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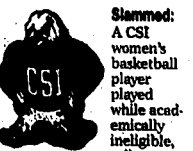
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Teaching religion: The Lighthouse Christian Bible College is going strong after two years in Twin Falls.

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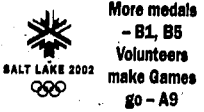
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Canadian skaters get gold after all

Russians will keep theirs too; skating union suspends judge

The Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY — The Canadian skaters whose loss to a Russian duo set off the biggest judging scandal in Winter Olympics history got their gold medal after all Friday, and the judge at the center of the furor was suspended.

The extraordinary deal awarding Canadians David Pelletier and Jamie Sale the gold ended a furious week-long debate that had engulfed the Olympics and prompted the kind of complaints about judging that used to be heard during the Cold War.



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The International Skating Union, figure skating's governing body, indefinitely suspended Marie-Reine Le Gougne, the French judge who said she was pressured by her own federation to give the Russian duo the gold in Monday's pairs skating event. "She acted in a way that was not adequate to guarantee both pairs equal condition. We have declared misconduct," ISU president Ottavio Cinquanta said. The French judge has signed a statement about how she reached her vote, Cinquanta said. There was no evidence of Russian involvement, he added. He refused further details.



David Pelletier and Jamie Sale celebrate Friday in Salt Lake City.

Bush OKs Yucca for waste

Nevada immediately sues, claiming faulty science in picking site

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — President Bush approved Nevada's Yucca Mountain on Friday as the site for long-term disposal of thousands of tons of highly radioactive nuclear waste.

Nevada officials immediately moved to block the decision: they took their fight to the courts and promised a battle on Capitol Hill. The decision also is sure to spark a debate over the safety of transporting the waste from numerous sites across the United States to the proposed Nevada site.

In a letter to congressional leaders, Bush said a central disposal site for as much as 77,000 tons of waste that is building up at sites across the country "is necessary to protect public safety, health and this nation's security."

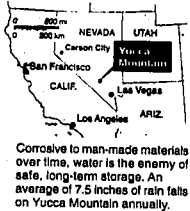
Nevada officials have argued that the government can't ensure the public will be protected over the thousands of years the waste will remain dangerous. The site is 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, one of the fastest growing urban areas in the country. Sen. Harry Reid, D-NeV., accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise in which he told Nevadans he would base a decision on Yucca Mountain on "sound science not politics."

"Today President Bush broke this promise," said Reid. "I am outraged, as are the citizens of Nevada," said Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn, who announced he will veto Bush's decision and send the matter to Congress. "As a state, we are solidly united to continue our fight against Yucca Mountain," Guinn said, adding that Nevada has built a \$5.4 million fund to keep nuclear waste out.

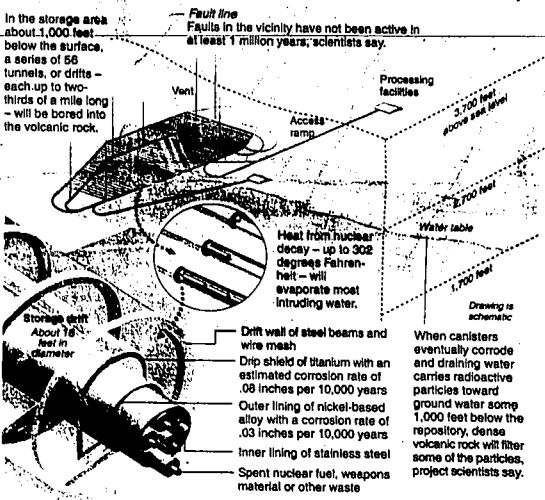
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The nation's nucleardump

In 1987, Congress chose Nevada's Yucca Mountain as the only site to be considered for permanent storage of the nation's nuclear waste. Up to 77,000 tons of radioactive waste could be interred there beginning as early as 2010.

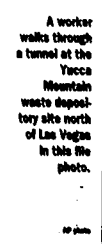


Corrosive to man-made materials over time, water is the enemy of safe, long-term storage. An average of 7.5 inches of rain falls on Yucca Mountain annually.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy

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A worker walks through a tunnel at the Yucca Mountain waste repository site north of Las Vegas in this file photo.

Herbicide hit spud growers hardest

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

PAUL — Magic Valley potato growers have reported suffering the biggest loss from spraying of Oust, an Idaho Department of Agriculture report says.

The herbicide was approved by the Bureau of Land Management in the fall of 2000 to prevent cheatgrass from growing on burned public ground. Farmers claimed the herbicide damaged crops when high winds caused dirt to drift.

The Ag Department investigated and wrapped up its report late last month.

The report, signed by Bob Spencer, agriculture manager for the Division of Agricultural Resources, says 165 growers allege damage from Oust.

While sugar beet damage was estimated at 46,000 acres and about \$16 million, alleged potato damage was 83,000 acres and between \$60 million and \$80 million, the report says.

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Nearing bankruptcy, Enron execs tapped funds

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Knowing Enron was about to file for bankruptcy, company executives in late November quickly withdrew millions of dollars in compensation and bonuses they had deferred. Money was wired to some bank accounts in less than 24 hours.

These 11th-hour payments are now being called unfair by Enron retirees and former executives whose attempts to tap their own funds were denied.

"This is a case of Enron's gross mismanagement depriving people of their retirement income," said Dan Ryser, a former Enron executive who estimates \$15 million may have been withdrawn.

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Ada's 911 director sees hope for Magic Valley facility

By Mark Vogt Times-News writer

JEROME — It will have to start at the top, Ron Vogt said.

If the western Magic Valley's emergency dispatch center is going to weather its current problems, a solid director needs to be put in place, some technical problems will have to be cleared up, and the trust and participation of all the communities the center serves must be reinforced, Vogt said.

The director of Ada County's emergency dispatch center, Vogt was invited to visit the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in Jerome this week for an evaluation. He expects to have a written report on his findings ready within a month or so. He did a similar evaluation and

'I think there were just some cooperation issues, and people got upset.'

— Ron Vogt, Ada County emergency dispatch center director

report in 1997. SIRCOMM's personnel structure was shaken in December, when director Jeff Rodeman, operations manager Gloria Falconburg and dispatch supervisor Chantal Smith were put on paid administrative leave. An inquiry into allegations of misconduct at the center was launched. Officials would not say whether the

actions had anything to do with a strip-tease dancer's performance at the center in November.

Smith later was allowed to return to work. Rodeman and Falconburg were still on leave Friday, with no end to the inquiry in sight. The fate of their employment at SIRCOMM was still undecided, officials said.

Things apparently got worse recently. SIRCOMM's joint powers board learned that the center has barely been keeping ahead of bills and operating costs. Yet a \$2.2 million balloon payment on a loan is looming in August 2005, with no readily apparent way of raising the money. And much of the center's computer equipment has become antiquated and will probably soon



Ron Vogt, commander of Ada County's 911 center, says the future of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center depends in large measure on hiring the right director to run the center.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes

Yesterday:
High 45°
Low 13°
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Twin Falls through 8 p.m. receiver

Temperature
High/Low 39°/10°
Normal high/low 41°/22°
High/Low last year 42°/22°
Record high 57° in 1901
Record low -19° in 1961
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday 0.01"
Month to date 0.04"
Normal month to date 0.20"
Water year to date (Oct. 1) 3.83"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 4.80"
Humidity Yesterday 81%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 8 p.m. 30.29 in.
Pottery yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent
Trees Absent
Source: Astoria and Albany of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny and turning milder.	Partly to mostly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy; a shower possible.	Cloudy to partly sunny.	Plenty of clouds; showers possible.	Partly sunny and breezy.
▲ 44°	▼ 26°	▲ 44° ▼ 26°	▲ 42° ▼ 30°	▲ 44° ▼ 30°	▲ 48° ▼ 30°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and occasional sunshine in the west today with a breezy afternoon; sunny to partly cloudy in the east. Highs from 30 in the mountains to nearly 50 in the lowest valleys of the west.

Boise: Cloudy to partly sunny today with a breezy, mild afternoon. High 46. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 30. Clouds and limited sunshine tomorrow with a shower possible. High 48.

Northern Idaho: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today with a mild and breezy afternoon. Highs in the 40s in the northeast to the 50s in the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight; perhaps some rain and snow.

Northern Utah: Partly sunny today with a pleasant afternoon. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Northern Nevada: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today; a few spots might have a rain or snow shower late this afternoon. Highs from 30 in the mountains to near 50 in the lower valleys of the west.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 82° in Glia Bend, AZ Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)
Low -26° in West Yellowstone, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



CANADIAN CITIES

Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	
Calgary	46 25 30	42 22 28	
Edmonton	34 27 30	30 19 27	
Halifax	43 34 42	42 22 28	
London	52 34 42	50 32 40	
Montreal	42 30 38	40 28 36	
Ottawa	42 30 38	40 28 36	
Regina	28 21 25	25 18 22	
Saskatoon	37 17 22	32 15 20	
Toronto	42 30 38	40 28 36	
Vancouver	46 39 48	46 38 46	
Victoria	47 38 46	40 31 38	
Winnipeg	32 24 30	27 17 23	

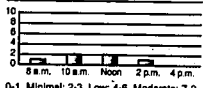
WORLD CITIES

Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	
Athens	51 45 50	51 45 50	
Buenos Aires	54 45 50	54 45 50	
London	52 34 42	50 32 40	
Los Angeles	68 55 60	68 55 60	
Manila	82 73 80	82 73 80	
Paris	56 47 54	56 47 54	
San Francisco	43 30 36	43 30 36	
Sydney	77 63 70	77 63 70	
Tokyo	54 45 50	54 45 50	
Hong Kong	70 62 70	70 62 70	
Jeju	67 54 67	67 54 67	
London	48 34 42	48 34 42	
London	63 53 60	63 53 60	
Moscow	32 20 28	32 20 28	
Paris	41 32 40	41 32 40	
Rio de Janeiro	77 63 70	77 63 70	
Rome	59 48 56	59 48 56	
Sydney	47 37 45	47 37 45	
Sydney	49 40 48	49 40 48	
Warsaw	39 32 40	39 32 40	
Zurich	42 35 40	42 35 40	

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:11 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:33 p.m.
Moonset tonight 8:13 p.m.

UV INDEX TODAY



0-1 Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	
Atlanta	52 34 42	52 34 42	
Baltimore	54 34 42	54 34 42	
Birmingham	61 36 42	61 36 42	
Boston	49 32 38	49 32 38	
Charlotte, NC	60 40 48	60 40 48	
Chicago	40 32 38	40 32 38	
Cincinnati	54 28 34	54 28 34	
Cleveland	54 28 34	54 28 34	
Denver	54 28 34	54 28 34	
Des Moines	42 22 28	42 22 28	
Detroit	39 19 25	39 19 25	
El Paso	64 36 42	64 36 42	
Fairbanks	5 21 27	5 21 27	
Fort Worth	59 39 45	59 39 45	
Honolulu	82 71 83	82 71 83	
Houston	64 38 44	64 38 44	
Indianapolis	54 28 34	54 28 34	
Jacksonville	69 45 51	69 45 51	
Kansas City	54 28 34	54 28 34	
Las Vegas	64 36 42	64 36 42	
Little Rock	62 30 36	62 30 36	
Los Angeles	65 48 54	65 48 54	
Memphis	52 34 40	52 34 40	
Miami	78 60 66	78 60 66	
Minneapolis	48 30 36	48 30 36	
New Orleans	64 44 50	64 44 50	
New York	50 34 40	50 34 40	
Omaha	53 23 29	53 23 29	
Orlando	74 48 54	74 48 54	
Philadelphia	54 34 40	54 34 40	
Phoenix	78 52 58	78 52 58	
Pittsburgh	46 28 34	46 28 34	
Rapid City	52 24 30	52 24 30	
Reno	54 30 36	54 30 36	
Sacramento	50 30 36	50 30 36	
St. Louis	50 30 36	50 30 36	
St. Paul	41 24 30	41 24 30	
San Antonio	64 36 42	64 36 42	
San Diego	62 53 59	62 53 59	
San Francisco	58 48 54	58 48 54	
Seattle	41 24 30	41 24 30	
Tucson	77 48 54	77 48 54	
Washington, DC	54 34 40	54 34 40	

REGIONAL CITIES

Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	
Boise	42 26 32	48 28 34	
Bonners Ferry	38 22 30	42 24 30	
Butte	43 25 31	49 27 33	
Coeur d'Alene	40 20 28	46 22 30	
Elko	41 22 28	47 24 30	
Idaho Falls	35 18 24	41 20 26	
Hailey	45 20 26	51 22 28	
Idaho City	38 22 30	44 24 30	
Kalispell, MT	36 20 26	42 22 28	
Lewiston	39 18 24	45 20 26	
Malad	39 18 24	45 20 26	
Marion	44 23 30	50 25 31	

Today		Sun.	
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	
Blackfoot	32 16 22	38 18 24	
Boise	42 26 32	48 28 34	
Butte	43 25 31	49 27 33	
Coeur d'Alene	40 20 28	46 22 30	
Elko	41 22 28	47 24 30	
Idaho Falls	35 18 24	41 20 26	
Hailey	45 20 26	51 22 28	
Idaho City	38 22 30	44 24 30	
Kalispell, MT	36 20 26	42 22 28	
Lewiston	39 18 24	45 20 26	
Malad	39 18 24	45 20 26	
Marion	44 23 30	50 25 31	
Shoshone	32 16 22	38 18 24	
Yellowstone, MT	30 16 22	36 18 24	

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Spray

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Albregt wheat and barley damage was set at 10,700 acres and about \$1.2 million. Alfalfa and corn each showed about 550,000 in alleged damage.

On June 22, Martha G. Hahn, Idaho state director for BLM, issued a moratorium on Oust herbicide applications to public lands in Idaho. On Oct. 17, she issued a continuation of the moratorium.

The earliest that Oust could be used on public lands in Idaho would be fall of 2002," Hahn said. But the department did not stop with the moratorium. It also sent a letter to DuPont Crop Protection, the manufacturer, that said that if the company did not make a voluntary withdrawal of a "special local need registration" for aerial application of the herbicide, the department would pursue revocation of the registration.

DuPont complied with the department's request before Friday's deadline, officials said. However, DuPont declined to attend its federal Environmental Protection Agency label to reflect mandatory language rather than the current advisory language that was in effect in 2002, an Ag Department release said. The department had suggested such a label change.

Mike Everett, the department's deputy director and administrator for the Division of Agricultural Resources, said he and his staff believe that both actions by DuPont would have significantly reduced possibilities of something similar happening again.

"We are pleased that DuPont agreed to voluntarily withdraw the registration for aerial application to BLM lands," Everett said. BLM's registration for Oust applies only to that agency, and no other government agencies are affected by the withdrawal.

While the Ag Department found that Oust had damaged crops, investigators from the department also checked whether other herbicides were potentially responsible for the damage, he report said. "ISDA concludes that several growers did not abide by the plant-back restrictions for several soil residual herbicides applied during the 2000 crop year," the report said.

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While farmers are preparing tort claims against BLM, DuPont and others to file in court, the BLM is working on a new environmental impact statement addressing its treatment of vegetation in the West. BLM officials are seeking input from the public and looking for alternative chemicals and alternative treatments for future vegetation treatment.

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911

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have to be replaced. Even so, don't expect the center's demise any time soon, Vogt said.

"When I was asked to come here this time, I was hearing a lot of gloom and doom stories," he said. "But to be honest with you, things aren't all that bad."

SIRCOMM is still performing its primary function - dispatching emergency help - rather well, he said. The center has a top-notch radio system, and there's nothing wrong with the staff at SIRCOMM's nerve center.

"The people who are working the floor are doing an excellent job and they've been working under some weird circumstances," Vogt said. Some things that Vogt said he does not like are the fact that police dispatchers must also answer phones and mundane radio traffic is allowed on channels that should be reserved for emergencies only.

"When an officer is yelling for help, there's not time for somebody to hang up a phone and pick up a radio mic," he said. Vogt also gave high marks to Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jim Dahl, who were picked by the joint powers board to fill in for Rodeman and Falonburg.

But Munn and Dahl will need permanent replacements one way or another, Vogt said. "They have to get a director who is proficient at running centers like this," Vogt said he didn't want to comment on Rodeman's job performance or possible employment status. He did say SIRCOMM's management problems do apparently encompass a lot more than Rodeman's job.

"I think they've got too many different boards meeting too often to discuss too many diverse issues," he said. SIRCOMM from the start has also been plagued by hard feelings between the center and the emergency responders it serves, Vogt said. But those problems have probably stemmed only from poor communication, he said.

"I think there were just some cooperation issues, and people got upset. And when they got upset, they withdrew to their own corners," he said. "I didn't see any agendas that were black-hearted agendas."

Dahl said it was refreshing to get a view from somebody outside the system who hasn't been affected by the emotions and politics that have surrounded SIRCOMM.

"I respect Ron's opinions, and we will certainly take everything he has to say to heart and see how much we can use," Dahl said. Dispatch supervisor Dee Silver said she didn't think Vogt was pulling any punches, but that might be what SIRCOMM needs now.

"A lot of his ideas involve money, and we don't have any of that right now. I think some of the courses might balk at some of the ideas because people don't like change," she said. "They need to consider his ideas. Otherwise, it was just a waste of time and money to bring him here."

When it comes to money, it's probably time for SIRCOMM to get tough on itself, and the local governments that support it, so the balloon payment can be made, Vogt said.

"The bottom line is, they are going to have to pay in 2005," he said. "Some of the small towns in SIRCOMM are not paying their fair share. All communities have to pay fairly or be told, 'If you don't pay, don't complain.'"

SIRCOMM also needs to find a way to charge cell phone users, he said. There is a \$1 yearly land line fee for phone customers in the center's coverage area. Even so, if not most - of the calls into the center are coming from cell phones, so it's only fair to make cell phone users pay as well, Vogt said.

Dahl said he agreed with Vogt's assessment that SIRCOMM will survive. "It didn't get to be this way overnight, and it won't get fixed overnight. But it will get fixed," Dahl said.

Yucca

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State Attorney General Frank Sue Del Papa said the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia challenging Abraham's recommendation and Bush's decision.

"The secretary's recommendation is based on faulty siting guidelines that do not achieve the purpose of geologic isolation of nuclear waste," Del Papa told the Associated Press, referring to the standard Congress set in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Weather (W): s-sunny, ps-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, sf-snow/furries, sn-snow, ice.

"Simply put, because the secretary's recommendation was flawed, the president's decision was flawed," Del Papa said. But Bush said his decision "is the culmination of two decades of intense scientific scrutiny and that he remains certain the science is sound. The plan calls for putting the waste, mostly used reactor fuel rods from commercial power plants, into volcanic rock 950 feet below the desert surface."

Bush followed the recommendation of Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham in approving the Nevada site. Congress will have to decide, by majority vote of both houses, whether to uphold the decision or side with Nevada and find another site for more than 40,000 tons of waste now kept at commercial reactors in 34 states as well as waste kept at defense sites.

The president's action marks a major step in the decades-long dispute over what to do with the waste generated by commercial nuclear power plants and by the government nuclear weapons program, which began studies of Yucca Mountain.

Unless Congress sides with Nevada, the Energy Department's next step will be to get a license for the Yucca facility from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a process that could take several years. No waste is expected to be shipped to the site before 2010 and even that target is likely to slip.

About 85 percent of the radioactive material is on the East Coast. Trucks and trains would travel through 45 states to haul the waste to the remote Western mountain, which Bush citing 20 years of scientific study and political debate Nuclear waste from commercial

power reactors is growing by about 2,000 tons a year.

The federal Department of Transportation is responsible for safety on the nation's highways and rail lines, which will carry the nuclear waste. But an internal report and a senior federal official who spoke to Knight Ridder News Service on condition of anonymity said the general is woefully unprepared.

A Jan. 10 DOT inspector general report said the transportation agency "is not fully prepared for the forecasted increase in shipments." The report said senior officials are unsure whether the current levels of planning, inspection, training and oversight activity will be sufficient for the forecasted levels of nuclear waste.

Nevada's preliminary analysis of the Department of Energy's latest environmental impact statement - released Thursday - shows that 170 million people across the country live in counties with highways that would be used to transport the nuclear waste.

Transportation projects more than 100,000 truckloads of waste over 38 years, up 6 percent from a 1999 estimate, said Bob Halstead, Nevada's transportation consultant.

"This is a national issue, because of where the waste is stored," Halstead told Knight Ridder. "The waste (now) is stored a long ways away from Yucca Mountain. When the transportation system uses the most efficient routes it conceals their presence for east. It will be a daily impact on major metropolitan areas."

Although the Department of Energy will not discuss specific routes and timetables, the senior federal official, who works out of the state, said Nevada's analysis on the mark, adding "This will be a big battleground."

"The president's decision threatens American lives," Sen. Reid said Friday in a news release. "President Bush has dropped the equivalent of 100,000 dirty bombs on America." Energy Secretary Abraham said his agency and its European counterparts have never had an accident involving nuclear waste. "We have a perfect track record," Abraham said. "If we leave the waste as it is, it poses a greater risk. The transportation is going to happen. It's going to move past countries."

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Enron

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before the company filed for bankruptcy on Dec. 2.

Ryser believes Enron may have broken the law by paying certain executives while rejecting others, primarily those who had already left the company.

"It's blatant discriminatory treatment," Ryser said, alluding to a law that prohibits "preferential payments" in the 90 days leading up to a bankruptcy filing. Enron spokesman Vance Meyer said the issue will undoubtedly be resolved in bankruptcy court, though he could not provide details about how many executives received accelerated payouts from deferred compensation before Enron's collapse.

Deferred compensation allows executives to put off salaries and bonuses until retirement, when they are in lower tax brackets. At Enron, the money was held in unfunded trusts, whose growth matched hypothetical investments in mutual funds. For its part, Enron essentially used the funds as a loan.

Because deferred payments become part of the company's general assets, they are available to creditors in the event of a bankruptcy. Bankruptcy experts said Enron may have favored current employees over retirees as a way to build loyalty and increase confidence among its dwindling ranks.

Suey Pearlman, 41, a former Enron executive, had a deal away \$260,000 since 1998 and was scheduled to receive incremental payments beginning in 2002. But when Enron's fortunes declined last fall, Pearlman decided to play it safe, despite the 10 percent penalty for cashing out early, he sent a letter to Enron's benefits department.

"The company kept assuring me, 'No problem, no problem,'" Pearlman said. "While he was waiting for a check to arrive, Enron filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Dec. 2. He then had a real problem."

The hundreds of former executives who participated in the plan have been lumped together with the legions of unsecured creditors trying to recoup money from Enron through the bankruptcy process.

"The situation is looking bleak," Pearlman said.

Whether Enron broke the law

Former Enron chairman wrote Bush for support

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Enron Corp. Chairman Kenneth Lay wrote repeatedly to George W. Bush throughout his governorship, seeking support for legislation benefiting the energy giant, according to documents released Friday.

Many of the letters concerned utility deregulation and tort reform. Others were personal. Some 350 pages of correspondence were released by state archivists following requests from news organizations and others under the state's open records law.

Although Bush signed a law deregulating the electricity market in 1999, the documents do not appear to show that Bush responded in print to Lay's interest in the issue.

The two also exchanged birthday, holiday and get-well wishes. Much of the correspondence came from Lay, while a few letters originated from Bush's desk.

In his two Texas gubernatorial campaigns, Bush received \$312,000 from Enron officials, including Lay, who was one of his biggest donors.

Cashing out of Enron stock

Twenty-nine executives and directors of Enron sold more than \$1.1 billion in Enron stock between October 1998 and November 2001, according to a class-action lawsuit.

Name	Title	Shares sold	Value
Lou Pal	Chairman, Enron Accelerator	5,031,105	\$368.71 million
Kenneth Lay	Chairman	1,810,793	\$101.34 million
Rubeca	Director	1,410,262	\$79.52 million
Mark Jusbache	CEO, Portland Gen. Electric	1,004,170	\$78.21 million
Kenneth Rice	Chairman, Enron Broadband	1,138,370	\$72.78 million
Jeff Skilling	President	1,119,958	\$66.92 million
Robert A. Beller	Director	1,052,138	\$51.06 million
Mark Frevert	Chief, Enron Wholesale Svcs.	830,020	\$50.26 million
Stanley Horton	CEO, Enron Transportation	734,444	\$48.47 million
Joseph Sutton	Vice Chairman	614,960	\$40.09 million
J. Clifford Baxter	Vice Chairman	577,436	\$35.2 million
Joseph Hirko	CEO, Enron Broadband	473,837	\$38.16 million
Andrew Fastow	CFO	561,423	\$30.46 million
Richard Causey	Exec. VP Accounting	197,485	\$13.32 million
James Derrick	Gen. Counsel	230,680	\$12.65 million
Mark Koenig	Exec. VP Investor Relations	129,153	\$9.11 million
Cindy Olson	Exec. VP Human Resources	83,183	\$6.50 million
Steven Kean	Chief of Staff	64,932	\$5.18 million
Richard Buy	Exec. VP Chief Risk Officer	54,874	\$4.32 million
Jeff McMahon	Exec. VP Finance	39,630	\$2.73 million
Mike McConnell	Exec. VP Technology	30,960	\$2.35 million
John Duncan	Director	35,000	\$2.0 million
Norman P. Blake	Director	21,200	\$1.70 million
Joe H. Foy	Director	31,320	\$1.63 million
J. Mark Metts	Exec. VP Corp. Development	17,711	\$1.44 million
Chas. LeMaire	Director	17,344	\$841,766
Robert Juedicke	Director	13,360	\$841,436
Ronnie C. Chan	Director	8,000	\$337,200
Wendy Gramm	Director	10,258	\$276,612

Source: Class-action lawsuit filed by Amalgamated Bank against Enron officers, directors. Graphic: Mark Henke © 2002 JPR

or those who got paid will be forced to give the money back is an issue likely to be taken up in the New York bankruptcy court. Greg Whalley, a former president of Enron, oversaw the deferred compensation plan.

Exactly who got paid is unknown, but a senior Enron executive who was paid just days before the bankruptcy filing acknowledged that the process appeared to favor those still employed by Enron.

"Mine got processed in 24 hours," said the executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said he was aware of a claim by a retiree filed the same day

that was never paid out.

Among those who were denied was Mary Wyatt, a former executive who said she had built up roughly \$500,000 in deferred bonuses. While she had already begun to receive payments a year earlier, Wyatt said she became "panicky" about ever seeing the rest in mid-November, when a friend still employed by Enron alerted her that bankruptcy papers were being prepared and deferred compensation accounts were being emptied.

"It's unbelievable to me," Wyatt said. "I thought I had a half-million dollars in the bank."

Authorities see al-Qaida, arms smuggling link as breakthrough

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A man in Belgian custody has told U.S. authorities about business ties between the al-Qaida terrorist network and a Russian arms broker — a breakthrough in long-frustrated efforts to dismantle one of the world's largest weapons-smuggling operations, authorities said.

Belgian and American officials said Friday that Sanjivan Ruprah, a Kenyan diamond mine owner, has offered details to U.S. investigators about business dealings between al-Qaida and the sprawling arms-trading operation run by Victor Bout, a Russian broker accused of transporting massive quantities of weapons from Africa and Afghanistan.

Officials familiar with Ruprah's case and his cooperation with U.S. investigators said his knowledge of Bout's organization could provide vital evidence in learning how terror groups are armed and how international weapons networks operate.

Lee Wolosky, a former National Security Council official who headed a U.S. effort to stem Bout's trading, said Ruprah's arrest "is a very significant development in dismantling the Victor Bout organization," which he described as the "largest arms-trafficking organization in the world."

There were indications, some officials said Friday, that Belgian

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authorities are on the verge of seeking a warrant for Bout's arrest. One source familiar with the case said it could come "in a matter of days."

Bout has never been charged for his role in clandestine arms trading. International law does not target those who broker arms deals. And governments long have had difficulty building strong cases against Bout, a man who has used five passports and often moves assets and cargo planes from country to country.

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Lindh will go on trial in August

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - John Walker Lindh will likely go on trial in late August on charges that he conspired to kill Americans and aided terrorists while a foot soldier for the Taliban in Afghanistan.



John Walker Lindh could leave the defense team to present its case on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III said Friday that he would be willing, closer to the trial date, to consider a defense objection that the Aug. 26 date he picked for the defense team to present its case on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Lindh, wearing a green prison suit, sat at the defense table throughout the federal court proceeding. During a brief recess, he spoke with his attorneys and signed papers.

Defense attorney George Harris asked the judge for a Sept. 16 trial date to get past Sept. 11.

"There will be memorial services. There will be a great deal of genuine emotion in this country," he said. "The government has attempted to make that connection (between the trial and the attacks). For us to be in trial at that time is prejudicial to the defendant."

Harris said there was in fact no connection between the attacks and the Lindh case, but contended that Attorney General John Ashcroft had attempted to link his client to the terrorist attacks.

Yemen holds five men on FBI terror list

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) - Five Yemenis who allegedly trained in Afghanistan and were named in a recent FBI terror alert have been in Yemeni custody for at least a month, officials acknowledged Friday.

Under heavy U.S. pressure in the form of international terrorist alerts and lists of wanted Yemenis, authorities here were quick to act that they had provided information about the men to U.S. investigators. A police official in the capital, San'a, said the men were arrested sometime between late December and early January.

The men were among 17 people on an FBI terrorist alert issued on Monday that warned of a potential attack on the United States or against U.S. interests in Yemen. It was not clear why the names of the five men in custody appeared on the wanted list but the names were removed on Thursday.

The FBI is continuing a worldwide manhunt for 11 others, including Fawaz Younis al-Rabiee, a Yemeni citizen born in 1979 in Saudi Arabia whom U.S. officials believe has al-Qaida links.

Yemeni officials have been working hard in recent weeks to show progress for their efforts to combat al-Qaida elements believed to be in Yemen - site of the deadly attack on the USS Cole in October 2000 that killed 19 U.S. sailors. Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network is believed to have been behind the Cole attack and the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Algerian pilot calls himself a victim

LONDON (AP) - An Algerian pilot held for five months on suspicion of training one of the Sept. 11 hijackers said Friday he endured a "living nightmare" after being accused by U.S. authorities and considers himself among the victims of the worst terrorist attack in history.

Leff Raisi, who was released on bail this week after five months in a top security prison in London, also asked the United States to drop efforts to extradite him.

"The ordeal I have been through has changed my life, and the life of my family for ever, and nothing will ever change that," he said.



U.S. Special Forces soldiers and their Filipino counterparts eat together as part of the closing ceremony of the 'Balance Platoon 02-02' exercise. The exercise is separate from that in the south Philippines aimed at wiping out Abu Sayyaf.

Advance team arrives on Philippine island for training

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - American soldiers began moving motorcycles, bedding, rockets and other gear to a jungle-swathed island Friday, setting up for a 6-month counterterrorism training exercise that is rife with risks and complicated by political and cultural sensitivities.

The 21 support staffers headed for the island of Basilan, in the far southwestern Philippines, to bring equipment to an army camp in the capital city of Isabela. The camp is being used as a staging ground for the Philippines' months-long assault against separatist guerrillas holding hostage an American couple and a Philippine nurse.

The Abu Sayyaf guerrillas have been linked in the past to the al-Qaida terror network, and the exercise is part of the U.S.-led global anti-terrorism campaign. The U.S. military deployment in the Philippines is the second biggest after Afghanistan in the campaign.

The first 32 of 160 U.S. special forces will begin arriving on Basilan on Sunday, Philippine military officials said. That will usher in a more dangerous phase of the six-month maneuvers called Balkatan, or "shoulder to shoulder." The rest will arrive in two batches next week.

While fewer than 100 Abu Sayyaf members are believed to be remaining on Basilan - several hundred others operate on nearby islands - they know the mountainous jungles well enough to have eluded thousands of Philippine troops for more than eight months with hostages in tow.

The Americans have to worry about further ruffling feathers. Just their presence is sensitive in a former U.S. colony, and the rules of engagement took weeks to iron out. U.S. troops will accompany their Filipino counterparts



A U.S. gunner stands ready onboard a U.S. military helicopter as it lands at Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga city, southern Philippines, Friday. The first of 160 U.S. special operations troops will arrive today and will be deployed to Basilan Island.

into combat zones but will be armed only for self-defense. All of the Americans take a short cultural sensitivity course after arriving in the southern Philippines.

The Americans who went Friday met military and police to map out security, said Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio, Philippine director for the military exercise.

As the soldiers unloaded crates from one helicopter, another hovered around the seaside army camp, which is in Tabiani village. One soldier kept a grip on his rifle as he struggled to move a crate with one hand.

"We should take into context that they're strangers there. They're edge," Teodosio said.

U.S. Charge d'Affaires Robert Fitts said the special forces will initially stay in the main army camp in Isabela but could travel in a month or so, to several small

er bases. There they would observe Filipinos, Fitts said, still out of combat but with increased risk.

About 500 other American troops will remain in Zamboanga, a southern port city on Mindanao, the main island adjacent to tiny Basilan, and at an air base further north for logistical support.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's approval of the training has become a contentious political issue that has sparked daily but small protests and a Supreme Court suit aiming to halt the exercise on the grounds it would violate constitutional limits on foreign troops.

U.S. troops recount nighttime firefights

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - For two evenings in a row, intruders challenged the defenses of the U.S. base in southern Afghanistan. And both nights, Lt. Darren McDonough's men did their best to keep them from breaching the base's perimeter.

Gunmen came within 30 feet of U.S. positions on Wednesday in an apparently well-organized attack on the base that left both McDonough and Spc. Timothy Bates slightly wounded.

The base's defenses were tested again on Thursday night when McDonough's troops spotted a vehicle with three passengers about a mile southwest of the base. U.S. troops fired flares, one of which started a large fire that later died out.

"It's frustrating because we've got stuff going on all the time and we can't do a thing about it - until they fire on us," Staff Sgt. Chris P. Sheffield of Mobile, Ala., said Friday. He said the troops know hostile forces are probing their positions.

According to McDonough, about six attackers working in three teams of two worked their way to within 30 feet of his platoon's position on Wednesday night.

"They weren't scared and if they were, they were pretty well controlled because they hung in there a long time and they kept

up some intense and sustained fire," McDonough said. "They were pretty disciplined."

McDonough was checking on his man in one of the base's guard bunkers when the gunmen opened fire from two directions. Bates said the rounds began striking the bunker and the soldiers returned fire with a heavy machine gun.

"Mostly we were just angry when they fired at us," he said. "At one point I began to feel a burning sensation in my hand and when I held the pistol grip of my weapon I felt sticky with my own blood and I realized that I'd been hit in the hand."

McDonough, who had left the bunker to return to his command post where he could radio his platoon, was grazed in the neck by a bullet as he sprinted from one covered position to another.

"I was only grazed, but the force of the round spun me around before I fell," he said.

Cpl. Anthony Mata, hearing on the radio that McDonough had been shot, left his own position, which was also under fire, to rescue him.

"Everyone says that it was a great thing that I did," said Mata, a 21-year-old from Houston. "But it's really what they train us for and I think any one of us would have done the same."

Pakistan expects breakthrough in case of kidnapped reporter

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan's interior minister Friday predicted a "major breakthrough" and more arrests within 48 hours in the search for Daniel Pearl and rejected a claim from his self-confessed kidnapper that the Wall Street Journal reporter is dead.

Police said they were focusing their search on two suspected Islamic militants - Mohammed

Hashim Qadeer and Imtiaz Siddiqi, both of whom were believed to have met Pearl last month while he was researching a story on extremist groups.

Interior Minister Moinuddin Haider said there was "no evidence" that Pearl had been killed, despite the claims by chief suspect Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh in court on Thursday.

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Congress plans inquiry of intelligence failures

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees formally announced plans this week to conduct a joint inquiry of the intelligence failures surrounding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The lawmakers tapped Lt. Britt Snider, former inspector general at the CIA and overtime aide to

CIA Director George J. Tenet, to oversee a staff of investigators.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said that the bicameral arrangement is unprecedented and that the scope of the inquiry will be extensive, with plans to examine the intelligence community's response to terrorist threats dating back to the 1980s.

10 Ways to Save Money When Buying a New Home

SOUTHERN IDAHO - Although most homes for sale are resales, one out of four homebuyers purchases a new home. Which is better: existing or new? The right answer, of course, is up to you. Both resales and new home offer advantages. Existing homes are less expensive on average, and are generally closer to, and enjoy the warmth and surroundings of, established neighborhoods often with mature landscaping.

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YOUR WEEKEND

'The Wall'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Pink Floyd The Wall."
Where: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: 8 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

At the steakhouse

What: Heartnote with Denny and Kristina will play.
Where: The Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.
When: 8 p.m. until midnight today.
How much: No cover charge.

Jazz program

What: The Great Rift Jazz Society presents the Great Rift Jazz Players in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4-6 p.m. Sunday.
How much: No cover charge.

Sweet Country Air

What: Sweet Country Air will play.
Where: The Ramona Lounge, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play for a dance.
Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.
How much: Cover charge is \$7.

'Half Time' exhibit

What: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts faculty will display their work at the "Half Time" exhibit.
Where: The Jean B. King Gallery of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.
When: 1-9 p.m. today.
How much: The display is free.

DJ dance

What: A dance to disc jockey music will be held.
Where: Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.
When: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. today.
How much: There is no cover charge from 8-9:30 p.m. The cover charge is \$4 after 9:30 p.m.

Pure Country

What: Pure Country will play.
Where: The Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.
When: 7-11 p.m.
How much: No cover charge.

Karaoke contest

What: A karaoke contest will be featured. Cash prizes will be awarded.
Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome.
When: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Muggers entertainment

What: Crash 4 will play.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: The cover charge is \$3.

Playhouse plays

What: The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "Pinochio" and "The Lion's Den was Never Like This."
Where: The Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: 7:30 today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5, are available from Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy & Hallmark or from any cast member.

Cobalt Blue

What: Cobalt Blue will play.
Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.
Compiled from staff reports

United Way OKs allocation

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Like many fund-raising organizations, the United Way suffered from the fallout following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.
But the United Way of South Central Idaho still managed to raise 75 percent of its \$450,000 goal. And on Friday, it approved the Allocation Hearing Committee's recommendations to distribute \$238,750 to a number of nonprofit organizations in the Magic Valley.
"It was a tough year, but we did really well," said Jim Ponzo, director of the United Way of South Central Idaho. "The community really stepped up to the plate this year. We raised fairly close to what we did last year, and we were able to continue to meet the agencies' needs."
The Allocation Hearing Committee, a

2002 United Way allocations	
The United Way of South Central Idaho Friday allocated \$238,650 to a number of nonprofit organizations that help seniors, children and others in need. Here are the groups and their allocations:	
American Red Cross of Greater Idaho	\$22,040
Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley	\$20,140
CASA (Guardian Aid Recovery)	\$13,140
Child Trauma Relief Resource	\$14,828
Crisis Center of the Magic Valley	\$8,005
Foster Grandparent Program	\$5,065
Gift Scouts	\$8,615
Home-Delivered Meals	\$29,470
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	\$9,861
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$6,901
SAFE KIDS	\$6,407
Salvation Army - Senior Companions	\$41,311
Valley House	\$4,015
Walker Center	\$14,830
YMCA	\$2,870
YMCA	\$14,222
Nonmember donor designates	\$14,040
Member agency designates	\$1,128
United Way combined federal companies	\$1,764

group made up of 17 people from different walks of life, spent a week studying the organizations' budgets and applications and based their decisions on each agency's needs.
Members of the 2002 Allocation

Hearing Committee were Elaine Steele, Twin Falls City Council; Nicki Kroese, Longview Fibre Co.; Sue Ann Jones, Costco Wholesale; Kris Ann Smith, Costco Petes; Helen Arnold, senior citizen; Debbie Miciak, concerned citizen;

Bob Richards, Jerome economic development director; Eddy Packham, Fred Meyer; Jamie Kelley, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center social services; Aaron Miller, D.L. Evans Bank; Cally Parrott, Clear Springs Foods; Kate Woods, Clear Springs Foods; Cheryl Knata, retired teacher; Cindy Scott, CSI Head Start; Rod Burks, Burks Tractors; Carrie Steinmetz, Wal-Mart; and Jim Goodwin, JC Penney.
A number of businesses conducted workplace fund-raising campaigns, including Costco, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the College of Southern Idaho, Independent Meat, Lamb Weston, Target, Fred Meyer, First Federal Savings, Con Paulos and JC Penney.

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Learning through taste buds

M-C educator teaches more than food in home economic classes

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — If you want honey eggs, you can sample the Afghan dessert in one of Alysann Alves' home economics classes, but you probably won't find the dish anywhere else in the Magic Valley.
Alves combines teaching with cooking with geography. Her students find recipes from other countries and prepare those dishes in class.

Students supplement the food with a report on its place of origin. Class members learn about sports, agricultural products and traditions of the country while tasting its food.
"The students absorb at least part of the lesson. While they may not be able to rattle off the per capita income and life expectancy numbers, they can tell you exactly how the food tastes."
"It was like, way doughy, and stuff," Camilla Critchfield said of the honey eggs.
"Though the dish had some fans, honey eggs did not rate highly among seventh-graders in the technology life and careers class at Oakley High School. Alves encourages the students to try the foods with an open mind, but it is ultimately unimportant whether they like the food. Alves wants to expose her students to new tastes, not just stuff them with treats.
Students enjoy most of the dishes, though. The mango ladas, a recipe from Jamaica, was the best of the foods, said Tray Tuttle, a Raft River High School student in Alves' teen living class. The taste of the ladas helped him appreciate Caribbean culture, Tuttle said.
Alves gives the students credit for stepping into the international foods program in her home economics classes. When she asked students to find their own recipes and bring them to class, some students brought unusual dishes from other countries. This piqued Alves' interest. She

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Koryl Wadsworth washes and Whitney Mishar cuts food in Alysann Alves' technology life and careers class at Oakley High School.

began asking the students to bring information about the culture that created the recipes. Her interest in new foods evolved into an interdisciplinary program, which links cooking techniques with exploration of other cultures.

With nary a falafel bar or kosher deli from Burley to Buhl, many students try their first ethnic cuisine, besides Mexican, in Alves' classes. Alves gives students a taste of far-off lands, a small step toward familiarity with other cultures. Though they might react violently to the strange flavors at first, Alves hopes the class will give students some understanding of the spectrum of foods in the world.
"I'm hoping they won't be scared to try new things as they go through life. Hamburgers and fries get old after a while," she said.



Raft River High School students Megan Ward and Stormy Ratick worked with teacher Alysann Alves to chop Swiss chard to be added to an African stew. Raft River students are learning about foreign cultures in their teen living class.

Two-vehicle accident kills one, injures others

WENDELL — Excessive speed was probably a factor in a crash on Idaho Highway 46 near Wendell that left one woman dead last Thursday, according to the Idaho State Police.
Myrtle O. Bingham, 76, died at the scene of the crash, which happened at about 8:10 p.m., according to the ISP.
Cresh victims Darrell E. Hope, 67, of Gooding and his wife, Joyce, 53, were both in serious condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokeswoman said. Victim Matthew E. Handy, 25, of

Valley in brief

Hagerman was listed in fair condition there.
Darrell E. Hope had Joyce Hope and Bingham as passengers in a 1997 Dodge Caravan as he pulled out of a church parking lot near the highway when the van was rear-ended by a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Handy, according to the ISP. The van spun out of control and struck a parked tractor-trailer rig. Handy was apparently speeding upon impact, according to the ISP.

Nobody in the van was wearing a seat belt, and it was not known if Handy had his on, according to the ISP. The accident is under investigation, and charges are pending against Handy, according to the report.

Rupert fire victims need help, Red Cross says

RUPERT — A family whose house burned down last month needs financial assistance.
The family of five lost all its belongings in an electrical fire Jan. 20, which consumed the

house at 354 N. Meridian.
"The house was a total loss," said Gary Higley, East End Fire Department assistant chief.
To help the family buy basic necessities, the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is asking for donations from the community. People can make contributions by calling 733-6464.
The Red Cross has spent \$3,000 to buy beds, clothes and cooking utensils for the family. Among other things, the family needs a stove, said Marty Buss, Red Cross public support supervisor.

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"The house was a total loss," said Gary Higley, East End Fire Department assistant chief.
To help the family buy basic necessities, the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is asking for donations from the community. People can make contributions by calling 733-6464.
The Red Cross has spent \$3,000 to buy beds, clothes and cooking utensils for the family. Among other things, the family needs a stove, said Marty Buss, Red Cross public support supervisor.
— compiled from staff reports

Author examines Holocaust shame

By Karen Bosalck
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Ursula Hegi grew up in silence.

Not the physical silence of deafness but the cultural silence of shame and moral bewilderment.

Hegi is a child of postwar Germany.

When she came to America at age 18, she found out that her American peers knew more about the Holocaust than she did — the subject had been taboo in German schools and German families despite the remnants of war all around them.

As she assimilated into American society, she found herself wishing more and more that she could say "Sweden" or "Norway" when someone asked where she came from. She intentionally found herself turning her back on Germany, the country of her birth.

But then she began to question the silence she'd grown up with. She began to wonder if her parents and neighbors and friends had grieved for the Jews, the homosexuals and the political prisoners that had perished on their watch.

Her research led to her writing "Stones From the River," a novel about a dwarf who watches the people around her being forced to make defining choices in post-war Germany. The book was selected as recommended reading by Oprah's Book Club.

It, in turn, led to a non-fiction book titled "Tearing the Silence: On Being German in America." For it she interviewed 15 German Americans who were born in Germany during and immediately following World War II.

The common theme that emerged was shame — shame for the sins of their fathers.

"The pervasive silence of our childhood still affects us today. I share a deep and abiding shame with others from Germany and it has everything to do with being German," she said.

"At the same time," she added, "it's important to realize the capacity to do evil is essentially human. You can't say the Germans are uniquely predisposed."

Hegi just spent the better part of a week in Sun Valley where she talked about her work to a group of more than 200 at the nextStage Theatre, spoke to high school classrooms and participated in a workshop. It was all part of the Sun Valley

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Snowpack levels	
Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	76 %
Salmon Falls Creek	103 %
Oakley Basin	111 %
Big and Little Wood	90 %

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Plant opponents seek advisory vote

CALDWELL (W-E) — Groups opposing Ida-West Energy's proposed gas-fired power plant near Middleton want Canyon County commissioners to put the issue to a public vote in May.

But Prosecutor David Young said state law prohibits commissioners from prohibiting the result of such an advisory vote. He said commissioners must base decisions on information received during formal public hearings.

Plant opponents contend

Canyon County ordinances allow commissioners to reopen the public record to receive their signed advisory-vote petitions without issuing a written decision on the plant's conditional-use permit.

Commissioners are scheduled to meet a written decision March 11. Citizens For Responsible Land Use and Canyon County Citizens For Responsible Government filed a motion Thursday for commissioners to reopen the record and consider the 5,000 sig-

natures gathered on petitions for an advisory vote.

"The prosector and commissioners have five days to respond. Commissioners said they would rely on Young's opinion.

"Idaho statute says that county commissioners have the authority to place any issue on the election ballot," plant opponent Jonna Weber said. "It is our view that they are deliberately trying to squelch the voice of their constituency."

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Veteran state senator hints at lieutenant governor bid

BOISE (AP) — Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs picked up two more Republican primary challengers Friday.

Senate Majority Leader James Risch announced that he would not seek a 12th term and indicated he would challenge Riggs.

And Boise businessman Larry Eastland notified "Idaho GOP Friends" via e-mail that he is running for lieutenant governor.

Risch and Eastland plan to attend all of the local party Lincoln Day events during the coming week. They often serve as the traditional kickoff events for primary campaigns.

House Judiciary Chairman Robert E. Fick, the wife of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley, announced her intentions to run earlier this week.

In a statement from the Senate floor, with Riggs looking on, Risch said he would make a formal announcement in several



Rep. Celia Gould Sen. James Risch

days but wanted his colleagues to know he would not seek re-election.

The Boise lawyer has for months been among those mentioned as challengers to Riggs, a former state senator appointed to the job by Gov. F. Lee Keener 13 months ago. He got the job when fourth-term Lt. Gov. Butch Otter went to Congress.

Eastland was an unsuccessful candidate for the 1994 GOP nomination for governor, and he lost



a bid for state Rep. in 1992 as chairman in 1999 when Kemphorne backed Trent Clark of Soda Springs.

Risch was the Senate's top leader — president pro tem — during the mid-1980s until he was defeated in 1988 during a brief resurgence by the Democratic Party. He tried to regain a Senate seat in 1992 but lost in the primary to Roger Madsen.

He finally made it back to the Senate in 1995 after Madsen was defeated in Labor Department director by Republican Gov. Phil Batt, and he was back in leadership in a year. He has held one of the top three leadership positions for 19 of his 22 years in the Senate.

OBITUARIES

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KIMBERLY



Mary Lillian Cook Bauscher

Mary Lillian Cook Bauscher went to be with Jesus on February 14, 2002 from her home in Kimberly, Idaho.

Mary was born August 4, 1912, in Carrollton, Missouri, the daughter of Henry and Lillian Cook. She graduated from Link's Business College in Boise, and was a secretary in the State Capitol Building until she married Don Bauscher in 1936. They moved to Carnas Prairie to farm in 1939.

Mary was a Lady Elk, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a lifetime Methodist, and was actively involved in the Fairfield Community Church for many years. She moved to Kimberly, Idaho in 1930. She loved playing cards of any kind, especially Bridge. Her hobbies were collecting soil and pepper shakers (with an amazing 6,000 pair), ceramic dogs, cats and Avon bottles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1988 and by her beloved chow dog, Ginger in 1996.

Mary is survived by four daughters and one son: Carolyn (Bob) Cordova of Colorado Springs, Co.; Donna (Fred) Wallace of Chapin, S.C.; Sheryl (Terry) Riner of Middleville, Mo.; Marilyn (Charles E.) Boss of Hollister, Idaho; and Rich (Linae) Baugher of Caldwell, Idaho; eight grandchildren: Dr. Jennifer (Aaron) Sarrally of Naples, Italy; T. Patrick Riner of Allamore Springs, Fla.; Tamara (Bob) Sponable of Middleville, Mo.; Craig Wallace of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Jason (Nicole) Boss and Jackson Hole, Wyo.; Mistie Bauscher of Spokane, Wa.; Matthew Bauscher of Caldwell, Idaho; Megan Bauscher of Caldwell, Idaho; and four great-grandchildren, also one brother, Joe Cook of Boise, Idaho, one sister, Sarah Sundback of Bodfish, Ca., and her Siamese cat, Michael (from the dearly loved).

Memorial services for Mary will be held Monday, February 18, 2002, at 1 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 262 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Dale Metzger and Pastor Mike Seward.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Memorial Home of Mary Bauscher to First Choice Hospice P.O. Box 1054, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

HARTFORD, CONN.

Lawrence L. Smith

Lawrence (Larry) L. Smith, Sr., age 55, of Hartford, Conn., and former resident of Twin Falls, died February 7, 2002, following heart surgery at St. Frances Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut.

He was born in 1946 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin to Elmer William and Bernadette Leland Smith. Lawrence and his family moved to Twin Falls when he was 3 1/2 years old. Lawrence was employed by Morton Shoe Company at Berlin, Connecticut and later worked for the tobacco industry until his death.

Survivors include his mother, Bernadette Smith of Twin Falls; his wife, Marilyn and son, Larry, Jr. of Hartford, Connecticut; a daughter, Jessica (David) Smith and her baby granddaughters, Madison Rose of Toland, Connecticut; his brothers, Adrian of Oregon, Lewis of Los Angeles, and William of Pacific California; half sister Patricia Adrian of Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his father, Elmer William Smith; brother, Michael and half brothers, Kenneth and Donald.

Services were held at St. James Catholic Church in Manchester, Conn. on February 11, 2002. Burial was in Lane Cemetery in Hartford, Connecticut.

CAREY



Hubert Wilson Burke

Hubert Wilson Burke died February 12, 2002, in Blaine Manor, Hailey, Idaho, of an extended illness. He was born November 19, 1913 in Matthews, North Carolina, the oldest of the nine children, two of whom died in infancy, of Flake Turner Burke and Jim Doo Dobs.

At the age of 19, the family moved to Portales, New Mexico, the childhood home of his mother, where he would receive the majority of his education. He graduated from Eastern New Mexico University as a charter member of both the junior college and then, the four year university and achieved degree to receive his master's degree. Except for his service in the Navy during WW II as a communications officer aboard a minesweeper, his major career was that of a school teacher in New Mexico where he taught 25 of his total 30 years in school. New Mexico. In 1948, he met and married the new high school English teacher, Mary Eunice Bishop, after a five week courtship. Their only child, Hubert, was born the following year.

Upon completion of the new Jim Junior High School, he transferred there. In the summer of 1957, he was awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship in engineering and mathematics from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. The following August he began his second career as a seasonal park ranger at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. He retired from teaching in May of 1972 and in May of 1973, after retiring from the National Park Service, moved to Carey, Idaho to be near his only child, Jimmie Arlena and family.

He was active in many community activities and served in leadership positions in many organizations wherever he lived for as long as he was able, among them, Toys for Tots, the Olathe (California) Methodist Men, American Legion, Carey Cemetery Board and Library Board. He was always helpful at all of the once sporting events, attending as many junior high and high school games as possible in both Artesia and Carey, with football being his favorite sport, though he himself was a member of the Portales High School Marching Band, which was awarded the honor of marching in the state at the 1930 World's Fair in Chicago.

The love of his life was his family and he spent many hours working on his home, yard and flower garden, even while working year round and for as long as he was able after his stroke. He also spent a great deal of time with his grandchildren. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all of his family.

He is survived by his wife Mary Eunice, daughter Jimmie Arlena and son-in-law Robert Simpson of Carey; granddaughters Robbin (Marlin Romero), Kaysville, Utah, and Lina Simpson, Clovis, N.M.; brother, Harry (Mary Lou) Burke, Portales, N.M.; sisters Mary (Tom) Morgan, Friendswood, Texas, Elizabeth Overstreet, Ft. Worth, Texas; and a nephew, (Reverend) Gordon Phillips, Oakville, Ontario, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two other children, Flake (Shelley) Burke, Jr. (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Frank (Zella) Burke, Clovis, N.M.

Cremation took place under the direction of the Wood River Chapel in Portales, Idaho. A grave service will be held in the spring, in lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to: St. James, P. O. Box 927, Hailey, Idaho and wishes to express their gratitude for the compassionate care received from doctors, nurses, and staff at the Hailey Medical Clinic, Wood River Medical Center (now St. Luke's) and Blaine Manor over the years.

Hilbert Lonzo Rice

Hilbert Lonzo Rice, 84, of Hazelton, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at his home.

He was born June 20, 1917, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He was the 9th of 13 children born to John and Almide Baker Rice. He moved to Hazelton in 1918 when his father bought a farm. He attended Dixon School and Hazelton High School. He was married to Veronica Schorr Finsel of York, N.Y. in 1942, and she died in 1973. He entered the U.S. Army in 1938 and spent 2 years at Schofield in Hawaii. In 1940, he came to Idaho and worked his dad farm. In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He completed submarine training in early 1942. He served on submarines in the Pacific Fleet until he was discharged in 1946. After the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, he was recalled and served for three years until his discharge at the end of the war. He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1976. Hilbert returned to Boise in 1947 and was a mail carrier until his retirement in 1973. On Nov. 19, 1990, he had a heart attack. He was a great-grandfather Alpha Schwab Looney at Burley, Idaho. They lived two and a half years in Boise, then moved to an apartment in Jerome where they lived until moving to Hazelton in 1990. He was a member of the Eden American Legion Lee Flora Post and the WWS Submarine Veterans Association. He also belonged to the Fleet Reserve Association and the National Association of Letter Carriers. He served as State Commander for the Submarine Veterans for 7 years.

Hilbert and Alpha traveled throughout Idaho and the West. They lived until moving to Hazelton in 1990. He was a member of the Eden American Legion Lee Flora Post and the WWS Submarine Veterans Association. He also belonged to the Fleet Reserve Association and the National Association of Letter Carriers. He served as State Commander for the Submarine Veterans for 7 years.

In addition to his wife of Hazelton, he is survived by 1 step-daughter: Barbara, the mother of 10 grandchildren: Todd (Leslie) Brophy of Seaview, Wash.; Rebecca (Fred) Gardner of Longview, Wash.; David (Lynette) Shelton of Black River, Wis.; White (White) Bank, Diamond, Wash.; 10 great-grandchildren: 1 great-great-granddaughter; 1 brother: Gus (Evelyn) Rice of Boise; 1 niece: Fannie (Charles) Castle of Rich River; a several nieces, nephews, and special niece Janet (Richard) Cox.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, 5 brothers, 5 sisters, and several nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their appreciation to Hospice Visions, Sunrise, Paloma Unit for their excellent care.

Funeral services for Hilbert Rice will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at White Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, with military rites by the Lee Flora American Legion Post #82, Eden. Friends may call at White Mortuary Sunday from 5-7 p.m. The family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Memory Walk, 2002, at White Memorial, the Silver and Gold Senior Citizens, Eden, Idaho or to a charity of donor's choice.

HARRISON, ARK.

Iris L. Choate

Iris L. Choate, 83, of Harrison, Arkansas and formerly of Gooding, Idaho, passed away on February 12, 2002. She was born May 19, 1918, in New Plymouth, Idaho to Wilson and George Myerman Lickey. She was a retired housewife. She had lived in Newton and Boone County since 1967. She attended Western Grove Bible Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Sworin (Sheryl) of Kimberly, Idaho, Judy Newton of Gooding, Idaho; and one son, Jim Choate of Twin Falls, Idaho; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Choate, parents, two brothers and a son-in-law.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 at Mt. Zion Cemetery with Reverend Sam Goates officiating. Visitation will be February 17, 2002 from 4-6 p.m. Burial will be under the direction of Holt Memorial Chapel in Harrison, Arkansas.

Magazine spotlights Idaho town

DRIGGS (AP) — The March issue of Men's Journal magazine has named Driggs the No. 1 "best all around" place to live in the United States.

Researchers for the article, which features the 50 best places to live in the country, looked at towns with populations of less than 50,000 and analyzed criteria ranging from land price to cancer rates.

In 1995, Outside Magazine named Idaho Falls one of the best places to live. And in 1997, Men's Journal ranked Driggs as one of the top 20 mountain and beach "lifestyle" towns.

In 1995, Sports Affair named Driggs the best outdoor sports town in Idaho, calling fishing on the Teton River and South Fork "some of the best in the West without the crowds."

Risch and Eastland plan to attend all of the local party Lincoln Day events during the coming week. They often serve as the traditional kickoff events for primary campaigns.

What Driggs lacks is what Men's Journal found appealing.

Local reaction to Driggs' latest fame is mixed. Some see it as a boost for the economy, while others think the attention will ultimately lead to a destruction of the very elements which attracted them to the area.

"What it doesn't have, you don't want," Allen Jones writes for the magazine. Although it can boast of its famous Spud Drive-in, there is no movie theater in town and there is virtually no nightlife.

For entertainment, locals can occasionally enjoy music at the Knott's, a bar and grill. The stiffest drink you can purchase at a restaurant in Driggs is a glass of red wine, although there is a state owned liquor store.

As Jones puts it, if Driggs were a car, "it'd be a tricked-out El Camino, tailgate smeared with the blood of last year's elk, hay scattered in the bed, a ski rack on the roof."

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Brooke Sanderson, a broker with American Realty West, who was interviewed for the article, said her office has received a half dozen calls since the magazine hit the newsstands, including one from an Illinois man who said the article reinforced his decision to look at property in the valley.

Jeff Newsome, a local musician, thinks the article could destroy the valley's uniqueness. "The wholesale promotion of any beautiful area of the country always destroys the very element that people came looking for in the first place," he said.

Group, farmers negotiate on burning

BOISE (AP) — A Sandpoint-based group is talking with bluegrass seed growers about buying their "burning rights" in order to reduce the smoke from stubble fires.

Safe Air For Everyone earlier threatened a lawsuit against the farmers concerning the huge clouds of smoke that float across the Inland Northwest each fall.

But Safe Air executive director Patti Gora said farmers are negotiating with farmers that the burning rights to 7,000 acres of farmland. The growers claim they need to burn the stubble to shock the grass into producing more seed and destroy the waste.

Republican Rep. Wayne Meyer of Rathdrum — a Kentucky bluegrass grower — said Safe Air so far has made no contact.

"And until I get some numbers, I can't say 'yes' or 'no' or even 'maybe,'" Meyer said.

Safe Air was formed last year after physicians in Bonner and Kootenai counties called for an end to field burning. The Idaho Medical Association and American Lung Association of Idaho also urged the practice.

Safe Air may make a buyout proposal to 16 farmers on the Rathdrum Prairie, Meyer said, although seven of them are strictly renters.

"I don't own all the land I farm," Meyer said. "How can we sell burn rights to acreage we don't own? I don't know."

He said he believes the lawsuit threat is intended to scare farmers into a burning-rights agreement.

"In my opinion, it's a hammer they're holding over your head to force you to make a decision," Meyer and two brothers farm 3,000 grass seed acres. They own 2,000 of those, he said.

"We have on-farm data that has proved to us that if we don't burn, we incur a 75 percent reduction in yield," Meyer said. "That's a level of production that will not sustain my farm."

SERVICES

Darlene Roman of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation one hour before the service today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gladys K. Taylor of Bountiful, Utah, service at 11 a.m. today at Myers Mortuary, 205 S. 100 E., Brigham City, Utah; friends may call from 9:30-10:45 a.m. today at the funeral home; interment at 4 p.m. in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo.

Reuben Simon of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002, at White Memorial Church in Kimberly.

Leonard James Parton of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday

at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 East 16th St.; interment will follow at the Mormon Cemetery

in Albion; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Myrtle Bingham RUPERT — Myrtle Bingham, 86, of Carey died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services are pending under the direction of Hansen Mortuary of Rupert.

Dorothy Kelly GOODING — Dorothy Kelly, 75, of Gooding died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at Gooding County

DEATH NOTICES

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Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Alice M. Westfall

SHOSHONE — Alice M. Westfall, 94, of Shoshone died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at Shoshone Rehab and Living Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted
Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Loisae Barnes of Hagerman; Joan Robinette of Twin Falls and Lawrence Lanford of Shoshone

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Admitted
Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Rosalinda Rios of Hollister; Marlene Smith of Rupert and Marjorie King of Paul

Mildred Culley of Rupert; Carmina Serafino of Rupert; Lynn Vich of Springfield, Mo.; Cayle Diltworth of Dietrich

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Care center creates activities

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Residents of Minidoka Memorial Hospital's long-term care facility are busier than ever.

Hospital officials found that more activities lead to residents falling less often, said Tammy Day, manager quality coordinator. Falling is one of the quality indicators the hospital looks for as a part of the Association of Maryland Hospitals and Health Systems Quality Indicator Project. "We thought 'Let's take a look at it,'" Day said.

Falls were above the national average by .48 percent, Day said. The national average is .69 per-

cent. Minidoka Memorial was at 1.17 percent.

When a resident falls, a staff member files a report including when and how the fall happened. Day said. Day tracked those reports, and several patterns emerged.

Patients were falling around 5 p.m.; staff members found residents were restless without an activity around that time and were trying to get up by themselves. Day said. So activities were added around 5 p.m.

Residents like the additional activities, said Activities Director Jackie Hinrichs. More activities create a home-like atmosphere.

"Anything to make it more home to them," Day said.

Activities throughout the day include bingo, bowling, hair day, watching movies, women's tea, men's coffee, crafts and exercises.

"It passes the time and makes residents feel more involved. The residents really enjoy it. They really like to be kept busy," Hinrichs said.

Information also showed falls happen mostly in March and April, Day said. Many of the residents used to be farmers, and they want to be outside at that time of year.

Now hospital personnel look for more activities outside, including a fishing trip, barbecues or something as simple as a walk or wheelchair ride, Day said.

Hinrichs said the hospital has

an area where residents can grow a garden and flower boxes at wheelchair level for residents to plant flowers.

A good thing came out of tracking the data, Day said.

Falls are the major indicator the hospital is tracking now, Day said. Other quality indicators in long-term care include unplanned weight change, pressure ulcer prevalence, unscheduled transfers and discharges to inpatient acute care, nosocomial infection incidence and use of physical restraint.

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Commission looks for heritage chairman

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The executive committee of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission is looking for someone to take charge of the Heritage Committee, one of the commission's six committees.

Under the direction of Ken Edmunds, the city-appointed volunteer commission is planning events leading up to Twin Falls' 100th birthday in 2004.

Heritage Committee.

Paul Smith, the commission's executive committee member who oversees this function, says the Heritage Committee will be in charge of public school involvement and class reunions, historical displays, pioneer oral histories, publications of local history, and multicultural involvement in the celebration. The committee chairman will be in charge of forming a committee and sub-committees to take on these responsibilities and reporting to the executive committee.

Anyone interested in the volunteer position is encouraged to discuss it with Smith at 734-2510.

Suit blames doctor for overdose death

WALLACE (AP) - A Shoshone County doctor whose license was suspended last year is being sued by the family of a woman who died from the combined effects of prescription drugs and alcohol.

The family of Debbie Bowser, a 43-year-old St. Maries resident, has filed a wrongful-death suit in 1st District Court accusing Chris Christensen of malpractice for failing to monitor Bowser's drug use.

Bowser died Oct. 7, 2000, from "acute intoxication" due to drugs and alcohol, with pneumonia as a contributing factor, according to the lawsuit.

"There were numerous indications during the office consultations between Debbie Bowser and Dr. Christensen that the patient was not complying with the drug regimen as prescribed and was likely abusing her medication," the lawsuit reads.

The lawsuit was filed by Bowser's children, Angela Quigley, 26, and Garrett Bowser, 14, accusing Christensen of negligent care of their mother and demanding damages to be proven at trial.

Criminal charges were never filed. Last March, Christensen lost his license for two years after a state investigation concluded he prescribed painkillers and nar-

cotics to seven patients without treating their underlying problems.

Two years later, the State Board of Medicine accused Christensen of prescribing drugs that resulted in a patient's death. It recommended his license be suspended for more than 14 years and that he be fined \$342,000.

The state also accused him of failing to advise a board after that limited his ability to prescribe drugs. The state counted 171 violations and listed 19 patients, mostly sufferers of chronic pain, who were allegedly over-prescribed drugs.

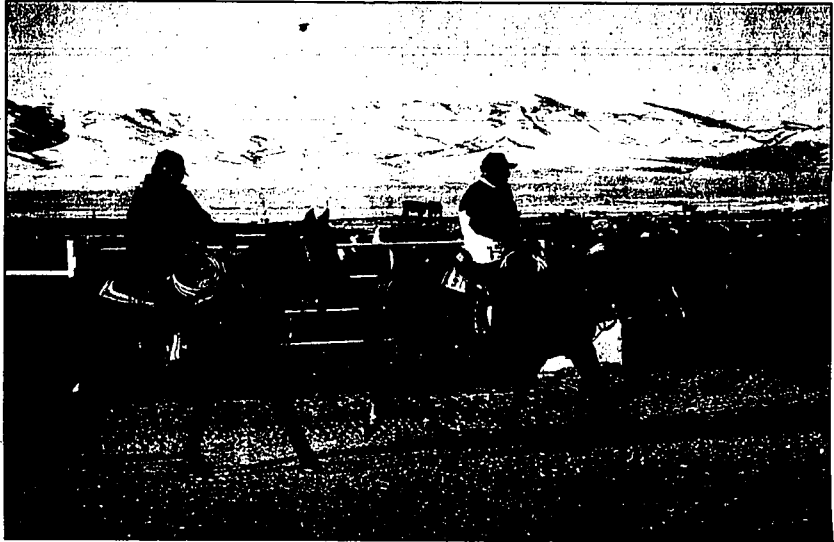
Christensen denied the allegations, but agreed to give up his license for two years and undergo a pain management course.

The deal was signed shortly after the death of one of Christensen's patients by taking methadone, sleeping pills and muscle relaxants.

His wife, Sandy Martz, believes that because Martz had asthma, he should not have been taking drugs like Xanax tranquilizers, that depress the central nervous system. Methadone in high doses can interfere with breathing.

No criminal charges were filed.

MORNING RIDE



ConAgra Cattle Feeders cowboys Suzanne Williams and Don Smith bundle up to brave the frigid weather Friday morning as they check for sick cattle on the ranch near Malta. Williams said Friday was a "pleasant" morning because of the absence of wind.

Reports show no connection between death, theft

BOISE (AP) - Toxicology reports filed by the autopsy of a 14-year-old boy who died in October provided no proof the death was related to the theft of muscle-relaxing drugs from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, police said.

The disappearance of the drugs was discovered at about the same time Kaleb Marr was being treated for seizures at Saint Alphonsus.

He died two days later after being transferred to a different hospital. Investigators originally thought the stolen drugs might have killed Marr.

But the Boise Police Department announced Friday that a coroner's report indicates Marr died of complications from an overdose of Wellbutrin, a trade name for the anti-depressant drug bupropion hydrochloride.

Hospital records show that Marr did not receive Wellbutrin at Saint Alphonsus.

The test results will have a significant impact on how detectives will focus their investigation, according to a statement issued by Boise police. There was no elaboration.

The boy was taken to Saint Alphonsus Oct. 17 before being moved across town to St. Luke's

Regional Medical Center, where he died.

Nurses at Saint Alphonsus delivered a portion of their supply of liquid muscle relaxants had been replaced by something else. Tests later determined it was a saltwater solution.

A Saint Alphonsus employee was suspended, and federal and state authorities were continuing to investigate.

Man agrees to deal for testimony against father

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A Washington man has pleaded guilty to concealing the killing of a teen-ager whose body was found last year by hunters.

Unless granted an early release, Cody Andrew Merritt, 18, will serve at least three years behind bars for his role in the death of Carissa Benway.

Benway, 14, disappeared in July 2000 after telling friends she was leaving on a camping trip with Cody Merritt and his father, David "Coo" Merritt.

Under the terms of a deal with Kootenai County prosecutors, Merritt will testify against his father in the case.

In exchange, prosecutors will recommend that Cody Merritt serve no more than three years and that he be eligible for release on probation after serving six months in Cottonwood, a boot camp-style correction facility near Craneville that generally houses first-time offenders.

The charge of concealing a felony carries a maximum five-year sentence.

The plea also allows 1st

District Judge Charles Hosack to reject the sentencing recommendations. Hosack said he will make that decision after reviewing Merritt's presence during investigation.

Merritt told investigators that his father tied and raped Benway, then killed her with a kitchen knife near the Honeysuckle Campground during the July 4, 2000, weekend, according to court records. Merritt said he agreed to help his father hide the body and conceal the crime from investigators.

with a cover story. Both initially claimed that they left Benway at the Silver Lake Mall after she failed to return from the women's restroom.

It was only after numerous interviews that Detective Brad Maskell elicited a confession from the son, according to court records.

Long a suspect in the case, Cody Merritt was an acquaintance of Benway. His father is a registered sex offender, who served time for molesting one of Benway's friends.

Environmentalists file suit over old growth logging

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) - Environmentalists filed a lawsuit Friday challenging the federal government's latest effort to set up guidelines for protecting plants and wildlife while logging in old growth forests.

Filed in U.S. District Court in Seattle, the lawsuit challenges changes made a year ago to what are known as survey and manage guidelines in the Northwest Forest Plan, which mandate checking for certain plants and animals before logging in old growth.

It follows a lawsuit filed by the timber industry in U.S. District Court in Eugene last month that challenges the same set of guidelines in hopes of increasing the timber output of federal lands.

Put in place in 1994, the Northwest Forest Plan sharply reduced logging on federal lands west of the Cascade Range in Washington, Oregon and Northern California after environmentalists won a lawsuit to protect habitat for the northern spotted owl, a threatened species.

The plan was supposed to offer a reliable, though much smaller, amount of timber each year, but those targets have never been met. The survey and manage guidelines were added to protect a long list of plants and wildlife, including snails, mushrooms, lichens and moths, that depend on old growth forests.

The lawsuit alleges that the Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management violated the law when they removed 72 species from the list of those that

must be checked for under the Northwest Forest Plan.

"That breaks a promise in the Northwest Forest Plan that logging be sensitive to the needs of wildlife," said Doug Heiken of the Oregon Natural Resources Council. The lawsuit also alleges that the government failed to consider concentrating on restoration work in second growth forests rather than cutting in old growth.

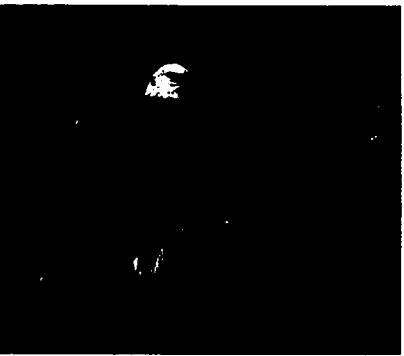
"This would harm their problems," said Heiken. "They wouldn't have to survey because they wouldn't be in old growth habitat. They refused to consider that alternative at all. That's a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act."

Forest Service spokesman Rex Holloway said the agency could not comment on pending litigation, but acknowledged that it was trying to offer more timber for sale, including old growth, while complying with the demands of the latest court rulings won by environmentalists.

The sales are all planned in what is known as matrix lands, the 15 percent of lands covered by the Northwest Forest Plan where logging is allowed for commercial reasons, Holloway said.

Chris West of the American Forest Resource Council, a timber industry group, suggested the environmentalists' lawsuit was a response to the one filed last month by the Douglas Timber Operators. It argues that Congress never intended the Northwest Forest Plan to protect species beyond those that are threatened or endangered.

AWAITING THE FEAST



A bald eagle perches in a tree in Carson City, Nev., Wednesday. The eagle has returned to the Carson Valley to feast on cattle alfalfa that litter ranch pastures. The raptors usually stick around until the end of calving season in mid-March, feeding on the protein-rich placenta.

Holocaust

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Center for the Arts' four-month examination of issues concerning the Holocaust, civil rights and other forms of prejudice.

"What she had to say was interesting," said Magic Valley resident Michelle Anderson, who caught one of Hegi's speeches.

"I've always kind of wondered how the Germans viewed the Holocaust."

"Just as she opened the window onto the past for herself so

she did for her readers," said Carey resident Heather Crocker.

Hegi said she is deeply troubled by the fervent flag waving she's seen among Americans in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Anything close to nationalism is frightening and so is what's happening to our freedoms, she said.

"I realize we must do something. We have to protect ourselves. But I'm troubled how the freedoms we fought for are

being eroded."

Hegi herself said she learned the hard way how easy it is to be like the very Germans she criticized. That moment came when she resolved not to have anything to do with a demonstration against the Aryan Nations, a neo-Nazi group in North Idaho.

"At first I decided not to participate because I believed it would just attract more media attention to white supremacists," said Hegi, who teaches fiction writing

and literature at Eastern Washington University. "Then I realized that I was repeating exactly what happened in Germany with my silence."

Hegi said she doesn't think the Holocaust will happen the same way again. But there will be another Holocaust, she warned.

"What we need to look at is not the details of the Holocaust but what leads any human being to do those kinds of things to someone else."

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Workers plug a natural gas well in the Blackfoot Canyon area northwest of Choteau, Mont., on the Rocky Mountain Front in 1997.

Conservationists fear public land is becoming vulnerable

WASHINGTON (AP) — With much of the public debate over drilling on public lands centered on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, western conservationists fear that a national energy policy now being developed will strip protections from 300 million acres of public lands in the lower 48 states.

The Senate is scheduled to begin debate this week on a Democratic energy bill that was introduced in response to a bill adopted last year by the GOP-held House that mirrored President Bush's energy plan.

One element in the energy debate centers on drawing oil, coal and natural gas from publicly owned lands, such as national forests and monuments, most of which are in the West.

Demand for a national energy policy has ensured that Congress will battle this year over how those millions of acres of public land should be managed.

Some want to bar all new drilling. Others say some drilling, with strict oversight, is fine. Others want to eliminate most regulation over drilling on public land.

The Bush plan, which would open ANWR and require the interior secretary to draw up a complete inventory of the pockets of gas and oil believed to be under federal land, was cribbed into a bill adopted by the Republican-controlled House in an Aug. 1 vote.

It also would review — and potentially weaken — what Republicans see as unneeded barriers to oil and gas leases on those public lands.

Possible drilling sites

There are many areas in the West where demand for new drilling is coming in conflict with sensitive environmental concerns. Some include:

- **Wyoming's Red Desert and Jack Morrow Hills:** Home to the sage grouse and a herd of rare desert elk. It is also part of a migration route for pronghorn. The historic Oregon Trail also crosses the Red Desert. More than a third of the 623,000 acres are already open to oil and gas drilling, but there is growing demand for more exploration.

- **Montana's Rocky Mountain Front:** Gray wolves, bald eagles and grizzly bears make their habitat in one of the widest areas of the lower 48 states. There are an estimated 3.8 trillion cubic feet of gas under the ground.

- **Utah's Canyonlands basin:** Adjacent to Canyonlands National Park, the basin of red rock is a critical home for bighorn sheep, and at least a handful of wells have already been approved.

- **Montana's Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument:** Of the 377,364 acres that make up the monument, only 6,000 are leased out for drilling, but there is demand for greater access to more of the land, which is home to elk, bighorn sheep and antelope. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail passes through the monument.

- **North Dakota's Little Missouri Grasslands:** More than a million acres of prairie, buttes and canyons border Montana. Along with more than 1,500 wells, yet demand for exploration is growing.

"The U.S. Senate and the American people have waited long enough for action on energy

policy," said Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Thomas' home state is one of the several Western states where policy and reality will meet.

Wyoming has pristine wilderness areas, such as the 623,000 acres of badlands known as the Red Desert, and major coal and gas fields, including the 8 million-acre Powder River Basin.

Thomas is one of the promoters of the Republican energy bill adopted in the House.

He said that it will create a national energy policy that will ensure an "at-home" source of cheap energy by expanding production on public lands and reducing U.S. reliance on Persian Gulf nations for crude oil.

"It is now a matter of economic and domestic security," Thomas said.

Opponents of the GOP House bill say it would strip away whatever protection is left shielding open lands from oil and gas drilling rigs that crowd wildlife, pollute the air and spoil precious water.

Terrence Kardong, who analyzes energy policy for the Dakota Resource Council, a conservation group in the Dakotas, said the Republican plan offers nothing but a short-term solution because it relies on fossil fuels and comes at a steep environmental price.

"There's just lots of stuff in there that's really bad," Kardong said. "Rolling back the Clean Air Act, all sorts of stuff."

Senate OKs farm labor measure

BOISE — Legislation licensing farm labor contractors and requiring them to carry bonds that ensure their workers get paid won unanimous approval from the state Senate on Friday.

The bill now goes to the House, where passage is also expected. The legislation reflects consensus among the industry, workers and regulators. It was endorsed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in his State of the State address.

It follows last year's extension of minimum wage protection to nearly all farm workers and would take effect next January.

Advocates argued that the proposed operating requirements would only seriously affect the handful of unscrupulous contractors, who have been known to cheat workers out of their wages.

The state has about 80 farm labor contractors. The annual license will cost \$250.

Senate votes to create new terrorism crimes

BOISE — The Senate on Friday voted unanimously to create new crimes of terrorism and use of biological, chemical or other weapons of mass destruction.

The vote sending the bill to the House came a day after its consideration was sidetracked amid questions about whether the crime of terrorism could include civil disobedience or demonstrations.

That issue was first raised by the American Civil Liberties Union, but even Democrats dropped their opposition after considering the specific language.

Legislature in brief

The maximum penalty for terrorist and weapons acts would be life in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

It makes a death caused by an act of terrorism first-degree murder, and that could subject the defendant to the death penalty.

The Senate also sent to the House legislation making it a misdemeanor to knowingly carry a weapon into the secure area of an airport or on an airplane, and a felony to conceal a weapon to get it into the secure area of an airport on a plane.

Opposition to that bill came from several senators frustrated with what they claimed are overzealous screeners at the Boise airport.

"We've lost all common sense," Republican Gary Schroeder of Moscow said. But only he and nine others objected to the bill.

Proposal to double illegal parking fine dies

BOISE — A proposal that would double the fine for illegally parking in a handicapped parking space and impose a \$1,000 fine for stealing or counterfeiting handicapped parking signs died Friday in the state Senate.

Critics said the increased fine was excessive. They voted 19-15 against the bill.

Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, unsuccessfully argued that the fine "makes it just a little more onerous for those who use them and should not."

Committee takes look at construction bond bill

BOISE — The Senate Education Committee has to take another look at a bill that would make it easier for voters to approve school construction bonds.

The bill, a proposed constitutional amendment, reduces the votes necessary to pass bonds from a two-thirds majority to a 60-percent majority.

The 60-percent vote would be in effect only if the bond elections were on specific dates in May or November. Sen. Darrel Deide, the measure's sponsor, said the version of the bill to committee OK'd Thursday had the dates wrong. That has to be fixed before the full Senate can vote on the measure.

Because it's a constitutional amendment, the proposal needs a two-thirds majority from both the Senate and House to win a spot on the November ballot. It would need a simple majority from voters to be enacted.

Idaho is the only state that does not give school districts money for building needs but still requires a supermajority for districts to set bonds for such improvements.

Advocates of the reduced majority see it as a way to help solve the state's problem with unsafe and unhealthy schools.

A district court ruled last year that the state is not meeting its responsibility of assuring every student is in a safe environment conducive to learning. The court has not ordered any action, waiting instead to see if lawmakers will come up with their own solution.

—Compiled from wire reports

Panel trims economic bill

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's rural economic initiative got trimmed Friday by a legislative budget committee, which remained on course to cut state spending even more than the governor called for.

The Commerce Department budget approved by the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee was more than 11 percent below the \$7.5 billion authorized a year ago.

It's likely to prompt the administration to cut grants to help cities attract and retain businesses, from \$400,000 this year to \$150,000 next year.

The House-Senate panel also rejected the governor's proposal to supplement state aviation revenue with \$350,000 in general tax receipts. The money is meant to help small rural airports match federal improvement grants. The federal government will cover 90 percent of a project's cost if the local airport comes up with the rest. The state grants provide half that matching money.

Both were key parts of Kempthorne's multimillion-dollar rural initiative last year. The grants are meant to help local leaders develop the strategies to lure new businesses and com-



vince existing ones to stay and expand.

The committee left \$3 million in grants to finance local infrastructure improvements such as sewer and water service. Another \$500,000 also remained in the budget to pay for strategists to direct community economic development efforts throughout the state.

The committee did divert an extra \$350,000 from a \$3.7 Transportation Department fund fed by revenues from motor vehicle fines and the sale of driver and vehicle records.

But Rep. Don Pischner of Coeur d'Alene said that just diverts cash to airports that otherwise would be used as matching money for transportation projects that the federal government pays 90 percent of.

To deal with the reduction, the department had already decided to scale back the cash Kempthorne secured two years ago to improve Idaho's image.

The state spent \$100,000 this year and last year to develop what it calls the Brand Idaho project. That will be cut that back to \$40,000 in the new budget.

Concerned about sharp declines in tax collections during December and January, the overwhelmingly Republican Legislature is trying to slash another \$20 million from the 2002-2003 spending plan that Kempthorne had already reduced by \$100 million in basic spending.

The budget committee cleared its biggest hurdle earlier in the week when it cut politically sensitive state aid to public schools \$6 million more than Kempthorne proposed. The move protects last year's tax cut. But to ease some of budget-cutting impact, the panel has followed Kempthorne's lead in raiding the balances in a number of special state accounts.

It did that again Friday to preserve the manpower the state has committed to 5 Snake River Basin water rights adjudication. Director Karl Dreher said the loss of three people, as originally contemplated, could delay the process that began more than 15 years ago.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Friday Sent to Governor

SB1290 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Extends unemployment insurance coverage to employees of Indian tribes and tribal units.

SB1303 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Provides a correct reference to the Internal Revenue Code for the definition of "salary" for Public Employee Retirement System purposes.

Killed by Senate

SB1320 (Transportation) — Doubles the fine for illegally parking in a handicapped parking space to \$100.

Introduced in House

HB654 (Education) — Requires drivers to exercise proper precautions so objects capable of causing dam-

age or injury does not fall from vehicles.

HB655 (Education) — Requires HB655 (Education) — Awards stipends up to \$1,500 per semester to student teachers in state approved teacher preparation programs during the semester or semesters that they teach.

HB657 (Education) — Sets procedures for school boards to use when a child is determined to be in violation of attendance requirements.

Completes for Thursday Confirmed by Senate

David Kinghorn, Lewisville, to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Introduced in Senate

SJM112 (State Affairs) — Urges Congress to ensure stability of the

Insurance Judiciary

SB1449 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies the law requiring vehicles to pull over to the right side of the road to allow emergency vehicles to pass.

SB1450 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires the state Appellate Public Defender to continue with death penalty case if the office is responsible for securing a new sentence.

SB1451 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a new crime of destruction of a telecommunications line or instrument.

SB1452 (State Affairs) — Requires the right to health insurance coverage be maintained.

SB1453 (State Affairs) — Allows public employees to purchase up to 48 months of retirement service that would not otherwise qualify.

SB1454 (State Affairs) — Requires delivery of lien on residential property within five days of filing and disclosure of certain information to home owners and purchasers.

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Olympic visitors give high marks to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY - Visitors responding to a survey gave high marks to Salt Lake City's hosting of the 2002 Winter Games.

They disputed notions that Utah is provincial and backward and agreed that it was not difficult to obtain an alcoholic beverage.

The survey of 204 nonresidents was conducted by Dan Jones and Associates from Monday through Wednesday for the Desert News and KSL-TV. The newspaper reported the results in copyright stories Friday. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 7 percent.

The survey of international U.S. visitors found 93 percent had a favorable impression of Utah, and 97 percent said they would rate Salt Lake City's hosting of the Games as excellent or good. Two-thirds of them chose "excellent."

Just 11 percent of the out-of-state visitors felt these were the "Mormon Games." Seventeen percent of 224 Utah residents surveyed felt these were the Mormon Games.

The Utah residents who were polled also were asked about the Games, with 96 percent rating their Olympic experience as excellent or good, 96 percent pleased that Salt Lake City is hosting the Games and 91 percent said it was definitely or probably worth it that Utah is hosting the Games, despite what the state has been through for the past seven years.

Denver Post columnist apologizes to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY - Two days after writing a column that said Salt Lake City had "royally screwed up" the Winter Olympics, Denver Post columnist Wendy Paige publicly apologized to the state of Utah.

"Happy Valentine's Day, Utahans. I love you. I'm sorry I hurt you," Paige wrote in Thursday's paper.

"I was wrong to write what I did. I am totally responsible and regretful for it," his column continued.

Paige's first piece, which suggested that Olympic visitors would be so annoyed by Utah that they would never return, provoked more than a hundred outraged E-mails and phone calls. Denver Post editor Glenn Gurno said that the column was inappropriate and only made it into the newspaper because of a breakdown in communications.

Paige also drew ire from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when he called the Olympics "a massive Mormon marketing scheme." Church spokesman Mike Otterson called the piece "naïve" and "offensive" and said that the "factual errors were legion."

In his apology, Paige extensively quoted Otterson's explanation of those errors, adding that he had read the Book of Mormon and visited church headquarters in Salt Lake.

Olympics in brief

Noley party prompts probe of Secret Service agents

SALT LAKE CITY - Three U.S. Secret Service agents assigned to Olympic security face a criminal investigation by Provo police after a noisy party at a hotel.

The agents have been relieved of their Olympic duties and were sent home earlier this month, said Jim Mackin, a spokesman for the Secret Service.

But the agents may not be off the hook. Provo detectives have returned from interviewing the agents at their home offices in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

Police expect to complete their investigation late next week and submit it to the Utah County Attorney's office for possible prosecution, said Mike Mower, a spokesman for the city of Provo.

Neither Mower nor Mackin would say exactly what the agents are suspected of doing. But a case submitted to the county attorney, rather than a city prosecutor, would be a felony. The agents' names won't be made public until police file their investigation report with the county attorney, Mower said.

Olympics sells its entire supply of Uinger hot dogs

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee-based sausage maker Uinger's expected its certified Angus beef hot dogs to sell at the Salt Lake City Olympics - but not this well.

Olympic organizers said this week spectators could take their own food into events because more than 400,000 of the quarter-pound hot dogs - the entire amount planned for the 17-day competition - had been eaten in five days.

"I do want to believe, in my heart of hearts, that the people are tasting them and they're so good, they're just wanting more," said Debra Uinger, director of retail operations for Uinger's, the official hot dog of the Winter Olympics.

An Australian newspaper called the shortage "a scandal of the most outrageous proportions" in an article headlined "Games Terror, Worst Case Scenario."

"There really isn't a shortage," Uinger said Thursday. She said the first shipment was for 500,000 links. "They ordered what they thought they would go through," Uinger said.

- compiled from wire reports



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Volunteers get fired up over Olympic work

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Bill Young never thought he'd spend the Olympics rifling through women's purses.

"I don't even go through my wife's purse," said the Olympic volunteer as he searched yet another handbag at a downtown security checkpoint.

The repetitive work is difficult for the 49-year-old, especially because security tables are so low volunteers have to bend uncomfortably to inspect the bags.

But like the other 19,500 Olympic volunteers assigned to do everything from chauffeur to provide medical assistance, Young is fired up. He and his wife plan to volunteer for several weeks, through the completion of the Paralympics.

Volunteers blanket Olympic venues and the downtown area, offering good cheer and a helpful hand. They brave cold weather, long shifts, miles of walking and sometimes cranky spectators.

At the end of day the only compensation is a feeling that they're doing their small part to help the



Jaque Dillon Gayer, left, from Salt Lake City, a volunteer with the Olympics, helps out fellow volunteer Renata Nemcok, of Slovakia, at the Olympic Village in Salt Lake City.

The games' success hinges on these volunteers, Olympic organizers say, because it would cost too much to pay the thousands of free workers.

Many are Utah residents who come with specific skills - for instance bus driving, medicine, translating - as well as a general knowledge of the area. They become experts at a particular venue, and can answer questions as broad as "what was that Olympic bribery scandal anyway?"

Volunteers wear bright colors - purple, yellow, red or green - but can be identified most easily by their enthusiasm. The smiling, "Can I help you?" is their trademark.

Rex Miller, a transportation volunteer, was able to joke despite having potentially one of the most stressful jobs. He was supposed to direct journalists on a long walk around the media transportation center, instead of through a crack in the wall that led directly across the street.

After trying to enforce it the first couple of days, Miller Thursday looked the other way. Thursday when pedestrians crossed the road, "I think it's a dumb (rule)," he said.

Quinn McKay, a professor of business ethics at the University of Utah offers a seasoned perspective.

"Our private enterprise engine is fired by personal greed," he said. "My chest in studying human behavior is that all behavior is motivated by self-interest. To live by the golden rule puts you at a disadvantage in the business world. What's happening here is normal, unconscionable and the way of the world. All we have is the 'Everyone else is doing it' defense."

Some merchants go for gold, others eschew price gouging

Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY - Barely audible above the lunch-rush din at Caputo's Market and Dell, Sue Pace was adamant. "It's all about greed," she said, shaking her head. "We didn't even think about it, not once."

The source of Pace's consternation: rampant price gouging during the Olympics at restaurants, hotels and parking lots. By some accounts, a good number of Pace's competitors have raised prices by 20 percent since the Winter Games began last week. Some have introduced "Olympic menus," featuring higher prices and fewer choices. Most have instituted an automatic 18 percent hike.

Price hikes are a predictable business response to the hundreds of thousands of people here for the games. 10,000 journalists and more than 150,000 visitors daily - driven by the law of supply. Fans at the Olympic venues are also a captive audience, evidently willing to pay \$4 for a small bottle of water.

Elsewhere around here, business owners face a tantalizing proposition: the possibility of making a year's worth of profit in two weeks by raising prices to out-of-towners they may never see again.

Many succumb to the lure of profit, but other business owners here have taken a different view, refusing to hike prices, or, in some cases, offering a 15 percent discount to anyone showing a Utah drivers' license.

"We want the visitors to come, but we also want our regulars to feel we haven't abandoned them," Pace said, gesturing around her teeming store. "You will all leave town after the Games, and we will rely on our regular customers for our business. I think it's simply wrong to raise prices for two weeks, only to lower them later."

At the Market Street Grill, manager Will Keesen, said the restaurant is adding an 18 percent tip to every check, because tipping is not a universal custom. Some menus have a round red sticker informing diners of the new policy. Still, Keesen said, prices are unchanged.

"We've been in business for 20 years," he said. "I think it would be pretty shortsighted to do something like that, even though I know our competitors are doing it."

They are doing it with great gusto. Take the "Olympic menu" for example. At least one posh restaurant has adopted a price fix menu, \$95 for a three-course meal.

The offerings are the same as the restaurant had the week before, just fewer of them and at a higher price.

Media and others with readily-identified laminated badges are easy targets for scammers. Todd Panagopoulos, a Chicago Tribune photographer, said he and a group went to dinner this week and encountered a \$10 bottle of beer and \$6.50 piece of sushi.

Hotel rooms are at a premium and even modest rooms are garnering four-star rates. Market forces allow the dowdy \$79-a-night hotel across from the main media center here to quadruple its rates. And it's full of grateful guests.

"We've had some fleabag hotels

lead them from out of state and lied people to believe that paying \$250 a night would be a good deal," said Michael DeGroot of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. "Unfortunately, it's a hotel you wouldn't let your dog stay in."

Olympic fans seem to have adopted a kind of group shrug about it, accepting the prices as an expensive lesson in free enterprise. Applying a moral or ethical code to business practice offers no simple answers.

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Should the U.S. Postal Service be privatized?

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CHARLES GUY

The U.S. Postal Service, as created by the Postal Reorganization Act (PRA) of 1970, has little incentive to engage in the hard work of improving productivity and modernizing its services.

The Postal Service is simply chided by its legislators to break even financially while managing itself in an economical and business-like manner, but no detailed guidance is offered. Until recently, the perception was that this was being accomplished. However, in February 2001, the service's Board of Governors announced that despite having raised the price of postage in January, multi-billion-dollar losses were imminent.

The terrorist attack of Sept. 11, which tipped the economy into a recession, and the subsequent discovery of anthrax in the mails caused its financial woes to become more extreme.

Even if Congress orders the Postal Service a post-Sept. 11 bailout, the service's management practices remain the fundamental cause of its worsening financial condition. This deteriorating is a direct result of spending excesses of the past few years in particular, and a general failure to plan for sustainable productivity increases.

Over its 30-year history, the Postal Service has produced productivity gains of only 11.3 percent despite having increased its investment in capital more than 90 percent. That is, billions of dollars of capital investment have produced only minimal benefit to postal customers.

Management's failure to produce sustainable productivity improvements coupled with a pricing strategy aimed at keeping postage increases below inflation are at the heart of the Postal Service's financial ills.

A recent report by the service's Office of the Inspector General termed management's pay-for-performance program inappropriate and made clear why management preferred this under-inflation pricing strategy.

The "inflation adjustment factor" added to this bonus formula in 1997 insured management sufficient funds would be available for bonuses if postage rates rose less than inflation in the economy. The related productivity increases in the last two years have proven insufficient to close the financial gap.

Would privatizing the Postal Service change the service's management practices and produce a financially viable mail system?

It is commonly held that "economies of scale" in the provision of postal services would

make it unprofitable for additional suppliers to compete with the Postal Service. But this theoretical disadvantage for competitors does not hold up if delivery networks do not overlap. Thus competition in hard copy mail delivery is clearly possible.

The Postal Service has presented evidence repeatedly to the effect that its workers are paid a wage premium of nearly 30 percent relative to comparable private sector workers. This wage premium would likely make competition extremely difficult for the Postal Service.

A more appropriate solution to the postal problem is to create a Postal Regulatory Commission, as the Democratic Leadership Council's Progressive Policy Institute recently proposed. This Commission would regulate the entire postal market, not just the Postal Service, to contribute to the overall efficiency of the postal system.

The Postal Service expects to lose \$2 billion or more this year, after losing \$1.7 billion last year. Short of privatizing it outright, a primary focus of postal reform must be to bring labor costs—the bulk of its cost base—back into line. Without that, the billion-dollar bailout the Service is seeking from Congress will only continue to subsidize more failure.

Charles Guy is the former director, Office of Economics, Strategic Planning, U.S. Postal Service and is currently adjunct fellow at the Lexington Institute.

No

It would destroy universal delivery

MOSHE ADLER

A strong case can be made for abolishing the Postal Service altogether. Not only is the Postal Service inefficient, it is inefficient by design. It charges the same price for deliveries regardless of distance or how remote a destination is. It delivers to and picks up from practically all locations daily, regardless of the volume of mail involved. It keeps offices open even in small towns. For the post office universal service comes before minimizing cost.

If the proposal on the table were to abolish the Postal Service altogether and leave mail delivery to the market, I might have been for it. Let them live in New York. But it isn't.

What's being proposed is to privatize the Postal Service, yet maintain government mandated universal service to all. And this is bound to fail. The inevitable result will be a dramatic deterioration in the quality of service from the level that we have a right to expect.

Privatizers are no doubt willing to pledge that the quality of service the private firm will provide will be guaranteed by a signed contract. Nothing can change the fact, however, that to the private firm reducing the quality and extent of service will be a way to

improve profits. As a result, whether the private post office will provide good service will depend entirely on the vigilance of a new army of government inspectors that will have to be created in order to monitor compliance.

Delivery times to each and every destination will have to be measured, and these measurements will have to occur regularly. Ditto for the frequency of mail pick-up or for whether office hours are being kept. If it lives up to its task, the army of inspectors will have its hands full.

Now assume that such a large army of inspectors is indeed created and that the government continues to fully fund it even during economic downturns and budget deficits.

Assume also that only few inspectors succumb to the regular temptation of bribes that will no doubt be offered.

Both assumptions, particularly the first, are dubious, but not half as dubious as the next: The private post office will become one of the largest private corporations in the United States, with annual revenues of \$65 billion and 780,000 employees.

And with such high stakes there is little doubt that this corporation will become a formidable political contributor and player. Are we willing to

assume that if the corporation does not live up to its contract it will receive more than its writ slapped?

The colossal failure of the private corporations that provided airport security services before September 11 is just the tip of the iceberg.

A well-kept secret in the debate about privatization is its long history of failure. In fact, the only reason that government at all levels began using its own employees was that privatization had failed consistently and repeatedly.

Until the beginning of the 20th century contracts with private firms were the only way that governmental services were provided. But in 1895, after a hundred years of contracting out, Mayor Pingree of Detroit summarized this experience: "Most of our troubles can be traced to the temptations which are offered to ... officials when franchises are sought by wealthy corporations, or contracts are to be let for public works." If only it were no longer true.

Ninety percent of Americans believe that the post office is doing a good job. Let's leave the post office to do what it does so well, and let private corporations enrich themselves in another pasture.

Moshe Adler is an economist at the Fiscal Policy Institute and the author of several articles about contracting out and other policy issues.

LETTERS

HealthNet thanks The Times-News

On behalf of HealthNet, I am writing to express my appreciation to The Times-News and its commitment to youth through its new weekly series, "HealthNet Assets: Our kids, our community."

HealthNet is a regional partnership and since 1992 has had a long-term commitment to the health of children in south-central Idaho. Efforts in each of the six local counties are focused on youth risk-prevention programs through asset building.

Starting in September 1999, The Times-News has provided a monthly Asset Building column on Saturdays featuring short essays from south-central Idaho youth on a specific asset. The Times-News recently committed to another 40-week HealthNet Youth Asset Building project. In partnership with the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition, the efforts of this news organization are helping promote positive youth development in the county, the region and beyond. Such loyalty and support of our youth should not go unnoticed and indeed, should be highly commended.

Thank you, Times-News.
KARYN GOODALE, MPH
(Buhl)

(Editor's note: Karyn Goodale has a master's degree in public health and is the HealthNet Regional coordinator for South Central District Health.)

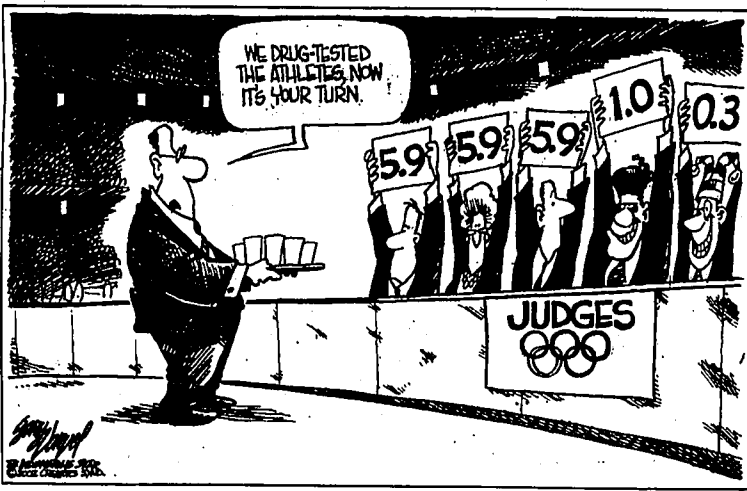
BST may not be so bad after all

Regarding the recent letters claiming that milk from cows injected with BST is potentially harmful to humans—a few responses are in order.

From the Children's Nutrition Research Center (Baylor College of Medicine): There is "no scientific basis" for claims regarding bovine somatotropin and IGF-1. "If (these claims) were true, then human colostrum, human breast milk, and indeed, all milk would be incriminated as a cause of cancer..."

From the American Medical Association: "BST is a protein hormone that is produced naturally by cows to help them make milk. Supplementing cows with small amounts of BST has been shown to increase their milk production by 10 to 40 percent per cow without harming the animal or altering the nutritional value of their milk."

W. H. Gomes of the Department of Dairy Science, University of Illinois: "BST has no effect on humans who consume milk because it is inactive in humans. Although more milk is produced



per cow, the amounts of fat, protein, minerals, sugar and BST in the milk are not changed. BST and other ST hormones are inactive if taken orally. As a protein, it is digested before absorption and has no activity regardless of species."

You can see research summaries for your self at www.nahsda.gov/hk/BST/MSbst/bst-man.html.

Another useful Web site is the American Council on Science and Health at www.acsh.org. There they quote former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop on his very topic: "Unfortunately, a few fringe groups are using misleading statements and blatant falsehoods as part of a long-running campaign to scare consumers about a perfectly safe food. Their long-range goal is to prevent the benefits of biotechnology from reaching the public. Because dairy foods are an important, widely consumed source of nutrition, it is necessary to condemn these attacks on the safety of milk for what they are: baseless, manipulative and completely irresponsible."

Makes one wonder what the long-range goal of the local anti-dairy industry

might be.
PETE WIERSMA
(Buhl)

India can teach us about cows

Production by the masses, not mass production. This has been the motto of the Indian dairy industry since 1947 when India shifted to a cooperative-based milk production and distribution network. India is now the world's top milk producer, passing the United States in production in 1998.

Amazingly, this massive ag industry is carried out by about 70 million farmers with very small herds and no rBGH (recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone). The Zebu cows in India are a vital part of rural life, as they offer a low-impact alternative to a tractor for many farmers and their manure provides fertilizer, fuel, insulation for homes in the winter and is used as an antiseptic. In India, there is a great tradition of reverence toward the cow who gives so generously to humans. A true symbiotic relationship has developed over thousands of years. Perhaps we have

much to learn about our own approach to agriculture in America. Maybe with the attention of responsible and forward-thinking farmers, healthy solutions and sustainable alternatives can be found. Tinedale Farms in Wrightstown, Wis., is onto something on the manure front: A 750-kW power plant powered by cow manure using a method called "anaerobic digestion" to convert manure to methane. This farm sells its power to Wisconsin Gas and Wisconsin Electric. The manure from 1,800 cows is used to power 250 homes. Stench, flies, and solid waste are greatly reduced with this process.

People are also becoming aware of the health problems associated with drinking milk from cows that have been given Bovine Growth Hormone. There is an ever-increasing market for organic milk from farms that practice good animal husbandry. We can only keep up our non-sustainable, mono-cultural ways for so long. Isn't it all of our responsibility to leave behind clean and healthy surroundings for our children?

JASON SOUTHWICK
Bethel, Wash.
(Editor's note: Jason Southwick graduated from Bethel High School and has traveled in India.)

We must keep our freedoms safe

I have read your paper and editorials for more than 40 years. I have disagreed with most of the editorials, but it is always good to have two opinions. There comes a time when you go too far for either good taste or plain common sense.

I can understand your faith in George Bush, but when you start running down the opposition in the Congress or elsewhere with such tasteless cartoons as the one by Marvel from the Indianapolis Star in the Friday, Feb. 1, paper, you must be so afraid of Daschle and Gephardt that you have to belittle them. Are they two very fine congressmen fighting an uphill battle against a far-right conservative in the administration?

If we did not have men of their caliber in their positions, I am afraid that we would lose a great deal more of our liberties than we already have.

How long does the Constitution say we can keep a person in prison without access to an attorney or family or being charged with anything? How long can we keep people in cages? Does the Geneva Convention on prisoners mean anything? I am very worried about our constitutional freedoms, and I am just as mad about the 9-11 disaster as anyone. I just don't want to lose freedoms in the false sense of security.
PHILIP R. BARE
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Yellowstone issues oxygen tanks to workers



Snowmobilers pass through the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park in West Yellowstone, Mont., in January.

WASHINGTON (AP) - At the western gate into Yellowstone National Park, snowmobiles back up by the dozens - sometimes hundreds - to zoom around the park.

The gasoline-fired engines belch so much exhaust into the mountain air that on still, windless days a blue haze settles over the gate.

For years, park workers have complained of sore throats, runny noses and burning eyes. To help, fresh air is pumped into their enclosed kiosks. Now the National Park Service is providing respirators for workers. The first six sets arrived Thursday.

Jon Catton, a spokesman for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a non-profit group that favors restricting snowmobile access, said he is horrified by the image of park workers wearing respirators. "It's sad. Rangers forced to stay indoors, behind glass? Or to wear respirators, because the air in our first national park is not healthy to breathe? That's just profoundly sad," Catton said.

Concerns about pollution prompted the National Park Service to issue a rule in 2000 banning snowmobiles from the park, phasing them out over several years. The ban included snowmobiles in Grand Teton National Park, south of Yellowstone, and the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Memorial Highway, an 82-mile road linking the parks. But last year, the Bush administration put a hold on the ban to settle a lawsuit brought by snowmobile manufacturers and the state of Wyoming, which wants to protect tourism dollars.

Warming response varies

TOKYO (AP) - Japan, the host of talks in Kyoto that yielded the world's first global warming agreement, praised President Bush's anti-pollution alternative but said Friday it hopes the United States will return to the treaty.

Germany, meanwhile, criticized President Bush's proposal, saying it was unlikely to help lower emissions of greenhouse gases and allowed the United States "to escape responsibility" for environmental protection.

Offering an alternative to the 1997 greenhouse gas accord, Bush on Thursday proposed a plan he said would encourage businesses to cut pollution and develop more energy-efficient technology. Bush also proposed stricter emissions standards for power plants.

In Tokyo, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi welcomed the proposal, saying it demonstrated Bush's commitment to reduce harmful greenhouse gases.

But Kawaguchi, who was Japan's environment minister until early this month, said Tokyo will continue lobbying Washington to accept the Kyoto protocol.

"Japan hopes that the U.S. government will actively engage in the climate change negotiations," she said.

German Environment Minister Juergen Trittin said Bush's plan was "disappointing" because it was voluntary and failed to set targets for cuts by the world's biggest polluter.

"We must not slam the door for a return of the United States under the Kyoto protocol's regime," he said. "We must not let the country with the biggest emissions of greenhouse gases worldwide escape responsibility for protecting the global climate."

Bush for the first time offered a detailed description of his vision for combating global warming, one that would gradually curtail greenhouse gas emissions by relying more on voluntary efforts and market forces than government edict.

The speech was aimed at addressing rising concerns overseas and on Capitol Hill that the United States had shirked its responsibility for dealing with a troubling international problem by disavowing the Kyoto protocol last March that would have imposed tough mandatory limits on U.S. carbon emissions, a major cause of global warming.

The president argued that the mandatory limits under the international accord would have resulted in billions of dollars in industry losses and the elimination of nearly 5 million U.S. jobs. And while acknowledging the serious threat of global warming, he insisted that the government could do more by spending billions more on research, new technology and tax incentives to promote voluntary reductions than to attempt to impose mandatory targets.

The president's plan in effect would preserve the status quo, allowing the United States to continue emitting carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases at roughly the rate it has done for the past decade but with the promise of \$4.6 billion of incentives and tax credits over the next five years for research and to encourage voluntary reductions by utilities and manufacturers.

Islam leader: Rap should serve poor

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, joined by Russell Simmons and other prominent hip-hop figures, called on rap artists to move away from explicitly violent lyrics.

Farrakhan, who also condemned the U.S. war on terrorism, told a receptive, sometimes raucous audience Thursday that rappers owe poor and minority communities more than many of them have given.

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ I don't think this has created damage to the Olympic movement, because it was resolved fast. This is definitely a closed matter. ”

— International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, on the pairs figure skating controversy that erupted this week at the Winter Olympics

CSI women forfeit preseason wins

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The eligibility ax came down, loppying eight wins with it.

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team forfeited eight preseason wins Friday, after the governing National Junior College Athletic Association ruled that sophomore guard Melanie Croser played while academically ineligible.

Croser, 21, transferred to CSI from the University of Hawaii last summer with only 14 credits, six below the NJCAA minimum required for sophomore transfers to be eligible for the fall semester.



Melanie Croser

“ The NJCAA timeline requires us to have a decision by today and we just didn't have time to pursue other options or appeal the decision,” said CSI athletics director Jeff Duggan.

CSI coach Kendall Grant wasn't

surprised by Friday's ruling. “ It was a 50 percent chance either way,” Grant said. “ It's disappointing but that's life.”

Southern Idaho appealed to the NCAA to reinstate Croser's freshman status, which hasn't yet been ruled upon, but under NCAA guidelines, Croser would have been eligible at an NCAA-based institution.

In a statement, Wayne Baker, an NJCAA associate executive director, said fairness played a part in the organization's decision to have CSI forfeit the wins or be barred from any postseason tournaments.

“ I certainly regret that the NJCAA cannot grant relief in the



situation presented. However, to grant relief would not be fair and consistent with ruling for all other NJCAA second-season student-athletes.”

Both Baker and Duggan were unavailable for further comment.

Croser sat out the team's scenic West Athletic Conference-opening weekend against North Idaho and Ricks colleges Dec. 7-8 to avoid having to forfeit league wins as well. She earned 24 credits during fall semester to become eligible for the remainder of the

season.

Forfeits included two wins over Casper College, as well as wins against Western Montana junior varsity, Miles Community College, Rexvik College, Utah State Club, Rocky Mountain junior varsity and Yavapai Community College.

The Golden Eagles are now 9-17 overall and remain in fifth place in the SWAC at 8-5 after Friday's 68-62 overtime win at Treasure Valley Community College.

With the forfeiture question now behind them, Grant said he and the Eagles can focus on the rest of the season.

“ It doesn't change anything for us,” he said.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the Pacific 10 Conference record for rebounds in a game?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
5A Region III Tournament
Pocatello at Minico, 7 p.m. (loser out)
4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament
Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m. (loser out)

High school girls basketball
5A Real Dairy Shoot-Out
Boise vs. Timberline, 8 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Lake City vs. Madison, 11 a.m. third place at Nampa HS
Minico vs. Highland, 9:15 p.m. consolation at Nampa HS
4A Real Dairy Shoot-Out, at Timberline HS, Boise
Bishop Kelly vs. Post Falls, 6 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Century vs. Mountain Home, 11 a.m. third place
Sandpoint vs. Nampa, 9:15 a.m. consolation

3A Real Dairy Shoot-Out, at Bishop Kelly HS, Boise
Shelley vs. Lakeland, 3:50 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Snake River vs. Buhl, 11 a.m. third place
Marsh Valley vs. Declo, 9:15 a.m. consolation
2A Real Dairy Shoot-Out, at Middleton HS
Lapwai vs. Prairie, 1:40 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
West Jefferson vs. Nampa Christian, 11 a.m. third place
Valley vs. West Side, 9:15 a.m. consolation

1A Real Dairy Shoot-Out
Dietrich vs. Kendrick, 11:30 a.m. championship at Idaho Center
Salmon River vs. Rimbek, 12:30 p.m. third place at Skyview HS
Hansen vs. Clark Fork, 10:45 a.m. fourth place at Skyview HS
Genesee vs. Kootenai, 9 a.m. consolation at Skyview HS

High school wrestling
District Four-Five-Six Tournament, at Jerome HS
Blackfoot, Bonneville, Burley, Century, Jerome, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Copus Cove holds team roping today

BUHL — A team roping event with No. 7 and No. 5 roping will be held today at Copus Cove Arena at noon. The event is free for information, call 731-6635.

Mini-cars race in Burley today from 11-3 p.m.

BURLEY — The premier of 40's Racing mini-NASCARS will be held from 11-3 p.m. today at Commercial Tire at 320 Overland Ave. in Burley. The event is free and open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Swede Halbrook of Oregon State, 36, against Idaho on Feb. 15, 1955.

End of the road



Buhl's Annie McCauley, Abelen Esparza and Dani Kippes (right to left) react after losing their 3A state semifinal game against Shelley 88-44 Friday at Bishop Kelly High School. Buhl plays for the third place today at 11 a.m. at Bishop Kelly.

Girls 3A Tournament

at Bishop Kelly HS
Friday's Games
Shelley 58, Buhl 44, semifinal
Lakeland 51, Snake River 45, semifinal
Declo 41, Fruitland 39, loser out
Marsh Valley 49, St. Maries 30, loser out

Today's Games
Shelley vs. Lakeland, 3:50 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Snake River vs. Buhl, 11 a.m. third place
Marsh Valley vs. Declo, 9:15 a.m. consolation championship

Buhl falls in semifinal to Shelley

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Shelley Russets didn't waste much time asserting their dominance over the Buhl Indians Friday.

Going on air 11-0 run early on, the Russets took a 58-44 semifinal victory at the Idaho 3A Girls Real Dairy Basketball Tournament at Bishop Kelly High School.

The Russets (22-1) went on their run after Buhl sophomore

Brandi Hosman went 1-of-2 from the free-throw line to open the night's scoring.

Hosman's trip to the line was one of the few times all night the Indians were successful going down low to either the 6-foot-1 Hosman or 5-11 junior Sherry King.

Annie McCauley's 14 points led the Indians in the scoring column, while Chelsea Searle had 15 to lead the Russets.

“ We missed some shots down low early on,” Buhl coach Joe

Shepard said. “ And they were hot early.”

And late.

The Indians (18-10) shot 44.7 percent on the game and found their rhythm immediately in forging the early lead.

But that wasn't all the Russets did well.

Shelley outrebounded the taller Indians 33-28 and forced 13 Buhl turnovers, while giving the ball away just eight times themselves.

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Canadians' gold draws mixed reaction

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Now that Jamie Sale and David Pelletier have a gold medal, Liz Manley wonders if maybe she should ask for one, too.

Manley was only joking, but there are plenty of skaters worried that Friday's decision will throw their sport into even greater turmoil — if that's possible.

Skating's history is littered with dozens of people wronged by politics and biased judges.

Will they be clamoring for their just reward now, too?

“ I think this kind of a situation is going to have repercussions in other disciplines,” said Ivan Rezac, coach of the Czech pairs team that finished eighth.



Pairs figure skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier smile after it was announced that they would share an Olympic gold medal Friday.

“ Everyone will cry out asking for a gold medal.”

Scott Hamilton wasn't so sure.

“ It's not so much a can of worms, but it could open a can of sour grapes,” the 1984 gold medalist said. “ This is a special set of circumstances, an extro-

dinary set of circumstances.”

The International Olympic Committee awarded Sale and Pelletier a gold medal after the French judge in Monday night's pairs final admitted she was pressured by her own federation to

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Olympic champ hospitalized with hypothermia after rescue

The Associated Press

AFTON, Wyo. — Olympic wrestling champion Rulon Gardner was hospitalized Friday for hypothermia and possible frostbite after spending the night outdoors when he became stranded while snowmobiling.

Gardner spent the night in temperatures of 15 to 20 degrees below zero and is lucky to be alive, said Lincoln County Sheriff Lee Gardner, a distant cousin of the Greco-Roman wrestling gold medalist.



Rulon Gardner

In that kind of weather it's unusual for someone to stay out all night like that and survive without any kind of shelter. But he's a strong man, and he made it,” Lee Gardner said.

The wrestler was snowmobiling with three friends when he became bogged down in deep snow in the Bridger-Teton

National Forest near his hometown of Afton, said Lt. Tim Malik.

Rescuers on snowmobiles and snowshoes launched a search in the dark after the friends reported him missing about 7:40 p.m. Thursday, Malik said. The pilot of a search plane sent out Friday spotted him about 8 a.m.

Authorities were concerned when he did not get up to retrieve some extra clothing that a helicopter dropped to him.

The helicopter landed and Gardner was flown to St. Vrain Medical Center in Afton. He later was taken to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho, about 100 miles away, for treatment for possible frostbite.

“ He had so much ice on his feet I don't think he was able to walk,” Lee Gardner said.

Blue Devils get back to title game

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

BOISE — Their coach calls them scrappy and mean. To their opponents they are a bounding nuisance. They're short and quick, turning most games into a track meet. They're predictable on defense, pressing with a 20-point lead or trailing by five. And on offense, most of their points come on turnovers.

But after Friday night, the Dietrich High girls basketball team is one win away from calling themselves state champions for the second time in four years.

Junior Ranya Parker scored 20 points and sophomore Alycen Sorensen added 14 as the Blue Devils cruised past Salmon River 54-34 in the semifinals of the 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out State Basketball Tournament.

The Blue Devils met Kendrick today at 11:30 a.m. in the Idaho Games Center in Nampa for the championship. Dietrich last won the title in 1999.

“ We feel like every team we can beat,” Sorensen said. “ We knew it was going to be a little bit

Girls 1A Tournament

at Skyview HS
Friday's Games
Dietrich 54, Salmon River 34, semifinal
Kendrick 52, Rimbek 44, semifinal
Hansen 47, Clark County 32, loser out
Clark Fork 62, Hageman 33, loser out
Kootenai 56, Genesee 38, loser out
Genesee 52, Mackay 22, loser out

Today's Games
Dietrich vs. Kendrick, 11:30 a.m. championship at Idaho Center
Salmon River vs. Rimbek, 12:30 p.m. third place
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Kootenai, 9 a.m. consolation championship

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SPORTS

Golden Eagles sweep finales with Treasure Valley

Kings coach breaks ribs in accident

ONTARIO, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho basketball team swept their partner Treasure Valley Community College Friday night in Ontario, Ore.

The wins also swept both Chukars men's and women's teams out of their postseason appearances next month at the Region 18 Tournament.

The CSI men, led by the 20-point, 11-rebound double-double of Tim Ellis, overcame a sluggish start with a 21-0 run over a six-minute span in the first half for a 38-21 lead en route to the 81-58 victory.

Yakubou Diawara added 13 points, Ricky Clemons had 13 points and 10 assists, and Jack May had 10 points as CSI (21-5, 11-3 Scenic West) snapped a two-game losing streak.

Earlier, the CSI women got 18 points from Angela Williams to defeat Treasure Valley 68-62 in overtime.

Both teams' wins are the last to ever court in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, because TVCC heads west to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges next sea-

son. With both Chukar teams eliminated from postseason consideration, it was, in effect, the last time CSI will ever play Treasure Valley. The Chukars are expected to see CSI in a postseason action, however, in the future.

With the Chukars slowing the game pace by walking the ball up the floor and running clocking sets in the halfcourt, CSI found itself trailing 21-17 with about 7 minutes left in the half. But two baskets by Diawara, the last a three-point play with a free throw, put CSI up 22-21 for the lead and the Eagles would never relinquish it.

Those scores keyed 21 unanswered points for a 38-21 lead. CSI took a 38-25 lead into halftime.

"We're pretty explosive and if I was coaching against us, I'd want to slow it down," said CSI coach Guy Beach. "We turned it up and went up. We got to play everybody tonight and I feel real good about that."

Beach also was happy with the second-half play by CSI, which shot 54 percent in the second half of 17 of 31 from the field. CSI finished at 55 percent for the game and outscored TVCC

43-33. "We beat these guys better than anybody in the conference here," Beach said. "We put it up and put it away."

Chad Fairbanks, Sheu Odunluyi and Aleksander Djordjevic all had nine points each to lead Treasure Valley (11-14, 21-2).

CSI returns to close out the home schedule by hosting Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday and its home finale with College of Eastern Utah next Saturday.

Table with 2 columns: CSI, TVCC. Rows include various sports and scores.

Women's Game CSI 68, TVCC 62, OT. Angela Williams scored 18 points and Crystal Hardcastle added eight, including a big 3-

pointer for the lead in overtime as CSI edged Treasure Valley 68-62 Friday in overtime in Ontario, Ore.

Trailing 57-52 with just under 4 minutes left in regulation, the Eagles outscored the Chukars 16-5 over regulation and the overtime for the win. Williams sparked the run with a 3-pointer, one of three she had in the game, to pull CSI within 57-55 with 3:32 left.

Kristi Hill tied the game 2 minutes later with a turnaround jumper off the glass.

Both teams missed free throws that could've won the game in regulation with CSI's Jodi Reber rimming two out with 7 seconds left.

CSI shot just 12 of 28 from the free-throw line for the game for 46 percent and hit just 33 percent from the field on 24 of 72 shooting.

CSI coach Kendall Grant was just happy to escape with the win. "We got out of here with a win - barely," he said. "They gave us fits all night long. There were one or two points where we got a little rhythm going and one of them was in overtime."

The win improved CSI to 8-6 in

the Scenic West, and 8-17 overall. Earlier Friday, CSI announced it forfeited eight postseason wins because guard Melanie Croser played while ineligible. CSI didn't forfeit any region games.

With most of the Chukars starters fouled out by overtime, TVCC struggled as a quicker CSI outscored the Chukars 11-5 for its second win in a row.

Shayla Davis led all scorers with 19 points and 10 rebounds for Treasure Valley (8-18, 2-12 SWAC). T. Rae Hutchinson added 10 points.

"It's tough to play in this gym," Grant said. "We didn't shoot well and we had a lot of open looks. We got to step things up to get ready for the charge to the end."

CSI returns to Twin Falls next weekend for its season-ending homestand with Colorado Northwestern Community College on Friday and College of Eastern Utah next Saturday.

While trying to see his son play in a youth hockey tournament in Wisconsin, King Coach Andy Murray was involved in a single-car accident early Friday morning and suffered four broken ribs and a possible shoulder separation.

"I was fortunate that I had my seat belt on or I wouldn't have made it," said Murray, who had returned to his family home in Fairbault, Minn., to coach the NHL's Winter Olympic break began Thursday.

Murray left Fairbault at 4 a.m. Friday and two hours later his truck did and rolled off an icy road down an embankment south of a highway in Sparta, Wis.

Murray had to kick open a window to free himself from the truck. "Fortunately, I was by myself," said Murray, 50, whose Kings are in sixth place in the Western Conference with 65 points.

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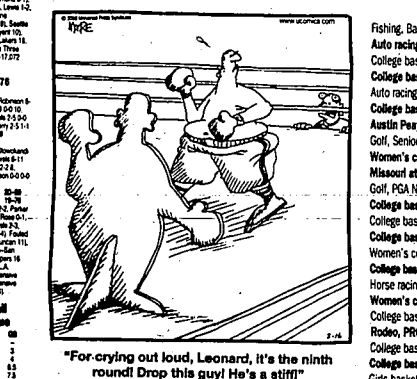
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SPORTS

Minico tops Coeur d'Alene to reach consolation final

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Minico's Clare Bodensteiner scored just three points in the final minutes Friday with the game and her high school career on the line.

She didn't have to score any more.

The senior extended her brilliant career another day with her all-around performance in the Spartans' 61-57 victory over Coeur d'Alene in the consolation bracket of the 5A girls state basketball tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa, finishing with 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

With the Spartans leading 52-45 with just a few minutes remaining, the Vikings (10-17) were forced to guard Bodensteiner, who is bound for Stanford in the fall, one on one.

It didn't work, as Minico (17-10) spread the court in a one-four set and isolated Bodensteiner.

Bodensteiner continued to get past her defender, drive into the lane and find wide-open teammates for easy buckets. Once she found Whitney Martin, who finished with 10 points, and twice she found Monica Jensen, who

Girls 5A Tournament at Idaho Center

Friday's Games
Minico 61, Coeur d'Alene 57, loser out
Highland 38, Rigby 19, loser out
Boise 53, Madison 45, semifinal
Timberline 58, Lake City 44, semifinal

Today's Games
Boise vs. Timberline, 8 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Lake City vs. Madison, 11 a.m. third place at Nampa HS
Minico vs. Highland, 9:15 a.m. consolation championship at Nampa HS

had 15 points.

The Vikings also sent Bodensteiner to the free throw line, where the only chunk in her armor Friday was exposed. She shot just 6-of-12 to keep the Vikings in the game.

"She makes my job easy," Minico coach Clint Straatman said. "But when she misses, she gives me gray hairs."

It didn't look as though Straatman was going to get any gray hairs early as the Spartans seized a 20-10 advantage. But they gave it all back as Coeur d'Alene took a 30-27 advantage

into the second half thanks to a 9-0 run at the end of the second quarter.

The Vikings eventually built a 38-21 advantage before Minico rallied.

Bodensteiner was a big part of that comeback, twice grabbing offensive rebounds that led to buckets after missed Spartan free throws.

And the left-hander's coast-to-coast drive through traffic, which culminated in a dazzling right-handed layup, gave the Spartans that 52-45 advantage and enough of a cushion to make up for the missed free throws.

Jenna Griffiths paced the Vikings with a game-high 22 points, and Coeur d'Alene went 15-of-17 from the free-throw line to give themselves a chance.

"I was impressed with that," Straatman said. "They weren't afraid to shoot the ball and, boy, did they hit their free throws down the stretch."

The Spartans face Highland at 9:15 at Nampa High School this morning.

Friday's other games

Highland 38, Rigby 19

NAMPA - Junior guard Kristy Tingey scored 15 points Friday to lead Pocatello's Highland past Rigby 38-19 in a loser-out consolation game at the Idaho 5A Girls Real Dairy Basketball Shoot Out at the Idaho Center.

Senior Shannon Brentchey added 10 points, hitting 4 of 5 shots from the free-throw line, as the Rams (18-9) advanced to Saturday's consolation finale with Region III rival Minico. Rigby (10-17) was paced by 6-foot-1 senior post Johanna Fryer's eight points. But Highland's bench contributed nine points.

Rigby also shot a frigid 17 percent from the field while the Rams hit 42 percent of their field goal attempts.

Semifinals

Boise 53, Madison 45
Timberline 58, Lake City 44

Sandpoint closes Tiger season

The Associated Press

BOISE - Sandpoint bombarded Jerome from the free-throw line and 3-point range Friday as the Bulldogs downed the Tigers 45-31 in a consolation game at the Idaho 4A Girls Real Dairy Basketball Shoot Out at Timberline High School.

Sandpoint junior guard Shandi Keller led all scorers with 18 points - including three 3-pointers. Junior Jennifer Pond paced the Tigers with 11 points and Vanessa West added eight points. Sandpoint (11-16), which had to win an interdistrict play-in to even make the tournament, held a 14-7 advantage at the free-throw line. Jerome, the District Four-Five-Six champions and state runners-up a year ago, ended its season a disappointing 17-8.

Friday's other games

Nampa 44, Bonneville 40

BOISE - Senior guard Amy Kotter scored 15 points and Nampa held Bonneville to six fourth-quarter points as the Bulldogs (16-9) eliminated the Bees 44-40 in a consolation game at the Idaho 4A Girls Real Dairy Basketball Shoot Out Friday at Timberline High School.

Senior guard Danielle Cotterell added 12 points off

Girls 4A Tournament at Timberline HS

Friday's Games
Sandpoint 45, Jerome 31, loser out
Nampa 44, Bonneville 40, loser out
Bishop Kelly 52, Mountain Home 51, semifinal
Post Falls 52, Century 51, semifinal

Today's Games
Bishop Kelly vs. Post Falls, 6 p.m. championship at Idaho Center
Century vs. Mountain Home, 11 a.m. third place
Sandpoint vs. Nampa, 9:15 a.m. consolation championship

four 3-pointers as Nampa overcame a 34-25 third-quarter deficit for the victory.

Senior posts Linsey Nelson and Laura Asper scored 16 points each to lead Bonneville (16-11), which outscored the Bulldogs 11-5 in the third quarter before collapsing in the final period.

The difference for Nampa was long-range shooting. The Bulldogs hit 9 of 19 3-point attempts in advancing to Saturday's consolation final to face Sandpoint.

Semifinals

Bishop Kelly 52, Mountain Home 51
Post Falls 52, Century 51



Toronto's Alvin Williams falls over Utah's Karl Malone during Friday's game in Toronto Friday.

San Diego's outfielder Mike Darr's Yukon is shown Friday at an impound yard in Phoenix. Darr, along with lifelong friend Duane Johnson, were both killed early Friday morning.



Padres outfielder Mike Darr dies in auto crash

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) - San Diego Padres outfielder Mike Darr was killed early Friday when his car rolled over on a highway in Phoenix near the team's spring training camp. He was 25.

Another passenger in the vehicle - 23-year-old Duane Johnson, of Reno, Nev. - also was killed. Authorities said Darr was driving and alcohol appeared to be a factor in the one-car accident, which occurred at 2 a.m. MST, just hours before the Padres began training for the 2002 season.

"We've lost a special teammate, a special person," Padres relief pitcher Trevor Hoffman said, choking back tears. "There are a lot of heavy hearts in the locker room. There's a lot of shock in the clubhouse right now. ... You don't want to believe it."

Johnson and Darr were longtime friends dating to their childhood. Darr lived with the Johnson family at one time in Reno, according to the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Ben Howard, a 23-year-old pitcher who played for San Diego's Class-A and Double-A affiliates last season, was treated at the scene for scrapes and bruises and released, Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Frank Valenzuela said.

Howard "was conscious throughout everything, and he saw it all," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "I'm sure psychologically, it's going to be difficult for him."

"This is a very, very difficult thing to begin spring training with," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's such a tragic loss."

Darr was San Diego's opening-day center fielder in 2001, his first full big league season, and started 69 games.

Bochy said Darr "was a fun-loving guy who played the game like it was supposed to be played. He played all-out, and that's going to be missed."

Last year, Darr made 24 starts in center field and 45 in right, where Tony Gwynn hardly played because of leg injuries. Darr moved into the starting lineup after Ruben Rivera was eventually gone way to Mark Kotsay, who was obtained from Florida just before opening day.

Darr was good defensively but didn't have much power, hitting just two homers last year. However, both were game-winners in the Padres' last at-bat. He batted .277 with 34 RBIs.

Montana women roll over Idaho State in 74-61 win

MISSOULA (AP) - Hollie Tyler matched her career high with 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds Friday in Montana's 74-61 victory over Idaho State.

Montana (17-6, 9-1 Big Sky) jumped out to a 20-10 lead on a basket by Amy Phillips with 6:37 left in the first half and held its largest lead of the half, 23-10, on a 3-pointer by Julie Deming at the 5:51 mark.

The Lady Griz led 31-23 at halftime.

Idaho State (9-14, 2-8) could get no closer than 31-25 on a layup by Ashley Toner with 19:49 remaining.

Montana built as much as a 16-point lead three times in the second half, the last at 62-46 on two

free throws by Brooklyn Lorenzen.

Also in double figures for Montana were Simarron Schildt with a career-high 17 points and Deming with 15. Schildt had nine rebounds and Deming eight as Montana led ISU 48-41 in that statistic.

Toner led Idaho State with 14 points, followed by Cassie Bell with 11 and Mandi Carver with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Cover of Dillon, Mont., set a Big Sky Conference rebounding record at 1,053.

The old mark was 1,045 set by Brenda Souther of Eastern Washington from 1983-87.

Carver, last season's Big Sky Conference MVP, made just 1-6 12 shots from the field.

LaFrenz leads Nuggets past Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Raef LaFrenz scored 30 points, including a driving layup with 3 seconds to play Friday night, to give the Denver Nuggets a 99-98 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Voshon Lenard drove down the right side of the lane and passed across to the driving LaFrenz, who scored easily. Kevin Gammett's last-gasp turnaround jumper missed the rim.

LaFrenz hit six 3-pointers, including three in the third quarter, to lead the Nuggets back from a 14-point deficit. Avery Johnson had 18 points and a season-high 16 assists as the Nuggets won their second straight road game.

Reserve Anthony Peeler led the Timberwolves with 24 points, and Garnett had 20 points and 14 rebounds.

Pistons 101, Knicks 90

Detroit - Ben Wallace had season highs of 19 points and 22 rebounds as Detroit came back from an early 17-point deficit. Chauncey Atkins added 19 points, including 11 in the third quarter when the Pistons turned the game around with a 20-1 run.

Jerry Stackhouse had 15 points and reserves Cedric Williamson and Jon Barry added 12 apiece as the Pistons completed a two-night swing of the metropolitan area's two teams, the Nets and

NBA

the Knicks. Detroit has won nine of its last 11 games and six straight on the road.

Jazz 94, Raptors 85

TORONTO - Karl Malone and John Stockton each scored 23 points in the Utah Jazz won their third straight.

Malone, ejected after receiving a second technical foul with less than 42 seconds remaining, scored seven points during a 16-5 run for the Jazz, who are 3-2 on their nine-game road trip. The Jazz don't return to the Delta Center until Feb. 28 because of the Olympics.

Alvin Williams scored 26 points for the Raptors, who have lost three straight and were missing four key regulars in Vince Carter, Hakeem Olajuwon, Jerome Williams and Dell Curry because of injuries.

Hornets 116, Pacers 106

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Baron Davis tied a career-high with 38 points and P.J. Brown had 18 rebounds as Charlotte beat Indiana.

Davis shot 10-of-17 from the field and 15-of-17 from the free-throw line, and added eight assists.

Brown surpassed 5,000 career

rebounds and also recorded his 1,000th career assist as the Hornets won for the fifth time in seven games.

Elden Campbell and Lee Nailon each added 23 points for the Hornets, who had their best offensive output of the season.

Austin Croshere had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Reggie Miller scored 21 for the Pacers, who were outrebounded 46-34 and fell two games under .500 for the first time this season.

Nets 106, Bulls 81

CHICAGO - Reserve Aaron Williams scored a season-high 23 points, and Jason Kidd and Kerry Kittles each added 16 points to lead New Jersey.

Richard Jefferson had 15 points for the Nets, who snapped their season-high three-game losing streak and held the Bulls to 24 first-half points.

Kidd, who shot only 2-of-18 from the field Thursday against Detroit, shot 7-of-11 and had 10 assists.

Ron Artest scored 21 points, and Trent Hassell added 20 to the Bulls, who have been blown out in two consecutive games after winning a season-best three-of-four.

Heat 90, Bucks 88, OT

MILWAUKEE - Eddie Jones hit a jumper with 7.1 seconds left in overtime to lift Miami over

Milwaukee.

Glenn Robinson had a chance to tie for the Bucks, but his jumper from short range hit the rim as time expired. It was the Bucks' third straight loss to teams at the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

Jones finished with 22 points and seven steals, and Brian Grant added 21 points for Miami, which came in having won four of its last five and 11 of the last 14 overall.

Wizards 97, Suns 96

PHOENIX - Michael Jordan scored with two-tenths of a second left to give the Washington the win.

After completing a 22-point performance with the winning 16-footer, Jordan pumped his fist, turned to a personal cheering section behind the Suns' bench and said, "That's what they pay me for."

After Stephen Marbury made one of two free throws with 5.6 seconds to go, the Wizards called a timeout. Jordan took the ball and worked his way from mid-court almost lazily, as if oblivious to the clock, pumped once and went over Shawn Marion for the shot.

Richard Hamilton had 29 points for Washington, which snapped a two-game losing streak, and Tyrone Nesby had 18 points and 10 rebounds.

SPORTS

Junior wants to step out of father's shadow

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. wants a family. He wants to mature a little more and be a better man.

Most of all, he wants to step out of his father's shadow and be free to focus on his own career.

In the year since Dale Earnhardt died in a wreck on the final lap of the Daytona 500, his 27-year-old son has made peace with his passing and figured out who he's supposed to be.

"When my dad was here, I could just about do whatever I wanted to and get away with a lot of things. I always had him to fall back on," he said. "He always had a way to laugh it off. Now ... I don't have anything else to fall back on but how well I do it. That's going to reflect on me instead of my father."

Junior, as he's commonly called, looks every bit a Gen-Xer on the outside. His hat is always on backward, his pants are baggy and his sunglasses are a constant. He has a goatee and usually about two days' growth surrounding that. And he has a reputation as a party boy.

But he's so much more complicated than that. He's a deep thinker, internalizing everything. He's private, a little guarded and worries he'll never meet the right woman.

He looks around the track and sees girls only interested in his fame and money. He's jealous of the happiness enjoyed by his recently married friends, Busch series drivers Hank Parker Jr. and Lyndon Amick.

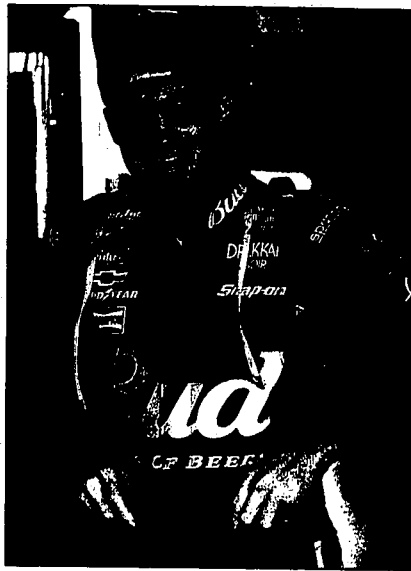
Junior wonders if he'll ever find that kind of love, if he'll ever marry and have a son who will grow up watching his daddy race the same way Junior did, even if it usually was from afar.

"I look at Hank and Lyndon and I can't fool myself into thinking that I don't envy what they're going to have," he said. "It would be nice to be a part of that with somebody."

"I definitely want to have a little son that I can take to the racetrack and he's old enough to know what's going on. I don't want to be retired by then."

A year ago, his wife and son were the furthest things from his mind. Then, he was just a race car driver, living in his father's shadow and trying desperately to meet his high standards and gain his own.

For many years he wasn't close to The Intimidator, spending



Dale Earnhardt, Jr. smiles during a break in practice last week in preparation for the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

part of his high school time at military school. But they eventually bonded through racing, which gave them a link in their different lifestyles.

Then, just when the relationship had developed the way Junior wanted, his father was gone, killed on the final turn of the Daytona 500 while his son was racing on ahead of him.

In an instant, everything changed. Junior had new responsibilities and no one to tell him how to handle them. So he does the only thing he can, often thinking about how his father would want him to do things — and sometimes even hearing his voice.

"I've got a lot of advice from my father that I still fall back on and probably rely on that more so than ever," he said.

He has an unspoken understanding with his stepmother,

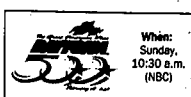
Teresa, who runs the Earnhardt empire. She never needs to ask when something's bothering him. Junior said she just knows.

"She's not a really an open type of person that would show a lot of emotion," he said. "But she knows what I'm thinking most of the time, which is a good thing. If she knows something is bothering me, we don't have to talk about it."

There's also a bond with fellow driver Tony Stewart, of all people. The two are complete opposites in everything and aren't friends to the point where they hang out together.

But as NASCAR's most popular driver, Junior can look across the motorhome lot and give a knowing nod to Stewart, one of the most reviled in the sport.

"It's kind of like we have an understanding of what each other is dealing with," Junior



When: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)

said. "He knows the tension that I go through and I know what he's dealing with and the backlash that he got last year."

"It's so easy to foul up like that and slip and make a mistake and all hell breaks loose right in your face. It's unfair."

It's created a connection on the track, where the two aren't afraid to hook up and draft with each other. They've been doing that all week at Daytona — they crossed the finish line 1-2 when Stewart won the non-points race here last weekend — and are expected to bully their way around the track together in Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500.

He considered one of the favorites to win the race, something it took his father 20 years to do. The Daytona 500 was always Earnhardt's nemesis, the one winner's circle he never could drive his way into. When he finally did in 1998, all of NASCAR celebrate.

Junior doesn't want to wait that long.

"I don't want to be still trying to get it 18 years from now," he said. "To have an opportunity in my third year is a good feeling."

And he wants to win at least one championship, although seven would've been even better because that's what his father did.

Still, Junior has many doubters.

No matter how good a driver he is — and his father used to joke with him that at 23, maybe Junior was better than he was at that age — few think he's serious enough to do it.

He doesn't understand it. Sure he likes to have fun, hit the party scene and hang with his friends. But he's a race car driver, after all, and racers run to win. Why can't he do both?

"There's some people in racing or whatever it may be that can really sink everything they've got into it and just be totally dedicated to it and it works," he said. "It might work for them; I just don't see the way I want to live my life."

"I've only got one. It ain't like I can do it over again. I'm going to do it the way I want to do it."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bucs granted permission to talk to Marucci

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's meandering, monthlong search for a coach headed in yet another direction Friday when the Buccaneers received permission to talk to San Francisco's Steve Mariucci.

The sons of Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer are interested in hiring Mariucci as coach and general manager, dual responsibilities that haven't been offered to previous candidates.

Mariucci has two years remaining on his contract as San Francisco's coach, meaning Tampa Bay would have to work out a trade that could involve draft picks, players, cash or a combination of the three.

"We gave Steve permission to go and talk to Tampa Bay because this is an opportunity that is unique," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said. "If it had just been for a head coaching position, my own personal belief, is that we would not have granted that position."

The Bucs have been without a coach since firing Tony Dungy on Jan. 14. The need for a general manager is the result of the way the Glazers have conducted for his successor.

Tampa Bay officials had no comment on the latest development, but do confirm that Joe and Bryan Glazer will meet with Mariucci at an undisclosed location in the next "couple of days."

Mariucci is at least the eighth candidate the Glazers have approached in the past month.

Lions to release quarterback Charlie Batch

PONTIAC, Mich. — The Detroit Lions expect to release quarterback Charlie Batch on June 1 if he isn't selected by the Houston Texans in Monday's expansion draft.

Team spokesman Bill Keenist confirmed that Friday, adding that team president Mark Mittleman and coach Mary Mornhinweg have informed Batch and his agent, Tom Condon, of their decision.

The June 1 date is critical because the Lions would have to count an extra \$5 million against this year's \$71.8 million salary cap if he is released before then. Keenist said that Batch will be given permission to talk to other teams before Friday's deadline.

The Lions' decision to release Batch could mean the Lions will draft Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington with the third overall pick in April's draft. The Lions finished 2-14, losing their first 12 games before beating Minnesota on Dec. 16.

Marbury pleads innocent to DUI charges

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Phoenix Suns guard Stephon Marbury pleaded innocent Friday to driving under the influence.

Marbury, whose lawyer entered the plea by fax, was arrested on Feb. 8 and booked on charges of extreme driving under the influence, driving under the influence and speeding.

Extreme DUI, a charge that can be used when a person has a blood alcohol level of at least 0.15, carries harsher penalties than a regular DUI. Marbury had a blood-alcohol level of 0.153, police said. The state's legal limit is 0.08.

Police said Marbury was wearing his Bentley convertible about 1:30 a.m. at 25 miles over the speed limit.

NASCAR reduces spoiler height for Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR gave Ford and Dodge quarter-inch reductions in rear spoiler height Friday in a continuing effort to equalize competition in time for Sunday's Daytona 500.

This was the third reduction — for a total of three-fourths of an inch — for Ford since offseason testing in January. It was the first since the 1998 season ended in October.

General Motors officials and teams, whose cars have dominated preliminary races this week, complained vehemently.

Ford's rear spoilers now are 5.75 inches high, and Dodges' are 6.25 (down from 6.5); Chevrolts' remain at 6.25 and Pontiacs' 6.5.

Pressley gets victory in first truck start

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Robert Pressley took the lead on a restart with two laps to go and held off Ted Musgrave to win Friday's Dodge Dealers 250, the season opener for NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series.

Pressley, who started 10th, appeared to have the fastest truck, consistently powering his way to the front of the field. He led 10 times, for 50 of the 100 laps.

A longtime competitor in the Winston Cup and Busch series, it was Pressley's first career start in a truck. His last victory came in a 1993 Busch race at Loudon, N.H.

"It's just unbelievable," said Pressley, who'll start 31st in the Daytona 500 in a one-race deal with owner Mark Mellins. "I never thought we could win the first race out."

Musgrave finished second, about a truck length behind the winner. Youngster Brian Rose was a surprising third, followed by Joe Ruttman and Rick Carlisle.

The top four finishers all drove Dodges, while Carlisle drove a Chevrolet owned by Winston Cup star Kevin Harvick.

Lawmakers pass bill banning NFL blackouts

OLYMPIA, Wash. — State House members passed a bill Thursday to end NFL blackouts of Seattle Seahawks' games.

"Are you ready for some football?" Rep. Sam Hunt, D-Olympia, asked after the bill passed on a 95-3 vote.

Hunt said House Bill 2838 is about fairness, saying state taxpayers pay for the football stadium, so they should get to watch the games on TV if they want.

Under NFL rules, if a home game doesn't sell out 72 hours before kickoff, no TV station within a 75-mile radius can broadcast the game. None of the Seahawks' home games sold out last season.

Washington taxpayers contributed \$300 million for the team's new stadium in downtown Seattle.

NFL officials argue that they need the blackout to sell tickets. If fans know they can watch the games on TV they won't come to the games, the theory goes, and then the team will suffer.

The blackout rule was federal law from 1973 to 1976, and has been NFL policy since then.

The bill passed 95-3.

Compiled from wire reports

'Japanese Tiger' leads Nissan Open at Riviera

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Toru Taniguchi of Japan wants to join the PGA Tour without having to go through qualifying school. The best way is to win, and he certainly appeared headed in that direction Friday in the Nissan Open.

Despite his only bogey in the first two rounds, the 34-year-old, who is known as the "Japanese Tiger," had a 4-under 67 and a one-stroke lead going into the weekend.

"I'm very happy and surprised to be in front," he said through a translator.

Taniguchi was at 133, one stroke ahead of Jesper Parnevik, Len Mattiace, Brad Faxon and Scott McCarron.

Faxon had a 67 at Riviera Country Club, scene of his greatest PGA Tour round 10 years ago, when he had a 28 on the front nine and closed with a 63 in the PGA Championship to earn a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

McCarron, who played Riviera about once a month while going to UCLA, drove the 305-yard 10th green and holed a 36-foot eagle putt on his way to a 65.

Parnevik had six birdies and four bogeys in a fun-packed

round of 69, while Mattiace birdied his last four holes for a 65.

Bob Tway had a 68 and was another stroke back, while David Duval showed once again that nothing beats a clear head. He has a history of performing well after taking time off, and a 69 on a clear, breezy day off Sunset Boulevard left him only three strokes back.

Sergio Garcia had a 67 and was at 140.

They refer to Taniguchi as "Tiger" on the Japanese tour because he pumps his fist whenever he makes a birdie and prefers to wear red shirts on Sunday.

His results bear no likeness to Tiger Woods.

Taniguchi has won only three times on that circuit, and he hasn't won since 2000.

Quigley, Hill share lead at Verizon Classic tournament

LUTZ, Fla. — Mike Hill just missed becoming the youngest player to match his age in senior tour history, shooting a 7-under 64 Friday for a share of the lead in the Verizon Classic.

The 63-year-old Hill, tied with Dana Quigley, birdied nos. 5-9 and 11-12, but missed an 8-footer



Toru Taniguchi of Japan looks at his ball after making par on the 14th hole in the second round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades district of Los Angeles Friday.

On No. 14, Gary Player holds the age record with a 64 in the 2000 BellSouth Senior Classic.

Quigley led the senior tour last year with 37 starts. He is playing in his 156th consecutive tournament, a senior tour record.

Expos gladly get back to baseball; Smoltz and Graves also start anew

The Montreal Expos happily took to the field after nearly being eliminated during the offseason. John Smoltz and Danny Graves are getting fresh starts, too.

The Expos didn't make a major player move this winter, but there were plenty of new faces when they opened camp in Jupiter, Fla., on Friday.

Frank Robinson was appointed manager of the team, which is now owned by the 29 other ball clubs. Jeffrey Loria, the former coach, took most of his staff to his new team, the Florida Marlins.

"There's a different feel to things from past years," pitcher Carl Pavano said. "But it's still the same thing. There are new people and things are different."

Spring training

but it doesn't affect how we have to do our jobs.

"Robinson was named an All-Star 12 or 13 times, so we'll definitely learn something from him. He'll be here to win."

A healthy John Smoltz took the field at Kissimmee, Fla., but he won't be working out with Atlanta's starters Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. Smoltz will be getting used to his new role as the Braves' closer.

Smoltz missed the entire 2000 season after having elbow surgery in spring training. Then after spending much of the early part of last season on the disabled list, he returned in a relief role July 2. He went on to save 10 games in 11 opportunities

with a 1.59 ERA.

"It's not going to be a point where I say I've embraced it and I'm going to enjoy it for the rest of my career," said Smoltz, who signed a three-year, \$30 million contract in the offseason to stay with the Braves in the stopper role.

"I just think it's something I'm going to learn to enjoy. I think I'm going to do awfully well, but I just think that it's a job that totally changes everything I've done for the last 15 years," Smoltz said.

When pitchers and catchers report to Sarasota, Fla., on Saturday, Danny Graves, who has made all 259 major league appearances out of the bullpen, will take the mound as a starter as the Cincinnati Reds look to get stability from their rotation, which had a 5.47 ERA last season,

second-worst in the NL.

"Danny will get the opportunity to pitch a couple or three innings (as a starter) the first two or three times out, then we'll go on from there," pitching coach Don Gullett said. "It depends upon what your needs are."

In Mesa, Ariz., three-time Cy Young winner Randy Johnson's highlight of the defending World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks' week-end meeting Todd Stottlemyre taking the mound.

"I'm excited to see him throw, excited that there's a very good possibility that he'll be in our rotation."

After missing all of last season and most of 1999 and 2000 with shoulder and elbow injuries, Stottlemyre said he purposely pushed himself physically over

the last three months with a "make it or break it" mentality, throwing as many as 80 pitches at game speed after warming up.

"I abused myself on days to make sure that when I got to this point I wasn't going to be going home early or packing my bags or calling it quits," Stottlemyre said.

"I've done everything I can to this point to get to this point ... unquestionably I'm healthy and ready to go."

In Bradenton, Fla., the painless pop of the catcher's mitt was almost as sweet sounding as the first cracks of the bat for Pirates catcher Jason Kendall, who had offseason thumb surgery.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but it went well," said Kendall, who hit a career-low .265 last season. "Catching was no problem. I was a little nervous about hitting,

but I'm excited with how everything went."

Long toss Jason Varitek played catch at Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Fla., testing the elbow he broke June 7. And Pedro Martinez thinks Varitek's return is essential to for the pitching staff.

"Jason was probably the biggest key, believe it or not," Martinez said. "Once we lost Jason, everything seems like it was different. Jason is the head of the staff."

Todd Hundley reported to Mesa, Ariz., 12 pounds lighter and determined to improve upon a miserable first season in Chicago.

"There are a lot of things I want to prove to the baseball world," said Hundley, who hit just .187 with 12 homers and 31 RBIs for the Cubs.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales from Dec. 1 through Jan. 8:

Blaine:	\$53,856
Camas:	\$17,633
Gooding:	\$40,516
Jerome:	\$94,565
Lincoln:	\$2,077
Minidoka:	\$12,363
Twin Falls:	\$72,630

Magic Valley total: \$1,585,732

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the December sales totals - for the most part - reflect activity that happened in November.

Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Officials accuse Qwest of making secret deals

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The Minnesota Department of Commerce has accused Qwest Communications International Inc. of violating state and federal law by entering into secret agreements with competitors.

If the state Public Utilities Commission finds that Qwest broke the law, the Denver-based company which offers phone service in Magic Valley could face civil penalties of up to \$202.5 million depending on the number of claims.

Qwest Vice President Chuck Ward said the company is reviewing the complaint.

"To assert there's secret things going on I don't think is productive," Ward said.

A Commerce Department investigation found that Qwest entered into numerous secret agreements with rival local phone companies that violate Qwest's obligations under the law. The agreements include issues of interconnection, access network elements, resale, number portability, access to rights-of-way and compensation.

Qwest, as the local exchange carrier in Minnesota, is required by federal law to provide other carriers reasonable access to its network.

Many interconnection agreements between Qwest and the other carriers have previously been approved by state regulators. But the alleged secret agreements to either change or add to those were not submitted for state approval.

Qwest has provided details of the agreements to commerce officials, but the company has designated each agreement as a "trade secret," which prevents public disclosure.

Lighten your current debt load; cut back on expenses

LIGHTEN THE DEBT LOAD: If your credit card and other debts are mounting, it's probably time to reassess your financial situation and find a way to reduce your monthly burden.

Family Circle magazine, in a story in its March issue, says that if your non-mortgage debt exceeds 15 percent of your take-home pay, you should start trimming expenses. Do some triage - pay the mortgage or rent first, followed by utilities, secured debts, credit cards and medical costs - and then look at bills such as heating, water, phone calls and cable television to see where you can cut back.

Consider taking out a consolidation loan, or, if you're a homeowner, a home-equity loan, to pay off your debts. And start saving, even if it's just the spare change in your pockets at the end of the day. It's smart to have a cushion to prevent you from falling behind on your payments.

Compiled from wire reports

Twin Falls sees employment stability

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

A look at local



Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley, "Stable is good in a recessionary time," he said.

The January jobless rates the Labor Department forecast Friday show some of the valley holding firm.

Twin Falls County's unemployment was unchanged from the 4.6 percent of December. The valley's central three-county labor market - Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls - also saw no change

Local unemployment

County	Jan. '02	Dec. '01	Jan. '01	Jerome	4.3	4.2	3.7
Blaine	3.8	3.6	2.8	Lincoln	5.4	4.6	3.6
Camas	3.0	4.1	4.7	Minidoka	7.4	6.4	6.1
Cassia	6.6	5.8	5.9	Owyhee	4.5	4.2	4.0
Elmore	6.4	5.7	5.6	Twin Falls	4.6	4.6	4.3
Gooding	3.7	3.3	3.5				

in its 4.4 percent rate between December and January. "I'm extremely happy with what the rates look like. I'm just tickled pink," Rogers said.

The absence of a December-to-January spike is something to be thankful for.

Add to that the prospect of continued hiring at Dell Computer Corp.'s new technical-support operation, the expected openings of a handful of new retail stores in north Twin Falls, and January's strong housing starts in Twin Falls.

"I'm really optimistic. Actually sort of ecstatic, really," Rogers said.

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Regional unemployment

Regionally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for January, December, January 2001 were:

- Panhandle, 9.2 percent, 9 percent, 8.2 percent.
- Lawton area, 4.5 percent, 4.5 percent, 4.3 percent.
- Ada-Canyon counties, 4.8 percent, 4.7 percent, 2.8 percent.
- Magic Valley, 4.4 percent, 4.4 percent, 4.1 percent.
- Pocatello area, 6.4 percent, 5.4 percent, 4.3 percent.
- Idaho Falls area, 4.1 percent, 4 percent, 3.8 percent.

Jobless count hits highest level in years

The Associated Press

BOISE - Statewide layoffs pushed Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 5.7 percent last month, the highest in seven years.

Reinforcing the cautious view state policy makers have taken since the Legislature convened six weeks ago, Friday's Labor Department report showed more people unemployed in January than during any month since May 1987.

The January jobless rate was two-tenths of a point higher than December and a full percentage point and two-tenths above January 2001. The rate jumped more than a point just since August.

Analysts said layoffs took their toll in every sector but recreation, engineering, accounting, management and local government. The department reported that nearly 25,000 workers collected unemployment benefits this week, 6,100 more than a year ago. It was the sixth straight week that more than 23,000 workers have collected checks.

Paycheck withholding for state income taxes, another key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength, was \$14 million short of the target last month.

The third straight monthly increase in the unemployment rate ran counter to the national rate's job strength, which was in January even though business.

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Pet-supply giant's stock skyrockets

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - When Rick Piper wants to reward his 6-year-old, he says only one place will do.

It has everything his boy could want - food, toys, clothing accessories and often same-sized friends to mingle with inside or outside the store.

"We come at least once a month," said Piper. "Anytime I want to get him all excited, I just have to say four words: Wanna go to PETS-MART?"

Piper, a local office worker, and his beloved border collie Rocky are exactly the customers PETS-MART had in mind when the company opened its first pet supplies store here 15 years ago.

The Phoenix-based retailing giant with a Twin Falls store - whose motto is "Where pets are family" - now has more than 560 superstores across the United States and Canada, catering to all kinds of animals and the humans who adore them.

A recent push by PETS-MART to remodel most of its outlets and an added emphasis on in-store customer service also is paying off.

After posting losses in 2001, the company's stock has climbed nearly 180 percent in the past year with shares quadrupling in price, from \$2.50 last March to almost \$11 in recent weeks.

Third-quarter earnings this year were at \$5.8 million on sales of nearly \$59 million, up 11 percent from the same period in 2001.

Fourth-quarter earnings will be announced in mid-March. PETS-MART Chairman and Chief Executive Phil Francis said the numbers should be strong again since "the fourth quarter is typically our best quarter."

A major factor in the upswing is the remodeling of PETS-MART's old stores - doing away with a warehouse look in favor of boldly decorated outlets with supplies neatly organized for pets ranging from cats and dogs to fish, birds and reptiles.

Francis said more than 200 stores had been remodeled so far with another 180 targeted for next year. There also are plans for more new stores.

"By November of 2003, we'll have about 600 stores and all of them will be in the format we've recently gone to," Francis said. "We think the store count we can



Bobbi Jo Bojorquez and her daughter Ashlee, 3, shop with their family dog Mufasa at a PETS-MART store in Phoenix on Tuesday. The Phoenix-based retailing giant - whose motto is "Where pets are family" - now has more than 600 superstores across the United States and Canada.

eventually get to in North America is 1,100."

Analysts say PETS-MART's growth plan is not far-fetched despite the slowing national economy.

"The pet industry is almost recession resistant," said David Mann, an analyst for New Orleans-based Johnson Rice & Co. "There's a good tailwind

behind the industry and it's growing at a pretty healthy pace. It's being helped by multiple-pet households.

"I could see PETS-MART growing by several hundred more stores. They have a new store format that's very attractive."

Full-service pet styling salons now offer everything from baths to toenail trimming and teeth

cleaning. PETS-MART also has obedience classes, and some stores provide veterinary care through animal hospitals and wellness clinics.

And for those wanting to adopt a cat or dog, PETS-MART has placed more than 1 million pets in new homes through its in-store

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Dell sees light at end of tunnel

Night Rider News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - Michael Dell said he thinks he's seen the worst of the slump in computer demand but said it's still uncertain when technology spending will fully recover.

The recovery is a matter of when, not if, Dell said this week as Dell Computer Corp. reported fourth-quarter profits were 5 percent greater than the year-ago period.

"There are 164 million computer systems over 3 years old, and a third of those are in the United States in large companies," Dell said, noting that companies can't put off upgrading their computers forever.

Dell, which continues to build on its position as the world's No. 1 personal computer seller, said unexpected strength in consumer sales pushed its profit to \$456 million, or 17 cents per share in the quarter. Dell's fourth quarter ended Feb. 1. The results were in line with what Wall Street had expected.

The company made \$434 million, or 16 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago, when profit was dragged down by a charge of \$105 million, or 2 cents

per share, related to layoffs of 1,700 workers.

Total shipments were up 11 percent from last year's fourth quarter and 14 percent from the third quarter.

Consumer PC shipments increased more than 50 percent from a year ago on the heels of aggressive pricing and a popular advertising campaign. Server shipments increased 27 percent.

For the year, Dell's net earnings were \$1.25 billion compared with \$2.18 billion in fiscal 2001.

Absent charges, Dell's earnings for fiscal 2002 were \$1.78 billion, or 65 cents per share.

The new Twin Falls employer said it expects first-quarter shipments and revenue to be down 3 percent to 5 percent, falling to about \$7.7 billion or \$7.8 billion. That's less than the traditional post-holiday dropoff of 10 percent. Earnings per share are expected to be 16 cents, down a penny from the previous year and in line with estimates by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial's First Call.

Company officials are confident technology spending will recover, but declined to predict when.

"In the fourth quarter, we saw

some glimmer of hope the market had bottomed, and we saw some beginnings of improvement," said President Kevin Rollins.

"It's too early for us to go out on a limb and say this thing has turned."

That's welcome news to Wall Street.

"They're seeing things stabilizing, which is encouraging, because that's the first time they've said that," said Andrew Neff, an analyst at Bear Stearns.

In the meantime, Dell continues to focus on taking market share from its rivals and cutting its costs.

Rollins said he thinks Dell can make even bigger efficiency gains than it did a year ago, when it laid off 13 percent of its workers and when the price of computer parts fell about 50 percent.

The company is tuning up the efficiency of its manufacturing plants. The newest facilities, such as those on Farmer Lane in Northeast Austin, have 60 percent greater output capacity than older plants.

The company said this week it is retooling a plant in Nashville,

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The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.

Alysia Kay Geer, 633 Quincy St., Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40132.

Ignacio V. Rocha and Enita Ford Rocha, 1800 Hansen Ave., Burley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40134.

Stacey Turner, 302 S. C St., Rupert, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40152.

Famela Marie Dodge, 231 N. Fair Ave., Filer, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40153.

Amy Joelle Ojler, 750 Sparks, No. 7, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-

40159.

Brace Slaughter and Janet Slaughter, 3921 N. 3500 E., Kimberly, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40161.

Salvador Chavella, 731 E. Crox St., Apt. 22, Halley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40181.

Curtis K. Fairchild, 2005 Foleine Road, Oakley, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40183.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Jerome Holcomb and Reava Holcomb, 18049 U.S. Highway 30, Hagerman, joint, non-business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40131.

Letha Santana, 530 N. Tiger Drive, Richfield, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40133.

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MONEY

Travel to Idaho capital slowly improves

BOISE (AP) - People are slowly beginning to travel again, but Sept. 11 and the recession still seem to be a drag on business and leisure travel.

Meanwhile, December room tax at hotels and motels within the Auditorium District showed a 5-percent drop.

room tax numbers. An explanation, both Matthews and Holley said, could be that business and leisure travelers may be taking road trips when possible rather than flying on short regional trips.

Elderly have several options to order their affairs

Los Angeles Times Q: What advice do you have for an elderly person who has no one to handle her affairs should she become incapacitated? Is this a service that a bank would be willing to provide?

help you find care and manage your finances. You can hire a manager through the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers at www.caremanager.org or by calling (520) 861-8008.

back before the estate is divided. The only asset my parents have is their house, worth about \$140,000 with \$80,000 left on the mortgage.

Unemployment

Continued from B7 Giddy language for an economist? Perhaps, but not all of the valley shares in the upside.

January closure of a fresh-pack operator and Burley retailers' significant post-holiday layoffs, Rogers said.

those job losses in some cases. "All in all, we have a lot to be thankful for," Rogers said.

Jobless

Continued from B7 nesses slashed another 89,000 jobs from their payrolls. Job losses the previous three months, however, averaged 311,000 a month.

While analysts emphasized that 14,500 more people were working in January than in January 2001, that was the smallest year-to-year job growth since 2000.

In Bannock County alone. Again, the new jobs gravitated to western and northern Idaho. Of the 17,600 created last month, more than 9,000 were in Ada, Canyon, Kootenai and Twin Falls counties.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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Dell advertisement: 'The company also is increasing its service capability. But its service business is small compared to competitors such as IBM Corp., and Dell remains on the hunt to buy a professional services firm. Company officials have said for nearly a year they're interested in an acquisition. But they've given no indication that the deal is imminent. But analysts continue to question when and how Dell will decrease its reliance on PCs, which account for more than half its revenue. Dell has won what has become a zero-sum game in PCs, taking customers in a market where sales declined about 7 percent last year of double-digit growth. Dell's aggressive price cutting has permanently changed the economics of the industry, forcing some rivals, such as Micron Electronics Inc., out of the PC business, and severely crippling others, such as Gateway Inc. Dell's pricing advantage in PCs, as Intel-based servers, also is being made a factor in Compaq Computer Corp.'s decision to be acquired by Hewlett-Packard Co. 'In the U.S. corporate market, we have more share than the rest of the world's competitors combined,' Dell said. 'We're gaining share, and they're losing share. We're profitable, and they're not. That tells the story.'

Bankruptcies advertisement: 'Betsy Jo Cooper, 711 W. 21, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40141. Chris Allen Kitch, 1718 11 St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40142. Robert H. Parish and Amanda E. Shuck, also known as Amanda E. Twichell, 859 Shennandoah, No. 10, Halley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40143. David Ruiz and Esperanza Ruiz, 545 E. Clark, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40144. Robert Lee Stubbfield and Annette Louise Stubbfield, 126 Brookline N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40145. Guy Tolman and Penny Knutson-Tolman, 528 Riverside Drive Jurty, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40146.'

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NATION

Retired Air Force sergeant pleads innocent to attempted espionage

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A man accused of conspiring to spy for Iraq's Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to federal charges and his lawyer asked for a jury trial.

Attorney Nina Ginsberg entered the plea on behalf of the 39-year-old Regan before U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton in a brief appearance.

It wasn't his first appearance here in court in this Washington suburb. "The retired Air Force sergeant had been charged with attempted espionage on behalf of an unidentified country last October, and pleaded innocent to that charge. In the 10-count indictment made public this week, Regan was accused of attempting to hand over U.S. secrets, not only to Saddam, but to China and Libya as well.

Wearing a green prison jumpsuit, Regan said nothing during Friday's court appearance, sitting quietly at his lawyer's side.

Study says some classes cover material too quickly

WASHINGTON — Accelerated high school courses in math and science cover a "smorgasbord" of material too quickly and superficially, sacrificing students' in-depth understanding of a few important topics, a new government study said.

The study, by the National Academies of Science and Engineering, took two years to look at the College Board's Advanced Placement math and science courses, which are taken each year by thousands of high school students for college credit. The study also looked at the International Baccalaureate courses, offered by a separate organization of the same name.

"The primary aim of programs such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate should be to help students achieve a deep understanding of the content and unifying ideas of a science or math discipline," said Jerry P. Gollub, a physics professor at Haverford College and a leader of the committee that looked at the courses.

He said the Advanced Placement chemistry course, for instance, should afford students not just an understanding of atoms, but should give them a chance to "analyze, synthesize, analyze information, argue about ideas, and solve problems," he said. "Simply exposing students to advanced material or duplicating college courses is not by itself a satisfactory goal."

Case of missing 7-year-old drags on in California

SAN DIEGO — Nearly two weeks after a 7-year-old girl disappeared, police again searched the home of a neighbor they have called a potential suspect in the case.

Detectives spent more than five hours at the home of David Westfield on Wednesday night and carried out several boxes, but declined to say if they had uncovered anything important.

Police Capt. Ron Newham stressed that investigators were not preparing to make an immediate arrest.

Brenda and Damon van Dam have offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to their daughter's safe return. Danielle was last seen on Feb. 1 when her father put her to bed in the family's home, about 20 miles north of downtown.

Westfield, who lives two doors down from the van Dam family, has had his home searched several times and has given authorities a DNA sample that was sent to an FBI crime lab for analysis. Police have also seized a motor home belonging to the 49-year-old self-employed engineer.

Police arrest two at Arizona boot camp on abuse charges

PHOENIX — The director of a boot camp for troubled youngsters was arrested on murder and child-abuse charges Friday in the death of a teen-age camper who collapsed in the 111-degree heat last summer.

Charles Long II, 56, was also charged with aggravated assault for allegedly pulling a knife on a camper, and marijuana possession, for a quarter-pound of the drug found in his bedroom closet.

The second-degree murder charge was filed over the death of 14-year-old Anthony Haynes. He died July 1 while attending a five-week boot camp operated by the America's Buffalo Soldiers Re-enactors Association.

Camp sergeant Ray Anderson, 39, was also arrested Friday and charged with child abuse for allegedly spanking, stomping, beating and whipping more than 14 children.

Nation in brief

Church releases names in sexual misconduct cases

MANCHESTER, N.H. — In a growing scandal for the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Manchester on Friday named 14 priests accused of sexual misconduct with children over a quarter-century.

The Diocese of Manchester, which covers New Hampshire, gave the names to prosecutors and the public after reviewing its internal records for reports of abuse.

"What I report is sad in one way because it is about sin, sickness and crime," Manchester Bishop John B. McCormack said Friday. "And yet in another way it is hopeful news in that our church and community will know that no priest is now serving in ministry who has to our know-

edge engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor."

The announcement came as the Archdiocese of Boston has identified 80 priests in Massachusetts in recent weeks as having abused children over the past 40 years. Dozens of lawsuits have been filed there against the church and some priests, including McCormack, a top church official in Boston before he took the Manchester post in 1998.

Some of the Massachusetts law-

suits accuse Cardinal Bernard Law and other leaders there of knowing about allegations of sexual assaults but failing to respond.

Man uses heroin as starch to smuggle drug into Florida

ORLANDO, Fla. — Colombian drug smugglers used heroin as starch for shirts and blue jeans and hired a man to bring the drug-soaked clothes into Florida,

according to federal court documents.

Customs Service inspectors stopped Alejandro Mejia Garcia at Orlando International Airport on Feb. 5 and noticed the unusually stiff clothes, which smelled of vinegar and left a trail of white powder, according to court documents.

Mejia was charged with smuggling heroin and held Thursday without bail.

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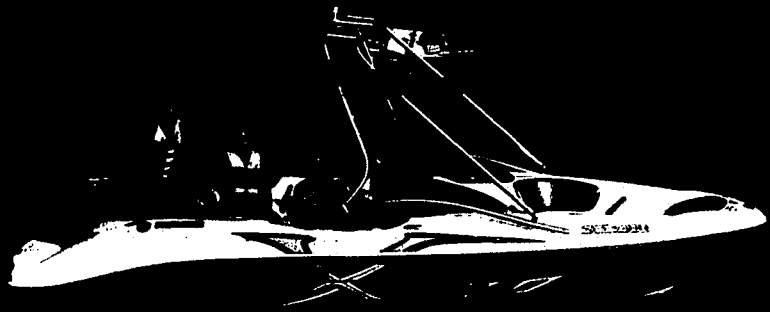
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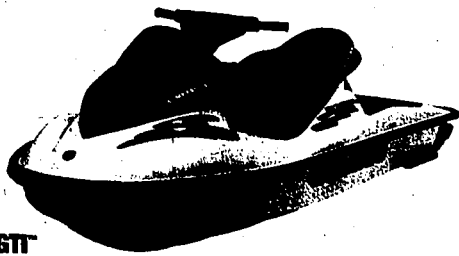
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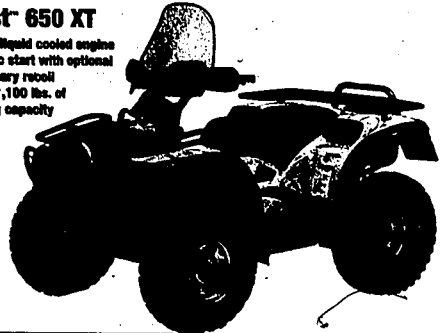


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A dog belonging to a German soldier and member of the international peace-keeping forces in Afghanistan bites an Afghan, during riots prior to a soccer match in Kabul's main stadium on Friday.

Melee breaks out at start of soccer match in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Swinging rifle butts, Afghan police beat back an unruly crowd pushing into Kabul's main soccer stadium, bloodying many, in a melee that marred a goodwill game Friday between peacekeepers and an Afghan team.

As a pre-game ceremony went on inside the packed stadium, thousands of people outside tried to fight their way through the gates, and police waded into the crowd. Austrian peacekeepers used fire extinguishers and guard dogs to try to keep back the crowds.

Police fired warning shots in the air and beat people with tree branches, strips of rubber, the butts of their rifles and - in at least one case - a grenade launcher. Fifty Afghans were treated for injuries, mostly to the head, said German medics. Five peacekeepers were also injured when hit by fist-sized rocks thrown at them by the crowd.

None of the injuries was critical, said Capt. Graham Dunlop, the British spokesman for the peacekeeping force. The match went ahead, and the violence started to wane once play began. The peacekeepers won 3-1.

But the chaos was an ugly start to a match that symbolized the rehabilitation of Kabul's stadium, which under the former Taliban regime was used for public executions. The headline Islamic militia also amputated the hands of criminals in the stadium - often displaying the severed limbs to the crowd. Last year, two suspected bombers were hanged from the goal posts.

During the melee, a Gurkha band played inside the stadium in a pre-game ceremony. "We are struggling to move Afghanistan step by step toward peace," Information and Culture Minister Raheem Makhdoom said over the stadium loudspeakers.

Milosevic says he will call Clinton, others to testify

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - Heatedly rejecting charges of mass murder and deportations, Slobodan Milosevic said Friday he will call former President Clinton and a host of world leaders to testify that he was the man who brought peace to the Balkans.

After an exhaustive two-day narrative to the U.N. war crimes tribunal, the lines of the former Yugoslav president's defense were clear: he is the victim, not the villain, and his judges and Western governments are conspirators in crimes against the Serbs.

Milosevic said that among those he intends to summon are Clinton, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, and leaders from Germany and Italy.

"I am going to use my right to request the examination and cross-examination of witnesses who were direct actors in all the events," Milosevic said, referring to his meetings with Western leaders during the 1991-1999 wars in the Balkans.

The court said Milosevic has the right to call witnesses in his defense against the charges of genocide in Bosnia and crimes against humanity in Croatia and Kosovo. But he must satisfy the court that they are relevant to his defense before it will issue the subpoenas.

The judges would issue the summons to the government of the potential witness, and it

would be up to that country to serve the subpoenas and ensure that it was complied with, say court officials. In the case of a refusal, the court could ultimately notify the U.N. Security Council, which has the power to impose international sanctions on countries.

At a news conference in Rome, Blair said, "The tactics of Mr. Milosevic are very obvious." Blair declined to comment on Milosevic's demand that he testify, saying he did not want to comment on a trial in progress.

Milosevic, 60, could face life imprisonment if convicted of any of 66 charges against him in what is seen as the most important war crimes trial since World War II. It is the first head of state to be charged with war crimes while in power.

Milosevic recalled that he was praised as a peacemaker when he signed - under Clinton's pressure - the 1995 Dayton peace accord, which ended the Bosnian war. Four years later, he was indicted for war crimes for his bloody crackdown against ethnic Albanians in the Serb province of Kosovo. At that time, NATO was in the midst of a 78-day campaign of airstrikes to force Serb troops to leave Kosovo.

"How is it that I had overall support in '95, '96 and '97 and now, a whole decade later, I become the object of charges none other than genocide?" he said. He spoke in Serbian throughout his presentation.

Afghan leader accuses government officials of killing aviation minister

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Prime Minister Hamid Karzai accused six senior government officials of killing the country's aviation minister and said Friday that they were motivated by a long-standing feud. Three were arrested and the others were being sought in Saudi Arabia.

The officials include generals and members of the intelligence service and the justice ministry, said Karzai's information minister, Abdul Rahim Makhdoom.

The aviation and tourism minister, Abdul Rahman, was killed Thursday in what appeared to be a mob attack on his plane at Kabul's airport by pilgrims angry over delays in their travel to Saudi Arabia for the annual hajj, or Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca. Witnesses and officials

said pilgrims beat the minister to death and tossed his body to the tarmac.

The brutal slaying had raised fears over the ability of Karzai's government to keep public order in post-Taliban Afghanistan. But Karzai's comments suggested a darker problem: that factional divisions his government has vowed to end were turning bloody within his administration.

Karzai said the attack had "nothing to do with" the pilgrims.

"He was killed by people who planned it," Karzai told reporters at a hastily called news conference. "We are asking the Serbs to arrest them and bring them back... We will try them. We will put them behind bars."

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Focus on marriage to fix divorce culture

The revolution is over, and the results are mixed. No-fault divorce, a radical change in how most states dissolve marriages, has not produced the painless division that most had hoped for.

The idea was to reduce the personal rancor, the legal wrangling and the collateral damage to children by couples who decide to dissolve their marriages. At least, that was the intention back in the 1970s when states began enacting such laws: Why keep an unhappy spouse - especially an abused one - in a miserable relationship? Make a clean break with no fault assigned, so each person can move on with his or her life.

The revolutionary result? A spouse can get out of a bad marriage more easily. And in many cases, that's a good thing. But there is still collateral damage.

"The spouse who leaves learns that love dies. The spouse who is left learns that love betrays and that the courts and society side with the betrayers," writes Maggie Gallagher of the Center for American Values, who opposes no-fault divorce. In no-fault divorces, she notes, "the only rule is: Whoever wants out, wins." But at what price?

"No child has experienced relief from a divorce, except when they are very, very frightened," Judith Wallerstein said in a Contra Costa Times story. Wallerstein's research ("The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce: A 25-Year Landmark Study") found that children of divorce never fully recover from it and often have a difficult time establishing adult relationships.

As a result, today's young adults, many of whom have divorced parents, are more wary of - and ignorant about - marriage than earlier generations. After all, who has shown them the importance, the benefits and the joy of a committed relationship?

With nearly one in two marriages ending in divorce, no wonder some states are re-examining their divorce laws and marriage prerequisites.

Case in point: A Kansas legislative committee recently endorsed a bill permitting no-fault divorce only for couples with no dependent children living at home. The bill promises to generate a lot of heat before the smoke clears. But will it salvage broken marriages?

In a society that solves problems by taking the course of least resistance, no-fault divorce reform would be at best a mere quarter-turn of the helix. It's unlikely that we'd agree as a society on reversing direction. So, what needs to happen?

For divorce to be seen as a last (and sometimes necessary) resort, marriage must be viewed as a committed relationship that requires preparation and nurturing. To do that, all hands are needed on deck for success. Schools need to teach family and relational skills that are often missing at home. Community learning about the need for strong families and ways to meet emotional needs, on resolving conflict and on distinguishing between mature love and infatuation should be offered. And students should be encouraged to sign up.

Members of the clergy need to put renewed emphasis on premarital counseling and marriage enrichment opportunities. Programs such as Retrouvaille for troubled marriages, Marriage Encounter groups and other relationship programs should be promoted. Congregations should give as much attention to marriage preparation and maintenance as to their building programs and budgets.

And most important, couples need to take care of their marriages like their most treasured possession. By couples working to make their marriages better every day, children will have a solid foundation on which to build their own relationships. And what could be more enriching and satisfying for a couple?

These efforts won't end divorce, but they'll begin a process of change - from a culture that accepts easy divorce and damages children to one that prizes commitment and enduring marriages.

Wouldn't that be a revolutionary concept?

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

Fellowship offers Bible college

By Dale Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Lighthouse Christian Bible College, on Main Street, is two years old now.

On May 17, it will hold exercises for its first graduating class, and those three graduates will receive certificates of completion in ministry.

Students at the downtown Twin Falls school complete a two-year program. The idea is that many of them will then embark on their own ministries. Ron Heath, the school's administrator, said the college is growing rapidly.

"We registered 41 students this spring," he noted.

Although the Bible college is nondenominational, Heath said, "Students accepted to the college must be born-again Christians. That is the one primary requirement for admission. We exclude the non-

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- Ron Heath,
administrator of the
Lighthouse Christian
Bible College

believer. Our college is a discipleship school."
The school is designed to help students focus on the personal relation-

ship between them and their creator. It is an outgrowth of another school, which has been held at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship for several years.

This school, in the basement of the church building, serves children from preschool to ninth grade.

"In our school, we also require that at least one parent be a born-again Christian," Heath said. At the Bible college, classes are intended to be transferable throughout the Association of Christian Schools International. If a student wants to transfer a class credit to another Bible college, Heath sends a description of the class and material covered to the prospective college - and "our credits transfer quite readily to other Christian and Bible colleges."

Heath explained, "We haven't tried to get accreditation from the
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Ron Heath is the administrator of Lighthouse Christian Bible College in Twin Falls. He says the college is a discipleship school.

IN THE OLYMPIC SPOTLIGHT

Mormons still struggle to be accepted as denomination

By Bill Broadway
The Washington Post

Moroni, the golden figure atop the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, could become one of the most recognized images of the 2002 Olympics. As medal ceremonies take place near Temple Plaza, cameras will capture a dramatic skyline featuring the angel that Mormons believe brought their religion to the world.

That view is no accident. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided the space for the ceremony arena, carefully chosen so the flagpole temple and angelic icon would be part of every celebration.

While standing as a symbol of the church's growth and success, Moroni also will be a reminder of a belief system that has kept the church from its much-desired goal: recognition as a Christian denomination.

It was Moroni, Mormons say, who 175 years ago handed Joseph Smith a set of golden plates with ancient inscriptions that Smith would later translate and publish as the "Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ." This and other writings became the foundation for one of the most reviled religions of the time, its founder slain by a mob in Illinois and its adherents driven from New York to Utah.

Today, Mormonism is touted as one of the fastest-growing religions in the United States and the world, with many recognized leaders among its ranks. Business notables include J. Willard Marriott Jr., chief executive of the hotel and restaurant empire founded by his father, and Black & Decker CEO Noland D. Archibald.

Sixteen members of Congress, including Senate Majority Whip Harry Reid, D-Nev.; Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah;



A lithograph of founder Joseph Smith's vision of God and Jesus hangs at the Mormon Temple in Kensington, Md. Mormonism is one of the fastest-growing religions in the United States and the world, and its Salt Lake City temple is in the backdrop of Winter Olympics medal ceremonies.

and Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M.; Mormons in the Bush administration include Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee; deputy White

House counsel Tim Flanagan; Kathleen Burton Clarke, director of the Bureau of Land Management; and Jeffrey

Holmstead, an assistant administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. Despite such achievements,

Latter-day Saints get little respect in the religious community. LaMar Sleight, spokesman for the church's Northeast region, said Mormons continue to be surprised and dismayed when people challenge their Christianity. "We are followers of Jesus Christ. We do accept him as the Son of God and Savior of the world. We do worship him," Sleight said. "We study his life. We try to emulate the way he lived and be Christlike in our behavior." He explained, "Our doctrines may differ a little bit" from those of Roman Catholics, Protestants and Eastern Orthodox, but "the central theme is the same."

Mormons practice their faith with admirable intensity. They attend church more regularly than Catholics and Protestants, including members of the burgeoning nondenominational evangelical movement, according to a Barna Research Group survey. They also pray more often than Presbyterians and Catholics and share their faith more often than Lutherans and Methodists. They attend Sunday school twice as often as Baptists and three times as often as Seventh-day Adventists. And they read the Bible at the same rate as the highest-reading groups - Assemblies of God, Pentecostals and nondenominational Protestants.

Such comparisons do not impress Tal Davis, associate for interfaith evangelism at the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Ga.

"I respect Mormons. But I don't believe it is a Christian system," said Davis. "They are a last people. They don't believe in the right God, and they don't believe in the right Jesus Christ."

The basic Mormon belief is that Christianity made a sharp downturn after the death of the Apostles in the first century, moving away from the teachings of Jesus, and the early church was restored after God and Jesus appeared to Smith in 1820 in Palmyra, N.Y. Mormons say Moroni, an ancient resurrected person who had come to the Americas with other Israelites, appeared to Smith and gave him
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Mini-Cassia teen-agers go hungry to help feed the world

By Loraine Carver
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - A group of Mini-Cassia youth will go hungry for 30 hours to help relieve hunger in other parts of the world.

The teens, from evangelical churches participating in the annual World Vision 30-hour Famine, will also be learning about the other parts of the world where children don't have enough to eat, said Praise Chapel youth leader Cheryl Plant.

"The teens will spend their time learning about world issues and, at the same time, find ways to serve their own community," she said. "We are going to Valley Vista Care Center to wash wind-up trucks and out, visit with the residents and share some artwork with them before coming."

Participants in the event ask family and friends to help out by donating \$10. To identify with



Praise Chapel youth leader Troy Collins, right, and a group of teens make some noise at last year's World Vision event.

those who are hungry, the teens go without food for 30 hours. "Through videos, games, special events and involvement in local community service projects, they learn about hunger and what they can do to help," Plant said. Money raised during this year's effort will be used for emergency relief and long-term development

30-hour famine

- 8 p.m. Friday through 7 p.m. Feb. 23
- Mini-Cassia Community Christian Church, 850 J St., Heyburn
- For more information, call Cheryl Plant at 438-8155 after 4 p.m.
- For more about World Vision, visit www.30hourfamine.org

projects in countries such as Tanzania, Peru and the United States - to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

World Vision officials explain the organization's goals: This year, thousands of groups in more than 21 countries - more than 1 million teens - will unite with one goal in mind: to help children living in some of the most deplorable conditions on earth. Countless lives will be impacted and saved. World Vision encourages young

people to "get on board now. This can be the simplest and most effective event you'll do all year to make some noise in your group members' lives."

Amber Plant, a teen who plans to participate in the effort, explains why the event is important to her. "I heard that more than 23,000 children die every day from hunger and other problems," she said. "When I do the 30-hour Famine, I know I can change the lives of children forever."

Participants are expected from several churches. "We're looking for about 100 kids to show up," said Cheryl Plant, who encourages interested teens to contact her. "Many churches are joining together and all are welcome."

Participants will be asked to stop eating at noon Friday. Juice and water will be available, and medical professionals will be on hand. A meal will be served to break the fast.

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RELIGION

MISSIONARIES Church offers special music Sunday

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or are returning from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Jayson Bigler will serve in the New York, Utah Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Wendell 1st Ward chapel, 605 N. Idaho.



Jayson Bigler

Bigler attended kindergarten through high school in Kingman, Ariz., where he played clarinet in marching band, going to state competition two years. He graduated from Gooding High School. His parents are Albert and Sheri Bigler of Wendell.

Elder Heath Blaine Rasmussen will serve in the Argentina Mendoza Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 4th Ward chapel, 205 S. W.



Heath Rasmussen

Rasmussen is the son of M. Arla Rasmussen of Twin Falls and the late Kelly Rasmussen and the grandson of Blaine and Lois Rasmussen of Rupert and Lahar Village of Twin Falls. He graduated in 2002 from Minico High School.

Elder Joshua Ray Bailey, son of Nolan and Dawna Bailey of Heyburn, will serve in the Philippines Cebu Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Heyburn 2nd Ward chapel, 530 Vito Drive.



Joshua Bailey

Elder Bradley Scott Terry will serve in the Mexico Mexico City West Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Springdale 2nd Ward chapel, 200 S. Ward.



Bradley Terry

Terry is a 2000 graduate of Declo High School. His parents are Wendy and Nancy Terry of Burley.

Elder Elliot McMillan, son of Brent and Laurie McMillan of Burley, will serve in the Washington D.C. North Mission. He will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 5th Ward chapel, 2420 Parke Ave.



Elliot McMillan

Returned from serving:

Elder Abram J. Dilworth served in the New York, Utah Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 1st Ward chapel, 806 G St. An open house will follow.

Dilworth also will speak at 10:45 a.m. Feb. 24 at the Millcreek 9th Ward chapel, 4220 S. 420 E. in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Abram Dilworth

Dilworth, the son of William and Karen Dilworth, plans to attend the University of Utah.

Elder Jason Barlow, son of Richard and Brenda Barlow of Heyburn, served in the Canada Winnipeg Mission. He will speak at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Emerson 1st Ward chapel, 550 W. 125 S. in Paul.



Jason Barlow

Elder Jared Giles served in the Venezuela Caracas Mission. He will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hansen Ward chapel, 222 Birch St. in Kimberly.



Jared Giles

Giles graduated from Kimberly High School in 1993. He is the son of Craig and Evelyn Giles of Hansen and an Eagle Scout.

Elder Ryan Brent White served in the Brazil Sao Paulo East Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 1st Ward chapel, 84 S. Eastland Drive N.



Ryan White

White is the son of Brent and Valerie White of Twin Falls and has his back and a handful of dollar bills. Four months pregnant, she wanted to start a new life away from a man who had raped her repeatedly and had been physically, emotionally and sexually abusive.

Rhonda spent the last month of her pregnancy in Parkland Hospital, where she met victim chaplain Gene Grounds. One of a handful of chaplains trained to work with victims nationwide, Grounds coordinates the Dallas-based nonprofit Victim Relief Ministries and is a certified trauma specialist. He recently started a unique program to train chaplains from all religions to minister to crime victims. The operation works with both the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas district attorney's office.

"We have ministries to be incarcerated, the officers who go beyond the yellow tape, but the victims slip through the cracks," he said. "If a chaplain ever worked with a victim, it was to deliver bad news, and it was a one-time thing."

The main goal of victim chaplaincy is to help everyone, regardless of social, political or religious affiliations. That includes responding to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of victims; helping them establish a sense of security and safety; and accompanying them to hospitals, courts and other service-oriented agencies.

Rhonda and Mary Arrington of Twin Falls, both deceased.



John Wilson

Elder John Wilson and Shier Drina Wilson served in the California O. A. L. and L. and L. Mission. They will speak Sunday at the Klamath 1st Ward chapel.



Shier Drina Wilson

The Wilsons served as a senior couple at the Oakland Temple Visitor's Center. They previously served in Eagle and Fremont, Ariz. Drina is the daughter of LeRoy and Mary Arrington of Twin Falls, both deceased.

TWIN FALLS - Special music Sunday at Rock Creek Community Church, in the shared facility Seventh-day Adventist Church at 131 Grandview Drive, will feature pianist Doug Wright and vocalist Burt Hult.

Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Temptation Island" at 10 a.m. worship. A coffee fellowship will follow. Sunday school for all ages starts at 9 a.m.

Missionary, wife will give slide presentation

HEYBURN - Dr. Paul Dearing and his wife, Ruth, will give a slide presentation and talk about their 2001 missionary work in Cambodia at 6 p.m. today at the Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1250 Alfreco Road.

The Dearing's are preparing to return to Cambodia this summer. The public is invited.

Lutheran church will hold services Tuesdays

SHOSHONE - New Hope Lutheran Church will hold worship services under the leadership of intern J.J. Dyer at 7 p.m. Tuesdays during Lent, Feb. 19-March 7.

Services will include dramatic readings. Suppers of soup and bread

Program trains chaplains to help victims

DALLAS - Rhonda arrived at the domestic violence shelter in Dallas in February 2001 with little more than the clothes on her back and a handful of dollar bills.

By Kristin Holland The Dallas Morning News

Church news

will be served at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the Jennings house next to the church. The church meets at Christ Church Episcopal, corner of Highway 93 and West B Street.

The public is invited. For more information, call 886-7000.

St. Jerome's Church holds Lenten lunches

JEROME - St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., is holding its annual Lenten Lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 22-March 22.

Homemade soups, sandwiches and pie will be available for \$4 per person.

The public is invited. For more information, call 324-8794.

Rupert Methodist church will use theme for services

RUPERT - The Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., will use the theme, "The Cup," for Lent and Easter services.

Pastor Keith Wise will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 17-March 31. His topics include "My Cup Overflows," "What's in Your Cup" (with people bringing special cups)

and "The Cup of Salvation." Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 a.m. March 31 at the Bob and Margaret Cameron home.

Lenten lunches for the community are set for next Tuesdays, Feb. 15-March 26, with speakers Jean Wise, Bob Newman, Jana Park, Chris Kelley, the St. Nicholas Mission group and Wise. A freewill offering will be taken for the Africa University Student Scholarship Fund.

The public is invited. For more information, call 436-3354.

Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts Lenten soup suppers

TWIN FALLS - Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave., is hosting Lenten Soup Suppers and Services every Wednesday, Feb. 20-March 20.

Supper begins at 6 p.m.; freewill offerings will be accepted. Services are at 7 p.m., with dramatic readings on "The Power of His Last Words." All are welcome.

Sunday morning worship starts at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for preschool through junior high and adult education begins at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Dan Reike is leading the adult study, Phillip Yancey's "What's So Amazing About Grace?"

So the longtime friends wrote the interactive self-help book, "30 Days: Turning the Hearts of Parents and Teenagers Toward Each Other" (Josiah Press, \$19.95). The book provides families with a simple, 30-day ritual to follow.

The parent and child sit in a room with no distractions, light a candle, open the book and break the seal on the envelope marked specifically for each day. Inside the envelope are separate instructions for parent and child.

Day 1 breaks the ice. It asks the parent to tell the "student" (the authors say teens and young adults do not like to be called "children") that he or she is "committing 30 evenings to you because you're incredibly important to me."

The authors believe that what is missing between parents and their teens and young adults is a "new" connection. Living in a fast-paced society in which many families rarely sit together for a meal takes its toll, they said. And young people are hurt by that missing heart connection.

Ross is the architect of the internationally known True Loves

Presbyterian church holds children's activity days

Buhl - Children's activity days will be held from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Buhl Presbyterian Church, 516 Main.

Children under age 12 are invited. Activities include foosball, air hockey, ping-pong and light chores. Snacks will be served. Admission is free.

Prophecy seminar will take place at fellowship

TWIN FALLS - Tim LaHaye's Prophecy Seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 22-24 at the Christian Life Fellowship, 450 Third Ave. W.

The seminar discusses the best-selling book series "Left Behind," a fictional account of earth's "last days" as foretold in the Bible.

The public is invited. For more information, call 733-7241.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Relationships can change in 30 days

By Berta Deigado The Dallas Morning News

Ten minutes a day for 30 days can strengthen a relationship between a parent and a child.

Just ask the Rev. Richard Ross, the Rev. Gus Reyes and their 13-year-old sons.

For years, the two men have worked with youth in churches, and seen how strained relationships between teens and their parents can become. It's a cycle, they said. Parents get preoccupied. When they become distracted, the warmth and the intimacy with their child stops. And it causes pain.

Teenagers hate pain, the men said. Teens often make the pain stop by pushing parents away. Then, whatever a parent wishes to teach a teen about faith or values or morality is lost.

"For decades, we've been helping teens survive bad homes," said Ross, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. "We thought it was time to change the home, rather than just teach them to survive."

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a set of gold plates. The resulting Book of Mormon tells of Jesus' appearance to believers in North America after his resurrection and his promise, on his second coming, to build the New Jerusalem here.

The effort to amend the accepted canon of the Old and New Testaments - and the belief that scriptural revelation is ongoing - has never sat well with Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox Christians, part of the 2,000-year-old tradition the Mormons reject.

Historical Christianity, beginning with the First Council of Nicaea in 325, teaches that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are the same spiritual entity, the Trinity. But Mormonism teaches that God and Jesus are separate, physical gods and that the Holy Ghost resides in each believer as his or her conscience. The church also teaches that every faithful Mormon has the potential of becoming a god

and creator of his own world. Most traditional churches require baptism of Mormon converts to their faith - the same way Mormons require converts from other churches to be rebaptized.

And last year, the Vatican issued an unprecedented ruling stating that Mormon baptisms are invalid. Even the Presbyterian Church (USA), one of the country's more liberal groups, subscribes to a decade-old document that declared Mormonism a "new and emerging religious tradition distinct from the historical apostolic tradition" and requiring that Mormons be rebaptized if they want to become Presbyterians.

Practice in the Episcopal Church varies by diocese, said the Rev. Lee Shaw, a former Mormon who is now a priest at St. James Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City. Shaw said he encourages Mormons who want to become Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians or members of other sects to be baptized in the new faith as

part of a "healing sacrament," since "many come out of church wounded, with unpleasant memories and unpleasant stories." Mormons are told that if they leave the church, they will no longer be allowed to be with their families for eternity, Shaw said.

Meanwhile, the LDS Church is adding about 300,000 members a year through the work of more than 60,000 missionaries. Sleight said. Growth is particularly strong in other countries: Membership overseas is 5.9 million, compared with 5.2 million in the United States.

Still, proselytizing will be all but absent in Salt Lake City during the Winter Games if adherents heed the direction of Gordon Hinckley, the church's 91-year-old president and living prophet. According to a church spokesperson, Hinckley "has said repeatedly ... that the church and its members will be good hosts, working as part of the community to support the 2002 Winter Olympics."

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state because we don't take non-believers and we do not want to be forced to do so."

Student registration literature states that the college is registered according to Idaho code with the state board of education.

"We are not accredited as such and are not seeking accreditation, so as to remain free from outside control and remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit," literature states.

"We believe the credibility of

LCB College is not in accreditation, but in the fruitfulness and surrendered lives of the students who have attended."

The focus of the school is to equip those called into the ministry and to deepen people's walk with the Lord, Heath said. The class curriculum is designed to expand Biblical knowledge.

Classes are offered on the books of Revelations, John, Genesis, Acts, Hebrews, 1 and 2 Timothy, Romans, Isaiah, Galatians, Ephesians, Titus Matthew,

Daniel and Psalms. There are also classes on the Old Testament and New Testament, classes in Greek and computer classes. There is even a field-trip class, called "Mission Outreach and Evangelism."

Tuition runs \$550, plus books and supplies, for full-time students or \$40 per credit, plus books and supplies, for part-time students. Some financial assistance is available for students in financial need. For more information, call 737-4667.

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Easter In Church On Friday, March 22, and Sunday, March 24, The Times-News will publish a special church page of Easter activities. This page gives the Magic Valley churches the opportunity to share their unique and spiritual services that surround the Easter holiday. Watch for our special Easter page welcoming those seeking a place of worship. It may be the start of a special and lasting relationship! ADVERTISING DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 18 PUBLICATION: FRIDAY, MARCH 22 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 24 If you are interested in being on this page please contact Karen at (208) 735-3270 The Times-News



Find out How at Christian Life Fellowship People all over are talking about the controversial, best-selling book series "Left Behind" a fictional account of earth's "last days" as foretold in the Bible. Plagues, global government, the "rapture" - are these end-time real and could they impact you? Be our guest at Christian Life Fellowship as we explore this fascinating subject. We can face our future with confidence, regardless of changing. Tim LaHaye's Prophecy Seminar February 21-24 Time: 7 pm Christian Life Fellowship 450 3rd Avenue West, Twin Falls, Id 83301 Pastor: Keith McCann M.A. 208-733-7241

'Difficult people' in church

Psychologist organizes seminar for religious leaders

By Stephen Scott
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

NEW BRIGHTON, Minn. — The two dozen people gathered around the conference tables don't look worried. They laugh knowingly at one another's stories. They relax a day away from the office. They speak freely of their faith and spirituality.

But the seminar is a kind of group therapy. They are clergy, leaders and members of churches and synagogues talking about what might be hush-hush back home: How to deal with "difficult people" in the parish. The difficult person might be the head usher caught changing the attendance numbers after the service. The retired pastor who exerts an uncomfortable influence on a previous congregation. The disenchanted church treasurer who refuses to pay the pastor. Or parishioners who are demeaning, threatening, aggressive, intimidating or just plain impolite.

Mark Sundby has seen them all, as a licensed psychologist and ordained pastor who works as a sort of theological career counselor in New Brighton. He was able to discuss the common types of difficult behavior in congregations, such as the hostile-aggressive intimidator, the eternal brawler member with a bent toward control, even those who are "Christian nice" — never complaining or saying no but masking their true feelings and avoiding anything that might lead to conflict.

Characteristics of difficult people

- Highly critical but not constructive.
- Not willing to change for no clearly articulated reason.
- eager to control and dominate in every situation.
- Driven by their own agendas and going to any lengths to accomplish them.
- Adversarial, always viewing conflict as "us" vs. "them."
- Seeing everyone except themselves as the cause of all problems.
- Taking ownership of too many aspects of congregational life.
- Having unhealthy needs for attention.
- Acting out during times of stress because of chronic anxiety or low pain thresholds.
- Clinging to past histories and hurts in the congregation.
- Coping poorly with change.
- Willingly taking on too many responsibilities to the point of ineffectiveness.
- Gossiping or rumor mongering.

Sundby organized a seminar last week at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. It just as easily could have been a seminar for business people or government employees.

All organizations must deal with difficult internal behavior. But in the congregation, people are supposed to love everybody. You can't fire the troublemakers. And no matter who is involved in the conflict, the pastor still is supposed to pastor everyone, and the parishioners are to be in ministry to one another.

"I think it's a very fair comparison of the church to a family

system," Sundby said. "There certainly are generational issues, parental figures, testing of limits, and the like. Like families, congregational systems wish to maintain the status quo and will transfer their anxiety onto something else (often the pastor) rather than deal with the real issue. If we're all focused on the pastor — or the controversy over the color of the carpet — we avoid having to deal with the real issues between ourselves as congregational members."

The seminar identified common sources of parish conflict:

Books about trouble in congregations

- "Healthy Congregations" and "How Your Church Family Works," by Peter Stefnik.
- "Thank You for Being Such a Pain: Spiritual Guidance for Dealing with Difficult People," by Mark I. Rosen.
- "Never Call Them Jerks," by Arthur Paul Boers.
- "Moving Your Church Through Conflict," by Speed Less.
- Matthew 18: The New Testament Biblical story about handling grievances.
- "God Help Me: Making Peace with Difficult People," by G.K. Popcak.

responding to the pastor or rabbi in ways that really reflect other relationships or issues in their lives.

• Expectations. The congregation expecting leaders to be omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent, or clergy expecting the congregation to be just like (or unlike) their last one.

• Idealism. Leaders or parishioners becoming discouraged when parish life doesn't match their hopes and dreams. Often, it comes down to old-fashioned power struggles and turf wars, or that some types of people just push other people's buttons. And "difficult people" in the church often are reflecting difficulties elsewhere in their own lives.

• Focus. Ills act as viruses in the life of the congregation.

• Secrecy. Often under the guise of confidentiality. "A lot of people are saying..." How many is a lot? Two or three? (Some congregations won't even entertain complaints that are anonymous.)

• Accusations, either about the pastor, rabbi, congregational leaders or members. Often prove to be unrelated to the real issue or unfounded.

• Lies and rumors. Often used to elicit a defensive response.

• Triangulation. Instead of Person A talking to Person B about a problem between the two of them, Person A talks to Person C.

Among the coping strategies Sundby offered was the need to bring clarity to any conflict.

"Sometimes we may have to use the 'Colombo technique,'" he said, flicking his temple with curled fingers in a Peter Falk and asking, "Am I wrong here, or is something going on here?"

Conservatives fight gay clergy

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

The voting will run nearly till Easter, but any day now conservatives will win a big victory in a fight over actively homosexual clergy that has bitterly divided the 3.6-million-member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The balloting concerns a second attempt by liberals to repeal the tightly worded section 6.0106b of the church constitution. Added in 1997, it effectively bans gays from holding any positions of authority in the church. It says the clergy, and lay officeholders, too, must "live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness."

Since October, the church's regional legislatures (presbyteries) have been voting on whether to repeal or keep the ban, with a decision requiring agreement by 87 of the 173 presbyteries. This week, the tally on the independent www.presbyweb.com site showed 78 presbyteries voting against repeal, 35 in favor.

Even those who wanted to overturn the gay clergy ban are acknowledging the cause is lost — this time.

Pamela Byers of San Francisco, executive director of the pro-repeal Covenant Network, estimates 43 percent of presbytery delegates voted her way. With more education, repeal will occur within 10 years, she thinks. Liberals also take solace in the idea that future clergy could be influenced by Bible professors at Presbyterian seminaries, a majority of whom have endorsed repealing the ban. In addition, the church judiciary has allowed

congregations to conduct blessings for same-sex couples, so long as they aren't called marriages.

But conservatives are happy that, while the original gay ban was ratified by only 57 percent of presbyteries, 67 percent rejected the first repeal attempt and even more will do so this time.

"Folks say, 'We want to kill this thing and we want to kill it dead,'" said Parker Williamson of the conservative Presbyterian Lay Committee in Lenoir, N.C.

At the heart of the dispute is a basic disagreement over how to interpret the Bible. To cope with that, last year's national assembly established a task force to seek unity. Oddly, it's unclear whether this panel will address sexual morals, but until it reports in 2005, the focus will shift from legislation to the church judiciary.

The next test case involves presbytery clergy ordinations and the Rev. Kathleen Morrison, the first openly homosexual Presbyterian to be ordained since the so-called "fidelity and chastity" law went into effect. Redwoods presbytery, the California coast from Marin County north to Oregon, ordained Morrison Oct. 21 to be a field organizer for More Light Presbyterians, a caucus working for "full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people." Conservatives in Redwoods presbytery, and the presbytery based in Visalia, Calif., filed complaints seeking to overturn Morrison's ordination. Eventually the matter will reach the church's supreme court. Morrison has moved to Cambridge, Mass., where she lives with a partner.

RELIGION LETTER

Man has the right to quote

Regarding Kristi Dewnsup's letter: It is seldom that I find myself in agreement with Mr. Walsh, as most of his letters seem to consist of circular reasoning, suppositions and outright baldness. However, I must support Mr. Walsh's right to quote directly from authoritative LDS leaders and doctrines. If Dewnsup finds LDS doctrine, as quoted by Walsh, to be "misleading, irrelevant, blasphemous" in his interpretation, she is laying these characteristics in the lap of the authorities who have taught and still teach them.

I would challenge Dewnsup to come forward with one statement from Mr. Walsh that was not true and accurate. Could it be that Dewnsup is ashamed and is trying to hide the truth?
BEVERLY J. FRAZIER
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Recession, fear of attacks keep pilgrims from Mecca

By Tarek Al-Isawi
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Each year, roughly 2 million of Islam's 1 billion adherents worldwide make their way to Mecca for a pilgrimage that is a pillar of their faith. Saudi Arabian authorities expect about the same number of people to perform the hajj — or pilgrimage — next week, but the travelers will find their journey less crowded and security much tighter when they arrive.

Many people have opted to stay away from Mecca this year, either because they fear more terrorist attacks in the wake of Sept. 11 or due to the global economic recession.

"The number of pilgrims from the Indian subcontinent, especially India and Pakistan, has decreased by 25 to 30 percent, mainly because they can't afford it," said Saeed Abdul Razzak, director of the Haramain Pilgrimage Campaign. "The cost for citizens from these countries has increased by 50 percent." Saudi authorities have tried to reassure Muslims that everything possible is being done to ensure a safe and smooth pilgrimage, but Razzak expects just half of the nearly 50,000 North American and European pilgrims who performed the hajj last year.

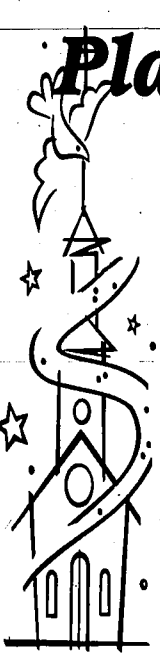
The pilgrimage to Mecca, birthplace of the Prophet Muhammad and home to Islam's holiest shrine, is one of the five pillars of Islam. Muslims who are able-bodied and can afford the trip are required to do it once in their lifetime. The hajj begins Wednesday.

Men dressed in white, seamless garments and women wearing white robes covering everything but their face and hands will converge on Mecca, where they will circle the Kaaba, the large cubic stone structure that Muslims face during their five daily prayers. From Mecca, the pilgrims head toward Mina, a small tent city, then journey to Mount Arafat — 10 miles southwest of Mecca — where Muslims believe that Muhammad gave his last sermon 14 centuries ago. At Mount Arafat, the pilgrims chant the words "Here I am, oh Almighty, here I am."

The pilgrims trek to the nearby plain of Muzdalifah at sunset to collect pebbles for the symbolic ritual of "stoning the devil" in Mina the next day. Then they perform the ritual of sacrifice, slaughtering a camel, sheep or cow to mark the beginning of Eid al-Adha, the "Feast of the Sacrifice." They remain in Mina for two more days to again perform the stoning of the devil ritual, then a "farewell circling" of the Kaaba.

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Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

MY GRAMPA SAYS THAT WHEN HE WAS SMALL, AND GOT SICK, THE DOCTOR GAVE HIM BABY ASPIRIN...

LAST WEEK HIS CARDIOLOGIST TOLD HIM HE SHOULD TAKE ONE BABY ASPIRIN EVERY DAY...

GRAMPA SAYS THAT SOMEHOW HE HAS THE FEELING HE'S NOT GETTING ANYPLACE...

Dilbert By Scott Adams

YOUR TRIP IS CANCELED.

WE USED UP THE TRAVEL BUDGET RENAMING OUR CALL CENTERS TO "CONTACT CENTERS."

BUT I NEED THIS TRAINING.

ISN'T THAT ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING YOU'RE IGNORANT?

B.C. By Johnny Hart

GLADIATOR.

HOW THE CANNIBAL FELT AFTER POLISHING OFF HIS DESPICABLE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Garfield By Jim Davis

I HAVE ALL MY TOOLS, GARFIELD.

TIME TO TACKLE THOSE HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS.

I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING ELECTRICAL...

COULD YOU FIX SOME FOOD UP AHEAD?

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

... AND NOW FOR THE VIAGRA UPDATE...

BOY! THEY SURE HAVE A LOT OF WAYS TO SNEAK COMMERCIALS IN ON YOU!

CLICK

THAT CHANNEL CHANGE WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW MUCH FOR THE WAGON?

FIFTY CHICKENS AND A BUSHEL OF WHEAT.

DOESN'T ANYONE USE CASH ANYMORE?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

DOES YOUR DOG HAVE PAPERS?

NAW...

HE'S HAD NO USE FOR PAPERS SINCE HE WAS A PUP AND WE WERE TRYING TO HOUSEBREAK HIM!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WHAT'S THAT?

MY "STAR-SPANGLED SPECIAL."

I'VE NEVER SEEN RED, WHITE AND BLUE STEW BEFORE.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

I'VE SEEN IT USED. IT'S SOME SORT OF "HUMBLING" DEVICE.

The Born Loser By Art Sanson & Chip

BRITUS, WEREN'T YOU GOING TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS THIS WEEKEND?

NO... NEXT WEEKEND, GLADYS!

NEVER PUT OFF TIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN PUT OFF TIL NEXT WEEKEND!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO BUY SOME PAPERWEIGHTS, SO I CAN HELP THEM WITH A HARDLY WAIT.

THEY'LL BE FINE. PARTIAL ALL-TIME ONLY LIVE AN HOUR. I CAN HELP THEM WITH A HARDLY WAIT.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO BUY A MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO WOULD INTERFERE IN YOUR ADULT CHILDREN'S LIVES.

I LIED.

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I DON'T KNOW YOU LIKED TO DO CROSSWORD PUZZLES, BLONDIE.

I DON'T. I'M HELPING MR. B.

I BLACKED IN ALL HIS EMPTY SQUARES.

Pickles By Brian Crane

MUFFIN! WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR FACE?

FEATHERS!!

YOU DIDN'T KILL A POOR, DEFENSELESS BIRD, DID YOU?

NO. SHE KILLED A POOR, DEFENSELESS FELLOW.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"SO WHICH DO YOU LIKE BEST? RAIN, SLEET OR SNOW?"

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"What kind of store sells tuftets?"

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

JIMBO! WE NEED TO SELL EVERYTHING WE OWN, MOVE TO A TRAILER IN THE DESERT AND RAISE LLANAS!

THE 3:00 A.M. EPIMANY FROM ROSLAND IS RUNNING TWO MINUTES BEHIND SCHEDULE.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

(GNIFF!) THAT WAS A GREAT MOVIE!

NO IT WASN'T.

BUT THE CHARACTERS WERE INTERESTING!

NO THEY WEREN'T.

WELL, I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO AGREE TO DISAGREE.

I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T AGREE TO THAT EITHER.

Luann By Greg Evans

(PAY MY PEOPLE TO WORK, NOT OUTGOAT. IS THERE ANY PART OF THIS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?)

IT'S MY FAULT, MISS EFFEL.

NO, IT'S NOT.

WE ARE WORKING. IS THERE A NO TALKING POLICY?

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WHAT IS HER PROBLEM?

GUESS SHE'S A LOSER.

Strange Brew By John Deering

NO, I DID YOUR SECRET NUMBER IN CIPHERALLY UPGRADE ANY CLUES TO HIS IDENTITY IN THE VALENTINE. PLEASE?

WELL, I DON'T OFFER JIFFREY.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

OR, SO GUESTLY WANT THE GREENS GUT OF THIS STEEL NUMBER BE 10.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS JIFFREY.

MORNING BREAK

ACROSS

- 1 Make a choice
- 4 Death
- 10 Monica
- 14 Original
- 15 Seventh planet
- 16 In a frenzy
- 17 Competitive
- 19 Achievement
- 20 Essence
- 21 Disarm, as a verb
- 23 Flap, as resident
- 25 Paul of 'The Emperor Jones'
- 28 Wiggle growth
- 29 Operatic prima donna
- 30 Tin Pan Alley
- 34 Hogan of golf
- 35 Latin list ender
- 36 Conversation between waves
- 37 Lily of 'White Letters'
- 38 Author of 'The Flyer'
- 40 Terzan's son
- 41 Wildcat
- 43 Musical symbol
- 44 Gracie ante
- 45 Virginia look
- 46 Scrub
- 47 Scotland
- 48 Tax end
- 49 Thelma
- 50 Car off
- 51 Beustland, today
- 54 Dimension of color
- 55 Horn oak
- 56 Display box
- 62 Mugger stopper
- 63 Vagaa worker
- 64 Gocery of Durocher
- 65 Picnic peas
- 66 Conductor
- 67 Pig's pad

DOWN

- 1 Lannon's love
- 2 High spirits
- 3 Palms, CA
- 4 Left without words
- 5 Philby's stat
- 6 Damage
- 7 Squid fluid
- 8 Hazy features
- 9 Park, CO
- 10 King of chess
- 11 Docking site
- 12 Author Hunter
- 13 Flies in position
- 14 Fanatic
- 15 Malina
- 16 Writer Waugh
- 17 Glen and Moreno
- 18 Race-track stage
- 19 Equilibrium
- 20 Bad mark
- 21 Rival
- 22 Features of some boots
- 23 Track marks
- 24 Gym class
- 25 Ballet skirts
- 26 Hean
- 42 Trademark photocopier
- 43 Paired with
- 44 Slicer
- 45 Capital of Peru
- 46 Impudor
- 53 Offshoot group
- 54 Word on a towel
- 57 Boulder
- 58 Each and every one
- 59 Comprehend
- 60 Real proflit
- 61 Trillo

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Runaway's good fortune passes onto kids

DEAR ABBY: I had to respond to the letter about runaways and the comment, "... and Johnny isn't going to stop acting out no matter how much everyone wishes differently."

Johnny knows only what he has learned at home. He is repeating his parents' example. Kids don't run away from love. They run from hell.

Abby, I was a four-time runaway. The four-time, at age 12, was the charm. I never went back to hell again, which is what my home life was. Fortune smiled on me — I landed in a beautiful home for years. I graduated from high school and college with both B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Along the way, I went to California State Mental Hygiene Clinic for five years at \$2 a session. What a bargain that was; the results made me the man I became. How sad we no longer have those clinics. Instead we have crime and prisons.

I raised my own family without corporal punishment or abuse. My four adult children



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

grew up with an arm around their shoulders and hugs and reminders every day that they were dearly loved. It's gratifying to see them repeating that behavior in raising their own six children — my precious grandchildren.

— "OLD RUNAWAY"

would never associate with. After four months of trying to make it on my own, I went back home — and back to the same old problems.

Now that I am older, I'd never recommend running away. You can get counseling, either at school or your local mental health center. If you can't afford it, you will be charged according to your income, or at a very low rate.

I am still going to therapy for the things my parents did to me. I have made some good choices now and have raised a beautiful daughter.

For you teens who are reading this, please try to get help. If your friends aren't enough, take Dear Abby's advice — or learn from my story. There is always hope.

— BEEN THERE IN OGDEN, UTAH

love my husband, but he has not been supportive of my goals. He's said many times that he is not interested in what goes on in my college classes.

My problem is, I need to choose an escort to walk with me during commencement. Even though my husband is the logical choice, I feel he doesn't care.

A true source of encouragement and support has been my father-in-law, "Max." Not only has Max paid for my college, he asks about it regularly and is very proud of my high grade-point average.

Abby, this may seem like an easy question for you, but I want to do the right thing. Who would you choose?

— COLLEGE GRAD IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR COLLEGE GRAD: Ask Max. He's given you maximum support, emotionally as well as financially. I am sure he will be thrilled to escort you, and it's a thoughtful way for you to acknowledge all he has done for you.

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Muggers were experts at pulling wool

Men wore wigs of wool. Muggers yanked the wigs forward so their victims couldn't see. This, long ago in England. It's where we got our phrase "...pull the wool over his eyes."

Woolens are more common in the winter.

Q. If you go one mile at 30 mph, how fast must you go the second mile to average 60 mph for the two miles?

A. Research suggests it's impossible, sir. Jackals mate for life.

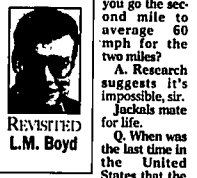
Q. When was the last time in the United States that the authorities conducted a mass execution of criminals?

A. In August of 1945. Seven young German submarines, prisoners of war at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., killed an eighth German POW. They called him a traitor and said he'd given secret information to their U.S. captors. President Harry Truman signed the death order. They were hanged.

Q. Why is one attorney or another sometimes referred to as a "hankie" lawyer?

A. "Hankie" was another name for moonshine made with Jamaica ginger. And "jake leg" was a sort of paralysis suffered by some imbibers who hired lawyers to go after the moonshiners. Then as now, most cases involved a theft and then an out-of-court settlement.

American Indians have one word in particular that roughly translates "my family mark." Don't know how to spell it, but it's the origin of our word "totem."



Real estate transaction finally comes through for Capricorn

IF FEBRUARY 16TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... many regard you as a "mysterious figure." Some of your "illusions" become realities when you so permit. You regard romance as the spice of your life. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in activities, could have these letters in names: G, P, Y. During March you learn where you stand in career, romance. During April you will be asked to carry more responsibility; your income will rise accordingly.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You gain a writer's word. Write your ideas, feelings — perhaps start a diary! Popularity rises; you will enjoy filtration. Don't give up something of value for mere thrill.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Visit individual temporarily confined to home, hospital. Domestic adjustment featured; make concessions to family but don't abandon principles. Libra represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Many promises will be made — get them in writing! Avoid self-deception; someone attempts to deceive you. Wish fulfilled, luck is on your side. Stick with number 7.

CANCER (Jun. 21-July 22): This is your power day! You will have the material, funding to put across "big deal." Romantic relationship is heated and controversial. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Toss aside preconceived notions. Focus on universal appeal. You will be engaged in serious discussion concerning philosophy, theology. Long-distance communication verifies views.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make fresh start. Individual who makes threats is all talk, no

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

action. Don't fear the unknown; proceed accordingly. Question concerning marital status will soon have an answer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on where you live, partnership and marriage. Be positive concerning rights, permissions. You will be offered contract; it might not be what appears on surface. Not gullible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do not attempt to please everyone. You will entertain and be entertained. Avoid scattering forces, ask questions and help individual who suffers loss. Sagittarius involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Individual with "young ideas" might ask you to "reach for the moon." Maintain emotional equilibrium. Check home repairs, including plumbing. Taurus figures prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Breakthrough! Obstacle removed concerning purchase or sale of land. Filtration serious, could lead to marriage. Focus on change, travel and variety of experiences. Virgo represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attention revolves around home, comfortable living and major domestic adjustment. Beautiful surroundings. Be ready to receive important guests. Find your rhythm. Dance to your own tune.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You locate article lost seven days ago. Income potential increases. You will pay your own way. Don't compromise principles. Perfect techniques and streamline procedures.

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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Large print books, cassettes - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of books on cassette and large print reading material for its lending library. Call Hospice Visions at 735-0121.

Player piano - A blind woman in Twin Falls is in need of a peddle player piano. Call 735-1709.

Dog walker - An elderly man in Jerome is in need of someone to exercise his guide dog once or twice a week. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-NEED (6333).

Musical instruments - Twin Falls County HealthNet is in need of two pianos, 10 beginning acoustic guitars, one full set of trap drums and 10 practice drum pads. Call Jamie Valero at 734-3336 or Bonnie Stuckert at 825-5887 or 731-5887.

Library volunteer - The Twin Falls Public Library is in need of volunteers to work in technical services preparing new library materials, mending books and withdrawing old materials. Typing skills are helpful. Call Maranda Wright at 733-2964, Ext. 105.

Volunteers - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of volunteers to work with fund-raisers, bereavement, mailing and correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientation and in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers for newsletter preparation, patient/caregiver support, office help, fund-raising and children's bereavement program. Orientation and training is available. Call Susan Harris at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061 or stop by the office, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Army tents - Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of 10 army tents for orphanages and schools in Haiti. Call 734-8041.

Lunch buddies - Volunteers are needed to be lunch buddies at Gooding County schools. Volunteers will meet with a child twice a month. Call Julie Trader-Wolfe at 934-5567, Melody Kerker at 536-2792 or Tami Becker at 934-4941.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly home-bound clients so their main caregiver can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls and Eden areas. Call Carlene at 736-2122, Ext. 320.

Tax assistance - The American Association of Retired Persons is in need of volunteers to learn tax law and help others with income tax returns. Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free training from IRS certified instructors, and are asked to give a minimum of 40 hours over the 10-week tax season. AARP membership is not required. Call Bob Wunderlic at 837-9178.

Meal drivers - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens is in need of volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meals program. Volunteers are needed for one or two days a week. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Volunteers - The Fifth Judicial District CASA Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tolton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

best interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Quilts, dinner plates - The Port of Hope is in need of quilts, old

dresses that can be fixed, dinner plates and dried foods. Donations may be dropped off at 125 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls, Call Karen Bach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 724-7078.

Senior companions - The Senior Companion Program is in need of 10 seniors to work in the Magic Valley. Companions will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service assisting homebound or elderly clients complete tasks. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Foster grandparents - The Foster Grandparent Program is in need of 10 seniors to work in the Twin Falls area. They will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service working with new to English refugee children. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program is in need of volunteers ages 55 and over to work with children in grades kindergarten through third grade. Call Kathy Scott at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

Tutors - The College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors to help adult students learn reading, English, math and English as a second language - especially in the Mini-Cassia and Blaine counties to help with ESL. Call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or toll free at 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

Child advocates - Guardian ad Litem is in need of volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Clothing, mattresses - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of men's and women's clothing and twin bed mattresses in good condition. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1525 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

ASSET BUILDERS

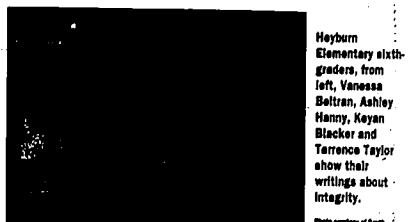
This month's Asset focuses on integrity. Between 67 to 79 percent of young people surveyed in the region say they act on convictions and stands up for their beliefs.

Terrence Taylor, sixth-grader at Heyburn Elementary School
Integrity means a lot to me. I have found out that it takes a lifetime to build great and worthwhile characteristics such as integrity and when you blow it, it hurts not only you but also others you love.

Keyan Blacker, sixth-grader at Heyburn Elementary School
An example of integrity is honest Abe Lincoln. One day he was almost home from the store that was a couple miles away, he noticed that the clerk gave him 3 cents too much, so he walked all the way back to the store to give the money back.

Integrity is doing what is right no matter what happens. Sometimes you need to not go with the crowd if they are doing things that aren't right. Your friends might call you "chicken" but you will know that what you did is right and that makes you feel happy inside.

Ashley Hanny, sixth-grader at Heyburn Elementary School
What integrity means to me is to be honest, trustworthy and to believe and stand by your principles.



Heyburn Elementary sixth-graders, from left, Vanessa Beltran, Ashley Hanny, Keyan Blacker and Terrence Taylor show their writings about integrity.

Photo courtesy of South Central District Health

The Times-News presents "Asset Builders" in cooperation with HealthNet, a community partnership that aims at improving health in the community. National research shows there are 40 positive "assets" that help teenagers succeed and avoid risky behaviors. Each month we'll focus on a different asset with comments from local teens. For more information on HealthNet, call South Central District Health Department at 734-5900, Ext. 281.



Without integrity, you can't be trusted in court or in your job. Vanessa Beltran, sixth-grader at Heyburn Elementary School. I think it means you are honest and you're reliable and people can trust you! Do you feel every-

one should have integrity? I do because we could all be reliable and trustworthy to everyone and the world could be a better place to live! When you have integrity, you feel happy and you feel good about yourself and you don't live a lie so you feel good.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TF couple celebrates birthdays on Sunday

TWIN FALLS - Phillip Ault will celebrate his 80th birthday and Marilyn Ault will celebrate her 75th birthday during an open house celebration from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at 549 Ridgeway Drive in Twin Falls.

Phillip Ault was born Feb. 25, 1922, in Bloomington, Ill. Marilyn Ault was born Feb. 5, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio. They were married Jan. 6, 1949.

The Aults came to the Magic Valley in 1972. He was a pilot, teacher, mechanic and owner of Western Flight training. She was a secretary for Western Realty. They have six children, Phillip (Sue) Ault of Twin Falls, Marc Ault of Boise, Eric (Paula) Ault of Champaign, Ill., Joe (Colleen) Ault of Twin Falls, and Chris (Cher) Ault of Boise, 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Their children are hosting the event.

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Feb. 12 were: north-south first, George Gibson and Billie Park; second, Bill and Norma Goodman; third, Nannette Woodland and Vera Woodland; fourth, Stephen and Mildred Wolf; east-west first, Clarence and Sylvia Newert; second, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver; third, Warren and Faun McEntire; and fourth, Bob Corey and Eunice Morrison.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

CSI Blaine Center offers newsletter instruction

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center announced the following courses:

Newsletters for Word will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Fox building. Students will learn to create documents with multiple columns and different formats on the same page, and add graphics, special text effects and borders. Experience with Word is necessary. The cost is \$50.

Introduction to Word will be held from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 18 through March 5 in the Fox building. Students will gain hands-on training to create letters, business documents, newsletters and presentation materials edit documents that include multiple fonts, headers, footers and embedded tables; reformat paragraphs, use paragraph styles; and control page layout. Previous Windows experience is required. The cost is \$85. The book is included.

Photo scan workshop will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Fox Building. Students will learn how to adjust colors, sharpen, crop, mask and merge. This class requires some prior knowledge of computer use, product use of a

mouse and previous experience using a graphic editing program. The cost is \$25.

For more information, call the Blaine County Center at 788-2038.

CSI offers computer course for seniors

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer Microsoft Word for Seniors from 6-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 25 through April 1 in Evergreen room C93 at CSI.

The series is designed to teach basic computer skills to seniors at an easy pace. Students will learn how to write a better letter, newsletter, flyer or brochure. Topics covered will include opening, closing and saving a project, format, fonts, colors, margins, tricks, inserting graphics and printing. The cost is \$55. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2288.

Mary Time Club welcomes new members, plans event

TWIN FALLS - The Mary Time Club met Feb. 5 at the home of Dorothy Stroud with 15 members were present.

New members are Bette Corak, Floy Drabney and Gladwin Theener. Roll call was show and tell. Members thanked their secret pal for cards. The white elephant was won by Dorothy Maxson.

A Valentine dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at Shaeffer's Place.

The next meeting will be held March 5 at the home of Connie Smith. Roll call will be a house hold hint.

Gooding Senior Citizens Center schedules dance

'GOODING - The Gooding Senior Citizens Center will offer entertainment and dancing at 6 p.m. today at the center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

Entertainment will be by individual entries, followed by the Old Time Fiddlers. The cost is \$3 per person. The public is invited.

For more information, call the center at 334-5504.

MV Singles Square Dance Club hosts potluck, dance

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a potluck and dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome.

For more information, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-6440.

Buhl Ed sponsors health, antique bracelet course

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes: **Maintenance Welding** will start Tuesday with changes. The course, which teaches principles

and practices of welding for farm or small shop use, will be held from 6-9 p.m. beginning Tuesday for five weeks at the Buhl High School vocational-agriculture shop. The cost will be \$30.

Maintaining or gaining health through nutrition will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 21 in the Buhl High School home economics room. The class will take a historical and philosophical look at nutrition. Grains, fats and sweeteners and artificial sweeteners will be discussed. Recipes will be available. The cost is \$14 plus \$2.50 for food and materials.

Create an antique bracelet will be from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Buhl High School art room. Students will make a bracelet using their own shank buttons. An example of the project will be on display at Concepts N Motion, 125 South Broadway St., Buhl. There also will be an assortment of buttons available. The cost is \$5 plus \$4 for materials.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Minidoka Hospital seeks Hospice program volunteers

RUPERT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital is in need of volunteers for a new Hospice program.

Orientation and training will be provided.

For more information call 436-9019.

College of Southern Idaho offers class on astrology

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer Astronomy in Six Easy Lessons from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 27 through April 3 in Shields 107 at CSI.

Students will explore myth and constellations, the allure of astrology, how the telescope works, the moon, planets, stars and more.

The cost is \$45. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2280.

Sewing center offers quilting classes

HEYBURN - Quilting classes will be held at Carleen's Fabrics. Autumn splendor scrap quilt will be held 1-5 p.m. today. This is quite use scraps and is full-sized. A model is displayed. Cost is \$34, includes another class.

Beginning piecing will be held 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. This class will teach the basics and how to cut and piece accurately. Cost is \$30 and includes at least one other class to finish your project.

Four-part Baltimore album applique class with Shirley Kraus will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23.

Kraus will be teaching some new techniques she developed. Call for details.

February's mystery class will be held 6-8 p.m. Feb. 27. Cost is \$15. This is a wall-hanging sized project. Easy machine quilting will be held from 1-5 p.m. March 2. Cost is \$20.

AN ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE



During Red Ribbon week, East Minico Junior High student council members Cyndy Tinney, Holly Naynes, Brooke Poteet, Cordia Smith, Brittany Nelson, Jordan Recker, Corey Rogers, Mats Eames and Sean Retschke participate in 'Dead People Day.' They constructed a cemetery, complete with tombstones representing students who have been affected or killed by drugs.

Shoshone students are caught being good

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary School announced the list of the students who were "caught being good through Feb. 6.

The students are: Bryan Murrow, Randi Ward, Ciro Enriquez, Ashley Stein, Brayden, Jessica Mireles, Kester Watts, Edward Anguiano, Cole Roberts, Elizabeth Mabbutt, Anton Pearson, Ashley Stein, Jade Adams, Jakob Trujillo, Justin Connell, Brittany Lee, Stacey

Roberts, Brittne Eberhard, Maira Torres, Chanise Trujillo, Matthew Walsh, Cope Roberts, Alex Cardo, Dakota Brown, Luce Ruiz, Jasmine Branch, Sandra Enriquez, Carlos Valencia, Jesus Gueterrez, Luce Ruiz, Cody Tollard, Quiana Welborn, Taylor Perkins, Michelle Aoi, Britney Lunte, Jenicka Kermer, Candice Peterson, Larisa Aguilar, Tanya Holland, Nichole Perkins, Bonnie Richards, Karina

Garcia, Leslie Molyneux, Joseph Heiner, Ploma Camargo, Robert McCollum, Alicia Lucas, and Chris Burnett.

Principal award winners Four sixth-graders also took top honors and earned the Principal Award for the week: Leslie Molyneux, Robert McCollum, Karina Garcia and Joseph Heiner went the extra mile and showed real maturity by helping their teacher without being asked and by helping fellow students when in need, school representatives said.

Buhl Rotary holds benefit dinner, auction

BUHL - The Buhl Rotary Club will hold its annual benefit spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at Poppewell Elementary School.

The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 7-12 and \$15 for a family. Children under age 6 eat

for free. Proceeds will go towards new bleachers for the Buhl rodeo grounds, Rotary invitational track meet, Special Olympics, octogenarian banquet, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Boys State, Poppewell Honor Choir, Buhl Youth Baseball, college

scholarships for local students, Adopt-a-Highway clean-up, Rotary Triangle Corner, Poppewell Volunteer Readers, community fish fry, international projects and the reading foundation. Entertainment will be provided by Elna Heert, Jess Band.

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Immediate full time opening for a journeyman diesel mechanic to work in a full service truck shop. Compensation, hourly with overtime. Position depends on qualifications and experience. Contact: Jimmie Valdez, Diesel Mechanic, P.O. Box 56, Jerome, ID 208-324-3004.

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Position avail. Welding, mechanical ability & equip. operation req. Ag. Bus. & Equip. Sales. Salary. DOE. 208-423-8558.

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***** **WIN FALLS (6)** *****

The Times-News has openings for independent newspaper routes on the West side of Twin Falls.

ROUTE 805 Lazy J Trailer Park **ROUTE 814** 200-500 2nd Ave. N. 300-500 3rd Ave. N. **ROUTE 815** 200-500 Main Ave. N. 200-500 5th Ave. N. **ROUTE 824** 200-500 2nd Ave. E. 200-400 6th Ave. E. **ROUTE 852** 700-800 Meadows Dr. 600-800 Washington St. North **ROUTE 850** 100-400 Borah Ave. W. 100-300 Wiseman Ave. W. **ROUTE 868** 300-400 Bracken St. N. 400 Bk. Rose St. N. **ROUTE 851** 100-500 2nd Ave. N. 200-500 5th Ave. N.

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♥ A J 8
♦ Q 3
♣ J 9 7 6

WEST ♠ Q 10 8
♥ K 4
♦ 10 9 8 7 4 2
♣ K 2

EAST ♠ 7 4 2
♥ Q 10 9 7 5 3 2
♦ K J
♣ A

SOUTH ♠ K J 5
♥ A 5
♦ A 10 8 5 4 3
♣ A

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
3NT Pass 5♣ Pass
All pass

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 9 6 3
♥ Q J 8
♦ Q 3
♣ J 9 7 6

South North
1♠ 1♣
2♣ 2NT

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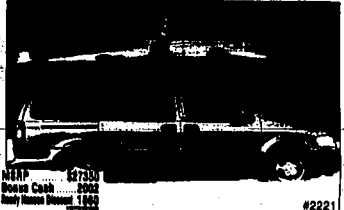
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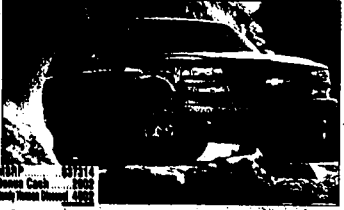
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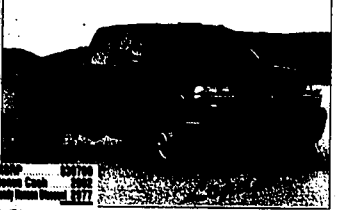
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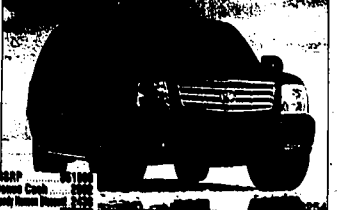
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