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St. Ben's plans new home

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center is getting a brand-new home in a prime location. The Jerome-based hospital - through its parent organization, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of Boise - has reached an agreement on an option to buy 30 acres of land on Crossroads Ranch, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and

Jerome hospital makes deal for land at Crossroads

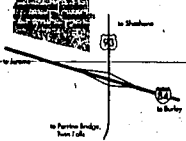
Interstate 84. The deal is between Saint Al's and ABC Agri LLC, a real estate developer. The land will be acquired from Crossroads Ranch owner Arlen Crouch, who is also one of the managers of ABC Agri LLC. Crouch said he plans to donate most of the parcel - located at the northwest corner of the intersection - for construction of a new St. Benedict's facility.

Another hospital deal - A5

Although initial plans are modest, the deal gives the Saint Al's-St. Ben alliance a closer presence to Twin Falls and could foreshadow a head-to-head competition with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. St. Benedict's plans to build a

25-bed inpatient hospital at the site at a cost of between \$16 million and \$18 million, said Mike Cooper, administrator of St. Benedict's. He said future plans include the addition of a long-term care center, outpatient center and medical office complex. Cooper said even though the new campus will be "bigger and better," it will still retain a small Please see **HOSPITAL**, Page A2

New medical center at Crossroads Ranch



ROLLING INTO TOWN, AND TROUBLE?



Patty Silvers commutes to Twin Falls from Murtaugh five days a week. She said she avoids Blue Lakes Boulevard 'at all costs.'

Al-Qaida offers \$100K for Westerners

The Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan - Al-Qaida and Taliban supporters in Afghanistan are offering rewards of up to \$100,000 for capturing or killing Westerners, U.S. Army officials said Friday. Pamphlets slipped under people's doors during the night promise \$50,000 for any Westerner delivered dead, and double that for people taken alive, said Maj. Iris Hurd, an officer with the Army's Information Operations division. The pamphlets, known in Afghanistan as "night letters," also threaten Afghans with violence if they support the coalition troops or the interim administration of Hamid Karzai, Hurd said. Hurd would not show any of the pamphlets, but said coalition forces had some in hand. She would not elaborate on whether they contained information about how the rewards were to be collected. A set of pamphlets circulating last month among Afghan refugees in Pakistan and in Afghanistan denounced Karzai's interim government as "traitors to Islam" and warned that those who fight alongside the Americans will someday "suffer the consequences."

Hurd said last month's pamphlets include allegations that Americans used chemical and biological weapons to kill thousands of people in last year's bombing campaign against the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist network. 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. A fight force have rounded up hundreds of suspected anti-government militants in recent days in Kabul, accused by officials of plotting to overthrow the government and also planning attacks on foreigners. Scores have been released, but 160 remain under arrest, Afghan officials have said. However, Flight Lt. Tony Marshall, spokesman for the Please see **AL-QAIDA**, Page A2

Police: Many T.F. collisions involve out-of-town drivers

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The way Sgt. Matt Hicks sees it, the population signs posted at the various entrances into Twin Falls mean next to nothing. "The official population is about 35,000," he said. "I don't think it ever drops down to 35,000 before midnight." There have been no exact studies done, but it's a safe guess that at least half of the drivers in Twin Falls on any given work day are from out of town, said Hicks, who runs the Twin Falls Police Department's traffic control division. A series of counts done by the Idaho Transportation

Collision rates

In 2001, 949 traffic collision reports were filed in Twin Falls. Involving 1,738 drivers. Of those, 1,080, or about 62 percent, were from Twin Falls. There were 658 out-of-town drivers, or about 38 percent, involved. Source: Twin Falls Engineering Department

Department in 1998 revealed that on average, 28,000 vehicles were crossing the Perrine Bridge into Twin Falls during a typical weekday. And on weekend nights, it's a safe bet that the town's popula-

tion might balloon to 60,000 or 70,000, he said. Hicks said he and his officers have noticed that many of the collisions they respond to involve out-of-town drivers. The city's records support that conclusion, revealing that about 38 percent of the drivers involved in collisions in Twin Falls last year were from somewhere else. A big part of the problem might be drivers having trouble shifting from their small-town or rural points of origin to traffic conditions in the region's hub city, Hicks said. "We're introducing rural drivers to pretty urban conditions," he said. "Blue Lakes Boulevard is Please see **DRIVERS**, Page A2

Attorney for term limits group will challenge judge

The Associated Press

BOISE - Starr Kelso, a Coeur d'Alene lawyer for the group that wants to reverse the Idaho Legislature's term-limits repeal, said Friday he will seek the office held by of Idaho Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout. Kelso said he was running for a six-year term on the high court "because an enormous number of Idaho's citizens, for many diverse reasons, have lost confidence in our judicial system." He said he would work as a Supreme Court justice "to open Idaho's judges and Idaho's Judicial Council to public scrutiny." "I will take every act in my power to make the lawyers of Idaho accountable for their con-

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duct and actions, whether those actions be in public or behind closed doors," Kelso said. Trout discounted his arguments. "What's important is that Idaho judges have for many years operated under a very strict code of ethical conduct," she said. "They're held to very high standards by the Judicial Council and the Supreme Court. That has happened historically and will continue to happen." Kelso is representing the Committee to Repeal the Repeal. The group on Friday petitioned the Idaho Supreme Please see **JUDGE**, Page A2

Envoy meets Arafat as battles continue

The Baltimore Sun

JERUSALEM - U.S. Middle East envoy Anthony C. Zinni met for 90 minutes Friday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in his besieged compound in Ramallah, ending Arafat's eight days of isolation imposed by the Israeli government. No details were released about the meeting, but American and Palestinian officials held further talks into the night, preparing for Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's expected arrival here next week. Arafat's chief spokesman, Nabil Abu Redneh, released a statement saying only that more meetings were planned. Other Palestinian officials predicted that

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Arafat would reject an expected request by Zinni for the surrender of two men wanted by Israel for the assassination of a Cabinet minister. If Arafat surrendered them, the officials said, Palestinians would consider him a traitor. "Zinni is asking Arafat to commit suicide," said a Palestinian legislator Ziad Abu Zayyan. "These people were in our jails and we Please see **MIDEAST**, Page A3



An Israeli police officer hunts a stun grenade at Arab-Israeli citizens of the northern Israeli town of Um Al-Fahm Friday.

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Scientists weigh unconfirmed human cloning report

The Washington Post

Scientists, ethicists and politicians around the world became caught up in a flurry of electronic chatter Friday triggered by an unconfirmed report that an Italian fertility doctor had helped a woman become pregnant with the world's first human clone.

The doctor, Severino Antinori, a renowned medical maverick and director of a human reproduction research center in Rome, could not be reached to comment on the report, which appeared in Gulf News, a Middle Eastern

newspaper. The paper quoted Antinori as saying that a woman in a human cloning program he had started was eight weeks pregnant.

"A woman who answered the telephone at Antinori's clinic Friday said the doctor was unavailable and would not be releasing any further information. "Science needs silence, or science will not get done," said the woman, who did not identify herself.

The high incidence of miscarriages, malformed newborns and premature deaths among the few

mammals that have been cloned has led most experts to conclude that human cloning is dangerous and unethical.

It's possible that the pregnancy claim, reportedly made Wednesday in veiled comments at a scientific meeting in the United Arab Emirates, amounts to nothing more than a publicity stunt — or that the newspaper misconstrued Antinori's statements.

But the editor who handled the article at Gulf News, an English-language daily, stood by the story when contacted by The

Washington Post Friday night. And several people familiar with Antinori's tumultuous history agreed that of the few researchers who have said they intend to clone a human, Antinori is probably the most likely to try.

In 1994, Antinori helped a 62-year-old Italian woman get pregnant. At 63, she became the oldest woman ever to give birth. Experiments in which he cultivated infertile men's immature sperm inside rodent testicles also stirred controversy. Last August, speaking at a National Academy

of Sciences meeting in Washington, he warned that if Congress banned human cloning it would take the nation "back to the Dark Ages."

The Rome Medical Association threatened Antinori with disciplinary action if he tried to clone a person.

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Postal service considers closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmaster General John Potter promised the nation Friday that, following this summer's planned rate increase, postage prices won't rise again for two years.

The postal governing board is expected to give final approval next week to a 3-cent rate increase, boosting first-class stamps to 37 cents this summer.

Once that increase is in place, Potter said, "I am committed to maintain that rate schedule until at least calendar year 2004."

With that promise, he guarantees the agency won't apply for an increase next year. The long and complex process of raising rates means it can take almost a year for a rate application to take effect.

In the meantime, the agency is seeking to simplify the way it does business under a plan sent to Congress Thursday.

"If we don't accomplish transformation now, the universal service we rely on will be in jeopardy," Potter said in a speech at the National Press Club.

That plan would overhaul the agency's operations, including such possibilities as closing some offices, phasing in price increases in regular steps and even cutting back on six-day-a-week delivery.

Facing rising costs and shrinking business, the U.S. Postal Service lost \$1.6 billion last year. Failure to make fundamental changes would force it to operate under its "present increasingly


outmoded business model until enough customers abandon the system to make financial failure unavoidable," the Postal Service said in its proposal.

Potter stressed he isn't recommending wholesale post office closings and promised to work to keep six-day service. But he also noted that, unlike years ago, stamps are now available in grocery stores and via mail-order, telephone and Internet. And he said every aspect of postal operations needs to be looked at to improve finances and efficiency.

The terrorist attacks and anthrax-by-mail-cost-the-post-office hundreds of millions of dollars. Increasing losses are expected despite the 3-cent postage rate hike.

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Congress plans more talks on farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers will resume negotiations next week on an overhaul of farm and nutrition programs, still far apart on a long list of issues, from subsidy rates to food stamps.

A House-Senate conference committee that is working on a compromise farm bill is set to meet Tuesday for the first time since mid-March. The committee is trying to merge bills that passed the House last fall and the Senate in February.

"It's very optimistic to think we could conclude this in two weeks in light of the very controversial and contentious issues that have not been resolved," said Rep. Cal Dooley, D-Calif.

Leaders of the conference committee agreed in March on overall spending levels for legislation. Since then, congressional aides have been trading proposals on the legislation while lawmakers have been out of town during a two-week congressional recess.

Lawmakers "want to get this bill finished, sooner rather than later," said Seth Boffelli, a spokesman for Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

The conference committee appears close to finishing work on sections of the legislation dealing with loan programs and nutrition, Boffelli said.


Under the spending agree-

ment, subsidies for grain, cotton and other crops would increase by 70 percent. Spending on conservation programs that subsidize improvements in farm practices and idle environmentally sensitive land would go up 80 percent.

The issues still to be resolved include a White House proposal to restore food stamp benefits to noncitizens, a move that would appeal to Hispanic voters. The

plan was included in the Senate bill, but not the House, and is opposed by many House Republicans.

The lawmakers also must agree on rules for various farm subsidy programs, and there are ongoing disputes over conservation programs, animal welfare measures, labeling requirements for imported foods, and a proposed ban on meatpacker ownership of cattle and hogs.



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YOUR WEEKEND

Spaghetti dinner

What: The Little Flower Catholic Church will serve its annual spaghetti dinner.

Where: The Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley.

When: 5-8 p.m. today.

How much: \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

Brewpub music

What: Crash 4 will play.

Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: \$3 cover charge.

'The Wall'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Pink Floyd: The Wall."

Where: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Otis and the Twins

What: Otis and The Twins will play.

Where: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

When: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

How much: No cover charge.

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "The Business of Strangers" will be shown.

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

Cobalt Blue

What: Cobalt Blue will play.

Where: Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: \$3 cover charge.

At the Steakhouse

What: Heartnote with Denny and Kristina will play.

Where: The Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

When: 8 p.m. until midnight today.

How much: No cover charge.

Pure Country

What: Pure Country will play.

Where: The Sagebrush landmark, 325 Main St., Hazelton.

When: 7:30 p.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play.

Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: \$7 cover charge.

Jazz program

What: The Great Riff Jazz Society will present the Great Riff Jazz Players, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome.

Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4-6 p.m. Sunday.

How much: No cover charge.

Dance

What: A dance to the Joe's music will be held.

Where: The Joe's, 101 N. Alder, St. N., Twin Falls.

When: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. today.

How much: There will be no cover charge from 8-9:30 p.m. The cover charge is \$4 after 9:30 p.m.

Karaoke contest

What: A karaoke contest will be featured.

Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, St. N., Twin Falls.

When: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

Compiled from staff reports

Two more file for state office

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The new District 23 that takes in western Twin Falls County and all of Owyhee County got a third candidate for its Senate seat on Friday.

A Republican, Rex Reed, 71, filed with the secretary of state to run against Tom Gannon of Buhl and Jim Patrick of Twin Falls.

Reed currently serves as a precinct chairman. A lifelong farmer, he said Friday his main goal is to help small farmers and ranchers and rural towns survive.

"I think the last Legislature hit very well when they crossed out some taxes," he said.

He said he thinks that in spite of tax cuts, education was funded well for this year.

"The education establishment is doing

quite well," he said. "They are budgeted as much as last year."

But the 1958 graduate of Idaho State College said he also understands the importance of a good education.

"The youth of today are tomorrow's leaders," he said.

He said if elected he will also be concerned with making sure Idahoans keep their liberties. He said he was glad to see that a proposed seat belt law did not pass this year. It would have required children under the age of 15 to wear seat belts, and if they weren't, the offense would have been considered a primary offense. Drivers can be pulled over for primary offenses.

"Don't get me wrong — I always wear my seat belt," he said. "I'm just for liberty."

He also said he thinks the current dairy problems on the west end could have been

avoided with a little common sense.

"I believe dairies are a show of progress for this area. They do help the economy," he said. "But they need to be located correctly. Also, odor can be controlled, and dairies need to be held responsible for it."

As for term limits, he criticized the 2002 Legislature for repealing the initiative.

"Legislators should not have thrown it out. It was the will of the people," he said.

Just the same, if the initiative makes it back on the ballot, Reed said he would vote against term limits.

District 24 will soon officially become District 26, but its boundaries, which include Minidoka and Jerome counties, remain the same. Douglas Jones of Rupert filed Friday as a Democrat to run for the seat of Republican incumbent Dean Cameron of Rupert.

The fourth-generation Idahoan is adamant that Cameron voted wrong when he voted to repeal term limits.

"The voters of Idaho passed the term-limit initiative not once, not twice, but three times. Had I been an elected representative of the people, I wouldn't have dreamed of repealing it, especially if I was imminently subject to it," he said in a press release.

"I also believe our representatives perform best when they have to face voters who have choices. This year the voters in our district will have a choice and an opportunity to impose a term limit."

A former newspaperman who published and edited a Mini-Cassia weekly, Jones said he is also unhappy with the Legislature's handling of education over

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WHO NEEDS SNOW?



Cole Jensen, 12, tries some tricks on his snowboard while waiting for his ride to pick him up from Morningside Elementary School after their ski and snowboarding trip on Friday. Jensen and friends Nick Hoffman, David Sapp, Karl Fausbrant and McKay Greenwood weren't completely exhausted by a day of snowboarding, so they tried to impress one another with tricks in the grass.

State controller candidate speaks at Jerome school

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Democratic candidate for state controller, a Jerome native, told a group of supporters Friday that the economy must be stimulated in order to protect family farms, ranchers and the timber industry.

Bob Sonnichsen, who wants to succeed retiring Democratic state controller J.D. Williams spoke about his candidacy Friday afternoon in Jerome to a couple dozen supporters.

graduate in the present high school building in 1977.

"I know how to do the job and will do it well. My experience will benefit all in the state," Sonnichsen said.

He said he knew the value of an honest day's work. He paid for his education at the University of Idaho by working as a whitewater river guide in the Frank Church wilderness area.

Once Sonnichsen graduated from the university he said he was drawn to banking business. He traveled all over the state in his banking career, helping with the financing of businesses, school construction, county equipment, hospitals and water quality projects. He said he was able to learn the needs of state residents first-hand.

Sonnichsen said the state's economy needs to be stimulated so that more can be done to provide

Air Force opens new training range

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Politicians and military brass attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony closed to the public and the news media Friday at the Air Force's new \$35 million training range south of Mountain Home.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was scheduled to attend Friday's ceremony. Fellow Republican Sen. Mike Crapo also was attending and issued a news release celebrating the range. He said Americans need to make certain military personnel are provided with the necessary training tools.

Opposition to the range simmered and on occasion reached a boil for over a decade, but the Air Force finally got its bombing range in eastern Owyhee County in large part because of an act of Congress.

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Filings close with two new candidates

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Filing to run for a county office closed at 5 p.m. Friday and Republican Leon Mills and Democrat Oleta Bybee were the latest candidates to throw their hats into this year's election.

Mills, 45, a Twin Falls native who works for Lamb-Weston, filed this week to run for the District 2 commission seat now held by Marvin Hempleman. Hempleman will retire at the end of the year after 22 years in the seat.

All the candidates
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Bybee filed Friday to run for the county clerk seat now held by Republican Bob Fort. It's not the first time Mills has run for the office. He lost to the longtime incumbent in the 1996 election. He's currently the Republican precinct committee man for Precinct 6.



Leon Mills



Oleta Bybee

"There's an answer. I think it's important we all get together and fix it," he said.

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St. Luke's unifies T.F. cancer programs

TWIN FALLS — St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute is consolidating its two Twin Falls cancer centers into one facility.

By May, patients will no longer receive services at the institute's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown site, and will instead need to visit St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Addison West facility at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

St. Luke's is "unifying" its Twin Falls cancer programs, a press release said Friday.

"We believe that by concentrating our efforts on a single program in one location, we will be better able to provide patients with the excellent care and comprehensive service that they deserve," Thomas Beck, medical director for the tumor institute, said in the release.

The downtown staff will relocate to the Addison West facility. The relocation is expected to be completed by May.

An open forum for patients has been scheduled for 7 p.m. April

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17 to discuss plans and answer questions.

City of Rocks opens campgrounds today

ALMO — Twenty-nine campsites will open today in the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Workers repaired the winter-damaged road opening an additional mile of the park, said Venna Ward, City of Rocks assistant manager. Part of the park has been accessible from the east side through the winter, but the road running through the park to Oakley has been closed. About two miles of the road to the west is still closed.

Park officials decided to open the road and started razing reservations for campsites Wednesday. Several parties have reserved spaces, though not all 29 campsites are full, Ward said.

— compiled from staff reports

Force never demonstrated a need for the expanded training range. The Air Force repeatedly changed its story about the need for the range as the makeup of the base's combat wings changed. Opposition was all but lost when in 1999 Congress passed a defense spending bill and attached a rider withdrawing nearly 13,000 acres of federal land for Air Force use.

Still, the range was a far cry from the original scheme to expand the Saylor Creek bombing range by 2 million more acres. A coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, American Indians and sportsmen fought the Mountain Home Air Force Base's bombing range expansion.

Their efforts resulted in its reduced scale and the Air Force agreeing to limit low-level supersonic flights and conducting environmental monitoring in an area important to California bighorn sheep and sage grouse.

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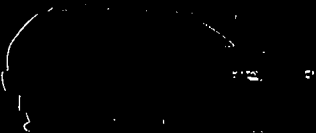
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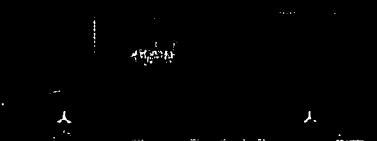


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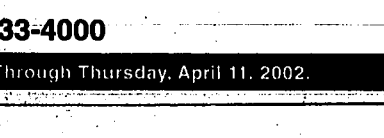
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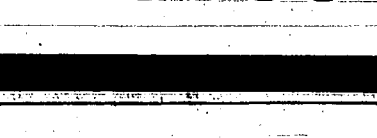


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NATION



Secretary of State Colin Powell talks to reporters outside the State Department in Washington Friday.

Powell faces tough goals for his trip to Mideast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House eased back Friday from President Bush's demand that Israel begin to pull its forces out of West-Bank held areas of the West Bank.

As Israeli tanks, attack helicopters and troops advanced against Palestinian militia, spokesman Ari Fleischer said the nations in the region needed time to digest what Bush expected of them.

"Major events don't necessarily happen overnight," Fleischer told reporters traveling with Bush in Texas. Still, he said, "the president expects results, and he expects them as soon as possible."

Secretary of State Colin Powell also did not call for an instant pull back in a news conference at the State Department.

Meanwhile, a meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during Powell's trip to the region beginning Sunday was in doubt.

Fleischer said Powell had no plans for such a meeting.

"Powell confirmed that at the State Department but did not rule out a meeting with the Palestinian leader 'in due course.'"

Palestinian leader repeatedly failed to keep his promises to stem terrorism and had not earned his trust.

"There are others in the region who can lead," Bush said, naming Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Powell's short-term goal is a cease-fire to stop the bloodletting. His long-term goal is to start Israel

and the Palestinians on a peace-making track.

Both goals are elusive. Powell is on the spot, as are the two principal players in the region: Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel and Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Authority.

Even if he is being granted some time, Sharon is under pressure from Bush to withdraw Israeli troops from Palestinian-held cities "without delay."

Mideast

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will try them. Mr. Zinni should not put any further burdens on Mr. Arafat's shoulders."

An Israeli military escort led Zinni into Ramallah while soldiers throwing stun grenades forced back a group of journalists who tried to reach Arafat's compound in a convoy of bulletproof cars.

Friday night, Palestinian officials said Israeli soldiers forcefully entered and searched the Ramallah home of Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian information minister, a high-ranking aide to Arafat. There were conflicting reports about whether he was detained.

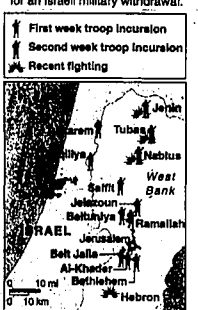
Gun battles continued for an eighth consecutive day in major West Bank cities re-occupied by Israeli troops. At least 16 Palestinians, including a 14-year-old girl, and two Israeli soldiers were killed in clashes in Jenin, Nablus and Bethlehem.

Six other Palestinians died in an Israeli missile attack on a house in the northern West Bank village of Toubas, near Jenin. They included a senior member of the Hamas militant group that Israel said masterminded last week's suicide bombing in Netanyahu that killed 26 Israelis.

Occupation enters second week

Israeli troop occupation of West Bank towns entered its second week amid Palestinian resistance and President Bush's call for an Israeli military withdrawal.

First week troop incursion
Second week troop incursion
Recent fighting



A standoff at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity continued.

as some 120 armed Palestinians remained inside with as many as 60 priests. Israeli officials said the men inside included the governor of Bethlehem, Muhammad al-Mabani, the head of a Palestinian intelligence service, Abdallah Daud, and the head of a security force, Majdi al-Matrai.

"In addition to them, some of the most wanted of Palestinian terror suspects have also taken refuge in the church," the Israeli army said in a statement.

Army officers said four priests slipped out of the church Friday. The officers asserted that their statements established "that the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem has been forcibly seized by a group of armed terrorists who have taken hostages, among them members of the clergy inside the church building."


Church officials, however, portrayed the standoff differently. Father Giacomo Bini, head of the Franciscan Order, said at a news conference in Rome that the clergy are "voluntary hostages trapped between two fires. They cannot leave for fear that there will be a bloodbath if they go."

Franciscans in Jerusalem accused Israel of exaggerating the


incident to justify an armed assault on the church. The Israeli army has said it has no intention of storming the shrine, but that they will not leave without arresting the gunmen.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MAGIC VALLEY

Magic Valley candidates

Table listing candidates for various county offices including County Commissioner, County Clerk, County Assessor, and County Treasurer for Twin Falls, Gooding, Blaine, Minidoka, Elmore, Lincoln, Cassia, and Camas counties.

Cassia men join re-enactment

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Travel back in time? Five local residents will come close when they participate in the 140th Civil War anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee this weekend.

those who want it, but no modern conveniences can be seen by spectators. Food, such as bacon and stale bread for breakfast, makes the experience more realistic.

Another thing that isn't quite accurate is the battlefield. Because the original battlefields are protected, the battles are staged in country resembling the original site.

World Book Encyclopedia records the following about the Battle of Shiloh. Gen. Henry Halleck, who had become commander of most Union forces from Ohio to Kansas, ordered

Gen. Albert Johnston and his co-commander, Gen. Pierre Beauregard, decided to strike Grant before Bull Run arrived. They planned to destroy Grant's forces with their army of some 44,000 troops. The surprise attack

Grant's plans for quick victory in the West.

The Battle of Shiloh, named after a church on the battlefield, occurred on April 6 and 7, 1862.

Confederate troops surprised and almost smashed Grant. But Grant held his lines. Johnston was killed in the battle. The next day Grant received about 25,000 reinforcements, including some 18,000 troops led by Buell.

A history buff as well as a science teacher, Sager learned about the re-enactments through history magazines and became interested in participating. He wanted to visit the places and experience what the fighters experienced. After deciding to participate in the re-enactment of First Manassas, or First Bull Run as it was called in the North, in July 2001, he invited Trevor, one of his students, to join him. Trevor's father decided to go along.

Defender: Merge counties' resources

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - A joint public defender's office for Minidoka and Cassia counties would keep one county from paying for the other's business.

For 10 years the law offices of Doug Whipple have served as the public defender's offices for both counties. With an office in Rupert and another in Burley, Whipple contracts with Minidoka County to work as the public defender.

In Burley, his arrangement is that some of his employees work for the county as public defenders and support staff.

But when a particular case, from either side of the river, requires an attorney with a specific expertise, Whipple appoints the

person with that expertise to handle the case, he said.

This arrangement allows the public defender's office to give its best legal service to clients, but it also means attorneys contracting with Minidoka County sometimes represent Cassia County defendants and vice versa. The Cassia County commissioners do not want to pay for a Minidoka County public defender, Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barus said.

Whipple counters that doesn't happen. One county is not paying for the other's public defenders because the swapping of attorneys and secretaries comes out even, he said. Both counties, however, want to be sure their money is allocated correctly. If Cassia and Minidoka counties created a joint public defender's office they

would have a cleaner system, Whipple said.

Additionally, all of Whipple's employees would have the same benefit package if the two offices consolidated. Currently, attorneys and secretaries who contract with Minidoka County earn a higher salary, but are not included in a group health plan, Whipple said.

A joint public defender's office would cost Minidoka County an additional \$7,761. Last October the Minidoka County commissioners decided against the merger because they had already set the budget. Now, as budget planning begins again, Whipple has asked the commissioners to reconsider the matter. The Cassia County commissioners have agreed to the agreement Whipple proposed.

Mountain Home welcomes back troops

The Times-News

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE - More than 1,300 airmen who have been fighting terrorism in the Middle East received a welcoming celebration Friday.

The 366th Wing, based at Mountain Home, sent more people and dropped more bombs than any other wing in the Air Force, officials said. A squadron

of B-1B bombers, F-16 Falcons and F-15 Eagles participated in the effort.

"All of our gunfighters did an exceptional job during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle, and we are extremely happy to have everyone home again," said Col. Irv Halter, 366th Wing commander.

The first reported American casualty of the campaign was Master Sgt. Evander Earl

Andrews, a heavy-equipment specialist from Mountain Home. He died Oct. 10 when he was crushed by a forklift being unloaded from a truck in Qatar on the northern Arabian Peninsula.

Two B-1B flight crew members from Mountain Home ejected during a mid-December flight from Diego Garcia, a small island in the Indian Ocean. All four members of the aircraft's crew were rescued without serious injury.

Filings for state positions for the May 28 primary

Table listing candidates for state positions for the May 28 primary, including Senate and House candidates for various districts.

Filings

Mills said the question of whether or not to build a new 28.5 million jail should be answered at the ballot box, not by judges.

"I believe if you're going to spend a great deal of money it needs to be brought to the voters," Mills said.

He said the voters should always have the final say. "If people vote to paint the Terrance Bridge pink, then as a public servant I should head out there and paint the bridge pink," Mills said.

Mills and his wife Sheri have three daughters - Stephanie, 19, Abeca, 18, and Pamela, 16.

Bybee, a Democrat and lifelong resident of Twin Falls, said she is entering the race because it's distressing to see elective offices in the county repeatedly filled by political appointees.

"I believe that four of the five county offices on the ballot this

year were filled by political appointment, although the incumbents in some have subsequently been elected by popular vote," she said. "That is not my perception of how America's political system should work."

Bybee, 60, graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1960. She was employed for more than 31 years by U.S. West, ending her career there with a four-year stint commuting from her home in Twin Falls to her job as a construction department records clerk in Boise.

During that time she served for seven years as secretary-treasurer for the local affiliate of the Communications Workers of America, and later as vice president of the labor group. She also served as president of the Magic Valley Telephone Pioneers, and for the past two years has been president of Magic Valley AARP Chapter 4352.

Bybee's family has lived in Twin Falls County since the early 1900s.

She and husband, Bob, have two grown children and six grandchildren.

She said she believes strongly in term limits, based on the precept that those in office for extended periods tend to become either complacent or detached from the problems and concerns of their constituents. If elected county clerk, she would limit her tenure to no more than two terms.

"I think there are a lot of highly capable people among the electorate, and that if they were compelled to, a lot more of them would exercise their civic responsibilities," she said.

She said one of her objectives, if elected, would be to involve the county clerk's office more in the formulation of plans and policies that might help to attract to the county more diverse industries that offer decent wages.

The primary election will be held May 28 and the general election will be Nov. 5.

State

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"During this last decade, in which our state's leadership has been remarkably challenged, our education funding levels have placed Idaho at or near the bottom of the nation's list in terms of per-pupil spending and student-to-teacher ratios. While

these are only rankings, they translate into real opportunities lost to our children," he said.

Jones, who currently works as the marketing director for Magic Valley Foods and Rolland Jones Potatoes in Rupert and Carmel, Vineyards in Glens Ferry, said it was irresponsible for the Legislature to issue a holdback to

education. And that mistake was compounded when lawmakers passed a budget that Jones believes is a cut from the year before.

"I believe all of our educational problems can't be solved with more money, none are being addressed by putting less into it," he said.

Controller

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protect the family farm, to help ranchers who depend on state lands to survive, to help the timber industry and the silver industry. He supports the ranching, grazing and timber industries and will provide stewardship over all resources, he said.

Sonnichsen said he was an advocate for hard-working teachers and that he has learned to look at all sides before making decisions.

In answer to a question from Jerome resident Xenia Williams concerning term limits, Sonnichsen said he will serve no more than three terms and the governor should probably be limited to two. In county races, however,

term limits may be counter-productive and probably should not be limited, he said.

"I don't want to see Idaho lead the charge on nationwide term limits, but the Legislature probably didn't handle the term limits well. I expect many of them may be voted out of office," Sonnichsen said.

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Should teaching about Islam be required in schools?

Yes

Learning Islam helps stymie clashes

VINCENT FERRANDINO

Teaching about religion from a historical context is not indoctrination, it's a well-rounded education!

At this moment across the globe more than two-dozen conflicts are raging that threaten the peace and stability of our planet. Sadly, virtually all of these armed conflicts have at their core one common denominator - deep-seated ignorance, intolerance and fear between cultures and religions.

Most of these cultural clashes seem too distant to affect our daily lives as Americans. They are television sound bites and newspaper headlines. But when terrorism - wrapped in the blanket of religious zealotry - reached our own shores last Sept. 11, those headlines became real. As we try to understand how this could happen in America, we must look for ways to build understanding and awareness.

The United States is the world's beacon for liberty, democracy and religious tolerance. It is a reputation we have built on education, dialogue and respect. In our free and democratic society, we strive to avoid cultural isolationism or state-mandated ignorance about the greater world, or indoctrination. For over a decade, public schools in California have required students to be exposed to major religious movements throughout history. California requires in grade seven, as one of 11 World History and Geography standards, that "students analyze the geographic, political, economic, religious and social structures of the civilizations of Islam in the Middle Ages."

Students also learn about how Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism and other major world religions impact history and development of major civilizations. This

requirement has been part of the curriculum for over a decade.

So why is it being challenged now? In part, this is because talk-show sensationalists and narrow special interest groups have made it an issue and blown it out of proportion by misrepresenting what actually is being taught.

Teachers aren't teaching Islam, they are teaching about Islam from an historical context. In doing so, they use many accepted teaching styles that include role-playing and recreating historical events in written and oral projects.

Would anyone challenge the notion that for American children to fully understand the origins of our democracy they should be taught about 17th century religious movements and attitudes in Europe?

Hardly. How many adults today dressed up for Thanksgiving pageants when they were in school? Or read and wrote about the beliefs of Pilgrims, Quakers and other early settlers when they studied colonial America? Most of us did.

In California, many parents reviewed the state curriculum

and textbooks such as "Across the Centuries." They are satisfied that their schools are not trying to convert their children to Islam or any other religion. Those with such concerns may opt their children out of the instruction and have them do alternative assignments.

In the Information Age, our children will need to thrive and compete in a world economy. Our public schools have an obligation to educate tomorrow's adults so they have a firm grasp on world history and the role religion has played and continues to play in shaping the

No

Programs bow to political correctness

HERBERT LONDON

It was reported recently by Assist News Service that in the aftermath of Sept. 11 a large number of California public school students were asked to attend interesting courses and workshops on Islam.

The course mandates that seventh graders learn the tenets of Islam, memorize verses in the Koran, learn to pray in the name of Allah and are instructed to

an apparent attempt to proselytize. Students in this course are required to memorize 25 Islamic terms, six Islamic phrases, 20 Islamic proverbs, along with the Five Pillars of Faith and 10 key Islamic prophets. Islam is taught as the one true religion and students are encouraged to pray to Allah.

Now let us assume for a moment that evangelical leaders could insert the study of Christianity into public schools.

Students in this fanciful scenario would be required to read the contributions of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Apostle Paul, passages from the Bible would have to be memorized and students would be encouraged to pray to the one true Christian God.

Before the ink was dry on the curriculum guide, the ACLU would have its attorney in state court claiming this was an egregious violation of the separation of church and state. Yet curiously the ACLU has not reacted to the teaching of Islam in public schools.

It may be of interest to ACLU officials that Christians are enjoined in their Scriptures to "render ... unto Caesar the things

which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's."

While this phrase has undergone many interpretations, it has legitimized a system in which two institutions exist side by side, each with its own laws and chain of authority - one concerned with religion, called the Church, the other concerned politics, called the State. No such separation exists in Islam.

One might therefore conclude that the ACLU would be particularly vigilant when an Islamic course is inserted into the junior high school curriculum of several California schools. But apparently ACLU standards are selective, or should I call them hypocritical?

The textbook for the Islamic course, "Across the Centuries," presents Islam in a positive manner, as I believe is appropriate. After all, Islam has brought comfort and peace of mind to countless men and women. But this is not a monochromatic picture.

Islam has also promoted wars, massacres, cruelty against Christians and Jews and many other non-Muslims. Moreover radical Islam, Wahabism, is clearly a sponsor of international terrorism.

By contrast, Christianity in this textbook is pictured largely in a negative light with emphasis on the Inquisition and the Salem Witch Trials. While these events could be deemed the positive dimensions of Christianity should be emphasized as well.

What then can one make of this situation? For one thing, "tolerance madness" has clearly afflicted California. Most are unwilling to say something is wrong if political correctness is involved.

The study of history and culture certainly require consideration of Islam. But study does not infer indoctrination.

An American system that emphasizes a separation of church and state should not endorse any religious belief in the schools.

Herb London is president of The Hudson Institute in Indianapolis and the John M. Olin professor of Humanities at New York University.



future. To do otherwise will prove the adage, "If we cannot learn from history, then we are doomed to repeat it."

Vincent Ferrandino is executive director of The National Association of Elementary School Principals.

chant, "Praise to Allah, Lord of Creation." Despite the horrific attacks of Sept. 11 and the anti-American sentiments so deeply embedded in radical Islam, I don't object to students learning about the culture, history and religious beliefs of Islam.

What I do object to, however, is

court claiming this was an egregious violation of the separation of church and state. Yet curiously the ACLU has not reacted to the teaching of Islam in public schools.

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LETTERS

Curb corporate greed; raise American workers' wages

Ever notice how much opponents are so much alike? For instance, be they Democrat or Republican, consider Lil' George, Slick Willie and Big George (he's Lil' George's daddy).

Big George worked hard to give corporate America the North American Free Trade Agreement; Slick Willie made it happen, and Lil' George greases the wheels. Big George loves the rich and sucks up the conservatives. Slick Willie loves the rich and sucks up to the liberals. Lil' George loves the rich and sucks up to everybody. He's not only friends with Lil' Dick Cheney and Erwin, he's friends with Teddy K. He's got himself more lovable sides than one of those glittery zircons in a cheap ring. Lil' George even loves Mr. Putin, communist Russia's top hook and one of the most accomplished murderers who ever lived. Maybe this camaraderie comes from the fact that Big George himself ain't exactly an unknown in the fields of spooks and killing. Lil' George is creatin' new police agencies,

givin' 'em shiny new badges and guns and federal police power so as they can save us from ourselves - at our own expense!

Lil' George loves the poor so much he's dedicated to making us all poor. He's gonna raise taxes on working people, triple the deficits and educate us so we can get a minimum wage job if one is available. That job will hardly enable us to buy some of those goods produced in NAFTA countries where all our good jobs went, but corporate America pockets the profits. The American worker has a hard time paying for necessities unless they work 80 to 90 hours a week - God help the single-parent household!

In this political climate, what happens to America's working class? We work more for less, we pay most of the taxes regardless of which party is in control. The differences between the wealthy and working class continue to grow. After the high-ranking politicians have made themselves rich and secured the wealth of the ultra-rich, our country will be just like the countries of the rest of the world, lacking a middle class altogether. I believe

this will become the reality with in the next decade unless corporate greed is curbed and wages raised for the American worker.

WILL BUEHLER
Twin Falls

Organic milk has sweeter taste than the other stuff

In the '70s, we could buy milk from a local dairy where the cows were herded in from the pasture twice a day. The milk tasted wonderful. It was sweet and creamy. That dairy closed. Since then, we have used locally produced milk with less and less satisfaction. The taste was never right. Flat and chalky, sometimes having a chemical aftertaste.

Then as the big dairies moved in, the milk started to taste like air smelled. You've driven by those huge dairies and noticed the smell, that's how the milk tastes now. No wonder! It seems like common sense, a milk cow that lives an over-stressed and pathetic life span confined in a muck (feces and urine) filled corral, covered from haunch to hoof with the stuff, would generate a product that tasted like its environment. We worry, too,

about what they give the cows to enhance their production. It shortens their natural life span by 60 percent. They can claim that this modified milk product is healthy and wholesome, but it doesn't add up. We're not scientists, but it's easy to see something is wrong with this picture.

We hit on an easy and much healthier solution; we found milk with the sweet and creamy taste we remembered. We bought it from one of the big grocery stores in Twin Falls; they all carry it. It's organic milk. Simply organic milk! Meaning this milk comes from a dairy that promotes humane treatment for their cows with no hormones, no antibiotics and no pesticides. See for yourself, you'll like it! Got milk? The question really is, what's in the milk you've got that makes it taste so bad? If you have eyes and a nose, it's obvious!

TONY BOWLER
Hageman

Semi's accident occurred at site of earlier tragedy

During the last of March of this year, a semi carrying nuclear

waste blew over 35 miles west of Elk Mountain, Wyo., which would be at Elk Mountain, a truck carrying a nightmare during winter storms. What many don't know about this locality is that it is also the site of one of the biggest mistakes ever made in "travels."

Capt. Marcy, in December of 1857, came this way with 60 mules, some horses and oxen and 60 men. They were headed for New Mexico to re-supply Fort Bridger during the Mormon Rebellion. Albert Sidney Johnston and his men lost some of the mules, horses and oxen during a blizzard west of South Pass, Wyo.

When Capt. Marcy arrived at Elk Mountain, he encountered a band of local Indians and asked the chief to guide them through the mountains to New Mexico. The chief refused and told them they were crazy to attempt such a route during the winter.

Instead of being polite and drawing out the wisdom of this chief, Marcy taunted the chief and told him he was a squaw. They traveled due south through all the Rockies. Marcy and his men had two men crawling on their bellies to

break trail for the men to walk and break trail for the pack animals. The oxen could not walk and survive, but only five mules survived and a few horses and all the oxen. A Mexican trail hand came to the front of the line and asked Marcy what pass he was trying to find and ended up leading the expedition to safety. Marcy told him he would kill him if he was wrong, then paid him \$500 for saving their lives.

On the return trip, Marcy lost 1,500 sheep in one night due to a blizzard. The oxen could not walk and also lost three men, and their horses and mules drifted 40 miles to the east in the storm and had to be found and brought back. West of today's city of Laramie, in a high storm, all the mules thought they were being beaten and bucked off their riders and overturned their wagons.

To read the whole story, go to "Making of America" on the Web. There are 8,500 rare books on the net, courtesy of the Mellon Foundation. I stumbled on to this site when I typed in rare books at Google.
BOB BERENTZ
Jerome



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MORNING BREAK

Helen Keller could hear if she was alive today

You wonder where California's big towns got their names? The founder of the California missions was Fr. Junipero Serra. He came from—Petra on the Mediterranean island of

is around Utah's Provo. James Bousfield died at age 34 some years ago. During his last four years as a radio announcer networked to nearly 100 stations, he'd done the color

descriptions of the Tournament of Roses Parade. Bousfield was expert at recreating a scene he couldn't actually see. He was blind. Q. India is known for rats and

mongoose. I don't get it. How come the mongooses don't kill all the rats? A. Mongooses hunt by day, rats by night. They just don't get together.

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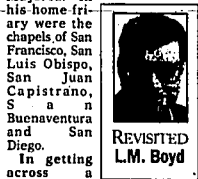
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Friday's Puzzle Solved

SCRAMBLED WORDS: MESH, EXIST, RETAIL, TRUE, AMBER, PARTY, EDITOR, BUNNY, DEBATE, FEATURE, KNIGHTS, NEEDS, ANTE, ANTIBIOTIC, KALEN, SILENCE, TEMPO

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In his home-irradiation were the chapels of San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Barbara, Buena Ventura and San Diego.

In getting across a stretch of water, a motorboat is about five times more efficient than a duck. Hydrodynamically speaking, I don't often get the chance to speak hydrodynamically. Only now and then.

Q. How long can a rat tread water?

A. That's entirely a matter of morale. With hope, three days. Without hope, an hour maybe.

With today's electrode implants, Helen Keller could have been made to hear, doctors say.

The second facet almost invariably looks more natural than the first one. That's according to those who sell facelifts.

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Get down to real estate basics, Scorpio

IF APRIL 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are musical and insist on dancing or marching to your own tune. You appreciate art and would make a wonderful museum tour guide. You are loyal, affectionate and home-loving. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio play important roles in your life, could have these letters in your name: F, O, X. During May you make fresh start in new directions. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will gain admiration by keeping home together. Domestic adjustment relates to where you live and marital status. Gift received from one who cares about you. Libra involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Do not equate defeat with defeat. What appeared to be erroneous will turn out to be correct. Promotion due, also financial reward. Pisces figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Blend practicality with imagery. You will have support of those with vision of the future. Your wit and wisdom enable you to enter "inner circle." Cancer native involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Despite obstacles, you will attain goal. Your extraordinary perception will be much in evidence tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take initiative in gaining independence of thought, action. Be positive concerning... legal... negotiations. Questions relating to partnership, marriage loom large.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Individual you care about has been neglecting health. Utilize gentle persuasion to help correct situation. Proposals received, including business career. Capricorn involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Diversify, bring forth humor and spiritual values. Popularity on the rise; people want to be with you and win and do you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Deal with basic issues involving real estate, property. Get commitments in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trip out of town could involve "romantic situation." Scenario high-

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

lights variety of sensations. Take notes, know your own mind. Virgo, another Sagittarian play roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Budget will be denied in order to beautify home. It will prove worth it - you will be receiving "important guests."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar cycle is such that apparently you can do no wrong. Adhere to

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unorthodox procedures. Define terms in your own way. Follow intuitive intellect. Pisces figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Individual is thwarted in attempts to deceive you. Look behind scenes for answer to dilemma. Do not fear the unknown; exploit and have fun with it. Line up priorities.

SHOWROOM OF Cars

1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo V8, 4x4, ABS, PW, PL, Cruise, AM/FM, Air, Tilt, Crui... Only \$4,600 Mile: #03974 Was \$16,700 \$14,995	1998 Ford F150 4x4 Air, Tilt, Cruise, Cass, #03973 Was \$17,995 \$15,795	1999 Acura Integra ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, CD, Leather, Leather, Sunroof, 34,000 Miles, Super Sharp, #03955 Was \$17,995 \$15,695
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2001 Dodge Grand Caravan AT, ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cass, Factory Warranty, 11,000 Miles, #03971 Was \$21,995 \$19,795	1999 Dodge Intrepid AT, ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, Cruise, CD, #03964 Was \$11,495 \$9,900	1998 Ford Taurus AT, ABS, PW, PL, Power Steering, Air, Tilt, Cruise, Cass, 37,000 Miles, #03965 Was \$9,995 \$8,995
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MORNING BREAK

Amateur shrink's analysis provokes a family feud

DEAR ABBY: My brother's wife, "Sandy," does not have a degree in psychology or medicine, yet freely assigns diagnoses to family members after reading about their "conditions" in magazines.

At a family picnic last Sunday, Sandy declared that I am bipolar and my mother is entering the second stage of Alzheimer's. I was appalled at her lack of sensitivity on this and other issues, so I called her Monday morning to initiate an honest discussion of her behavior.

Less than a minute into our conversation, Sandy angrily told me to "get a life" and slammed the phone in my ear. She immedi-



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

ately called my mother and told her how insulted she was that I would use the word "bipolar" with her. She said it made her feel like a 6-year-old.

After she calmed down and phoned me back, Sandy repeated her outrage at my using the word "bipolar." When I asked her what word I should have used instead, she said "efforts."

What do you make of her so-called "efforts," Abby? I still think she was out of line. My sister-in-law may be many things, but she's not a doctor!

—FED UP IN PRINCETON, N.J.
DEAR FED UP: Right. There is a saying, "The best defense is a good offense." Your sister-in-law's behavior was an example of that.

DEAR ABBY: I have a complaint about my husband "Pete's" generosity to others.

Pete is a golf professional and is asked almost weekly by family and friends to get them golf equipment at cost. It takes up a

big chunk of his time to order and ship out the clubs, shoes, etc. — not to mention trying to get these folks to pay for their orders.

Do these Sunday golfers ever do anything nice for Pete? No! He won't turn down their requests because he can't stand the thought of someone not thinking he's a good guy. I say this needs to stop.

Please help me convince my husband that these free-loaders are just that.

—FRUSTRATED WIFE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WIFE: The man you married is either a good Samaritan or a severely addicted

people pleaser. I don't blame you for being tee'd. However, until he's ready to see that friendship is a two-way street, he won't change — nor is he going to accept unsolicited advice from me.

DEAR ABBY: My wife's family consisted of eight sisters and four brothers. She is the youngest sister, and the difference in age between her and her older sister is 18 years. All of the siblings married and had many children. My wife attended all their showers; we subsequently went to the weddings and baby showers.

Now the third generation is starting to become engaged and we are again receiving invita-

tions. We don't have the energy or money to attend these weddings, but don't know how to graciously decline the invitations. (There are more on the horizon.) Both of us are over-80 years old and on a fixed income. How should we respond?

—OLD FOLK IN NEW YORK
DEAR OLD FOLK: Send a lovely card and good wishes to the happy couples.

If you are questioned about your absence, be honest; say that you do not want to offend any of your siblings by playing favorites and attending only a few of the celebrations — and attending them all would create a hardship.



Events & Education at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center April 2002

Celebrating Healthy Transitions
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Fee: \$40.00
Wednesday, April 3 — May 1, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Wednesday, April 16 — May 14, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Parenting Your Baby, Newborn to 12 Months Old * The Newborn—the noisy, squirming, mysterious creature you are supposed to feed, change, calm, clean and care for. Why not get it right the first time? Learn along with other parents truths for adjusting to life with an infant. Instructor Karen Keedy, RH, CBE Pre-Registration is encouraged, but not required. To register call 737-2900.

Fee: \$10 per family
Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Childbirth Refresher Course * This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To Register Call 737-2900.

Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 — 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 — 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Living Better

Arthritis Self-Help Support Course * Are your aches and pains making you feel older than you are? If you are one of the thousands of individuals looking for relief, WE CAN HELP. You can take steps now to better manage arthritis and reduce pain. The Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Course, hosted by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, is designed to give you the knowledge, confidence, and skills needed to take a more active part in your arthritis care. Join with us in learning to live well with arthritis. A limited number of scholarships are available based on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration is required. To Register Call 737-2000. For further information please contact the Arthritis Foundation at 800/444-4993.

Fee: \$30.00
Wednesday, April 3 — May 8, 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Doctors Meeting Room

CPR Class * This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adult and infant. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2007.

Fee: \$25.00
Monday, April 8, 4:00 — 8:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Doctors Meeting Room

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am — 12:00 noon
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Doctors Meeting Room

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 — 10:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Doctors Meeting Room

Healthy Kids

Big Kids Klub * A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call 737-2900.
\$7.50/family with one child — \$7.50/family with two or more children
Saturday, April 16, 10:00 — 11:30 am
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Doctors Meeting Room

"A Cup of Kindness Tea" * Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser sponsored by CARES & Safe Kids. Featuring an auction of beautiful handmade quilts and quilted items made especially by MVRMC and community quilters for the "Quilters for Kids" campaign benefiting CARES & Safe Kids. To purchase tickets or for more information call 737-2600 or 737-2433.

Fee: \$20
Saturday, April 20, 2:00 — 4:00 p.m.
Shilo Inn
1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N — Twin Falls

Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition & March of Dimes Walk America * Twin Falls County HealthNet Youth Action Councils (YAC) team up to raise money for March of Dimes through Walk America. All youth are encouraged to participate. After Walk America, come celebrate at the Twin Falls County HealthNet Assess Builders Celebration. The celebration will recognize youth achievements, Twin Falls County Asses Builders, youth receiving service awards, and Magic Valley's promise commitment-makers. It will be a fun-filled event with activities for youth and adults alike. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call Malena Shoens at 423-5915.

Saturday, April 27
Boys & Girls Club
999 Frontier Road — Twin Falls

SAFE KIDS * Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat, or purchase a new one and have it installed for free. SAFE KIDS also has low cost snow helmets and skate helmets for sale! Call 737-2430 for information.

Healthy Women

Breast Cancer Support Group * This is an on-going group open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer. For more information contact Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Monday, April 22, 7:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Mountain States Tumor Institute - Cancer Center Reception area

Free Breast Screening Education Program. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

Birth & Parenting

"A Step Ahead" * Education and exercise for expectant and post-delivery women. Offered Monday and Thursday. To register or for more information call 737-2126.

Fee: \$30 (8 Sessions)
Monday, April 1, — Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Outpatient Physical Therapy
380 Shoup Avenue West — Twin Falls

Prepared Childbirth Course * A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding; and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2900.

Infant CPR Class * Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR, and what to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Thursday, April 11, 6:30 — 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Infant Massage Course * How to give a "tummy" full body infant massage with special techniques for gas and colic. Instructor Susan Beck will lead you through the steps every Thursday evening. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information call 737-2900.

Fee: \$30 Per Family
Thursday, April 11, 10 & 25, 6:30 p.m.
Women's Health & Imaging Services
224 Martin Street — Twin Falls

Cesarean Childbirth Class * This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming factors. Pre-registration is not required. To Register Call 737-2900.

Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Education Center Sage Room

VBAC Preparation Course * Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. To schedule an appointment call Karla at 737-2901.

Positive Discipline for Pre-Schoolers, Age 3-6 Years * A parent's greatest gift to their child is love, and the second is discipline. Learn about setting consistent and appropriate limits for Heidi Ophien, Child Care Link Program Manager, South Central District Health. Pre-registration encouraged, but not required. To register call 737-2900.

Fee: \$10 Per Family
Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.
Women's Health & Imaging Services
224 Martin Street — Twin Falls

Healthy Men

Prostate Cancer Support Group * This is an ongoing group open to prostate cancer survivors or patients and their families, friends, and caregivers. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope, and humor to those dealing with prostate cancer. For more information contact Andy Hall at 737-2800.

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 — 9:00 pm
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Mountain States Tumor Institute - Cancer Center Reception Area

To register for any of the classes contact, 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuniquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

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Saturday, April 6, 2002

Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I’m no longer a bully or a control freak. I’m going to be a touchy-feely kind of guy.”

Seattle Seahawk’s Coach
Mike Holmgren on
changing his image this year.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who is the Laker playoff leader in three-point shots?
...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

RMFL football
Mini-Cassia at Boise, 6 p.m.
College baseball
CSI at CEU, (2) noon
High school baseball
Mountain Home at Glenns Ferry (2), 1 p.m.
Middleton at Burley (2), 11 a.m.
Pocatello at Burley (2), 11 a.m.
Boise at Minico, 1 p.m.
Twin Falls at Highland (2), 11 a.m.
Wood River Tournament, at Halley
Jerome vs. Sugar-Salem, 11 a.m.
Jerome vs. Wood River, 2 p.m.
High school softball
Buhl at American Falls (2), 11 a.m.
High school tennis
Parma vs. Declo, at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Minico at Wood River, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Cove-Peppel Best Ball starts today

TWIN FALLS – The Cove-Peppel Best Ball Tournament will be held today and Sunday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.
The large field of hopefuls is topped by men’s championship flight favorites Nate Sainsor and Rich Stanwood. On the women’s side, Virginia Undheim and Linda Fennen lead a strong field. Other teams to watch include Jeff Burnham and Carl Sklavos and Terry Spackman and Denny Stimpson. And in the women’s tournament, Chris Sterling and Magurite Astorquia and Kathy Clancy and Val Wardle.
All contestants receive a fleece jacket, a party at the Cove on Friday night, and a dinner party at Muni tonight.
For complete pairings and start times see page B3.

Anderson, Hawks roar to first-day wins

LAS VEGAS – Twin Falls drag racer Diana Anderson and Gooding’s Bill Hawks each raced to wins Friday at the third annual NHRA SummitRacing.com National at Las Vegas Motor Speedway “The Strip.”
In the Super Gas event, Anderson roared a great start to a fast finish, pushing her 1967 Chevy Nova past Clyde Williams of Phoenix with a time of 10.12 seconds in the quarter-mile. Husband Don Anderson didn’t do as well, losing to Jim Lips of Las Vegas after being disqualified for red-lighting.
In the Super Comp, Hawks turned in a solid run of 9.07 seconds in his rear-engine chevy to beat Stuart Koch of Los Angeles. Diana Anderson and Hawks will again race today. Races start at 9 a.m.

Valley Parks and Rec holds registration

HAZELTON – We’re going to offer signups for baseball and softball for boys and girls aged 6-16 in the art room of Valley High School. Registration will be held on Friday, April 5 from 5-7 p.m. and today from 10 a.m. to noon.
For more information, call Rob Grant at 825-5321.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Michael Cooper, with 124. Byron Scott is second with 115.

Irons resigns as CSI women’s coach

Cites health concerns after three weeks on job

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Steve Irons, who took over as head coach of the College of Southern Idaho women’s basketball team, resigned Friday, citing health concerns.
Irons, who has diabetes, leaves after just three weeks on the job.
“I respectfully resign ... due to health limitations as they relate to the duties of the job,” Irons said in a statement released

by the college.
Irons, 44, was hired March 14 to replace Kendall Grant, who resigned March 8.
“I did not anticipate this occurring when I accepted the position,” Irons said in the statement. “This decision is based solely on my long-term health concerns.”
Irons was unavailable for further comment.
CSI freshman Amy Kucheran said Irons told the basketball team during a meeting Friday that his back had been bothering him lately.
“He said his body had been giving him signals and that this was best for him and his family,” Kucheran said. “It came as a shock. He was really excited about the sea-



Steve Irons

son. We could just see how upset he was – it was hard for him.
“Of course we’re disappointed.”
CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer said Irons’ announcement surprised him as well.
“It’s a sad thing,” Meyerhoeffer said. “Steve wanted the job and was excited about it. It’s been tough. Steve said he’s concerned about the team and we’re obviously concerned about him.”
Meyerhoeffer said a search for a new

coach had already begun. CSI athletic director Jeff Duggan is at the national athletics meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Meyerhoeffer said Duggan had completed a preliminary search by phone and is expected back in Idaho late tonight.
Meyerhoeffer said he hopes to have a new coach in place by the end of the week. The timing is especially critical because the national signing day for letter-in-intent begins on Monday.
“We’ve consulted two or three people,” Meyerhoeffer said. “I seriously hope to get this done within a week’s time.”

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Shetler, Filer take title

Senior’s 71 paces Wildcats at Jerome touney

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

JEROME – And then there were three.
Forty-four teams entered the Jerome Invitational boys golf tournament Friday but just Meridian (Class 5A), Vallivue (4A) and Filer (3A) walked away with team trophies.
Many more walked away happy after getting a chance to see how their games matched up against teams from all over the state.
The Filer Wildcats, led by John Shetler’s first-place, 1-under 71 effort, captured the

Class 3A team title on Jerome Country Club with a score of 315.
“I think this will really give us some confidence, seeing how we size up to the competition around the state,” Shetler said.

The senior said he was pleased with his individual play, as well, after collecting five birdies and just four bogeys.
“I scored well,” he said. “I wasn’t hitting very well, but I scored well.”
Four of his birdies came on the course’s four Par 5s.
“That was the key right there,” he said.

The Kimberly Bulldogs won a playoff with Shetler for second place after both teams finished regulation with 320s.
Zach Abels led the charge for Kimberly, shooting a second-place 75. Jason Bildegeneta of Homedale was third with a 74.
The Twin Falls Bruins, who were playing on their home course at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course so that the other Class 5A teams could get the chance to see the SA state tourney site, finished a stroke behind Meridian thanks to the third-place tie of teammates Brett Kleinkopf and Dirk Reitsma. Both finished with 3-over-par 71s to lead the Bruins.
“I know the boys think they could have played better,” Bruin coach Paul Stover said. “But I’m sure all the teams think they could have played better.”
Stover said he was particularly pleased with Reitsma’s effort.
“Dirk was a pleasant surprise,” he said. “He has all the ability in the world so I’m not surprised by the score but I was very happy with it. He’s one of those golfers



Kimberly’s Zach Abels knocks the ball onto the green from the fairway of the third hole during the Jerome Invitational golf tournament Friday afternoon at Jerome Country Club.

who doesn’t know how good he is.”
The highlight of Reitsma’s round was when he eagled No. 18 by sinking a 10-foot putt with just a couple of holes remaining in his round.
“I thought I played solid,” the sophomore said. “My teammates told me I could shoot a 71, we’d be right there.”
And they were.

But Meridian, which had three golfers tie for fifth with 73s and all five place in the top 10, took the victory.
Berah’s Nick Travers shot a 69 for the individual victory, followed by Highland’s Tyler Williams.
Travers said he was glad to get the chance to familiarize himself with Muni, where he hopes to

win an individual and team title in May.
“I think it will be a big advantage,” he said. “You get a chance to see how the course plays.”
Vallivue made the most of its look at the Jerome Country Club, taking the Class 4A title by 20 strokes with a score of 289. The course will host

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Pedro Martinez defends visit to Blue Jays’ clubhouse

Toronto manager expresses anger at pitcher’s move

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE – Pedro Martinez thinks Toronto manager Buck Martinez was uninformed and out of line for criticizing the pitcher’s brief appearance in the Blue Jays’ clubhouse Wednesday.
Buck Martinez was angry that the Boston pitcher dropped by the Toronto locker room during a rain delay at Fenway Park.
“That’s uncalled for,” an angry Buck Martinez said Thursday. “I don’t understand the mentality of a player being in another player’s

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locker room.”
Speaking before the Red Sox played Baltimore, Pedro Martinez explained that Fenway Park security ushered him through the visitor’s clubhouse to avoid a crush of people after the pitcher greeted fans during pregame festivities.
“I did it in an innocent way, just to say hello, passing by. I didn’t spend more than one minute in there,” Pedro Martinez said. “I don’t blame him for feeling upset about it, but it’s the first time I’ve ever gone across to the other room.”
He said chatted briefly with a few friends from the Dominican Republic, shook hands with

Toronto coach Cookie Rojas and then left.
On opening day, Pedro Martinez hit Shannon Stewart with a pitch. Buck Martinez suggested that Stewart should have taken “a pop” at the pitcher while he was in the clubhouse.
Pedro Martinez insisted that the pitch got away from him, and said it was not cause to start a fight.
“If he felt so anxious to have someone take a swing at me, why didn’t he come and do it? It’s not like it’s all that easy to come up and pop one at me,” Pedro Martinez said. “If you want to pop me, go ahead and take his chances. He doesn’t have to send Stewart to do it. He can always come himself and do it – and see what he’s going to get.”



Boston Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez leaves the mound after a tough opening day at Fenway Monday. Martinez’ visit to the Toronto clubhouse raised eyebrows.

Mailman considers run for governor

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK – NBA star Karl Malone is considering running for Arkansas governor when he retires from basketball.
His agent, Dwight Manley, confirmed Friday that Malone is thinking about such a race, though he has no immediate plans to retire.
He also has said he’s pondering a run for governor of Utah, where he now plays for the Utah Jazz.



Karl Malone

Manley said Malone is a “natural leader,” and that he’s looking at politics because he “wants to help Arkansas prosper through population growth and development.”
Malone, 38, was born in Louisiana and has a ranch in the El Dorado area.
Malone has another season beyond this one, worth about \$20 million in salary, remaining on his current contract with the Jazz.

The filing period for Arkansas’ November election has closed, so the next time anyone could run for the office is in 2006. Current Gov. Mike Huckabee, a Republican, is seeking a second term. If he wins, he would be barred by term limits from running again in four years.
Malone is the NBA’s No. 2 all-time scorer. He also has been a major contributor to the Republican Party in Utah.

Bumstead shines in first game as CSI splits with Eastern Utah

The Times-News

PRICE, Utah – Just where would the College of Southern Idaho baseball team be this season without sophomore transfer Nate Bumstead?
It’s a question the Golden Eagles are happy they don’t have to answer.
Bumstead struck out nine of the first 12 batters he faced Friday and finished with 12 strikeouts in five innings as the Eagles split with the College of Eastern Utah, winning the first game 13-2 before dropping the nightcap 4-3.
The Eagles (21-12, 1-0 SWAC) entered the series two games behind Scenic West Athletic Conference-leader Community College of Southern Nevada. CEU (13-23, 6-16 SWAC) moved out of last place with the split.
The series concludes today with a doubleheader starting at noon.
“Nate threw as well as he ever has this season,” CSI assistant Boomer Walker said. “It was just dominant stuff. They threw their No. 4 starter because they didn’t think they could beat him.”
The Las Vegas native was close to throwing a shutout but



Nate Bumstead

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SPORTS

Nottingham, Wood River belt Filer

The Times-News
FILER - Wood River defeated Filer 13-1 in Game 1 Friday afternoon in Filer. The second game was called due to darkness after the 4 1/2 innings.

Local - Nottingham had two home runs in the first game and another two in the shortened second game for Wood River. Luke Gerrish had Filer's only home run in the second game. His second home run of the year.

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KIMBERLY - Wendell sophomore Cody Howerton had three extra base hits, including a home run as the Trojans swept Kimberly Friday, winning the first game 14-4 and the second 13-10 in four innings.

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Maine, Minnesota will meet in Frozen Four final

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - When Don Lucia became Minnesota's coach in 1999, the state's legions of hardcore hockey fans were frustrated with the Golden Gophers.

Playing in the NCAA championship for the first time in 13 years and looking for its first title since 1979, Minnesota has a chance today to reward everyone for their patience.

The Gophers will have plenty of people to thank, too, because it's not wearing mason and gold, showed up for the Gophers' 3-2 win over Michigan in the semifinals Thursday night.

Minnesota will be counting on the same advantage against the Black Bears.
"it was a tough one our freshman year," said Leopold, who coached the Gophers' 1995 3-2 win over Michigan in the semifinals Thursday night.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pomelle holds spring fling today
ALBION - Fomerelle Mountain Resort is holding its gaud finale today, with several competitions.

There will be a rope tow giant slalom for kids 6 years and under; Spud giant slalom for ages 7-12 years of age; big style air competition for all ages.

Gooding holds annual smoker today
GOODING - The 10th annual Fifth District High School rodeo Smoking will be today at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding High Gymnasium.

Motor Trucks hit Holt Arena today
POCATELLO - You've heard the names - BigFoot, Godzilla, Black Widow - now see the big and bad Monster Trucks in person tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Denver - Brian Griese takes responsibility for the Denver Broncos' failures on offense and promises better things.

Montreal captain Koivu will not be in uniform
MONTREAL - Saku Koivu will not return to the Montreal Canadiens today when the Columbus Blue Jackets visit the Montreal Centre, a team spokesman said Friday.

Bidding for Gonzalo's gum to reach \$2,000
Cost of a piece of Bazooka bubble gum: 5 cents.

Seahawks close to signing comeback Evans
KIRKLAND, Wash. - Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren confirmed Friday that the team has come to terms with free agent cornerback Doug Evans.

Volleyball approves version for shorter people
LAUSANNE, Switzerland - A new form of volleyball aimed at allowing shorter players to succeed was approved Friday by the sport's governing body.

Camden Yards celebrates anniversary
BALTIMORE - Ten years ago, Oriole Park at Camden Yards opened and sparked a nostalgic construction boom for ballparks with that year's year.

Cameron Goettsche plans to leave Utah
SALT LAKE CITY - Cameron Goettsche, a 6-7 forward from Highland Ranch, Colo., has announced he will transfer from the Utah men's basketball program.

Gretzky's younger brother hints at retirement
BRANTFORD, Ontario - Brent Gretzky has enjoyed every minute of his 10-year professional hockey career.

The Jersey of Maine's late coach Shawn Walsh on the bench during the Frozen Four in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday, during Maine's win over New Hampshire.

ly gets along and supports each other."
When Lucia took over, that wasn't the case.
"I felt a lot of the guys were most concerned about themselves," he said. "Nobody cares who's getting the glory now."

recruited by some smaller West Coast schools... Women's team: Sophomore Belinda Strubbs has visited the University of Oregon and Montana State University and Melanie Cran visited the University of San Francisco.

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SPORTS

Corretja rallies to beat Sampras, help Spain tie series at 1-1

HOUSTON (AP) — The United States playing Spain on grass in the Davis Cup quarterfinals. Spain's Alex Corretja spoiled it. Corretja, with a losing record on grass, rallied to beat Pete Sampras 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 on Friday to give Spain a 1-1 tie with the United States.

"It's nice to win a tournament but to beat Sampras on grass when you lose the first two sets in pretty special," Corretja said. "As a professional tennis player, it's pretty special. I started to feel good at the beginning of the third set."

Andy Roddick gave the United States the lead by beating Tommy Robredo 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (7) in the opening match at Westside Tennis Club. If Sampras had held on the win, the Americans could have clinched the best-of-five match in today's doubles match. "It would have given us a 2-0 lead and put them against the wall," Sampras said. "We've given them confidence. We're still going sharp and there's no reason to panic. I just felt I let the team down. We could have put the pressure on them."

Corretja started to come alive in the third set while Sampras, who has won seven Wimbledon titles on grass, showed signs of wear. Corretja hit a passing shot for a winner in the third game and raised a fist into the air. He held serve in that game and eventually forced a tiebreaker in the set. Corretja won the first six points in the tiebreaker as Sampras started missing his serve and the passing shots that he hit so crisply earlier in the match. In the fifth set, Sampras double faulted a break point, giving Corretja a 3-2 lead.

"When I got ahead 6-0 in the tiebreaker, I felt I had a chance to win the match," Corretja said. "I think he was starting to slow down his second serve and I thought I could have a nice time to return."

Corretja ended the match with an ace. In the doubles match today, Americans James Blake and Todd Martin will face Corretja and Juan Balcells. The match will end with two more singles matches Sunday. Roddick lost only two points on his serve in the first set and finished the match with an 11-4 edge in aces. The American ended it on his own match point, ripping a 100-mile-per-hour shot winner off Robredo's volleys. "I served well," Roddick said. "I controlled the match by my serve. He had one break point and I came up with a big serve there. That put a lot of pressure on him."

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

YANKEES 4, DEVIL RAYS 0

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PHILLIES 6, MARINERS 2

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BREWERS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 2

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Auto racing: NASCAR BGN 8:30, FOX, noon. PGA BellSouth Classic, Third Round: NBC, noon. LPGA The Claret Dept: Championship, Second Round: ESPN2, 3 p.m.

Baseball

- MLB, Mets at Braves: TBS, 5 p.m. MLB, Athletics at Mariners: FSPT, 7 p.m. Basketball: 2002 Phoenix WBCA High School All-American Game: ESPN2, 11 a.m.

TENNIS

- Davis Cup: American vs Spain. ATP World Tour: ATP 1000 Series. ATP 1000 Series: ATP 1000 Series.

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ANGELS 3, RANGERS 1

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Drag racing

- Summitracing.com NHRA Nationals Qualifying: ESPN2, 6 p.m. Fishing: Bassmaster Western Open: ESPN2, 10:30 a.m.

Horse racing

- 2002 Phoenix WBCA High School All-American Game: ESPN2, 11 a.m. NBA, Dallas at San Antonio: NBC, 3:30 p.m.

AUTO RACING

- NASCAR South Classic, Third Round: NBC, noon. LPGA The Claret Dept: Championship, Second Round: ESPN2, 3 p.m.

SOFTBALL

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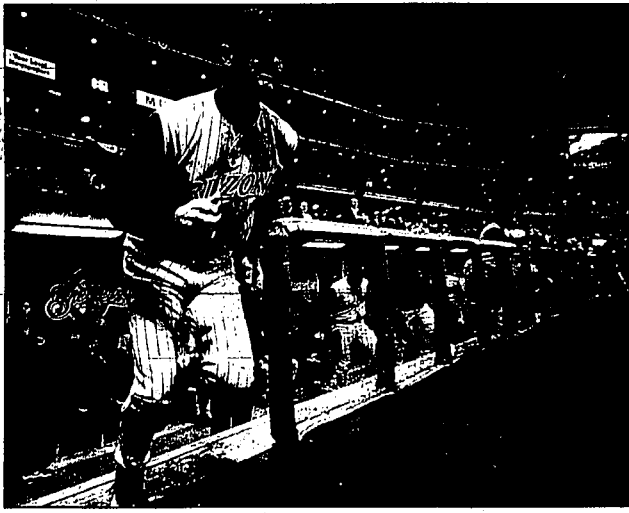
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SPORTS

Yount feels funny in new uniform

Former Brewer star coaches for Diamondbacks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bob Yount was a Friday hero at Milwaukee on Friday... uniform that didn't seem to fit him... Yount probably is a bigger hero than Hank Aaron...



Former Milwaukee Brewer Hall of Famer and current Arizona Diamondbacks first base coach runs onto the field as he is introduced before the Brewers' home opener Friday in Milwaukee.

Yount said coaching is more challenging than he had figured... "As a player I think you take the coaches for granted and you're just concerned about what your duties are..."

few years down the road... "At this point, I'm concerned with what I'm doing here now... We're three games into a 162-game season..."

Devil Rays run out of luck in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte put Tampa Bay in his place, pitching six scoreless innings and leading New York to a 4-0 victory Friday in the Yankees' 100th home opener.

American League

season in the seventh off former Angel Ismael Valdes (0-1), the third pitcher this week to make his first start for Texas.

and, which cleared the bases in a five-run inning that put the Indians ahead 6-0.

Red Sox 3, Orioles 0

BALTIMORE — Derek Lowe fell six outs short of a no-hitter, leaving after Tony Batista beat out a roller down the third-base line in Boston's victory over Baltimore.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO — David Ortiz and Taini Hunter hit consecutive homers in the first inning, and Rick Reed combined with three relievers on a four-hit lead to lead Minnesota.

There was plenty of pomp and pageantry as Bill Rizer and Rudy Giuliani raised the AL championship banner.

Indians 10, Tigers 1

DETROIT — Matt Lawton homered on the first pitch of the game and Danys Baez pitched effectively despite walking six in his first career start as Cleveland beat winner Detroit.

Royals 5, White Sox 2

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Scott Schoeneweis allowed five hits in 8-13 innings and Troy Glaus hit a two-run homer to lead Anaheim over Texas.

Giants 3, Padres 1

SAN FRANCISCO — After receiving the National League MVP award, Barry Bonds why he could win another one.

Former CSI player Duckworth strikes out 10 as Phillies won Florida

Bonds blasts 10th-inning homer to lift Giants over San Diego

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bobby Abreu went 4-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs, and Brandon Duckworth had a career-high 10 strikeouts to lead Philadelphia over Florida, 6-5, in its home opener.

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SAN FRANCISCO — After receiving the National League MVP award, Barry Bonds why he could win another one.



Former CSI player Brandon Duckworth pitches in the first inning against Florida Friday in Philadelphia. Duckworth fanned 10 as the Phillies won, 6-2.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1

CHICAGO — Dave Williams gave up a controversial homer to Sammy Sosa, but that's about all Chicago could muster off the Pittsburgh left-hander in its home opener.

Expos 8, Reds 7

CINCINNATI — Masato Yoshii (1-0) allowed one run and seven hits in six innings as Montreal built an 8-0 lead and hung on.

Metas 9, Braves 3

ATLANTA — Jeremy Burnitz hit a three-run homer and four runs, and Pedro Astacio (1-0) won in his Mets' debut, allowing three runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. He

Major League Baseball

Table showing Major League Baseball standings for the American League East and Central Divisions. Columns include team names, wins, losses, percentage, games behind, and various statistics.

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Bonds receives MVP trophy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, always enthusiastic about baseball and its players, has never seen anyone like Barry Bonds.

Making a case for MVP

Orlando's McGrady is complete package

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Despite 19 years of NBA experience as a player, TV analyst and coach, Doc Rivers was drawing a blank. The question posed to Rivers was simple: To whom in the NBA's past would he compare Tracy McGrady, Orlando's superstar guard?

"Rivers was stumped, and as a kno of reporters and front-office staffers tossed out suggestions, he shot them down one after another.

Oscar Robertson? Couldn't jump like T-Mac can. Bernard King? Never passed. Sidney Moncrief? Close, but ...

"You can't really compare (McGrady) to anybody," Rivers finally said. "I guess that's the mark of a great player."

Through Wednesday, McGrady was averaging 25.5 points, 7.7 rebounds and 5.3 assists. Only Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers currently joins McGrady as members of the 25-5 club.

"And now McGrady's complete game applies to the two schools of thought about choosing the NBA's Most Valuable Player. If the MVP is the man who has meant the most to his team, the 22-year-old McGrady might walk away with the award. But if voters believe the MVP should be the best player in the league, McGrady can make a case for that.

When asked about his chances of winning the award, McGrady at first shies away from self-promotion. However, McGrady eventually begins explaining why nobody in the league means more to their team — his definition of an MVP.

"The guys seem to play well when I'm out on the court," McGrady said. "All their numbers are up because that's what I do — I make them better. And they make me better, as well."

What sets McGrady apart from most of the other MVP candidates is that he's performing at an elite level without much help from his teammates.

Bryant has Shaquille O'Neal in Los Angeles — and vice versa. In New Jersey, Jason Kidd has a solid supporting cast in Kerry Kittles, Keith Van Horn and Kenyon Martin. Only San Antonio's Tim Duncan can join McGrady in honestly claiming they're carrying their teams.

"If Shaq went out for 10 games, the Lakers might win six," Rivers said. "If Tracy went out for 10 games ..."

He paused, pondering, before being told that McGrady has missed five games this season — and the Magic have lost four.

"So, we'd win two," Rivers continued. "And that means he's very valuable to our team."

A discussion of that matter prompted Rivers to come up with another comparison to McGrady — Portland's Scottie Pippen. But Rivers quickly noted that Pippen only excelled when paired with Michael Jordan in Chicago. Quipped Rivers: "Pippen was Robin, but T-Mac is Batman."



Orlando's Tracy McGrady shoots over Charlotte's P.J. Brown March 27 in Charlotte, N.C.

Kings win seventh straight against Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Chris Webber scored 28 points and Peja Stojakovic had 23 in his return from an eight-game absence as the Sacramento Kings beat the Utah Jazz 117-109 on Friday night.

The Kings won their seventh straight and capped a 6-0 road trip, extending their lead over the Los Angeles Lakers to 3.5 games in the Pacific Division.

The Jazz made a spirited run, especially without perennial All-Star Karl Malone, who stayed in the training room with a swollen right knee. It was only the fifth game he missed due to injury in his 17-year career.

Donyell Marshall started in place of Malone and scored a season-high 32 points to go with 13 rebounds, but the Jazz came up short after putting a serious scare into the Kings, who swept the season series.

Mike Bibby scored 16 for Sacramento, which led from the start. Paul Price scored 33 points and Tony Battier grabbed 15 rebounds in the Celtics' 99-81 win over the Lakers on Friday night.

Kobe Bryant shot only 5-of-25 but still led the Lakers with 26 points. He was the star of the second half as the Lakers scored fewer points than in their previous season low, a 95-83 loss to Phoenix on Nov. 16.

The win gave the Celtics a sweep of the season series for the first time in 10 years and dealt a blow to the Lakers' hopes of overtaking Sacramento for the NBA's best record.

Pacers 97, Suns 87
INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored 32 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Brad Miller had 25 points.

The Pacers desperately needed the victory after dropping five of their last six to fall into a tie with Toronto for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East.

The Raptors are 2-0 this season against Indiana with head-to-head games remaining on Sunday and Wednesday. The Raptors played Chicago on Friday.

The Pacers, who blew an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter against Boston on Tuesday, nearly squandered a 22-point lead late in the third.

Pistons 92, 76ers 88
PHILADELPHIA — Jerry Stackhouse had 34 points, including two crucial free throws with 13 seconds left, as the Detroit Pistons won on the road for the 16th time in 19 games.

Stackhouse was 15-of-16 from the foul line, making his first 13.

Jon Barry scored 17 points, Chucky Atkins had 15 and Ben Wallace, the NBA's leading rebounder, grabbed 10 boards despite spraining his right ankle in the first quarter. The Pistons remained three games behind New Jersey in the race for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Matt Harpring had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Eric Snow had 16 points, Derrick Coleman and Aaron McKie each scored 15 and Dikembe Mutombo grabbed 14 rebounds for the Sixers, who have lost three of four.

Nets 110, Magic 85
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn rebounded from a poor game to score 20 points and grab 15 rebounds.

Jason Kidd had 14 points and 10 assists as the Nets extended their franchise-record home winning streak to 15 games. Only Sacramento (32-4) has a better home mark than the Nets (32-6).

New Jersey tied the franchise's NBA record for victories in a season with 49, matching the mark set in 1982-83.

Kidd spearheaded a spectacular 18-2 second-quarter run that put the game out of reach, scoring five points and making four dazzling passes that led to easy baskets.

Hornets 97, Wizards 91
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jamal Mashburn scored 27 points and Elden Campbell added 21.

Washington, which has lost both of its games since Michael Jordan went on the injured list Wednesday, fell to 8-21 since the All-Star break.

The Hornets moved into sole possession of fifth place in the Eastern Conference standings as both Milwaukee and Philadelphia lost. Charlotte also pulled within one game of fourth-place Orlando.

Charlotte was in control from the start and led by 17 midway through the fourth quarter. A late charge by the Wizards pulled them to 89-80, but Mashburn hit a jumper and P.J. Brown dunked in a miss to keep the lead in double digits.

Heat 102, Bucks 97
MIAMI — Eddie House scored 22 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, as the Miami Heat snapped out of its recent skid.

The Heat snapped a three-game losing streak and won for only the second time in nine games. Milwaukee lost its eighth straight road game and for the 11th time in 15 games overall.

The Bucks, now seventh in the Eastern Conference standings, haven't won on the road since beating Cleveland on March 3.

Alonzo Mourning added 18 points and 10 rebounds and Eddie Jones scored 17 points for Miami, which improved to 9-0 when scoring 100 or more points.

Grizzlies 99, Rockets 81
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rookie Pau Gasol scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

Gasol's points, which came on 12-of-22 shooting, eclipsed his previous high of 31 at Phoenix on



Sacramento forward Chris Webber scores over Utah's Bryon Russell Friday in Salt Lake City. Webber scored 28 points in the Kings' 117-109 win.

Jan. 10. Gasol's scoring gave the Grizzlies a decided advantage inside as they outscored Houston 50-34 in the paint.

The loss was the ninth in 11 games for the Rockets, who never led.

Jason Williams added 23 points and 16 assists, while Shane Battier finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Raptors 98, Bulls 96
CHICAGO — Antonio Davis scored 27 points and Alvin Williams added 18 as the Toronto Raptors gained their seventh straight win, tying a franchise record.

Reserve Keon Clark had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who remained tied with the Indiana Pacers for the last playoff spot in the East.

Toronto led 97-96 with 3.2 seconds left when a jump ball was called near the Raptors basket. The Bulls' Tyson Chandler couldn't control the ball before it went out of bounds with 15 seconds to go.

Davis was fouled, and made the second of two free throws for a two-point lead. After a timeout, Travis Best missed an open 3 as the buzzer sounded.



Dallas Stars right wing Jere Lehtinen moves the puck against Colorado Friday in Dallas. Lehtinen scored twice as the Stars beat the Avalanche, 3-1.

Lehtinen returns to lineup as Stars dump Avalanche

DALLAS (AP) — Jere Lehtinen, back in the lineup after missing eight games with an ankle problem, scored twice and NHL 200th goal of his career as the Dallas Stars beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 Friday night.

Lehtinen is still in pain but returned because Dallas is in desperation mode. The Stars are on the verge of missing the playoffs after five straight division titles. They went 3-4-1 without Lehtinen, scoring just 17 goals.

Ed Belfour came within 537 of a shutout, allowing only a between-the-legs goal to Alex Tanguay. He made 21 saves.

Sabres 3, Panthers 1
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Taylor Pyatt had a goal and assist, keeping the surging Sabres in the playoff hunt with a win over Florida.

Jason Woolley and Chris Gratton also scored for Buffalo, on a 3-0-1 roll.

With four games left in their season, the Sabres jumped into 10th place — a point ahead of the New York Rangers — and crept within four points of eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Florida's Kristian Huselius scored a power-play goal with 1:27 left.

Senators 0, Capitals 0
WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals, chasing Montreal and Carolina for a playoff berth, played the first home scoreless tie in the team's 28-year history Friday night. Olaf Kolzig and Patrick Lalime got matching shutouts in the draw with Ottawa.

The tie left Washington one point behind eighth-place Montreal, and the Canadiens.

have one extra game to play. The Capitals also moved within three points of the Southeast Division-leading Hurricanes, but Carolina also has a game in hand.

Ottawa moved into fourth place in the East, one point ahead of Toronto.

Devils 3, Thrashers 1
ATLANTA — Sergei Brylin scored his third goal in three games, and Joe Niemi added his second goal as a Devil to lift New Jersey past Atlanta.

The Devils moved nine games over .500 for the first time this season and have 86 points, two less than the sixth-place New York Islanders in the Eastern Conference.

John Madden added an empty-netter for New Jersey with 47 seconds remaining.

Yuri Batusayev scored for Atlanta.

Blues 5, Blackhawks 1
ST. LOUIS — Keith Tkachuk had two goals and an assist and played a pivotal role in a dominating three-goal first period as St. Louis beat Chicago.

Pavel Demitra scored twice for the Blues, who outshot the Blackhawks 20-5 in the first 20 minutes. St. Louis has 90 points and vaulted from seventh to fifth in the Western Conference, one point ahead of the Kings and the Coyotes and only one behind Chicago. The Blues have five games to go, all but one at home, where they're 24-11-1.

Steve Thomas scored his ninth goal for the Blackhawks, who have lost two straight after a four-game winning streak.

Mike Eastwood also scored for St. Louis.

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The Masters Remembering a historic win

Duval could only watch as Woods capped amazing run in majors

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The last person David Duval wanted to see when he walked off the 18th green last year at Augusta National Golf Club was someone in a green jacket.
After missing birdie putts of 12 and 5 feet on the last two holes of the Masters, Duval remained one stroke behind Tiger Woods and in the worst place possible - out of holes, needing Woods to make a mistake.

The Augusta National member - Duval doesn't remember his name - invited him to Jones Cabin, where potential winners wait until the Masters is over. That's where Duval was in 1998 until Mark O'Meara birdied the last two holes to beat him by one shot.
Why should he go now?
"There might be a playoff," the member told him.
Duval knew better. He gazed toward the 17th green, where Woods continued his methodical march into history, then turned back to the man in the green jacket.
"There's no going to be a playoff," Duval told him, and he quietly walked away.

Birdie for history

The coronation was complete when Woods made a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a two-stroke victory and golf's greatest feat - the trophies from all four professional majors in his possession.

It was exhausting, exhilarating and simply unbelievable.
The U.S. Open by a record 15 strokes. The British Open with a record score at St. Andrews. The PGA Championship in a gut-wrenching playoff.

The Masters might have been the toughest of the four. It followed seven months of scrutiny and was capped off with a final round in which Woods, Duval and Phil Mickelson, the top three players in the world, finished 1-2-3.

At least a share of the lead on Sunday.
"That week was very tough on my body and my mind," Woods said. "I was pretty excited that I won, but I didn't realize until another week or two after the tournament how much it had taken out of me."

Setting the stage

The stage was set late



AP Photo

Tiger Woods, right, receives his Masters green jacket from previous champion Vijay Singh of Fiji, after winning the 2001 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., in this April 2001 photo.

Saturday afternoon when Woods had three straight birdies starting on No. 13 and finished at 13-under par. Mickelson finished with two straight birdies to get into the final pairing, one stroke behind.

"Phil obviously was excited to make that putt on 18 because it assured of him of playing in the final group," Woods said. "I was excited, too, because he was right there was a chance to win his first major. And I was trying to win my fourth in a row."

Duval, even though he was four strokes behind Woods, figured his chances of a green jacket were just as good.
"I thought I was going to be tough to beat," Duval said.

Shifting tides

The shifts in momentum were as wild as ever on the back nine at Augusta.

Duval's seventh birdie of the round at No. 10 for a share of the lead at 14-under. Woods hitting 8-iron into 10 inches on No. 11 to regain the lead. Mickelson hitting

into the trees at No. 11 for bogey. Woods taking bogey from the bunker behind the 12th green.

The turning point for Woods came on the tee box at the par-5 13th.

He could see Duval on the 13th green and figured he would make birdie for a share of the lead. Mickelson, trailing by two, teed off first and belted a power fade around the dogleg that left him in perfect shape to reach the green in two.

Woods followed with a 3-wood that was close to perfect, drawing the ball around the corner and winding up just past Mickelson's drive. Never mind that they each made birdie, or that Duval three-putted for par.

Woods knew at that moment he could trust his swing over the final five holes.
"Being that committed to hit a shot I had been practicing felt so good," he said. "That swing gave me such an added boost of confidence, to know I had it if I had to bring it out."
Even after he missed a 2-foot

birdie putt on No. 15 after reaching the par 5 in two shots with a 7-iron. Woods wasn't rattled.

"I kept reminding myself on the way to the next tee that I still had the lead," Woods said. "And that if I made pars the rest of the way in, they had to come and get me."

Dream come true

When his final putt fell, Woods covered his face with his cap and cried, a rare moment when he was not in control.
"I had a chance to do something that no one has ever done before in our sport," Woods said. "And I was somehow able to pull it off."

Did the spirit of Augusta conspire to give Woods such a historic victory, the way it seemingly carried Ben Crenshaw to an emotional win in 1995, the way it continues to haunt Greg Norman?

Was fate a factor?
"No. I don't believe in fate," Duval said. "It's hard work and being prepared."



Bobby Jones practices for the Masters in Augusta, Ga., in this 1938 file photo. Jones would have celebrated his 100th birthday this year, and many aspects of Augusta National Golf Club are the same as they were when he walked the grounds.

The indelible Bobby Jones

At centennial of his birth, golfer still looms over Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The land that Bobby Jones first fell in love with from the balcony of what would become the Augusta National clubhouse still looks much the same, though it's no longer possible to see down into Amen Corner.

Magnolia Lane is now paved, but the drive beneath the trees is as magnificent as ever.
Up the cramped stairway of the clubhouse, the members' dining room still serves sweet ice tea and peach cobbler in the cooling shade of the majestic oak tree outside.

On the course, the holes are longer, the bunkers are bigger and the greens are faster than Jones would have ever imagined.

The traditions that Jones established, though, still endure on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

On Tuesday night, champions young and old will gather once again at Augusta National Golf Club to swap Masters tales at their annual dinner. The next night, the amateur dinner that Jones loved will celebrate a part of the game so often ignored.

Indeed, there's a lot Jones would like about this week's Masters, which still stubbornly resists most change even as it accommodates golf's new world.

Augusta National has been tweaked - too much, some grumble - to meet the challenge of stronger players and better equipment. Yet players still risk disaster with second shots to the par-5 13th and 15th holes and walk away muttering about the undulations of the greens that seem to change from year to year.

As they have through the years, spectators eat pimento cheese sandwiches in green wrappers, and leave folding chairs around the 18th green with no

fear they will be gone when they get back. The anxious are almost always in full bloom, and the glistening white bunkers offer a startling contrast to the deep green grass.

Perhaps most importantly, the tournament is still revered by the very sort of competitors Jones wanted when he and 52 others teed off in the inaugural Masters in 1934.

"I think he'd be a proud papa," said Sidney L. Marlow, an Atlanta attorney and noted Jones historian. "He would think that this is a wonderful legacy that provides so much enjoyment to so many people."

Jones, who died in 1971 at the age of 63, saw the Masters as a place his contemporaries could compete at the highest level, yet still be free of some of the crassness that marred tournament golf of the time. It was also a way to sell desperately needed memberships to the club he and Clifford Roberts established in 1932.

Roberts wanted to call the event the Masters from the start. But for the first five years, it was called the Augusta National Invitation Tournament because Jones thought the other name might be presumptuous.

"It was really known as Bob's invitational golf tournament," Matthew said. "People wanted to hang around with him. They wanted to know what made him tick and have the Jones persona rub off on them. They wanted to be like Jones. That's part of the magic he created."

That magic was enough to carry the Masters through its early lean years, while its reputation was built slowly with moments such as the double eagle Gene Sarazen made on the 15th hole on his way to winning in 1935.

Today, its stewards carefully plot changes only after debating what Jones, the only president Augusta National ever had, would do.

"I think he'd be proud of it. I really do," said Hootie Johnson, Augusta National's chairman.

Golden Bear will miss Masters

By Jeff Shan Knight Ridder News Service

For just the second time in 44 years, Jack Nicklaus won't be chasing birdies at Amen Corner.

The six-time Masters champion decided Tuesday to withdraw from next week's edition, the latest setback from lingering back problems that have kept him out of competition since last summer.
"Needless to say, I have a special place in my heart for Augusta National and the Masters, and I will miss not playing there this year," said Nicklaus, who also withdrew from this week's Legends of Golf senior event.

"I still plan to travel to Augusta next Tuesday and attend the champion's dinner, and I am certainly hopeful that I may have the chance to play the Masters in future years."

Nicklaus, 62, has sat out just one other Masters since his 1959 debut, coming after hip-replacement surgery three years ago.

"We are disappointed," Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson said. "Jack has made numerous contributions to this tournament, and we hope physically he is able to play golf again soon."

Nicklaus, who has two herniated disks, has played just one competitive round since last July, coming at January's Senior Skins Game.

Invited to join Augusta National last year, he played in a members' tournament in November and said he could only drive the ball about 210 yards. As a point of reference, he noted he couldn't reach the fairway bunker at No. 1 - from the members' tees.

"I will continue to focus on my strengthening and conditioning programs, with the hope that I will continue to see improvement," Nicklaus said. "My back



AP Photo

Jack Nicklaus watches his birdie putt fall on No. 17 at Augusta National in this April 13, 1986 file photo. Nicklaus, a six-time champion, will miss the Masters this year for just the second time in 44 years.

is, better, and hopefully it will come around to the point where it will allow me to play golf in the not-so-distant future."

The next benchmark on Nicklaus' schedule would be The Tradition, the Senior PGA Tour's first major, scheduled for April 25-28 outside Phoenix.

In addition to his six Masters titles, his last one at age 46 in 1986, Nicklaus holds 65 other Masters records. His 1965 scoring record of 17-under-par 271, later matched by Raymond Floyd, stood for 32 years until broken by Tiger Woods.

When Nicklaus missed the cut last year, it marked only the fifth time he did not play the weekend of the year's first major. He was posting top-10 finishes as recently as 1998, when a Sunday 68 left him four shots behind winner Mark O'Meara.

Changes to Augusta National Golf Club

- No. 10: Tees moved back 5-10 yards and 5 yards to golfer's left.
- No. 11: Tees moved back 30-35 yards and 5 yards to golfer's right. Portion of fairway landing area regraded.
- No. 13: Tees moved back 20-25 yards.
- No. 14: Tees moved back 30-35 yards.
- No. 15: Tees moved back 55-60 yards and 5 yards to golfer's right. Bunker complex enlarged by approximately 10 percent, requiring carry of about 320 yards. Trees added left of fairway bunkers. Green regraded and expanded to recover lost edges. Possible new pin position in right rear of green.
- No. 8: Tees moved back 15-20 yards and shifted to golfer's right 10 yards. Fairway bunker reshaped and doubled in size, creating carry of about 305 yards.
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SPORTS



Robby Gordon comes to a grinding stop after hitting the wall in Turn 3 during qualifying for the Samsung/RadioShack 500 race Friday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. Gordon was uninjured and qualified 24th for Sunday's race.

Elliott speeds to top spot

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - Veteran Bill Elliott spoiled the party Friday for young Elliott Sadler, taking the pole late in qualifying for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Samsung/RadioShack 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Elliott, 47, smashed the track qualifying record. Elliott, by Texas' Terry Labonte, the 42nd of 44 drivers to qualify, averaged a sizzling 194.224 m.p.h. in his Evernham Motorsports Dodge.

"I'm thrilled to death," Elliott said. "A lot of things happened in a hurry today. I got through Turns 1 and 2 well. I was worried going out that we'd have problems there. But the car was good."

Elliott, who won his 53rd Cup pole, had high praise for his crew. "The guys really worked hard over the winter," he said. "Evernham Motorsports is a really impressive operation. I

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- Bill Elliott

just go out and hold my breath. They do the rest."

The pole was Elliott's second of the season - he also led qualifying at Atlanta - though he hasn't started better than 10th in the other four races. He's 13th in points through six races.

"Track position anywhere we go is so important," Elliott said. "Who knows what's going to happen here Sunday. It's a 500-mile race. We've got to get tuned in

meanwhile and figure out what we need. That's our next goal."

Sadler, who was bitterly disappointed after holding the top spot for more than an hour, qualified his Motorcraft Ford second at 193.071 m.p.h. Ricky Rudd was third in the Havoline Ford at 193.016.

Robby Gordon and Frank Kimmel crashed during qualifying and destroyed their cars. They were taken to the infield medical center, checked and released.

Gordon, driving the No. 31 Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing, hit the wall in Turn 4. He will start the race in his backup car at the 24th position.

"I don't have a smile on my face," Gordon said. "We went for it, and it just didn't stick."

Kimmel hit the wall in Turn 1 in his Advanced Auto Parts Ford. He will start 32nd.

"I guess I just got a little high, I don't know," Kimmel said. "Maybe I jerked the wheel a little too hard."

IOC gives encouraging report on Athens

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - The IOC gave its most encouraging update on the 2004 Olympics since mismanagement and missed deadlines put the Athens Games in jeopardy two years ago. "The situation has changed tremendously," IOC executive Denis Oswald said Friday at the end of a three-day inspection.

Oswald, the chief overseer of the Athens Games, was pleased with work in two key areas - construction projects and hotel space. But he warned against complacency.

"I think everything is still feasible," he said. "We just have a tight schedule and have to follow very closely the progress of the work," Oswald said.

He said with the Salt Lake City Winter Games over, the IOC's attention was on 2004.

"Now it's time for Athens to shine in the sun," he said. Oswald praised Premier Costas

Simitis for taking control and pressuring often disgruntled government officials to slash through bureaucracy.

"The progress in construction is both obvious and encouraging, as is the new level of collaboration achieved among the organizers," Oswald said.

Many delays stem from legal opposition to Olympic construction. Residents of two suburbs Friday asked Greece's top administrative court to stop key highway expansions linked to the Olympics.

Athens organizers said they booked more hotel rooms for sports federations officials and sponsors. The shortage of hotel rooms has been a concern for the IOC.

During Oswald's last visit in January, there was a shortage of 2,800 rooms, but now half those rooms have been booked.

The latest inspection was so

positive that even Alex Gilady, an IOC critic of Athens' efforts, softened his views.

"We can say that we start to see light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

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MONEY

Spring jobs keep Idaho's jobless rate unchanged

BOISE (AP) — The arrival of spring jobs in the construction, building materials and garden supply industries helped keep Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate unchanged in March.

The Labor Department on Friday estimated the March jobless rate at 5.6 percent, the same as in February and a tenth of a point below the national figure. The number of people without jobs declined by 400, to 38,700 — the second straight monthly reduction — and the

number of people employed increased by 200, to 654,900.

"Even through the tough times, the labor force has increased," department analysts said.

They said job losses in the lumber and wood products sectors were more than offset by seasonal employment in tourism, business and health services. Idaho's performance was better than the nation as a whole. The unemployment rate nudged up 0.2 percentage

points to 5.7 percent in March, even though employers added 58,000 new positions to payrolls.

National job growth last month marked the first gain in seven months and followed a revised February loss of 2,000 payroll jobs. The Labor Department said more than 21,000 unemployed workers received benefits in Idaho this week, 42 percent more than a year ago. Payments from the state's Unemployment

Insurance Trust continued to run at record levels. This week was only the third this year that weekly payments totaled less than \$5 billion. But at nearly \$4.8 billion, they were still 51 percent higher than a year ago.

Twenty-one counties still reported jobless rates of more than 6 percent, the same as in February but down from 22 in January. And only six counties, down from eight in February and a dozen in January, saw the number of jobs decline

from a year earlier. Nez Perce and Idaho counties lost 535 jobs combined. Almost 4,400 of the more than 12,100 jobs created over the previous year were in the Boise-Nampa and Coeur d'Alene areas. Another 900 were in Twin Falls.

In January, department analysts cited the economic slowdown in forecasting an average unemployment rate for this year and next at 5.1 percent, two tenths of a point higher than last year.

Energy company plans to drill in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An energy company is set to drill the first of three previously approved oil and gas wells in the Big Flat area northwest of Moab.

The Bureau of Land Management's Moab field office in June 1998 gave Avia Energy Corp. approval to drill. "At that time, two wells owned by Riata Energy Inc. were drilled but did not prove to be economically viable."

"The Avia exploratory wells were approved by the BLM four

years ago, but due to a variety of circumstances the company was unable to begin work on the project until now," said BLM's Moab office manager Maggie Wyatt.

Company officials say the drilling needs to be done in order to begin a long-anticipated exploration program. "We do not have a handle on what the fracture fractures are and the fracture densities," said John Norman, senior geologist and project manager for Avia Energy.

Dell

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about five years from about \$32 billion today.

"There are some small areas where we might acquire some specialized capabilities," he said. "You may be underwhelmed by what we do."

"I'm pretty sure how quickly Dell might double sales, but they aren't prepared to doubt the company, either."

"If you had asked me to guess how percentage of the market Wal-Mart would get 10 years ago, I'd have said 10 percent."

"I think Dell is a different kind of company" than other hardware companies.

Dell is in a business in which prices historically have dropped more difficult. Dell shipped about 15 percent more units last year than in 2000, but revenue remained flat.

"The way the company is betting it will enjoy a surge in sales and profits when technology spending recovers because of the market share it has gained in the past year, which created a larger potential pool of customers to drive revenue and earnings."

"We won't see the same kind of dropoff in pricing, about 20 percent, that we saw last year," said Jim Schneider, Dell's chief financial officer. "That was an aberration."

Dell also plans to increase sales of servers, storage and networking equipment. Only about 10 percent of Dell's sales are those products, a figure that has remained flat for a couple of years. In 1999 Dell's goal for those products was 30 percent, said Brooks Gray, a Technology Business Research analyst.

After more than a year of upheaval in the PC industry, Dell remains the Wall Street favorite.

Hewlett-Packard and Compaq

Computer Corp. are entangled in trying to complete their merger and Gateway Inc. has crumbled, losing sales, profits and stock price.

David Bailey, an analyst with Gerard Klauer Mottis, said, "You can't know (Dell), the USB doing better than everybody else right now."

Added Young: "The rest the neighborhood is on fire, and (Dell) just put a new punt job on." But he still has questions about the stock price, which he thinks is high based on Dell's profit potential.

The stock trades at about 30 times Dell's expected earnings per share for the year. That's about the same ratio as in 1997, when Dell's revenue was doubling and profits were climbing 70 percent. This year, Dell is expected to complete their merger, up from 65 cents last year but about the same as in 2000.

"I believe the company when it said it has the best competitive advantage in the history of personal computers," said the USB Warburg analyst, said. "But I don't think its profits are as good as they've been before."

"That's what I can't get comfortable with."

Jobs

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Labor Department's data. And construction already has resumed, with a healthy pace of new building permits providing a robust source for the sector.

In Twin Falls, as in Gooding and Jerome counties, "this was an expected upward uptick in the unemployment rate," Rogers said. "I think it'll stabilize to a lower rate next month and stay that way."

The retail and construction factors were most to blame for the March increases in the Gooding and Jerome rates, he said.

Blaine County's jobless rate three-thirds of a percent as the skiing season wound down and weather delayed construction, but the rate still remained below 4 percent. Loss of skier traffic on Idaho Highway 75 cost Lincoln County some convenience-store and retail jobs.

Rogers has no indications of major layoffs pending in the area where in the valley except Minnicassa. There, March's round of data showed the full effect of recent layoffs at Magic Valley Foods in Rupert and the Rolland Jones

Wyatt said that while the BLM approved the drilling in 1998, given the controversial issue of oil and gas drilling in certain areas, they re-evaluated environmental studies to make sure it was still valid.

"Although these exploratory wells won't be seen from the national press, we want to continue to work with the Park Service because state Highway 313 is the access to the Island in the Sky District of Canyonlands National Park," Wyatt said.

Potatoes plant in Rupert. Minnicassa will receive another hit when the Burley Kmart store, which employs about 75 people, closes.

And Rogers expects to see a maintenance layout for one Minnicassa potato processor in April and a layoff to accommodate expansion at another.

"It could get worse before it gets better," he said.

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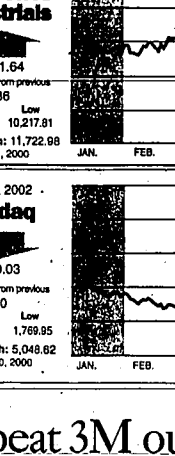
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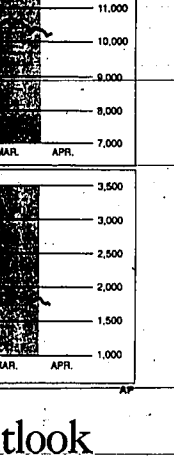
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AT&T decides against appealing Coeur d'Alene lottery ruling

BOISE - AT&T will not appeal a federal appellate court ruling in favor of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's National Indian Lottery.

"We feel satisfied with the court's ruling," said AT&T spokeswoman Kieren Porter in Portland, Ore. "I think we're happy to just let it stop right here."

The company's decision ends a lawsuit that dragged on for seven years and drew objections from 37 states. However, separate litigation against the lottery is still pending in Washington, D.C.

A number of states contend that if the tribe conducts a phone-in lottery on its Idaho reservation but receives calls from players in their states, gambling will be taking place in their states. The tribe sees it differently, arguing that the gambling will take place only on its reservation.

"Clearly we don't have a definitive answer yet," said Alice Koskela, attorney and spokeswoman for the tribe. "And the tribal council is not going to make any decision based on uncertainty."

Idaho AG's office agrees with victim compensation ruling

BOISE - Attorney General Al Lance's office said the Idaho Industrial Commission was correct in denying victim compensation benefits to Linda LeBrane.

The Port Townsend, Wash., woman this week received a copy of a legal opinion concluding that she did not meet requirements for compensation benefits because she was being attacked and left for dead on a remote Canyon County road. LeBrane, 53, was forced off Interstate 84 near Caldwell on June 15, 2000, by three men and a woman. They robbed her, struck her with a baseball bat and slashed her throat. They also set her car on fire.

She appeared before the Industrial Commission last month in hopes that it would make its initial decision not to pay for her psychiatric care and loss of wages since the vicious attack.

The commission has yet to render its final decision. "I just don't understand at all," she said. "All I've received from them is \$1,700."

Bonner County Task Force gets honor at banquet

COEUR D'ALENE - There were no angry Aryans in the parking lot, waving handmade signs in protest, and no \$6.3 million designed to calm hate. The key battles in a decades-long ideological war against hatred seem to have been won.

At this year's annual Human Rights Banquet, it was clear that the Aryan Nations are all but extinct in northern Idaho. But the struggle for human rights continues.

"As long as there are Aryans anywhere, we right here in Coeur d'Alene have a problem," Mayor Scott Rasmussen said in his 450-word Thursday night speech. "America has a problem. The seeds of hatred are easily sown in the fertile minds of the young and disenchanted."

The 2001 civil rights award went to the Bonner County Task Force on Human Rights for opposing white separatists Vincent Bertolini and Carl Story, who have left the area.

Ruling: Feds can seize assets without state permission

SALT LAKE CITY - The federal government can seize criminal suspects' assets from the state even without state permission, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Dee Benson ruled Thursday that police can turn over property to the federal government at the direction of a federal judge without an order from a state judge.

Benson's ruling strikes down a section of a voter initiative which passed by a large margin in November 2000. Initiative B required local police agencies to seek an order from a state judge before it relinquished seized property.

For example, if a Utah Highway Patrol trooper stopped a motorist and found \$300,000 worth of drugs in the vehicle, the trooper would seize the property. The case would be prosecuted by U.S. Attorney's office, a federal agency, and U.S. marshals would then seize the drugs from the state.

But under Initiative B, the state could not simply hand over the property, as it had traditionally done.

Yellowstone Park concessionaire changes name

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. - Amfac Parks & Resorts, a concessionaire at this and other national parks, has

West in brief

changed its name. It is now Xanterra Parks & Resorts.

The name comes from terra, or earth, and "Xanadu," from a poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge about an "idyllic, beautiful place," the company said.

The Denver-based company wanted a name "more reflective of the spectacular destinations in which we operate," said Andrew N. Todd, Xanterra president and

chief executive officer. Xanterra Parks & Resorts says it is the nation's largest operator of lodges and other concessions at resorts and state and national parks throughout the country.

Officer discovers body near recreational path

BOISE - Authorities have identified a 52-year-old homeless man found dead in the Boise River on Thursday, but the cause of death has not yet been determined. Ada County Sheriff's Lt. Ron

Freeman said the name of the victim has not been released, pending notification of family. Freeman said investigators found no sign of physical trauma at the scene. An autopsy was expected to be completed Friday.

"There's no obvious indication of foul play," Freeman said. The body was discovered at about 6:30 p.m. Thursday. It appeared to have been in the river for several days and was partially submerged in shallow water about 100 feet from a bike path.

Howard: Schools face increasing accountability

MERIDIAN - Idaho Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard told southwestern school district chiefs Friday that they must get by with fewer resources and, at the same time, be ready to justify how their budgets are being used to improve education.

"The picture is pretty bleak. We're all being asked to continue to do more," Howard told about 50 district superintendents and business managers. "Responsibility for man-

aging during these difficult times falls squarely on all of us. And accountability expectations from everyone are higher than ever."

Howard's message to Region 3 officials comes as part of the annual, post-legislative tour. Besides comments from Howard, Department of Education staff reviewed new laws and comprehensive funding issues.

Howard, one of the state's few elected Democrats, said she has taken criticism for not putting a positive spin on this year's spending. - compiled from wire reports

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Dunking Mike Community Women's Retreat 'God's Unfailing Love'

The family basketball games changed when Mike started playing. Which, come to think of it, could be taken any number of ways, since there are no fewer than nine Mikes in the area, and they all play basketball to one degree or another.

The Mike to whom I am referring is one of the most recent Mikes - a 6-foot-6-inch former college player who married into the family a couple of years ago. As with all the other family Mikes, this Mike is a good guy. But this Mike can dunk.

And that changes everything. Suddenly all the players on the floor started working little bit harder to elevate their game. Dunking Mike was pretty cool about being bigger and better than every one else. He actually toned down his game a bit, but he still dominated on both ends of the floor.

The games became a bit more competitive and intense as all the former high-school basketball players (and high-school should-beans) tried to prove that they belonged on the same court with Dunking Mike. And that made for some interesting games. Fun games. Competitive games.

Maybe a little TOO competitive. During one recent game, things started getting a bit heated. Now, you've got to understand something about our family basketball games.

When we get mad, we don't get mad at each other - we just get mad at ourselves. Our minds remember what we are supposed to do, but our bodies seem to have forgotten. And so we get frustrated with ourselves, and occasionally we express that frustration verbally. We say, "Goodness gracious! I'm playing poorly! I need to move with more vim and vigor!"

Or words to that effect. On this particular day, some words were spoken that sounded unduly harsh. Profane, in fact. And my son Jon, the youngest of the hooping cousins, was bothered by them. Not that he's never heard such language. Sadly, he hears it all the time at his elementary school. It's just that he's never heard it from his brothers and cousins.

And so he came home from the game that day a little disillusioned to think that one of the guys he looked up to - literally and figuratively - would use language like that. And I wasn't exactly sure what to tell him.

On the one hand, I didn't want to justify the use of profanity.

But on the other hand, I didn't want to condemn a group of young men that I love and who are, in every other respect, outstanding role models for my son.

Thankfully, Dunking Mike knew how to elevate his game. Only this time it wasn't with a twisting, turning jumper or a blocked shot out of nowhere. This time it was with an e-mail, addressed specifically to Jon.

"I just wanted to write a little apology for what was said during Saturday's basketball game," wrote Dunking Mike three days after the game. "I don't know who said it, buddy, but I want you to know it wasn't me. Sometimes things slip out and people say things that they shouldn't. I understand that. But it's important to me that you know that I didn't swear. Jon, swearing is wrong, and when people do it they are not setting a good example. I apologize on behalf of all of us. As your older cousin, we need to set a good example for you to follow. And I promise from now on we will."

There have only been a couple of family basketball games from that day to this. But so far, Dunking Mike has made good on his promise. And that's a slam dunk any way you look at it.

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

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Denise Young got involved because of something her daughter said: "The neatest thing about Christian ed is to get to know other Christians in the area."

Young figured success in Christian education could translate to success in the whole community. Several women at Young's church have teamed up to sponsor a weekend retreat for women of all faiths. The theme is "God's Unfailing Love."

The women have invited speakers, scheduled crafts and scrapbooking, even booked home-grown entertainment. "The Rosebuds" will sing '50s and '60s rock songs (with the lyrics rewritten Christian-style). A worship team will lead inspirational singing. "I'm asking God for 200 women to come and participate," Young said. "It'll be a big pajama party with

women from every denomination getting acquainted. The more the merrier."

Rosebuds member Carol Kitt says she's excited about her role in the retreat.

"We wear caps and bright tops," she said. "We have our hair in pony tails and wear big lace rose pins."

She laughs when she names the numbers: "Blueberry Hill," "Lollipop," "You're 16."

Lynda Mayes will teach a decorating class, unless her daughter's baby chooses to arrive that day. Mary Lou Ottman will teach candy-making. Nancy Fowler, of Nancy's Floral, will do a flower arrangement. The women plan to hand out gladiolus bulbs to illustrate the proverb of "blooming where you are planted."

There will be other freebies, too, such as mustard seed pins. The Christian Women's Fellowship is sewing cloth tote bags.

A clown, Dimples Wiggleby, will

travel from Pocatello to entertain. Members of the Building of New Beginnings will present a skit. Helen McDonald, of Grace Community Church, will stage a puppet show.

Speakers will include Anitta Dwight, from Praise Chapel; Michelle Snyder, from First Baptist Church; and Oliver Lusk, from Rupert Baptist Church. Men from Rupert Christian will do the cooking and clean-up.

Helen Marsh echoes Young's sentiments on the purpose of the get-together: "This is not designed to get people to attend our church. Its purpose is for women of faith to get to know each other. We can have different ideas about our faith and still have the important things in common."

Participants are being invited to bring sleeping gear and spend the night.

"We might even sleep," Young said.

Night-owl events are planned, but there are designated rooms for those who really do intend to slumber at this party.



From left, Denise Young, Helen Marsh and Carol Kitt are helping plan the Community Women's Retreat being held next weekend at Rupert Christian Church.

Mennonites from across the country help build a church

By Erin Emery
The Denver Post

WESTCLIFFE, Colo. - They lugged nail guns, power saws and generators from as far away as Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Many of the 50 carpenters who came to this small town didn't know each other. They came to "frolic."

In the language of the Mennonite Church, that means they came to raise a church, much like community barn-raising from days past. When they arrived in January, only the foundation was in place. The 5,000-square-foot concrete slab seemed small, and some of the men wondered whether it could hold a chapel, a gymnasium and church offices.

Scattered around them were the rest of the church, in pieces: boxes of nails, truckloads of wood, car paper and shingles. In four days, all of the pieces would be set in place and a monument to their belief in helping others would rise.

The men braved wind gusts of 50 mph, 8 inches of snow and unforgiving morning temperatures of 15 degrees below zero.

Church member Loren Miller did not know that the seeds for the new church would be planted in a casual conversation he had with Marcus Beachy, a church member from Ohio. Miller had visited Ohio to talk about New Horizons Ministries in Canon City, which provides free care for babies and young children whose mothers are in Colorado Department of Corrections prisons.

Beachy asked, "When is New Horizons going to have a building project?" Miller explained that the Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church badly needed its own building. For 10 years, the church's 100 members have been meeting in a cramped rented building. Last year, the church bought 2 1/2 acres, and had acquired money for building materials from donations.

Miller made phone calls to churches across the country, and his fellow church members answered the call. Al Miller, a general contractor/church member from Florida, divided the troops into groups. Conroy Martin, 15, of Poteau, Okla., was



A crew of Mennonites install a truss during construction of the Sangre de Cristo Mennonite Church in Westcliffe, Colo. They came from as far away to 'frolic,' in the language of the church, which means they came to raise a church.

the youngest on the work crew. A shy teen-ager, Martin said he didn't know the names of the men he was working alongside.

"But within an hour and five minutes, a 14-foot-tall, 80-foot-long wall was in place.

"Each piece of material has its place, and it strengthens the building," Miller said. "And that has tremendous symbolism as the church, as people come together and try to find their place."

But within an hour and five minutes, a 14-foot-tall, 80-foot-long wall was in place. Well, it isn't, because it holds it together. You think of the process of the nail being pounded into

place, and it is not pleasant for the nail. But once it is in place, it feels good about itself because it has found its purpose. It is the difficult, painful things in life that really do shape who we are."

Protestants also face sex abuse scandals

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

The flood of sex abuse allegations against priests this year has focused attention on the Roman Catholic Church, but Protestant denominations have also faced sex scandals involving clergy over the years.

In fact, while data are sketchy, at least one expert believes the incidence of clergy molesting young children may be about as frequent - or infrequent - in Protestantism as it is in Catholicism. Others have found Protestant scandals have a tendency to surface in cases where male ministers are counseling women or teen-age girls, while the allegations against priests have frequently involved underage males.

Penn State historian Philip Jenkins, an Episcopalian, argued in "Pedophiles and Priests," that both secular and Catholic media exaggerate the extent of Catholic cases involving minors, while downplaying Protestant abuse. For instance, the Rev. Robert Eckert of Grand Rapids, Mich., a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was sent to prison in 2000 for sexual involvement with a 15-year-old girl who worked as his baby sitter - but the case received relatively little attention.

"I am prepared to be convinced the Catholics have a bigger problem" than Protestants, Jenkins said, but nobody has good data, partly because Protestant groups are too numerous.

In a typical Protestant case, a jury awarded \$10 million in February to relatives of the late Deborah Yardley of Columbus, Miss. Please see PROTESTANT, Page C2

Protestant policies on sexual conduct of clergy

What some major U.S. Protestant denominations say about the sexual conduct of clergy.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: Ministers must reject sexual promiscuity, manipulation and harassment. "Single ordained ministers are expected to live a chaste life. Married ordained ministers are expected to live in fidelity to their spouses" and homosexuals "are expected to abstain from homosexual sexual relationships."

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Biblical standards include "the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained...."

United Methodist Church: Clergy are required to maintain the highest standards of holy living and "agree to exercise responsible self-control," including "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness."

"Self-avowed practicing homosexuals" cannot be ordained or appointed.

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RELIGION

LDS Church begins annual conference today

SALT LAKE CITY — The 172nd Annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held today and Sunday at the Conference Center, north of Temple Square. Two-hour sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. The general priesthood meeting will be at 6 p.m. today.

Church news

A spaghetti lunch will follow. A freeway offering will go toward a summer reunion trip. The public is invited.

Agape Interfaith Luncheon starts at 11 a.m. Tuesday

GOODING — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Lincoln Inn. Jean Harris will speak on "There are Angels Among Us." Kathy Gilbert will provide music. Cost for lunch is \$7. Come for the noon program at no charge. All are welcome.

First Church of the Nazarene hosts COPES grief program

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene is hosting a COPES grief recovery program.

Community of People Extending Support is a program/support group to help people overcome loss and regain happiness. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, April 9, 16 and 23, May 7 and 21, and June 4, 11, 18 and 25 at the church, 1231 Washington St. N. Call 733-6610, or just come.

Ladies Lifeline Fellowship holds monthly luncheon

HEYBURN — The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold its monthly non-denominational luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Conner's Cafe.

The theme is "I Go Where I'm Towed to Go," with program by Cloyd Marion and Sara Linger speaking. For reservations, call Elsie at 438-2974. For prayer concerns, call Ruth at 436-5380.

Zion Lutheran Church will host chili dinner Wednesday

BURLEY — A chili dinner is set for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. Admission is a freewill donation. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the Aid Association for Lutherans. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new computer system for the church. For more information, call 678-1096.

Crossways International presents scripture workshop

RUFERT — Crossways International will present a workshop, "See Through the Scriptures to Living Word," from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 13 at Trinity Lutheran

Church, 909 Eighth St. The public is invited. For information, call 436-3413.

A Living Word for Leaders (of Crossways materials) workshop is set for 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 15 and 16 and 8 a.m. to noon April 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 324-2972.

LDS Know Your Religion lecture will be Friday in Filer

FILER — A Know Your Religion lecture sponsored by the Church Educational System of the LDS Church will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Filer Stake Center, 841 W. Midway St. Paul Warner will speak on "Gospel Power in My Life." Warner is director and chaplain at the Student Athletic Center at BYU-Idaho. Ages 14 and up are invited and encouraged to bring scriptures. Admission is \$5 at the door or by session ticket. No tape recorders, please.

The Times-News welcomes new church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 418, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Brenda Tegen, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

RELIGION LETTERS

Chilization depends on weeding out fables from truth

The Bible tells us that God created life in the neighborhood of 6,000 to 7,000 years ago. It also tells us God acknowledged there were other gods by saying, "Thou shalt have none other gods before me, for I the Lord, thy God am a jealous God." Scientists and archeologists claim life has been on our planet for millions of years. The Bible also states that Noah and his little family were the only people left on earth if all the different types of people came from Noah and his family in a few thousand years, that would be some evolution. Take China, for instance. They have history back further than when Noah got drunk on the wine he made. In order to have a more peaceful and higher civilized world, people will have to weed out what is true and what is just plain fables.

WILLIAM HAFFNER
Twin Falls

LDS Church has more missionaries than Baptists

On March 16, Jim Jones, who writes for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, wrote an article titled "10 Reasons to write about

Baptists." In his reason No. 8, he stated, "The Southern Baptist Convention has the largest missionary force in the world, with almost 10,000 missionaries serving in the United States and abroad."

Surely Mr. Jones has heard of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After all, the Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, ended only recently. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has six times that many missionaries in the United States and worldwide. They are unpaid missionaries, serving at their own expense. The 50,000 plus missionaries that are out now are not the same 58,000 who were out two years ago, nor will they be the same 62,000 that will be serving two years from now. They need to learn approximately 130 languages in teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to all of God's children.

ARDELL G. HILL
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less. Letters should include signature, address and phone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Youth group will lead Sunday worship at Methodist church

RUFERT — The youth group of the Rupert United Methodist Church, 505 1st St., will lead worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Church ordains man serving life sentence for murder

By Julie Ann Stephens
The Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, N.M. — A former principal serving a life sentence for killing his school superintendent has taken his vows to join the priesthood of a liberal Catholic church.

Osman Charles Fero, 60, was ordained a priest of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, which is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed Tuesday at a chapel in the Gualadule County Correctional Facility.

"Every ordination is special for a priest, but to do this here and under these conditions — him being in prison — is special," Archbishop Richard Gundry said.

Gundry, whose diocese covers much of the Southwest, said he had no doubts about ordaining Fero and encouraging his ministry behind bars. Fero, who is married, joins 68 other clergy ordained by the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch nationwide — although he is the only one in prison.

Fero will conduct Mass and baptisms, distribute communion, hear confession and provide informal spiritual counseling. He completed seminary studies through correspondence courses and has assisted the Rev. Dennis Bryan, the prison chaplain, with services.



Archbishop Richard Gundry, center standing, of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch, ordains inmate Osman Charles Fero, center on floor, a priest at Gualadule County Correctional Facility in Santa Rosa, N. M. Fero is married and serving a life sentence for murder. At left is Father Dennis Bryan, the prison chaplain.

In 1985, Fero, a well-liked high school principal, shot his superintendent, Paul Hanson, at a job evaluation during which he was asked to resign. He is not eligible

for parole. "I am in pretty good company of men who have committed a violent act in history and gone on to serve the Lord," he said.

"David and Moses also killed. They had tremendous forgiveness given to them, and they went on to serve the Lord. My boss is on the big boss."

Churches explore worship options to enliven congregations

By Kristin E. Holmes
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — The Rev. Stuart Luce was on a mission to create a worship service that would speak to a community that was becoming younger with every new housing development.

So one Easter, the pastor of St. James Lutheran Church released live butterflies in the sanctuary. On another Sunday, he used a tandem bicycle as a preaching aid. Another time, he showed a clip from the movie "Titanic."

"When I got here, they were still using the hymnal that the Lutheran Church printed in 1958," said Luce, who is attempt-

ing to answer to an urgent question: What kind of worship service will offer spiritual nourishment to the congregation?

It's a question many churches across Christianity are asking. Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., recently began a four-year program titled "Vibrant Worship, Healthy Congregations: A National, Ecumenical Worship Renewal Initiative."

"The key question," said the Rev. Randall Davey of Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, "is, 'Does this liturgy guide me to the cross?'"

The institute will offer conferences and academic courses for congregational leaders, a new, multi-media and multilingual Web site with recordings and video clips, and grants to local communities that foster worship renewal. The effort comes at a time when many Protestant congregations remain embroiled in the "worship wars" that began 30 years ago with the Roman Catholic reforms initiated at Vatican II, said John Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute.

The Sunday morning battleground is generally divided among people who want traditional worship, a contemporary service, or an emerging group who want a combination of the two, said Robert Webber, a professor at Northern Baptist Theological

Seminary in Lombard, Ill. Witvliet cited examples of practical strategies that have been employed by churches to energize and deepen their worship services: At St. Stephen Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, the Rev. Charles Flood tipped out pews, replaced them with chairs set in a circle, and brought the choir down from a balcony to the floor with the congregation. And the congregation of Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, outside Norristown, Pa., reclaimed its Wesleyan tradition, observes the church year, and uses a lectionary — but in a nod to pop Christianity, the church has incorporated contemporary music.

Praise the Lord and pass the ribs

By Art Chapman
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas legislators, seldom sound in both mind and body, once determined that chili should be the state dish of Texas. They were wrong. The state dish is barbecue.

Barbecue is holy in this state, and the mother church is in Huntsville, 200 miles southeast of Fort Worth. It is the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, a place where Sunday mornings are given to the Good Word and the rest of the week is devoted to ribs, sausage, chicken and brisket.

The church has withstood the onslaught of buses-in tourists and eternally hungry college students. The workers at the church barbecue have the system down pat. Customers simply decide

whether they want plates with one, two, three or all four meats. The sides are beans and potato salad. The bread is on the table, and the purple onions and pickles are sliced.

The church regimen originated 17 years ago, when Annie Mae Ward prepared barbecue for her husband while he was painting the church. Several people passed by while the smoker filled the East Texas air with enticing aromas and asked if they could buy meat. Soon, the New Zion pastor was urging Ward to start a business and raise a little money for the congregation.

In the beginning, lunch was served under the trees in front of the church, but health inspectors took a dim view of the arrangement and church members took over a house adjacent to the sanctuary.

Protestant

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Ohio. The suit charged that the Rev. Steven Collier, a United Methodist, had an affair with Yardley when she sought his help with alcohol and emotional problems. He left the ministry shortly after she made the allegation. She then died of liver disease.

There are differences between Catholicism and the many Protestant faiths in the way sex abuse allegations are investigated. The U.S. Catholic bishops adopted a set of principles in 1992 calling for rapid response to allegations, openness with parishioners, care for victims and compliance with secular laws on reporting criminal conduct. But some Catholic bishops have admitted they didn't always follow these guidelines.

Another difference is that many Protestant churches use lay members to investigate allegations. Some Protestant churches have established lay committees to investigate allegations. Some Protestant churches have established lay committees to investigate allegations.

The most important example is the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant group in the United States, with 101,000 clergy. Unlike the total of U.S. Catholic priests and brothers, in the past decade, its press service reported two charges of peddling minors. But since writing a book about her own abuse by a missionary in Africa, Dee Ann Miller says she has been told of allegations against 12 Southern Baptist clergy involved with children. She says she has written where each local congregation handles cases.

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The wisdom, and healthfulness, of forgiveness

By Roxanne Roberts
The Washington Post

On Sept. 11, Todd Beamer was on doomed United Flight 93 headed for San Francisco. Minutes before the plane crashed into a field in rural Pennsylvania, he asked an air-traffic controller to send his love to his family, then began to pray, "Our Father, who art in Heaven ..."

Days later, his widow, Lisa, remarks that the Lord's Prayer asks God "to forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And in some ways, he was forgiving those people for what they were doing; the most horrible thing you could ever do to someone."

For centuries, the subject of forgiveness has fascinated and vexed moral men and women. It pits Old Testament judgment against New Testament mercy, rage against compassion, instinct against intellect.

Forgiveness is one of the key doctrines in most religions. New books and medical studies conclude that people who forgive live longer, healthier and happier lives. But an eye for an eye satisfies the very human desire for fairness.

too evil for any ethical person to pardon.

The Campaign for Forgiveness Research has applied scientific data to the subject. The mother of Executive Director Everett Worthington ("Five Steps to Forgiveness: The Art and Science of Forgiving") had been murdered during a robbery. His initial reaction was to want to kill the person who did it. Instead, he made the painful decision to personally test his theories about forgiveness.

"From a scientific point of view, unforgiveness is a combination of negative emotions: resentment, bitterness, hatred, anger, hostility and fear," says Worthington, whose research suggests unforgiving people have higher levels of cortisol, a hormone released from the adrenal glands in response to stress, which can lead to heart attacks, coronary disease and strokes, ulcers, colitis and immune system problems.

The issue of forgiveness perfectly defines one of the major differences between Christianity and the two other Abrahamic faiths - Judaism and Islam," says Rabbi Marc Gellman. Gellman and his on-air partner, Monsignor Tom Hartman, appear on TV and radio as the "God Squad."

Gellman explains the Jewish point of view: If you sin against a person, you are obligated to ask for forgiveness, and they are obligated to forgive. If they

don't forgive you, you are obligated to return to them three times, after which you are cleared of the sin.

In Christianity - which views forgiveness as primarily a matter between sinner and God - offenders should ask, but forgiveness is not dependent on a personal plea to the injured party.

"I think it's spiritually, emotionally and morally absurd to forgive someone who has no contrition and no remorse," says Gellman. "If that were the case, we would be compelled to forgive Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and Osama bin Laden - none of whom were contrite."

In Islam, the "beautiful attributes of God" include absolute forgiveness and absolute compassion, says Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim chaplain of Georgetown University.

But some say forgiveness lets offenders off too easily, creating a moral universe where forgiving slips into forgetting and moral laxness passes for piety. If nothing is unforgettable, then the boundaries between good and evil become blurred.

Most questions of forgiveness stem from personal betrayals by lovers, spouses, parents, children and friends. The issue is complicated by intentional acts: Did the person mean to cause harm, or was it an accident? And by love: People will often forgive their children anything, but not spouses or siblings.

Then there's justice. Even if you forgive, you can still believe that person should go to jail, get fired or otherwise pay the price of their transgression.

"There are consequences of wrongdoing that forgiveness does not take away," said the Rev. Uddell Meyers, who ministers near the Quantico Marine Corps base in Virginia. "If I commit an adulterous act and father a child, my wife could forgive me - but there is still a child."

Jeanne Safer ("Forgiving & Not Forgiving: Why Sometimes It's Better Not to Forgive") says you can't always forgive because forgiveness, like love, is an emotional state that's not entirely voluntary. In fact, many people Safer interviewed did not forgive, felt better that they hadn't forgiven and were not overwhelmed with rage or bitterness.

Where to begin? First, allow time. There are typically three stages of trauma and recovery, says Worthington: numbness (which typically lasts one to two weeks), an attempt to make sense of what happened (one to two years) and a desire to move ahead with some form of normal life. He calls his five-step program REACH: Recall the hurt as objectively as possible; Empathize with the person who harmed you (this usually takes the longest); Altruistically choose to forgive; Commit publicly to forgiveness; Hold on to forgiveness even when you backslide.

Billy Graham's daughter pens little, 'sublime' book

The Dallas Morning News

"Heaven: My Father's House" by Anne Graham Lotz (W Publishing Group, \$12.99)

In this little yet sublime book, Lotz has a simple message: Knowing where you are going when you die takes the fear out of getting there. The internationally known evangelist and daughter of the Rev. Billy Graham writes like she preaches: in an easy-to-understand manner and with joy. "Do you feel defeated because after a lifetime of struggle, all you have to look forward to is death and a cold

grave?" she writes. "Look up!" Lotz relies on Scripture to frame her message, and uses anecdotes that readers can identify with. She recounts the story of a long-time missionary to Africa who returned to America to die. On the same ship was President Teddy Roosevelt, who had been hunting in Africa. A lion awaited the president at New York Harbor. No one was there for Samuel Morrison. Why, he asked God? "In the quietness of his heart, a gentle, loving voice whispered, 'But My dear child, you are not home yet!'"

-Berta Delgado

Pentecostals revel in the spirit of Easter

By Ken Garfield
The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - In a pure and Pentecostal way, every day is Easter for Valerie Adams.

For many who were in church on Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection takes one day. Adams' walk with the Lord consumes every day of a life devoted, as she put it, to "trying to get as much of God as you can."

Her walk had taken her to a revival at Eastway Drive Church of Jesus that was rocking and rolling even as she articulated a creed powerful enough to cut through all the fervor.

Easter? Georgia evangelist Joel Talley summed it up early on a night when the faithful kept busy dancing and crying as they wailed for that door to open: "Jesus done got up!"

The revival at pastor Bobby

Ross' church was only supposed to last four days. But in the tradition of Pentecostalism - where you go as long as the spirit moves you - visiting evangelist Talley just kept preaching and the people just kept coming to the church. By the time it ended May 27, Joel and Regina Talley had enthralled 200 or so people each night for 31 nights.

It's no surprise Pentecostalism is Christianity's fastest-growing movement, with more than 400 million followers worldwide. In these uncertain times, many find comfort in a church that allows them to profess in such an emotional way the miraculous, unquestionable power of Jesus.

At Eastway, they speak in tongues, the Pentecostal phenomenon in which believers break into a new form of communication with God. What is gibberish to some is blessed to others.

Contemporary Christian CD mixes stirring rhythm, lyrics

By Brent Castillo
The Wichita Eagle

Out of Eden, "This is Your Life" Sisters Lisa, Andrea and Danielle Kimmy make up Out

of Eden. This is their fourth release, and it's packed with soulful harmonies, stirring rhythms and lyrics that move the music well beyond the standard sappy pop ballad. They have a pop/R&B sound, and their album

shows that you can have style and soul without selling out to overt sexuality. The song "Showpiece" challenges the notion that how you look is all that matters: "I'm no showpiece for you to hide, and lose all that I

am inside/God made me and I'm beautiful, I won't dress like that kind of girl." These aren't homey girls, but they want to direct the listeners' attention away from themselves and toward God.

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Ephesians 6:1 (NLT)*

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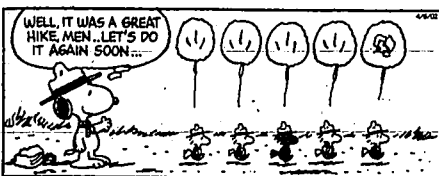
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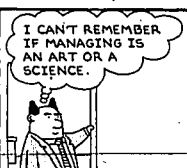
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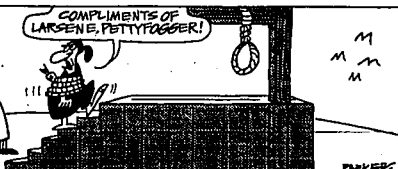
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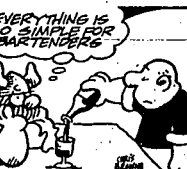
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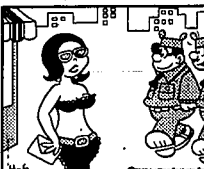
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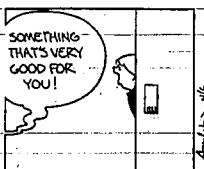
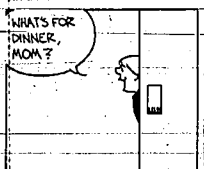
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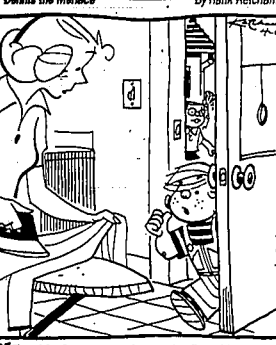
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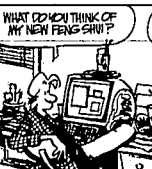
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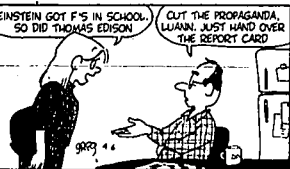
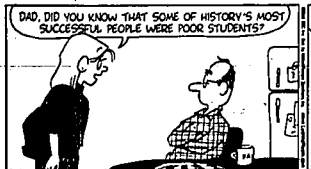
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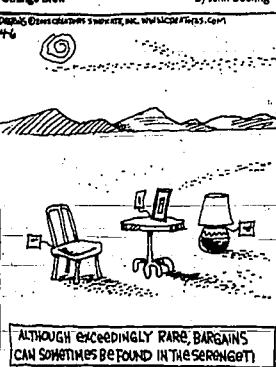
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Blair has little optimism on Mideast

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Beneath the local souvenir merchants' slogan "United We Stand," President Bush opened his Texas ranch Friday to British Prime Minister Tony Blair for intensive weekend talks on how to defuse the tinderbox in the Middle East.



George W. Bush Tony Blair

There can be few grounds for optimism at the moment," Blair told reporters as he flew from London to this central Texas hamlet.

The two leaders and their wives were beginning the high-stakes weekend on a quiet, intimate note Friday evening — dinner for four in the Bushes' secluded ranch home.

The explosive Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Secretary of State Colin Powell's mission next week to secure a truce topped the leaders' agenda.

"We will obviously be looking at ideas that can lead to a ceasefire as the essential precondition so that they get back into a process of political dialogue," Blair said.

Two "potential grounds for optimism," he said, are that neither "Israelis nor Palestinians are happy with the status quo. And there appears on both sides a growing consensus on the principles of an independent Palestinian state and Israel's right to exist," said Blair.

Trying to deflect increasingly harsh European criticism of his handling of the overseas crisis, Bush announced hours before his departure for Texas on Thursday — and just after consulting Blair by telephone — that he is sending Powell to the Middle East next

week to try to catalyze a ceasefire and resume peace negotiations.

"The United States will work for all the children of Abraham to know the benefits of peace," Bush said.

Before leaving London, Blair defended the Bush administration's record on the Middle East, adding in an interview with NBC. "The situation is so serious we are going to have to engage even more. The Palestinians are not going to leave and neither are the Israelis."

After breakfast Saturday, Blair plans to join Bush's regular CIA briefing before tackling the weekend agenda.

The Middle East crowded out Bush's original plan to focus talks on the next phase of their joint war on terrorism: a campaign against Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Bush and Blair would still weigh ideas on that front, but U.S. officials said they did not expect the pair to have much of a comprehensive — let alone decisive — discussion of Iraq.

Two Palestinian militia leaders die in West Bank fighting

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Two Palestinian militia leaders were killed in fighting in the West Bank on Friday, including the suspected mastermind of last week's Passover suicide bombing that killed 26 people and triggered Israel's current military offensive, Palestinian sources and Israel TV said.

The alleged bombing mastermind, Qeis Odwan, headed Izzedine al Qassam, the military wing of the Islamic militant group Hamas, in the northern West Bank.

Odwan and five other members of Izzedine al Qassam were killed Friday when Israeli forces shelled their hideout in the West Bank town of Tubas, according to Hamas sources and Israel TV.

Palestinian witnesses in the town said that soldiers called on the men to surrender, but that the fugitives opened fire. Witnesses said helicopters and

tanks then shelled the hideout. Soldiers had residents take out the bodies and then flattened the house with bulldozers, witnesses said.

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Hamas sources said Odwan took over as leader of Izzedine al Qassam in the northern West Bank several months ago.

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As Arafat struggles, some fear Palestinian power vacuum

JERUSALEM (AP) — With the Israeli army squeezing Yasser Arafat and brushing aside his security forces, Israel risks creating a power vacuum that could make the Palestinian areas even harder to control when the troops withdraw, some analysts and officials say.

But Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government is hoping that the past week's onslaught in the West Bank will make the Palestinians recalculate the price of suicide bombings, and bring them to an end.

Israel says it attacked because Arafat and his forces failed to prevent suicide bombings and other attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis.

Yet the incursion is further emasculating Arafat's Palestinian Authority and the security forces that have already been weakened by 18 months of fighting. Government and police offices have been bombed to rubble, prisons torn

down, courthouses flattened.

"There's a real dilemma here," said Efraim Inbar, an Israeli who heads the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. "In the Palestinian areas, you have the elements of a failed state, and a vacuum already exists to some extent. This may tempt the Israeli army to stay for a long time, but I hope they resist this temptation."

Sharon has listed two goals: isolating Arafat, who has been effectively imprisoned in his office for the past week, and crushing what he calls the "terrorist infrastructure."

But it's not clear what Sharon would regard as success. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres says he expects the military action to last three to four weeks, but Israel is facing mounting pressure to withdraw. President Bush, initially uncritical of the Israeli incursion, changed tack Thursday, saying the Israelis should pull out.

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Iran joins call for Israel oil embargo

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Iran on Friday became the second OPEC country to call for an oil embargo against Israel's allies, while thousands of Arabs across the Middle East protested Israel's offensive into Palestinian territories.

Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Muslim oil-producing states should halt supplies to countries supporting Israel.

"I suggest, only for one month, as a symbolic gesture, that Arab and Islamic countries switch off oil to all countries who have close relations with Israel," Khamenei said in a Friday prayer sermon at Tehran University.

Khamenei did not elaborate on which countries should be targeted or whether Iran would take such action unilaterally.

During a visit to Moscow, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi suggested his government would support Khamenei's suggestions.

"If other Islamic countries join in this call, it will be a very strong instrument against America and Israel," Kharrazi said.

Fresh fighting breaks out on border between Lebanon, Israel

HALTA, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese guerrillas said Friday they fired rockets and machine guns at Israeli positions in a disputed border area in a fresh bout of fighting. Israel responded with airstrikes and artillery.

The fighting followed arrests of nine Palestinian militants in what appeared to be Israel's response to the Chibus Farms Friday evening.

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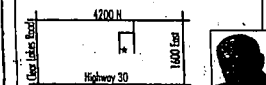
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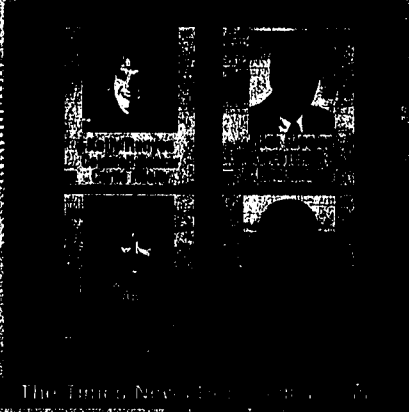
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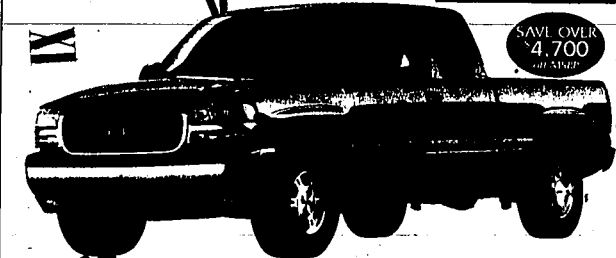
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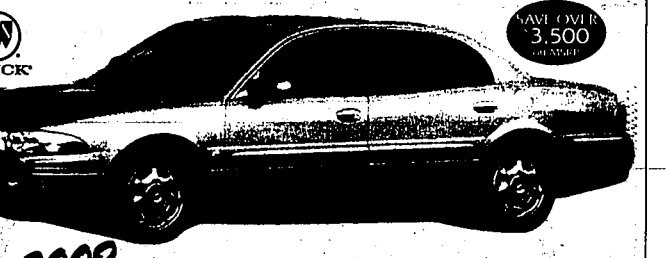
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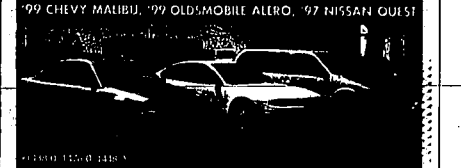
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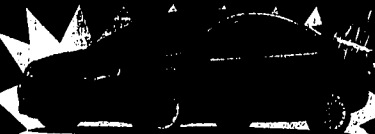
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