,000 passengers per month.

The new schedule will have no effect on published fares.

Although SkyWest is increasing its current fleet of 15 twin-engine 50-passenger Canadair regional jets by adding 31 more, Larkin said the service into Hailey would continue to rely on 30-passenger Brasilia EMB-120 turboprops, which cruise in excess of 300 mph.

Several factors prevent SkyWest from operating its jets into Hailey.

Among the main reasons, according to SkyWest flight operations director Jim Breeze, is that the Canadair jet isn't efficient operating in and out of mountain airports.

The Hailey airport's altitude is 5,315 feet, with a 6,002-foot runway that's adequate for small jet operations.

But the SkyWest Canadair jet's operating lift characteristics would limit takeoff weight at such an altitude, requiring as many as 20 passenger seats to be left empty on days when temperatures combine to influence lift. Limiting passenger loads would make the jet uneconomical to operate out of Hailey, according to Breeze.

INTELLECTUAL INCUBATOR

University researchers and corporations look to each other

The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Some have described the intellectual talent bottled up at University of California, Santa Barbara, as the county's last untapped resource.

The potential is staggering. Even over its relatively young life as a university, the school has been the womb of dozens of local businesses employing thousands of people.

As the university enters into more and more relationships with private companies and spins off new businesses, the economic reverberations will likely be felt not just throughout the county, but throughout the state. Yet even more important for the school, these new relationships raise questions about the proper balance between a public university and private enterprise.

How is UC-Santa Barbara — ranked among the nation's top public research universities — affecting the institution's ideals, while it dives into this new entrepreneurial era?

In Tokyo three weeks ago, Chancellor Henry T. Yang, engineering dean Matt Tirrell and four of the school's top scientists met with executives of the Mitsubishi Chemical Corp.

Company executives and university administrators had just signed an agreement in which Mitsubishi Chemical committed \$15 million to the school to support



University of California at Santa Barbara professor Bob Jacobs examines ocean life in a sea water tank used in research partly funded with money from private corporations at the school in Santa Barbara, Calif., recently. As the university enters into more and more relationships with private companies and spins off new businesses, the economic reverberations will likely be felt not just throughout the county, but throughout the state.

port groundbreaking research in materials science and solid state lighting.

The agreement is the largest sponsored research by a corporation in UC-Santa Barbara's history.

In exchange for the five-year

commitment of money, Mitsubishi Chemical gets first crack at exclusive licensing of any discoveries made by researchers at the school's new Mitsubishi Chemical Center for Advanced Materials.

And Mitsubishi gets ready access to the revolutionary

research being done by a team of UC-Santa Barbara scientists who are on the road to replacing incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs with super-efficient light emitting diodes. One of them, pro-

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State officials muse development options

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Richard Gardner, director of the Idaho Rural Partnership, wants to change the face of Idaho's economic future.

"There are those who say a new West is emerging, one that is less dependent on natural resources," he said. "It is something every community has to talk about — getting more legs on their stools so they can weather the storms a little better."

While growth in Boise and Coeur d'Alene during the past decade has been largely due to booming high-tech businesses, such towns as Challis and Cascade continue struggling to survive downturns in the timber and mining industries.

A chasm has developed between the state's urban and rural economies. Now Gardner and others in state government hope that \$3.9 million in new Commerce Department funding

Twin Falls to host forum on Idaho's rural economy

TWIN FALLS — A series of forums — including one in Twin Falls today — will be held around the state during April to explore several of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's initiatives to strengthen rural Idaho's economy, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

The governor's \$3.9 million rural development package is largely housed in the Commerce Department's budget for 2002, which has passed both the House and the Senate.

Other issues up for discussion during the forums include growth management, economic development, rural

community revitalization, legislative changes and municipal budgets.

The Twin Falls forum will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today at the Cavanaugh hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Others are set for Wednesday in Idaho Falls; Thursday in Pocatello; April 23 in Lewiston; and April 24 in Coeur d'Alene.

Speakers include Richard Gardner of the Idaho Rural Partnership; Idaho's Commerce Director Gary Mahn; and Ken Howard and Jerry Mason of the Association of Idaho Cities. Call the association at 344-8594, or visit www.idahocities.org.

Gardner, along with representatives of the Commerce Department and the Association of Idaho Cities, will tour the state during the next two weeks to discuss their plans. "Moving Idaho Forward" meetings this week in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Pocatello and next week in

Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene are allowing officials to hear from civic leaders about their local needs.

"It's not a panacea, but we're pretty thrilled about that money," said Bob Ford, manager of rural development for the Commerce Department.

Cities with populations under 10,000 can apply for grants to start economic development agencies aimed at luring businesses, improve current businesses or create more jobs, Ford said.

Gardner said the idea is creating a more economically diverse rural Idaho. Whether that means training former miners to become dental hygienists or having ranchers host elk hunting expeditions, advocates — say — change is inevitable.

"Hopefully we won't become the Disneyland of the Intermountain West," Gardner said. "We need to embrace our heritage while looking towards the future."

SLOC employees prepare for the end

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — In one year, all but about 100 of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's employees, who now number about 900, will no longer be working for SLOC.

Ed Eynon, SLOC senior vice president for human resources and international relations, said it's something on the employees' minds — especially now.

"There is something magical about a year out, the idea that I've got a year left. That's a pivotal time for a lot of people," said Eynon. "The end of the test events kind of coincide with that. You've got all this energy going into the test events. So the combination of being a year out and post-test events, there's a wave in there when people are really thinking about it."

Eynon wants to ensure that they don't think about it to the point of distraction. To that end, SLOC has instituted an outplacement program.

"Typically, the outplacement effort has been more of a passive approach — more of, 'After the Games, if you don't have a job, here are some classes you can go to.' We said, 'No, let's be aggressive,'" said Eynon.

"So, whereas Sydney had a goal of placing 10 percent of their work force by Games time, which in my opinion is a very passive approach, we've taken a very aggressive approach: 90 percent of all those who want to participate would have an identifiable job by the time the Games start," he said.

The in-house Job Transition Program is directed by Tammy Bevan, SLOC human resources manager, and Lisa Wardle, the project manager and a loaned employee from Drake Beam Morin, SLOC career transition outplacement supplier.

They and another team member already have conducted interviews with more than 500 SLOC employees interested in the transition program.

Bevan expects that her program will eventually serve about 800 employees.

Participants will be teamed with job-search consultants, human-resources professionals who will volunteer their time to help SLOC employees in their job search.

SLOC also sent out letters last month to more than 500 businesses, informing them of the availability of SLOC's employees.

The letter, signed by SLOC chief Mike Romney, said, "We ask you to recruit aggressively from our work force — but offer positions continuing upon completion of the Games assignment."

That is the final note that SLOC's human resources people must walk. They want businesses to eventually hire SLOC's employees, but they don't want them to do it before the Games.

"A lot of what we did was based on what happened at other Games," Wardle said. "We researched it ... and one commonality was that, due to the Games, companies poach. And key people can be lured away if they are fearful or not confident that things are being done for them."

SLOC's intention is to mitigate that feeling. And it has already done so with two employees, who have accepted post-Games job offers. About 30 more job offers have been extended so far. The two who have accepted positions will be working with a contractor for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

Surging exports push foreign sales to record levels

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

BOISE — Surging sales from Idaho's high-technology sector pushed state exports to a record \$3.8 billion last year, shuffling the order of the state's largest trading partners.

Singapore, which ranked as the fourth-largest Idaho customer in 1998 and 1999, shot into first place in 2000 as its purchases, primarily semiconductors, electronic components and industrial equipment, nearly quadrupled.

The small island nation off Malaysia did nearly \$1.1 billion in trade with Idaho last year compared with just \$275 million the year before.

Singapore's rise dropped the

Idaho's top export products in 2000

1. High tech (semiconductors, electronic components, industrial equipment) — \$1.9 billion
2. Computer and industrial equipment — \$1 billion
3. Processed food products — \$258 million
4. Fertilizers and chemical products — \$135 million
5. Paper — \$107 million
6. Agricultural commodities — \$83 million
7. Lumber and wood products — \$55 million
8. Transportation equipment — \$35 million
9. Mining products — \$33 million
10. Fabricated metal products — \$21 million

state's former top trading partner, the United Kingdom, to second place followed by Canada, which was the state's top trading partner in 1998 and 1999.

The United Kingdom's trade with

Idaho jumped 66 percent to \$642 million while Canada was up 44 percent to \$437 million and Japan, which has been going through its own severe economic problems, just 17 percent to \$325 million.

Overall exports were up 59 percent, led by semiconductors and electronic and industrial components at \$79 billion or more than double 1999 sales.

According to Commerce Director Gary Mahn, roughly one third of Idaho's raw foods and manufactured products are exported to other countries. Despite historically low farm prices, Idaho exports of raw and processed food products increased almost 13 percent in 2000.

But farm commodities were off 3 percent, falling to \$83 million; transportation equipment fell 31 percent to \$35 million; and lumber and wood products were down 40 percent to \$55 million.

Citing the success of high-tech

department's goal "is to expand that success to the timber and agriculture industries by seeking out new markets around the world."

The department says more than 800 Idaho businesses have expressed interest in selling to overseas markets, and in the past six months nearly a quarter of them have gotten technical assistance toward that goal.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne goes on an eight-day trade mission to Mexico May 12, targeted companies interested in participating may call Vicki Thomas at 334-2470 or visit the Idaho Department of Commerce's international trade website at www.idahotrader.com.

Mexico ranked eighth in trade with Idaho last year, purchasing \$115 million in goods.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE®

Bobby Wolff

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A two-week bridge vacation in the valleys of the Dolomite Mountains is as close as a bridge player can get to Bridge Paradise. Your reporter is featured to organize and conduct bridge activities, including lectures and tournaments, at Merano, Italy, June 30 to July 14. Presented by Slam Tours, the special rate of \$185.00 per person covers lodging, meals, and other amenities, for 14 nights at the Hotel Palace, a five-star luxury hotel. For booking and more details, call (800) 359-9173.

My lectures will cover bidding and play problems similar to the one in today's deal. Which side should South attack first, and why?

When West leads a trump, in which hand should South win? The answer depends on which side suit he wishes to play first.

If he wins in hand to lead hearts first, the game will fall. East will capture one of dummy's honors and shift to clubs. West cagily signals with his nine instead of winning, and when East wins his diamond ace, another club lead defeats the game.

The best plan is to win the trump lead in dummy to lead diamonds. When South wins an honor, he returns to dummy to lead another diamond. South can now discard a club from dummy and lose only three tricks.

Why lead diamonds before clubs? In clubs, South might have two losers, so there is no reason to play clubs first. Why diamonds before hearts? If West has the diamond ace, he cannot attack gainfully in clubs, giving South time to try his luck in hearts.

NORTH
A 3 9 6
K Q 9 5
7 2
A 4 3

WEST
3 2
10 6 3
8 6 5
A J 9 8

SOUTH
K Q 10 8 5
7 2
K Q 4
K Q 10

EAST
7 4
A J 8 4
10 3
7 6 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North
The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1 Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 7 4
A 8 4
10 9 3
7 6 2

North South
1 INT
2

ANSWER: Three hearts. After South's limited one-no-trump response, this hand is definitely worth an invitation to game.

Send bridge questions to The A.P.O. Box 83141, Richardson, TX 75083, enclosing a \$1.00 self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.
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“Willie was our crutch. Anything you needed, any problems you had personally or in baseball, he took the burden.”

—former teammate Bill Robinson

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Can you identify these former boxers by their nicknames: “the Toy Bulldog,” “the Bronx Bull” and “the Golden Boy”?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball

Century at Burley, 4 p.m.
Alfonso at Twin Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Jerome at Pocatello (2), 4 p.m.
Filer at Wendell, 5:30 p.m.

High school softball

Filer at Wendell, 3:30 p.m.
Burley at Pocatello (2), 4 p.m.
Wood River at Kimberly, 3:30 p.m.

High school tennis

Burley, Valley at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.

High school golf

Jerome at Blackfoot, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Buhl baseball hosts camp on Wednesday

BUHL — The Buhl High School baseball team is holding a baseball camp for all boys and girls in grades K-8 on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at Clint Faux Field. Registration is \$10, and begins at 3:15 p.m. at the ballpark. The fundamentals of baseball will be taught during the camp by team coaches and players. Campers must bring their own baseball gloves and bats. Cleats are optional.

Clear Lake ladies tee off Thursday

BUHL — A score of 17.2 earned first place net for the team of Oleta Roberts, Deb Richards, Karen Jacobs, Madelyn Harvey, and Norma Smurthwaite at the latest Clear Lake Ladies golf scramble April 5. Placing second with a 19.3 were Georgia Cantrell, Marilyn Butler, Ginger Rogers, Sally Minor and Marge Skinner. Taking third with 19.4 were Edie Whitney, Rose Black, Peggy Smith, Betty Lou Wilson and Tamara Yost. The association meets again Thursday at 10 a.m.

KYA coaches needed

KIMBERLY — There will be a KYA coaches meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the public library meeting room in Kimberly. All those interested in coaching girls softball or boys baseball should attend. For more information contact Jamie at 423-6173.

TF Muni holds golf equipment swap

TWIN FALLS — The local Idaho Junior Golf Association will be holding its inaugural golf equipment swap at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday.

Equipment for the swap will be accepted through Saturday. A 10 percent commission will be charged for consignment items. Donations of used items would be appreciated. All proceeds benefit local programs for the Idaho Junior Golf Association. For more information contact Mike Hamilton at 733-3326 or Kaylynne Kolb at 733-3052.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mickey Walker, Jake LaMotta and Art Aragon.

‘Pops’ Stargell dies at 61

Pirates slugger was in failing health for years

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Family has lost its patriarch. Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who led the Pirates to two World Series victories with his tape-measure homers, died of a stroke Monday at age 61.

He had been in failing health for several years with a kidney disorder, according to officials at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C., where he died. The Pirates opened their new ballpark Saturday and unveiled a 12-foot bronze statue of the man known as “Pops.” They postponed a formal ceremony dedicating the statue because Stargell could not attend.

“Now, every opening day at PNC Park, everybody will know this is Willie Stargell’s day,” said Chuck Tanner, Stargell’s manager from 1977-82. “He’s up there, and he knows the Pirates are opening today.”

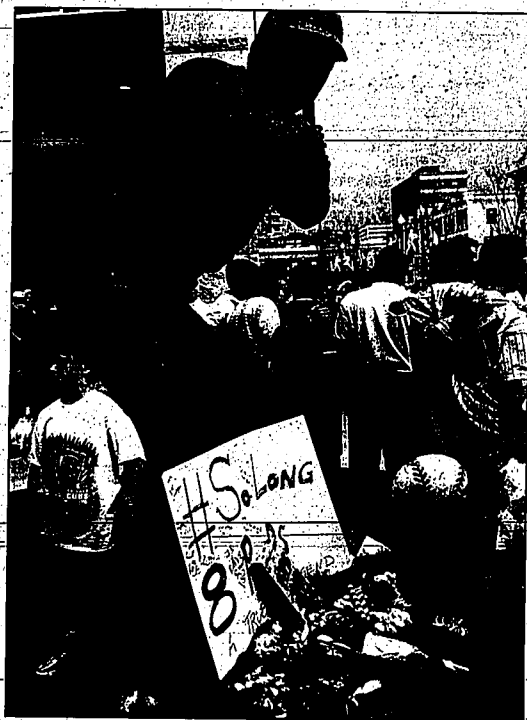
One of the greatest home run hitters in major league baseball, Stargell hit 475 homers — many of them soaring, majestic shots that rattled a pitcher’s confidence. With Stargell’s batting cleanup for most of his 20-year career, the Pirates won World Series championships and National League pennants in 1971 and 1979 and six NL East titles from 1970-79. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.

Stargell was a dynamic leader on the field and a fatherly yet

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Willie Stargell



A bronze statue of Willie Stargell stands outside of the new PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates Monday. Stargell died Monday of a stroke. The beloved player captained the Pirates to a World Series championship in 1979.

Cincinnati ruins Bucs opener in Pittsburgh

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Cincinnati Reds ruined the Pittsburgh Pirates’ first game in PNC Park on Monday. The drive followed an emotional pregame salute to Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who died earlier in the day at age 61 following a long illness.

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New York’s Tsuyoshi Shinjo tosses his bat in the air as he follows his solo home run off Atlanta relief pitcher Jason Marquie in the sixth inning, Monday in New York. The Mets won their home opener at Shea Stadium 9-4.

Aikman quits, broadcasting next

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — As always, Troy Aikman came to Texas Stadium with his game face on.

He brought an inch-thick stack of index cards and enough family and friends to fill a ballroom. Banners from the three Super Bowls he won hung from the hole-in-the-roof visible behind him.

Then, when it came time to talk about the end of his 12-year career, the usually unflappable quarterback was overcome by emotion.

A few sentences into his nearly 1.5-hour retirement news conference Monday, Aikman put down the cards, took a breath and dragged a finger beneath and above his left eye.

“You watch and you think your time will never come,” Aikman said slowly. “And my time’s come.”

Aikman called it a career 33 days after being waived by the Dallas Cowboys.

While he believes he can still be a starting quarterback in the NFL, the right job wasn’t out there.

So rather than risk suffering an 11th concussion or taking another hit on his aching back, the 34-year-old Aikman ended his playing career and is preparing to start another as a broadcaster.

“I know it’s the right thing for me because of my health, concussions, the back problems I’ve had,” Aikman said. “It took its toll.”

Aikman is close to finalizing a



SOURCES: Dallas Cowboys; NFL

Gridiron great retires

After being released by the Dallas Cowboys in March, Troy Aikman announced his retirement Monday. Aikman started for Dallas for 12 seasons and led the team to three Super Bowl championships during his career.

Regular season passing

Attempts: 4,715
Completions: 2,898
Yards: 32,942
Touchdown passes: 165
Interceptions: 141

Postseason passing

Attempts: 502
Completions: 320
Yards: 3,649
Touchdown passes: 23
Interceptions: 17

Aikman talked about the things he’ll miss, such as the locker room after a big win, and the things he won’t, like facing reporters after a big loss.

He also thanked scores of people, from every coach he’s ever had to practically every member of the Cowboys’ organization. He broke down again talking about the Triplets — himself, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith.

Sitting in the second row, Smith draped an arm around Irvin and both bit their lips as they held back their emotions. Aikman holds nearly every team passing record and was among the best postseason quarterbacks in NFL history.

SPORTS

Glenns Ferry edges Buhl JV 2-1

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Zach Simons helped himself with a game-winning RBI single in the seventh inning.

Local sports

As Glenns Ferry beat the Buhl junior varsity, 2-1 Monday.

Simons, who picked up the pitching win in relief of brother Ryan, had two hits in the game as did Ryan Simons. Scott Uhl went 3-for-3 with a double to lead the Pilots (11-2 overall, 4-0 Canyon). J.D. Gould led Buhl with a double and triple — the Indians' only hits of the game. Glenns Ferry travels to Wood River on Thursday.

Glenns Ferry 2, Buhl JV 1

Box Score: 100-100-1100
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Filer JV 8, Rimrock 7

FILER — Tim Hughes came up huge for the Filer junior varsity on Monday.

First, Hughes ripped a two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the seventh to tie the Wildcats' game with Rimrock at 7-7. Hughes then scored the winning run on a pair of passed balls. Filer improved to 2-6.

Filer JV 8, Rimrock 7

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Softball

Glenns Ferry 7, Buhl 6, (9)

GLENN'S FERRY — Jessica Simons slapped a game-winning

double in the bottom of the ninth, inning, helping Megan Conrad to give Glenns Ferry a 7-6 come-from-behind win over Buhl on Monday.

Six errors plagued the Indians, who blew a 5-1 lead. The Pilots rallied for five runs in the seventh inning or four Buhl errors to force extra innings.

Glenns Ferry (13-1, 4-0) plays at Wood River on Thursday.

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Later results

Tennis

Rigby 8, Minico 4

Hillcrest 10, Minico 2

Minico dropped a pair of ten-

nis matches at Rigby and Hillcrest on Saturday.

In the 8-4 loss to the Trojans, the Spartans scored wins from Kathryn Severson in No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-0 and the No. 2 boys doubles team Jon Knopp and Dominik Greven, 6-1, 6-2. Minico's mixed doubles teams came through for the sweep with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 win from Seth Ellsworth and Melissa Vanderbeck and a 6-1, 6-0 win by Levi Bohan and Cindy Bradshaw.

At Hillcrest, only Greven in No. 3 boys' singles and Dylan Bailey and Bradshaw in mixed doubles were able to punch through wins.

Minico travels to Gooding on Wednesday.

Jazz blast Rockets, close on Lakers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 13 of his 26 points in the third quarter and Donyell Marshall added 19 points.

John Stockton had 13 points and seven assists as the Jazz, who have five games remaining, pulled within one-half game of the Los Angeles Lakers for the third best record in the Western Conference.

Steve Francis scored 26 points to lead Houston, including 14 in the first quarter as the Rockets led 18-12 after the opening period. But he had little support other than reserve Manu Bullard's 11 points.

NBA

76ers 108, Celtics 95

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 37 points and Dikembe Mutombo added 12 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocks as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Boston Celtics 108-95 Monday night, clinching first place and home-court advantage throughout the East playoffs.

The last time Philadelphia had the conference's best record was 1983.

Antoine Walker scored 26 and

Paul Pierce had 23 for Boston, which fell 2.5 games behind Indiana for the final playoff spot in the East.

Iverson, who returned after a two-game absence due to injury, hit four of his first six shots and scored 14 points in the first quarter. Iverson missed seven of the last 13 games with a small tear in a muscle near his left hip and a bruised tailbone.

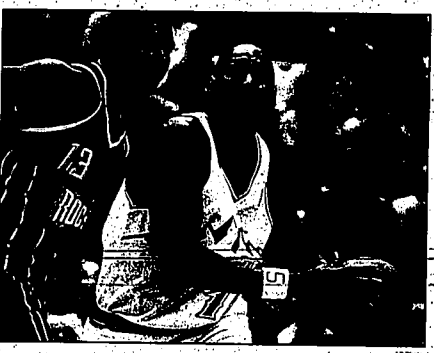
Pistons 81, Hawks 69

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jerry Stackhouse had the first triple double of his career on a record-setting night. Stackhouse finished with 28 points, 12 rebounds and matched a career-high with 11 assists.

Stackhouse also became Detroit's single-season scoring leader, passing Dave Bing's 30-year-old record of 2,213 points.

Knicks 113, Hornets 98

NEW YORK — Marcus Camby had another impressive all-around game, and replacement starters Kurt Thomas and Glen Rice helped carry the Knicks in the fourth quarter.



Utah forward Danny Manning dives around Houston center Kelvin Cato to score during the fourth quarter Monday in Salt Lake City.

Pacers 100, Wizards 78

INDIANAPOLIS — Jalen Rose scored 23 points and had 10 rebounds, while Reggie Miller added 12 points and Travis Best

scored 11 and had seven assists.

It was the Pacers' second straight victory of at least 20 points. Indiana has now won four straight overall and eight in a row at home.

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forceful presence off it. The 1979 Pirates were nicknamed "The Family" from the Sister Sledge song, "We Are Family," and Stargell said years later that it wasn't a misnomer. "We won, we lived and we enjoyed as one," Stargell said. "We molded together dozens of different individuals into one working force. We were products of different races, were raised in different income brackets, but in the clubhouse and on the field we were one."

He distributed his coveted stars for extra effort to teammates who proudly attached them to their ballcaps.

"We fought for those stars," former teammate Bill Robinson said Monday. "Those were precious. If he forgot to give you one, we'd be at his locker saying, 'Willie, I did this' or 'Willie, I did that.' To get those stars from your leader and captain, that was special."

Tanner agreed that Stargell's personal magnetism was a key

ingredient in the clubhouse.

When you had Willie Stargell on your team, it was like having a diamond ring on your finger," Tanner said.

Big and powerful at 6-foot-4, 225 pounds, with a deep, commanding voice, Stargell intimidated pitchers even before they delivered the ball by pinwheeling the bat in rhythm with his delivery.

Despite being overshadowed at times by more prolific home run hitters Hank Aaron and Willie Mays, and by the play of his own Hall of Fame teammate, Roberto Clemente, Stargell's sheer power was unrivaled. He hit seven of the 18 homers over the right-field roof at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field from 1969-70 and once held the record for the longest homer in nearly half of the National League parks.

"He didn't just hit pitchers, he took away their dignity," former Dodgers pitcher Don Sutton said.

For nearly 30 years, Stargell was the only player to hit a ball out of Dodger Stadium, and he did it

twice.

For his first 10 years in the majors, Stargell was content to play in Clemente's shadow, even after he passed Clemente in production. Stargell reluctantly became the Pirates' leader upon Clemente's death in a Dec. 31, 1972, plane crash, saying, "There's a time in a man's life when he has to decide if he's going to be a man."

Stargell enjoyed his best season in 1971, with 48 homers and 125 RBIs. However, he was 0-for-14 in the NL playoffs against the Giants and had only one RBI in the Pirates' seven-game World Series victory over favored Baltimore. He left center stage to the 38-year-old Clemente, who, fearful he would never play in another Series, turned the postseason into a personal showcase of his grace, talent and determination. Only 14 months later, Clemente was dead.

"In 1979, it was Stargell's turn to transform the World Series into a one-man act for an aging star. At 39, seemingly several years past

his prime, and after knee injuries had robbed him of his mobility and some of his strength, Stargell's postseason performance was every bit as haunting and as driven as Clemente's."

After hitting 32 homers during a memorable regular season, Stargell had two more during an NL playoffs sweep of Cincinnati.

Stargell also had three homers, including the decisive shot in Game 7 in Baltimore, as the Pirates rallied from a 3-1 deficit to wrest the World Series title from the favored Orioles.

Only months from his 40th birthday, he made an unprecedented three-way sweep of MVP awards, sharing the NL award with Keith Hernandez of St. Louis and winning it in the playoffs and World Series — a feat still not matched. Stargell remains the oldest player to win an MVP award.

"He's Pittsburgh baseball," said Stephen Reiser, among the fans passing by the new stadium.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Earnhardt results not expected until August

NASCAR has commissioned an accident reconstruction review into the death of Dale Earnhardt but doesn't expect to know exactly what happened in the wreck until August.

Few details of the accident review were released Monday in a conference call by NASCAR. A spokesman read a statement from president Mike Helton and no questions were allowed.

"Everyone involved in this process is committed to a sense of urgency, but we must also move forward in a thorough, careful and complete manner," Helton's statement said.

The seven-time Winston Cup champion was killed in a crash on the final turn of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18. In a news conference a week later, Helton said a seat belt broke in Earnhardt's car.

Armstrong: Officials find no dope evidence

PARIS — Two-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong said Monday that a government investigation of his cycling team has found no evidence of doping in urine samples.

At a news conference, Armstrong criticized the news media for hinting that he took drugs, and said he intended to win his third straight Tour de France later this year.

French investigators are looking into whether Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team may have used banned performance-enhancing substances during the 2000 Tour. Armstrong recovered from testicular cancer to win the race for the last two years.

Saints owner released from hospital

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson was released from a hospital Monday — six days after undergoing heart bypass surgery.

Benson, 73, underwent bypass surgery to relieve blockages in his coronary arteries.

This week, Benson underwent a coronary angiogram following a routine physical that revealed symptoms suggestive of artery blockages. The angiogram confirmed the blockages, prompting doctors to schedule the surgery.

Benson has owned the Saints since May 31, 1985.

Other states don't mind exclusion from torch

SALT LAKE CITY — In Utah, being one of the few communities excluded from the Winter Games torch run is as much a pre-Olympic downer as slushy snow or a bribery scandal.

The tiny farming town of Parowan is so dissatisfied that it erected two huge billboards along a major Utah freeway to lobby for its 10 minutes of torch fame. City officials have also written seven letters and made up to 20 phone calls to try to change the route.

"We are outraged. Our feelings are hurt. And we think it's a slap in the face," said Parowan Mayor Glen L. Halterman, noting that his city is home to Utah's first Olympic gold medalist, Alma Wilford Richards, who won the men's high jump in 1912.

In Vernal, the chamber of commerce may offer to charter a plane to bring the torch there for two or three hours, said Lisa Ross, the organization's executive director.

The torch route was announced in December and will cover 46 states — more than the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

Twin Falls is part of a three-stop tour through Idaho along the route.

The entire route takes 65 days and will be carried 13,500 miles by automobile, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, skis, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skates and covered wagon. It carries an \$25 million price tag, the costliest torch relay ever.

The flame will be kept in a lantern, known as a "mother flame," that travels with the relay. Every morning, a torch will be lit from that flame, which will be passed to torchbearers who each run one-fifth of a mile — equivalent to almost one lap of an Olympic track.

Raiders owner Al Davis testifies in suit

LOS ANGELES — Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis testified Monday that negotiations for a state-of-the-art stadium collapsed in a matter of days in June 1995 after terms of the deal were suddenly changed.

Taking the witness stand for the first time in his \$1 billion lawsuit against the NFL, Davis said he grudgingly accepted the notion of a second team playing at the proposed stadium in suburban Inglewood until being informed it could start playing there the same year as the Raiders.

He indicated that sudden change in terms essentially drove him out of Los Angeles.

"That to me meant the deal was dead," he said under questioning from Raiders attorney Joseph Alton. "Our hopes, our dreams were gone. I thought it was over. That's what it was, it was over. All that time, all that work."

Davis announced the Raiders were returning to Oakland on June 23, 1995. They played at the Los Angeles Coliseum from 1982-94, and Davis felt he needed a better stadium and more revenue opportunities to compete with other NFL teams.

In the lawsuit, Davis insists that the right to the Los Angeles football market still belongs to him. He says the NFL forced him out of town by pushing for a second team to play at the proposed stadium at Inglewood's Hollywood Park.

He says if the NFL wants Los Angeles back, it will have to pay him more than \$1 billion for the privilege and for the revenue he says he lost.

Compiled from wire reports

Tiger

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drive the ball in the fairway," Woods said. "The greens are so severe that you need to put the ball in certain locations or else you'll three-putt."

Woods will have good feelings about going to Royal Lytham in England. It is where he put together his first super-low round in major competition, giving him the confidence to take the next step. Playing as an amateur in 1996, he posted a 66 in the second round, leading to a tie for 22nd, his best in a pro tournament up to that point.

Woods doesn't know much yet about the Atlanta Athletic Club, but he will be well prepped by PGA Championship time. He will find the Athletic Club to be of U.S. Open quality in scale and difficulty. Jerry Pate won the Open there in 1976. When Larry Nelson won the PGA Championship there in 1981, only three players broke par.

If Woods is going for the undisputed Grand Slam in August, the Athletic Club will be a fitting venue. The course was the training ground for young Bobby Jones, the winner of the U.S. Open then golf's version of the Grand Slam in 1930. It is located on Bobby Jones Drive.

Woods will relax for the next month. He won't play again until

Master of the game

Tiger Woods completed his version of the Grand Slam Sunday, lumining in a stunning performance to win the 65th Masters Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club. Woods is now the only golfer in history to hold the four major championship titles at the same time.

Last six major finishes

'01 Masters, 1st
'00 PGA Championship, 1st
'00 British Open, 1st
'99 U.S. Open, 1st
'99 Masters, 5th
'99 PGA Championship, 1st

PGA Tour career

Events 112
Top 10 66
Victories 27
Major won 6

*Four in a row

Most career PGA

Grand Slam titles
Jack Nicklaus 18

Ban Hogan 9

Gary Player 9

Gene Sarazen 7

Tiger Woods 6

SOURCES: PGA TOUR; compiled from AP wire reports

AP

The Verizon Byron Nelson Classic in Dallas from May 10-13. Then he will play a tournament in Germany and Jack Nicklaus Memorial from May 31-June 3 as tournaments for the U.S. Open.

The question, though, already have begun. Can Woods continue the streak?

"I don't know," he said with a smile. "We'll find out in June."

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debut as the Mets took their home opener against their biggest nemesis, the Atlanta Braves.

Cardinals 3, Rockies 2

ST. LOUIS — Ray Lankford scored on a bases-loaded wild pitch in the ninth inning and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Colorado Rockies in their home opener.

The Cardinals have won four in a row after sweeping Arizona over the weekend. They got swept in their season-opening series at Colorado, and outscored 32-11.

Expos 7, Cubs 5

MONTREAL — Sammy Sosa homered twice for the Cubs, but Jose Vidro hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning to lift the Montreal Expos over the Cubs for their fourth straight win.

The Expos, who swept the New York Mets over the weekend, are 6-1, their best start since 1974.

Phillies 5, Marlins 4

PHILADELPHIA — Marlon Anderson singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Florida Marlins.

Mike Lieberthal, Travis Lee and Pat Burrell led off the ninth with singles against Ricky Bones (0-1) to load the bases. Anderson, who had a tying sacrifice hit in the seventh, hit a line drive to right off Bones to win it.

The game was interrupted by an 88-minute rain delay in the bottom of the seventh inning.

American League

Yankees 13, Kansas City 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jorge Posada homered for the third game in a row and drove in four runs, and Scott Brosius had three RBIs as New York trapped out 19

hits and cruised past Kansas City 13-4 Monday night.

Posada, who had his first career grand slam in Sunday's 16-5 romp over Toronto, hit a three-run homer off Blake Stein in the third inning.

Andy Pettitte (2-0), who beat the Royals and Blake Stein last week, pitched 8 1/3 innings.

Twins 11, Tigers 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Cristian Guzman homered and doubled, leading Brad Radke and the Minnesota Twins over the Detroit Tigers in their home opener.

The game drew 46,103 fans, the Twins' largest crowd for an open-

er at the Metrodome since 1993.

White Sox 9, Indians 2

CHICAGO — Herbert Perry tied his career high with four RBIs and Frank Thomas was a two-run homer as the Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland for their first win since opening day.

The Indians got a big scare when Felipe Alou's error drove

neck, gave up 10 hits but only two earned runs.

Chuck Finley (1-1) left after the second inning, the worst outing since April 15, 1997.

Blue Jays 8, Devil Rays 1

TORONTO — Joey Hamilton pitched six strong innings and the Toronto Blue Jays won their home opener, sending the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to their sixth straight loss.

Raul Mondesi homered for Toronto before 48,115 fans. The crowd was the Blue Jays' largest since July 18, 1996, and their biggest for a home opener since 1995.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"I think you dislocated your kneecap. ... It's not supposed to be over here."

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