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Tiffany Klesig writes a check for a purchase at Twin Stop Chevron in Twin Falls. Police are urging businesses get a customers' thumbprints on checks to make catching criminals easier.

Police: Fight bad checks with thumbs

Cops suggests merchants ask for thumbprints to assure correct identity

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls is bouncing with bad checks, detectives said.

And the best way to beat the problem, they said, is to put some thumbs into it.

It seems that hardly a week goes by without at least a few

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felony check fraud cases popping up, said Sgt. Mark Marvin and David Heidemann, officers with the Twin Falls Police Department's detective division.

Bad check cases have gotten so bad recently that last year, the

department announced it could handle only felony cases. Those are cases involving allegations of thefts of \$300 or more. And the division is still more or less swamped by bad check cases, Heidemann and Marvin said.

People in a lot of cases are passing forged or bad checks for a simple reason, Marvin said. Because they can.

When a clerk doesn't at least get a picture ID from a person passing the check, the odds of catching the crook are about nil, he said.

"Dick Tracy, J. Edgar Hoover, Colombo and Kojak wouldn't solve a case like that," he said.

But getting a person's

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Pamphlets urge uprising among Afghans

'Night letters' warn Afghans not to side with United States

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - In a sign the Taliban and al-Qaida are trying to revive operations, pamphlets calling for armed struggle against the United States and its coalition allies have begun circulating among Afghan refugees here and in Afghanistan.

The pamphlets denounced the inverted Afghan government of Hamid Karzai as "traitors to Islam" and warn Afghans and



Third-graders Noorui, 12, left, and Aziza, 12, hold Afghan flags as the Mir Ahmad Shahid Primary School re-opens Wednesday in Kabul for the first time since 1992. For more on the school and efforts to help Afghan children, please see page A2.

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include unsupported allegations that the Americans used chemical and biological weapons to kill thousands of people in last year's bombing campaign.

Others include stories of personal sacrifice and so-called "miracles" in the battle against the U.S.-led coalition - all apparently designed to inspire young Afghan males to take up the fight and to drive home the message that God is on the Taliban side.

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Senate passes finance overhaul; Bush to sign

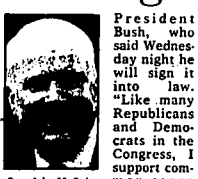
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Senate Wednesday gave final congressional approval to legislation aimed at reducing the flow of big money into American politics, marking the first major overhaul of the nation's campaign finance laws in nearly 30 years.

The bill, approved 60 to 40, would end political parties' ability to collect "soft money" donations, which totaled nearly \$500 million in 2000. In an effort to curb thinly veiled attack ads by outside groups, it also would limit so-called issue ads that target specific candidates just before elections.

Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, both Republicans, voted against the measure.

The path to final passage was cleared when the Senate voted 68-32 to end delaying tactics that had stalled enactment for seven years. The legislation now goes to



Sen. John McCain

President Bush, who said Wednesday night he will sign it into law.

"Like many Republicans and Democrats in the Congress, I support common-sense reforms to our campaign finance system," the president said in a statement. "The reforms passed today, while flawed in some areas, still improve the current system overall." He said the legislation "does present some legitimate constitutional questions."

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was more effusive in his praise. "This will be a landmark piece of legislation that I

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Campaign finance reform bill

- Highlights of the campaign finance reform bill:
- Soft money**
Bans unlimited donations to national party committees; donations to state party committees limited to \$10,000; money can't be spent on federal elections.
 - Hard money**
Individuals allowed to give \$2,000 per election to House, Senate, presidential candidates; up to \$95,000 to candidates, national parties over two year election cycle
 - Issue ads**
Special interest groups banned from airing issue ads that refer to federal candidate 60 days before an election; 30 days before primary, unless ads are paid with "hard money," donors named
 - Court review**
Supreme Court should judge each provision individually and not new legislation on all-or-nothing basis
 - Federal property**
Ban solicitation of campaign funds at White House, Capitol, other federal property
 - Foreigners**
Banned from giving to federal, state or local elections
- Soft money: Contributions can give unlimited amounts for non-federal elections. Hard money: Contributions can give limited amounts for federal elections. Issue ads: Issue ads are not subject to the same restrictions as campaign ads.
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District, teachers set talks today

Sides acknowledge tight budgets as negotiations begin

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Negotiations begin today between the Twin Falls School District and its teachers.

With a tight state budget and staff cuts inevitable, both sides are approaching the process carefully.

"We're probably not going to come to the table with a lot of expectations," said Steve Hoy, president of the Twin Falls Education Association. "We realize everyone is under the gun."

A far cry from previous years, when both the district and state were awash in money, these are lean times, indeed. Teacher layoffs are almost certain, but both sides are hoping to minimize the cuts. Exacerbating that is an automatic salary increase for many teachers.

"There's a relationship between those two factors - the more of a salary increase that you give, the more people we're going to have to cut," Superintendent Terrell Bucher said. "Somewhere along the line we're going to have to come to a consensus."

Not every teacher is slated for raises, however. Beginning teachers, and those who have been teaching in the district for many years, probably won't receive an increase. But even those scheduled for a raise could be negotiated, he said.

"You can agree between a school board and a teacher's association to refrain from giving those increases," Donich said. "That doesn't happen very often, but that is possible."

Hoy said despite the state's allocated funds, extra money can always be found, be it from discretionary funds or elsewhere. It may mean larger class sizes, however, he said.

Another issue will be teacher fringe benefits. Medical insurance costs are jumping 15 to 20 percent, which may result in the district having to trim benefits.

Hoy agreed, adding that the parties may look into other managed health care options. But that offers minimal hope because often insurance companies entice organizations with lower rates, only to raise them soon thereafter, he said.

"It's really a touchy thing," he said. "You might have to pay more if you jump ship and get on another program."

Implementing the new battery

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Organizers clear air show for takeoff

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After a little bit of sputtering, the 2002 Magic Valley air show is ready to go, boosters said.

And the show should be bigger and better than the last one, which was held in 2000, they said.

When the air show was launched, the idea was to hold it at the Magic Valley Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport every two years.

But when the planning stages for this year's rolled around, there were some misgivings about having enough money to fund a worthwhile show. And the city of Twin Falls was also a little hesitant about getting involved, since the city was left about \$20,000 in the red after the 2000 show.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

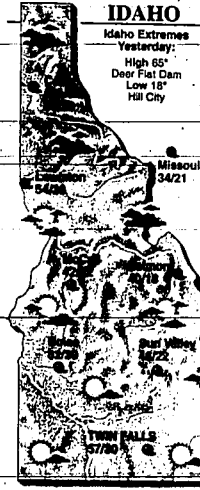
IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday: High 65° Deer Flat Dam Low 18° Hill City

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday... Sunrise 6:42 a.m. Sunset 6:52 p.m. High/Low 60°/38°... Precipitation 0.00 inch... Humidity 48%... Barometric Pressure 30.10 in.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and lows. All maps, forecasts and data are provided by AccuWeather, Inc. 62002



FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny, patchy clouds; mild	Clear to partly cloudy	Partly sunny and pleasant	A shower, occasional sunshine	Clouds and some sunshine; a shower	A mixture of clouds and sunshine
▲ 57° ▼ 30°	▲ 30° ▼ 30°	▲ 60° ▼ 32°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°	▲ 48° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Sunny to partly cloudy, breezy and mild today... Northern Nevada: Sunshine and a few high clouds today... Northern Utah: Sunshine and patchy clouds today with a breezy, warm afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER

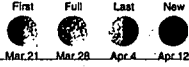
Northern Idaho: Cloudy to partly sunny today; not as cold as yesterday... High 90° in Lakeland, FL. Low 6° in Brookings, SD

CANADIAN CITIES

City	T	F	W
Calgary	11	47	31
Vancouver	36	24	48
Edmonton	13	-2	33
Winnipeg	28	12	30
Regina	10	-2	29
Saskatoon	24	15	12
Toronto	24	15	12
Ottawa	24	15	12
Montreal	24	15	12
Quebec	24	15	12

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:42 a.m. Sunset tonight 6:52 p.m. Moonset tomorrow 1:39 a.m.



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WORLD CITIES

City	T	F	W	Hi	Lo
Acapulco	86	72	83	68	50
Athens	70	55	50	72	52
Auckland	75	63	74	68	50
Bangkok	63	79	69	80	50
Beijing	52	26	34	28	20
Bombay	31	38	37	58	30
Buenos Aires	76	66	70	66	50
Cairo	73	53	58	76	50
Hong Kong	70	70	71	80	60
Los Angeles	52	43	55	58	50
London	52	47	55	58	50
Madrid	72	47	55	58	50
Moscow	38	34	38	52	30
Paris	58	50	60	68	50
Rio de Janeiro	84	69	74	84	60
Rome	68	52	65	68	50
Sydney	55	52	48	28	20
Tokyo	68	57	63	62	50
Warsaw	43	30	38	52	30
Zurich	53	42	47	64	50

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fr
Boise	32	20	28	10
Butte	33	21	29	11
Burley	30	18	25	8
Coaldale	28	16	23	6
Elo	30	18	25	8
Eugene, OR	60	44	52	42
Hagerman	30	18	25	8
Idaho Falls	48	26	44	28
Kalispell, MT	18	11	24	24
Lewiston	48	26	44	28
Malden	53	24	34	28
Matta	13	10	28	10

REGIONAL CITIES

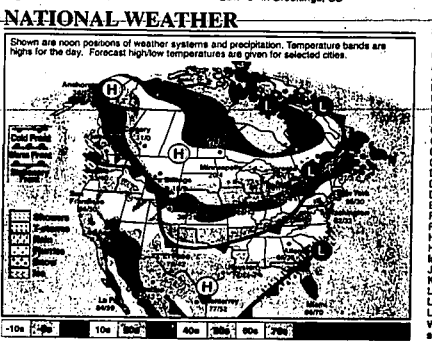
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Kalispell, MT	18	11	24	24
Lewiston	48	26	44	28
Malden	53	24	34	28
Matta	13	10	28	10

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 90° in Lakeland, FL. Low 6° in Brookings, SD

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shows are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation.



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fr
Atlanta	90	38	52	30
Atlanta City	58	30	40	28
Baltimore	62	32	42	30
Birmingham	65	30	42	30
Boston	48	24	32	30
Charleston, SC	70	50	38	32
Charlotte, WV	56	22	38	32
Chicago	42	14	28	32
Cleveland	42	14	28	32
Denver	38	14	28	32
Detroit	42	14	28	32
El Paso	78	42	38	42
Fort Worth	62	34	42	32
Galveston	78	42	38	42
Houston	78	42	38	42
Indianapolis	62	34	42	32
Jacksonville	78	42	38	42
Kansas City	62	34	42	32
Las Vegas	82	42	38	42
Little Rock	64	30	42	32
Los Angeles	78	52	38	42

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Fr
Merrillville	60	28	42	30
Miami	86	70	62	62
Minneapolis	58	32	42	30
Nashville	61	23	38	30
New Orleans	74	51	60	42
New York City	56	30	38	32
Phoenix	62	34	42	32
Portland, ME	48	21	34	34
Raleigh	62	34	42	32
Rapid City	21	3	44	16
Reno	68	38	52	38
Sacramento	72	42	38	42
St. Louis	41	15	43	31
St. Paul	22	6	31	15
San Jose	72	42	38	42
San Diego	71	52	66	50
San Francisco	66	50	60	50
Seattle	52	38	48	28
Tucson	68	53	64	50
Washington, DC	62	38	42	30

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Prints

Continued from A1. thumbprint is almost fail safe, Heidemann and Marvin said. That's why they recommend that any business that accepts checks ask for thumbprints.

"I've never even had to take a case to court when we had a thumbprint. It's a slam dunk," Marvin said. "The people know they're caught. They can't argue against it."

"With almost any other method of protection, it often boils down to the clerk's word against the suspect's, Heidemann said. And it can be tough to make that stand up in court. Even if the case is prosecuted, the business owner has to go through the trouble of drawing the case into court and taking time off work to testify, Heidemann said. Police might also have to subpoena bank records to make the charges stick, he said.

"Thumbprints are the best way to get prosecution," he said. "And that's what the goal really is - prosecution and restitution."

Even so, some are business people who thumbprint anybody passing a check that has a sequence number under 1,000, is from out of state or for a purchase of more than \$45. Even so, clerks are told to keep the thumbprint pad under the counter when it's not in use, because it does offend some people.

"A lot of older people do get mad. But it doesn't seem to bother the younger people."

Customers Kayti Robbins and Tiffany Kiesig said they don't mind being printed when they pass checks.

"The first time it happened, I

The problem

In 2001, the Twin Falls Police Department's detective division handled 259 felony bad check cases (totaling over \$300).

They included:
142 forgeries - stolen or counterfeit checks
53 checks written against closed

64 checks written against insufficient funds.

Thumbprints
Detectives strongly recommended businesses that accept checks require people writing checks to provide thumbprints.

The department recently bought 200 Inflex thumbprint pads. They are available to business owners for \$4.99 each. To get one, visit the department's records window in the lobby of the police station at 356 Third Ave. E.

Self-protection

To prevent check fraud before it starts, detectives recommend that:

Business owners and clerks:

- Always ask for a picture ID.
- Get thumbprints.
- Be especially wary of checks with a low sequence numbers on them.
- Remember, the department doesn't have the time or manpower to pursue cases involving less than \$500.

Consumers:

- Don't ever leave your checkbook unattended in a car or other place it can be easily snatched.
- Don't put your Social Security number on checks. Criminals can use it to steal your identity.
- When you close an account, destroy any leftover checks by shredding or burning them.
- The same goes for old bank statements, check carbons, returned checks or any other document with account numbers on them.
- If you can't destroy the documents yourself, take them to the police station, and officers can shred them for you.

A new lesson plan for Afghan schools

KABUL, Afghanistan - At Mir Ahmad Shahid Primary School - to reach it, drive to the damaged dome, cross onto a dirt track, twist around a few curves and then park by a field gutter - there was a rare sight Wednesday. Smiles, excitement. Beaming boys and girls lined up to bark the dedication of their freshly painted, newly windowed school building, the fruit of round-the-clock labor by Los Angeles-based Relief International.

Talks

of standardized tests with minimal financial support is yet another area of concern for Donich.

"There's going to be, I don't want to call it reluctance, but some degree of skepticism that we can get done what needs to be done, given the appropriation coming to us, given what we see as a total lack of support," he said.

The negotiation meetings will occur once a week. Based on his experience, Donich estimates they will take around three months for both sides to arrive at an agreement.

Pamphlets

port during the 1980s war against the Soviets.

The texts are unsigned, but residents of the refugee camp and government officials assume they are being published by Taliban and al-Qaida fugitives, including up to 1,000 who are believed to be hiding in Pakistan's remote frontier area along the border.

One single-page letter, written in dark green lettering, calls against the presence of U.S. soldiers in Saudi Arabia, where Islam's two holiest sites at Mecca and Medina are located.

That complaint has been made often by Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terror network to justify their war on the U.S.

Air Magic Valley air show, 2002

Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport

Current plans are to kick off with a night show late Friday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a variety of displays and dinner. The main show will be on June 29. There will be a \$5 per car parking fee, but no gate fee.

Help will be wanted. The air show committee is still looking for event sponsors and volunteers to help with the show. For more information, call committee chairman Phil Hafer at 734-9719.

Airshow

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Courney said during a Tuesday meeting of the air show committee that the city was ready to get on board.

Boosters' estimates of a \$61,950 price tag for the event and \$63,700 in revenue seem solid, he said.

"You've answered all the questions and concerns we could have possibly had," Courney said.

The centerpiece of the 2000 show was a former Russian MiG-17 fighter jet owned and flown by Bill Reesman.

Reesman is expected to return with his MiG this year. And show boosters said they'd compiled a long list of other guest aircraft, including contemporary and vintage military planes, antique planes, several helicopters and experimental aircraft.

Reesman won't be the only one doing display flights this year, Hafer said. Most of the other aircraft - including some WWII-era P-51 Mustang fighters - should take to the sky, he said.

"We're going to make sure we have something in the air every minute of the day."

To help cover costs, the committee considered implementing an admission fee for the first time. But later, the group voted to instead have a \$5-per-vehicle parking fee.

"That will be faster and more convenient," Hafer said.

Money will also be raised through a hanger party and dinner the night before the main show, he said, and the show has snagged some hefty sponsorship.

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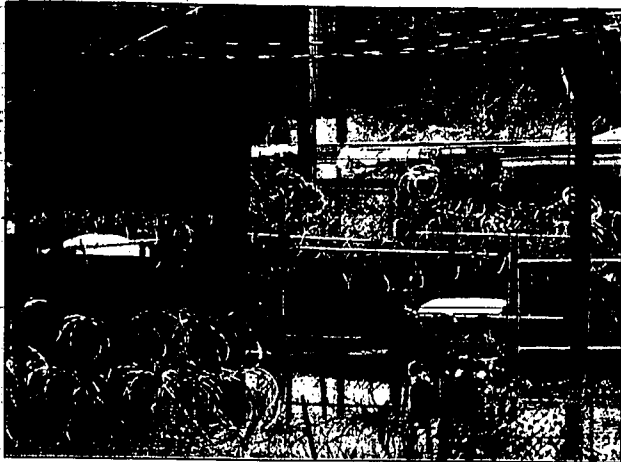
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CORRECTION

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News incorrectly identified a teen-aiding in a Tuesday story about students helping at Valley Vista Village. The teen was one of the teens who helped.
The Times-News regrets the error.



A detainee is transported around Camp X-Ray at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Wednesday. The detainees are being held for questioning at the prison facility.

Bush heads to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of his trip to Mexico, Peru and El Salvador, President Bush promised initiatives to ease the plight of would-be illegal immigrants, saying, "There are people in our neighborhood who hurt."

Bush said Wednesday he would stick to a plan to make more than \$5 billion in new foreign aid contingent on recipient nations making corruption-fighting economic and political reforms.

"I'm not interested in funding corruption," the president-told reporters from several Latin American news agencies. "If a country thinks they're going to get aid from the United States, and they're stealing money, they're just not going to get it."

Bush leaves today on a four-day trip that begins with a stop at the U.S.-Mexico border at El Paso, Texas. From there, he continues on to Monterrey, Mexico, for two days of meetings related

President hopes to ease would-be illegal immigrants' plight

to a United Nations conference on aid to developing countries. His state visit to Lima, Peru, on Saturday will mark the first time any U.S. president has visited that newborn Andean democracy.

Before returning to Washington late Sunday, Bush will stop in El Salvador's capital, San Salvador, for talks with President Francisco Flores.

As evidence of his administration's commitment to its southern neighbors, aides said, Bush will announce in Mexico minor new initiatives aimed at creating jobs in the poorest areas of Mexico that send so many undocumented immigrants across the border in search of a better life.

The president had hoped to

carry with him on the trip a freshly minted law granting limited amnesty to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants working in the United States.

But he has not been able to push through the Senate a House-passed bill he wants to extend the deadline for those immigrants to apply for residency without leaving the United States.

The legislation would also require immigration identification documents to be more tamper-resistant, toughen the alien applicant-screening process and require monitoring of foreign students and exchange visitors.

Referring to the Senate, Bush said: "I'm not confident they'll move on it. I am confident we've got the votes, but the problem is I haven't been confident they're going to move on many things these days. We've got a lot of bills out of the House but not much out of the Senate."

Terrorists' military tribunals will resemble courts-martial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military tribunals the Bush administration plans to use for trying terrorism suspects will resemble ordinary military courts-martial in many respects but defendants will have only limited rights to appeal.

A defendant will be given a military lawyer and also may hire a civilian attorney, a government official said Wednesday. That is the same as occurs during an ordinary court-martial.

"The panels will include three to seven officers, as do courts-martial."

If convicted, a defendant could ask a special review panel to look at the case. That panel would have three members, one

of whom is a military judge. The defendant could not appeal to a federal court or directly to the Supreme Court.

The tribunals, which probably will not be convened for several more months if at all, will be able to consider death sentences for terrorism suspects. Conviction of any crime would require only a two-thirds majority of the panel, unlike civilian trials. But to impose a death sentence, the panel must be unanimous, the official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The tribunal regulations were being released to members of Congress on Wednesday, and Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld is expected to make them public today.

A spokeswoman for Rumsfeld, Victoria Clarke, refused to discuss any aspect of the regulations. She told reporters at the Pentagon the rules would be made public "very soon," but she would not say when. Other officials said the Pentagon intended to release the details today.

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush was "very satisfied" with the regulations, but he would not discuss any details.

The tribunals will be open, or mostly open, to the press. If prosecutors want to present classified material, the courtroom would close.

Remote border crossing remains open door despite worries

BOQUILLAS DEL CARMEN, Mexico (AP) — Along this lonesome stretch of the Rio Grande, there are no fortified U.S. Customs stations, no razor wire, no barbed wire fences.

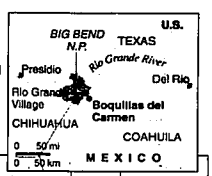
The only person at the river's edge is Victor Valdez, a 50-year-old Mexican farmer with a metal dinghy and a pair of plastic oars. He shuttles Mexican shoppers and American tourists back and forth between the two nations for \$2.

Despite increased concerns about security after Sept. 11, no border guards check passports or search bags. There are no officials at all — only a gaggle of cowboys on the Mexican side waiting to rent burros and ponies for the ride into Boquillas, less than a mile down a rocky road.

Valdez sees no reason for concern. "Rest assured, if a terrorist ever came here, I would tell the United States right away," he said, waving to a couple emerging from a dirt parking lot on the U.S. side.

Porous border

Despite increased concerns about security, remote parts of the U.S.-Mexico border are still easily passable. A 245-mile stretch between Big Bend National Park and the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Coahuila is the most porous.



SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Customs; U.S. Dept. of Transportation AP

Whitewater report concludes no evidence of perjury by Clintons

Probe ends after eight years, \$73 million

The Washington Post



Former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON — Bill and Hillary Clinton made "factually inaccurate" statements to federal investigators during the eight-year Whitewater probe, but there was not enough evidence to prove the Clintons committed perjury or obstructed justice, according to the final report of the independent counsel released Wednesday.

The five-volume, 2,200-page report by former independent counsel Robert Ray comprises the final legal word on a decade of intrigue involving the former president and first lady, and provides the historical coda to an investigation that dominated national politics in the 1990s. But like Ray's final report on the Monica Lewinsky case, released March 6, it offers few new revelations.

The massive tomes of the Whitewater report detail the intricacies of myriad loans and land swaps made by Madison Guaranty, the Little Rock thrift owned by the Clintons' business partners that failed in 1989 at a cost to taxpayers of \$73 million. It reprises the years of investiga-

tive efforts into the Clintons' dealings with Madison's owners, James B. and Susan McDougal, including what the report describes as "lack of cooperation" by the White House and "novel privilege claims" by President Clinton intended to thwart the inquiry.

Most pointedly, Ray's report calls into question sworn testimony in 1994 and 1995 Hillary Clinton, now a U.S. senator from New York, about her billing records while working as a lawyer for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. The records were the key to establishing whether Hillary Clinton might have known about fraudulent financial arrangements.

Those records went missing for 18 months in the mid-1990s while Mrs. Clinton was under subpoena to produce them for the federal investigation. They

turned up in January, 1996 in Room 315A of the White House residence, eight feet from a room from where Mrs. Clinton had been working on her book, "It Takes a Village."

The report now says that a White House employee — identified only as "confidential witness" — testified to seeing Hillary Clinton in the hall outside the room carrying a box containing what could have been a rolled up sheaf of billing records. Two construction workers who were with the staffer testified to seeing her as well, though only one recalled seeing the rolled up paper.

"The independent counsel considered whether Mrs. Clinton's lack of memory about the missing billing records was an instance of feigned forgetfulness," Ray said in the report. "A trier of fact could conclude that Mrs. Clinton had the billing records in the White House, but the evidence was insufficient to obtain and sustain a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt."

David Kendall, the Clintons' lawyer, said Wednesday that the couple would have no comment on the report, calling it the "most expensive exoneration in history." He said it ended as it began: "With no evidence of any wrongdoing by the Clintons."

between the two nations, largely unnoticed. The crossings are illegal but quietly accepted — and even promoted by signs in the National Park Service as an "international adventure."

The nearest official crossing is more than 100 miles away at Presidio, Texas.

"The border is porous," said Simon Garza Jr., chief U.S. Border Patrol agent in the area. "We just don't have enough manpower to cover it."

About 200 agents cover 135,000 square miles. People and cars can easily cross at hundreds of spots along the drought-depleted Rio Grande, Garza said. To best manage limited resources, Garza's agents operate 24-hour checkpoints along highways leading out of Big Bend. Agents sometimes fly over the area, and a dozen rangers patrol the park.

There is no evidence terrorists have staged attacks against the

United States from Mexico, and no suspicious people have been seen along this stretch. Many say the area, where even few migrants attempt to cross, is too remote for terrorists.

"We all know who comes and goes," said Joe Sanchez, who owns Boquillas' only hotel, the Buzzard's Roost Bed & Breakfast. "We can see the dust kicking up in the distance and we watch to see who it is."

Boquillas' ties to the United States date to the 1880s when an aerial tramway linked the two countries, carrying lead, zinc and silver ores from mines on the Mexican side.

Today the village of 150 people depends on the steady trickle of American tourists, who buy crystals and rocks from elderly women or handmade necklaces from children. Many visitors bring donated clothes and school supplies.

Jury makes progress

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The jury in the San Francisco dog mauling trial reached verdicts Wednesday on four of five counts facing a couple accused in the death of a neighbor, then adjourned until today to consider the last charge.

Superior Court Judge James L. Warren told the jury foreman to seal the completed verdicts in an envelope.

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Army major says Afghan air base is 'bombed-out hellhole'

The Washington Post

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — What is probably the most important U.S. military base in the world at the moment is also one of the most unusual.

The 4,000 U.S. and allied troops are encamped here in the middle of a huge dump of ruined aircraft and other debris from 23 years of war, ringed by one of the world's largest minefields. Amenities are sparse — there are none of the coffee bars and pizzerias that cater to U.S. troops at bases in Bosnia and Kosovo. And it's all cloaked in a fine dust so light that it hangs in the air like insects so pervasive that troops say floppy disks survive only about 24 hours of exposure before grinding to a halt.

"It's a bombed-out hellhole," said Army Maj. Bryan Hillfery, the U.S. military spokesman here. The atmosphere is the military equivalent of the memorable bar scene in "Star Wars," with a melange of troops and civilians from various countries. There are U.S. troops in a variety of uniforms, some toting automatic weapons, some in jogging clothes carrying nothing more threatening than portable music players. There are all sorts of foreign troops in their own uniforms. And there is a score of reporters, most in T-shirts, scarves and dirty khakis, living on the base, some in a tent that bears the handwritten



U.S. engineers repair the runway while a C-17 cargo plane takes off from Bagram Air base in Afghanistan last week.

sign "CNN Gulag." Rivulets of tan dust-trickle-off-the-seams-of-the tent when a truck rumbles by.

And there are other troops, whose identities can't be discussed under the military's ground rules for coverage here. The appearance of some combines aspects of both professions: as sullenly as the reporters but as lethally as the infantry.

Most surprising of all for a U.S. military base, there are locals

strolling through it along the main road; some toting automatic weapons, others quietly offering to sell war souvenirs, as if the base were part of the Casbah. "Five dollars," one Afghan whispered as he opened his jacket to reveal a Soviet bayonet hanging inside.

"There are Afghans walking around with AK-47s," said a shocked Marine Capt. Matt Keeney, a CH-53 helicopter pilot

who was one of the reinforcements called in for the recent battle in the Shah-Kor Valley.

That apparently loose approach to security would be enough to give heart palpitations to the typical U.S. general. For the Pentagon, protecting U.S. forces has been the top priority in recent missions in the Balkans and Haiti

— sometimes so much so that critics have argued that the military isn't allowed to take sufficient

risks to accomplish its missions.

But Army Maj. Gen. Franklin "Buster" Hagenbeck, commander of land operations in Afghanistan, said there are good reasons for the unusual setup here — and that security is far tighter than it appears.

Allied Afghan militiamen are conducting a quiet but lethal operation in the area around the base, Hagenbeck said in an interview. "The Afghan security forces ... have been terribly effective taking people out over the last five months, but we don't advertise it," he said. Since November, he said, "we know that they've killed a number of people" near the base who were believed to be security threats.

Hagenbeck and others here listed three prime reasons for the unorthodox approach. First, Bagram was originally a base for Special Forces and other unconventional U.S. troops, who tend to follow their own rules — which aren't divulged to outsiders. Second, almost everything here, from troops to food, until recently had to be flown in, limiting the military's ability to ship in such nonessential items as espresso makers.

But the most important reason is the political message: The United States isn't here to stay. The bare-bones operation, Hagenbeck said, shows that the U.S. military presence is transient.

"We don't in any way, shape or form want to resemble the Soviets, or look like an occupying power," Hagenbeck said. After invading Afghanistan in 1979, the Soviet military occupied and expanded the Bagram base during the decade-long Soviet-Afghan war that ended in a Soviet withdrawal in 1989.

That's one reason U.S. troops here can't enjoy pizza and cappuccino, as their comrades do at Camp Bondsteel, the big U.S. base in Kosovo. "I think when you start creating a Bondsteel, there's an impression, rightly or wrongly, that you're going to be there for an extended period of time," Hagenbeck said.

Likewise, no American flag flutters in the Afghan wind. "This isn't going to be Americanized," said Lt. Col. Scott F. Donahue, a military engineer.

Nor is it even going to be very nice, if the Army sticks to its plans. "It stinks," said Spec. James Risinger, a door gunner on a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. He compared the conditions unfavorably to those in a nearby country he wasn't permitted to identify, where his unit has been posted for several months. "Our other place, in another country, was much better. The Air Force gave us air-conditioned tents, a TV tent, even a pool table, Nautilus equipment. This sucks."

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Gunmen attack U.S., Afghan troops; one American dies

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Just 40 miles east of the main battlefield in Operation Anaconda, gunmen launched an attack on U.S. and Afghan troops with machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars, touching off a firefight Tuesday night near the town of Khost. One American soldier was wounded.

The soldier, with the 101st Airborne Division, was shot in the arm, but the injury was not considered life-threatening, said Commander Frank Merriman, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

At the same time, three U.S.-allied Afghan fighters were killed in a raid on a checkpoint near the Khost airport, Afghan officials said.

U.S. troops and their Afghan allies called in support from an AC-130 gunship and a B-1 bomber, which illuminated the area with flares, Central Command said.

At the Pentagon, Brig. Gen. John Rosa said the AC-130 targeted a former prison that was the source of some of the fire. Ground forces who searched the area later found bullet casings and blood but no bodies, he said.

"The enemy fire seemed to be trying to harass our troops, or trying to inflict quick casualties, as opposed to conducting a more sustained attack," he said. "I

Al-Qaida: World-wide?

Troops searching caves and bunkers cleared of al-Qaida fighters in Operation Anaconda found a hand-held global positioning system unit that had belonged to an American soldier killed in Somalia in 1993, Brig. Gen. John Rosa said. The unit and its case had the soldier's name written on it. "We've said all along that we suspected al-Qaida of being a world-wide network," Rosa said, and the GPS "could obviously be al-Qaida to Somalia" — though he acknowledged it could have been stolen and sold on the black market. The terror network headed by Osama bin Laden was said to be active in Somalia, encouraging attacks on American troops there.

would expect to see more of this. We knew as we break these folks down into pockets we can expect this."

Tensions have been running high for months in Khost, near the Pakistani border and along one potential route into Pakistan for fleeing fighters. U.S. special forces, who have been operating in the town for some time, came under fire at the Khost airport at the beginning of Operation Anaconda, but there were no injuries.

A contingent of up to 1,700 British soldiers is on its way to Afghanistan to join the fight

of the American war on terrorism. They were first sent to Uzbekistan last fall, providing security for U.S. aircraft at an air base in Termez on the Afghan border.

The division moved into Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban.

Hagenbeck dismissed claims by local Afghan commanders that many al-Qaida fighters managed to escape during the operation. He said commanders used Predator remote-controlled spy planes to watch as hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters moved into the Shah-e-Kot valley early in the offensive — even as the area was under the U.S.-led attack.

"They were trying to push

through, and we allowed them to come in. They were coming in very small groups — three, four, five at a time, using a trail network, and they flowed into the valley over a 48-hour period," he said. Hagenbeck said that even as the U.S. began to rout the enemy forces with heavy bombing and ground combat, the fighters continued to enter the valley.

Based on monitoring of al-Qaida communications, Hagenbeck said it appeared al-Qaida leaders were unable to warn their fighters to turn back.

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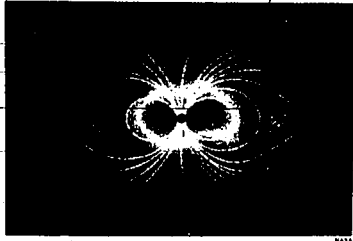
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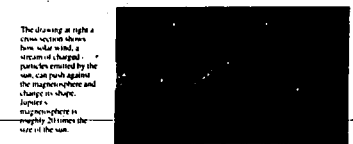
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Jupiter's Active Magnetosphere

Using two spacecraft and several telescopes, astronomers have made the first detailed study of the structure of the solar system's most massive magnetic bubble surrounding Jupiter.



Though the vast magnetosphere around Jupiter is invisible, it can be seen using special instruments. This image was taken using a camera aboard the Cassini spacecraft that detects X-rays emitted from the magnetosphere. In this image, Jupiter is drawn in as a small dark circle and the planet's ergaster field is drawn in white lines.



The drawing at right shows how solar wind, a stream of charged particles emitted by the sun, can perturb the magnetosphere and change its shape. Jupiter's magnetosphere is roughly 20 times the size of the sun.



The new research shows, as depicted below, that charged particles flow between Jupiter and its moons via currents. The inset shows the electric current generated by the moons, which flow in the opposite direction of the northern lights, seen at Jupiter's pole.

Fossil sheds light on human evolution

The Associated Press

A million-year-old skull found in Ethiopia confirms the theory that modern man evolved from a single pre-human species that developed in Africa and migrated throughout much of the world, scientists say.

Most anthropologists believe that Homo erectus is the species that is said to bear the first recognizable human characteristics — emerged nearly 2 million years ago in Africa and spread across several continents to serve as an ancestor to modern man, or Homo sapiens.

But some scientists maintain that another prehuman species known as Homo ergaster emerged in Africa about the same time, migrated around the world and evolved into Homo erectus. Then, according to this theory, Homo erectus traveled to Africa.

Researchers from the United States and Ethiopia said this latest skull appears to be Homo erectus. They said the find helps prove that Homo erectus originated in Africa and persisted



Henry Gilbert, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California at Berkeley, works on the Daka Homo erectus calvaria at the Paleoanthropology Laboratory at the National Museum of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in this 1998 photo made available Monday.

there for hundreds of thousands of years, while some of its numbers migrated around the world.

In fact, they said the differences discovered around the world between Homo erectus and specimens considered to be

Homo ergaster — primarily variations in facial and skull bones — are too minor to represent different species and that Homo ergaster did not exist as a separate species.

The study was led by

University of California at Berkeley anthropologist Tim White and was published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

"There's been a recent tendency to give a different name to each of the fossils that comes out of the ground, and that has led to what we think is a very misleading portrayal of the biology of human evolution," said White, who co-directs the Laboratory for Human Evolutionary Studies.

"But when you find a fossil like this one so similar to Asian and European ones, it indicates the same species."

Unlike earlier prehuman species with apelike traits, Homo erectus had a large brain and walked upright. It made stone tools and ate meat.

Within several thousand years, it had moved into the Middle East, Europe and southern Asia, though the precise pattern remains uncertain. It became extinct 400,000 years ago.

The Neanderthals in Europe probably were a later branch of Homo erectus that became extinct, White said, but may have overlapped with early Homo sapiens.

Scientists claim ability to mimic natural evolution in laboratory

The Associated Press

Scientists say they can mimic the evolution of bacteria in a laboratory petri dish, a step that could help drugmakers keep antibiotics one step ahead of fast-changing germs.

The experimental process shows how a germ will evolve and become resistant to antibiotics in a way that is similar to how it occurs in nature, said Barry Hall, a biologist at the University of Rochester and co-author of a

study published in the March issue of the journal Genetics.

By charting how a germ develops resistance to certain drugs, Hall said, drugmakers could bypass those traits and extend a drug's usefulness.

"We make a drug and after a while bugs adapt to it," Hall said. "But if we can predict how they're going to get around our treatments, we can work out a way to make it impossible for them. We can cut them off at the pass."

Study: Pill prevents more strokes

ATLANTA (AP) — A large head-to-head comparison of two widely used blood pressure pills found one dramatically superior in preventing strokes and diabetes, even though they are equal at reducing hypertension.

The winner was Merck's Cozart, which was pitted against the older and widely used beta blocker drug known generically as atenolol. The study was paid for by Merck.

Typically, doctors are satisfied simply to get patients' high blood pressure down and feel it does not matter much which kind of drug accomplishes the goal.

Researchers say the new study is the first to show that how blood pressure is lowered can be important, too.

The study found that patients on Cozart were 25 percent less likely to suffer strokes and 25 percent less likely to develop diabetes. However, the two drugs lowered patients' blood pressure virtually identically.

Dr. Bjorn Dahlöf of Göteborg University in Sweden presented the results to extended applause and whistles in a packed hall Wednesday at the annual meeting in Atlanta of the American College of Cardiology.

Luck allows two crafts to study Jupiter at once

Los Angeles Times

Twenty times larger than the sun, tens of thousands of times larger than Earth, the largest object in the solar system is a violent, radiation-filled magnetic bubble that surrounds Jupiter, according to new data resulting from the timely rendezvous of two spacecraft around the giant planet.

This inner region is probably the most intense and hazardous environment in the solar system except for the surface of the sun. It's the extreme of the extreme," said Scott Bolton, a space physicist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., who worked on several of the new studies.

Jupiter's magnetic field arises from electric currents generated by the planet's metallic interior. Earth has a magnetic field, too, but it is much smaller and simpler than Jupiter's. Both magnetospheres contract and expand dramatically as they are buffeted by the solar wind, the streams of charged particles that are hurled into space by the ferocious activity of the sun.

But the vagaries of Jupiter's magnetosphere have remained a mystery. Many of the signals it generates are trapped there, so that do escape can't penetrate Earth's protective atmosphere.

"The only way to measure these charged particles and radio signals is to take your radio receiver to the planet," said William Kurth, a planetary scientist at the University of Iowa who worked on a number of the new studies.

In January 2001, scientists were able to tag-team Jupiter with two spacecraft: the soon-to-be-retired veteran Galileo and a newcomer called Cassini-Huygens. Cassini, speeding toward a 2004 date with Saturn, passed within 6 million miles of Jupiter to use the planet's gravitational field as a slingshot.

Scientists also were able to employ the Hubble and Chandra space telescopes and an array of radio telescopes on Earth. The

synchronized view gave scientists so much information they published a flood of results. In the current issue of the journal Nature, 82 planetary scientists have published seven papers, something physicist Michele Dougherty of Imperial College in London called "a very rich scientific harvest."

Cassini reached Jupiter while the battered, radiation-soaked Galileo was still circling the planet. Launched in 1989, Galileo had been expected to give out by 1997, the year Cassini was launched. With some software reboots and a little baby-sitting by JPL engineers, Galileo kept plugging away and sending home streams of data on Jupiter and its moons. "It just kept going, and going and going," said Linda Spilker, the deputy project scientist at JPL for Cassini.

Galileo's extended life span gave scientists the unprecedented chance to examine another planet using two spacecraft at once, something Kurth called "an amazing stroke of luck."

This gave scientists the opportunity to see just how much Jupiter's magnetosphere is affected by the solar wind and how much of it is altered by internal factors coming from Jupiter or its many moons.

While one spacecraft measured the magnetosphere, the other measured the solar wind. "For the first time, we could see the connection," Spilker said.

Although scientists will be studying the new data for years, the two spacecraft have moved on. Galileo is continuing to study Jupiter and its moons and will do so until its planned descent into Jupiter's crushing atmosphere next year. Cassini is speeding toward Saturn and its rings. The gravity assist from Jupiter boosted Cassini's speed by 4,900 mph; the assist at the giant planet boosted the spirits of its scientific team.

"The Jupiter fly-by," Spilker said, "gave us a taste of what we can expect at Saturn."



Asteroid passes near Earth, unnoticed

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — An asteroid large enough to demolish a city the size of Orlando passed within 280,000 miles of Earth without being noticed by astronomers until four days later.

The asteroid, about 165 feet across, came from the direction of the sun, making it difficult for astronomers to spot. It passed by Earth on March 8, but wasn't seen until March 12 as it hurried away.

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Analysts see massive increase in eye disease

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of blind or visually impaired Americans is likely to double over the next 30 years as the giant baby boom generation ages, the National Eye Institute reported Wednesday. Currently, more than 1 million Americans are blind and another 2.4 million suffer some vision impairment, according to the report. "Vision Problems in the U.S."

"Disturbingly, the number of Americans with age-related eye disease and the vision impairment that results is expected to double over the next three decades," according to the report, prepared in conjunction with Prevent Blindness America. "People do not go blind by the millions, they go blind one by one," said Dr. Nathan Congdon of Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

National Eye Institute Director Dr. Paul Sieving commented that "most of us have wondered what it would be like if we lost our sight. This is a scary thought. Yet aging is something none of us can avoid... and the longer we live, the more likely we are to develop one of these eye diseases." Dr. David S. Friedman, lead author of the report said: "The bottom line is, if nothing is done and we just go on the way we're

going now, we're going to have a massive increase in the number of visually impaired and blind in America." "Vision loss has such an impact on the ability to live freely," said Friedman, also a Wilmer Eye Institute professor. Indeed the millions of baby boomers born between 1946 and 1965 are now in the age group where vision problems become increasingly evident.



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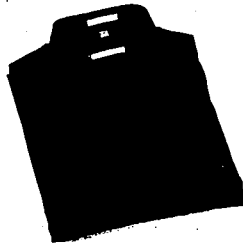
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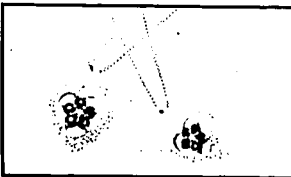
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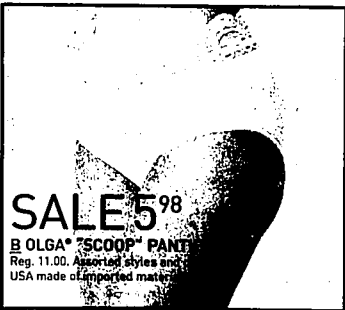
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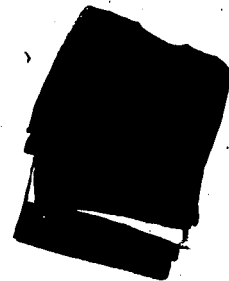
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Power users deserve relief from high rates

The sooner Idaho Power Co. can help ratepayers escape the cold blast of this year's winter heating bills, the better.

Idaho Power's proposal to issue \$172 million worth of revenue bonds is a good way to start. By using the bonds to pay off debts from the energy crisis, Idaho Power can stretch out the payback over time — and avoid passing on another double-digit rate increase to customers this May.

But Idaho Power needs to go one step further for electric customers: It should do all it can to convince the Idaho Public Utilities Commission that its three-tiered rate payment structure needs to be thrown out or modified.

For those Magic Valley power customers who live in all-electric homes, the rate structure has made winter miserably expensive.

The PUC passed its three-tiered rate structure last spring, to reward ratepayers who use less power. For all electric homes, with no alternative such as gas, that meant buying much of their power at the highest rate. Many Magic Valley homeowners are in that situation, and they took a beating when Old Man Winter came down hard.

There's nothing wrong with trying to reward ratepayers for conserving power during a crisis. But the rate structure is a draconian measure that penalizes people for using something they can't do without.

The PUC has defended its implementation of the rate structure by noting that it held

public hearings last spring, and the public response was receptive.

But the commission, which has been hit with a large number of complaints this winter, shouldn't be surprised at customers' frustration. When those hearings were held, few customers understood how dramatically their power bills would rise.

This column opposed the rate structure from the start and warned the PUC and Idaho Power that all-electric homeowners in southern Idaho would feel the worst financial pain. Idaho Power likewise opposed the rate structure when the PUC started pushing for it.

But the utility company needs to do more to assure that the three-tiered system stops or is changed more favorably for all-electric homes. The rate structure isn't the only reason customers have high bills, but it does contribute to the load.

As for the plan to borrow funds to lower rates next year, Idaho Power should pursue that option. By paying off the debt over three years, Idaho Power and ratepayers will be rolling the dice and betting that another energy crisis doesn't occur. But the only other alternative is to bite the bullet again next year and accept another 11 percent rate hike.

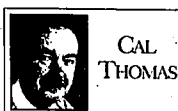
Idahoans, particularly seniors, have suffered enough. It's time for Idaho Power and the PUC to take the right steps, provide relief, and change a rate structure that has created more pain than progress.

Our view: Idaho power, PUC, should avoid rate increases and change tiered rate structure. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Thatcher's words carry weight

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher left office 12 years ago but is not just remembered as "Statecraft"; she settles some old scores and warns of severe consequences if Britain subsumes itself to a Euro currency and the European mentality.



Which brings her to Europe and the future. Because Europe three times in the last century was home to ideologies that led to two hot wars and the Cold War, Thatcher passionately asserts in her book that Britain should resist Europe's siren call to scuttle the pound and immerse itself in the Euro and the European mindset.

In the book, serialized last week in The Times of London, Lady Thatcher again takes on the former leader of the former Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, and buries him. She worries that people will forget what happened in the '80s as revisionists rewrite history and pretend that Thatcher and Ronald Reagan were minor players in the Soviet collapse: "...the role of Ronald Reagan has been deliberately diminished, the role of the Europeans, who, with the exception of (former German Chancellor) Helmut Kohl, were often all too keen to undermine America when it mattered, had been sanitized; and the role of Mikhail Gorbachev, who failed spectacularly in his declared objective of saving communism and the Soviet Union, has been absurdly misunderstood."

With exquisite understatement, Thatcher says Gorbachev's views have "doubtful validity." More than just setting the record straight, Thatcher believes it's important for the future that the past be correctly remembered. Gorbachev's ideas, she writes, "represent the articulation of a strategy common to the left in many countries, of seeking to escape all blame for communism and then going on to take credit for being more pragmatic, modern and insightful about the world which those who actually fought communism have created. It is of pressing necessity to expose and defeat both distortions."

Thatcher goes on at some length about Gorbachev because she believes the revisionists (including Gorbachev) want us to believe a falsehood. She recalls a Nov. 16, 1999 gathering in Prague attended by some of the "main actors" in the dramatic events that ended with the collapse of Soviet communism. At the meeting, she writes, Gorbachev denied there had

been any victor in the Cold War. He accused people such as Thatcher of having a "superiority complex." She states that Gorbachev "asserted that no single ideology...had all the answers, and informed us that seven the communists wanted to make the world a happier place." It followed, of course, that since no side had won (or, doubtless more important to Mr. Gorbachev, no side had lost) and no single ideology was sufficient for the needs of the world today, the search for solutions must go on.

Thatcher says that the attempt to form a United Europe is fatally flawed because, unlike the United States — after which the shapers of Europe claim to be patterning their plan — Europe does not have a common language, culture and values. "It is also flawed because the United States was forged in the 18th century and transformed into a truly federal system in the 19th century through events, above all through the necessities and outcomes of war," Thatcher writes. "By contrast, Europe is the result of plans. It is, in fact, a classic Utopian project, a monument to the vanity of intellectuals, a programme whose inevitable destiny is failure: only the scale of the final damage is in doubt."

No wonder the weenies of the Conservative Party decided 12 years ago that Thatcher must go. She made them all look and sound like castrated chickens. "Statecraft" is more than a memoir. It is a book about "Truth at a time when people prefer intellectual junk food to nourishment."

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Law does protect disabled parents' rights

I am a disabled parent writing in response to the March 3 letter titled "Disabled parents have rights." I would like to ask Sandra Dressel of Heyburn if she had actually read HB 577. After reading her letter, I could not sleep for two days. I believed it possible, given my own experience with rampant disability discrimination perpetuated by local and state government agencies, that our legislators would try taking away a disabled parent's rights to have custody of their child.

I hope my understanding of this law is accurate, and after reading the bill on our legislators' Web site several times, I failed to find any discriminatory language. I find this bill protects disabled parents' rights to custody of a child. If anyone can find where the language of this bill is discriminatory, please contact me. I would like the opportunity to understand bill or

law HB 577, passed on Feb. 27, the content of 65-05. If I am correct in my understanding, I would like to applaud our 65 legislators who voted for this protective legislation.

Things are changing slowly. I would encourage a response in a public forum like The Times-News letters section. This would continue to create awareness of differences and promote tolerance for all humanity.

Thank you for taking part in raising disability awareness. Most of your letter I found accurately addresses the problem of discrimination in Idaho. Change takes time and continuing vigilance, just as I have taken me seven years to start understanding the nature of my differences. We all must continue to be vigilant in pursuing greater understanding and tolerance. In order for the idealism that all are created equal to be true, humanity must first realize that we are all different. Those of us with different kinds of wiring

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from the majority can be equal if we promote disability awareness. It is possible to provide accommodations and auxiliary aids that create equality for all. This humanity must do! We cannot punish those who were born or, through disaster, became disabled. How could the justly punishment of a person for what their parents did or to a drunk? Is contracting an illness or a virus punishable? Or whatever the reason? Anything less would be inhumane and destroy the idea of equality in America. Please help me clear up the issue dealt with in House Bill 577.

ROBERT T. LAGERVALL
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U.N. is becoming a world government; get U.S. out

When will we wake up and realize that the terrorist-infested United Nations is rapidly becoming a world government? Hitler's quest for global dominance and the United Nation's

quest for global government have severed identities. Hitler and the U.N. authorities dreamed their dream long before the rest of the world was aware of it. Hitler and the United Nations both gathered an inner-circle of trusted, like-minded individuals and consolidated their power base before expanding outward to accomplish their goal of world control. Hitler achieved his goals until he confronted the United States. The United Nations will fall when we leave it!

The 1993 U.N.-funded Commission on Global Governance made public a detailed report ("Our Global Neighborhood") to achieve U.N.-controlled world government. That plan is being implemented piece-by-piece as we lose our independence. With each new world conference like those on the environment (1992); human rights (1993); world trade (1994); sustainable development (1995); global warming (1996); International

Criminal Court (1998); global taxation (2002) and subsequent U.N. treaties, the United Nations expands its world power as our laws must comply with U.N. "laws" and our federal bureaucracy implements these unconstitutional treaties, ratified or not, with our tax money.

We will lose our independence and freedom unless we get out of the United States by passing H.R. 1146 and stop financing our own destruction and move that terrorist-infested nest of communist spies elsewhere!

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Lawyers have obligation to justice

Two women caught up in tragedy involving the deaths of their children were battered in two courtrooms, one in Texas, the other in California — delivering self-inflicted bruises to the criminal justice system.

In Houston, the 3.5 hours it took for the jury to decide that Andrea Yates was not insane when she drowned her five children was akin to saying, let's just get this over with."

This stay-at-home mom, a nurse by training, was home-schooling her children and seemed to get no breaks from them or help in rearing them. A psychiatrist said her husband should have realized that while they were having so many babies and she was struggling to remain sane.

"I believe that if she has no further children, and if she stays under medication, her symptoms and her illness will be under control," the psychiatrist said. "She snapped when she concluded, as she told a police investigator, 'I realized I have not been a good mother to them.'"

Yates was what her defense lawyer described as "a delusional act of love." In her confused mind she thought she was sending the children to heaven while their souls were still innocent.

The truth is that behind bars, where the jury says she must remain (for at least 40 years, a convicted Yates is not likely to receive the kind of psychiatric care that she needs. That's Texas justice.

Andrea has been helping people all her life. The two times she really needed help, it wasn't enough," her mother said. Even Yates' husband testified that "she's the kindest and most caring person I know." How insane that they should have had to beg for her life.

But if the Texas criminal justice system's treatment of the insanity defense lawyer described as "a delusional act of love," in her confused mind she thought she was sending the children to heaven while their souls were still innocent.

Based on forensic evidence, it was pretty clear that the suspect in the case, one of Damon and Davina Westfall's would be held without bail pending trial.

But before a judge could reach that decision, the defense lawyer extended his questioning of the van Dams about their use of marijuana, their sexual exploits and their partying habits.

On the night the child disappeared, Brenda van Dam was out carousing with friends until 2 a.m., smoking marijuana, drinking several cranberry vodka cocktails and a shot of tequila, and dancing provocatively with another woman at a bar called Dad's. Damon hit the sack with a friend of his wife. It wasn't pretty. But it also wasn't necessary at this phase of the case.

Both these cases inspire cynicism about the workings of the legal system: Prosecutors can convince grand jurors to indict a ham sandwich, if they choose; they can just as convincingly let the grand jurors know when they don't really want an indictment.

Defense lawyers use any trick in the book — whether implying that parents' unconventional lifestyle led to their child's kidnapping and murder or even implying that a woman mauled in San Francisco was somehow responsible for her own grisly death.

Sometimes you just wish lawyers would keep in mind their obligation to justice — not to winning and losing at all costs.

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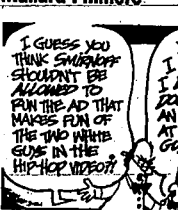
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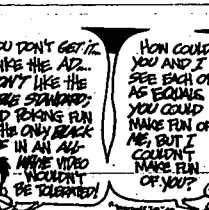
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Russia, not the U.S., flourishes with the flat tax

Even years ago, the Soviet Union was a communist dictatorship, an "evil empire," in the words of President Reagan. But today, the Cold War is a fading memory, and the nation that used to represent international socialism has junked its "progressive" income tax for a simple and fair 13 percent flat tax.

What's more, the idea came from President Vladimir Putin, a former head of the KGB. Who would have thought it — that America would beat the Soviets to the moon, but Russia would become the first to adopt the ideal free-market tax system?

Moreover, the Russian flat tax has proved a smashing success since it took effect in January 2001. Russia's economy grew by more than 5 percent last year while most other nations were mired in recession. Even the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development called Russia's flat-tax system a "key accomplishment."

It also is interesting to note that Russian tax revenues are skyrocketing even though the tax rate now is now far below the 30 percent top rate of the old system. According to preliminary figures,

DANIEL J. MITCHELL

inflation-adjusted tax revenues climbed by 28 percent last year. This proves the class warfare artists in Washington completely wrong when they argue that tax revenues would fall and the rich would get a big tax cut if America adopted such a system. The Russian experience confirms — again — that tax revenues rise under a flat tax.

In addition to one low rate, Russia's flat tax is much less biased against savings and investment. Unlike our Internal Revenue Code, which taxes income once when you earn it and a second time when you invest it, the Russian flat tax does not double-tax corporate income or impose a capital gains tax on stocks, bonds and home sales. And with few exceptions, there is no double-tax on bank deposit interest. A few wars remain, but Russia's flat tax already beats America's punitive redistribution-oriented tax code.

Fortunately, it appears that

some U.S. politicians have noticed. President Bush said last June that he "was so impressed that (Putin) was able to simplify his tax code in Russia with a flat tax."

The difference between President Bush and President Putin, of course, is that while Russia enjoys its flat tax,

Americans still have to navigate the hundreds of forms required by all 45,000 pages of our mind-numbing tax code. But don't blame President Bush. He's boxed in by tax-cut opponents such as Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. A flat tax will create jobs and

boost growth — improving America's competitive advantage in the world economy. But tax reform is not just about a bigger economy. A simple and fair flat tax also would reduce political corruption and fulfill our Constitution's promise that all people should be treated equally.

If reformists can make this reform, is it too much to hope that Congress can do it, too?

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LETTERS

Don't let California take our teachers away

Concerning teachers in Idaho: I have just called my brother in California, who has for many years worked as a practice teacher supervisor. He maintains the high desert area of California around Barstow, Victorville, etc., can handle at least 100 new teachers in 2002-2003. The Los Angeles Basin schools would multiply that number by at least 50 times, or 5,000 teachers. The rest of the state is in dire need of proportionately the same amount.

Beginning teachers start at \$40,000 a year and, after 15 years, are now at \$60,000. The cost of living in the high desert area is less than Idaho.

I am writing this letter in hopes that the Idaho Education Association could be forewarned and that we could keep many of the teachers Idaho has spent so much to train.

Teachers can start in California with only a bachelor's degree and can, within a year or two, earn the credential that usually brings tenure.

IEA, please take all possible precautions to avoid a raid on

our highly prized teachers.

JOE ANDREASEN
Shoshone

It's time to show there are Democrats in Idaho

I'm excited to see some Democrats showing up in our state. About time!

Are you addicted to talk radio? I listen, then change the dial. I heard Hannity (Fox's Sean Hannity). A giddy woman came on, said, "Oh, I'm so thrilled to get you — I just love you — I want you to talk to my daughter."

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House OKs budget focusing on defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans approved a \$2 trillion budget for next year through the House on Wednesday that mirrors President Bush's plan of strengthening defense and domestic security while allowing this to return.

The Senate's majority Democrats unfurled their own fiscal blueprint of the same amount and planned to shove it through that chamber's budget panel on Thursday. It focuses on generat-

ing surpluses without using Social Security funds by 2008, while embracing Bush's defense proposals for the next two years and outspending him for schools, health and road building.

House passage, by a mostly party-line, 221-209 vote, marked approval of the GOP's fiscal response to a world that has seen domestic terrorism, recession and federal deficits all surface since lawmakers last wrote a budget a year ago. Idaho Reps. Mike Simp-

son and Butch Otter, both Republicans, voted for the budget.

With red ink back for the first time since 1997, a stalemate on Congress' budget is likely this year because the House and Senate are controlled by different parties. Even so, Wednesday's debates let each party parade their priorities and attack their rivals' goals with messages they are sure to echo until this November's elections for control of Congress.

GOP shuts down panels in nomination tiff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans shut down two Senate committees that were considering Enron-related legislation Wednesday, retaliating against Democrats who voted down a federal appeals court nominee.

"Senate Republicans strongly believe that we should have an understanding on when President Bush's circuit court nominees, many of whom have been languishing in the Judiciary Committee for almost a year, will

get hearings and be treated fairly," said Ron Bonjean, a spokesman for Republican Leader Trent Lott.

Lott objected to Senate committees and hearings running more than two hours Wednesday. A little-used rule limits meetings to two hours after the Senate convenes unless all senators agree to an extension. Lott would not, halting two Democratic-controlled committees: Governmental Affairs and Health, Education,

Labor and Pensions.

The Judiciary Committee last week voted down U.S. Appeals Court nominee Charles Pickering, a friend of Lott, R-Miss. Since then, Republicans have threatened payback to the Democratic majority by slowing down Senate proceedings and blocking Democratic nominees.

The shutdown came before a vote could be taken in one committee on a bill that would limit employer stock in 401(k) plans.

Overhaul

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think will be written about in the history books for years to come," he said.

Historic or not, the battle over the bill — one of the most controversial of the past decade — is no over. Leading opponents and their allies in various outside groups vowed to challenge the measure in court as a violation of free-speech guarantees in the Constitution.

With some limits, courts have ruled that campaign contributions are a form of expression.

Passage of the bill amounted to a rare triumph for small bands of reformers in both parties, principally Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. He lost the Republican presidential nomination to Bush two years ago, but bounded back on Capitol Hill to prevail on the issue that had been his campaign's hallmark.

The bill is less ambitious than some earlier proposals that called for spending limits and public funding of campaigns. Still, supporters and opponents agree that it could profoundly affect the way money is raised and spent to influence elections and law-making. But they disagree on whether the impact will be good.

"The political landscape... will be filled with more people and less interest, more contributors and smaller contributions, more democracy and less elitism," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

To the contrary, the bill's foes argued, it will threaten the viability of political parties, other democratic institutions and free speech.

"This wholesale regulation of every action of every American anytime there is a federal election is truly unprecedented," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. McConnell, who led the fight against the bill, focused much of his fire Wednesday on newspapers that supported the bill editorially. He says they have a "blatant conflict of interest" because their revenues and influence might increase if other forms of advertising are curtailed.

Campaign strategists disagree on which party might benefit more from the legislation. The two parties raised roughly the same amount of soft money in the last election. Republicans typically raise far more in "hard money" contributions, and will presumably benefit more from a provision that will raise hard-money limits. But Democrats will still benefit from campaign activities by labor unions and other groups that support them and have vowed to step up fundraising for hard dollars.

The bill, sponsored by McCain and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., in the Senate, would ban the unlimited soft money contributions that are special interests have been pouring into national party coffers in recent elections. To avoid laundering of the funds through other party groups, it would also limit soft money contributions to state and local parties, capping them at \$10,000 and banning their use in federal campaigns.

Soft money is ostensibly for party-building activities, such as registration and get-out-the-vote drives, but has increasingly been used by both parties for advertising that promotes their own candidates or attacks rivals without using specific words that trigger hard money contribution limits.

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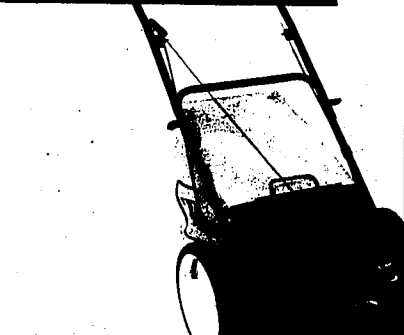
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SPORTSQUOTE

“It was always David and Goliath and I was David. But I always proved them wrong. That attitude has helped me.”

Joe Theismann at the CSI and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Success Breakfast at CSI Wednesday.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the all-time record for points in the NCAA men's basketball tournament?

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
Snake River at Kimberly (2), 3:30 p.m.
High school softball
Buhl at Filer (2), 4 p.m.
High school track
Buhl Time Trials, 3 p.m.
Highland Dual Meet, 3:30 p.m.
Rigby Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Bonnevillie Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Outback, Ballroom will sponsor dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Outback Steakhouse and the Ballroom will sponsor a dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.
The dinner is a fund-raiser for the Southern Idaho Hawks basketball team. Proceeds will go towards tournament fees and travel expenses.
The Ballroom is offering its hall for the event and the Outback Steakhouse is donating all food and service.
For more information or a ticket, call 735-8934.

Arkansas prolongs wait for decision on coach

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The University of Arkansas system president spent Wednesday deliberating Nolan Richardson's contract situation without reaching a decision on whether to uphold a decision to terminate the basketball coach's deal.
Two days after President B. Alan Sugg met with Richardson, his office released a one-paragraph statement that said Sugg continues to review the termination of the employment agreement between the University of Arkansas and Nolan Richardson Jr., and no announcement will be made today.
Richardson is hopeful that Sugg will reverse a decision to terminate Richardson's \$1.03 million-a-year coaching pact. Sugg said Monday he would decide in a day or two.
At the state Capitol, where administrators and legislators gathered Wednesday to discuss higher education issues, Sugg said "I don't know" when asked whether he made a decision.

Rams rule out acquiring wide receiver Carter

ORLANDO — So what's wrong with wide receiver Chris Carter? On Wednesday, St. Louis coach Mike Martz closed the door to the Rams signing Carter, the second-leading receiver in NFL history.
"It was open a little before, but it's closed now," said Martz, whose team will be meeting with free agent wide receiver Johnnie Morton.
Martz's decision leaves the Dolphins as the leading contender for Carter, albeit by default.
Dolphins senior vice president Rick Spielman said he will talk to Carter's agent, Fletcher Smith, next week.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Christian Laettner of Duke, 407, in four seasons from 1989-92.

Underdog remains unfazed

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Indiana has had its share of distractions the last two seasons. So, playing defending champion Duke in the NCAA tournament is a minor sideshow to the Hoosiers.
There's been the Bob Knight saga, a mediocre 75 start this year and a late-season injury to Jared Jeffries that probably cost Indiana the Big Ten title outright.
"Being the only double-digit underdog in the tournament's round of 16 doesn't faze coach Mike Davis and his Indiana players as they prepare to play the top-seeded Blue Devils (31-3) in the South Regional semifinals tonight.
"The last time I checked there was some bracket deal where over

900,000 people picked and not one person had the Sweet 16 right," Davis said.
The Hoosiers are 12-point underdogs to a team filled with future NBA players. And perhaps no coach has been a bigger underdog than Davis, who took over one of college basketball's storied programs after 29 years of Knight's rule.
Davis, who doesn't wear a red sweater and let his 3-year-old son Antoine help with practice Wednesday, has been a target of some Indiana fans ever since he replaced Knight, who was fired after violating a zero-tolerance personal behavior rule imposed by the university.
"People that got down on us are

the ones who didn't want me to be the coach," Davis said. "Here we are Big Ten champs and they're not happy about that. Here we are in the Sweet 16 and they're not happy about that. Here we are with back-to-back 20-win seasons and they're not happy about that.
"I try to put those people out of my mind but it's very difficult. I do have a radio show and they do call in and ask the craziest questions in the world."
A win by Indiana (22-11) would go a long way toward bringing Davis and the school's fans closer together. The Hoosiers haven't been this deep in the tournament since 1994.
"With the fans holding onto the



Indiana's Dane Fife shoots during practice at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., Wednesday. Indiana will play Duke in an NCAA South Regional semifinal game today. Duke is seeking its ninth straight NCAA tournament victory against an Indiana program slowly escaping the shadow of former coach Bob Knight.

At center stage

BYU's new women's coach Judkins has Cougars in Sweet 16, and himself in the spotlight

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Jeff Judkins was the guy drafted by the Boston Celtics in the second round after they took Larry Bird. He spent 10 years as an assistant to Rick Majerus at Utah.
He's not in the background any longer. The first-year women's coach at BYU has taken the surprising Cougars to the third round of the NCAA tournament.
"I'm real happy," Judkins said Wednesday. "I've been real fortunate to be here in the men's tournament. To be here in my first year as a women's coach, I've been real blessed to have things bounce my way."

BYU (24-8) was 0-4 in the NCAA tournament until last weekend, when the 11th-seeded Cougars beat Florida 90-52 and then erased a 13-point second-half deficit to stun Iowa State 75-69 on the Cyclones' homecourt.
The Cougars had so much fun in Ames, Iowa, they're heading back for the Midwest regional semifinals. Next up is Saturday's game against perennial national power Tennessee (27-4).
"You'd be stupid if you didn't realize this is a very awesome program," said Judkins, or "Juddie" as his players call him.
The giant-killer theme is nothing new to Judkins, who worked under Majerus when the Runnin' Utes upset Arizona to reach the 1998 men's Final Four, then beat North Carolina before losing in the title game to Kentucky.
He compared the Tennessee matchup to Utah playing North Carolina that year.
"They had a great tradition. They put four guys in the NBA. Vince Carter was one of them," Judkins said. "But we knew if we could play our game, we could stay with them. That's something I'm going to bring up to our team."
Judkins grew up in Salt Lake City and played at Utah in the

late 1970s. He spent five years in the NBA with the Celtics, Portland Trail Blazers, Detroit Pistons and Utah Jazz.
He still peppers his talk with references to the men's game, comparing BYU shooting guard Erin Thorn to former Utah stand-out

Andre Miller or Tennessee's depth and talent to Rick Pitino's old teams at Kentucky.
Judkins always hoped to be a head coach, but opportunities were limited because he wanted to keep his wife and five children near relatives in Utah. Two years ago, he shocked friends by leaving Utah to become director of basketball operations at archival BYU.
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Brigham Young coach Jeff Judkins was the guy drafted by the Boston Celtics after they took Larry Bird. He was an assistant to Rick Majerus at Utah. Now, the first-year women's coach at BYU has taken the surprising Cougars to the third round of the NCAA tournament. Guard Amy Lewis throws a pass during practice in the background.

Theismann focuses on change

By Joe Sunner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Joe Theismann won't deny it. The night he had his right leg shattered by Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants on Monday Night Football in 1985, Washington Redskins quarterback is working on changing other people's lives.
He might have found a convert in Jerome's Shawn Hanko.
It's hard to put into words," Hanko said, still clutching an autographed Wheaties box. "He was my idol growing up. He was a great player in his time, and when I saw his leg snap on TV, I knew his career was over. And that was really difficult for me. But getting to meet him — I'm just jacked."
Hanko was one of approximately 675 people from the Magic Valley and the surrounding area to attend the College of Southern

Idaho and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Success Breakfast at CSI Wednesday morning when Theismann, 52, was the featured speaker.
His "Game Plan for Success" lasted about 45 minutes and touched on topics ranging from teamwork and communication within the workplace to anecdotal stories about his life in football.
"Before my leg was broken, I was an egomaniac," Theismann said. "I didn't think I needed anyone. I was a star quarterback in the NFL. But when I wasn't able to play anymore, I had to ask myself if I could be a productive member of society. The answer was no. It was really an awakening."
Theismann's awakening after 12 years in the National Football League and a Super Bowl championship has led him into the broadcast booth at ESPN and to the speaking circuit. Theismann

said he does about 70 speaking engagements a year, mainly meeting with business groups.
"I've been doing this for 20 years now," Theismann said. "I've talked to crowds of thousands of people and crowds as small as seven people. And let me tell you, it's a lot easier talking to a thousand people."
Theismann's down-to-earth personality and accessibility was well received by the group. He was given a standing ovation as he entered the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium stage to the fight song of the University of Notre Dame, his alma mater, and after the presentation signed autographs in the lobby.
"He kind of brought in the local community, the business community and a little about himself and mixed it all together. I really enjoyed it," said Kevin Rosenau, ambassador president

Question and answer with Joe Theismann

Question: Who do you think the top pick in this April's NFL draft will be?
Answer: "I really just started doing research on the draft, but it seems like everybody is talking about (quarterback) David Carr of Fresno State. But I like Joey Harrington of Oregon. I think teams will have to change Carr's mechanics a little bit and Joey just seems more polished. Houston, Carolina and Detroit hold the top three picks, and the key will really be Detroit. They don't need a quarterback, so a lot of teams will be looking to get up to that spot."
Q: Why do you think a quarterback will be the top pick?
A: "We're in the business of quarterbacks in the NFL. The real gold in a draft is probably an offensive lineman. If a team can get a good one they can start for 10 years. But there aren't too many standouts in this draft. There are several good cornerbacks and tight ends, but finding a quarterback is what every team wants."
Q: Are you going to try to get out to any golf courses in the area?
A: "Everybody keeps telling me about the beautiful courses in the Snake

River Canyon, but I don't really have time to play. I have another speaking engagement to go on Thursday. I'd like to, but it won't work out."
Q: What do you think you would be doing without football?
A: "I have no idea. I don't really think about that because I try not to dwell on things I can't change. Now I've always been a salesman. People have always told me that, and I've worked doing just about everything from stocking shelves, to selling cans, but football has always been a part of my life."
Q: How did your time as an NFL quarterback prepare you for your career away from the field?
A: "I've been around football for 31 years. I don't think I could do anything else. But when you're a quarterback, you're a leader, whether you want to be or not. You know, my whole life people always told me I couldn't do this or that because I was too small. It was always David and Goliath and I was David. But I always proved them wrong. That attitude has helped me."
— Joe Sunner

Girl's death raises hockey safety issues

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The NHL is looking at arena safety following the death of a 13-year-old girl who was hit in the forehead by a puck that flew into the stands.
Britannic Cecil died two days after a deflected slap shot struck her at a Columbus Blue Jackets game, raising questions about the responsibilities of teams and arenas to protect fans. It was the first such fatality in league history.
NHL spokesman Frank Brown said Wednesday the league would "look at everything" to ensure fan safety, although he did not provide details.
"We believe our buildings are safe and history overwhelmingly has proven us right," he said. "We have entertained hundreds of millions of spectators over our 85 seasons and we are devastated that this tragic accident took place."
The Blue Jackets plan to wear the girl's initials on their helmets for the rest of the season, he said.
The team also will hold a moment of silence before Thursday night's game against the Detroit Red Wings, the Blue Jackets' first at home since the death, and will create a fund in the girl's memory.
Meanwhile, a coroner determined Wednesday that Britannic died from a rare injury to an artery that was damaged when her head snapped back.
The damage to the artery, which runs from the spine to the back of the brain, led to a "vicious cycle" of clotting in the artery and swelling of the brain, said Franklin County Coroner Brad Lewis, who performed the autopsy.
"The puck struck her in the forehead, causing a skull fracture and some bruising of the brain in the area," Lewis said. "But that wasn't what led to her death. It was the snapping back of the head and the damage to that artery."

Lewis said he consulted with other pathologists on the rarity of the injury. He said that a fellow pathologist had not encountered a similar injury and death in more than 25 years as a doctor.
The eight-year-old at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton had been at Children's Hospital in Columbus since being hurt Saturday night and died there late Monday afternoon. She remained conscious until Monday morning, Lewis said.

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SPORTS

Wood River baseball knocks off Jerome 4-1

JEROME - The Wood River Wolverine baseball team knocked off home-standing Jerome 4-1 Wednesday night. "We were a little flat," Tiger coach Jay Ostler said. "But we were hitting the ball OK. We just hit it right at them." The game had to be played on the junior varsity field because the varsity field was still not in condition for play...

Local sports

The Bobcat doubles team of brothers Jon and Nick were 6-4, 6-1 victors to lead a sweep of the boys doubles team. "We knew that our men's doubles teams were some of the strongest in our district, so we expected to get wins there," Burley coach Shane Ogden said. Ogden was particularly happy with the victory by junior Scott Bame and sophomore Kim Gochnour in mixed doubles.

Russets boys were victorious in the boys tourney.

Track
Senator boys, Wildcat girls take Gooding track meet

GOODING The Gooding Senator boys track team held off the competition Wednesday to take its own-track meet while the Filer girls team took home the top honors.

Wood River 4, Jerome 1
Wood River 3, Jerome 1
Wood River 2, Jerome 1

Tennis
Century netters down Burley with 7-5 win

BURLEY - The Century Diamondback tennis team downed Burley 7-5 Wednesday as the Bobcats hit the courts for the first time after their first six events of the season were canceled.

Golf
Russets fare well at Jerome golf tourney

JEROME - Shelley Russett golfers Nick and Katie Higham took medalist honors Wednesday at the Jerome Country Club, while the Burley girls won the girls team competition and the...

Jordan returns quietly as Wizards beat Nuggets

DENVER (AP) Michael Jordan had just seven points in his return from knee surgery, but Richard Hamilton scored 30 as the Wizards routed the Nuggets.



Wizards guard Michael Jordan scoops up a loose ball in front of teammate Elton Thomas and Denver Nuggets guard Gilbert Chahin, right, during their game in Denver on Wednesday. The appearance was the first for Jordan in a game since he underwent surgery on his right knee Feb. 27.

Jordan, playing for the first time since having knee surgery on his right knee Feb. 27, made two of his first four shots before missing five straight. He was the fifth player off the Wizards' bench, marking the first time since April 5, 1986 he played but was not in the starting lineup.

Jordan finished 2-for-9 with two assists, two steals and a rebound in 16 minutes. Washington has won three of four after losing five straight. The Wizards are 2.5 games behind Charlotte for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Spurs 108, Lakers 90

SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan scored 25 points and led the Spurs to a 108-90 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday.

The Spurs led by as many as 34 points in winning their 10th straight. It was their first victory over Los Angeles in three tries this season. The Lakers had beaten the Spurs six consecutive times, including a four-game sweep in last year's Western Conference final.

Reserve Malik Rose added 19 points for San Antonio, while David Robinson had 14 and Tony Parker 12.

Koby Bryant led the Lakers with 20 points. O'Neal finished with 17 points - 13 of them coming from the foul line - as Brian Shaw scored a season-high 16.

Celtics 96, Cavaliers 70

BOSTON - Paul Pierce had 22 points and 10 rebounds, scoring 11 during a 14-0 fourth-quarter run as the Boston Celtics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Cleveland 96-70 to sweep the season series against the Cavaliers. Boston's Paul Pierce had 22 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for the Celtics, who last swept Cleveland in 1984-85. Kenny Anderson added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists before sitting out the final minutes with the rest of the starters following a 21-2 run that turned a nine-point game into a blowout.

Randy McKay gives Stars immediate lift against Blues

DALLAS (AP) - Randy McKay had two assists in his debut with Dallas as the Stars beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 Wednesday night.

McKay, traded from New Jersey on Tuesday, assisted on Kirk Muller's game-winning with a nifty one-handed flick while his other arm was locked up by a defender.

McKay also set up a second-period goal by Richard Matvichuk before the game was over.

McKay came to Dallas with Jason Armort for Joe Nieuwendyk and Jamie Langenbrunner. Armort didn't play because of a sore back that's been bothering him for more than a week.

Sergei Zubov also scored for Dallas. Alexander Khavanov and Ray Ferraro scored for St. Louis. Ferraro's goal was his second in as many games since being acquired from Atlanta on Monday.

Blue jacks 3, Wild 1

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Playing for the first time since a young fan died after being hit by a puck, Columbus beat Minnesota behind Ron Tugnutt's 24-save performance.

A moment of silence was held before the game for 13-year-old Britznee Cecil, who died Monday.

NHL

night after being hit by a puck during Columbus' home game against Calgary on Saturday.

David Vyborny, Ray Whitney and Geoff Sanderson scored for Columbus.

Andrew Brunette scored for Minnesota.

Coyotes 3, Penguins 1

PITTSBURGH - Ladislav Nagy and Daniel Briere scored in the third period to give Phoenix a win over Pittsburgh.

The Coyotes have earned at least one point in 12 of their last 13 games. The Penguins are 4-12-0-1 against the Western Conference, including a 1-10 record at home.

Shane Doan also scored for Phoenix. Aleksi Kovalev had Pittsburgh's goal.

The win was coach Bob Francis' 107th with the Coyotes, making him the winningest coach in the franchise's combined history in Winnipeg and Phoenix.

Canadiens 4, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. - Oleg Petrov and Richard Zednik scored and...

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Doug Gilmour had three assists to lead Montreal over Florida.

The game was the first for the Panthers since trading All-Star Pavel Bure to the New York Rangers on Monday.

Zednik gave Montreal a 3-1 lead 56 seconds into the third period with his 19th goal and Petrov capped the scoring at 6:09 with his 23rd.

Montreal, 2-0-2 in its last four games, remains in the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, but moved four points ahead of the Rangers and Sabres, who are tied for ninth.

Arron Asham and Andrei Markov also scored for Montreal. Byron Ritchie scored for Florida.

Lightning 4, Thrashers 2

TAMPA, Fla. - Dave Andreychuk scored twice during a four-goal second period as Tampa Bay beat Atlanta.

Andreychuk tied the game at 2 on a backhander while being pulled down by Atlanta's Kamil Fiors at 10:16. He scored the go-ahead goal from a sharp angle near the goal line at 13:56.

Sheldon Keefe and Pavel Kubina had the other second-period goals for the Lightning, who are unbeaten in six games (3-0-3).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Washington fires Bender as head coach

SEATTLE - In the end, affection and respect for Bob Bender weren't enough. Not when he couldn't win. Bender was fired Tuesday after nine seasons as basketball coach at Washington. Athletic director Barbara Hedges announced the coaching change Wednesday, saying she asked Bender to resign during a 20-minute meeting.

She called it one of the most difficult decisions she's had to make. Hedges, who fired football coach Jim Lambright and then hired Rick Neuheisel, met with Bender for 1.5 hours last week, then scheduled a second meeting for Tuesday.

Kwan takes step toward gold medal

NAGANO, Japan - Michelle Kwan reacted as if the struck gold, even though the tide was still a roud away. Kyoiko Ima was dismayed, even though she helped the United States win its first medal at the World Figure Skating Championships.

"Finally! Eureka!" Kwan shouted after finishing first Wednesday in the women's short program with the help of a triple jump combination, a maneuver she failed to complete in her bronze-medal Olympic routine.

Even if this was only in the qualifying round, Kwan was happy. Ima captured a bronze medal in the pairs event with John Zimmerman, but wasn't happy about the way they gave the United States its first medal of the competition.

NBA owners tour New Orleans for Hornets

NEW ORLEANS - New Orleans Arena is "first class," but NBA commissioner David Stern insists that alone will not determine if the Charlotte Hornets move to New Orleans.

Stern toured the arena Wednesday with a relocation committee of seven NBA owners. Their recommendations are expected by April 9, when the league could vote on the move. The Hornets need support from at least 15 of the league's 29 other teams.

Stern said he was not concerned about a New Orleans economy that has become increasingly dependent on convention and tourism business.

Gwynn hired as ESPN analyst

BRISTOL, Conn. - Tony Gwynn was hired Wednesday by ESPN and will work as an analyst during games and studio shows.

Jeff Brantley, who like Gwynn retired after last season, also was hired by the network as an analyst.

Gwynn, who pitched 14 major league seasons, mostly as a reliever.

Judge finds Manley guilty of tampering

HOUSTON - A jury found former NFL player David Manley guilty of evidence tampering for attempting to swallow less than a gram of cocaine during a drug bust at a Houston hotel.

Manley had said he was innocent. He remains free on \$200,000 bail pending his sentencing, scheduled for April 5.

Dixie continues to advance

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) - Wash. Valley, Ill. came back from a 42-35 halftime deficit to beat Moberly, Mo. 78-75 in Wednesday's NJCAA Tournament play.

In the other games, Coffeyville, Kan., beat Lon Morris, Texas 71-64, Dixie State, Utah beat Arkansas-Fort Smith 73-68, Southern Union, Ala. beat South Plains, Texas 77-59, and Walters State, Tenn. beat Central Arizona 88-65.

Coffeyville Valley (32-4) came back to tie the game less than five minutes into the second half, and led by as many as eight. Moberly (28-7) came back to take a 73-72 lead late in the game.

Wash. Valley's Herman Davis hit a 3-pointer to tie the lead for good with 32 seconds left to play.

Coffeyville (35-1) got 48 rebounds, 15 of them offensively, in their victory over Lon Morris (29-6). Coffeyville led 35-33 at halftime, and opened the second half with an 8-0 run to take control of the game.

Devin Smith finished with 32 points for Coffeyville.

Devis 3, Blackhaws 1

CHICAGO - Colin White, John Madden and Bobby Holik scored as New Jersey beat Chicago.

John Vanbiesbroeck stopped 21 shots for New Jersey, which has won four of its last five games.

Andrej Kabanov had the lone goal for the Blackhaws, whose season streak reached six games (0-3-3).

The Devils' three new forwards - acquired Tuesday - played together on a line. Jamie Langenbrunner played right wing, Joe Nieuwendyk was center and Stephane Richer was on the left side.

Oilers 2, Sharks 1

EDMONTON, Alberta - Mike Edmond scored early in the third period and Bobby Holik scored late in the third to give the Oilers a 2-1 win over the Sharks.

Researchers consider enhancing athletic performance genetically

NEW YORK (AP) - Still struggling to keep up with cheating athletes using new drugs, Olympic officials met with scientists to study the next to take the genetic enhancement of athletic performance.

Stronger muscles and bones, enhanced tolerance of pain, faster recovery from soreness, a boost in oxygen efficiency - these are just some of the ways athletes may be able to turn discoveries in gene therapy into an advantage on the playing field.

"Their possible misuse raises questions that society must address," Dick Podd, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said Wednesday at the end of a three-day conference that brought together more than 30 experts in biology, genetics and sports medicine with policy makers, legal experts and athletes to explore the issues facing sports concerning gene transfers.

Theismann

Continued from B1 of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "We took a chance this year by bringing in a sports personality. And we'll probably sit down in the next few weeks and determine if it's something we'd like to do again."

"And Hanko is certainly one of the wayward sports figures speaking in Twin Falls. The Texas native said one of the reasons he joined the chamber was to guarantee he could hear Theismann speak.

"I love the Redskins," Hanko said. "I can remember sitting in this little bar in Texas with my

stepdad with about 150 Cowboy fans watching Theismann and the Redskins win the Super Bowl in 1982. I heard he was going to be here. I became a member of the chamber of commerce. But I also wanted to help out more in the community."

While it's doubtful every person in attendance was touched by the way Hanko was, it's likely the Super Bowl quarterback met his yearly quota. Theismann said one of his personal goals is to change at least one person's life every year.

He might have found that person in Twin Falls.

Compiled from wire reports

SPORTS

Ali draws standing O at Giants-Athletics game

By The Associated Press Even with a grand slam and seven RBIs, Scott Hatteberg was far from being the biggest hit at Phoenix Municipal Stadium. Not with Muhammad Ali in the ballpark. The game between the Oakland Athletics and a split squad of San Francisco Giants was delayed for several minutes in the top of the first inning Wednesday when an appearance by Ali prompted a spontaneous standing ovation in the stands. "It had a great day, but this beats it," Hatteberg said after the Athletics won 13-10. "It's fine. Ali takes the spotlight. I'm a big fan of his and of boxing."

After the game, Casanova learned that his fellow catcher and close friend Henry Blanco had been traded to Atlanta for reliever Jose Cabrera and catcher Paul Bako. "A day earlier, Ward hit a liner off Kevin Brown's right knee that forced the Los Angeles out of a game. Brown felt no pain throwing on the side Wednesday and should be ready for his next start." Astros 12, Dodgers 3 At Verbo Beach, Fla., Daryle Ward hit two home runs and Houston pounded Terry Mahallan.

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of the spring. Jose Vidro homered and doubled for the Expos. Phillies 5, Blue Jays 5, 9 Innings At Dunedin, Fla., Chris Latham's lead homer in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted Toronto into a tie with Philadelphia. Phillies starter Terry Adams allowed one run and four hits in five innings. He struck out four. Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 1 At St. Petersburg, Fla., Michael Coleman's three-run homer snapped an eight-inning tie and sent Boston over Tampa Bay. Derek Lowe pitched four scoreless innings for the Red Sox, giving up three hits and striking out six. Reds 5, Rangers 3 At Sarasota, Fla., Jimmy Haynes gave up nine hits in five innings. Cincinnati firmed up its pitching plans following a win over Texas. Manager Bob Boone announced that Haynes had made the rotation and Joey Hamilton will be the opening day

starter. Braves 6, Indians 0 At Kissimmee, Fla., Jason Marquis pitched five shutout innings. Vinny Castilla homered and Atlanta blanketed Cleveland. The Braves, set to take over as the Marquis' No. 4 starter, has nine straight scoreless innings after struggling in his first two outings of the spring. He allowed only three hits, struck out seven and didn't walk anyone. Yankees 6, Pirates 2 At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina scattered three hits in six innings and the Yankees beat Pittsburgh. New York has won eight consecutive games after managing just one victory and a tie in its previous 14. Cardinals 8, Twins 6 At Fort Myers, Fla., Jim Edmonds homered, tripled and doubled as St. Louis beat Minnesota. Edmonds came out for a pinch-runner after his double in the top of the fifth inning, so he didn't get a chance to hit for the cycle.

A major test awaits Woods at TPC

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Tiger Woods was on the golf course at Wednesday, and not entirely pleased with what he saw. The fairways were soft and wet. His ball picked up mud along the fairways. He dug deep to repair pitch marks on the green. The Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass hardly resembled what Ernie Els referred to as a "little monster." "It's better when it's firm and fast," Woods said as he walked to the third green on that what really separates him out here. Because you guys have to think." Woods likes a tough test, and that's what The Players Championship is all about. They call it the fifth major, and in some cases it is even tougher to win than the four majors that make up the Grand Slam. All but four winners in the 28-year history of The Players Championship have also won a major, which is a record. No one has ever won consecutive titles.

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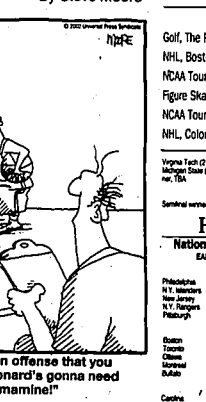
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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Ducks' Jones lives up to potential – finally

Syracuse downs Richmond 62-46 in NIT semifinals

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — When Freddie Jones was in high school, everyone told him he was destined for stardom in college. He never had a reason to doubt them.

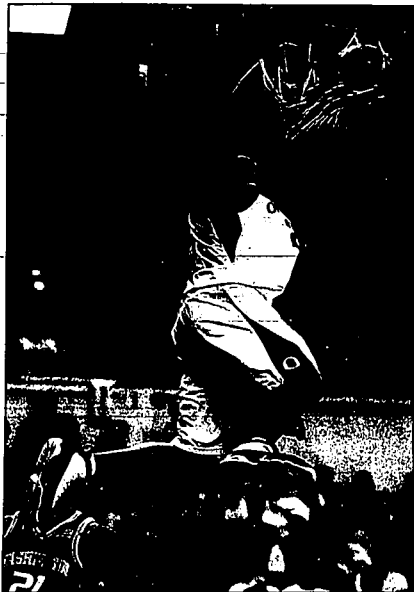
Jones' first three seasons at Oregon presented a hard lesson in the perils of believing one's own hype, however. The 6-foot-4 guard showed glimpses of superb play, dazzling fans with his flashy dunks. But he just wasn't quite as good as advertised. Certainly not what people expected from the state's first two-time 4A prep player of the year.

As a senior, though, Jones' play has finally equaled the buildup. After a slow start, he has produced one of the best single seasons in school history, and he's the main reason the Ducks have advanced to the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament for the first time in 42 years.

"Sometimes with young people, they need to have that sense of urgency before the light bulb comes on," coach Ernie Kent said. "Certainly, we've tried to stress that upon him for the last couple years, and it really hasn't set in until this year."

Entering Friday's third-round Midwest Regional game between the second-seeded Ducks and sixth-seeded Texas, Jones has scored in double figures 25 straight games, and as the stakes have gotten higher, he has elevated his game further. He's averaging 22.8 points over his last nine games, and has raised his average to 18.5, up more than six points since a bad early stretch that included three straight losses.

In a particularly impressive performance against lightly regarded Portland, Jones committed three offensive fouls and scored just six points in the Ducks' 79-78 loss. Following a 75-72 defeat at Minnesota, Kent made Jones a reserve against Pepperdine and Northern Arizona. Jones got the



Oregon's Freddie Jones dunks against Washington at McArthur Court in Eugene, Ore., Feb. 23. Jones was named All-Pac-10, and has averaged 20 points in Oregon's two NCAA tournament victories. The Ducks face Texas on Friday in a Sweet 16 matchup.

message, scoring a combined 36 points in the two games.

for him to take a different look at it," Kent said. "Once he did it, he came back and he's been great ever since."

Jones was first able to dunk the ball in high grade and over his last three years at Barlow High in Gresham, just east of Portland, the Bruins went 55-6. After averaging 29.9 points as a senior, he was recruited by Arizona, UCLA, Southern California and Utah, but chose to stay near home and play at Oregon, which had made just one NCAA tournament appearance since 1961.

"I came in wanting to be a great player as soon as I hit the court," Jones said. "That didn't happen. I'm still not a great player. I still have a lot to accomplish. I'm right where I want to be right now, though."

Jones averaged 9.7 points as a freshman and 8.1 as a sophomore, when the Ducks made it to the NCAA tournament before losing to Seton Hall in the first round. He boosted his scoring to 14.8 last season, but the Ducks lost 13 of their last 17 games and finished 14-14.

"This is a whole 'nother scenario right now," Jones said. "We're playing well, we're winning, and that makes everything better."

Oregon completed a 16-0 home record by beating Washington, led by 33 points from Jones. In a 67-65 win at USC on Feb. 28, Jones made the first game-winning basket of his life when he drove the lane and hit a leaping 8-foot jumper with one second left. Two days later, Jones made the clinching bucket with 13 seconds left in a 65-62 win over UCLA at Pauley Pavilion, where Oregon had lost 17 straight.

The victory gave the Ducks their first outright conference title since 1939, when they won the inaugural NCAA tournament.

"Freddie's a big-time player and he's going to step up in big-time moments," said point guard Luke Ridnour. "Each game we have is a big-time moment for us."

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Hakim Warrick had 15 points and 14 rebounds as Syracuse beat Richmond 62-46 Wednesday night to advance to the NIT semifinals.

Syracuse (23-11) won its third straight game in the NIT, continuing a turnaround that started after it was snubbed by the NCAA tournament for only the fifth time in Jim Boeheim's 26 seasons as coach.

The Orangemen will face the winner of Thursday night's Ball State-South Carolina game in the semifinals Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Reggie led Richmond (22-14) with 14 points.

Memphis 80; BYU 69

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — DJuan Wagner had 24 points and nine assists as Memphis beat Brigham Young in the second round.

Antonio Burks added 18 points to help Memphis (24-9) advance to a third-round game, Saturday at home against Tennessee Tech.

Mark Bigelow and Travis Hansen each scored 17 points for BYU (18-12).

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Shippin. Then last fall, the two swapped jobs so Shippin could spend more time with his young family.

Shippin remains on the staff, but players noticed a change with Judkins in control.

"I've definitely made it more focused and more confident," Thorn said. "He's been coaching basketball so many years. He's been in the NBA and in the men's NCAA tournament. He knows any situation that's going to come up."

Coaching women was a challenge Judkins never expected, but he adapted. He targeted recruits who matched his philosophy but also learned to focus on fundamentals and details.

"I'm a lot better coach now than two years ago," he said. "I'm seeing other things I used to take a lot of things for granted, but women ask more questions. You have to do a lot more explaining."

"Looking back on the season, Judkins calls it 'one of my funnest years as a coach' and sees a bright future — for this weekend and beyond.

"I saw it with coach Majerus. I saw how we built it," Judkins said. "I know what kind of athletes I need in my style. And I knew if we went to the NCAA tournament we might surprise some people."

"But not in my wildest dreams did I expect to be in the Sweet 16 my first year," he said.

Indiana

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legacy of coach Knight and the tradition he made, that just shows that if we build on the tradition he's treated the same way," Jeffri Hoid of Dedic. "Maybe 20 years from now it will be the same way about this team and its coaching staff."

The task Thursday night in Rupp Arena won't be easy for the first-seeded Hoosiers.

Davis said Duke's backcourt is NBA-caliber, and his club — one of the best defensive teams in the nation — still may have a difficult time guarding the quicker Blue Devils, who are making their fifth straight appearance in the round of 16 under Mike Krzyzewski.

"I will be very disappointed if we don't come out and fight like crazy defensively," Davis said. "It may take us three or four minutes — if we have that — to adjust to the speed and quickness of their team, but if we can buy some time we'll be OK."

"They're even quick on film and a lot of times guys don't look quick on tape. In person it's going to be like Carl Lewis."

At least Indiana's players are talking a good game, trying to pump themselves up for what is shaping up as a battle of Duke's offense against the Hoosiers' D.

"Don't act like we're an over-60 women's team and someone's just going to murder us," A.J. Moyer said. "Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal aren't coming

out of that locker room. We won't see Michael Jordan. They're kids, just like us."

A scare against Notre Dame in the second round has gotten Duke's attention.

"Going into last weekend's game we didn't think we were invincible," Mike Dunleavy said. "But I guess it was a little bit of a wake-up call."

Duke is 18-3 in its last 21 NCAA games and Krzyzewski is looking for his 100th career win with the Blue Devils in March.

"I don't think of it as a target," Krzyzewski said. "We've been one of the really good programs for a long period of time, so any program that is enjoying that success is going to get everybody's best shot. For that day people want to take it away from us. I think that makes you better because at this time of the year we're accustomed to it."

In the second game Thursday night, 10th-seeded Kent State (29-5) will play third-seeded Pittsburgh (25-5).

Kent State never has been this far in the tournament, while the Panthers haven't been this deep in the bracket since 1974.

"Kent State has the longest winning streak (20) in the nation so they're not any kind of Cinderella," Krzyzewski said. "They play great basketball. What they have is a team that is really tough, they believe in themselves and they believe in their coaching staff."

Stanford's Powell puts on a spectacular show

By Ann Hillion
San Jose Mercury News

Yes, yes. We know all about the women's "problem."

We're aware of where the women's NCAA tournament ranks at this time of year. Pushed aside by the Kansas and Arizona men's teams, dwarfed by UCLA and Duke guys, overshadowed by Sakai Candelaria and Kent State upstarts.

For a large portion of America, the women's games are what get flicked on only when fresh junkies can't bear that at the last man's game of the day is over. What they're still desperate for the sound of squeaking sneakers and college pep bands coming from the television.

And too often, when viewers do turn in, they see a score like Monday's UConn 86, Iowa 48.

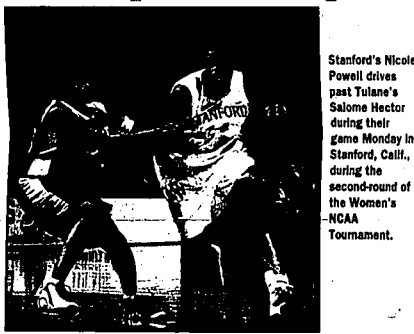
It's a tough position for the women. Their showcase goes smack up against arguably the most entertaining sporting event of the year. How do the women break through?

Nicole Powell, that's how.

Traditionally, the women break through the men's stranglehold on March with a breakthrough player. They did it last year with Jackie Stiles, that skinny gym rat who took Southwest Missouri State to the Final Four. She was captivating enough that — at the NCAA men's regional I was covering last March — hard-core hoops guys were switching the channel to watch Stiles.

Everyone wanted to tune in and get back at Chamique Holdsworth in 1998, to see if he was still that. She was. In 1993, Sheryl Swoopes was a must-see, leading Texas Tech to the title.

This year, with apologies to Sue



Stanford's Nicole Powell drives past Tulane's Salome Hector during their game Monday in Stanford, Calif., during the second-round of the Women's NCAA Tournament.

Bird — the leader of the UConn machine who won the Naismith Player of the Year award Monday — that must-see player could be Powell.

On Saturday night, long after most of the country had gone to bed, Powell led the Pacific-10 Conference player of the year — grabbed a defensive rebound to seal her triple-double in Stanford's tournament opener. It was her fourth triple-double of the season. Most of the country missed a show by the stellar sophomore. Her opponents called her the best player they had ever seen.

Powell is — the best — player Stanford has ever had. Tara VanDerveer has had her share of great ones — Kristin Folk, Kate Starbird, Jennifer Azz — but she doesn't hesitate in putting the

"best" label on Powell.

"She is," VanDerveer said, nodding. Powell has versatility, size, agility, ball-handling skills and leadership.

The Stanford men's players honored one of the highest hoops bestows on Powell when they started calling her "Magic." That nickname was hung on her last year, when 6-foot-2 Powell — a high school center — was forced into point-guard duty.

Powell has developed into a Magic Johnson type of player, dishing out beautiful passes, lifting everyone on the team, raising the intensity of her teammates. She plays like Magic, with boundless enthusiasm and passion for the game. She is champions in high tops.

"The best players are just players," Powell once said about her ability to change positions.

Saturday's semifinals

Games in the Boise State Pavilion
Colorado vs. Stanford, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's championship
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan (Third games)
Cost is \$30 (adults) and \$15 (juniors), only at the Varsity Center. Individual game tickets available on game days.

Free Friday practices
Stanford (10 a.m.), Colorado (11:05 a.m.), Oklahoma (12:10 p.m.) and Texas Tech (1:15 a.m.) at the Pavilion.

She's a player.

Growing up in Phoenix, Powell used to wear a Stanford hat. Recruited seemingly by everyone, she dreamed of coming to Stanford. She was captivated by that up-tempo, beautifully orchestrated team in 1997. She dreamed of playing that kind of basketball for VanDerveer. And on her recruiting trip, when the coaches laid out a Stanford uniform with her name on the back on her hotel bed, she slept in it.

She is the kind of basketball nut VanDerveer covets. The Pac-10 player of the year was consumed last year with becoming a point guard, watching endless film. Sometimes she comes into Maple Pavilion at 2 in the morning to shoot.

Right now, she's the best hope for the women's tournament to grab a little piece of the spotlight. She's already being scouted by the WNBA. She's sure to be an Olympian.

You'll watch her in the future. Don't miss the chance to watch her now.

TEAM CAPSULES

Oklahoma
Norman, Okla., 29-3.
Nickname: Sooners.
Coach: Sherri Coale.
Seed: No. 1.
Tournament Record: 8-4, 5 years.
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001.
Conference: Big 12.
Top Scorers: Stacy Dales 17.2, LaNelsha Cauleff 17.0, Caton Hill 12.8, Rosalind Ross 11.3.
Top Rebounds: Caton Hill 6.8.
3-Point Threats: Rosalind Ross 6.7, Caton Hill 37, Stacy Dales 33.
Last Year: 9-1.

Last NCAA Appearance: 2000.
Conference: Pac-10.
Top Scorers: Lindsey Yamasaki 17.4, Nicole Powell 16.8, Bethany Donaphin 6.3, Kelley Suminski 7.6, Sebinem Kimyoclugu 6.5, T'Nae Thiel 6.4, Cori Enghusen 5.2.
Top Rebounds: Nicole Powell 9.3, T'Nae Thiel 5.8, Lindsey Yamasaki 4.9, Bethany Donaphin 4.0, Azelia Perryman 3.6, Cori Enghusen 3.0.
Top Assists: Nicole Powell 3.3, Kelley Suminski 2.8, Lindsey Yamasaki 2.6, Sebinem Kimyoclugu 2.3.
3-Point Threats: Nicole Powell 6.6, Lindsey Yamasaki 6.2, Sebinem Kimyoclugu 4.2, Kelly Suminski 3.6, Lauren St. Clair 3.0.
Last Year: 9-1.

Top Scorers: Mandy Nightingale 13.4, Jenny Roulier 12.5, Tara Bjorklund 12.4, Britt Hartshorn 8.4, Elisha Bohman 8.1.
Top Rebounds: Sabrina Scott 5.6, Tara Bjorklund 4.8, Britt Hartshorn 4.8, Mandy Nightingale 4.2, Elisha Bohman 4.0.
Top Assists: Mandy Nightingale 4.8, Jenny Roulier 2.7, Britt Hartshorn 2.2, Elisha Bohman 2.2, Sabrina Scott 2.0.
3-Point Threats: Jenny Roulier 7.0, Mandy Nightingale 6.7, Kate Fagan 3.9.
Last Year: 7-3.

Jackson 4.7, Tanisha Ellison 4.6, Amber Tarr 4.2.
Top Assists: Candi White 4.5, Jia Perkins 3.9, Amber Tarr 2.0.
3-Point Threats: Natalie Ritchie 6.4, Amber Tarr 6.4.
Last Year: 6-4.

Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas, 20-11.
Nickname: Lady Raiders.
Coach: Marsha Sharp.
Seed: No. 4.
Tournament Record: 24-13, 15 years.
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001.
Conference: Big 12.
Top Scorers: Jia Perkins 18.1, Amber Tarr 12.0, Natalie Ritchie 10.8, Jodie Ayers 9.1.
Top Rebounds: Jodie Ayers 6.6, Cisti Greenway 6.6, Jia Perkins 4.9, Casey

Stanford
Stanford, Calif., 32-2.
Nickname: Cardinal.
Coach: Tara VanDerveer.
Seed: No. 2.
Tournament Record: 30-12, 15 years.

Colorado
Boulder, Colo., 23-9.
Nickname: Buffaloes.
Coach: Cecil Barry.
Seed: No. 3.
Tournament Record: 14-9, 10 years.
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001.
Conference: Big 12.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Authorities offer vandalism info reward

GOODING - Authorities are offering a \$1,000 reward for tipster information that leads to the arrest and conviction of vandals whose actions killed 550,000 fish at a private hatchery over the weekend.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough is asking anyone with information about the vandalism to contact his office at 934-4421.

He said Wednesday that investigators have no new information about who broke into the privately owned White Springs Trout Farm on Friday night.

The sheriff's department reported that vandals caused about \$15,000 in damage and that it's not the first time the hatchery has been vandalized.

The vandalism occurred at a private hatchery, not the state hatchery as originally reported by The Times-News.

Meeting today will focus on ethanol plant

TWIN FALLS - How a local ethanol manufacturing plant might benefit farmers and dairy operators will be the subject of a meeting today at the county courthouse.

Twin Falls County commissioners and ethanol plant supporters will discuss the benefits of ethanol at 2 p.m. in the third floor conference room at the courthouse.

Dairy operators and farmers are encouraged to attend.

Ethanol, an alcohol-based alternative fuel, is produced by fermenting and distilling starch crops that have been converted into simple sugars.

And because starches from potatoes, corn, wheat, sugar beets and other plants are used in the production of ethanol, manufacturing ethanol would be profitable for local farmers.

Ethanol would also benefit dairy operators. County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff explained that distillers grain, one of the byproducts of ethanol, can be used as feed.

"It would benefit the whole region," Grindstaff said.

Gov. Kempthorne will kick off candidacy Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will kick off his candidacy for a second term Saturday with a six-city tour of Idaho.

A former Boise mayor and U.S. state senator, Kempthorne went against his own party in January when he vetoed the 90 percent Republican Legislature's repeal of term limits.

He said he was protecting the people's inherent right to establish the rules they deem necessary.

But he did back lawmakers' budget that went even further in FY 2003 budget cuts than his recommendations.

Kempthorne is scheduled to arrive at 11:15 a.m. and kick off the Flying Service at Joell Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Departure is at noon.

Feedlot appeals for large-scale expansion

MOUNTAIN HOME - A King Hill-area feedlot operator wants a variance to expand his operation to 15,000 head of cattle tonight will appeal the decision before Elmore County commissioners.

The public hearing is set for 7 p.m. at the Elmore County Courthouse.

Last month the Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission in a 7-1 vote denied Rocky Mountain Land and Cattle LLC's variance request.

The company, owned by Roger Ball of Idaho Falls, needs the variance before it can request a county permit to expand its feedlot from 4,000 head of cattle to 15,000 head.

The commission denied the variance because it said the feedlot is too close to a neighboring subdivision and township.

The Elmore County Courthouse is at 150 S. Fourth E. Public comment will be taken during the meeting.

The Ball family owns King B Inc., an Idaho Falls-based beef jerky company.

Compiled from staff reports

Landlord defends renting to group

T.F. lawyer says Planned Parenthood is 'simply a tenant'

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Attorney John Lezamiz admits he was a little surprised to return from vacation Wednesday to discover his downtown law office had been picketed Saturday by opponents of Planned Parenthood.

But he still defended their First Amendment rights.

"I guess we still have freedom of speech in this country, and they're entitled to express whatever opinion they have," Lezamiz said.

And what does Lezamiz think about Planned Parenthood?

"My involvement is simply that I have a building to rent and they rented the building," he said. "I don't have an opinion. I'm not for or against them. They're simply a tenant."

Lezamiz said he doesn't think the picketing will hurt his law practice.

"I don't think it has any effect," he said. Lezamiz and his law partner, John Hepworth, own the former Social Security building at 202 Second Ave. and recently leased it to Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

The organization, which has had a Boise location since 1973, plans to open its second health care center in the building. The new Twin Falls center will offer

many of the same services as the Boise center, including initial and annual gynecological examinations, birth control supplies, pap smears, screening for cervical and breast cancer, pregnancy testing and options counseling, emergency contraception, HIV testing and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. The center's staff will include a nurse practitioner and support staff, and the organization's volunteer medical director, Dr. Glen Weyhrich, will travel in from Boise.

The local site will also offer community Please see PROTEST, Page C3

ALL TIED UP



Rob Harding and Tony Warren, from right, had them dancing in the aisles during their performance for their annual "Tie Dye" extravaganza at the Eagle's Nest at the College of Southern Idaho Wednesday. The event celebrates neckties of all sorts.

Shovel Brigade turns attention to other issues

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - With South Canyon Road re-opened and officially recognized as belonging to Elko County, the Jarbidge Shovel Brigade might soon be looking at other issues of concern.

Brigade president Bob St. Louis said this week it is time to "quit the ranting and raving" and work with the federal government in forming the scope of the project of the Environmental Impact Statement.

"Bob Vaught has got things moving and is holding out an olive branch. . . . It's a good time to be optimistic," he said, referring to the forest supervisor calling for an environmental study of South Canyon Road. The study is the first step in determining how the roadway will be rebuilt, and it should be completed in about a year.

St. Louis said that with the analysis under way, it is time for the brigade to turn over the South Canyon Road project to the citizens' road committee for

Shovel Brigade hours

The Jarbidge Shovel Brigade office is open from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (775) 753-8717.

future review and follow-up. He said it is also time for the brigade to look at other land use issues and to restructure its focus.

Rick Schwarz, executive director of the brigade, agrees and said the volunteer movement began with two main goals: to open the roadway and to prove to the federal government that South Canyon Road is an Elko County road. Having achieved victory in both quests, the Elk-based group is not going to rest on its laurels, however.

The brigade has also been active in helping farmers in Oregon and Ohio in their fights against the federal government in water and land issues, Schwarz said. He cited the role the brigade played in helping farmers in Klamath Falls, Ore., with supplies and money when

their water supply was cut off by the U.S. Department of the Interior. By lending support, Schwarz argues, the brigade was instrumental in drawing attention to the farmers' plight and the subsequent investigation by the federal government which will result in water flowing to crops this spring.

Both St. Louis and Schwarz said the mission and objective of the brigade should now be the general preservation of people's property rights, and both have several "causes" they would like to see the group become involved with. They are hoping to convince the brigade's board to pursue these interests in the future.

While the two express the need to get on with projects and quiet the tirade of words against the U.S. Forest Service, it is not clear if others associated with the brigade agree.

During a scoping meeting with the federal agency Monday afternoon, several in the audience who were quite vocal in their comments identified themselves as "members of the shovel

brigade." One of these, Thomas Jefferson, vowed to continue the fight with the Forest Service by taking the road issue to the White House.

Schwarz described the volunteers with the brigade as "fellow travelers" who are "members in spirit." And, as volunteers, they can follow whatever course of action they choose, whether or not it is a course mapped by the brigade.

Schwarz said there "technically" are no members of the brigade. There are volunteers who work on the various projects the group is involved with. No dues are collected and no membership lists are kept, he added.

The Shovel Brigade itself comprises a board of directors, Schwarz, a part-time office worker and an attorney. The only paid positions are held by Marion McKenzie, the office worker, and attorney Grant Gerber, who received two Scaevages dollars for his work.

St. Louis said an announcement of future plans for the Shovel Brigade should be made in the next few weeks.

Architect: Buhl school needs to meet safety regs

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - After an inspection of the middle school building by a construction engineer of Hutchinson.

Architect of Boise, more work is needed to bring the building into safety compliance.

The report by maintenance supervisor Grant Atkinson was presented at Tuesday's regular school board meeting. The roof rafters need reinforcement and an outer wall needs sealing from moisture to prevent mold.

Superintendent Rick Hill reminded the board that the deadline for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act runs out in a year and an elevator will have to be installed.

Construction bids for replacing the middle school roof and cement work around the school were opened last week. The district hired Procampaigns Marketing from

Pocatello to conduct a community survey to determine if a bond could be passed to build a new school. The firm would make about 380 calls and prepare a report for a cost of \$3,800.

As soon as the report is in, the board will decide on whether to repair the middle school or build a new one.

The middle school's immediate needs will be taken care of regardless of the outcome.

Other school board business included:

- Transportation bids - Bids will be opened at noon on Thursday, March 28 at the district office.

- Board elections - Two seats will be up for re-election on May 21. The three-year terms of Armand Eckert, for Zone 1, and Jay Anderson, for Zone 2, will be up.

- Conference reports - The board heard reports following a trip by 12 district representa-

tives to the Effective Schools Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., last month.

- Student safety - Vicky Smutney of Parents Teachers Network told the board she was concerned about the safety of children in the areas of parents dropping off students and where buses unload.

- Children do not look for traffic, they run to the school and friends," Smutney said.

- Atkinson and Hill said the safety gates across the streets had been removed because of parental complaints and cars were sneaking through the gates.

- An engineer from the University of Idaho is planning to visit and determine the best possible safety precautions for the area, Atkinson said.

- Spring-break reading - Students in all grades will be receiving books to take home to read during spring break, Leslie

Antiquities Act measure passes panel

Act measure passes panel

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's bill that would curb presidential power in the creation of massive national monuments passed the House Resources Committee in a vote Wednesday that fell along party lines.

The bill now heads to the full U.S. House of Representatives.

The committee Wednesday voted 23-18 in favor of the bill. The vote generally was carried by Republicans with a few Democrat crossover.

Simpson said he will meet with the phone room in Washington, D.C. An amendment was added to address Democrats' concerns that previously designated monuments not be affected.

During his eight years in office, former President Clinton designated a total of 5.8 million acres to national monuments through 22 executive orders. A number of the orders were issued just before he left office, including the 661,477-acre expansion of Craters of the Moon National Monument near Ariz.

The creation of Simpson's bill followed Clinton's actions, but Simpson, R-Idaho, says other Republicans also have used the act to designate huge tracts of public land as monuments. Areas involving more than 50,000 acres of land should include more public involvement, he said.

Wednesday's committee discussion focused on Clinton, Simpson said.

"It got down to a debate, unfortunately, about when Clinton left office," he said.

Every president but four since Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 has used the Antiquities Act to create a total of 119 national monuments. Republican Presidents Nixon, Reagan and the two Bushes have been the four exceptions.

The Antiquities Act gives presidents the power to designate national monuments to protect areas of special or historical interest.

Conservation groups including the Idaho Conservation League oppose Simpson's bill. They say the changes would prevent the president from taking speedy action to protect important objects and values on public lands. They contend that the existing act retains Congress's ability to designate national monuments, change monument boundaries, direct resources for monument management, redesignate monuments as national parks, and even to abolish monuments.

"I want the president still to be able to do what the original intent of the act was," Simpson said.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	83%
Salmon Falls Creek	98%
Oakley Basin	105%
Big and Little Wood	90%
Henry's Fork	90%
Big and Little Lost	78%

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SERVICES

Clayton Arthur Briling of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. today in the Jerome Cemetery, West Ave. 1, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Ore., memorial service at 10 a.m. March 30 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

follow at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today in the Relief Society room at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Feds deny waste oversight request

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has denied a request by nuclear watchdog groups to relieve the state of its waste oversight role at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

experts should continue to be in the lead for implementing hazardous waste laws.

The Environmental Defense Fund, Keep Yellowstone Nuclear Free and Idaho Falls attorney David McCoy formally took the issues to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Energy Department last September.

In a petition filed last fall, environmentalists accused the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality of allowing long-term operation of nuclear incinerators without proper permits.

State INEEL Oversight Program officials disputed the claims, calling them unsubstantiated. The EPA agreed.

INEEL operator gathers cleanup data

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The operator of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is gathering the final bits of information on another potential method of cleaning up buried radioactive waste.

subjected to public review before a final decision on the cleanup strategy is made.

Department spokesman Tim Jackson said no decision has been made on whether the buried waste will be dug up and moved out of the INEEL, stabilized in the ground or hauled with a combination of both approaches.

Bechtel BWXT Idaho Falls has asked for financial information on using a specialized grout to treat and stabilize contaminated material buried at INEEL.

The grout method is one of several options included in the draft report on cleanup alternatives filed last week.

Government officials will study the alternatives before making a recommendation, which will be tested this year.

FBI offers reward for info on missing girls

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — The FBI offered a \$50,000 reward Wednesday for information leading them to the abductor of two teen-age girls who lived in the same apartment complex.

were likely abducted by the same person, possibly someone who knows both of them.

Charles Mathews, special agent in charge for the FBI in Oregon, said the FBI is looking for leads to whether there is link between the disappearances and similar ones elsewhere.

Miranda Gaddis vanished on March 8, and Ashley Pond on Jan. 9 — both before school. The two 13-year-old friends attended the same junior high school and lived in the same dance team.

Police have said the two girls

DEATH NOTICES

Neil Oscar Howard BUHL — Neil Oscar Howard of Buhl died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at his home in Buhl.

Falls. Visitation will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Relief Society room at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

Vickie Smith TWIN FALLS — Vickie Smith, 74, of Twin Falls died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at her daughter's home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Grandmas Smith missionary fund, 1148 Harmony Road, Twin Falls 83301.

Gertrude C. Bartholomew JEROME — Gertrude C. Bartholomew, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the Wendell Manor.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 2002, at the LDS 3rd Ward Building on Elizabeth Drive in Twin Falls, with Bishop Glenn Arrington conducting. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Funeral services for Gertrude C. Bartholomew will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Burley, ID.

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Louise Cloughton

Louise Cloughton, 84-year-old native of Filer died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

church and helping others. He then met Ruth and they married and spent the past two years enjoying Oregon and Arizona as their home.

Mary K. sang in the a cappella choir. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority at the University of Colorado. Mary-K married Richard Calvin Harder of Twin Falls, Idaho, in Boulder, at Saint John's Episcopal Church on June 23, 1945.

Wilson. She moved, with her family, to Shoshone in 1934. Zella attended grade and high schools in Shoshone and Colorado-Women's College in Colorado.

Zella was employed as a legal secretary for Lieutenant Governor Jack Murphy at his law offices in Shoshone and later by Le Moyne Realty in Twin Falls. She was Administrator of the Golden Years Senior Citizens Center in Shoshone for seventeen years until 1997.

Zella is survived by four daughters, Diann J. Mitchell of Boise, ID, Linda (Harris) McCaughy, of Hagerman, ID, Marie (Gordon) Austin of Logandale, ID, Della Sue Parson of Jerome, ID, two sisters, Shannon (Robert) William of Seattle, WA, and Sharon Jones of Portland, OR, one brother, Gamm (Sam) Wilson of Cameron Park, CA; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Shoshone Baptist Church.

JEROME



Miranda Joy Oneida

Our beloved daughter, sister, and granddaughter, Miranda Joy Oneida, 9, of Jerome, went to be with our beloved Heavenly Father on Monday March 18, 2002.

BURLEY

George Roy Herrera, 52-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at his home.

TWIN FALLS



Wilbur Don Larson

Passed away at the age of 96, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law who took loving care of him in his last two years.

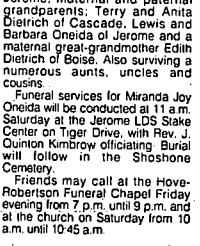
Wilbur was born March 8, 1906, and raised in Bedford, Iowa. In 1926 he moved to Twin Falls, Idaho where he began working on the McIntyre Ranch. This is where he met the love of his life, Marie Holloway. They married on October 24, 1927, in Jerome, Idaho.

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Mahlon Lee Lucich

The greatest father, grandfather, brother and man, Mahlon Lee Lucich went home to his heavenly father on Monday, March 18, 2002.

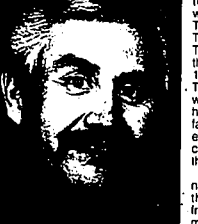


TWIN FALLS



Mary K. Harder

Mary Katharine McCabe Harder, 78, native of Boulder, Colorado, died of natural causes Monday evening, March 18, 2002, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.



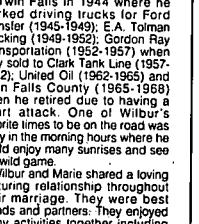
George Roy Herrera

George Roy Herrera, 52-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at his home.

SHOSHONE

Zella Mae Parson

Zella Mae Parson, 71, a resident of Shoshone, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, in Logandale, NV, while visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Marie and John Austin.



George Roy Herrera

George Roy Herrera, 52-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at his home.

Wilbur is survived by his wife, Marie, four brothers, five sisters and three grandsons.

Funeral services for Wilbur will be held Saturday, March 23, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Stores near Kmart wait for fallout

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Of the stores sharing the Kmart building on Overland Avenue, one has closed while the two others wait to see how the closures affect business.

The Little Caesars pizza shop inside Kmart closed Wednesday, said Julie Fracker, spokeswoman for Kmart Corp. All Little Caesars restaurants inside closing Kmart stores have stopped serving pizza, she said. The restaurants were scheduled to close one week after the March 8 announcement of the Kmart closures, Fracker said.

Honk's \$1.00 and Payless ShoeSource share the Kmart building, but unlike Little Caesars, these stores have separate entrances. Still, the loss of Kmart may hurt business in the two stores.

"Certainly it makes the location a little less desirable," said Drew Ranstrom, vice president of operations for Honk's \$1.00.

Honk's gets a lot of foot traffic from Kmart, Ranstrom said. People who drive to the building to shop at Kmart often stop by Honk's to see what is for sale.

The company has no plans, however, to move the store or negotiate for lower rent when Kmart closes.

"We're just going to see how it affects our sales," Ranstrom said.

Payless has no plans for immediate change either. Tim Reid, director of corporate communications for Payless ShoeSource Inc., declined to comment specifically on the effect of Kmart's closure on the store, but did say the company will continue to evaluate the profitability of the location.

"Clearly our store location and real estate process is very dynamic and we're always assessing that," he said.

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Payless ShoeSource employee Theresa Halbert sets a purse on display Wednesday. The store is next to the Kmart in Burley which is slated to close. However, the shoe store is staying open.

Cassia medical center offers health fair Saturday

The Times-News

BURLEY—Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a chance for Mini-Cassians to find out how healthy they are.

Free exams of eyes, ears, teeth, feet and more will be offered at Burley High School from 7 a.m. until noon Saturday as part of the Mini-Cassia Health Fair, said chairwoman Nancy Gerrard.

Monument

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Simpson contends the 1906 act was not intended as a means for presidents to unilaterally lock up large tracts of land. He says monument designation was to be confined to the smallest area possible to protect particular historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest.

"I don't deny many of the national monuments that were created were good, but I'm concerned about the process," Simpson said.

Simpson says his bill would preserve the president's ability to protect areas of historical or scientific interest that are less than 50,000 acres. The bill would amend the Antiquities Act to require the president to solicit public participation and comment, and to consult with the gov-

Displays on exercise equipment and other healthy habits will also be available for viewing.

Two tests carry fees. People can have a blood chemistry analysis done for \$15; the test is normally about \$200, Gerrard said. A prostate specific antigen serum test is also available for \$10, rather than a normal cost of \$75.

The blood chemistry test includes screening for diabetes,

kidney and liver disease, poor nutrition, thyroid problems and cardiac risk, as well as a complete cholesterol analysis.

"It's a pretty comprehensive test," Gerrard said.

Those interested in having blood drawn for the test should fast for at least 12 hours before the test. Fasting means no food or liquids, except water.

Gerrard said more than 1,000

blood draws were done at last year's health fair. Attendance was estimated at 1,200 to 1,500 people.

It's the biggest health fair in Idaho, Nevada and Utah, Gerrard said.

Kiwanis members will host a breakfast at the fair from 7-11 a.m. Cost is \$4. The Burley Lions Club will collect old eyeglasses and hearing aids.

Authorities say victim, suspect had relationship

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—One of two bodies found in the car trunk of a Michigan man who was pulled over by police in Utah was that of his longtime girlfriend, authorities said.

Patrick L. Daniel, 31, was arrested Tuesday in Richfield, Utah, on two counts of murder in the deaths of Robert Bilton Jr., 35, and Becky Britton, 31, Police Chief Dan Oates said.

Britton's last known address was an Ann Arbor residence she once shared with Daniel.

Daniel and Britton moved around the country between 1994 and 2001. She was last seen alive last November, shortly before Daniel moved a freezer into the condominium he was sharing

with another girlfriend, police said.

Investigators had not determined a motive for the slayings and did not know what his relationship was to Bilton or how he ended up in Daniel's trunk, The Ann Arbor News reported in a Wednesday story.

Bilton, who most recently lived in Detroit, lost contact with his family around November, after suffering from substance abuse problems and the death of his mother.

Daniel was scheduled for an extradition hearing next week. The bodies were found after he was pulled over March 14 for driving a car with a missing a license plate.

Filer Rose Society will meet Saturday

FILER—The Filer-Rose Society will be having a meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

A demonstration on "Waking up your Roses" by Moss Greenhouse's Gail Hopkins will be held. New members are being recruited.

Anyone interested in the demonstration or in joining the Filer Rose Society is invited to attend. The meeting will be held at Gordon and Shari Hart's, at 2364-E-4000-N-in-Filer-Anyone interested in buying a rose to plant in the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds is encouraged to contact the society for information.

For information, call Shari at 326-4087, Barbara at 326-5636 or Vickie at 326-4005.

Sun Valley fund-raiser

will take place Saturday

SUN VALLEY—Several groups are throwing a party on Saturday to launch the fund-raiser

Valley in brief

ing campaign for the new Doggie Deck at Galena Lodge.

The party, sponsored by Galena Lodge, the Galena Dog Committee and Blaine County Recreation District, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments—doggie biscuits included—will be served.

The \$20,000 project is being funded by the purchase of engraved nine-inch square cement pavers, which will be offered at a variety of sponsorship levels ranging from \$1,000 to \$50. Each paver will bear the name of the doggie sponsor and a paw print.

Paver sponsorships can also be made at the rec district office in Hailey, Galena Lodge, the Sawtooth and Sun Valley animal centers and St. Francis Pet Clinic. For information call 789-2117.

—compiled from staff reports

Utility rate changes get put on hold

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT—Rupert's utility rates could change in the near future.

On Tuesday, council members tabled talk of raising sewer rates until April; they plan to discuss possibly decreasing electric rates at that time.

Roger Greaves with Forsgren and Associates gave council members tables outlining exactly what each classification of sewer a customer needs to pay in order for the city to cover sewer costs as well as make some needed upgrades.

The rate increase would roughly be \$3 for residential customers, commercial and industrial customers would see increases as well.

"We need to do something soon," City Administrator Roger Bagley said, or "face a problem we don't want to face."

Councilman Layne Rutschke said Rupert needs to be an area where industry looks at locating and the city needs to be able to handle that industry.

Bagley said there is some concern about the amount of wastewater that would have to go through the plant if Magic Valley Foods opens again or if new industry moved into Rupert.

"I can see the need for the increase," said Councilman Steve Barras.

The council tabled the discussion of sewer rates until electric rates could be looked at as well.

The council looked at Ordinance 418, which would decrease electric utility rates. City Attorney Rick Bollar recommended taking no action on the ordinance.

Bonneville Power Administration is projecting a decrease in its rates. Bollar said the council needs to decide whether to reduce rates in proportion to the BPA rate reduction, reduce rates at a different proportion or take no action at all.

A consultant to the city has

"The council tabled the discussion of sewer rates until electric rates could be looked at as well."

recommended no action, Bollar said. A shortage of water or other factors may cause havoc with electric rates later this summer.

Due to the billing schedule, the city has until the end of April to decide whether or not to change electric rates.

Bagley agreed with Bollar and added that a BPA representative said it may not be in the city's advantage to cut rates at this time.

"That may be the best thing ... it may not," Bagley said.

Other council business included:

• School Levy—Mindoka County School Superintendent Nick Hallett spoke to the council about the upcoming levy election on April 23.

Approval for the supplemental levy is needed every two years, Hallett said. It will not increase taxes, but is needed in order to make the school budget work. The levy makes up \$978,500 of a \$1.8 million facility budget.

The money pays mostly for maintenance, Hallett said, including roof repair, floor covering, asphalt and sidewalks. Money also pays for American with Disabilities Act requirements and vehicle replacements. No money is used for salaries.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on April 23. Voters can cast a ballot at any school. A majority is needed to pass the levy, but Hallett said the district is hoping to see a 70 percent approval.

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Protest

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outreach presentations and age-appropriate classes and materials to help parents discuss sexuality with their children.

Planned Parenthood of Idaho does not perform abortions, but it does refer women who choose that option to the six abortion providers in Idaho.

That doesn't sit too well with Kelly Walton and other members of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, a group Walton has said "promotes traditional family values."

So last Saturday, about 65 people showed up in front of the Second Avenue location and in front of the attorneys' office bearing picket signs that read things like "former fetus," "stop terrorism in the womb" and "babies should have choices, too."

Pro-life advocates who participated in the picket line included Walton, chairman of the Burley-based Idaho Citizens Alliance, and David Ripley, executive director for the Boise-based Idaho Chooses Life.

"We want to educate people to the fact that Planned Parenthood is coming and what that will

mean," Ripley said in a phone interview Wednesday. "We think this is a serious threat to babies and families. The fact is that Planned Parenthood makes its business around abortion and interfering in family relationships. Certainly their sex education programs are in conflict with family values."

Ripley said Saturday's protest won't be the last.

"We're not going to go away," Ripley said. "From the pro-life point of view, it doesn't get any more serious than a Planned Parenthood clinic."

The fact that the group picketed the attorneys' office surprised Planned Parenthood of Idaho's executive director. In fact, the organization expected it, Rebecca Poedy said.

"We fully anticipated there was going to be protesting and picketing," Poedy said. "But I agree with John that we still live in a country where freedom of speech is a right."

Poedy said the inside of the building is being renovated. An opening date has not yet been set.

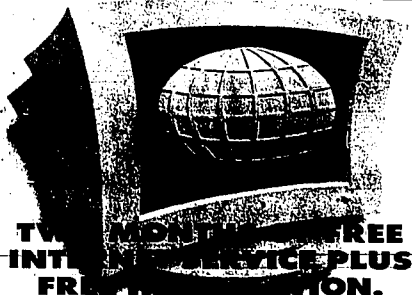
Planned Parenthood of Idaho

decided to open a center in Twin Falls because of south-central Idaho's high teen pregnancy and poverty rates, Poedy said. The region has the state's second-highest teen pregnancy rate, with 64 of every 1,000 teens becoming pregnant each year, according to the organization's statistics. And 17 percent of Idaho women ages 14 to 55 have no health insurance. Poedy said she believes the number is even higher in District 5, which includes Twin Falls, Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Lincoln, Blaine, Camas and Gooding counties.

South Central District Health, which serves the same eight-county area and offers many of the same services as Planned Parenthood, has said it welcomes the organization's arrival because it means women will have even more access to affordable health care. Both organizations offer services on a sliding scale, which means a person pays only what they can afford to pay.

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Hydrologist: West has 'split personality'

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Changing values and unprecendented growth have contributed to a "split personality" in the West that makes it difficult to address environmental and land use issues, a pioneering hydrologist said this week.

"We've gone from buffalo to cattle, range to pens, farms to agribusiness, roads to trails, board feet to spotted owls, high tech," said M. Gordon Wolman.

"My first conclusion is the West is sick with schizophrenia."

—M. Gordon Wolman, member of the National Academy of Sciences

come into play very recently — the last 20 or 30 years." Wolman said that before the late 1950s, there were no values attached to water that stayed within a river or stream bed, only those uses of water "out-stream," such as water for livestock or irrigation for crops.

"If I'd come up to a rancher and told him the stream adjacent to his land shouldn't all be used just for irrigation, that some of the water should be left in the river for people to ride rubber rafts down the river, you can imagine what kind of reaction I would have gotten," he said.

"Very few people had even heard of the notion of wilderness. It is a relatively recent development since World War II. Notions of recreation and wildlife and endangered species and rafting come from a whole new set of values.

"It's only natural that changing values would meet resistance among traditional residents, he said.

"Many of us resent change. In particular, if one is living marginally economically, then the resentment is especially high," Wolman said.

"I think those who made a living for three generations on their ranch they own and graze livestock on accompanying land are entitled to enormous consideration," he said.

"On the other hand, I don't think it follows that there shouldn't be tight controls on the (animal numbers) or the condition of the range," he said.

Secretary will consider giving land back

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Interior Secretary Gale Norton told the Klamath Tribes on Tuesday she will consider giving back reservation lands that are now included in national forests as part of her strategy to provide water for farms as well as fish in the Klamath Basin.

Meetings between the tribes and senior Interior Department officials will begin "in the near future" as part of a Cabinet-level task force's effort to assure water for farmers as well as fish and wildlife, Interior spokesman Mark Pfeifle said.

Topics will include discussions of the tribes' long-standing desire to get back 692,000 acres of reservation lands liquidated by the federal government in the 1960s and 1970s that are now part of the Winema and Fremont national forests, and the tribes' claims to the most senior water rights in the basin, recently affirmed by a federal court.

"We have an opportunity to work toward a vision for the basin that includes clear waters, abundant fisheries, increased waterfowl, a vibrant agricultural community, and an end to the



Klamath Tribes members Ken Knight, left, and Rayson Tupper lift a Lost River sucker from a tank on the banks of the Sprague River in Chiloquin, Ore., Saturday, just prior to the start of the annual return of the c'wam ceremony.

we develop solutions."

Tribal Chairman Allen Foreman, who has been critical of legislative efforts to assure irrigation water for farmers without including the tribes, pledged full cooperation to Norton and the task force.

"For the most part it has been the federal government that over-promised the limited waters of the Klamath Basin," Foreman said from tribal offices in Chiloquin. "This is the first time I've seen the federal executive branch, at the very highest level, step up to its responsibilities and take actions that could heal the land and water while helping the tribes and all people in the Klamath Basin."

When drought made water supplies tight last spring, the Endangered Species Act required the federal government to hold back water from the Klamath Reclamation Project, a federal irrigation system serving 220,000 acres of farmland straddling the Oregon-California border.

The water was dedicated to endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake, which the tribes consider a sacred gift of their creator, and threatened salmon in the Klamath River.

In a speech entitled, "An Easterner's view of a Westerner's view of land and water," Wolman Tuesday touched on a wide range of land use conflicts from mining, logging and livestock grazing, to water resources, river rafting and snowmobiling.

"My first conclusion is the West is sick with schizophrenia," he said, drawing chuckles from about 100 researchers and others Tuesday at the Desert Research Institute.

"There are two converging forces at work — the changing character of the West itself, and the mixing of values," said Wolman, whose work in the 1950s set the standard for how hydrologic research is measured today.

"The West is becoming a heavily urbanized area and much more multicultural at a rate that is enormously rapid," he said.

"These folks have a whole new set of values that have

Idaho officials oppose new prairie power plants

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County commissioners have weighed in on the fight over permits for new power plants on the Rathdrum Prairie.

Commissioners Ron Rankin and Dick Panabaker said Tuesday they will oppose any permits for power plants, which are seeking to draw millions of gallons of water from an aquifer shared by Idaho and Washington.

"I would oppose any permit unless we have those in-depth studies that show that we would not be adversely affected either in water or air," Rankin said.

Panabaker and Rankin joined Spokane County commissioners who last month formally opposed Newport Generation's plans for a 1,240-megawatt plant, and called for a comprehensive study of the aquifer.

Cogentrix Energy and Avista Utilities also are applying for permits for more power generating plants. Together, the plants would draw up to 20 million gallons a day from the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

"They would be great under conditions that are acceptable," Rankin said. "But all the money in the world is not going to buy you clean air when you can't

breathe or buy you water when there is nothing left to drink."

Panabaker met with other local and Spokane officials in February where they agreed to pursue a \$3 million comprehensive study of the aquifer — the sole source of water for 400,000 people in the two states.

Hydrologists estimate that study could take from two to four years to complete.

Bob Kahn, spokesman for Newport, said the company would await a decision by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, due in the coming months.

In two hearings before a state water examiner, hydrogeologists for the companies said their studies indicated the aquifer could easily supply enough water for all proposed and existing uses.

Cogentrix currently operates a 270-megawatt plant in Rathdrum. Last spring, it proposed an 800-megawatt plant that would fall under the county's jurisdiction.

The proposed site for the Newport plant is within Rathdrum city limits. In that case, the county would not have the final say, said Rand Wichman, the county's planning director.

County seeks state compliance

SANDPOINT (AP) — Bonner County has joined a fight to force the state to abide by local land use laws.

County commissioners agreed on Tuesday to intervene on behalf of Blaine County in a lawsuit the state filed last November claiming an exemption from local land use requirements. Blaine County refused to permit a gravel pit on state endowment land within the county.

Bonner County officials have been frustrated by their efforts to control land use on state endowment lands east of Priest Lake, where the state leases more than 300 lots for recreational cabins.

"To tell everyone else in the county that they have to abide by a 40-foot setback from the water and to comply with land use codes is important," Commissioner Tom Saxmeier said. "And to allow the largest landowner to essentially thumb their nose at us is abhorrent to me."

Intervening in the case will cost Bonner County nothing. The Priest Lake Association is paying for the legal work to be performed by Coeur d'Alene attorney Scott Reed. The association is worried about the potential

effects on the lake and community if the state's position is upheld.

"There's a lot of risk up there," said Chuck Bauer, president of the association that represents 2,300 property owners at the lake.

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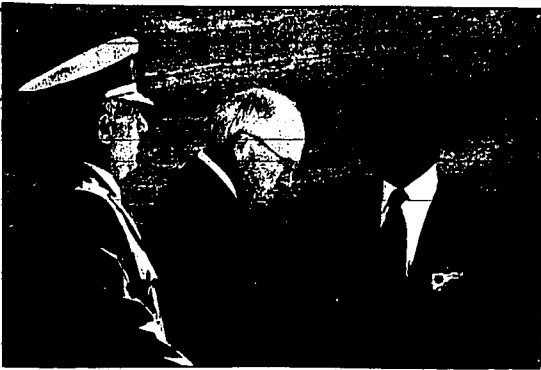
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U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, center, is flanked by a Turkish army officer, left, and a U.S. security agent as he leaves the mausoleum of Turkey founder Kemal Ataturk in Ankara Wednesday after he laid a wreath in respect.

Cheney ends tour with little support for strikes on Iraq

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney ended an 11-nation Mideast tour Wednesday by promising Turkey financial aid for peacekeeping in Afghanistan.

Cheney said he hoped Turkey would agree to lead the force, now being run by Britain. But he failed to win the key NATO ally's support for a tougher policy against neighbor Iraq.

Cheney wrapped up an 11-nation tour of the Middle East with his stop in Turkey, and was heading back to Washington later Wednesday.

He is due to report to President Bush today. Secretary of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security assistant, plan to attend the White House meeting.

Bush, visiting an elementary school on Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday said renewed violence would not deter U.S. peace-making efforts. "We'll continue to work the issue and work it hard," he said.

The president again called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat "to be diligent, firm and consistent in his efforts to rein in those who don't want peace."

The uniform message Cheney

received from Arab leaders with whom he discussed Iraq was to give diplomacy a chance, an Arab diplomat told The Associated Press in Washington.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan plans to meet with a senior Iraqi official next month in New York about permitting U.N. weapons inspectors to return to Iraq after a lapse of more than three years.

If Iraq rejects weapons inspections, the Bush administration would have a better case for military action, said the Arab official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Also, the Arab League holds a pivotal next week in Beirut, Lebanon, and is expected to endorse a Middle East peace initiative by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

The State Department expressed hope the land-for-peace proposal would be endorsed by the Arab League.

Spokesman Richard Boucher condemned, meanwhile, the slaying of seven Israelis in a suicide bombing on a bus near Afula and again demanded Arafat stop Palestinian attacks on civilians.

"They need to make a 100 percent effort," he said.

Turkey has been asked to

replace Britain next month in leading the international force in Kabul. But the Islamic nation has expressed reservations about the assignment, citing financial worries and lack of a clear exit strategy.

Cheney said he told Turkish leaders that the Bush administration was sending Congress a \$228 million aid package to help Turkey defray peacekeeping costs.

He also said he assured Turkish leaders that the United States had limited plans for the force, and that it would remain in the vicinity of Kabul, the Afghan capital.

"We're not talking about expanding it to other areas," Cheney told reporters.

Cheney also promised to assist Turkey in its bid to become a member of the European Union.

Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit became the latest leader on Cheney's tour to criticize U.S. proposals to widen the war on terrorism to Baghdad. He suggested such strikes could hurt Turkey's tottering economy.

Sail Ecevit told reporters after the meeting that Cheney had "very clearly stated that there will be no military action against Iraq in the foreseeable future."

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WORLD

Serbian official speaks out on spying charges

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A day after resigning over allegations he spied for the United States, a top Serbian politician spoke at length about his arrest for the first time Wednesday and denied any wrongdoing.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Momcilo Perisic said he was falsely accused of passing on secret documents during a meeting with an American diplomat last week.

"I neither handed over nor received anything," Perisic said. The former Yugoslav army commander refused to recount details of the arrest last Thursday in a Belgrade restaurant where he met the diplomat.

John Neighbor, the first secretary of the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade.

In a breach of international conventions, Neighbor was held incommunicado for 15 hours, at one point reportedly with a hood over his head, and Perisic was interrogated by the military secret service before being released almost two days later.

The Yugoslav military said Perisic was passing on documents "relevant for the defense of the country" while other officials speculated the documents could have been used against former President Slobodan Milosevic at his U.N. war crimes



Momcilo Perisic, Serbia's ex-deputy prime minister, speaks to reporters at a press conference in Belgrade on Wednesday, the first time since his dramatic detention last week over allegations of spying for the United States and subsequent resignation from his government post.

trial in The Hague, Netherlands.

Both the U.S. Embassy and Perisic — who served as the army's chief of staff under Milosevic until he was fired in 1998 for opposing a crackdown on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo — have denied that any espionage took place.

Perisic said his and Neighbor's arrest represent a "blatant violation of the law."

He staunchly defended his meetings with Western diplo-

omats, which he said were routine.

"It is only normal that, as a politician, one meets foreign diplomats and has regular contacts with representatives of other nations, trying to help this country in efforts to solve our mounting problems," Perisic said.

Yielding to pressure from Serbia's pro-Western Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, Perisic resigned Tuesday, accusing

hardline politicians and military intelligence of trying to discredit him politically.

"I handed in my resignation to help save the government from the danger it faces," Perisic said, insisting he was not guilty.

He said he had been under surveillance "like a bug under a microscope," and that he was targeted because "I probably was in the way because I spoke my opinions frankly."

The fact that "no charges have been raised and the investigation is now over" were positive signs, he added.

The affair has caused further tension between Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica and Djindjic, his political archrival.

Kostunica has said there was "concrete" evidence against Perisic.

Djindjic, in turn, expressed outrage that military intelligence followed and wiretapped his deputy for months without informing him. He said the president likely knew about the surveillance.

"When the military secret service and its chief withhold information vital to public security, they place themselves above the state, above the law, as some kind of supreme judge," Djindjic said Wednesday.

Montenegro could collapse after party's withdrawal

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Montenegro's government was threatened with collapse Wednesday after a pro-independence party withdrew its support for the ruling coalition to protest an accord that preserves the republic's joint state with Serbia.

Last week, Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica and Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic signed a historic accord that radically restructures Yugoslavia into a loose union with a new name — Serbia and Montenegro — and gives greater autonomy to both republics.

The agreement allows the republics to vote on full independence in three years. Still, proponents of independence for Montenegro — the smaller republic that has long been dominated by Serbia — were angered by the deal, demanding a vote now.

"Instead of an independence referendum, we now have an

agreement on a union with Serbia," Miodrag Zivkovic, leader of the Liberal Alliance, said, announcing the withdrawal of his party's support for the government of Prime Minister Filip Vujanovic.

The move means Vujanovic's coalition government no longer has a majority support in Montenegro's parliament. The prime minister now can either return his mandate to the president or face a no-confidence vote in the legislature. The vote would probably be held Friday.

The development is likely to lead to early parliamentary elections in Montenegro, to be held within the next five months.

Yugoslavia once included four other republics — Bosnia, Croatia, Slovenia and Macedonia — but the federation broke up under then-President Slobodan Milosevic in a series of bloody wars in the 1990s.

The prime minister said

Wednesday that he hoped for a last-minute compromise with the Liberals.

Under the EU-negotiated accord, Serbia and Montenegro will share a defense and foreign policy and a seat at the United Nations but will maintain separate economies, currencies and customs services.

In June elections, Djukanovic's pro-independence "Victory

Belongs to Montenegro" grouping won 36 parliament seats, while his pro-Yugoslav opponents won 33 of the 77 seats.

This left the Montenegrin president without a majority, forcing him to forge an alliance with the nationalist Liberal Alliance, which won six seats. The remaining two seats went to pro-independence ethnic Albanian parties.

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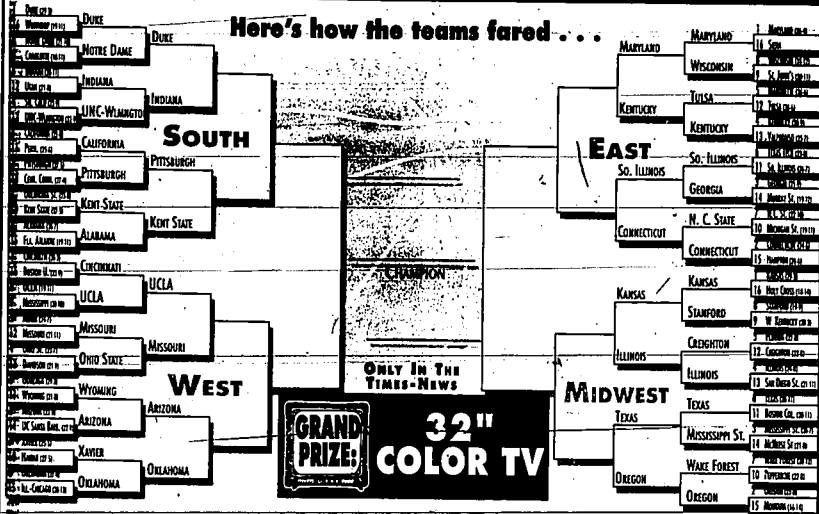
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Ex-dictator's son goes on trial in murder case

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The youngest son of ex-dictator Suharto went on trial Wednesday accused of ordering the assassination of a judge who ruled against him in a graft case.

Hutomo Mandala Putra, known as Tommy, smiled and waved at onlookers but said nothing as he arrived in handcuffs under heavy security. He looked downcast as the murder trial got underway. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Prosecutors have charged that the millionaire son of Suharto paid two hit men \$10,000 to slay Supreme Court Judge Syafruddin Kartasasmita, who had sentenced Tommy to 18 months in prison over a multimillion-dollar real estate scam.

Two assassins on a motorbike shot the judge at close range five times on July 26, 2001. Police say the gunmen, who are being tried separately, have confessed that they were working for Tommy.

Tommy's lawyers have called the charges baseless and said they feared he might not get a fair trial.

The trial is regarded as a test of Indonesia's legal system as it tries to throw off a reputation of being corrupt and sometimes inept.

It came amid a series of trials against powerful suspects, raising hopes that President Megawati Sukarnoputri's administration is getting tough on well-connected



Hutomo Putra
Did he pay judge's murderers?

Indonesians who have long escaped justice.

For years, Tommy, 39, dated models and movie stars and reaped millions of dollars from the monopolies granted to him by his father. On Wednesday, he looked slightly bewildered in court. A handful of his supporters shouted "Long live Tommy."

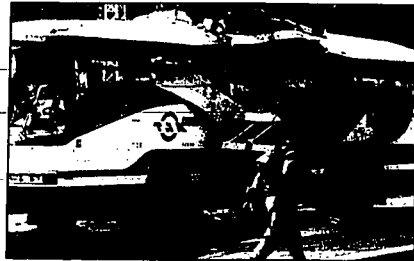
His ailing father and other family members - many of whom have been the target of corruption investigations - did not attend. They have rarely been seen in public since Suharto fell from power in 1998 amid democracy protests and riots.

Israel refrains from retaliation for bus bombing

JERUSALEM (AP) - An Islamic militant blew himself up in a packed bus during morning rush hour Wednesday, killing seven other passengers, including four Israeli soldiers. Israel said it would not retaliate for now and agreed to a crucial meeting with the Palestinians that could produce a cease-fire after 18 months of Mideast fighting.

U.S. mediator Anthony Zinni contacted Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to ensure that the delicate truce talks would not be derailed by the bombing near the northern town of Afula. The explosion, which blew gaping holes in the sides of the bus, also injured 27 people, many of them Arab Israelis.

Israelis and Palestinians have both hinted a truce could be declared as early as Thursday. However, the militant Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for Wednesday's bombing and said it would not abide by any cease-fire agreement.



A suicide bomber killed himself and seven others Wednesday in Jerusalem.

"I had the honor to organize

(this attack), and I want to tell the Israelis that as long as Sharon is killing Palestinians, we in Islamic Jihad will kill Israelis," said

Mahmoud Tawabli, head of group in the West Bank town of Jenin.

The bombing pointed to a fundamental problem facing Israel and Palestinian negotiators: How to prevent a future attack from unleashing a spiral of retaliatory violence that will swiftly cause a truce to unravel.

But Israel Radio, citing sources close to Sharon, said Israel would hold off on retaliation and would not cancel the Wednesday night truce talks in Tel Aviv, during which the Palestinians were to respond to Israel's proposed truce timetable. The meeting was convened in Tel Aviv late Wednesday, Palestinian officials said.

The U.S. truce plan, written last year under the guidance of State director George Tenet, called on Palestinians to "apprehend, detain and incarcerate terrorists." Israel is prohibited from "attacks of any kind against Palestinian Authority facilities."

Official: Red Brigades likely behind slaying of Italy official

ROME (AP) - The leftist Red Brigades terror group appeared to be behind the slaying of a key government adviser - the second economist working on Italian labor reform to be gunned down in three years, Interior Minister Claudio Scajola said Wednesday.

Despite Tuesday's killing, Premier Silvio Berlusconi vowed to push forward with reforms of the country's rigid employment system, which has split the country and been bitterly opposed by unions.

Scajola, who's in charge of domestic security, said initial tests indicated that consultant Marco Biagi had been killed with the same handgun used to kill another government economics adviser, Massimo D'Antona, in 1999. That earlier slaying, in Rome, was claimed by the same offshoot of the Red Brigades hailed in the latest killing.

Scajola said the apparent weapons link - along with an anonymous call to a Bologna newspaper claiming responsibility for the killing in the name of the Red Brigades faction - indicated that the group was likely behind the attack.

"According to the first results, the weapon is the same as that used in the D'Antona crime and

this confirms the claim of responsibility, which indicates we're dealing with the Red Brigades," he said.

The Red Brigades, along with rightist groups, bloodied Italy with terrorist attacks in the 1970s and '80s.

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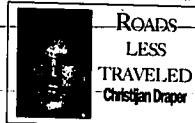
Section D

Might makes mice

The visitor's sign-in book in the cabin wasn't a great read. It mostly consisted of the ramblings of cub scouts complaining of sore feet and tired backs.

But there was a recurring theme that intrigued me - mice. It seemed that every entry contained some reference to a mouse. One entry simply said, "Beware of the mouse!"

As I skimmed the pages, it was almost like I was reading the journal of some haunted hermit.



ROADS LESS TRAVELED
Christian Draper

"The mouse is after me again." "The mouse came back last night. No sleep." "There is no escape. Mouse is everywhere."

"Mouse won't leave me alone. Somebody help me..." "And then silence."

I was backpacking in Tennessee with my friend The Kid so he could show me his old beloved stomping grounds in the South.

When we reached a cabin about seven miles into the hike, The Kid and I decided we would spend the night.

He and I are somewhat inclined to seek out misery when we can, but not always.

On this occasion, since it was there we opted to revel in the luxury of the spacious cabin.

It was in this cabin I found the sign-in book.

In retrospect, I should have heeded the cryptic warnings penciled in the book, but at the time I thought, "How cute. A mouse. Hahaha."

I have camped in bear territory gnawed by the constant worry that the smell of peanut butter lingering on my breath might attract a ravenous bear. What could be more than that? A mouse didn't worry me.

After dinner, The Kid and I hit the sack for the night. Soon I slid into dreamless, blissful sleep.

But it was short lived. At about midnight, I awoke with a start. There was a rustling coming from the table on which we had piled our gear. I groped groggily for my glasses and flashlight.

There was the mouse, grinning at me in the beam of my miniature flashlight. As we stared at each other, his smile faded and he resumed rummaging through my food.

I leapt out of my bunk and charged the mouse. He scurried out of sight.

I began repackaging my food, grumbling. I put everything in the backpack and set it upright on the table, then commented looking for the mouse's lair. I couldn't find it, so I went back to bed. About 15 heavenly minutes of sleep later, I was jolted again by the sound of little claws rustling plastic.

The mouse was back and had emptied my backpack. He sat on one of my shirts with my bag of gear next to him, just chomping away.

"Where's a broom!" I shouted as I shed my sleeping bag and flew out of bed in a single, fluid motion. The mouse squeaked and lit out fast. I scoured the room for a weapon, but the mouse was gone.

I climbed back into bed and waited, watching. I kept my vigil for probably 20 minutes. Nothing. Soon sleep overcame me. But the mouse came back. This time I woke so quickly that I banged my head on the bottom of the bunk above me.

"Aarrgh!" I shouted with all of the eloquent indignation I could muster.

I chucked a sock at the mouse, which dodged it and just sauntered away.

Furious and frustrated I gathered all my food, which is what I figured the mouse was after. I tied it into a bundle and used my shoelaces to lash it to the rafters in the ceiling.

I resumed a fuming watch for a half hour then went to sleep.

I woke some time later from dreams of cracking plastic and pined pipes to look up and see the mouse sniggering at me from my bag of food in the rafters. But, I was too tired to move.

— Christian Draper is a copy editor for The Times-News and has camped with rodents in Minnesota, Alaska, Utah and elsewhere.

Spring break getaways

Family fishing makes a great break

F & G publication identifies good spots for families

By James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

A good point-of-departure when deciding to take the family fishing is to begin by turning a few pages of the fishing regulations published by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Most anglers anticipate season dates, limits and a host of regulations to appear (which is the case), but would-be fishermen should take a close look at pages 7 and 34 where "New Family Fishing Waters" are identified. The areas highlighted on these pages help to simplify the process of taking members of a family fishing. Regulations are a general six-fish limit for trout, bass, walleyes and pike, with no bag limits on other species and no length limits. Standard fishing gear such as spinning or bait-casting equipment may be used, and the season is year-round.

The family fishing waters are Little Camus Reservoir, Magic Reservoir, Little Wood Reservoir, Fish Creek Reservoir, Roseworth Reservoir, Blair Trall Reservoir (Elmore County), Camas Ponds 1 and 2, Featherville Ponds, Gavers Lagoon, Penny and Dollar Lakes and Rock Creek (downstream from the Highline Canal). Note that Little Camus Reservoir and Fish Creek Reservoir won't be productive locations for a spring break outing since they both went dry last year. Magic also goes very low, so the fishing will be questionable.

Rock Creek - Rock Creek deserves mention in terms of the "family" approach because it affords the option of fishing on moving water. For the most part, Rock Creek isn't deep or swift, but it's hardly the place to take really small children unless they are under very strict adult supervision. On the plus side of a fishing outing, Rock Creek holds stocked fish and a limited number of wild rainbow and brown trout.

Another advantage to a Rock Creek outing is that bait and lures can be used, and it's actually a stream where trout can be taken using a fly rod while tossing small nymphs and sometimes even dry flies.

Dierkes Lake - Although not a part of the family fishing waters but an area where the entire family can fish and enjoy an outdoor lunch is Dierkes Lake. Rainbow trout are stocked into the lake, and channel catfish have also been established in these waters. Bluegills are plentiful and their size appears to be increasing slightly, possibly due to the length restrictions that have been imposed on largemouth bass, the main predator of bluegill. The harvest of largemouth bass is limited to two bass, none under 20 inches. There is no limit on the number of bluegills that can be taken from Dierkes.

For those who aren't familiar with the bass-bluegill relationship, it is basically a predator-to-prey connection. Bluegills have historically overpopulated in Dierkes Lake. The bluegills reproduce rapidly, overpopulate the existing water and then become stunted due to lack of food.

Largemouth bass, if allowed to mature and grow to the size they can swallow a bluegill, can naturally control the bluegill population. This process allows for bass of trophy proportions and the development of bluegills that are large enough to take home for the skillet.

Hagerman Wildlife Area - A little further south is a surf-free, ice-free bet in the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. Oster Lakes opened on March 1. In terms of productive fishing, this area should be difficult to beat since it receives a stocking of catchable rainbows approximately every two weeks. Lures, flies and live bait are used to haul rainbows from these waters.

Finding a location to take the family fishing is sometimes a bit of a challenge. The best bet is to spend some time at the local fly shops or sporting goods stores and to visit with other anglers in hopes of finding productive waters. Another great idea is to contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, since it receives numerous reports from anglers and also knows which waters have been stocked. A little investigation and a few phone calls should put the family out of the house, out of the car and, hopefully, on the water.



If you're looking to hook a nice rainbow trout like this one during spring break, the Fish and Game Department's list of 'Family Fishing Waters' is a good place to start.

Great snowshoeing awaits explorers

Idaho offers many choices to spruce explorers

By Karen Bossack
Times-News correspondent

Spring? Spring break? Why, there's still two to three feet of snow covering the ground in some parts of south central Idaho.

But the sun has returned, the skies are blue and the mercury is warming to springlike temperatures.

So grab a pair of snowshoes, mix up some chicken salad, stuff a blanket in your pack and let's go snowshoeing.

Spring snowshoeing can sometimes be easier than snowshoeing in the middle of winter. You don't sink as far into the snow. And it's definitely a good choice when the thaw and freeze cycle has made it too treacherous to go cross country skiing in the woods.

The birds are returning to the high country so binoculars are a must. And you might catch a glimpse of the big guys, like moose and elk, sipping out of the creeks that are beginning to emerge from under a blanket of snow and ice.

If you've never snowshoed before, you may want to start out on a snowshoe trail like one of those already set around Galena Lodge north of Ketchum.

Of course, the beauty of snowshoeing is that you can set off by yourself across the frozen expanse of snow.

Be sure to check the avalanche forecast before you go, though. And be aware of your surroundings. Slides off slopes in narrow canyons can spill across your tracks, even when you're in the flats.

To check for avalanche danger, check www.avalanche.org and click onto "Sun Valley" or call the Avalanche Hotline at 622-8027.

Don't forget about ranger-led hikes, either. Free Winter Wildlife Walks are offered at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Galena Lodge. Snowshoe hikes focusing on the history and geology of the area are offered at 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Most outdoor shops, the ski shop at Pomerelle Ski Area included, rent out snowshoes. Poles can be useful, especially if you plan on doing a lot of climbing.

Five places to go

Billy's Bridge - This packed 4-kilometer loop sits just north of Russian John Guard Station across the road from Prairie Creek. To get there, drive about 13 miles north of Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters on Highway 75. Watch for the brown recreation sign signed "Billy's Bridge."

Stay on the side of the groomed cross country ski trail as it juts downhill. One trail takes off to the left at the intersection a kilometer down the trail. This goes through a pretty wooded area to a parking area at Prairie Creek. The loop veers to the right at the intersection and travels over a bridge and into hilly open terrain.

Easley Peak in the hauntingly beautiful Boulder Mountain range dominates the views going out.

Norton Peak provides the scenic vistas on the homeward bound trip. The Blaine County Recreation District charges a \$2 user fee to help cover the costs of maintaining the trail. It can be paid at the trailhead or a pass can be purchased from Sun Valley area retailers.

North Fork - This 3.5-kilometer packed snowshoe trail takes off behind Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters. To get there drive seven miles north of Ketchum along Highway 75 and turn right into the SNRA parking lot.

Take the kids into the visitor center for a look at the stuffed wolves, wolverines and other wildlife. Then try to spot them in the wild as you shuffle off on the trail.

There's no climbing involved whatsoever on this trail, which leads you north along the North Fork of the Big Wood River. Good thing because the beauty of the horrorest sparkling under royal blue sky is enough to take your breath away.

The Blaine County Recreation District charges \$2 to cover costs in maintaining the trail. It can be paid at the trailhead or at outdoor retailers in the Sun Valley area.

Craters of the Moon National Monument - Enter another world, a world

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Sean Mattanburg leads a group of youngsters on a snowshoe hike near Galena Lodge. With plenty of snow still in south-central Idaho, spring break is an opportune time to try out a new snowshoe trail.

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OUTDOORS

Bagging one with a bow requires a license

Question: When a friend bought a new bow he gave me his old hunting bow and arrows. We intend to bowhunt together this fall for deer. He told me I would first have to pass an archery education class to get the archery validation on my license. Please explain the rules about archery education.

Answer: Your friend is correct. In addition to a hunting license and deer tag, to bowhunt in any "archery only" big game season, you must purchase an archery validation on your license. In 1993 legislation was passed to require a bowhunter to either pass an archery education course or show proof you had previously bowhunted in Idaho or another state.

ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

Organized bowhunting groups in Idaho championed archery education. They saw increasing interest in their sport. Significant differences exist between bowhunting and rifle hunting. Uneducated sportsmen who decided to try bowhunting did not understand these differences. Some lost injured game animals because they failed to prepare themselves or used rifle-hunting methods. In 1993, the Idaho

Legislature enacted a law requiring first-time bowhunters to complete a bowhunter education course.

Volunteer instructors teach archery education classes in the spring and summer. The class includes a discussion about bowhunting safety, care, selection, and use of bowhunting equipment. Bowhunting ethics and understanding your own personal limitations are also important topics. Classes generally last about 15 hours and are often spread across several evenings. The class is capped off with a field day covering topics such as, shooting skills, range estimation, tracking wounded game, and care of game for the table. Even veteran bowhunters come away from classes with useful new

information. These classes are an opportunity to provide novice bowhunters with expert advice. Classes are scheduled through Fish and Game regional offices and cost \$8 per student.

After passing a final examination students are awarded a certificate of completion. This certificate is presented to the license vendor when purchasing the archery validation. The archery validation is available where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. E-mail your question to him at the Fish and Game Web site at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

M.V. Bassmasters meets at Creekside

The Magic Valley Bass Masters will be having their monthly meeting on April 1 at the Creekside Restaurant. The meeting starts at 8 p.m. New and past members are encouraged to attend. The Bass Masters will also present their second tournament of the 2002 season on April 20 at C.J. Strike Reservoir. New and past members are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Steve Vining at 734-6617.

Outdoors in brief

The current system over the course of the next few months, and switching from the old system to the new one may cause some delays. "It will take a couple of weeks to transfer existing reservation information from current systems and install the new system at Rick Collignon." "We can only do one park at a time and during the installation that particular park will need to take reservations by hand. That may slow things down a little."

Fish and Game still has hunter ed course openings

Although official registration for spring rifle hunter education classes ended on March 1, there are spaces open for many classes and individuals may continue to register by contacting the Department of Fish and Game. The classes are currently being offered until the end of May.

Basic rifle hunter education classes are still available in the following counties: Buhl, Burley, Carey, Coalinga, Hailu, Shoshone, and Twin Falls. These class openings will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. To find out about the specific dates of these remaining classes, contact the Magic Valley Region Fish and Game office in Jerome at 868 E. Main or call 324-4359. Cost for these classes is \$8 per student.

Parks campsite reservations process will get easier

BOISE - If you're planning to make a summer campsite reservation in the next few weeks, the process is about to get easier. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is installing a new reservation and campground management system in Idaho's state parks. A number of the parks will be switching over from

Ponderosa is already on the system. By the end of May systems will be installed at Hells Gate, Three Island Crossing, Bruneau Dunes, Massacre Rocks, Lake Walcott, City of Rocks, Park Lake, Farragut, Harriman, Henry's Lake and Bear Lake. "The real advantage to the public begins in June, when you'll be able to reserve campsites, cabins and yurts-including the Idaho City yurts-over the Internet," Collignon said. "And we'll keep installing the new systems in parks all summer. By the fall, we'll add Heyburn, Round Lake, Winchester Lake and Dworshak state parks as well as the yurts at Lake Cascade."

According to Collignon, the new system will be worth the temporary inconvenience. In addition to significantly expanding the service available to the public we will be offering reservations at more parks and allowing Internet reservations for the first time. "Everything will be electronic, allowing us to make better use of our camper data and ultimately help keep our operating costs low in Idaho State Parks" he said.

- compiled from wire reports

TROPHIES



Chert Werbeck of Twin Falls proudly displays one of many large bonefish she caught on a February fly fishing trip to Christmas Island. Christmas Island is a small coral atoll on the equator in the Republic of Kiribati.

Ross Anderson, 17, of Buhl, shot this antelope with a 24-inch antler spread on opening day. Anderson used a 25-06 rifle and was hunting in Unit 68.

Shop owner fights products that hurt environment

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Fly fishing shop owner Steve Schmidt is drawing an invisible line in the sand over both new and old fishing technologies that are harmful to the environment. He's out to sink lead sinkers, for one thing, and this new super-translucent fluorocarbon fishing line is a big one he'd like to see get away, too.

Fluorocarbon fishing lines sound like an angler's dream come true. They are nearly invisible to fish and last longer than an angler's lifetime. Fluorocarbon lines are unethical to use, Schmidt said, because they do not break down, and by relying to sell them in his store in Salt Lake City, he hopes to set an example others will follow. Fluorocarbon fishing lines do not conduct light, so they disappear underwater. They are also abrasion-resistant, virtually indestructible when scratched, and scuffed. Fluorocarbons last for centuries - at least - in the environment, Schmidt says.

"Each tippet piece and leader that we leave will be there through your lifetime, your children's lifetime and their children's lifetime," he said. "Given the pressure our resources are under, anything that could potentially harm our resources and their inhabitants should not be used nor should retailers sell it."

It's irresponsible and thoughtless.

The fluorocarbon lines are so tough, Mickey Anderson at Fish Tech caught 438 fish on one leader without ever retying the knot one winter, just to make a point. He used a small green spoon, and left it on all season. "Most were perch, about 90 percent, but some trout, bass, bluegill, crappie," Anderson said. "It is a lot more abrasion-resistant."

So what happens when an angler cruising the Green River snags a willow branch and breaks off? He ties on a new 99-cent fly, rather than fight the spide, to row over and un-sing himself. That section of fluorocarbon fishing line just may hang in there as long as that tree lives, and then it will fall in the water and stay there for centuries.

Such scenarios make Schmidt cringe. Fluorocarbon lines hit the fishing world about seven years ago. It was marketed as a specialty fly fishing leader material for use in small sections at the end of the line. At first it was stiff, tough to tie knots with, and expensive.

The fly fishing industry did such a fantastic job marketing fluorocarbon to the rest of the fishing industry wanted in. A few years ago, it started popping up packaged as regular fishing line, not just snippets and tippets for terminal tackle use.

Now bass pros are spooling entire reels with hundreds of yards of fluorocarbon line, as opposed to the few feet fly fishers use.

"We have all seen the damages that discarded spinning line does to habitats and wildlife." - Steve Schmidt, fly shop owner

ally an inert substance. I've heard it lasts up to 2,000 years." There is controversy about the morality of re-filling spools of fluorocarbon. But Schmidt, owner of Western Rivers Fly Fisher and author of The No-nonsense Guide To Fly Fishing Utah, is pretty much alone in opposing use of fluorocarbon for fly tippets and leader - so far. He is rapidly converting his customers, he says, who come in asking for fluorocarbon but mostly seem to appreciate being educated, he says. Schmidt is also pushing to enlighten fly fishing magazine editors and retailers.

"We've been catching fish without fluorocarbon for hundreds of years. There isn't a guy in here his shop who uses fluorocarbon and they all catch fish. Go challenge yourself," he said. "It's pretty cool to catch tarpon without the fluorocarbon. In saltwater, it has a far bigger presence. You watch any of the fishing television shows, that's all they talk about, fishing fluorocarbon."

"They say, 'All we leave is a tippet piece,' but you look at the hundreds of boats out there on the Florida Keys flats every single day. It's going to be there for years and years."

Schmidt also thinks it is over-rated as a fishing advantage, as fluorocarbon lights up like neon underwater wherever it is nicked.

Illegal release of perch angers officials

POCATELLO (AP) - Anglers could start catching many yellow perch in Blackfoot Reservoir in a year or two, and Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists are not happy about that.

They confirmed a large population of the game fish native to the Upper Midwest in the reservoir when a Fish and Game trawler captured hundreds in a population survey last fall.

Fish and Game has never stocked yellow perch there, so its presence is likely due to an illegal introduction from an angler looking to expand the fishing menu at the lake.

Whether the perch will have an adverse impact on the trout is not known, biologist Dick Scully said.

Perch-eat zooplankton. So do trout, although they also feed on insects, leeches and smaller fish. So the two may vie for food, although the perch may compete more directly with other plankton feeders like suckers.

"The silver lining to this would be if the perch displaced some of the suckers, chubs and carp," biologist Dave Teuscher said. "That way, those fish would be replaced by a game fish. But that's very optimistic." The worst scenario, Scully said, would be if the perch took over

as the dominant fish in the lake. Either way, he is disappointed.

"It's not a good thing to add something to the environment, especially when the management goal is enhance the trout fishery and protect the native Yellowstone cutthroat fishery," he said.

"The department never would have decided to stock perch in Blackfoot Reservoir. It was illegal, and in some places, it would be a disaster."

The young trout probably would not be eaten by yellow perch, because the successful trout spawning is done in the upper reaches of the Blackfoot River, miles from the reservoir.

Men get fines for killing moose near Meeteetse

CODY, Wyo. (AP) - Two men were fined and lost their hunting and fishing privileges recently for killing a moose near Meeteetse.

Vince Cole, 39, and Lane Byerly, 31, both of Cody, pleaded guilty earlier this month before Park County Circuit Judge Bruce Waters. Meeteetse game warden Jerry Longobardi said. By cooperating they avoided a \$5,000 restitution fee.

The two men were hunting elk, with licenses, on Carter Mountain about 25 miles west of Meeteetse in the evening last November when they saw movement in the willows. Both shot.

"They panicked" when they realized they had killed a cow moose and instead of turning themselves in, they fled.

Although they broke the law, their motive makes their offense less than those committed by headline-making violators, he said.

"They made a mistake and handled it poorly," he said. Cole, whose shot killed the cow, must pay \$780 for taking a moose without a license and \$430 for taking a moose out of season plus \$430 for abandoning meat. He received a 30-day jail sentence, all suspended.

Cole also must complete a hunter safety course within six months.

Byerly must pay \$1,210 in fines and complete a hunter safety class. His 10-day jail sentence was also suspended.

Both men are on probation for six months and lost their hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

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A page for you and your neighbors.

Early permit application could pay off

BOISE (AP) - Hunters who apply early for this fall's controlled hunts could win big bucks besides the possibility of drawing a tag.

Sportsmen who apply for controlled hunts for deer, elk, black bear or antelope before May 10 will be entered in a drawing for \$600.

Hunters who sign up by May 20 will be entered in a drawing for \$400.

The drawing is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and funded by GTECH Corporation. Officials want to encourage people to apply early to avoid a computer overload at license vendors in the final days of the application period. The same incentive was offered last year.

All applications for this fall's controlled hunts must be received by May 31.

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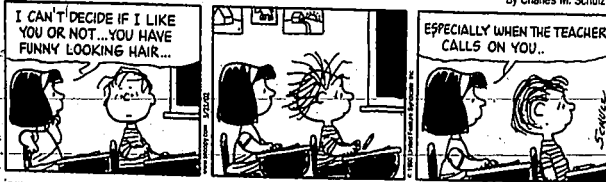
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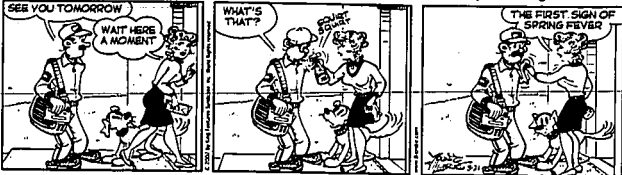
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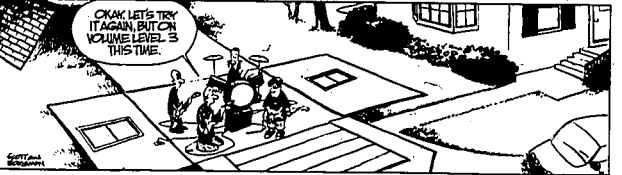
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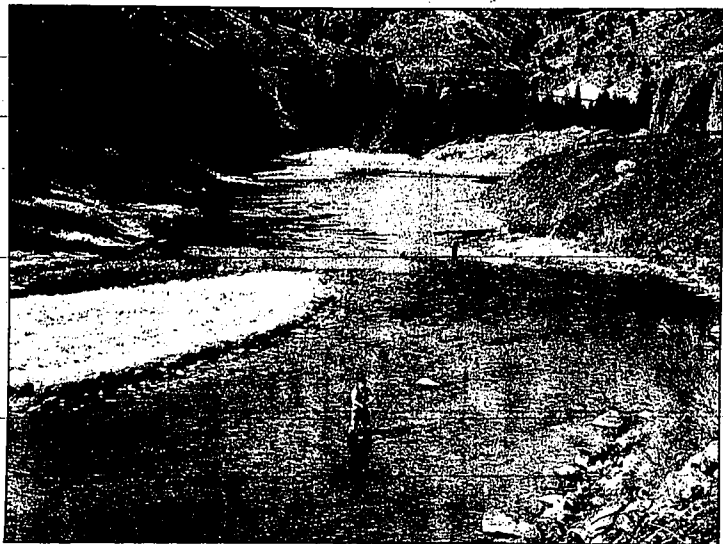
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OUTDOORS

A Crooked catch



Hoa Nguyen, center, flares the Crooked River March 8 near Bend, Ore. Biologists with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife found 4,600 rebound trout eight inches or larger per mile during a survey last spring in the 12 miles below Bowman Dam. That makes the Crooked one of the most productive streams in Oregon.

Trout abound on stretch of Crooked River

By Keith Ridler
The (Bend) Bulletin

BEND, Ore. — The low flows in the Crooked River might have knocked the fish population down a bit below Bowman Dam this winter. But the number of anglers per mile appears to be as healthy as ever.

"There are so many anglers out here right now you can't really get your own space," said Hoa Nguyen of Portland, sandwiched in a riffle between fishermen. "It's one of the best beginner rivers. For novice fly fishermen, this is the place to go."

Biologists with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife found 4,600 rebound trout 8 inches or larger per mile during a survey last spring in the 12 miles of the river below Bowman Dam.

That makes the Crooked one of the most productive streams in Oregon. But last summer's drought caused the Bureau of Reclamation to drop the flow being released from Bowman Dam to 50 cubic feet per second. October in hopes of improving the chances of Prineville Reservoir filling.

The ODFW's recommended minimum flow from a fish standpoint is 75 cfs, and the optimal is 170 cfs. Last January the flow was raised to 60 cfs as a result of good snowfall early in the winter, and it has remained there.

"I think (the added 10 cfs) certainly helped us carry some more fish through the winter and reduce stress we would see from crowded conditions," said Steve Marx, a Bend-based biologist with the ODFW, noting that

some fish probably moved downstream anyway due to the low flows.

"There's some redistribution of fish under those conditions. I'm sure we had fish move out of the area."

The flows in the river are likely to remain at 60 cfs until irrigation season starts in late April, and then it will likely rise to around 200 to 250 cfs until in early October, Marx said. Although

May 25 to Oct. 31 bait is allowed. Most of the fish in the river are 8 to 10 inches, said Marx, with some up to 17 inches.

The Crooked River usually has a brown color as a result of the type of fine clay found in the basin. Once that clay is suspended in the water, it doesn't seem to settle out.

However, the water quality is good for trout because it is cold and comes from the bottom of the reservoir.

"One of the more positive aspects of that fishery, like a lot of tailwater fisheries, is it maintains that good water quality below the dam, which is why that first 12 miles is so productive," said Marx.

The standard fly for anglers heading to the river is an orange scud.

"I won't let them leave the shop without an orange scud," said McAllister, recommending sizes No. 10 or 12. "It's the staple of the Crooked River. You pretty much can't ever go wrong with it."

For dry flies, she recommended blue winged olivemay flies and black x caddis in sizes No. 14 or 16. For nymphs, head heads seem to work the best, McAllister said, like a prince nymph in size No. 14 or 16.

Most anglers use rods with weights of three to five, with 4X and 5X tippets on the Crooked River.

"It's one of our good local rivers that is one of the places you can take your family and go out and have a great time," said McAllister. "You don't have to worry about big water. It's a great family river."

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— Steve Marx, biologist with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

with Central +Oregon+ weather, Marx didn't rule out more water being released from Bowman Dam this spring.

In the meantime, the Crooked River continues to be one of the more popular fishing rivers in Central Oregon.

"It's somewhere you can drive to in 45 minutes and you're in your own little world," said Abby McAllister, a guide with the Fly Box in Bend. "So far the fishing has been pretty good despite the (low water). They're pretty hardy fish."

The Crooked River has some special regulations. It is open all year with a limit of two trout per day. Right now, it's open to flies and lures only. From

country ski area right above the rope tow.

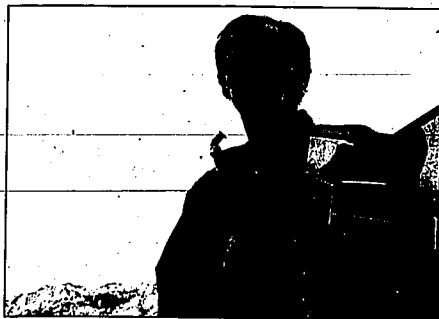
Snowshoes are available for rent at the lodge.

To get there take the Declo exit (exit 216) off Interstate 84 east of Burley. Head south on Highway 77 for 25 miles as it takes you through Albion and continue to follow signs for the ski area.

Adams Gulch — This popular hiking and mountain bike area near Ketchum

transforms into a do-it-yourself Nordic skiing and snowshoe playground in winter. The gulch is wide enough and many of the hills gentle enough that you can avoid a lot of the avalanche risk that you expose yourself to in narrow canyons.

To get there drive north out of Ketchum on Highway 75 about a mile to Adams Gulch Road. Turn left. Cross the Big Wood River, follow the road to the right and continue on the road to trailhead parking.



Peter Metcalf, president of Black Diamond Equipment, stands with the Avalung March 6 in Salt Lake City. The device enables buried avalanche victims to draw air from the snow.

Tool for survival

Device supplies air to skiers buried in avalanches

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It has been three winters since Salt Lake City's Black Diamond Equipment introduced its Avalung, a simple device that enables buried avalanche victims to draw air from the snow — assuming they can put and keep the mouthpiece in place during a serious tumble.

But this \$100 item has yet to be embraced by backcountry skiers, guides and ski patrollers as the next big thing in avalanche rescue.

That might change after a Feb. 10 accident in British Columbia's Selkirk Mountains, where rescuers dug up a breathing Mike Morrissey and two dead helicopter-riding companions nearby.

Morrissey, a fit, 44-year-old Colorado skier who was buried for about 30 minutes 4 to 6 feet deep, was using Black Diamond's Avalung II. The companions, dead from suffocation, were not so equipped, according to Revelstoke, British Columbia, Coroner Dale Davis.

Many experts have concluded that the incident is the first honest Avalung save, and after countless trials demonstrating the effectiveness of the product, Black Diamond managers are elated it worked in a real avalanche.

"It doesn't get any more conclusive than that," said Peter Metcalf, president of the employee-owned company that manufactures technical climbing and backcountry ski gear. Black Diamond has since been contacted by heli-ski companies whose guides want Avalungs, Metcalf said.

"I'm considering recommending all backcountry skiers use them. It has proven itself," said Davis, whose office handles up to three avalanche fatalities every winter.

Last winter, 45 people died in North American avalanches, a record for the modern era of backcountry recreation. Slides have claimed 28 lives so far this season.

The Avalung is the brainchild of Colorado physician Tom Crowley, who figured out an easy way to draw air from a dense snowpack through a hose and crushproof mesh. A Black Diamond design team led by Jordi Margid assisted him.

In its original form, the Avalung was packaged in a vest that retailed for \$200 to \$300. The bulk and expense proved to be major market obstacles, prompting a complete redesign last year.

"We couldn't give them away," said Bill DeBirk salesman at an REI store in a Salt Lake City suburb.

Sales of the new version, which is worn slung over the shoulder, have picked up. "Backcountry skiers are gear freaks, but if it's cumbersome they can do away with it," said Heber City skier Bob Merrill, a customer service manager for the Backcountry Store.

"Something like this makes sense," he said. "Black Diamond did a good thing pushing the new design."

Metcalf said sales are in the "low thousands," still a far cry from the 50,000 transceivers sold worldwide every year and a puny segment of Black Diamond's various product lines.

This rescue also is testament to the usefulness of avalanche transceivers, which came on the market in the mid-1970s at a time

when ski patrollers were dragging around "avalanche cords," ribbons that were supposed to indicate the location of buried skiers.

Metcalf and others are quick to point out that the Avalung is no silver bullet. It is useless if not used in conjunction with standard rescue gear — shovels, probes, beacons — and smart companions. Nor will it help avalanche victims who die from trauma, which accounts for about a third of all fatalities. About half of those buried in avalanches are dead after 30 minutes. The Avalung can buy an additional 30 minutes, an hour tops, according to studies.

Had the Avalung not been redesigned, it might never have gotten into Morrissey's hands. His girlfriend bought the Avalung II as a Christmas present, according to an interview conducted by Dale Atkins, an expert with the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

Morrissey was able to practice with the Avalung a few times before heading to Revelstoke for a ski vacation in the Selkirks and other ranges west of the Canadian Rockies where about 20 heli-ski firms do business.

The accident occurred on his first day out. Morrissey and his companions were pausing when they noticed a billowing cloud racing toward them. He turned his back to the oncoming slide and pulled the Avalung's mouthpiece from his collar in the instant before impact.

The avalanche swept Morrissey over a cliff band and the sensation was "like being in a clothes dryer with a bunch of towels" as he tried to swim on the surface, he told Atkins. As he came to a stop, he did not create an air pocket around his head as avalanche professionals are taught. Instead the debris set up fast, locking Morrissey with his left hand over his head. However, he was in a sitting position with his head up and mouth clear of snow, which enhanced his chances of survival.

Morrissey immediately began breathing through the tube that had remained in his mouth, which put him in a relaxed and positive frame of mind, he told Atkins. After a while he began to worry his entire party was buried and he "drifted off."

But a rescue was mounted within moments. Ski guides using transceivers homed in on the signals coming from the units worn by the three buried skiers.

The rescue was not speedy within a few meters of each other and dug out at the same time. Estimates of burial times range from 30 to 45 minutes. Morrissey was found unconscious, taking shallow breaths with the mouthpiece out, but he came to without any resuscitation efforts.

The rescue was not speedy enough to save Kenneth James Peterson of Colorado and Stefan Oswald, a guide from Switzerland, neither of whom showed signs of traumatic injury.

"Transceivers overcame initial skepticism to become standard equipment, while avalanche cords all wound up in the trash. Perhaps over time, the Avalungs will benefit from a similar cycle of changing attitudes.

"There used to be a reluctance among hockey goalies to wear face masks," said Doug Abromet of the U.S. Forest Service's National Avalanche Center. "It just takes time for people to change."

On the Net

- Black Diamond Equipment: <http://www.bdeq.com/>
- Avalanche Center Links: <http://avalanche.org/index.htm>

Snowshoe

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of weird sights and sounds, a world beyond the imagination when you snowshoe the craters. Even in winter the jagged an, rope pahoehoe and cinder cones in the 2,200-year-old lava fields provide a surreal scene.

The easiest snowshoe hike is along the 7-mile loop road, which remains unplowed during winter. Avoid snowshoeing on the actual lava, which is fragile. Check in at the visitor center for suggestions and other information to enhance your visit.

To get there drive follow Highway 75 until you come to the U.S. 20 intersection. Turn east and drive another 45 miles.

There is no charge to snowshoe at the Craters.

Pomerelle Ski Area — This snow magnet 8,000 feet in the sky is a natural for snowshoeing because of the powder dumps it gets.

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MONEY

Stock falls on tech downgrades, rate increase threats

NEW YORK (AP) - A weaker outlook for Intel and the possibility of higher interest rates prompted investors to collect profits Wednesday, pushing stocks sharply lower across market sectors.

Wall Street's losses widened throughout the session with the Dow industrials falling more than 130 points and the Nasdaq composite index falling to its lowest close in three weeks.

The market's drop followed the Federal Reserve's decision Tuesday to leave interest rates unchanged, although the central bank hinted of possible increases later this year.

"There's a lot of concern that when rates go up, the recovery will slow down," said Stephen Carl, head of U.S. equity trading for The Williams Capital Group LP.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 138.68, or 1.3 percent, to 10,501.57 after rising 57.50 Tuesday to close at its highest level of the year, 10,635.25.

The Dow was advanced for five weeks on increasing signs that business is improving.

While stocks rallied Tuesday

after the Fed's move affirmed that the recession could soon be over, "we are having afterthoughts today.... Economists believe the Fed will reverse last year's trend of rate cuts with a rate hike in June or September," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Ebsenstock & Co.

The broader market also declined Wednesday. The Nasdaq composite index fell 48.00, or 2.6 percent, to 1,832.87, its steepest close since March 7 when it stood at 1,802.74.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 18.44, or 1.6 percent, to 1,151.85.

Traders said they were concerned that the Fed would raise interest rates before corporate earnings improve, which would make it difficult for them to justify stocks' current prices.

"The reality that the interest rate hikes are going to come at some point is something to make you a little nervous," said Barry Bernam, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

Dow Industrial fell \$119 to \$30.53 after Salomon Smith

Barney lowered its second-quarter earnings and revenue estimates for the company. Competitor Advanced Micro Devices also fell, declining 62 cents to \$14.17.

Other tech losers included Microsoft, down \$2.13 to \$60.10, and IBM, off \$1.99 to \$105.50. Both are Dow stocks.

Analysts say the technology sector will be the last to emerge from the recession as it waits for other companies to resume spending on computers and networking equipment. But they also say investors are anxious for these growth stocks to recover, and are more sensitive to negative reports about them.

Investors in the past month have heard upbeat reports from Old Economy sectors including manufacturing. So Wednesday's news that home construction rose a bigger-than-expected 2.8 percent in February and to its highest level since December 1998 failed to trigger much buying.

And, home builders fell, which analysts attributed to the prospect of higher interest rates. Lennar fell \$2.17 to \$52.62

despite also beating first-quarter earnings estimates by 4 cents a share.

The financial sector, which is also sensitive to interest rates, also dropped. Banker J.P. Morgan Chase fell 90 cents to \$35.19.

One of Wall Street's biggest winners was Bristol-Myers Squibb, which plunged nearly 16 percent, down \$7.57 to \$47.08, after disclosing that tests of its much anticipated blood pressure drug, Vanlev, showed it was no more effective than existing treatments.

Declining issues outnumbered advanced slightly more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume was moderate at 1.58 billion shares, the same number traded in Tuesday's session.

The Russell 2000 index, which measures the performance of smaller company stocks, fell 5.69, or 1.1 percent, to 499.04.

Traders overseas were also untrayed by the possibility of higher interest rates. The Dow reduced rates 11 times in 2001 to stimulate the economy, and slash the first recession in more than a decade.

Load funds rise as companies try to woo skittish investors

NEW YORK (AP) - There's no doubt that mutual fund investors discouraged by the stock market's two consecutive years of decline, don't feel as bold about selecting investments as they did during the bull market. They're increasing their advice of advisers and brokers.

Fund families are well aware of the trend. And some, looking for ways to make their investments more available and to increase sales, are shifting to what are called load funds, those sold through brokers for a fee, and away from no-load funds, which investors purchase on their own from a fund company.

Among the fund families switching to loads is Invesco Funds Group, which makes the change on April 1. Two months later, Scudder Investments will convert its funds to load status.

"People are just not as self-confident to go-and-try-it themselves," says Invesco's chief investment officer, though they were geniuses, and so they were buying no-load," said Don Cassidy, senior research director at Lipper Inc., a provider of fund data.

Now, he added, "People are being more cautious about buying funds with assistance from brokers or planners and those come with loads. Fund companies are noticing the trend and want to capture every possible channel of distribution that they can."

In converting to loads, Invesco and Scudder will join Dreyfus and Credit Suisse, other fund companies that have recently made the switch.

Financial experts say investors should keep in mind there's little difference in the performance of

load and no-load funds. It's also important to note that all funds have management fees, even if they have a sales charge or not.

According to Lipper, no-load funds have produced a positive year-to-date return of 0.6 percent, while load funds have a positive return of 0.2 percent. In the past year, no-load funds have posted a positive return of 7.5 percent, while load funds have a positive return of 6.3 percent.

Still, there are proponents of both loads and no-loads. Those in favor of load funds say investors benefit from the advice of a broker.

Meanwhile, advocates of no-load funds say investors can buy the same quality of funds without having to pay a load. Funds in the low fees and no-load of the Vanguard Group, whose Vanguard 500 Index fund is the biggest fund in the world with \$90 billion in assets.

"If your expense on a load fund is 3 percent a year, and the long-term return on equities historically is 12 percent, you have paid one-fourth of your total return overhead," said Sheldon Jacobs, editor and publisher of The No-Load Investor newsletter.

Loads can also vary based on the amount invested and how long the investment is held. According to Lipper, the average maximum front load - charged when the investor buys the fund - is 4.3 percent, and the average maximum back load - charged when the investor sells the fund - is 3.0 percent.

While the market's two-year fall offers some explanation for fund companies converting to loads, the industry has been moving in

Award

Continued from E1 and moved to spring. But no worries, he said. The plants are generally altered, so they'll be fine for next spring's breakfast, too.

Frantz, the Lifetime Achievement winner, is a graduate of Twin Falls and Idaho State University and the School of Dentistry at Northwestern University. A World War II veteran, Frantz taught dentistry at Creighton University until 1956, when he moved back to Twin Falls and practiced dentistry for over 30 years.

"I've had a good life," Frantz told the audience.

His public service has been a labor of love, he said, and his understanding wife made it possible for him to participate in whatever he wanted. Such as rehearsing with the choir.

"Maybe she was just glad to get rid of me," he said, garnering laughs.

Frantz said he hadn't been prepared to take the microphone. He has been on stage often in his life, but someone else always wrote the words.

"This time it's on me, I guess."

he said. Frantz was a founding member of the Diligent Performing Group in 1959 and was a singer, actor and board member for many years, serving as president in 1961 and 1989-91, the chamber said. He was active in Magic Valley Little Theatre too.

A Kiwanis member since 1958, he was president of the service club in 1985. Fans of the municipal band frequently see Frantz on summer evenings, selling popcorn at weekly City Park band concerts to support Kiwanis youth projects. He served on the City Council

for 12 years, filling the vice mayor's chair for part of that time. He has chaired Twin Falls airport committee, the City of Twin Falls Aging committee and the Prime Time Foundation, and served on a state senior council.

"An Frantz has shown a commitment to his community, and is grateful," reads the plaque he received.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AIGP, AIGS, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market prices are listed in dollars and cents. Stocks in bold indicate a price change of 1 percent or more.

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BEANS

Table listing prices for various bean types such as Soybean, Blackeye, and their market status.

GRAINS

Table listing prices for grains including Corn, Soybean, and Wheat, with details on contract specifications.

CHEESE

Table listing prices for various types of cheese like Cheddar, Swiss, and Brie.

POTATOES

Table listing prices for different grades of potatoes such as Russet Burbank and Red Skin.

SUGAR

Table listing prices for sugar contracts, including details on contract size and delivery location.

LIVESTOCK

Table listing prices for livestock including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

MARKETS

Large table containing market data for various commodities, including oil, metals, and currencies, with columns for price and change.

Albertson's arrival worries Hailey grocery markets

HAILEY (AP) - The nation's second-largest food and drug retailer is opening its first store in central Idaho's Wood River Valley this month, and that has local merchants concerned. ... Albertson's opens up its new store in Hailey on March 27. It is big enough to hold several of the competing stores, and store Director Stan Soares said the Boise-based chain just wants to provide quality goods and services.

Chamber

Continued from E1 on the chamber agenda in April, and he predicts the business organization's board members will adopt a stance on the county proposal. ... Under the proposal, the county would lease the new facility from three Colorado-based companies - Englemann Inc., Rocky Mountain Corrections Inc., and Durrant Justice - for \$969,250 a year for 30 years. When the lease is up, the county would own the building and property.

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports to include you in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us and we'll try to include you. Please call Gary Jones at 733-0331, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

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Table listing prices for metals (gold, silver, platinum) and various currencies (Euro, Yen, Pound).

FOSSIL FUELS

Table listing prices for fossil fuels including oil, natural gas, and coal.

Large table titled 'MUTUAL FUNDS' listing numerous mutual fund names, their categories, and performance metrics.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Care center residents, staff appreciate pastor

The residents and staff at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center would like to give a special thanks to Wendell Methodist Pastor Mike Rollman for being such a wonderful pastor and friend to all of us.

Pastor Mike goes out of his way every Monday morning to give us all a lift with his morning devotionals. When you walk by our dining area on Monday morning, you will most likely hear him and the residents singing as he plays the guitar most mornings. It is such a joy to have Pastor Mike lead us all in prayer, lend an ear and lead us in song.

So it is with great appreciation that we have such dedication from such a wonderful pastor. Thanks a lot Pastor Mike, we love you!

Other denominations are also welcome to follow in Pastor Mike's footsteps. We would love to have you!

ROXEY OWENS
Activity Director
Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center
Gooding

Support of many help Kimberly schools programs

Kimberly Parent Teacher Student Organization board members would like to express our sincere thanks to WinCo Foods for sponsoring the Potato and Chili Supper held Feb. 1.

WinCo Foods generously donated all the food and paper items that helped to feed more 500 people. The PTSO now has close to \$1,200 to use to support and enrich such Kimberly School District programs as music, technology and library services.

Thanks also to the many teachers, staff, parents and school clubs who helped with the serving and preparation. Their efforts and willingness to help are greatly appreciated.

The last key to the support from all those who came to eat, enjoy a basketball game and participated in the elementary school raffle. Thank you for spending the evening with us.

CHRISTY ALD
Kimberly PTSO
Kimberly

Many people help support TF girl's bowling team

The Twin Falls High School girl's bowling team ended the season on a high note, coming in third at the Idaho State High School Invitational in Burley with team members racking up high individual honors.

Unlike other Magic Valley schools, the girl's and boy's bowling teams do not receive any funding support from the high school, so it takes the efforts of many for the teams to participate in competitions with teams from other schools.

I would like to thank coach Kathy Sherman and the Bowldrome for their wonderful support and giving these teens an opportunity to play this lifetime sport.

We also held a banquet for the girls and their coach, Everton Mattress Factory and Ben and Paula Schreiner helped make the event a memorable and fun time.

I also would like to thank the girls for their hard work and for representing Twin Falls very well.
PAT MARCANTONIO
Twin Falls

MATH-MEDALISTS



Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls announces Math Medalists for the second quarter with 65 students completing their grade-level goals and 17 students completing master level goals.

Medallists in Kindergarten and second grade are, from left to right: Alex Bowler, Alex Birch, Avery Strong, Jose Santos, Jesse Ruggles, Nicholas Kyle, Daniel Huey, Alexis Crawford, Igor Jozalic and Erica Stewart; row three: Whitney Adams, Bailey Nielson, Anastasia King, Alissa Jones, Brooke Dudley, Jameson Brown, Michael Chapple, Alexandra Lenardi and Sianca Estrada; row two: Anjan Predojovic, Chelsea Bonnett, Porter Wilcox, Sabre Stearns, David Martinez, Dustin Brannon, Sara Ajelti, Michelle Miller, Levi Metcalf and Kelvin Magtaqui; front row: Lacey Garcia, Ivan Kranc, Michael Haubrock, Kristina Sawright, Ismael Andrade, Nikolina Marcetic, Kerim Muttic, Kaleb Price, Jasmine Craig and Shanna Madsen-Stowman.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nursery offers seminar on making your lawn look good

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will offer a free seminar on "Green with Envy: How to make your lawn the best on the block" at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Cafe at Kimberly Nurseries.

Participants are asked to sign up in advance either in person or by phone.

For more information or a complete listing of the seminars, call Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717.

Buttons and Bows holds dance on Saturday

EDEN - The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will hold its regular dance Saturday at Anderson Camp.

Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m.

Members should bring finger foods.

For more information, call 733-9694.

Heyburn man celebrates 80th birthday at open house

HEYBURN - Louis Stimpson will be honored at an open house to celebrate his 80th birthday from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Stimpson home, 575 W. 300 S. in Heyburn.

The family request no gifts.

Minidoka grain association offers scholarships

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Grain Producers Association will fund two scholarships for Minidoka County High School seniors who are planning a career in agriculture, either vocational or academic.

The scholarship is based on need, achievement record, personal qualifications and leadership activities. The scholarship winners will be announced at the annual awards assembly of Minidoka County High School in May. The scholarship money will be available at the beginning of the recipients' second semester of their freshman year, providing that the recipient maintained a grade point average of 2.0 and has carried a minimum of 12 credits during the first semester.

Applications will be available at the high school office and Minidoka County Extension Office. All applications must be turned in by April 12 to the Minidoka County Extension Office.

For more information, call 436-7184.

Wood River Bridge announces weekly winners

HAILEY - The Wood River Bridge winners were announced. Winners for Monday evening at the Blaine County Senior Center were: first, Fran Maughan and Max Thompson; second, John Bush and Marilyn Nesbit; third, Gayle Medley and Sue Binn; and fourth Roger Connor and Frank Menendez.

Winners for Wednesday evening at the Barker Center for north/south were: first, Peter Gray and John Bush; second, Shirley and Ed Usenik; third, Dee Swartz and Marilyn Nesbit; and fourth, Roger and Martha Connor. Winners for east-west were: first, Arlen Chaney and

Frank Menendez; second, Gayle Medley and David Meyers; third, Sandy and Stan Cohen; and fourth, Marilyn Walker and Janette Johnson.

School schedules auction, dinner, country store

JEROME - The Canyonside Christian School will hold its annual auction, dinner and country store April 12 at the Twin Falls Reform Church, 1637 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls.

The doors open at 5 p.m. with the dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the auction at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased by April 5.

For more information or to donate items for the auction, call 324-3444.

College of Southern Idaho offers tole painting class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a tole painting class from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 4-25 in room 113 of the Desert building at CSI.

In Beginning Tole Painting in Acrylics, students will learn basic skills such as base coating, floating, ink work, stain techniques, stroke work, liner work, spattering, stippling, shading and stenciling. Techniques will be practiced on three projects the student will take home: a sign, key keeper and refrigerator magnet.

The cost is \$50.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Organizers consider Filer track fund-raiser a success

FILER - A recent fund-raiser for the Filer High School track fund raised more than \$16,000.

"We consider the event a huge success," says committee member Linda Gwyn.

A club dance is being planned for Friday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. The dance is for high school students all over the valley.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club schedules gathering

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at American Legion Hall in Jerome.

Members whose last name begins with H-N should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Vera at 734-6447 or Tom at 324-6440.

Baby boomers classes include money matters

JEROME - Classes designed for "baby boomers" are being offered from 12-1 p.m. Thursdays, starting April 11 in the Jerome County Courthouse conference room.

The classes offered by the Jerome County Extension office were developed to assure successful financial planning, help balance demands of work and home, maintain and develop relationships and develop healthy eating habits, organizers said.

The courses will include

"Money in the Mattress" on April 11, "Golf! Let me off the merry-go-round!" on April 18, "Friends and Lovers" on April 25 and "The Fast and Healthy Answer to... What's for Dinner?" on May 2.

The cost is \$6 for each session or \$22 for all four. Lunch is provided.

People must pre-register by April 8.

For more information or to pre-register, call Marsha Hawkins at 324-7578.

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT - The B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announced its recent winners.

Winners for north/south were: first, Vera Mai and Howard Tucker; second, Bill and Norma Goodman; and tied for third, Harry Warnke with Leo Novsell and Dee Keicher with Leo Moore.

Winners for east/west were: first, Eunice Merrigan and Barbara Carney; second, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; third, Lila Buman and Marian Snow; and fourth, Clarence and Sylvia Newert.

Multiple Sclerosis Society prepares for annual MS Walk

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold its annual MS Walk on May 18 on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Besides raising money for MS research projects and clinic programs, the MS Walk hopes to educate the public about the FDA-approved drugs now available, organizers say.

The society is in need of volunteers to set up, clean up, register walkers, monitor walk route and manage stations.

For more information about multiple sclerosis, the MS Walk or to participate, call the Idaho Division office at 388-1998 or 1-800-FIGHT-MS or visit the Web site www.nationalmssociety.org.

Diabetes Support Group focuses on healthy tomorrows

HAILEY - The Diabetes Support Group will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Blaine County Senior Citizens Center, 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey.

The upcoming meeting will focus on planning today for a healthy tomorrow. Sue Ormond will be the guest speaker.

The meeting is free and sponsored by the Gooding County Memorial Hospital Self-monitoring Diabetes Education program.

For more information, call the hospital at 934-4129.

Church sponsors spring tea, hat contest

BUHL - St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a spring tea, hat contest and fashion show at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, 112 Poplar in Buhl.

Cost is \$6.

Participants are invited to make a hat and enter it in the contest. There will be a \$15 prize in three categories: most beautiful, most original and funniest.

For more information, call Cheryl Jarrell at 543-6030.



Math medalists in grade five are, from left, back row:

Melissa Nikolova, Dusti Morse, Justin Latlin, Scot King and Kody Campbell; middle row: Alexa Gregg, Courtney Stewart, Benjamin Wheeler, Nicholas McKee and Tiffany Smith; front row: Ian Birch, Aaron Ajelti, Kelsey Price, Ashley Glagrich and Hannah Kirkpatrick.



Keith puts creativity to use

Like most teenagers, I like to eat, sleep and read and I love chocolate. But I'm not your typical teenager in other respects. I like to cook in the kitchen and do dishes by hand. I'm pretty good at cleaning up my own messes. I also like to decorate. I'm pretty strong on the artistic or creative side of things. I like to work with clay, chalk, pencil and other mediums. I also play the piano and write.

I like small-families because I need time to be by myself to do more creative things. My needs are very different from my sister and brother, Jackie and Jeff. I don't know how things will work out for all of us to live together, but I might like to try. We need a two-parent family where we each can get individual attention or I may need a family of my own who will support lots of contact with Jackie and Jeff. A single parent would be fine with me. I really need a mom. Women have been very important in my life.

Thursday's Child



Keith Age 15

I've always wondered though, what it would be like to have a dad or a grandfather to take me fishing. Someone who accepts me as I am. I've never had that.

People who know me say I'm a caring and loving person. I'm gen-

erous and I like to help people. I do pretty good in school when my life is going well. I'm usually an A-B student. My favorite subjects are English and math. When I go to college or trade school, I might like to be a veterinarian or a painter. I love cats and I have a kitten of my own.

Needs: Keith needs parents who excel at helping a teenager develop a healthy identity through encouragement. For example, his foster father is helping him turn his fascination with wizardry and fantasy into the beginnings of a novel. With positive role models, Keith will find the acceptance he looks for in his own powerful imagination. Ask his social worker about adoption assistance, subsidy and purchase of services.

Keith is available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. To find out more, call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.



This cathedral in Mexico City. The president of Mexico and new police chief are preparing to fight Mexico City's crime wave.

Fox, mayor agree on police chief for Mexico City

By Laurence Iloff
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY - After a week-long fight, President Vicente Fox and the mayor agreed on a new police chief to tackle Mexico City's stubborn crime wave.

Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said after a meeting that the two men agreed on Marcelo Ebrard, a city administrator in the capital's Office of Citizen Attention, as the new police chief. Ebrard is a political protégé of former Mayor Manuel Camacho Solis, who was credited with keeping crime down.

Lopez Obrador, an opposition

party politician, withdrew his original choice for the city's top law enforcement spot. Fox had criticized that candidate, city administrator Francisco Garduno, as being unqualified for the job. Analysts said Garduno is linked to a radical wing of the mayor's Party of the Democratic Revolution. Under a 1997 law that separated Mexico City from the executive branch, the president retained the right to veto the appointments of the police chief and city attorney general. Before the mayoral election that year, the mayor had been appointed by the president.



Reporte de Mexico

U.S. security chief calls for 'fast lane' across the U.S.

By Will Weisert
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY - U.S. Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said he wants to create a "fast lane" that will help pre-approved commuters, truckers and travelers cross the U.S.-Mexican border without facing delays caused by heightened security following the Sept. 11 attacks.

During two days of meetings in Mexico City, Ridge called the way the southern U.S. border is managed "outdated" and said officials were making progress on a security accord with Mexico similar to one reached with Canada in December.

Noting that heavy traffic at border crossings has hurt businesses both in Mexico and the United States, Ridge called for a new plan that would use technology to clear goods in factories, rail yards and seaports instead of waiting until they reach the border.

Mobile Mexican consulate visits Jerome

JEROME - The "Mobile Consulate" of the Mexican Consulate in Salt Lake City will visit Jerome June 23 for those needing consulate services.

The consulate will be available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the El Sombrero Restaurant, 143 W. Main St.

The cost of the consulate registration is \$27. A one-year passport costs \$32 and five-year passport costs \$83.

To obtain a registration, people must present a document proving Mexican citizenship, such as original passport, record of military service, official voting identification, birth certificate or official identification with a photograph. For more information, call Ag-Mart Services Inc. at 734-6417.

UI pays homage to United Farm Workers founder

MOSCOW - Cesar Chavez once said, "When you have people together who believe in something very strongly, things happen."

A variety of events will happen March 25-April 3 at the University of Idaho pays homage

to Chavez, a labor rights leader and a leading supporter in the migrant workers during the late 1960s. Information tables will be set up in the Commons from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 25-29. The display will highlight the mission of the United Farm Workers and the food presently boycotted by the organization and its supporters. A brown bag lecture series is planned March 26-28 at 130 p.m. in the Commons Clearwater Room.

Other events include, speaker Sonya Rosario, director of the Women of Color Alliance; "National Exposure: The Impact of Chicano Making Film" showing of the films, "The Milagro Beanfield War" and "A Fight in the Fields," the latter a documentary film traces the history of the United Farm Workers Union and profiles its founder Cesar Chavez; speaker Oscar De La Torre, director of the Pico Youth and Family; and a concert by the Juan-Barco Ensemble, the life of migrant farmers in song. All events are sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Associated Students of UI, College Assistance Migrant Program, Organization of Estudiantes Latino Core Discovery classes, Office of Diversity and Human Rights and the Women's Center.

Priest says Easter customs differ in U.S., Colombia

Mountains, penance and 40 days

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - The difference is not simply geographic. The customs of Colombia are an interesting contrast to those in the United States, especially at Easter time.

Father Henry Carmona, pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, has seen both. He is a Columbian native.

While Jesus Christ is at the center of Easter, the celebrations do differ. It all begins with Lent, which is the old English stands for spring. "Spring cleaning is the connotation," Carmona said. "We clean from our lives all the trash and garbage. We give up the bad habits. But in Colombia, the word is *Cuarenta*, for the number 40. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying, trying to get the strength to go out and proclaim his gospel."

Throughout the five-week holiday, Colombians walk through the stations of the cross on Fridays. There is usually a mountain top within sight of Colombian cities. A cross is erected there, and people walk up the mountain without shoes, reflecting on the 14 stops that Christ made on his way to his death.

"Although it may seem gruesome to Americans, Colombians are so used to that cross in order to identify with Christ, and to do penance for their sins," he said. He comes from Cali, a



Father Henry Carmona is the priest at St. Nicholas Church and School in Rupert. The Columbian native notes many differences between Easter tradition in this country.

Colombian city with over 2 million people, and about 150 Catholic churches.

"It was our custom to go from church to church and see who decorated the most beautifully," he said. "Each is adorned differently. So on Holy Thursday we

would dress up and go and pray in each church, and put food in the baskets for the poor."

When St. Nicholas church members celebrate the Last Supper, Carmona will wash the feet of a few people to honor Christ's commandment of love.

La Semana Santa: Easter in San Miguel de Allende

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

The morning starts with the boom of fireworks. It's time to celebrate the blood sacrifice of Cristo in San Miguel de Allende, located in the Mexican state of Guanajuato.

There are no marshmallow chicks, Easter egg hunts or pastel baskets or stuffed bunnies. But there will be music and feasting, along with symbols of the suffering and resurrection of Christ. Relieved in Mexico, reports American Geri Anderson, a resident of the mountain town.

By six a.m., bands play in the streets and people crowd the town square. Bands and people march or wave palm branches and throw flowers. Men carry a cason bearing one of the city's most beloved statues - *El Señor de la Columna*, a life-sized replica of a bleeding Jesus tied to a column, wearing a purple velvet cape and shrouded by a pile of silk scarves. These colorful squares will later be claimed by their owners to be used in funerals and other important events throughout the year.

After Mass in the town square, the statue is carried to the church of San Juan de Dios - the first stop in a two-week journey. Mexican writer Manuel Espana Ramos describes how people abstain from meat on Fridays dur-

Who was San Roque?

Born in 1576, San Roque Gonzalez de Santacruz was an explorer who came to South America with the Spanish expedition of Don Pedro de Mendoza, and proved himself a superior leader. In 1599, he became a novice Jesuit monk. He traveled around the area of Paraguay and Uruguay, inspiring many native people to become Christians.

By 1618, he was ordained and given charge of the construction of a temple at San Ignacio Guazu. He died as a martyr on Nov. 15, 1628. He was canonized May 16, 1988 by Pope John Paul II, named as the patron saint of Paraguay. Every Easter, the residents of San Miguel de Allende parade his image through the streets. He is always depicted as having a bleeding leg, with his faithful dog by his side.

ing Lent, but their compensation is *capirota*, a desert made of bread rolls, raisins, pecans, butter, milk, cheese, tomatoes, onions and plantains. Vendors load themselves down with little sheaves of wheat, which soon decorate windows throughout town to represent renewal of life and resurrection; along with bitter oranges to symbolize Mary's sorrows at the loss of her son. Gold foil symbolizes her purity. Some



San Miguel de Allende is the site of an Easter of beauty and tradition.

of the displays are works of art, Anderson reported.

In a pre-Columbian mode, *Concheros* dance. They beat drums and play little flutes, and wear ankle bracelets made of nuts that jangle. They dance for hours, resting from time to time. Mexican writer Manuel Espana Ramos describes how people abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, but their compensation is *capirota*, a desert made of crusty bread rolls, raisins, pecans, butter, milk, cheese, tomatoes, onions and plantains. Good Friday is a day of pageantry and passion. A parade

Easter passion

Want to experience the passion of the Easter season? St. Nicholas Church has two programs on Good Friday. At 6 p.m., the students of St. Nicholas School will present its annual mime program narrated in English. At 8 p.m., young people will reenact the crucifixion of Christ in Spanish. Both will be performed in the church.

He calls it a living lesson of love. On Good Friday, there will be a passion play, performed by young people and elementary school aged children will perform a mime show as well.

"In third world countries, the most compelling day is Good Friday. These people are suffering physically every day," he said. "When they see Christ scourged, they see that in their daily lives. But on Easter, everyone is happy. Lent is over and the joy of the resurrection gives them hope for a new life."

At first, the differences in Easter celebrations were difficult for him. He realizes now that both traditions reach for the same goals, the priest said. "Now, with a broader perspective, I feel blessed by God to understand this 40 days with the view of both Hispanic and Anglo approaches," he said. "I feel enriched because now I know here in the United States the 40 days call for cleaning my life, so that the risen Christ can dwell in me at this season."

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AARP attempts to attract Hispanic members

By Deborah Kong
AP Minority Issues Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. - AARP? Never heard of it, said the retired Mexican-American woman.

For AARP, the 35 million-member group that lobbies and provides services for people 50 and over, scenes like that are too common.

Realizing it has largely missed the growing number of over-50

AARP on the Net:

AARP: <http://www.aarp.org>
National Hispanic Council on Aging: <http://www.nhcoe.org/>

Hispanics with broad-based recruiting, the group is in the early stages of a campaign aimed specifically at attracting new Hispanic members.

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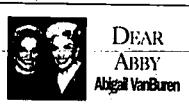
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Recyclers discover new use for nylons

DEAR ABBY: It looks like the laugh is on me. Months ago, while reading your column in the morning paper, my husband and I had quite a laugh about the 90-year-old woman who recycled everything and found an unusual use for the "panty" part of control-top pantyhose. She said she used them "to keep her 90-year-old breasts under control." (She'd cut off the legs, cut out the crotch and wear the remainder like a strapless bra.)

A couple of weeks after that letter appeared, I broke a rib in a horseback riding accident. Aside from the pain and shortness of breath involved, I couldn't wear a bra without great discomfort. I tried every bra on the market to no avail. Being well-endowed, going braless was one of the questions. I may not be 90, but I'm no teenager.

Thanks to that letter, I was able to return to work without embarrassment and in relative comfort while mending. I salute that woman and you, Abby, for letting the world know. You provided a workable, economical answer for both men and women in similar situations. Broken ribs, breast surgeries, you name it. When you need light support



DEAR RECYCLER: Bless you for sharing your solution, and bless the inventor of nylons and pantyhose. Something tells me there may be a run on both.

DEAR ABBY: Last fall my doctor prescribed a splint for my wrist; however, it had Velcro fasteners that caught on the sleeves of my fleece jackets. I cut off one leg of some old pantyhose, cut a hole for fingers and a thumb, and pulled it up over the splint. No more problems.

-IMOGENE KANE, AVA, MO.

DEAR IMOGENE: Very clever. I've also known doctors to prescribe a sock or the leg of hose be used over a cast or splint to protect it from becoming gelled.

DEAR ABBY: While we're on the subject of pantyhose, here's my experience:

I was driving down the highway in the 1950s with my fiancée by my side, when she decided to look into my glove box. Much to her surprise, she found several nylon hose of various shades.

I assured her that, since I was a painter, I carried them with me to use as paint strainers. I would cut off a section and tie a knot at one end.

After 60 years in the painting business, I still carry hose in the glove box of my truck. You never know when they'll come in handy.

-CLEAN-CUT PAINTER IN SIEBEN, WYO.

DEAR CLEAN-CUT PAINTER: That's for sure! I've been known to carry an extra pair of "sheers" in my purse in case I snag the ones I'm wearing, which never fails to happen when I'm determined to look my best.

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-GRATEFUL AND NO LONGER LAUGHING IN OREGON

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thanks for the testimonial. Recycled pantyhose can be a godsend in more than one kind of "medical emergency." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Not everyone will have a use for this, but it is a solution for the person with a mastectomy who wears a breast enhancer in the bra.

The breast form is slick, and it can be very embarrassing if the bra is a little loose and the form slides out and drops to the floor. This happened to me twice.

I took a clean knee-high nylon, slipped it over the form, and folded the top across to make a little more filler for the bra. After that, I had no more worries. It was the perfect solution for me.

-ANOTHER RECYCLER, SUGAR CREEK, MO.

Circumstances take a dramatic turn, Gemini

IF MARCH 21ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have wonderful sense of humor, possess intellectual curiosity and are attractive and seductive. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. During this cycle, you are due for fresh start and possibility of "new love." During April, you will write and could receive exciting assignment. July most romantic, profitable for you this year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Short trip involves marriage; relative introduces you to "the love of your life." Emphasize humor. Keep plans flexible. Cooperate with civic program.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lost article will be located. Why, you feared 48 hours ago will become a laughing matter tonight. Give full play to intellectual curiosity; ask many questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lunar cycle high; circumstances take dramatic turn even as you read these words. Keep plans flexible; there will be a change in itinerary. Scorpio is represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Personality is "overwhelming." You could be involved in serious flirtation. This lends spice and could "change your life." Protect self in emotional clinches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around where you live, beautifying surroundings, income potential and marital status. Music plays; find your rhythm, dance to your own tune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Philosophical discussion colors activity. Permit imagination to roam, but avoid self-deception. Pisces, another Virgo will play leading roles. Number 7 lucky for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Step

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A herdsman in Outer Mongolia invented felt

Recall that musical piece known as "Dueling Banjos"? It brought back the sense of sheet music, long near dead because of the record business. "Dueling Banjos" sold more than any other sheet music ever printed.

You see pictures of birds catching fish. You don't see pictures of fish catching birds. Fish do, though. Muskies, pike, European catfish, they lie along the surface and catch the skimming birds.

In the college of romance, tumbled her signifiers. Or so an expert informs our Love and War man. If a young lady tousles her own hair in the presence of a man, says this authority, that's straight from Flirtation, Advancement, and is almost always preliminary if not prerequisite to Physical Education, Basic.

Alligators grow 8 inches a year. Q. Who invented felt?

A. A herdsman in Outer Mongolia, name unknown. As insulation for the circular tent called the "ger."

Q. Did you say an ant has five noses? Why?

A. Each nose is designated to pick a different odor, that's all I know.

In a classroom of 35 students, odds are at least one is color blind.

Q. What's meant by "sallying a ship?"

A. Rocking it back and forth by shifting weight. In bygone days, crews aboard grounded sailing vessels ran from one side of the deck to the other to "sally" it free. Today icebreakers stuck on the



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ice are "sallied" loose with powerful pumps that move water between bow and stern.

A "dactylogram" is a fingerprint.

Starving artists may long for the previous century when some big newspapers sent not photographers but illustrators all over the world to draw what they saw. One such, Frank Vizetelly, was given a knapsack of cash and told to go sketch the Civil War.

Bats are more closely related to humans, biologically, than to mice.

The best routes westward across North America were selected by bison - none of which possessed an engineering degree. This comes up because a client asks if roadbuilders need such university degrees. Those who talk about roadbuilding do. And nowadays, some thought not most of those who actually build roads do, too. Life tends to be easier for those who talk about roadbuilding than for those who really build roads.

No written records of any kind are kept in 95 percent of the world's languages. In these, all knowledge is passed along by word of mouth.

Circumstances take a dramatic turn, Gemini

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"Great Performances" - A titan of international filmmaking is profiled, as the work of the late Japanese director Akira Kurosawa is showcased. His influence on motion pictures is incalculable, as verified by such classics as "The Seven Samurai." (CC) (TVPG) PBS, 9 p.m.

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WANTED Old gas pumps or gas station items. For more info call Tony 208-866-0274.

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827 GARAGE SALES

KIMBERLY Fr. & Sat. 8-7 4 family sale. Nice clean stuff. Horse-blankets, tack, chandelier, formal dresses. Floral home decor, live plants, lawn furniture & much more! 207 Garnet Street (By Gem St. watch for signs!).

MURTAUGH - Men 23rd & 9th - 6:00 pm. **MOVING SALE** EVERYTHING MUST GO ONE DAY ONLY! Travel trailer 15 ft. Shop tools & pick up tool boxes. Golf cart w/trailer. IH utility tractor Model B414 w/3 point blade. Dish network TV system w/receivers & dish. Household furniture. Office furniture & equip. Sporting goods, fishing, hunting & camping. Yard & garden tools. **LOTS OF MISC.** 3 mi. E. of the Murtaugh Church on Hwy. 30. Thru 1/2 mi. N. 1/4 mi. W. to the white brick house w/blue trim.

SEE YOU THERE!!! **RUBERTY** Campfire Yard Sale. Campers, furniture, boat, etc. March 22 & 23 from 9 am. to 5 pm, and March 24 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Enjoy coffee & hot chocolate. 125 S. 215 W. South of Rupert Pike.

TWIN FALLS Sat. 8:20pm **MOVING SALE!!!** Starter items, entertainment center, radio, stereo, end tables, child's desk, table & chairs, love seat, rocking chair, kid's books & more. 1768 Eldridge Ave.

TWIN FALLS Fri. & Sat. **MORNING YARD SALE** Something for everyone! Few antiques, black glass, clothing, furniture, mirrors, and much more! 560 3rd Ave. East.

901 TV'S & MOTORCYCLES

HARLEY DAVIDSON '02 Heritage Classic twin cam. Many extras. Low miles. Beautiful Black & chrome. \$17,500. 733-7291. See!

HARLEY DAVIDSON '02 Heritage Softail. Won 2nd place in TF Bike show. Medical problems force sale. \$16,900/offer. Call 788-6157.

HONDA '97 CR125, exc. condition. lots of extras. \$2300. Call 423-6414.

HONDA '01 Shadow VLX deluxe. blue. 2800 mi. showroom cond. \$4995. Call 734-8681.

HUSKY '87 500 cc. now standard top end. \$1800. Call 654-2394 after 5 pm.

HUSQVARNA '99 360 2 stroke. Hardly ridden \$2200/offer. 431-7297 or 532-4645.

HUSQVARNA '00 CR-50. Min. Exc. cond. Low miles. \$1250. Call 733-0107 or 420-0555.

SUZUKI '97 KATANA 600 SK mis. never wrecked. \$3500. Call 781-4495.

SUZUKI '98 King Quad 4x4 less than 900 miles. \$3,450. Call 537-6724 or 674-1133 & 1133-5745.

SUZUKI '97 King Quad w/new plow, not a farm unit. 900 mi. \$3500. Call 654-2394 after 5 pm.

SUZUKI '98 1200 cc. Cam. dirt. exc. cond. \$4995. 654-2394 after 5 pm.

SUZUKI '94 DR 350, 4 stroke. hard used. \$2000. A Must Sell! Call 539-0600.

YAMAHA '96 YZ, great condition! Like new! \$1800 or best offer. 536-1864.

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YAMAHA '00 R6, red and white, exc. cond., 1921 miles. \$5950. 423-5724 eyes.

YAMAHA '01 TW200, 300 miles. \$2800. Honda '98 XR70 \$1000. Call 679-1650 or 436-4919.

903 BOATS & WATERCRAFT

BAYLINER '96 Capt. 20 ft. Blue/white. Low hours. \$9500. Call 436-8243.

MALIBU Flightcraft '91 17' power, tandem seats. Lots of extras. \$12,000. Call 678-2931.

SEASWIRL '80 10', V-hull, 170 hp Mercruiser, canopy, tarp, trlr., orig. & beautiful. \$7350/offer. Please call 208-328-4828.

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YAMAHA '97 GP1200 Wave Runner, low hrs., \$2500. Call 720-6242.

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BREEZE '75 25' Class C. Dodge 360, 4.5 kw generator, roof air, no smokers, everything work. \$3500. Call 888-7108.

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HURRICANE '97 33 ft. w/12 ft. slide. 460 Ford, fuel injection, Bania system. Low miles. \$42,000. Call 734-4885.

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MOTORHOMES Savai Savai Savai 7HT2-2 - 1987 Frontier. 22' Class C Motorhome Now \$11,888.

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908 NEW WHEELCHAIRS

MOUNTAIN CAT '97 600 w/new ported, polished, pipe engine, very low miles, exc. cond. Includes new Ziemer 2 place trailer. \$3800. Call 934-8659.

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POLARIS '97 440 2-person touring. \$1000. Call 678-0597.

POLARIS '97 XC600, long track, lots of extras, very good cond., \$2495/offer. **SKI DOO** '00 Summit 700, very good cond., \$3950/offer. 208-720-2959.

SKI-DOO '00 Summit 700, excellent condition. \$4500.

ARCTIC CAT '97 590 Power Special. \$2500.

POLARIS '98 Indy 400. \$800. Call 308-8610 or 326-8610.

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BUCK'S BAGS Pontoon fishing boat, like new used twice, extra \$450. Call 677-8411.

GOOSE DECOYS \$10 ea. 65 - Super decoys G & H and Flambeau 677-2957 or 436-1248 eva.

GOOSE DECOYS 2 doz. Super Mag Shell. \$300. Call 837-4041.

910 TRAILER

FLEETWOOD '00, 25 ft. used 6 times, indoor storage, \$11,500/offer. Call 538-4538.

FLEETWOOD '99 Wilderness, 28' generator, AC, satellite, full slide out. \$14,200. Call 720-5242.

KIT '90 Sun Valley Companion. Full length awning, AC, microwave, gas/elec. ref., freezer Sony AM/FM/CD cass. sound system. Forced air furnace, leveling jacks, bunkbeds, sleep 7. Self contained. \$8300/offer. Call 734-0514.

KIT '93 27 ft. w/all the options. Exc. condition. \$7500 firm. Call 423-6876.

KIT '95 Companion 24'. Awning, microwave, AC. \$7400. 543-2852.

KIT Road Ranger, 32 ft. Large slide-out, like new, excellent. \$14,500. Call 208-678-7296.

PROWLER '97 "Lite" 19' Trailer. Double bed, awning. Very clean. Only \$7995. See at **Snake River RV & Marine** 1310 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls or call 733-6960. More to choose from.

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TERRY '98 23 ft. Trailer. Hitch & sway bar included. Very good condition. Must see! Call 643-9090.

WILDERNESS '02 20ft. self-contained. \$2000 cash, low over payments. Only qualified buyers please. 534-5671.

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UTILITY/Golf cart trlr. brand new, 5x10 lift deck, with sides. Call 733-0889.

1002 AUTO PARTS ACCESSORIES

FORD '87 F150 4x4. \$1500. Dee Zee Diamond Plate running boards for Chevy. \$400. 545-0111. Call 438-5915 or 431-5918.

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CHEVY '86 Impala 350, 2 door. \$1999. 678-8066 after 5 pm.

CHEVY '86 Panel wagon, 95% complete. Original color. \$2200. Call 280-0929 or 543-6901.

FORD '63 Thunderbird 390 engine, AT, AC, P.W. PS. Older restoration, engine, max kit installed, tranny overhaul. Like new interior. Over 20 yrs. present owner. Always garaged. Runs like new. \$9995. Call Glen @ 678-8715 or 878-1119.

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CASE loader W208, 2 yard bucket. Call 823-4633 or 731-4668.

CHEVY '74 C60 14ft. van body. 2500 lb. lift gate. Good rubber, good cond. 65K mi \$3500. 731-3322.

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KW '86 T-800, 83' sleeper, 16' headache rack. 400 Cummins 84C 13 apd. 390 ratio, air ride, wet kit, low tires. \$11,900/offer. 643-5448 or 308-5446.

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UTILITY 12 yard belly dump. New cond. \$5000. Call 280-0585 or 324-3114.

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Discount: -\$2,872
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Discount: -\$4,000
0% Finance Savings: -\$7,819
Total Savings: -\$11,819

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#NA91545 - Dual air bags, power steering, air conditioning, polished aluminum wheels, cruise control and tilt wheel!

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Total Savings* -\$5,505
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#NA14209 - Dual airbags, power steering, air conditioning, polished aluminum wheels, power brakes, cruise control, tilt wheel, 60/40 split seats

\$21,790 <small>MSRP</small>	\$5,795 <small>OFF MSRP</small>	0% <small>APR for 36 Months!</small>
\$15,995 <small>NOW</small>		

Oil Lease Renewal* -\$1,500
Owner Loyalty* -\$500
College Grad* -\$400
Ford Cash -\$2,500
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Total Savings* -\$5,795
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