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# Idahoan gets space shot

## NASA slates former McCall teacher for 2004 shuttle mission

The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Sixteen years after Christa McAuliffe and six other astronauts died in the Challenger explosion, NASA announced Friday that McAuliffe's fellow teacher and one-time understudy, Barbara Morgan, will ride aboard a shuttle in 2004.

"NASA has an unfinished mis-

sion," Administrator Sean O'Keefe said during a speech at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship. "It is time for NASA to complete the mission - to send an educator into space to inspire and teach our young people."

Education will be a core mission as NASA moves from a destination-driven program to a science-driven one, O'Keefe said during

### Space teacher

**Name:** Barbara Redding Morgan  
**AGE** - 50, born Nov. 28, 1951, in Fresno, Calif.  
**EDUCATION** - 1969, Hoover High School, in Fresno; 1973, Stanford University, bachelor of arts in human biology; 1974, College of Notre Dame in Belmont, Calif., now called Notre Dame de Namur University, teaching certification.  
**FAMILY** - husband, Clayton Morgan; sons, Adam Morgan, 14, and Ryan Morgan, 13.  
**EXPERIENCE** - Arden Elementary School, Flathead Indian Reservation in Arden, Mont., 1974; McCall Elementary School in McCall, 1975-78, and 1979 to 1998; Colegio Americano de Quito in Quito, Ecuador, 1978-79.



his first major policy address since taking over the space agency in December.

"The world is changing, and if Please see NASA, Page A2

## BACK TO BLOCK ONE



Inmates at the Twin Falls County Jail are led to preliminary hearings Friday morning at the Twin Falls County Courthouse complex.

# County drops Norco site for jail

## Officials say space needs remain

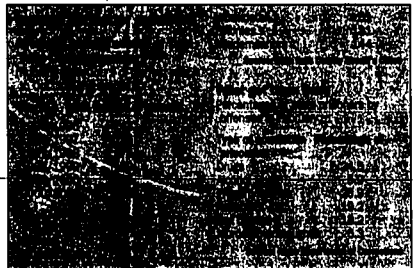
By Mark Helz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If jail can be looked at as a public service, then Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley expects the state to send more customers his way.

And that's one source of money he'd count on to pay for a new jail in Twin Falls without having to take a multimillion-dollar bond issue before voters.

But the county's plans for a new jail - which have been brewing for nearly a year - might be in lockdown for a while.

The old Norco Windows building and surrounding property on South Washington Street in Twin



Falls aren't an option any more, said Touseley and Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman. The county last summer floated

the idea of working with a trio of Colorado-based companies - Englemann Inc, Rocky Mountain Corrections Inc. and Durrant Justice - to renovate the Norco

building in to a 256-bed jail to complement the county's existing 220-bed jail.

The plan was to have the companies buy the building and surrounding property, renovate it and lease it to the county for about \$1 million a year for 30 years. The county would then own the jail and property.

Later, it was decided it would be cheaper to just leave the Norco building alone and build a jail from the ground up on the property.

But then, the county and the companies decided to abandon the Norco plan altogether, Touseley and Brockman said.

That's partly because neighbors of the proposed site balked at the idea of a jail opening there, and partly because it was decided

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# Violence mars start of Powell peace mission

## Suicide bomber kills seven; secretary calls off talks with Arafat

Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM - On the first day of his peace mission, U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell held intense talks with Israeli leaders Friday and nearly came face-to-face with the violence that brought him here when a young Palestinian woman blew herself up near a busy Jerusalem marketplace, killing six shoppers.

In the wake of the attack, shortly before Israelis began the Sabbath at dusk Friday, Powell called off talks scheduled for today with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat at his besieged headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah. The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia loyal to Arafat, claimed



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell arrives by helicopter at the Israeli army northern command headquarters in northern Israel Friday. The bomber reportedly came from the Jenin refugee camp, a focus of Israel's 2-week-old West Bank

**Bomb pierces city's heart - B6**  
**Peacekeepers for Mideast? - B6**

offensive and the home of many of the suicide attackers who have wreaked havoc on Israelis' psyches. In terse language, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said early today that Powell "confronts the terrorist attack and expects Chairman Arafat to do so as well. It is important that Arafat not miss this opportunity to take a clear stand against the violence that harms the Palestinian cause."

"In light of (Friday's) developments, the secretary will not be meeting with Arafat Saturday." U.S. officials said the talks might be rescheduled for Sunday, although no arrangements have been made. Please see MIDEAST, Page A2

# Measures would help area hospitals

By Chad Baldwin  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - It's like fitting a size 9 1/2 foot in a size 9 shoe. That's the way Hinnitoka Memorial Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson describes the limit on patient numbers imposed by his hospital in order to qualify for a higher rate of Medicare reimbursement from the federal government.

While the hospital has room for more patients, it has limited itself to just 15 licensed beds in order to qualify as a "critical access hospital." So has St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. But that could soon change if Congress approves legislation allowing the higher Medicare reimbursement for hospitals with up to 50 beds.

"We would certainly look at changing," said Hanson, who just returned from Washington, D.C., where he lobbied for Medicare changes. "Going 'critical access' was the only way to show a margin for our hospital, but it has been a squeeze."

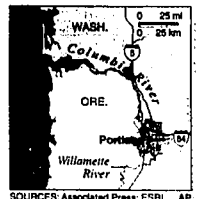
Congress appears headed toward easing the strain on rural hospitals imposed five years ago by drastic cuts in Medicare payments. Lawmakers slashed payments to pay for the historic 1997 Balanced Budget Act. The cuts hit health care providers in sparsely populated areas particularly hard, as more of their patients are covered by the nation's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled.

Some hospitals are struggling because the government pays less than government costs. In many cases, reimbursements are based on a formula rather than actual costs. Now congressmen are pushing to let more hospitals switch to higher, actual-cost reimbursements. Medicare already makes cost-based payments to the smallest hospitals, those with 15 or fewer

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## A river's bottom

The Army Corps of Engineers is hoping to dredge the Columbia River to allow larger vessels to access Portland. Environmentalists, Indian tribes and coastal fishermen oppose the project.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI, AP

# Dredging proposal sparks debate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Three feet doesn't sound like much. But when it comes to dredging one of the nation's largest rivers, those 36 inches equal a mountain of rock, sand and controversy.

The Army Corps of Engineers favors deepening the Columbia River's 100-mile shipping channel along the Washington-Oregon border from 40 feet to 43 feet. The plan would allow huge ships that already ply the river to carry more cargo without hitting bottom.

Environmentalists, Indian tribes and coastal fishermen Please see DREDGE, Page A9

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NATION

# Lawmakers report farm bill progress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers working on an election-year overhaul of farm and nutrition programs reported progress toward an agreement after a day of private negotiations Friday.

With the talks turning sour, the negotiators canceled a public meeting Friday and decided not to hold another one before Tuesday.

"Very good progress was made," Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said after a 3.5-hour negotiating session. Keith Williams, a spokesman for House Agriculture

Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, described the progress as significant.

"Obviously there are regional differences, there are philosophical differences, but people are really doing their level best to reach conclusion," Conrad said.

Conrad said the negotiators agreed not to discuss details of the talks and would need several days to have their proposals analyzed and to gauge the reaction of other lawmakers.

A House-Senate conference committee that's working on the

farm bill held long public sessions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to air differences on a wide range of issues, including new rules for crop subsidies and meatpackers, as well as President Bush's proposal to restore food stamps to immigrants.

The talks Friday were limited to a handful of conference committee members.

Farm groups have been pushing lawmakers to finish work on the legislation in time for it to apply to this growing season.

Meanwhile, two senators say

Senate-passed limits on individual farm subsidies could save taxpayers a lot more money than first thought, based on new environmental data released by an environmental group.

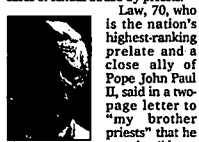
Growers have collected \$1.5 billion over the past six months under a program that allows big farms to avoid the normal limits on crop subsidies. That program, which primarily benefits cotton and rice producers, has soared in popularity since it was approved by the Clinton administration in 2000.

# Boston cardinal holds firm

Prelate rejects calls to resign over abuse scandal in his diocese

The Washington Post

BOSTON - Cardinal Bernard Law Friday told Boston clergy that he does not intend to step down, refusing to bow to mounting pressure over his handling of cases of sexual abuse by priests.

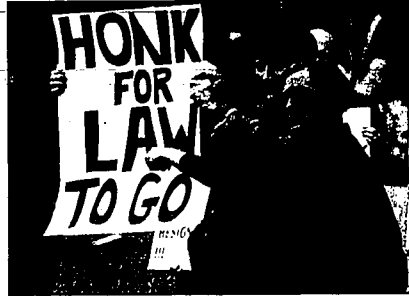


Cardinal Bernard Law

Law, 70, who is the nation's highest-ranking prelate and a close ally of Pope John Paul II, said in a two-page letter to "my brethren priests" that he remains "determined to provide the strongest leadership possible" to help resolve a crisis that has sent tremors through Roman Catholic communities worldwide.

"I know that there are many who believe my resignation is part of the solution. It distresses me greatly to have become a lightning rod of divisive rumors mine should be a ministry of unity," he wrote. "My desire is to serve this Archdiocese and the whole Church with ever fiber of my being. This will continue to do as long as God gives me the opportunity."

With his letter, the cardinal broke weeks of virtual silence



Cathy Mooney, right, of Boston, and Carolyn Dobles, of Newton, Mass., protest in front of the residence of Cardinal Bernard Law Friday in Boston.

about the scandal that began here in this heavily Irish Catholic city and has sent shudders of betrayal and anger throughout the Catholic Church. He also offered his most comprehensive explanation thus far of how the archdiocese has handled allegations - noting that in the past the sexual abuse of children was treated as a moral failure rather than also as a pathological crime. Now, he wrote, he believed "the moral, the pathological and the criminal" aspects of the church's attitude had been brought into balance.

Archdiocese spokesman Donna Morrissey acknowledged that the letter might not be the final word on Law's future. Though she said the text was

"self-evident," observers noted that some of its wording was ambiguous, and he might yet resign or be forced to step down.

Law has refused to step down since the scandal unfolded here in January, when lawsuits revealed church officials knowingly transferred a priest named John Geoghan, since deposed, from parish to parish despite decades of child molestation allegations. But he has come under increasing pressure in recent days after he was personally blamed for promoting and approving the transfer of an alleged serial child molester, Rev. Paul Shanley, from Boston to California - and indeed praising his "impressive record" of service.

# Senate looks at borders, immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) - After months of delay, the Senate on Friday took up President Bush's request for new laws to tighten the nation's borders against terrorists, despite the objections of an influential senator.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., the Senate Appropriations Committee chairman, told his colleagues that he still thinks the \$3 billion measure needs extensive debate. But other senators disagreed.

"The security concerns addressed by this legislation cannot be ignored, action cannot be postponed and the cost is reasonable," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Senators are expected to vote on the measure sometime next week.

The House passed its version last month, and attached it to a popular immigration bill to allow some illegal immigrants to stay in the United States while their residency paperwork is processed.

The Senate bill would add 1,000 new INS inspectors, investigative personnel and support staff to America's borders, require companies to disclose passenger and crew information on all flights and vessels before entering the United States, lift the 45-minute time limit on INS inspection of passengers on international flights and ban foreigners from countries on America's terrorist watch list from getting U.S. visas.

# Donations to Catholic aid agency drop

BOSTON (AP) - The child-molestation scandal in the Boston Archdiocese is causing a drop-off in donations to Catholic Charities in the metropolitan area.

In the past week or so, envelopes that normally come in with donations from individuals for the group's Easter campaign have begun arriving with angry notes. And a series of foundations have sent letters rejecting the organization's grant requests.

The organization has already laid off about 70 workers and plans to lay off 200 more. Some of the layoffs are the result of state budget cuts, but the priest sex abuse scandal has severely compounded the problem, Catholic Charities said.

Catholic Charities runs more than 150 social service programs, including adult education, child care, drug and alcohol counseling and food pantries.

# Boy swallows heroin packets, becomes ill

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - A 12-year-old boy acting as a drug mule became ill after he swallowed 87 condoms filled with heroin.

The boy, who calls himself Prince Nnaezezie Umegbolu, had flown here from Europe late Wednesday. He is a U.S. citizen of Nigerian birth. He told his story to Port Authority officers after being sickened by the contraband.

The use of so-called mules to sneak drugs through customs is an old trick, but law enforcement authorities said it was rare to see

one so young.

"International drug trafficking has reached a new low of degradation for exploiting a 12-year-old boy," said Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, whose office participated in the investigation.

An ambulance took rushed the boy to New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens where, authorities said, he had passed virtually all of the bags by Thursday. Doctors there said he was in stable condition.

Authorities said Umegbolu had been living for the last two years in Abuja, Nigeria. He told officers

he had been promised \$1,900 for delivering the drugs to an address in Brooklyn.

Port Authority spokesman Steve Coleman said investigators located the boy's mother in Georgia.

"She was not aware her son was coming back to the country and said she had no family in the New York area," Coleman said. "She had no idea why he was coming to New York."

He said the boy's father is in federal prison in Petersburg, Va., for recruiting drug mules to smuggle heroin, and authorities are investigating who hired the boy.

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## YOUR WEEKEND

### Senior breakfast

What: The Minidoka County Senior Center will serve a pancake breakfast. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, juice, biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos, French toast, bacon, link sausage and ham.

Where: The center, 702 11th St., Rupert.

When: 7 a.m. to noon today.

How much: \$4.25 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 10 and \$1.75 for a family of five. Additional trips through the line will be \$2 each.

### The Fixx

What: The Fixx will perform. Where: The Mint in Hailey.

When: 8 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at Music Exchange in Twin Falls, Big Bad Bill's CD's Etc. in Hailey and Chapter One Book Store in Keetchikan.

### Magic Valley Chorale

What: The Magic Valley Chorale will sing Joseph Haydn's "Creation."

Where: The Fine Arts Center auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 8 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, are available at Welch's Music, Everybody's Business and the CST Bookstore in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome or at the door.

### Karaoke contest

What: A karaoke contest will be featured.

Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome.

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

How much: No cover charge.

### 'The Cowboy Astronomer'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present Baxter Black narrating "The Cowboy Astronomer."

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

When: 4 p.m. today.

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

### DI dance

What: A dance to disc jockey music will be held.

Where: Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

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

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

### Senior dance

What: The Roseland Band will play for a dance.

Where: The West End Senior Center, 1010 Main, Buhl.

When: 8:11 p.m. today.

How much: \$3 per person.

### Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play for a dance.

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

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: The cover charge is \$7.

### 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.

### Mixed Emotions

What: Mixed Emotions will play.

Where: TJ's Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl.

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

How much: No cover charge.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	75%
Salmon Falls Creek	84%
Oakley Basin	88%

# Girl's parents sue second company

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The parents of a 3-year-old Twin Falls girl who suffered fatal head injuries in an accident at the local Home Depot store are suing a second company they say was negligent in their daughter's death.

Virgil and Julie Horner of Twin Falls have filed suit against the California-based Sani-Top Inc., according to court records.

According to the lawsuit, that company made the skids a forklift operator was using to haul a stack of counter tops in the Twin Falls Home Depot store in May 2000. One of the skids broke and the counter-

## T.F. couple file suit against Sani-Top Inc. for daughter's death in Home Depot store

tops spilled and shattered on the floor, court documents say.

The Horners were nearby, and one of the chunks struck Janessa Horner. The impact threw her to the concrete floor. She later died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The Horners sued Home Depot. That case was settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of damages to the Horners in early 2001.

The current case is based on the contention that Sani-Top knew or should have

known the skids the countertops were shipped and moved on were defective and not capable of bearing the weight, said the Horners' attorney, Breck Seinelger Jr. of Boise.

Seinelger said he could not discuss the case in detail because it is still pending.

The lawsuit calls for a civil court jury trial to determine an award of damages, but Seinelger said Thursday that no hearing dates had been set.

"We're just in the first stages of this. We have not even gotten an answer from the

defendants yet." Messages left for Sani-Top's attorney, David V. Nielsen of Boise, were not returned.

Julie Horner declined to comment. Seinelger said the Horners are still committed to preventing accidents like the one that claimed their daughter.

"The Horners continue to be motivated to do all they can to make sure big box stores are as safe as they can be." He declined further comment on the Horners' plans, but did say they probably won't involve any more lawsuits.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com

# TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING



Nurse Mary Henderson takes a nose swab from Alejandra Juarez while her mother, Guadalupe, holds her. The sample was taken as part of a health survey. South Central District Health is helping conduct to track the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

## Study looks into antibiotic-resistant bacteria

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Medicines can save lives. But in the case of antibiotics, some people are getting too much of a good thing.

Twin Falls residents are being invited to participate in a multi-state study on antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Both South Central District Health and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are helping in the research project.

Bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics are becoming a major health concern in the United States, and overuse of antibiotics has contributed to the development of drug-resistant bacteria, according to South Central District Health.

Dr. Mary Curtis explained how over time, bacteria can build up a resistance to an antibiotic.

"Bacteria reproduce very

quickly and mutate," Curtis said. "Eventually, one of the mutations will allow them to escape an antibiotic. A bug is born that's resistant and begins reproducing. Now we have a generation of bugs that aren't killed by the antibiotic."

Who's needed: The agency is collecting nasal swabs from children ages 6 months to 6 years who live in the Harrison and Perrine school districts. The agency is also collecting stool samples from people of all ages living within the Twin Falls zip code 83301. How it's done: Instructions and sampling kits will be available at special clinics held at South Central District Health at 1020 Washington St. N. and Rite-Aid Pharmacy on the corner of Addison Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

What you get: People who participate will receive a \$10 Rite Aid gift card for nasal swabs and a \$20 Rite Aid gift card for stool samples. The clinics will be held on the following dates:

- Today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rite Aid
- April 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Rite Aid
- April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at South Central District Health

### Health study

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• April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rite Aid

• April 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Rite Aid

• April 26 from 2 to 6 p.m. at South Central District Health

• April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rite Aid

• May 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. at South Central District Health

• May 3 from 2 to 6 p.m. at South Central District Health

• May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rite Aid

In an effort to track the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and improve the use of antibiotics in rural areas in Idaho and Utah, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are funding a three-year, \$6.6 million study called the Intermountain

Project on Antimicrobial Resistance and Therapy. The University of Utah is leading the project along with PRO-West in Boise, a quality improvement organization, and South Central District Health.

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## Nevada's regional forester says Jarbidge is priority

The Associated Press

**RENO, Nev.** - The U.S. Forest Service's new regional boss for Nevada says he's making a priority out of environmental studies aimed at rebuilding part of a washed-out road without harming threatened bull trout in the Jarbidge River.

John Troyer, named regional director for the agency's sprawling Intermountain region, said he'll make good on the road settlement agreement his predecessor signed with Elko County to seek a solution to the lingering dispute in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Jack Blackwell now directs the agency's south-west region in California.

The deal he signed says the federal government will pay for any necessary environmental analysis, which Troyer estimates will be

"probably in the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"That's why we decided this was a priority, a commitment we said we would keep," Troyer said. "We'll make sure we set aside regional resources, the money and staff needed to get the job done."

Some critics in Elko County argue that they should be able to perform minor road repairs without the complete environmental impact statement that Humboldt-Toiyabe forest supervisor Bob Vaughn said is necessary.

"This whole process is a farce," said Janine Hansen, executive director of the Nevada Committee for Full Statehood, which is aligned with Elko's Shovel Brigade group that has tried to reopen the road.

"This EIS has only one purpose - to limit and destroy the ability of people to repair the road

that belongs to the people of Elko County," she said at a meeting in Reno last month.

But Troyer said Vaughn is "exactly right" to require the formal environmental impact statement, which will take about a year to complete.

"We have to go through that process," he said.

At the same time, Troyer said he shares concerns that agency rules and regulations hamstringing efforts to best manage federal lands.

"We've got to be able to make decisions in a way that the majority of our staff time is not on analysis and process. We've got to get more money to the ground," he said.

"I know some folks may be worried about talking about this, but we're not talking about making bad decisions faster. It's about

making good decisions correctly," he said.

The South Canyon Road near the Nevada-Idaho line washed out in a flood in 1995 and has been at the center of a dispute ever since.

Although the road is within the national forest, residents say the agency has no jurisdiction because they used the road before the forest was established in 1907.

Troyer, who started with the Forest Service as a hydrologist at the Plumas National Forest in California in 1969, will direct national forests in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho - the largest region in the Forest Service, encompassing 32 million acres.

He said two areas of emphasis will be combating noxious weeds and reducing vegetation that boosts wildfire threats.

## Officials file no new charges in shooting

### Hospital lists victim in good condition

**TWIN FALLS** - It could be a while before any more charges are filed in connection with an April 6 shooting that left a Twin Falls man dead and his twin brother wounded, a prosecutor said.

"It's not unusual for investigations like this to take months," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

Victor Cuellar, 19, was killed and his twin, Francisco Cuellar, was wounded.

The shooting occurred at a party in Magic Valley Hansen, according to reports.

Investigators this week were still trying to untangle the stories of numerous witnesses, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

"There were people who saw what happened and then left the party, and we've had to go look for them," she said.

A 17-year-old boy - whose name was being withheld - was arrested in connection with the shooting.

He was arraigned Monday on a charge of being a juvenile in possession of a firearm. That charge was filed in closed juvenile court. But if more serious charges are filed in connection with the shooting, they will likely be filed in adult court, Loeb said.

Meanwhile, Francisco Cuellar - who was admitted to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in critical condition after the shooting - was listed in good condition late Friday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

### Fish and Game look for swan poachers

**JEROME** - The regional Idaho Department of Fish and Game office is requesting information regarding the killing of two tundra swans in the Murtaugh area last month.

A concerned citizen reported finding a dead swan hanging on a sign along U.S. Highway 30 just south of town. Upon responding, local conservation officer Clark Shackelford and his crew covered another dead swan at the scene.

Swans have nearly a 6-foot wingspan; are all white except for their feet and bill. There is no mistaking them for any species of game bird, and at the time of the shooting, there were no bird seasons open.

Fish and Game said in a news release that whoever is guilty of this crime clearly has no respect for wildlife or for others who value these birds for their beauty and grace.

Anyone with information about this wildlife violation can call the Citizens Against Poaching hot line at (800) 632-5599.

Callers may remain anonymous and receive a reward if citations are issued.

Those with information may also call the regional office in Jerome at 324-4559 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Compiled from staff reports

# Jackpot Advisory Board recommends rate hike

**By Sam Feltman**  
Times-News correspondent

**JACKPOT** — Jackpot water bills are going up.

The Jackpot Advisory Board made a unanimous recommendation to the Elko County Commission this week to raise Jackpot's water rates from \$7.50 per unit to \$12 per unit plus a \$1 capital improvement fee.

"With this increase we will be ahead \$160,000 in a year. We are now \$60,000 in the hole," said Ed Ellis, Jackpot's public works supervisor.

He said one of the capital outlays the city would like considered is a disinfection system at each well site. The cost for all the wells will be about \$40,000. He said the other outlay needed would be a new telemetry system. The board also voted to recom-

mend a \$1 rate increase for the sewer. This would raise sewage bills from \$14 to \$15 per unit.

"This will help on the pilot project and help to maintain the plant," said Lynn Foresburg with Elko County Community Development.

Foresburg said the county has already received a \$78,000 grant for engineering expenses toward the pilot project. He explained how the pilot project would use all the ponds and the way it will work.

"We're making a good case that we can do ground disposal," he said.

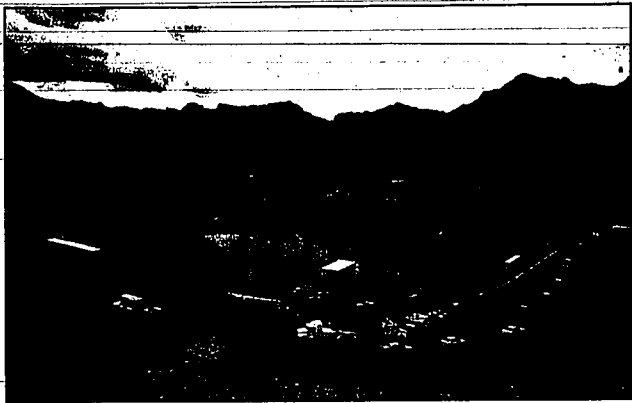
"With electricity going up along with sewer and water, I think we are really in for an impact," said Jim Bentley, advisory board member. "This will hurt three people that are already strapped."

The board agreed rate increases for sewer and water are needed. The last increase was in 1981.

Foresburg said the advisory board's recommendation will go to the county commissioners in May, and the rate increase will probably take effect in June.

In other business, the board wants Gurley Drive to be the next street to be curbed, gutted and to have sidewalks installed along with repaving. Foresburg said the cost will be around \$425,000. He advised it go to bid in January 2003 with construction that spring and summer. He said for another \$100,000 the city can also get more of the parking lot at the golf course paved.

Shelly Hester, ambulance director, reported there were 22 ambulance calls last month; all except seven were transports.



Trucks, campers and automobiles travel on the highway which curves around Hoover Dam near Boulder City, Nev., last year.

## Dam lifts more traffic restrictions

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Traffic restrictions at Hoover Dam eased Friday for sightseeing buses and local truckers, but an official said long-haul tractor-trailers will remain banned indefinitely.

Ten buses, recreational vehicles and rental trucks were being let across the Colorado River landmark for the first time since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, said Bob Walsh, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder City.

Walsh said the security measures "protect the dam, the people who work there and the people who visit."

All vehicles still were being

stopped and inspected at police checkpoints on U.S. 93 on the Arizona and Nevada sides of the dam, Walsh said Friday.

Vehicles carrying flammable or hazardous materials continued to be turned away, along with tankers, commercial buses carrying luggage and commercial trucks that cannot be inspected.

Long-haul trucks will continue to be routed south to cross the Colorado River on U.S. 95 between Laughlin and Bullhead City, Ariz., "at least for a couple of years," Walsh said.

Hoover Dam is about 30 miles east of Las Vegas along U.S. 93 — a main travel route between Las Vegas and Phoenix.

Survey work has begun to build a \$204 million U.S. 93 bypass bridge over the Colorado River south of the dam. Federal officials had planned to open the new bridge in 2007, but now hope to finish it by 2005.

Bob Johnson, Reclamation Bureau regional director, said the relaxed restrictions provide adequate protection for the dam, while easing some of the economic impact on the local economies of both states.

The dam closed immediately after the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon three months ago, but reopened to limited traffic under tight security two days later.

## Officials want to expand water study

**COEUR D'ALENE (AP)** — A two-state study of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer should tackle water quality issues as well as trying to determine the aquifer's size, two top Idaho officials said.

Expanding the proposed \$3 million study's scope could mean it will cost more and take longer to assess the underground lake that is the federally recognized sole source of drinking water for about 400,000 people.

But water quality is as important a consideration as quantity as Idaho and Washington develop a method for sharing the water supply, Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, said Thursday.

"In my experience across the West, groundwater supplies are very vulnerable to contamination," Dreher said. "If we don't look at the contamination in parallel with the quantity issue, we may

find that there's enough water but it isn't worth a damn to drink."

Dreher and Department of Environmental Quality Director Steve Allred suggested an expanded study could increase the cost to \$5 million.

Leaders of the Regional Chamber of Commerce — with representatives from Idaho and Washington — will have to quickly decide how much money is needed.

## SERVICES

Paul Allen Swenson of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. today at the Jerome 3rd Ward LDS Chapel on East Avenue B; burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery; friends may call from 9-9:45 a.m. today at the church (Howe/Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Delwin Clifford 'Dan' Daniels of Twin Falls and formerly Blackfoot, service at 10 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 12th Ward in Blackfoot; interment at 5 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

grave service at 10 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Andreasen's Cremation and Burial Service, Eugene, Ore.).

Harold L. Arthur of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Heritage Alliance Church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Tiffany Michelle Rush of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Galley Ave.

visitation from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main St. and one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Julean A. Rovig of Pocatello, service at 11 a.m. today at the Downard Hansen Funeral Home, 241 N. Garfield, Pocatello; the family will receive friends at 10:15 a.m. today at the funeral home; interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery.

Howard Jones of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Nadine Fay Stevenson of Boise, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds's Wendell Chapel.

Sarina Dowd of Buhl, service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Buhl Presbyterian Church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

William Charles 'Bill' Jewell of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Chapel, 520 North Lincoln St.; Jerome; visitation one hour before the service at the church; interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Eather 'Penny' Cheney of Buhl,

general arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Lorine Pauline Bohle Mettler HEYBURN — Lorine Pauline Bohle Mettler, 83, died Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at the home of her son in Heyburn.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3009 S. 12th St., Heyburn, with the Rev. V.G. Metzner officiating. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

710 Sixth St. and one hour before the service at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

June Rehn BURLEY — June Rehn, 85, of Burley died Friday, April 12, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2002, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1330 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

## DEATH NOTICES

**OBITUARIES**

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magvalley.com](mailto:obits@magvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

**EDEN**

Eden, Enid McCauley of Eden and Betty Lou Wright of California; also 9 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Jim Black and one brother, Lamar (Irene) Black.

Services for Ferrel will be held Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Park and Ridge with the Rev. Roger, 2521 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Interment will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton. Officiating will be Bishop Don Black and Bishop Karl Black.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to be used for camp scholarships for children with diabetes, may be sent in Ferrel's name to: Camp Hodla, 2875 Mountain View Drive, Boise, ID 83704.

**Ferrel Black**  
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Arthur Ferrel Black, 87, of Eden died Monday, April 8, 2002, at his home in Eden with his loving family at his side.

He is survived by his loving wife and partner for 68 years, Georgia (Eden) 'Bob' Bill (Judith) Black of Eden; daughters, Rebbecca (Larry) Craig of Eden and Judith (Tony) Black-Cole of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; brothers, Don Black of Jerome, Don Black and Karl Black of Eden; sisters, Lorene Lance of

Jerome

**Rosie P. Cobb**

Rosie P. Cobb, 87, former Jerome, Idaho resident, died in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., March 30, 2002.

She was the daughter of Edward and Anna Moeller.

She went to school in Okla. and worked for many years. To her was born one daughter, Rose Ann.

They later came to Jerome, Idaho in 1954 where she worked in the St. Benedict's Hospital as a cook and later the pastry cook for 35 years.

Everyone that knew her will remember her delicious pies.

Surviving is daughter, Rose Ann (Riley) Oliver, 90, grandchild and six great-grandchildren, one brother, Tom Moeller (Vetaria) of Ridgefield, Wash.; three sisters, Mary Moeller, Katie Barkin, Twin Falls, Idaho, Lillian Lynch, Atlanta, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services by Rev. Bob Stebb, Wednesday, April 17, 11 a.m. in Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Twin Falls.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church, Jerome, Idaho or to the charity of your choice.

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**Sadie Gless**

Sadie passed away on April 9, 2002. She was 68-years-old. She was born and raised in North Dakota. She left North Dakota and moved to Idaho where she met and married Tom Gless. They farmed in Idaho for many years, then moved to California.

She left her husband, Tom and one son, Randy Gless and a daughter, Rhina Dee McCoy and four grandchildren.

There will be no funeral services.

## Court: Dental standards apply statewide

**BOISE (AP)** — Standards of dental care in Fruitland are the same as anywhere else in the state, and an expert on them is qualified to testify on dental malpractice no matter where it occurs, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The high court, in a unanimous opinion issued Friday, cited that conclusion in reinstating a complaint against a Fruitland dentist who allegedly failed to refer Sharon Grover to a physician despite her repeated complaints of intense pain on the right side of her head.

Dr. David C. Smith instead told Grover that two teeth would have to be pulled, and he referred her to an oral surgeon. Grover had a stroke during the oral surgery and did not wake up from anesthesia. As a result, she

had brain surgery that left her completely paralyzed on her left side.

Third District Judge Stephen Drescher rejected Grover's complaint against Smith. He ruled that her expert witness — Dr. John Thurmond, who was a professor at Nebraska's Creighton University School of Dentistry at the time — lacked the legally required familiarity with the standard of care for a dentist in Fruitland.

But the Supreme Court agreed with Grover's contention that a single standard of care applies throughout Idaho, and that Thurmond was well versed in it.

What's more, the court found, the violation of that standard alleged by Grover — Smith's failure to take her health history

before rendering a diagnosis — "is basic and applicable to all dentists in Idaho, whether in Fruitland, Boise or Lewiston. No local standard of care would result in this minimum standard being altered in any way."

Writing for the court, Justice Wayne Kidwell said he did not accept Smith's argument that local dentists could choose to adopt community standards that fall below the statewide minimum.

"While it may be understood that a small Idaho town may not have the technology used in a big city, thus necessitating a different local standard of care," Kidwell wrote, "choosing not to adhere to the basic dental standards established by the Idaho Board of Dentistry is not."

## Town won't name school after Cheney

**CASPER, Wyo. (AP)** — What does it take to get your high school named after you? It's becoming White House chief of staff Secretary of defense? How about vice president of United States?

Not in Casper, where townspeople have not exactly rushed to embrace an idea — broached by a local businessman last year in a letter to the editor — that Natrona County High School be renamed Dick Cheney High in honor of its most famous graduate.

The School Board declined to consider the suggestion, saying it had not been given a formal proposal and pointing to a 1978 policy against naming schools after people. Others in this gritty town of aging oil refineries and sagebrush suburbs have come out against the idea in letters to the editor.

It's not as if Cheney is without honor in his hometown: He already has a federal building in Casper named after him, an honor bestowed in 1999.

And last summer, the athletic field at Cheney's old school — where Cheney played football and where his future wife, Lynne Vincent, showed off her baton twirling skills in the 1950s — was renamed Cheney Alumni Field. The surface, so hard-packed from years of use that the football team had to practice at a rival school, was replaced with plush artificial turf.

Cheney is said to have donated a generous sum to help refurbish the field.

In a statement, the vice president suggested he is happy not to

change the name of his alma mater.

"As flattering as it is to have someone suggest renaming the school, it would always be NCHS to me and therefore I would recommend against a name change," he said.

It was V. Worth Christie, a marketing firm owner, who first suggested renaming one of the town's two high schools after a member of the Class of 1959.

"He's the second most powerful man in the country. He's probably the most powerful vice president the country has ever known," he said.

But to Christie's surprise, most of the readers who responded with a flood of letters were against the idea. Many were Natrona County High alumni, and some recalled Cheney as a classmate and football player.

One alumnus, Alan Fenwick of Drums, Pa., remembered watching Cheney play football, and said: "We stunk."

Some questioned Cheney's allegiance to his state and hometown. It didn't help that Cheney changed his legal residence from Texas to glamorous Jackson, Wyo., because an all-Texas presidential ticket would have violated the Constitution.

"My uneducated guess is that he has done more for Halliburton Oil and Texas than for Wyoming," wrote Mabel Kudrna of Casper.

Alumnus George R. Scott of Casper cautioned against acting prematurely: "After all, President Clinton had a pretty good first hundred days."

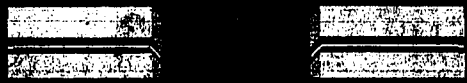
Mayor Paul Bertoglio said Cheney should complete his term before another structure in Casper is named in his honor.

"You don't build a presidential library or honor a president before he has distinguished himself," he said.

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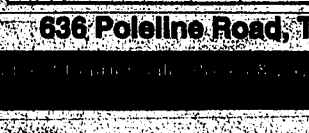
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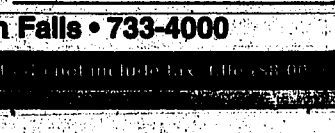
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# A playground for skaters

## Burley City Council, youth wait for skate park to be finished

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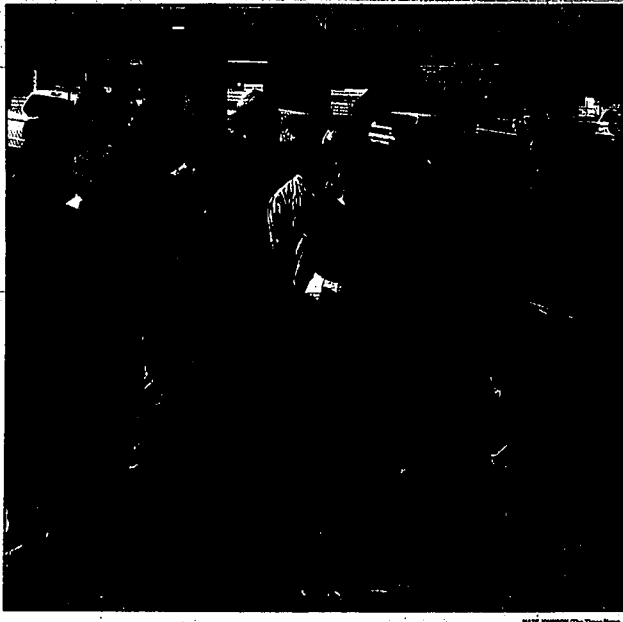
**BURLEY** - Members of the City Council and city youth have high hopes for a skate park now under construction in Burley's East Park.

"All my friends will use it," Trevor Tolman said. The City Council has been working on the skate park for three years and the idea has been circulating for 10 years, Councilwoman Adria Masoner said. Surveyors have already set up stakes and marked with colored spray paint the outline of the jumps, banks and ramps, which will be made of concrete and steel. The park should be finished in mid-July, she said.

"I can't wait," skater Leif Heiner said. Many business owners told skaters they cannot skate in front of their buildings. The park will give the skaters a place designated specifically for them.

"We've had great support from the community and we are still accepting donations," Masoner said.

The city of Burley has already paid for the park itself, but there is more work to do. Workers could make curb cuts for parking, build benches, drinking fountains and restrooms. City Administrator Mark Mitton said. In the last two years the city has budgeted \$90,000 for the project, adding money from fund-raisers and grants to foot the \$113,500 bill to the construction company, Corp Inc. of Salem, Ore, Mitton said.



Trevor Tolman breaks the ground at Burley's skate park Friday afternoon. Tyson Tolman, City Councilwoman Adria Masoner, Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton and City Councilman Dennis Curtis look on, along with other city officials and local skaters.

Councilman Brent Kerbs predicts the park will be popular. Many people, teen-agers and

adults, were using the skate park in Twin Falls when he recently drove by. Kerbs said.

"There were so many people there I couldn't believe it," Kerbs said.

# Heyburn man holds farm antique sale

By Lorraine Cawner  
Times-News correspondent

**HEYBURN** - In the early 1950s Carl Emerson was a teen-ager, little more than a boy in his neighborhood.

Bruce Schroek saw his neighbors riding around their farms on new tractors while he was driving a team of mules pulling a farm implement.

"I thought I was really being picked on," Schroek said.

But that was how his father Carl Schroek operated. From the time he bought his farm in 1929 until a few years before he died, Carl Schroek did things the old-fashioned way.

"He preferred mules up into the '50s," Bruce Schroek said. "He even got a tractor, but that wasn't his style."

Carl Schroek often attended farm sales, bought old equipment, and what he didn't put to work immediately he saved for parts.

"If he could figure out a way of making something work, he did," Bruce Schroek said of his father.

The year the senior Schroek amassed a large collection of horse- and mule-drawn equipment, which will be sold Saturday. The collection includes horse-drawn wagons, plows, and many more, dating back to the early 1900s.

"This is the largest collection of horse-drawn equipment I've ever seen," said John Firth, who bought the Schroek place in January.

Firth paid an extra sum for the equipment because he plans to

## Antique equipment sale

When: 11 a.m. today  
Where: 453 E. 250 W. in Heyburn, the Carl Schroek place

put an irrigation line through the property where most of the equipment was piled.

"When he bought the equipment he had no idea how much there was because it was covered by four feet of snow. As the snow melted, what it revealed surprised Firth."

The number of planters, seeders, spreaders, hand plows and ditchers amazed Firth, who has been working since January to prepare for the sale. Often he has worked as more of a tour guide than a farmer.

"I've had 10 to 12 people a day stop and want me to show them around," he said.

He points out equipment such as the three old horse-drawn binders.

"When you put it in the field it would cut the grain, roll it up here and cut it into bunnies," he said.

Then there is an old land leveler. "My dad used one like this to dig the basement when he was building a house in about 1942," Firth said. "When you wanted to empty it you would lift up here and it would kick right over," Firth said. "People don't realize how much work this was."

In the interest of preserving knowledge about the amount of work required with this machinery, Firth has donated a couple

items to the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum.

He is hoping some who attend the sale will buy pieces and donate to the museum.

"Some of it ought to be in a museum instead of used as yard art," Firth said. "There isn't much of it left."

Gary Schorzman, historical society president, is impressed with the collection and was thrilled with Firth's donation of an old hay derrick.

Firth plans to keep several pieces of equipment, such as another old hay derrick, which was unique with a pivot point on the bottom and top so it could swing around 360 degrees and place hay anywhere around it.

Schroek also had a unique grain storage container. For many years he stored grain in one of the old guard towers from the Hunt Camp, the Japanese internment camp near Jerome used during World War II. He bought the old guard tower at a sale after the war when the camp was dismantled.

While the tower is in disrepair, Firth is hoping it can eventually be restored and possibly donated to a museum.

When Carl Schroek bought the place in 1929 he was one of the first in the area, Bruce Schroek said.

"He was one of the real pioneers," he said.

The way his father operated wasn't about money, Bruce Schroek said. "It was about work. If you had a team of horses you could do most anything."

# Health

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The study has four components:

- Tracking the occurrence of drug-resistant bacteria.
- Prescription of appropriate antibiotic prescribing.
- Evaluation of the impact of antibiotics in the food supply.
- Identification of new treatments for drug-resistant bacteria.

South Central District Health is collecting nasal swabs from children ages 6 months to 6 years who live in the Harrison and Pettibone school districts. The study is also collecting stool samples from people of all ages living within the Twin Falls zip code 83301. The agency is holding special clinics on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

If the use of antibiotics is appropriate and effective, according to a hospital news release. The hospital is also helping with a public health education campaign using posters and brochures to inform consumers about the proper use of antibiotics and to get them to discuss this topic with their doctors. The materials are available in most waiting areas of the hospital and in the Learning Center, located in the first floor main corridor near the medical library. Information will also be distributed through doctors' offices, pharmacies, schools, churches and day care centers.

The antibiotic use guidelines have come to expect prescriptions for antibiotics.

"We have seen that 10 percent of patients are prescribed antibiotics when they don't need them," said Dr. Robert Curtis, Twin Falls physician.

"The average person who just has a cold needs to give their body time to get over it," Curtis said.

Humphrey said one of the most popular drugs right now is Zithromax, a strong antibiotic that a patient only needs to take for three days. In an effort to get better faster, many patients would rather take the Zithromax for five days instead of having to take Zithromax for 10 days, he said.

Humphrey said one way physicians can prevent overuse of antibiotics is to take cultures to diagnose things like strep throat to make sure a patient is not just suffering from a virus.

Curtis agreed that doctors need to know when and when not to prescribe antibiotics.

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# Rupert school gets new principal

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - John Kontos will move his office from East Minico Junior High School to the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center before the next school year begins.

Kontos was hired as the new principal for the opportunity center at a special school board meeting Thursday night, district clerk Darrel Black said.

"We think he'll be just wonderful," Black said.

Lew Roberts, the current opportunity center principal and school district director of operations, has submitted his resignation effective Dec. 31.

Superintendent Nick Hallett said district officials wanted a principal with a background in counseling. Kontos has been a counselor at East Minico Junior High School for 15 years. This year he worked half time at East Minico and half time at Heyburn Elementary School as assistant principal. He has also filled in as principal when needed at the opportunity center.

Kontos has been working to get into an administrative position for some time. He wants to move into something new and avoid becoming burned out. He is also looking for new challenges, though he is still sad to leave his post at East Minico.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions," Kontos said of his shift in employment.

At the opportunity center, Kontos will have the chance to work with students who need a little more care and attention. A smaller number of students will also be different for Kontos. He will be able to work more one-on-one with students, which he

couldn't do as much when dealing with 500-800 students at the junior high.

Kontos said he identifies with students at the opportunity center, having been a student who almost dropped out of high school when he was 16. The opportunity center is a "last-ditch effort" for some students to get an education.

"I know how important education is," Kontos said.

Kontos isn't sure what changes may be in store when he takes the reins, but he will be spending all his time at the opportunity center.

"This is my job. This is where I'll be," Kontos said.

Black said Roberts will continue as both principal at the opportunity center and director of operations until December. Kontos will begin as principal at the start of the school year and work with Roberts until he leaves.

Kontos is originally from Montana, but has lived here about 21 years. His family, including his wife Ann, has been supportive of the move from counselor to principal. Kontos' son, Andy, is set to attend East Minico Middle School next year as a sixth-grader. He's not too broken up that his dad won't be there, Kontos said.

Roberts' other post, director of operations, will not be filled when he leaves. Hallett said the position will be phased out due to budget cuts. Roberts oversaw food services, maintenance, and transportation departments. Some of his time before December will be spent making sure the departments will be better able to stand on their own, Hallett said.

Roberts said he's been thinking about leaving his positions for a while and hoped to do a few other things before getting too much older.

# Rupert council won't hike electric rates

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Rupert residents will not see changes in their electric bills for now after the City Council decided this week not to hike rates.

Rates from Bonneville Power Administration are anticipated to again increase in August. Mayor Audrey Newerth said. "There's really not much point at changing rates at this time," she said.

City Administrator Roger Bagley agreed rates could be headed back up and said the council was being cautious in waiting for more information in August to decide about a rate change.

The council made the decision at a Tuesday meeting.

Council members also discussed sewer rates, but took no action concerning changing those rates. A proposal has been prepared to increase sewer rates in Rupert. The proposed rates include increasing residential rates from \$17.86 to \$21.51 a month; low-income rates from \$11.45 to \$15.10, and non-resident rates from \$21.68 to \$25.33.

Currently the commercial base rate is \$15.21, with a flow rate of

\$1.49 for every 1,000 gallons above 5,000. The increase would cost the base rate to \$20 and the flow rate to \$2.26 for every 1,000 gallons above 5,000.

Other council business included:

• **Tort claims** - The council approved paying two tort claims. Gary Thompson will be paid \$25,000 and a \$25,000 credit will be applied to his electric bill. Pipes at the house in question froze because all utilities at the house were turned off for the winter although the city was requested to restore the electricity on.

The council also approved a tort claim for Councilman Layne Rutschke for \$195.76. A sewer back-up caused damage at Rutschke's home. The amount paid covers a plumber, rug cleaning and a motel room, Newerth said.

• **HUD house** - The city ratified an agreement made by the mayor to purchase a Department of Housing and Urban Development house for \$1.

• **Tennis program** - A recreational tennis program should be running this summer with money from both the city of Rupert and Rupert. The Rupert council

prepared an agreement for the program. Bagley said Burley City Administrator Steve Mendenhall taken it to Burley's recreation committee, who agreed to the program with Rupert.

The cost to Burley is about \$1,145, Newerth said. Forty children, ages 9 through 18, are currently on the wait list.

Games would begin June 11 and run through June 27. There would also be lessons on June 4 and 5, Bagley said.

• **Music license** - Rupert has applied for a Broadcast Music Inc. license in order to play music in the town square. The fee is \$150 per year, Newerth said.

• **Budget hearing** - A budget hearing for the city's 2002-2003 budget was set for Aug. 6.

• **Youth conference** - The council approved paying \$250 for Jeremy Rico and possibly another local youth to attend the Association of Idaho Cities Youth Leadership Conference.

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# Buhl church will hold talent show tonight

BUHL - The St. John's Lutheran Church talent show and dinner is tonight at 5.

The theme of tonight's show is "On the Riverboat." Doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner starts at 5:30, and the show will begin around 6:30. The public is invited.

The cost is \$7.50 per person. Seating is limited so people are encouraged to make reservations early. Tickets are available at Ser-Mox Drug in Buhl, 543-4347; by calling Cheryl at Hair 'N Things in Buhl, 543-5030, or at 543-5906. Tickets are also available at the Buhl Community Center, 1128 S. Main St., Buhl.

## Magic Valley in brief

**MV medical center presents free, all-day health fair**

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Local Office on Aging and Adult Services will present "Old Age Hearing - Healthy Transitions" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Magic Valley Regional's Medical Office Building at 630 Addison Ave. W. The free, all-day hearing fair will feature hearing tests, hearing aids and more. Free gifts and prizes will be awarded throughout the day, including free massages, carpal tunnel massages, massages, beauty treatments and more. - continued from next page

# Principal resigns after his shoplifting arrest

**POST FALLS (AP)** - An elementary school principal has resigned after he was arrested for shoplifting \$10 worth of over-the-counter medications from a pharmacy.

Robert Sloyka was arrested on vacation and other leave to finish out the year. Assistant Post Falls Mayor David Foster said Sloyka

did not seek the resignation. But he said he was not in a good position and possible district action, which could have resulted in his termination.

"I'm glad he didn't drag it out," said Paul Wagner, a parent of two children in the district. "It's better to face a hearing and possible district action, which could have resulted in his termination."

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## Should government spend tax-dollars promoting marriage?

### Yes

#### Strong marriages reduce problems

REV. LOUIS P. SHELDON

President Bush's efforts to encourage marriage as a remedy to poverty and suffering has been criticized by liberals who fear the imposition of morality on the American people and by libertarians who value government neutrality more than they favor good or decent evil.

When it comes to fighting poverty, reducing child abuse and a long list of other problems, one simple fact needs to be recognized — marriage works.

Now I believe there are important reasons for encouraging marriage. They are rooted in traditional moral values. But the pragmatic and efficient role of marriage in our society is undeniable.

Sтивен Нок, a professor of sociology at the University of Virginia, says the economic impact of marriage has made it a top legislative priority of the Bush administration and many state legislatures.

in the fact that dependence on government — particularly welfare — is less among those parents and children in married households. The Heritage Foundation found that 74 percent of \$199.6 billion spent on child welfare by federal and state governments in 2000 went to single-parent families.

Other reputable studies have discovered numerous other societal impacts. Among them:

- Children raised by married couples are less likely to suffer from behavior problems and emotional disturbances.

- Boys raised in single-parent homes are almost twice as likely to have committed a crime and spent time in jail by the time they reach their early 30s.

- Children raised by both parents are less likely to become victims of physical and sexual abuse than children raised outside traditional marriages.

- Children whose parents are divorced or living out of wedlock are less likely to graduate from high school and as adults are more likely to be unemployed.

But children aren't the only ones to benefit from intact marriages. Married mothers are less likely to experience domestic violence than their never married counterparts. The Justice

Department's 1999 National Crime Victimization Survey found that more than three out of four mothers who have experienced domestic violence were never married.

Numerous studies have demonstrated that men and women who are married are physically and mentally healthier than their unmarried counterparts.

President Bush wants to shift federal dollars away from treating the symptoms of our society's ills and toward prescribing long-term cures for the welfare dependency disease. He has proposed devoting as much as \$300 million in federal and state dollars to encouraging healthy marriage across our nation.

My own belief is that the president's proposal is a break from the tried-and-failed policy of having government replace the family.

Instead of attempting to draw children away from families by providing meals, extensive child-care services, family life classes, birth control and condoms, he wants to strengthen families by making them more closely knit.

The president has it right. There simply is no government substitute for a traditional one-man, one-woman marriage. Anyone who supports less government intrusion in our lives should support the president's marriage initiative.

The Rev. Louis Sheldon is chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition.

### No

#### Proposal keeps big government

DAVID BOAZ

Sit up straight, stop smoking, lose weight, spend more time with your kids and get married. The federal government has a long list of ways you need to shape up.

The Bush administration wants to spend \$300 million to promote marriage, mostly among welfare recipients. There's no question that fatherlessness is a real problem in modern America. Children in single-parent families are more likely than children in married families to drop out of high school, to get pregnant as teenagers, to abuse drugs, and to run into trouble with the law. While not all children in single-parent families encounter such problems, there are obviously real benefits to growing up with two parents.

But that doesn't mean that there ought to be a federal program to push people into marriage. The proposal's supporters insist that they want to spend only a small percentage of the welfare budget on marriage-promotion programs. But they have the cart before the horse.

If we're worried about children growing up without fathers, we need to discourage out-of-wedlock childbearing. Why did the unwed pregnancy

rate rise from about 5 percent in 1960 to 33 percent today? One big answer is the welfare system. Starting with Lyndon Johnson's Great Society in the 1960s, the federal government told young women that if they got pregnant without a husband, a job, or a high-school education, they would get a monthly check — not a big check, but enough to live on. And people responded to the changed incentive system: the rate of out-of-wedlock births started soaring.

How do we know that welfare benefits actually have these effects? Well, a study for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that a 50 percent increase in the value of welfare and food stamp payments led to a 43 percent increase in the number of out-of-wedlock births.

Similarly, research by Shelley Lundberg and Robert Plottnick of the University of Washington showed that an increase in welfare benefits of \$200 a month per family increased the rate of out-of-wedlock births among teen-agers by 150 percent.

As long as we offer teen-age girls and young women this sort of incentive, we can expect a high rate of unwed motherhood

— currently, about a million babies a year. Until we change the welfare system, programs to encourage marriage would intrude into our most private decisions without having any real effect.

In a free society, not every thing is the responsibility of government. Indeed, our Constitution sets up a government with limited powers — mostly relating to national defense, the courts and the basic rules that guarantee a free economy. Other important matters are left to the states, or to people to decide for themselves.

And despite the growth of government in our time, that's still the way most people want it. That's why they responded positively in 2000 to a presidential candidate who kept saying, "My opponent trusts government. I don't." That candidate was George W. Bush, who has now proposed that government meddle in the most intimate decisions that people make. But the voters haven't moved with him.

A recent poll found that 73 percent of Americans want the government to "stay out" of promoting marriage. Even 60 percent of "highly committed" white evangelical Christians oppose a government role in promoting marriage. President Bush should trust the people and drop this idea.

David Boaz is executive vice president of the Cato Institute.

## LETTERS

### Complacency leads to accidents around T.F.

I read with some amusement the article on out-of-town drivers being involved in a large number of accidents in Twin Falls. In the article it states that at any given time, more than half of the drivers in Twin Falls are from out of town. It goes on to back that claim up by quoting an Idaho Department of Transportation survey of 1998 saying that on an average week day, 28,000 vehicles cross the Perrine Bridge into Twin Falls (this does not account for the traffic coming from the south, west or east).

The amusing part is when it is stated that out-of-town drivers are involved in many of the collisions in the city. The article implies that out-of-town drivers are less safe than city drivers, yet only 38 percent of the drivers involved in accidents are from out of town.

I may be missing something here, but if more than half of the drivers at any given time are from out of town, and substantially less than half of the drivers involved in accidents are from out of town, would that not indicate that out-of-town drivers are much safer. One thing that leads to accidents is complacency, which is one thing that rural dwellers are not going to have when they drive in the city of Twin Falls.

GUS BRYNGELSON  
Rupert

### Teachers should receive more money than politicians

This letter is to agree totally with the letter of Jana Larson in The Times-News dated April 5. Finally someone has said something truthful about teachers' salaries compared to others such as the state legislators. My wife is a teacher, and I find it a shame that her pay is a lot less than our wonderful Republican politicians.

My place of employment, I also hear about how teachers are overpaid, yet at the very same time, I don't think anyone would quit their job and become a



teacher. I think the people of Idaho should not re-elect any incumbent who has wasted so much time and money on the term limit fiasco.

Thanks to Jana Larson for pointing this out. I hope there are a lot more like her around.  
KEVIN COON  
Twin Falls

### Abortion is legal, but that doesn't make it right

After reading Linda Williams' letter on Monday, April 8, I can't say no longer. Her arguments for the pro-choice stance are unsupported and irrational. Yes, abortion is legal in Idaho, but being legal and being right are not synonymous. She says abortion is a woman's choice, but I'll tell you a woman's choice lies — in having sexual relations when not prepared to raise a child.

It is true that people will continue to have sexual relations, whether consensual or (God forbid) forced, and thus be faced with unwanted pregnancies; however, there is no such thing as an

unwanted baby. There is a right choice to make and that is adoption. Many women say they couldn't carry a baby for nine months and then give it up; it would be just too hard. To quote Dr. Laura Schlesinger, "You can kill a child, but you can't wave bye-bye!" Ponder that awhile.

Besides, from the time of conception, the components are present for a human being. Just because the child is not seen (by the naked eye) or heard for nine months, doesn't make them less human. I am pregnant and can't fathom what women are thinking who have partial-birth abortions or any abortion for that matter. My son kicks, turns over, responds to touch, noise, light, voices, gets the hiccups, etc., and yet, if I wanted to, I could murder him in my womb with no legal repercussions. Why is it that only by passing through the birth canal that he becomes human to some people? It isn't a magic door, so please enlighten me!

I also know some women who have had an abortion and frankly, I could care less if they are happy. Furthermore, they

can't possibly be good, kind people because good, kind people don't murder.

So, Linda (and others), go ahead and sit back with your non-judgmental, pro-choice, abortion-loving friends and keep convincing yourself you are moral as babies die by the millions!  
WILENE NANNINI  
Kimberly

### Workers' rights advocates take part in day of action

The median earnings of women in Idaho are only 65.2 percent compared with men. Across the country on Tuesday, April 16, workers' rights advocates will take part in a day of action to end unfair pay practices — a top concern for women in Idaho. Here in Twin Falls, the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho will be addressing the issue among the students at the college with an informational table set up in the Eagle's Nest. Students in the non-traditional occupation program will be distributing informational pamphlets and Pay Day candy bars to

raise the awareness of gender-earning inequality.

In addition, the center is conducting a "Girls in Technology Conference" for girls in grades eight through 10 from Magic Valley schools for the purpose of introducing career and educational opportunities that would provide a future for jobs with higher incomes.

Nationally, the U.S. Census Bureau reports that the average woman earns just 75 cents for every dollar earned by the average man. It takes until April 16 of this year for the average woman to earn what the average man earns in one year. In other words, a woman must work nearly seven days to earn what the average man would earn in only five.

The Center for New Directions at CSI is joining the National Committee on Pay Equity and hundreds of organizations nationwide to observe Equal Pay Day on Tuesday, April 16. Economic equity is an issue that affects all of us. Working together, we can ensure that all Americans get the respect that comes with a fair paycheck.

KEVIN TURNER  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Kevin Turner is a counselor and the equity coordinator at the College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions.)

### U.S. needs to make both sides back off in Middle East

To Secretary Powell: The hatred of elements of the Islamic world towards the United States has broadened and deepened in keeping with recent events reported from the Middle East imbroglio. We should demonstrate, with our own carefully chosen resources, the will to induce a

reduction in the terrorism practiced by all participants. At the same time, perhaps our sagging "coalition" with Islamic nations can be propped up. I specifically refer to the intolerable Palestine-Israeli situation as most irritating.

An immediate move on our part is to make those nations most directly involved (Iran, Syria, Lebanon, "Palestine" and Israel) back off or back down. I suggest we send the first and second U.S. Marine battalions to the Persian Gulf. We should defend the separate north and south borders of Lebanon from the sea eastward the few kilometers necessary to establish our armed and ready presence.

During your mission traveling in the Middle East, Mr. Secretary, it would seem appropriate to obtain from some of the involved parties at least their assent or studied disinterest — if not assistance for the operation. This direct action, for which the standing Marine units are seemingly and fortuitously organized, would provide an excuse for all participants, while grumbling; to reassess and modify their practices so as to cease and desist from their terrorist actions against one another.

In the meantime, I hesitantly advance the notion that Iraq is and has been sufficiently encapsulated and under control so as to continue its relatively quiet, cent role while the United States concentrates on the more immediate priority described above. I wish you the best from your efforts to stabilize the Middle East.

(Sent by e-mail on April 7 to the Internet address of the secretary.)  
GEORGE ANTHONY  
Filer

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### By Gary Trudeau



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# Refuge sees no Idaho whooping cranes for first time since 1975

**BOSQUE DEL APACHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, N.M. (AP)** - The sign behind the counter at the visitors center on this jewel of the Rio Grande said it all:

Canada geese 230  
Snow geese 14,100  
Ducks 20,250  
Sandhill cranes 8,760  
Whooping cranes 0

No whooping cranes wintered this year at the refuge for the first time since 1975 when an Idaho experimental migrating flock of the endangered birds was established.



A train passes by as birds take advantage of a new boardwalk on Boardwalk Loop Trail at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, N.M., March 21.

Only two stuffed whoopers, a young one and a mature one, stand mute in a glass case at the center, displayed next to a sandhill crane - a cousin and failed foster parent. The center doesn't even carry posters of the poster child of endangered species.

"That's really Linda Getz said as she visited Bosque del Apache from Bloomington, Minn.

"They were one of the highlights," said Nettie Ireland of Plainfield, Ill. "You'd see them far off. The first time I saw them, I said, 'You can't miss that one.'"

Whooping cranes are the tallest bird in North America, standing about 5 feet with a long, sinuous neck and a red and black head with a long, pointed beak. Its snowy white body feathers are accented by black-tipped wings that span about 7 1/2 feet.

The 57,200-acre refuge - 1,100 acres farmed and 2,000 flooded with Rio Grande water - is host to 350 species of birds annually, from birds of prey to songbirds. It is visited by coyotes, bobcats, cougars, elk and mule deer. In the summer, the refuge's cottonwood trees stand verdant in contrast to the surrounding spare Chihuahuan desert.

-So where have all the whoopers gone?

The goal of the experimental migrating flock was to boost the number of whoopers, which dwindled to a low 15 nationwide in

1941. The numbers have since rebounded to 396.

The program began in 1975 with four young whoopers. Biologists began placing whooper eggs in sandhill crane nests at the Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern Idaho. The plan was to have the sandhills raise the whoopers at their summer digs in Idaho and show them the way 750 miles south to bask in the bosque in central New Mexico during the winter.

As the whoopers matured, they would bond with their own and the result would be a fresh crop of whooping crane chicks.

The plan didn't work.

The whoopers didn't bond and they didn't reproduce. There seemed to be more sexual chemistry between female whoopers and male sandhills.

"Then there was a problem of getting birds of reproductive age together in breeding areas. It's a wide area where they were summering," said wildlife biologist John Taylor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Bosque del Apache.

Six or seven years of drought resulted in severe challenges for newly hatched whoopers in Idaho in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The birds' food supply was limited, and some of the whoopers died during the migration.

The number of power lines built in the San Luis Valley in southern Colorado "had grown exponentially, and there were a lot of crane losses to power line strikes," said Tom Stehn, whooping crane recovery team coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

But Taylor said it was more a problem of whoopers following their smaller foster parents into electric lines everywhere.

In 1997, four whoopers raised by Kent Clegg, a southeastern Idaho biologist, followed him and his ultralight airplane south to the Bosque del Apache.

Clegg's effort "seemed to have great promise," Taylor said. "They were associating with each other."

But by then, the Rocky Mountain program was doomed.

"In 1997, when Kent Clegg did his experiment, it was pretty well understood that this was just an experiment. It was not an attempt to get a new flock started," said Stehn, who is also a biologist at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas.

It was the last time whooping cranes were released in the West.

# Final suspect in attack lands in jail

**NAMPA (AP)** - The fourth and final suspect in an attack which left a Washington woman close to death is scheduled for an April 25 preliminary hearing.

Sarah Kathleen Pearce, 19, of Caldwell is being held in the Canyon County jail on a \$1 million bond. She was arraigned by Canyon County Magistrate Bradley Ford on four felony charges.

Three men were arrested and indicted by a grand jury last month in the June 15, 2000 incident in which Linda LeBrane of Port Townsend was forced off Interstate 84 near Sandt Follow.

The assailants stabbed her more than 20 times, beat her with

a baseball bat, cut her throat, robbed her and left her for dead next to her burning car.

Arrested were John David Wurdemann, 31, Rock Hill, S.C.; his brother, Kenneth Wayne Wurdemann, 31; and Jeremy Flores Sanchez, 26, Caldwell.

Police arrested Pearce in Oregon and returned her to Canyon County on Wednesday. She was charged with robbery, first-degree arson, aggravated battery and first-degree kidnapping.

If convicted on all charges, she could face a possible death penalty.

A police affidavit said Pearce

dropped out of school and entered the Idaho Job Corps program. She was dismissed six days before the attack for aggressive behavior.

"My joy in being alive is increasing exponentially as these people are caught," LeBrane said from her home on Thursday. "It's amazing to me that they're behind bars."

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# Judge jails president of Idaho stores

**BOISE (AP)** - The president of an Idaho grocery store chain will spend at least a year in the Ada County Jail for having sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl he met on a church choir trip.

Dennis Shaver was sentenced Thursday by 4th District Judge Thomas McCall to a suspended 12-year prison sentence. He must serve 18 months in the jail and receive intensive sex-offender treatment.

Shaver Inc. has stores in McCall, Council and New Meadows.

If Shaver completes the treatment in 12 months, he can request an early release from jail. Shaver pleaded guilty in December to one charge of sexual battery of a 16-year-old girl.

Neville exceeded the sentence recommended by prosecutors in an earlier plea agreement.

He condemned Shaver for violating the trust of a child, exploiting a position of trust as a church leader, hurting her ability to trust men, exploiting her sexuality and continuing to deflect some blame onto her.

Neville said that since there is no sex-offender program in Idaho's prisons, Shaver would get more benefit from jail, which will allow him to get treatment.

**10 Ways to Save Money When Buying a New Home**

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

**New homes, on the other hand,** offer innovative use of space, greater energy efficiency, and choices of options and upgrades. Everything is new and modern. Most people consider both new and existing homes before they decide to purchase.

A new special insider report entitled "New Homes-10 Tips to Save Time and Money" has just been released which identifies 10 invaluable tips to save your time and money when purchasing a brand new home. Also revealed are little-known buyer advantages that most builders may not tell you.

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# Oil firm bans tourists from road to Arctic

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** - BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. said it is closing the road that leads through the Prudhoe Bay oil fields to the Arctic Ocean, leading to protests from state officials and from tourism companies that say they'll be put out of business.

The company said Thursday it will not allow tour companies to travel the seven-mile stretch of road this summer, due to security concerns stemming from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The move caught tour operators and state officials off guard. About 5,000 people travel to the end of the road each year. Many of them make the trip with tour companies operating out of Fairbanks.

# Climbers remain missing after climbing Alaska peak

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** - Two climbers were missing and presumed dead after they attempted to descend America's second tallest peak on skis, the National Park Service said.

Aaron Martin of Lake Tahoe, Calif., and Reed Sanders of West Yellowstone, Mont., disappeared Tuesday on Mount St. Elias, which rises 18,008 feet in southeastern Alaska's Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.

Search crews were hampered by snow that made flying impossible, park spokeswoman Jane Trammel said Thursday.

The two men were among four climbers dropped off on April 4 at about 10,000 feet by Paul Claus, owner of Ultima Thule Outfitters. Greg Von Doersten of Jackson,

Wyo., stayed at 14,500 feet after suffering frostbite. The other three, including John Grier of Jackson, reached the summit Tuesday.

Their plan was to ski or snowboard to sea level, said Hunter Sharp, the park's deputy superintendent. Grier changed his mind and decided to walk.

He later saw Martin slide about 4,000 feet, out of control, before going out of sight.

Claus, the outfitter, flew back to the area Wednesday morning to check on the climbers' progress. As he flew over Grier and Von Doersten, he spotted a message stamped in the snow that said, "two dead, two need rescue." The pair were rescued by helicopter on Wednesday.

# Detectives have few clues into teen's death

**BOISE (AP)** - A 14-year-old girl whose body was found this week in a drainage ditch was last seen with a man on the night of Jan. 16, police detectives said.

They have few other clues into the disappearance and death of Cheyenne Renee Vasquez. New information released indicates she was last seen with a 42-year-old man in a vehicle. Her body was discovered Monday by landscaping crews.

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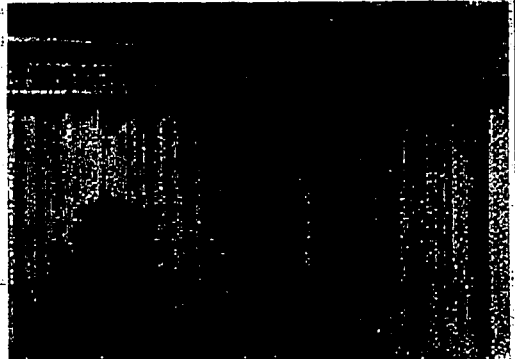
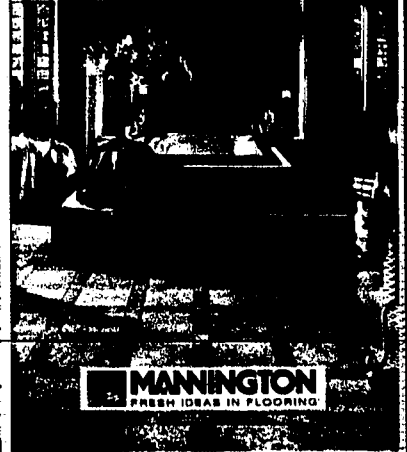
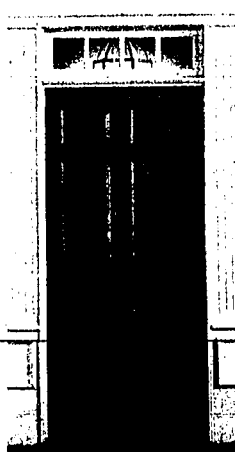
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Section B

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

"I'll come back to play in the morning. I owe it to the crowd."

—Arnold Palmer, with 55 holes left in his Masters career that were washed out by rain on Friday

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**RMFL football**  
Snake River at Mini-Cassia, at Minico HS, 6 p.m.  
**College baseball**  
CSI at TVCC (2), noon

**High school baseball**  
Jerome at Mountain Home, 11 a.m.  
Idaho Falls at Twin Falls (2), 11 a.m.  
Wendell at Glenns Ferry (2), 11 a.m.

**Buhl Mid-Season Classic** at Clint Faux Memorial Field, Buhl  
Buhl vs. South Fremont, 10 a.m.  
Kimberly vs. Shelley, 12:15 p.m.  
TBA, 2:30 p.m.  
Championship, 4:45 p.m.  
**High school softball**  
Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 11 a.m.  
Kimberly at Deelo (2), 11 a.m.  
Twin Falls at Meridian (2), noon

**High school tennis**  
Vallvue at Twin Falls, at CSI, 10 a.m.  
Caldwell at Twin Falls, at CSI, 2 p.m.  
Caldwell at Jerome, at TBA, 2 p.m.  
**High school rodeo**  
at Buhl

### IN BRIEF

#### Nevada assistant will join BSU staff

BOISE — Andy McClouskey, an assistant at Western Athletic Conference rival Nevada for the past three years, was hired on Friday as an assistant men's basketball coach at Boise State.



Andy McClouskey

New head coach Graham made McClouskey the first of three assistant coaches he will add to his staff. He was in charge of scheduling and scouting, and he also recruited for the Wolf Pack.

"His knowledge of the WAC will be a great asset to our staff," Graham said. "The time spent coaching in the Pac-10 and the WAC will help when it comes to recruiting."

Before coaching in Reno, McClouskey spent three seasons at Stetson University in Florida. He was the recruiting coordinator for the Hatters, handled scheduling and assisted with opponent scouting.

McClouskey also coached at Oregon State for six seasons and at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore., for three seasons. He played basketball as a walk-on at Oregon State, lettering two years.

#### Spartan softball team holds luau tonight

RUFERT — The Minico Spartan softball team is holding a Polynesian Luau with dinner tonight at 6 p.m. and dancers at 7:30 p.m.

Cost will be \$6 a person or \$25 for a family of five. Dinner features authentically pit-cooked pork with salads, baked potatoes, rolls and dessert.

Those interested can purchase tickets from any softball player or at the door. The event is a fundraiser for the softball program.

# Buhl opens tourney with two wins

By Joe Sannen Times-News writer

**BUHL** — The first two games of the seventh annual Buhl Mid-Season Classic were barely over and the talk had already begun. The defending 3A state baseball champion Buhl Indians aren't rebuilding anything. "We aren't going to hit as many home runs this season," Buhl junior J.D. Gould said. "But we have a lot of guys that can hit and that can hit in key situations." The Indians (7-1) proved it on Friday, taking their first two games in pod play to start the eight-team tournament. Buhl dumped Kimberly 11-1 in five innings behind a solid pitching performance by Gould and outlasted Shelley 10-6 to move to the top of the first group after Day 1.

## Today's games

**at Clint Faux Field, Buhl**  
• Buhl vs. South Fremont, 10 a.m.  
• Kimberly vs. Shelley, 12:15 p.m.  
**Second-place game**  
Teams TBD, 2:30  
**Championship**  
Teams TBD, 4:45

**at Filer Field**  
• Filer vs. Teton, 10 a.m.  
• Bear Lake vs. Sugar-Salem, 12:15 p.m.  
**Fourth-place game**  
Teams TBD, 2:30  
**Third-place game**  
Teams TBD, 4:45

"This team knows it can play," Buhl coach Ryan Bobo said. "It's just everyone else that hasn't seen them play. They can play baseball."  
In other games at Clint Faux Memorial Field in Buhl Friday, Kimberly (4-7-1) lost a 13-inning marathon to South Fremont, 7-6; and Shelley (8-2) rebounded for a 7-3 victory against the Cougars (5-5) in the nightcap.

In pod play at Filer, state runner-up Teton swept Filer, 5-2, and Bear Lake 12-7. Sugar-Salem (6-2) also took both of its games on Friday, beating Filer 10-9 and Bear Lake 12-2.  
The Bears finished third at the tournament last season and have played for the championship two of the last three seasons, but struggled on the opening day.



Buhl's A. W. Wells slides into home early in the Tribe's 11-1 win against Kimberly on Friday afternoon. The defending 3A state champions took two wins on the day, and will face South Fremont today at 10 a.m. at Clint Faux Field in Buhl.

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## The Masters

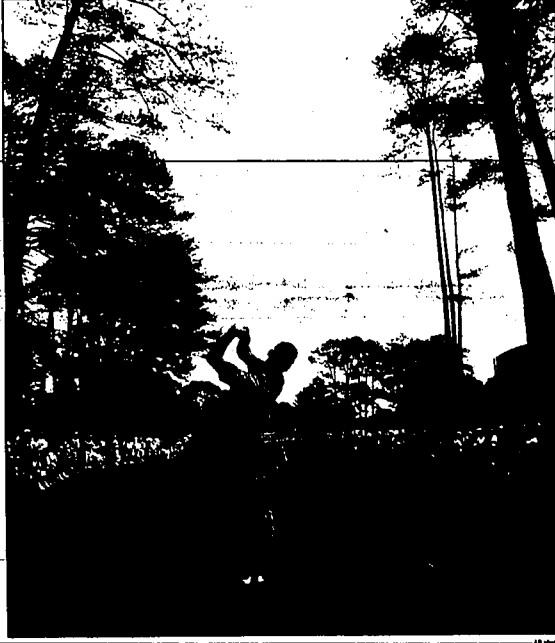
# Singh in the rain

## Every round is an adventure

### Vijay takes lead on rain-shortened day

By Joe Logan Knight Rider News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. — It's hard to say whether Vijay Singh slept well on the lead in the Masters on Friday night, but he had more time to sleep than many of the players chasing him. Singh's second-round 65, with his brilliant 30 on the back nine, was already completed on Friday when one first-round cloudstorm arrived shortly before 5 p.m., drenching Augusta National and halting play with almost half the field stranded on the course.  
Singh, who won his first green jacket and his second major championship here two years ago, was left with a 3-shot lead, if only temporarily, over U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen.



Vijay Singh tees off on the 17th hole at Augusta National Friday on his way to a birdie and a 65 in the second round of the Masters.

Cabrera (Argentina), Miguel Jimenez (3 under, Spain) and Thomas Bjorn (3 under, Denmark) make the whole affair look more like a meeting of the United Nations than a golf tournament.

To find the name of a native-born American with a completed second round, you have to scan down Woods and Phil Mickelson, both tied for sixth.  
Until he won the Shell Houston Open two weeks ago, Singh wasn't struggling through a slump, exactly, but it wasn't a banner year for him, either. Before Houston, he had only one top-five finish, and he missed the cut last month at the Players Championship on his favorite, home course, where he likes to boast that nobody beats him.

But, like Love the day before, Singh insisted his record so far this year is no real measure of how he has been playing. A bad hole here, a few there, and you're going home on Friday or at least disappointed.

Yesterday, there were no bad holes. After a fairly routine front nine, with a single birdie on the par-5 eighth, Singh somehow kicked into high gear on the back. At the 12th, the tricky par-3, he nestled a 9-iron to 8 feet for birdie; and at the newly lengthened par-5 13th, he reached the green in two with a 3-iron for a two-putt birdie.

He moved to 7 under par, and took the lead outright, with an eagle at the short, 500-yard par 5 15th, thanks to a tee shot that left him needing only a 7-iron to reach the green in two; he then drained his 25-foot putt.

To cap the nearly perfect back nine, Singh birdied the 17th and 18th holes.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Every round is an adventure.

And if he can be believed, Phil Mickelson wouldn't have it any other way.

He came to the Masters 0-for-38 in the majors, and along the way, Mickelson has talked about playing aggressively, playing conservatively, about forgetting the past and then feeding off it.

Any remaining doubts about which mode he was in disappeared the moment he left the clubhouse Friday morning with that scorched-earth gleam in his eye. By the time he returned, playing his familiar spectacular-risk, spectacular-reward brand of golf, he made four birdies and four bogeys.



JIM LIFFE

Ultimately, it seemed like a lot of wear and tear for someone who ended the day pretty much in the same place on the leaderboard where he began it. Especially the way Mickelson began it.

"I hit every green and had birdie puts at every hole through the first eight," he said. "It wasn't a chore to be 2 under. At that point I was looking at the possibility of a very good round."

So, naturally, the ninth is where the roller-coaster ride started. Mickelson made his first bogey there; then erased it right away with a nery 8-foot downhill birdie at the 10th. Twice in the next three holes, he chipped his way out of delicate situations instead of putting and neither one paid off.

On the 155-yard, par-3 12th, Mickelson left his tee shot 20 feet above the hole and chucked a short chip off the fringe. His par try from 8 feet slid past the hole, but there was still little cause for concern.

The 13th, a par-5 that still measured only 510 yards after being redesigned, sets up perfectly for the long-hitting left-hander. And when Mickelson's drive roared past the trees guarding the left

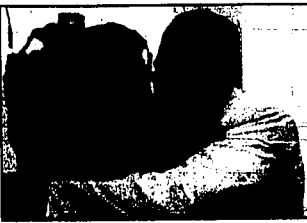
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## Shannon Sharpe returns to Broncos

The Associated Press

DENVER — Shannon Sharpe returned to the Denver Broncos on Friday, signing a seven-year contract with the team he helped lead to two Super Bowl titles.

Sharpe, who turns 34 in June, won Super Bowl rings with the Broncos in 1997 and 1998 and played 10 seasons in Denver, before spending the last two seasons with the Baltimore Ravens, with whom he won another ring in 2000.



Sharpe, an eight-time Pro Bowler who is the NFL career leader in receptions (692) and yards (8,604) by a tight end, was a salary-cap casualty of the Ravens in February. Seattle and Oakland also showed interest, but Sharpe opted for Denver.

Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, left, hugs Shannon Sharpe after a news conference announcing Sharpe's return to the Broncos Friday in Englewood, Co.

is structured with the understanding that Sharpe probably will play one year.

"I need to be here, at least for  
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## CSI splits in Ontario

The Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — If only the College of Southern Idaho baseball team didn't have to play doubleheaders.

CSI split its opening series with Treasure Valley Community College in Scenic-West Athletic Conference play on Friday, taking the first game 4-0 before falling in the nightcap 2-1.

## Two at Treasure

CSI vs. TVCC, noon

CSI split its opening series with Treasure Valley Community College in Scenic-West Athletic Conference play on Friday, taking the first game 4-0 before falling in the nightcap 2-1.

"We gave up two runs in 13 innings and still lost one," CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker said. "It's the same old story. We just aren't scoring runs with run-  
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# A few holes left at Augusta for the king

## Rain-shortened round means Palmer will be back one more time

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — AUGUSTA National just wasn't ready to say goodbye to Arnold Palmer.

He seemed as reluctant to bid farewell himself. An outpouring of love and affection was broken up by a downpour that halted Palmer's celebratory round, bringing the King back for another day to finish his 48th and final Masters.

On a wet and rainy Friday, his aging army sloshed through the mud to cheer Palmer one last time. He led the fans through the very holes where he first thrilled them more than four decades ago.

Palmer was deep into Amen Corner when the rain came, fresh off a triumphant par on 12, the 2,658th hole he has played in the tournament. He'll return this morning to finish the 5.5 holes left in his Masters career.

"I'll come back to play in the morning," Palmer said. "I owe it to the crowd."

The crowd seemed to feel it owed Palmer something, too, rising to its feet and cheering him on hole after hole of a sentimental tour around the course where he won four green jackets.

After 48 years, Palmer was saying goodbye to the Masters, and his fans wanted to say the same to him.

As the rain kept falling, he sat in his car in the parking lot with the lights on, seemingly unwilling to leave.

"I never in all my life of playing golf heard or saw or felt the adulation I felt," Palmer said. "People were wonderful."

The golf, though, wasn't, for a proud man who had known such greatness. He was 9 over through 12 holes, hit a few shots sideways and missed makeable putts. To his fans, it didn't matter.

The crowd clapped for his shots. They saved their cheers for the man. He responded through teary eyes by working the gallery like a politician, shaking hands with the men and kissing the women as he took a final stroll into history.

By the sixth hole, they had quit posting his score. For once, it didn't matter. Everyone knew where Arnie stood, and it had nothing to do with birdies and bogeys.

"It's a little like a funeral where you celebrate a great life," said longtime Arnie's Army member Sam Phillips. "It's a sad day for golf but it's a celebration of person who means as much to golf as anyone."

The day before, the 72-year-old Palmer had shot an 89 and announced that this would be his last Masters. He once vowed to play until he was 100 if invited, but a new beefed-up Augusta National and some hints from Masters officials that aging champions shouldn't always play convinced him it was time to go.

The fans who followed him since he played his first Masters



Arnold Palmer, left, walks over the Ben Hogan Bridge with his caddy, Roy Saunders, during the second round of the Masters Friday. Palmer will complete his last competitive round at Augusta National today.

as a swashbuckling 25-year-old in 1955, tying for 10th with Byron Nelson, wanted to be along for the ride from the first tee on.

"He was young and brash and could hit it a million miles," said 84-year-old Joe Curtis, who first saw Palmer in 1956. "It was so for broke every time he hit."

Curtis used a motorized cart to follow Palmer around, joining hundreds who followed him from hole to hole, swapping stories and greeting each other like old friends.

"I wanted to be here every lick of the way," said Curtis, a former fighter pilot.

The crowd that gathered around the first tee was thicker than any in the memory of his fans. They cheered as Palmer unleashed a drive that almost got to the top of the hill on the par-4 first hole.

On the course, Sergio Garcia, 50 years Palmer's junior, was coming up the adjacent ninth hole when he heard the roar. The Spaniard knew what he felt, though he struggled to put it into English.

"Just listening to that ovation they gave him on the first tee, I

was getting, what do you call it, chicken pox," Garcia said.

Palmer would give them another thrill later, just before the rain came, when he hit an iron at the devilish par-3 12th hole on the green and two-putted for par. Fans crowded into the bleachers gave him three standing ovations and he replied with a thumbs-up.

Amateur playing partner Robert Hamilton turned and shook his hand. At times Palmer seemed barely able to control his emotions. In the gallery, many were misty-eyed, too. "Thank you, Arnie," they called out. "Thank you."

### The Masters

Partial Par Scores (Golfers who have completed two rounds)

At Augusta National Golf Club  
Parcours: 7,270; Par: 72  
(6-man field)

Vijay Singh	70-65-135	9
Angel Cabrera	68-71-139	5
Diego Echeburu	68-71-139	6
Sergio Garcia	68-71-139	5
Thomas Bjorn	74-67-141	3
Phil Mickelson	69-72-141	3
Miguel A. Jimenez	70-71-141	3
Dave Love III	67-75-142	2
Robert Milder	73-70-142	1
Rocco Mediate	75-68-143	1
Mike Weir	72-71-143	1
Damen Clarke	70-74-144	1
Shewart Clark	74-70-144	1
Samuel Langer	74-71-145	1
Justin Leonard	70-75-145	1
Scott Stadler	73-72-145	1
Oran Patrick, Jr.	74-72-146	2
Bruce Lanyon	75-71-146	2
Frank Beaulac	73-73-146	2
Nick Price	70-76-146	2
Brian Faeh	71-75-146	2
Tom Watson	71-76-147	3
Lee Westwood	75-72-147	3
David Tom	73-74-147	3
John Daly	74-73-147	3
Shigeki Miyazawa	75-72-147	3
Paul Azinger	75-73-148	4
Camilo Perez	74-74-148	4
Joel Dahm	74-74-148	4
Mark O'Meara	74-74-149	5
John Johnson	74-75-149	5
Paul Lawrie	75-74-149	5
Tom Kite	75-74-150	6
Shingo Katayama	76-75-150	6
Jim Furyk	73-77-150	6
Billy Andrade	75-75-150	6
Victor Hovland	75-75-150	6
Steve Stricker	75-76-151	7
Micklas Feath	76-75-151	7
Chris DiMarco	75-76-152	8
Sandy Lyle	73-81-154	10
Ian Woosnam	77-78-155	11
Steve Bottom	76-79-156	12
Tommy Aaron	79-78-157	13
Stuart Appleby	80-79-159	15
Chris O'Connell	74-85-160	19
Charles Coody	82-84-166	22

Leaderboard	SCORE	THRU
1. Vijay Singh	-9	F
2. Retief Goosen	-6	T
3. Angel Cabrera	-5	F
3. Sergio Garcia	-5	F
3. Miguel A. Jimenez	-5	F
6. Phil Mickelson	-3	F
6. Thomas Bjorn	-3	F
8. Chris DiMarco	-2	T
8. Jose Maria Olazabal	-2	T
8. Tiger Woods	-2	F
12. Davis Love III	-2	F
12. Nick Faldo	-2	T
12. Ernie Els	-2	T

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Continued from B1. side and began fading in a perfect imitation of the shape of the fairway, another birdie seemed in the offing.

Playing partner Angel Cabrera, one of the longest hitters in the Masters, was a good 20 yards behind Mickelson and playing from the first cut of rough. He hit first and a low groan rumbled through the five-deep gallery as Cabrera's shot headed for the creek guarding the front side of the green. Somehow, though, the ball struck a rock in the creek and bounced onto the green, turning the groans into laughter.

Mickelson wasn't that lucky. He wasn't very cautious, either.

From about 230 yards, he tried to land a long iron on the short side of a green with the pin way off the left side. From there, he tried another delicate chip that rolled back off the green and onto a sprinkler head.

After twice trying to drop the ball on the slippery slope without it rolling back onto the sprinkler head, Mickelson was allowed to place it at the top of the slope. Filled the ball to within 3 feet and settled for a very disappointing par.

Mickelson plays as if flirting with danger is part of the appeal. At No. 14, he hit a drive that fell down the right side of the fairway and again tried to tuck an iron alongside another short-sided left pin.

This time his approach hit a tree and bounded dead left, coming to rest 25 feet from the green. Instead of chipping, Mickelson took out his job wedge and hit the prettier, but infinitely more delicate, flop

shot. It finished 20 feet past the hole, and from a gallery that had been mostly quiet, one wise guy offered to take bets on how many more strokes it would take Mickelson to get the ball into the hole and found no lack of action.

The correct choice turned out to be two, which translated into Mickelson's third bogey of the day.

Afterward, somebody asked Mickelson whether he'd noticed anything going on in the gallery.

"I try not to," he said. "I really don't notice much." Mickelson said he had never all he could handle just maneuvering his way around Augusta National's brutally deceptive greens.

"I don't think I've ever felt comfortable on these greens. I've putted well here, but I've never been comfortable. They always put the pins on tabletops, never on the low spots. I'm always worried by the thought of rolling a putt 6-to-8 feet by."

By any account, Mickelson ranks among the world's most talented players. But he's already stuck behind Tiger Woods, and fast losing ground to Ernie Els. Without a major to his credit, he'll always be running in place. More and more, Mickelson sounds like a man trying to convince himself that fate has run out of tricks to play. This is hardly the first time he's said something like that, but if he plans to shake the clinging shadow of being 0-for-38 in the only tournaments that really matter, it had better be the last.

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WORLD



A Palestinian boy passes in front of two Israeli tanks positioned in the center of the besieged West Bank town of Ramallah during a break in curfew Thursday.

# Death toll climbs in Ramallah

By Daniel Williams  
The Washington Post

**RAMALLAH, West Bank** — The most recent Palestinian killed by Israeli soldiers in Ramallah was Marnal Sofran. She was a housewife shot in the head on Wednesday, neighbors said, while calling her husband Sami and their four children to come in from the garden of her three-story apartment building near Chicken Street.

She leaned out from the glass-enclosed sun-room, a common feature of Palestinian houses from the 1950s and 60s. She said five soldiers by a nearby wall, the neighbors recalled, and feared that they might shoot at moving objects.

"She was right," said Tom Kay, one of the neighbors. "But she was the object, and it was clear the soldiers could see her." Her last words were "Oh, Sami," said grieving relatives who received visitors at a wake Thursday.

The death toll in Ramallah has climbed slowly but surely since Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sent the army into the West Bank and Gaza Strip on March 29 to uproot what he called a Palestinian terrorist infrastructure. In the first week, about 27 Palestinians died, among them at least seven civilians. The toll has climbed to 37 in the past week. At least two of those recently added to the count were decomposed bodies of victims shot in the first hours of combat. One was a cook at Arafat's besieged headquarters building, doctors at Ramallah Hospital said.

Ramallah's toll is not of the level of carnage in Nabulus or Jenin, Palestinian cities farther north in the West Bank where armor and helicopter assaults battered residential areas defended by armed militia. But it is striking nonetheless because it is continuing to climb. Combat is over, but shooting, death and destruction persist. Israeli soldiers strictly enforce a curfew, to the point where a person who sticks his or her head out a window risks losing it.



The wife of Kamal Sadran, 28, left, weeps with an unidentified memento, during his funeral at an Amari refugee camp in Ramallah Thursday. The family held the funeral ceremony after Israel lifted the curfew on Ramallah Thursday allowing Palestinians to gather for supplies.

Israeli patrols appear to still be pursuing armed stragglers, although there have been no recent reports of roundups of militia members or other Palestinians whom the army labels as terrorists. In neighborhoods near the blackened and scarred headquarters of the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, house-to-house searches have been frequent. On the other hand, large areas of Ramallah have been free of searches.

The duration of Israel's operation here raises the question of when — or whether — Sharon's government will be able to declare the city cleansed of terrorist infrastructure. Every so often, rocket carriers and tanks still scurry about Ramallah's winding streets on noisy man-hunts. Sometimes, they shoot up vacant buildings.

Sofran's death and incidents like it raise a different question. How abundantly has this operation fed a lust for revenge — not merely among armed fighters' relatives and associates, but also among Palestinians related to civilian victims? In Ramallah, civilians speak most heatedly not about militia losses but

about such killings: targeting a woman in her home on a clear, quiet day, and hitting the mark with two bullets. Palestinians complain that the United States has written off Palestinian civilian casualties as incidental, even in the early days of the uprising when Palestinians were shot down by the dozens while throwing stones at Israeli troops. "You foreigners make much of Israeli civilian deaths," said Basbir Abu Walid, a neighbor of the dead woman. "Every Israeli death is a big event. But we are just statistics. Because a soldier does it, it is not terrorism. Why not?"

There are three examples this week of the kind of attacks Ramallah residents believe exemplify wanton killing of civilians. Three men were shot the other day during an ending of the curfew, which the Israelis lift every three days for periods up to four hours. One died in a taxi after delivering a woman relative to Ramallah Hospital to give birth. Soldiers shot another in the chest as he stood in front of his home. A third was killed trying to drive relatives out of Ramallah to their home villages. To the Palestinians, some



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

killings become parables, stories repeated and repeated like fragments of an epic poem. News the other day of the wounding of a paraplegic in a wheelchair spread like wildfire through the city. Tuesday, a mentally retarded young man named Atef Moussa Kandil was shot near Manara Square. Kandil survived and is hospitalized with a chest wound.

The curfew means that Ramallah residents are unable to begin repairs or open businesses. Hospitals and their ambulances, which have to run gauntlets of bullets, and garbage collection, which races into operation during curfew-free hours, are the only functioning municipal services.

# Bomber pierces heart of Jerusalem

By Martin Herzog  
Knight Ridder News Service

**JERUSALEM** — A bomb walked along Jaffa Street on Friday and paused at a crowded bus stop in the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market. A red and white No. 6 bus pulled up. Everyone was hurrying home because the Jewish Sabbath was approaching. The bus stopped in front of the Beit Halehem bakery. It was 4:17 p.m. The bomb decided to detonate itself, a young Palestinian woman transformed into a weapon that pierced the heart of Jerusalem at an extremely delicate time. The blast killed six people and wounded 84.

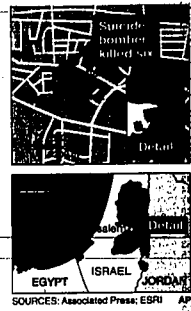
Dazed survivors stumbled away, many bleeding profusely. Soldiers, police, paramedics and Orthodox Jewish men with yellow vests and a very difficult job — collecting body parts for burial — ran toward the scene.

Bloodstains stretched 20 feet up the bakery wall. Bodies and parts of bodies were scattered on the sidewalk and in the street. The metallic bus shelter was bent and folded back on itself, a bizarre sculpture of the times. Shards of glass, cardboard boxes, discarded potatoes, bananas and bread blanketed the street. One apple wheel against the left front wheel of the bus. A large blue and white Israeli flag flew from a flagpole attached to the bakery building. Sirens wailed, horns blared and people shouted and cried. Some bystanders rushed to help.

A woman who identified herself only as Elisheva had bloodstains on her blue sweatshirt, large red blotches near the left wrist and around the neck. It was not her blood, but a stranger's. She was in the store to buy fruit for the Sabbath when she heard the disaster. Mahane Yehuda is a maze-like market of fruit stands, bakeries and garment shops in downtown Jerusalem, and Friday is its busiest day.

"The ground shook and we all knew exactly what it was," she said. "I ran there to see if I could help. I saw a girl bleeding from the head. I cradled her, and she was crying and crying and crying. They were trying to take her away and she was just crying. She told me, 'I'm 17 today. This is my birthday.'"

"She kept crying. 'Why? Why?' I said, 'Don't worry. You are alive. You are alive.'"



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

Elisheva looked into the distance, then at her left wrist. She said: "This is Jewish blood running on our holy, precious land, and on our Sabbath. They know when it is the most crowded, and then they do it."

Eli Beer, 28, had been in the market a half-hour earlier to buy apples, bananas, the Sabbath bread called chalah and "nosh" candy — for his children.

When he heard the bomb, he reached for his orange paramedic vest and headed to the site. A bit later, he replaced it with the yellow vest of the chevra kadisha, the "holy friends" squad that attempts to salvage every human fragment possible.

They also wear white biological protection suits, rubber gloves, white filter masks and the skull-caps of the Orthodox Jewish male. They do their work with paint scrapers, paper towels and plastic bags, and they examine every inch of a disaster site.

Beer is a soft-spoken man, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and he told his story calmly and quietly. He said: "I got to the bus and saw a lot of people dead. We couldn't do anything for them so, as a medic, I went to help the people I could. It's not an easy thing."

"After that, I started my other job. Blood is part of the Jewish soul, so we have to make sure that every bit of flesh and bone gets buried."

Now, he started to move away. The sun was slipping behind the hills and time was running out.

"We have to do a fast job now, because it's Friday," he said. "The Sabbath is coming, you know."

# White House calls suicide bombings 'homicide' acts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has added a new term to its Middle East descriptions: homicide bombings.

That's how White House spokesman Ari Fleischer has begun referring to bombing attacks in Israel, including Friday's in which a woman detonated explosives she was wearing, killing shoppers at an outdoor market. "The president condemns this morning's homicide bombing." He also called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat

to "speak out and denounce today's homicide attack."

When asked why he used the term, Fleischer replied that it better captures the nature of the violence. "These are not suicide bombings. These are not people who kill just themselves," Fleischer said. "These are people who deliberately go to murder others, with no regard to the value of their own life. These are murderers. And I think that it's just a more accurate description of what these people are doing."

# U.N. chief urges peacekeepers for Mideast

Los Angeles Times

**UNITED NATIONS** — In a reflection of deepening concerns here about the specter of a widening Middle East war, Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Friday to authorize an international force to oversee a cease-fire in the Palestinian territories. "The situation is so dangerous and the humanitarian and human rights situation so appalling," said Annan, speaking from the U.N. offices in Geneva, that outside military intervention "can no longer be deferred."

A few hours later, Annan's top political deputy in New York and the Security Council, said the proposal in a closed-door session. U.N. officials said Annan

envisioned a well-armed multinational force endorsed by but operating independently of the United Nations, as in Afghanistan, with one nation volunteering to organize and command the troops.

"I am calling for a force that will help create a secure environment to allow for assistance, to allow us to be able to end the killing and give us time for negotiations and diplomacy," the secretary-general said.

According to people who attended Friday's session, the proposal was received with surprise and skepticism by the Security Council, which has been deliberating renewed requests from Arab nations for a U.N. monitoring mission in the Middle East — an idea staunchly opposed by Israel. Annan, normally careful and

even deferential in his dealings with the council concerning the region, has been under intense and growing pressure to speak out within the United Nations, senior officials here said, as Israeli troops have occupied and in some cases destroyed parts of U.N. refugee settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. American diplomats here, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they needed to hear more details of Annan's proposal but wanted the immediate Mideast diplomatic focus to remain on U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's mission in the region.

Yet even if Powell secured a peacekeeping mission, history suggests that the Israelis and Palestinians on their own would be unable or unwilling to maintain it, Annan suggested.

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- President Hugo Chavez, who resigned under military pressure Friday, received 60% of votes in 2000 elections

**Boom and bust**

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U.N. group adopts plan for elderly

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Delegates at a U.N. conference on aging agreed Friday on a plan committing their governments to promote the health and well-being of the elderly and to help poor countries cope with their aging populations.

But the 44-page "International Plan of Action on Aging" contained no specific proposals on how to finance or monitor compliance with its recommendations.

"A large amount of what has to be done will have to come from national resources," U.N. Undersecretary General Nitin Desai said.

He noted that pledges made at last month's U.N. conference on development in Monterrey, Mexico, would raise the global figure for overseas development aid to \$12 billion by 2005.

Fanta Sisay, a member of Gambia's delegation, called the plan "a step forward," but said more needed to be done to help families in poor countries pay to care for aging relatives.

Delegates warned that "unless the benefits of social and economic development are extended to all countries, a growing number of people, particularly older persons in all countries and even entire regions, will remain marginalized from the global economy."

New leader promises elections in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The man tapped by Venezuela's military to replace Hugo Chavez on Friday promised new elections within a year, and the imprisoned former president faced possible charges after a bloody repression of an opposition march.

Hours after a tumultuous night that ended with Chavez being taken from the presidential palace to detention in an army base, businessman Pedro Carmona announced he would lead a junta with military backing that will call legislative elections and then presidential elections within a year.

His one-time 80 percent popularity ratings plunge to below 30 percent this year as he repeatedly accused business leaders, labor, the news media and even Roman Catholic Church leaders of conspiring to overthrow him.

The armed forces — which has traditionally strong ties to the U.S. military — resented Chavez's distancing of Venezuela from Washington. Many also disliked Chavez's ties with leftist Colombian guerrillas and with Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Chavez had irritated Washington with his close ties to Castro, visits to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and to Libya, and criticism of U.S. bombings in Afghanistan.

The military said Chavez, 47, resigned when top commanders confronted him at the presidential palace overnight, just hours after civilian Chavez supporters opened fire on a 150,000-strong opposition demonstration in downtown Caracas. At least 14 people were killed and 250 wounded.



Hugo Chavez



Pedro Carmona

Carmona quickly called an end to an anti-Chavez strike that had slowed down oil production by Venezuela — the third largest supplier to the United States. Oil prices in London dipped in expectation of an increase in output by the world's fourth largest exporter.

The United States called for calm and blamed Chavez for his own ouster. President Bush "now that the situation will be one of tranquility and democracy," Fleischer said. The State Department said "undemocratic actions committed or encouraged by the Chavez administration provoked yesterday's crisis."

Britain buzzes over origin of funeral poem

LONDON (AP) — Held in Britain's grand medieval church the funeral for the Queen Mother Elizabeth was a deeply traditional, carefully orchestrated affair.

But a simple anonymous poem that has been bouncing around the world on the Internet lent a touch of new age sentimentality to the royal farewell, leaving Britons speculating about its origins, and even sparking a bit of literary sleuthing.

"You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived," opens the poem, which was included in the program distributed at the queen mother's Westminster Abbey funeral on Tuesday. It was not read aloud.

"You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your

back, or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said Queen Elizabeth II chose the verse herself. He said the poem's theme — giving thanks for a life rather than mourning a death — echoed that of a televised message in which the monarch said she was grateful for her mother's long and happy years.

The queen mother died March 30 at age 101. Theories about the poem's authorship have been flying around the British media. It appears to have been circulating on the Internet for several years, and The Times newspaper — which has run a series of stories investigating its origins — reported the poem had been read at funerals around the English-

speaking world.

"This poem has managed to travel around the globe, and though on the face of it, it may not seem to have any prize-winning literary merit, on the occasion of somebody close to you dying, it clearly touches a chord for many people," said Andrew Norfolk, a Times reporter working on the investigation. "It doesn't matter whether you're the queen or a dustman, it does seem to help."

Buckingham Palace said it was believed that the queen had first learned about the poem when she saw it in the funeral program of a family friend, the Dowager Viscountess De L'Isle. Norfolk said about 100 readers contacted his newspaper about the poem, many with theories about its authorship.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Rec district holds online sales class

**JEROME** - The Jerome Recreation District will hold a class titled, "So you want to sell online?"

The class will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Friday for four weeks, beginning May 3. Register by calling Jerome Recreation District at 324-3889.

Organizers said class participants can discover their online niche; learn how to set up online payment accounts so payment is received immediately; learn where to get free shipping supplies and how to set up mailing and shipping accounts; find out what online auction services are and the cheapest way to list items on the largest online auction place, eBay; and cut their learning curve in half and save money by learning tips and tricks from an expert.

Class cost is \$30 per person.

### Ameristar Casinos Inc. will release earnings April 13

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. - a major Magic Valley employer at its Jackpot operations - plans to release its first-quarter earnings report at 4 p.m. April 23.

A conference call on the earnings is scheduled to follow at 7 a.m. April 24. Dial in at least five minutes early to (719) 457-2517 and use confirmation code is 609822.

Ameristar's call will be recorded and can be replayed until May 1; to listen, call (719) 457-0820 and use replay code 609822.

### Costco says sales increase on demand for bulk goods

**SEATTLE** - Warehouse retailer Costco Wholesale said sales at its stores open at least a year increased 7 percent last month on building demand for bulk goods at bargain prices.

Issaquah, Wash.-based Costco, which has a Twin Falls store, said net sales in the five weeks ended April 7 rose 12 percent to \$3.46 billion, from \$3.08 billion a year ago. Same-store sales at its U.S. stores jumped 8 percent, while international sales were flat.

Last month, the company posted a 9 percent rise in its quarterly profit and said it sees its third- and fourth-quarter earnings in line with Wall Street forecasts.

### Simplot gets honor as supplier of the year

**CALDWELL** - The Colonel and the Potato King have a good thing going.

J.R. Simplot Co. was named Kentucky Fried Chicken's supplier of the year. Simplot, a leading food products company and a major Magic Valley employer in Aberdeen, Wash., said it was honored for KFC's value and service award.

The Idaho company is its largest domestic supplier of frozen vegetables. It provides the fried-chicken giant with better-coated potato wedges processed in Aberdeen, Wash., and corn-on-the-cob produced in Pasco, Wash.

But the process starts in Caldwell, where employees develop products and the technology to make them. Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said.

Kentucky Fried and United Foodservice Purchasing Co-op chose Simplot as supplier of the year based on quality, service and cost management.

### Idaho sawmill closes, leaving 20 without work

**CRAIGMONT** - U.S. Timber Co. has shut down its Camas Prairie mill, leaving 20 people without work in a community of about 600.

U.S. Timber executives pointed out several years ago that abandonment of the Camas Prairie Railroad line between Spalding and Orangeville would have an adverse effect on the business.

The timber company invested 400,000 in the mill with the assurance from Camas Prairie Railroad that the line would not be abandoned. The railroad denied making any promises, and six months after the mill upgrades were completed the railroad announced it was abandoning the line.

The mill, which dried and planed rough-cut lumber and cut dimensional lumber and specific grades, was bought by U.S. Timber from Channel Lumber Co. of Craigmont in 1997.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Burley Kmart workers look for jobs

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - Finding new jobs in Burley isn't going to be an easy task for about 75 people who will lose them within a few months.

While Kmart officials have not announced a date for closure of the retailer's Burley store, some store employees have started to plan for their future.

"I have three kids and I'm going to have to find something," said Rachel Rice, a clerk at the store. When Rice was hired a few weeks ago, she was told her job would be temporary because the store will close.

## Experts offer suggestions as store's closure looms

"A lot have gotten new jobs already," she said.

Debbie Tompkins, another Burley Kmart clerk, said Wal-Mart is hiring a few displaced workers.

"But most people are looking in Twin," she said.

While Rice and Tompkins had no qualms about talking, some Kmart employees said they had been told to not say anything about their situations.

White not many of the Kmart employees had yet been to the mall to inquire about work.

He agreed with Tolman that more jobs need to be created in Mini-Cassia.

White not many of the Kmart employees had yet been to Job Service seeking new jobs, the agency is ready to assist in several ways, Tolman said.

"It would be a far stretch," he said. "Some will find work, but for some it will take longer. Job Service is also offering a class on the grief cycle to help employees recognize where they are and move on, Tolman said.

"I'm glad Job Service has stepped up to the plate," said Barbara Knudson, dean of human resources at College of Southern Idaho.

Knudson encourages displaced workers to consider taking some classes.

"The college is always an opportunity," she said. "Sometimes you need to sharpen.

"We will be offering job-search workshops for them," he said.

Workshops will include interview skills and resume fine-tuning. Job Service is also offering a class on the grief cycle to help employees recognize where they are and move on, Tolman said.

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# Celebrating 100 years

## Area stores mark J.C. Penney anniversary

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - As J.C. Penney Co. Inc. celebrates a century in retailing this weekend, the company's two Magic Valley stores plan parties of their own.

Penney's Twin Falls department store will offer shoppers free cake after a 2 p.m. cake cutting Sunday - the 100th anniversary of James Cash Penney's opening of a small dry goods store in a Wyoming mining town.

"As long as they don't get icing all over," Twin Falls store manager Jim Godwin said with a laugh.

Many of the Burley Penney store's retired employees will gather there from 10 a.m. to noon today to share cake and punch, talk about the company's heritage and greet regular customers they haven't seen in a while, store manager Keith Krupicka said.

The Burley store will hold drawings for three local prizes - man's tool kit, ladies' jewelry box and Barbie doll - and show its retirees a fun time, he said. Some worked for Penney 15-20 years or more.

They were part of Penney's more than half a century in Mini-Cassia.

Penney originally had two Mini-Cassia stores, in downtown Burley and downtown Rupert.

"From what we can tell that dates back to 1947 at least," Krupicka said. The retailer consolidated the two into Burley's Snake River Plaza in 1979.

Penney made a similar downtown-to-small-move in Twin Falls.

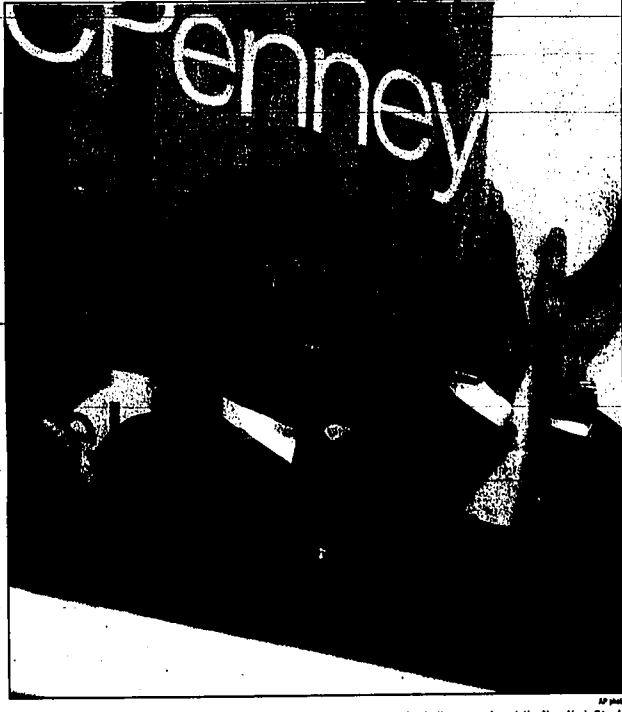
Godwin is searching for the date - sometime before mid-century - that Penney opened on Twin Falls' Main Avenue. It moved to the Magic Valley Mall on the Snake River Canyon rim in October 1986 and last year remodeled and updated its interior look, he said.

Godwin was unable to uncover anything unusual about the Twin Falls store's history.

"Twin Falls was just a good, solid store," he said.

Today it employs 85 people, and its Burley counterpart employs 18. About half work full-time and half part-time, the store managers said.

Godwin said he's proud of



Allen Questrom, right, CEO of J.C. Penney Co., joins the applause during opening bell ceremonies at the New York Stock Exchange Friday. He is joined by NYSE Chairman Richard Grasso as the company celebrates its 100th anniversary.

the number of college students who put themselves through school by working at the Twin Falls department store.

Shoppers at all Penney locations can register for the 100th Anniversary Sweepstakes. Nationwide, 10 Chevrolet 271 Suburbans will be given away, as well as 100 Carnival family cruises and thousands of \$100 JCPenney gift cards, the company said.

This weekend, look for deeper sale discounts than normal - including many buy-one-get-one-for-\$1 offers - and extended grace periods on certain store credit card purchases, Godwin said.

The Twin Falls store will open early today and stay open late Sunday, he said. Twin Falls store hours will be 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, and 11 a.m. to 9:30

### James Cash Penney's legacy

- Penney in 2002 opened his first store, The Golden Rule, which was his philosophy to treat others the way he would want to be treated.
- In 1923, his chain of stores incorporated in Utah as J.C. Penney Co. (JCP), and the Golden Rule name was phased out.
- In 1954, the company moved its headquarters from Salt Lake City to New York City to be closer to major sources of merchandise.
- The JCPenney Catalog made its debut in 1968, and Penney now operates the largest catalog business in America. The company launched JCPenney.com in 1995; the site generated more than \$300 million in sales last year.
- In 1988, Penney moved its headquarters from New York to Plano, Texas, near Dallas.
- It's America's 38th largest corporation today. As of Jan. 26, it operated 1,078 JCPenney Department stores in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Mexico, and 54 Renner department stores in Brazil. Subsidiary Eckerd operated 2,641 drugstores.
- Department store sales were \$14.8 billion in the fiscal year ending in January, a 2.6 percent increase from the previous year, while sales in department stores open at least a year increased 3.3 percent.

Source: J.C. Penney Co.

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# Rural coalition's leader tours area businesses

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BLIINE** - Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association's specialist is learning what the 13 participating cities and counties have to offer prospective clients by touring facilities in the valley.

James Scott told the RMVEDA board this week that on each tour he learns about the business and keeps a profile on what products each manufacturer and uses.

The information is valuable because you never know who is going to call and, perhaps, like what resources are available in the rural coalition's area, Scott said.

"I want to tour as many facilities as possible and be up to date," Scott said.

The coalition's Web site, www.rmvtdaho.com, describes each town and resources available. The minutes of the previous monthly meeting are also online.

Scott also attends meetings with legislators and various entities such as the Mayors, Administrator, and City Councils organization. M&CC meets at noon every fourth Thursday at Zeppes in Gooding. The program provides guest speakers and networking about information and current events. Members include the counties of Blaine, Camas, Gooding,

Jerome and Lincoln.

One project the cities of Bliss and Hagerman are interested in is a scenic byway that would run from Bliss to the Hansen Bridge in Twin Falls County.

A \$145,000 grant application was updated and resubmitted for federal civic byway funds through the Idaho Transportation Department. The project did not make the funded list last year.

The project would give travelers general information about Bliss and Hagerman and point out historical sites and wildlife areas along the highway, as well as attractions such as Balanced Rock in Castleford.

"We want visitors to measure their staying time in the valley in days instead of hours," Scott said. "We must diversify our economy while keeping the existing businesses."

On the topic of developing business, Scott said Shoshone is working on infrastructure for a potential five or more jobs, and in Wendell the planning and zoning commission is working on sites for a business park.

RMVEDA's May meeting site, when determined, will be posted on the Web site.

Time-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

# IDACORP lowers earnings outlook

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - IDACORP Inc. lowered its fiscal 2002 earnings expectations Friday to \$2.20 to \$2.50 a share, down substantially from the \$3.35 a share earned in 2001.

The change is the result of the energy holding company's announcement that first-quarter earnings will be about 30 percent below the 93 cents a share earned a year earlier, or about 65 cents a share.

Wall Street had been expecting IDACORP to post earnings of \$3.62 a share for the year and 77 cents a share in the first quarter, according to analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call.

The company - whose regulated subsidiary supplies electricity to much of Magic Valley - said weaker energy marketing opportunities and lingering effects from last year's regional drought are responsible for the lowered expectations.

IDACORP Energy, the holding company's power marketing arm, has been hit by declining regional price spreads and fewer credit-worthy buyers in the markets, IDACORP President Jan Packwood said in a statement.

"This will limit IDACORP Energy's ability to transact the same volume of business in future periods," Packwood said.

The company said its electricity generation affiliate, Idaho Power, will contribute more to its 2002 earnings than a year earlier. However, moderated drought conditions will affect the company's ability to generate electricity from its dams.

IDACORP stock closed at \$37.25 per share Friday, down \$2.98, or 7.4 percent.

The news came as Idaho Power, the regulated, electricity-producing subsidiary of IDACORP, is holding hearings with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission regarding an annual rate adjustment.

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# Starbucks uses card to learn about customers

Knight Ridder News Service

**SEATTLE** - Starbucks is devising ways to use its popular debit card to reward frequent customers and to better understand what and when they buy, Chief Executive Orin Smith said this week.

Speaking to students and faculty members of the University of Washington Business School, Smith said the coffee giant's card "is one of those things that just suddenly exploded out of the blocks." Since Starbucks introduced the card in November, the company has sold more than 4 million, a number, Smith said, has far exceeded the company's expectations.

Starbucks - which has a store in Ketchum - doesn't offer discounts or rewards in connection with the card, which has replaced paper gift certificates. The main incentive is convenience: Using the cards makes transactions faster and eliminates the need to scrounge for money.

But Smith said Starbucks plans to use the cards for customer-incentive programs and to

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MONEY

Tech stocks rise, but overall mood is subdued

NEW YORK (AP) - Bargain hunting lifted technology stocks sharply Friday, but the market's overall tone was guarded as earnings waited for first-quarter earnings reports to begin next week.

Analysts said Wall Street wanted to see proof that business was improving before making any big moves. Stocks have fallen in recent weeks on fears that the market has rallied prematurely and is oversteering the strength of the recovery.

"People are just sitting around and watching the market and trying to figure out what's next," said Michael Murphy, director of equity trading at Wachovia Securities. "They want to see more earnings, especially in technology, to get a

better idea of what's going on with business. People also don't want to buy going into the weekend, because of all the uncertainty. What if something happens in the Middle East?"

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 14.74, or 0.1 percent, at 10,190.82, barely making a dent in its 205-point tumble Thursday.

Broader stock indicators moved higher, with the technology-focused Nasdaq composite index gaining 30.55, or 1.6 percent, to 1,756.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 7.32, or 0.7 percent, at 1,111.01.

For the week, the Dow and Nasdaq each lost 0.8 percent, while the S&P fell 1.0 percent.

Thursday that pulled the market down to levels last seen in late February. Friday's gains were gradual and tentative, however, with many traders appearing reluctant to make many new commitments until they see more companies say profits are turning around.

There could be some answers to those questions in the next two weeks, when the bulk of big companies are expected to announce their first-quarter results. The earnings reported so far have been satisfactory, but most companies have held off on any big predictions of improved profits or saying that business is solid.

"Companies have been prudent. You don't see any bombastic statements. If anything, they're

erring on the side of being too cautious," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Securities. "That's not necessarily a bad thing."

In trading Friday, tech stocks recorded the biggest gains, in part because the sector has had such a terrible year. The Nasdaq is nearly 10 percent below its 2002 start; by contrast, the Dow has gained 1.7 percent and the S&P is down 3.2 percent. IBM rose \$1.41 to \$66.60. The technology bellweather fell sharply during the previous sessions on rumors it was the target of a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation. The SEC later said it had opened and closed an inquiry into IBM without action.

Rising gasoline costs drive wholesale prices up

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sharply higher gasoline costs drove up wholesale prices in March by the largest amount in 14 months. Shoppers will pay more expensive energy bills, said modestly on the reports.

The reports released Friday suggest that the economy is hitting some rough patches on the road from recession to recovery.

Though many economists believe the surge in energy prices is temporary and note that oil prices have retreated from recent highs, the run-up helped make consumers less willing to splurge. It also puts the squeeze on already fragile companies, whose deep cuts in capital spending were a key reason the country fell into recession.

"If the economic recovery were a runner I would say it is starting to jog but is not ready for a sprint," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at Bank of Montreal. O'Neill didn't view Friday's reports as a sign that the econ-

omy was backsliding. "I don't think there's anything to suggest the economy is becoming unglued or that it is getting stuck again," he said.

The 1 percent jump in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach consumers, followed a 0.2 percent increase in February, and largely reflected a sharp increase in energy prices, especially gasoline.

But excluding volatile energy and food prices, the "core" rate of wholesale inflation nudged up just 0.1 percent in March after being flat the month before. That suggests most other prices are remaining well-behaved.

For the 12 months ending in March, wholesale prices actually fell 1.4 percent. Sales at the nation's retailers, meanwhile, rose a modest 0.2 percent in March for the second month in a row, the Commerce Department said.

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The company has asked for approval to issue \$172 million in revenue bonds to pay its notes and supply costs incurred in the last year. The commission will likely settle on spreading those costs over two years, commission spokesman Gene Fadness said.

IDACORP was formed in 1998 and is the holding company for Idaho Power, IDACORP Energy and four smaller affiliates. During last year's power crunch, the holding company recorded revenues of \$5.6 billion, more than 30 percent from IDACORP Energy capitalizing on the wholesale power market.

Revenue from energy trading helped IDACORP shoot to the middle of the Fortune 500 list at No. 112, ahead of Nordstrom, Southern Airlines, Apple Computer and Charles Schwab.

"The power customers have complained that IDACORP has

not passed the company's recent financial gains on to ratepayers.

More than a dozen letter-writers have recently complained to the commission that their power bills have quickly escalated despite IDACORP's revenue increases.

Company officials said last week's success simply reflects an unusual buying and selling of power and the natural result of the approved separation of its regulated power-generating division from its unregulated energy trading arm.

"If any independent company gives its own money back to another company?" said Ric Gale, vice president of regulatory affairs for Idaho Power.

IDACORP was able to set up an independent, unregulated business to buy and sell power in the open market because of electric deregulation across much of the country.

Because Idaho Power's cus-

tomers rates are among the lowest in the nation, the state chose to keep its utilities regulated.

Regulators set customer rates so that they cover all the costs of providing power plus a reasonable return on the value of the assets utilities have. That guaranteed return - based on prudent business decisions by utility officials - is essentially removed from the risk of utility shareholders but at the same time limits their returns.

The energy trading subsidiary, on the other hand, is highly risky and speculative, because there is no guarantee. In good times, it pays off big. In bad times, shareholders get nothing. The regulatory shelter protects utility customers from the losses, but it also precludes them from benefiting in the huge gains.

Last year, IDACORP Energy's portion of the holding company's \$3.35 per share earnings was \$2.87 per share, about 85 percent

of Idaho Power accounted for 5.60, or about 17 percent. Together, they offset losses in other operations.

Also last year, the Public Utilities Commission authorized two one-year power rate increases, one on May 1 that represented \$168 million; another on Oct. 1, representing \$49 million.

That increase caused substantially higher power bills for many Idaho Power customers. Ruby Gabbert of Burley wrote to the commission that her bill had increased from about \$200 a month in the 2000-2001 winter season to \$300 a month last winter. That is despite having a wood stove installed in the home.

"We have always tried to conserve energy. We can't help it that our bills are going to be anything other than electricity to supply our power. We are paying an outrageous amount," Gabbert wrote.

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go of the past," she said. "You're actually moving on to the future."

It is hard to take action with a resume or job hunting when a person is still in the grief process, Knudson said. While Ruby Knard employees still have their jobs, they can get plans A, B, and C in place - such as sharpening skills.

"Figure out ways to take control," Knudson said. "It feels good to be taking action. It is very empowering." Times-News correspondent Lorraine Caverer can be reached at 436-1351 or lcaverer@coastline.net.

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Nevada area produces milestone ounce of gold

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A gold-drenched 40-mile swath of Nevada has produced more riches in the past few decades than all but two other mining regions in the world. This week one of the mines on the Carlin Trend produced the 50 millionth troy ounce mined since 1962. The total would melt down into a 14.2-foot-square cube weighing 1,714 tons and worth \$2.5 billion in today's dollars, according to John Dobra, an associate professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, and director of the school's Natural Resource Industry Institute. "This reinforces Nevada as one of the top gold producing regions worldwide," says Russ Fields, president of the Nevada Mining Association. Only South Africa's Witwatersrand and Uzbekistan's Muratumbay have equaled Nevada in reaching the 50-million-ounce plateau. The mining association observes the milestone Wednesday by presenting Gov. Kenny Guinn with a commemorative 1-ounce gold coin when the governor proclaims Nevada

efficiency that \$300 is very livable," Fields said. In September 1996, with gold at \$380 per ounce, nearly 13,400 people held mining jobs in Nevada. The figure today is just about 10,000, according to the Nevada Employment Security Division. Nevada is the No. 3 gold producer in the world, behind South Africa and Australia, with half of its output coming from some 20 mines along the Carlin Trend west of Reno. "Not too bad when the other two are nations and we're just a little state out here," Fields said.

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gation information. "What it ultimately gives us is a vehicle for knowing our customers much better," Smith said. "Right now, we don't collect names. We don't know who has those cards. But as we go forward and create the incentive programs, then we have the opportunity to know who these customers are in ways we haven't had before. It enables us to be more responsive to their needs, and can be a very powerful tool for us." Smith said the company is mindful of privacy concerns and vowed Starbucks never will sell information it compiles on customers. "That's just not part of the character of this company," he said. "It will be for our use only, and it will only happen on a voluntary basis."

Chairman Howard Schultz said earlier this year Starbucks sales have been approached by a number of companies about partnership opportunities with the card. "We're able to customize our marketing programs, if you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us, and we'll try to include it. Please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions."

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NATION/WORLD

# Factional fighting erupts in hills west of Afghan capital

ALA SANG, Afghanistan (AP) — Factional fighting erupted Friday in the hills just west of Kabul — the latest in a series of Afghan power struggles ahead of a planned national council that will choose a new government.

Meanwhile, south of the capital, U.S. forces seized ammunition caches and captured several al-Qaida suspects.

Mortars flashed from the rocky hillsides and Kalashnikovs crackled in the valley below only 25 miles west of the capital. A tank crushed down the dirt road — the main one from Kabul to Kandahar — to provide backup to weary fighters.

The battle began early Friday when Gen. Zafar Uddin moved into the area to take control of checkpoints manned by a local leader named Nangialai, who has designs on the governorship of Wardak province, according to Uddin fighters and government officials.



Fighters loyal to a local Afghan commander stand guard at a checkpoint in Badam, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday.

Uddin, surveying the battle from a hilltop position with two dozen of his men, said he expected fighting to drag out because he had little backup. He called

Nangialai a former Taliban leader who was using caches of Taliban arms to destabilize the interim government.

The fighting so close to the capital served as a stark reminder of the immense task facing interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai as he seeks to consolidate central authority after

last year's fall of the Taliban after a U.S.-led bombing campaign.

Afghanistan, which is roughly the size of Texas, has only a fledgling army, and turning a group of militias with divided loyalties into a unified fighting force is one of Karzai's biggest challenges.

Turf wars between rival militias threaten to destabilize that government as it seeks to end 23 years of war and prepare for a grand council, or loya jirga, that will choose a new government for Afghanistan in June.

U.S. Special Forces discovered more ammunition caches and captured several al-Qaida suspects in an ongoing operation in southeastern Afghanistan, a U.S. military spokesman said Friday.

Maj. Bryan Hilfery refused to give details on what kind of ammunition was discovered or where it was found, and gave no details of the arrests.

## Trial adjourns in slain reporter case for a week

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Opening arguments in the trial of four men accused in the kidnapping and slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl were postponed for more than a week, attorneys for both sides said Friday.

Chief prosecutor Rafiq Qureshi said the delay was to meet legal requirements for trying in absentia seven other suspects who remain at large.

Journalists were again barred from the half-hour proceeding, which took place inside the Karachi Central Jail.

British-born Islamic militant Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, 26, and three co-defendants are in custody charged with murder, kidnapping and terrorism. They face the death penalty if convicted.

## Soldiers took souvenir photographs with Lindh

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. special forces soldiers posed for photos with Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh, who was handcuffed and wearing a blindfold with an obscenity written across it, Pentagon officials said Friday.

The disclosure could help support his attorney's claims that Lindh was mistreated while in U.S. custody.

It is at least the third troublesome incident for the Department of Defense involving photos of Lindh, a 20-year-old Californian who said he trained with al-Qaida terrorists and is charged with conspiring to kill Americans.

In a court motion, his lawyers have said that unofficial photos and videotapes were taken aboard the USS Pellu while he was confined on the Navy ship. Pentagon officials said the taking of souvenir photos by troops on deployment is common, but in that instance an officer confiscated cameras and film and erased digital images.

Also as part of a written court filing, Lindh's lawyers last month released a picture of him in Afghanistan, blindfolded, strapped to a stretcher and naked. Defense officials have said that while that photo may have appeared shocking, it was taken out of context because he was naked as part of his preparation for medical treatment.

In the newly revealed incident, Lindh has an obscene, derogatory word written across his blindfold, a senior defense official said.

The Pentagon has repeatedly limited the news media in the kind of photos it can take of prisoners from the war in Afghanistan on the grounds that photos subjecting the prisoners to humiliation — violent — Geneva Convention provisions on treatment of prisoners.

The photos troops took of themselves with their prisoner were found when the Pentagon did a computer search for documents and other materials ordered by the court, another official said.

## Rumsfeld calls captive a 'fountain of knowledge'

WASHINGTON — The most senior al-Qaida member in U.S. custody is a "fountain of knowledge" about Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization but it is unclear how much he will reveal, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday.

Abu Zubaydah, a top al-Qaida planner and recruiter, suffered several bullet wounds during a Pakistani raid in which he and dozens of others were captured last month. He is under U.S. control at an undisclosed location.

Rumsfeld said Abu Zubaydah developed infections as a result of gunshot wounds but is likely to survive.

**Nation/World in brief**

America to re-examine its Mideast policies and adopt a more balanced stand toward the Palestinians.

In a statement Friday, Alwaleed said his pledge would help rebuild Palestinian infrastructure destroyed by Israeli forces, while the rest would be donated in the form of goods, including 100 jeeps and clothing.

**Officials find Egyptian girl living in squallid garage**

IRVINE, Calif. — A resident of an upscale gated community is accused of keeping a 12-year-old Egyptian girl as a servant in his squallid garage.

Abdelnaser Ibrahim, 41, was arrested Wednesday on charges of child endangerment and is free on \$150,000 bail. The girl allegedly worked as a maid for Ibrahim, his wife and their five children.

The girl appeared in good health and did not look to be physically abused, police said. She was turned over to child services officials on Tuesday.

Officials said they would try to locate the girl's parents through the foreign consulate.

— compiled from wire reports

## U.S. monitors negotiations on release of missionaries

WASHINGTON — The White House expressed concern on Friday about two American missionaries held hostage by Philippine rebels but declined to talk about negotiations for their release, citing their safety.

U.S.-monitored negotiations were being conducted by a group known to the rebels and the talks were at a delicate stage, senior U.S. officials said. The negotiators were not identified.

The discussions involved possible payments of several hundred thousand dollars and other considerations, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. One official said the negotiations were being monitored by the highest levels at the White House, intelligence, and law enforcement agencies.

## Arabs wield dollars in protest of Israeli aggression

RIVYADH, Saudi Arabia — A Saudi television raised more than \$5 million for the Palestinians by Friday — nearly a third of it from a prince whose donation to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks was rejected by the former mayor of New York.

Billionaire investor Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal donated \$2 million to the government-organized fund-raiser — including the \$10 million he presented in December to a fund for Sept. 11 victims.

Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani initially opposed the donation but later recanted. If after Alwaleed urged

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## Seeking 'shalom' in Jerusalem

On the Sunday after Easter, millions of Christians around the world heard the Gospel of John proclaim Jesus' miraculous resurrection from the dead and his appearance to the disciples. "Peace be with you," he said to his shocked and frightened disciples.

On the same morning that the resurrection story was being proclaimed, the entire world was greeted with more news of violence in the Middle East, of Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank, of more Palestinian attacks, of more deaths and injuries, of the complete and total absence of peace in one of the holiest lands in the world.

"We want peace," said the Israelis, justifying their invasion of Palestinian-controlled lands.

"We want peace," said the Palestinians, justifying their suicide attacks on Israelis, Jews and Arabs alike.



LAUREN R. STANLEY

The peace both sides claim they seek is not the same peace that the Risen Lord bid his disciples gathered in the same upper room where Jesus had his last supper with his friends and followers. The peace that Jesus proclaimed is summed up in the Hebrew word "shalom." It's a marvelous word, far more inclusive than the simple English translation.

Webster's Third International Dictionary's first definition of "peace" proclaims it to be "freedom from civil clamor and confusion; a state of public quiet; ... a state of security or order within a community, provided for by law, custom, or public opinion." But God's peace, "shalom," encompasses the entire being. It means not an absence of anything but rather a fullness of life, not only externally but internally, not just for yourself but for everyone else.

When a person bids "shalom" to another person, the bidder is asking - indeed, praying - that the recipient find a wholeness of being in all aspects of the recipient's life: spiritually, emotionally, physically, relationally.

In the Middle East, we have two sides of people - both with legitimate complaints and fears - attacking each other as though the "other" were wild and untamable animals who deserve no love. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat claim they want peace for their people. But to get it, they are willing to inflict endless pain and harm upon those with whom they share a piece of land.

Meanwhile, the Arab world, which for years has used and abused the Palestinians in order to advance its own policies, stands by, doing nothing. The Saudi peace plan, approved a short time ago in Beirut, promises "peace" to the Israelis, if only that country will give up land and do something about the Palestinians who were displaced in 1948. In return, the Arab world promises to recognize Israel's right to exist - after more than half a century of existence. Nowhere is there a call for "shalom."

The United States, which for the first year of President Bush's term desperately tried to ignore everything having to do with the Palestinian conflict, now demands that all violence stop. But by sending Secretary of State Colin Powell on a tour of Arab nations before going to Jerusalem, Bush seems to be signaling both sides that the conflict can continue, if only for another while. "Shalom" is not part of the U.S. plan for Jerusalem.

Even the European nations, instead of taking the lead in seeking shalom, have called upon the United States to do something. The only way this conflict ever will end is if each side recognizes that the other side is equally as beloved by God, and that both groups of people - the sons of Abraham and the sons of Ishmael - have legitimate claims to the land. Bitter sides also need to admit they have acted in ways that are, quite simply, unacceptable.

The Rev. Lauren R. Stanley is an Episcopal priest. Readers may write to her in care of *Knights Riders/Tribune News Service*, 710 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

# MISSION TO MEXICO

## Magic Valley teens spend spring break proselytizing

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For 19 Magic Valley teenagers, spring break was more than just time to have fun. Representing three area churches, the teens traveled to Mexico to spread the Word of God.

The three churches are the Hagerman Christian Center, Living Waters Christian Center in Twin Falls and Eternal Life Christian Center in Twin Falls. Clay and Heather Ramirez, youth pastors at Eternal Life and founders of YWAW (Youth with a Vision) Ministry, shepherded the group safely to the border towns of San Luis and Morales.

"The whole purpose of going down there was to win souls for the kingdom of God, to spread the gospel and to help out the church down there," Clay Ramirez said.

The young people worked together harmoniously. With three churches involved, the youth didn't really know each other at the outset, but there were no disagreements the whole time, Heather Ramirez said.

Josh Rudolph, 18, of Hazelton, said he went not really knowing the names of their last names, but now he calls them his best friends. Tawnya Gilbert, 16, of Hagerman, had a similar experience.

"We've barely known each other's names, even though we've been going to the same youth group about two years," she said. "And now on this trip, we've all become like really close and really good friends, and now we hang out, even outside of youth group."

Working together toward a



Josh Rudolph takes time to make a new friend in Algodon, Mexico, during a teen mission trip.

common goal, the teens bonded while providing the Mexican children (preschool through 12) with vacation Bible school programs and dramas. Even though many of the kids couldn't speak each other's languages, everyone still got the message.

Before leaving for Mexico, the area teens practiced singing Christian songs in Spanish. Several of them acted as translators for the rest. One was Karla Rios, a Mexican exchange student at Magic Valley Christian School,

who said the children seemed to expect someone to be an interpreter.

"Everyone found the way to talk," she said.

Rudolph said it was fun teaching the kids by example. "We did dances, sang songs, played games with them," he said. "We tried to show Christ through us just by the way we do things."

Rudolph said he thinks lives were changed, including his own. Noticing how little the people

have but are proud of it anyway, he returned home realizing how much he takes for granted here, he said. And, on a spiritual level, he came back with a fire for God inside him and now is considering being a minister or missionary.

Clay Ramirez said the teenagers did all the work, with him speaking only about 10 minutes each night.

"We want to raise up leaders," he said. "I don't want myself to do all the work. If they're given responsibility, if they're given

vision, they'll do it." One evening, he recalled, the youth ministered at a church by staging three drama performances.

"We had a great response from the people as far as an altar call, and many people got prayed over and several people were healed that night," Ramirez said. "The Bible says 'These works shall follow those that believe in My name. Lay hands on the sick and they'll recover.' And that's what the kids did."

## New mission president has local connection

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A Southern Idaho woman and her husband will answer a call to leadership in Eugene, Ore.

John R. Cushing, of Bountiful, Utah, will serve as the mission president for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Eugene Oregon Mission starting July 1. His wife is Anita Brownlee Davenport Cushing, daughter of Darrell Eugene and Grace Margaret Williams Brownlee, of Jerome.

Geographically, the Eugene mission is large and includes 15 stakes, Anita Cushing said. The area extends from Salem on the north to a few miles inside the California border on the south and from the Pacific Ocean on the west to Burns on the east.

The Cushings will coordinate the efforts of 200 missionaries by assigning them companions, providing training and leadership and making sure their physical needs are met. Young people on missions pay their own travel and living expenses, but the Cushings will help them budget their money and find reasonably priced apartments. If necessary, they will even offer advice on wise shopping practices.

A mission president also looks after the young people's mental and spiritual needs. Some of the missionaries may be away from home for the first time in their lives. The president interviews each missionary every six weeks to see how things are going and to provide training and support as needed. Cushing said, adding that she and her husband will also be helping missionaries "live by the spirit" and "help the people they are teaching."

The couple that the Cushings are replacing have the mission well organized and running smoothly, Cushing said. "We will get plenty of training



John and Anita Cushing

before we take over and will get a lot of help from the churches in the mission," she explained. "Stake presidents are happy to see us and provide a lot of support."

Cushing said she and her husband are anxious to get started and expect to be doing a lot of driving around Oregon, "sharing the joy." Mission presidency assignments last three years.

John Cushing was the mayor of Bountiful for eight years and is a retired executive of Metropolitan Life Insurance. He has four children, plus a foster child, from his previous marriage. His first wife died of cancer in 1997.

Anita Cushing holds a degree in speech therapy from Brigham Young University and has worked as a Head Start disability coordinator. She has six children from her previous marriage. Her first husband died of cancer in 1995.

Anita Cushing said she has relatives in the Grants Pass area of Oregon and is looking forward to getting reacquainted with them and meeting the younger cousins who were born since her last visit. Her parents are glad she will be close enough to visit occasionally, she said, because they were concerned that she and her husband might be assigned to a mission overseas.

## Campaign for Ten Commandments displays gains momentum in South

By Amy Green  
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Charles Wysong believes God has stirred a fight in Tennessee.

As president of Ten Commandments-Tennessee, Wysong wants to see the biblical laws posted in public places throughout the state. He vows his organization will pay all the legal expenses for defending three displays in Hamilton County.

June Griffin, meanwhile, has traveled the state for five years in her 1993 Pontiac, trying to persuade commissioners in all of Tennessee's 95 counties to display the Ten Commandments in public buildings.

Wysong and Griffin represent a growing movement, inspired in part by the Columbine school shootings and bolstered by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, that aims to have the Ten Commandments posted on government property.

"I think what is happening in this country is we're finding out we cannot run this country without a moral code from God," Wysong said.

Supporters see their efforts as a way of encouraging morality and showing that U.S. law is grounded in biblical law, but civil liberties groups view Ten Commandments campaigns as an affront to the nation's fundamental principles. The debate is muddled by conflicting opinions among justices as to whether the displays violate the Constitution's ban of government promotion of religion.

Lawmakers - primarily in the South - continue to vote in favor of displaying the Ten Commandments. The Alabama Legislature is considering a constitutional amendment to allow public schools to display them. The North Carolina Legislature approved a law last year allow-



Charles Wysong, president of Ten Commandments-Tennessee, speaks at a news conference at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is part of a growing movement, inspired in part by the Columbine school shootings and bolstered by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, that aims to have the Ten Commandments posted on government property.

Hedi Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Tennessee, believes the displays put the government in the position of choosing between religions.

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RELIGION

Kimberly Methodists hold fund-raisers

KIMBERLY - The United Methodist Women will hold the annual Rummage and Baked Food sale at 9 a.m. today at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Men will serve a potato bar and salad lunch after worship Sunday, with donations going to summer church camp scholarships.

Unitarian speaker discusses 'Spirit and Wisdom of Aging'

TWIN FALLS - Joan Dalton Boyd, a transformational coach who operates Billingsley Lodge and Retreat in Hagerman, will discuss "Exploring the Spirit and Wisdom of Aging" at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Twin Falls.

Nazarene church features nurse from African school

TWIN FALLS - MaryLou Walker, a registered nurse and registrar for the Africa Nazarene School of Extension for East Africa, will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Nazarene Church.

Methodists celebrate missions with festival

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent TWIN FALLS - At a mission festival this month, area Methodists continued offering encouragement and support to missionaries affiliated with their Oregon-Idaho Conference.

Church news

The First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. The public is invited; admission is free; child care will be provided. For more information, call 733-6610.

LDS lecture series 'Know Your Religion' finishes up

The Know Your Religion lecture series sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints concludes this month. Paul Warner, director and chair of the Student Relief Center at BYU-Provo, will speak tonight at the Halley Chapel on Broadway Road and Cedar Street on "Gospel Power in My Life."

David Ridges, associate faculty director at LDS Institute in Provo, Utah, will speak Friday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave., on "From Mortality to Exaltation - The Plan of Salvation."

Robert Matthews, professor emeritus of ancient scripture at BYU-Provo, will speak April 20 at the Rupert West Stake Center, 100 W-26 St., on "The Great Millennium Shall Come."

Robert Norman, a teacher at the LDS Institute at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, will speak April 20 at the Wendell Stake Center, 605 N.

Idaho, on "Letter-day Scriptures Reveal the Plan of Salvation."

All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. Ages 14 and up are invited. Bring scriptures. No tape recorders. Admission is \$5 at the door or by season ticket.

BYU alumni invite public to free fireworks performance

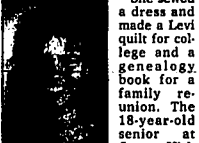
TWIN FALLS - The BYU Alumni Association and the Reuben Clark Law Society will present a fireside titled "The Good Samaritan and Eternal Songs of the Heart," with John W. Welch and Oneil Miner, at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls 12th and 14th Wards chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Welch teaches at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He has authored publications on biblical law and literature and has practiced law. He founded the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies and has filled several editorial positions at BYU. He is bishop of the Edgemont 14th Ward.

Pianist/composer Miner takes spontaneous requests to entertain his audiences. His performances often include imitations of other well-known pianists, such as Liszt, Chopin, Schumann, Floyed Kramer and Roger Williams. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Jerome woman receives LDS recognition award

JEROME - Jill Peters received her LDS Young Women's Recognition Award March 31.



Jill Peters

She sewed a dress and made a Levi quilt for college and a genealogy book for a family reunion. The 18-year-old senior at Jerome High School is a four-year seminary graduate. She is a member of the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward. Her leader is Kerry Randall. She is the daughter of Tom and Ann Peters of Jerome, and the late Lora Peters and the granddaughter of Ralph and Blanche Peters of Jerome and Larry and Nelda Kershaw of Middleton.

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MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve and returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

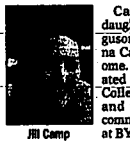
Called to serve

Sister Rebekah Lyn Jones will serve in the Spain Bilbao Mission. She will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 9th Ward chapel on E 1 1 z a b e t h Boulevard.

Jones is the daughter of Phil and Gwen Jones of Twin Falls. She graduated in 1999 from Twin Falls High School and received a Young Women's Recognition Award. She attended BYU Idaho, majoring in music education and playing with the symphony and a bluegrass band.

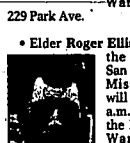
Elder Brett "Derek" Staples will serve in the Poland Warsaw Mission. He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 13th Ward chapel, 421 Maurice St. N.

An open house is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Staples residence, 1923 Pole Line Road E. Staples is an Eagle Scout, seminary graduate and 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He attended the College of Southern Idaho and worked in his father's business. His parents are Brett and Cindy Staples of Twin Falls.



Jill Camp

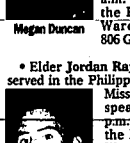
Camp is the daughter of Ferguson and Myrna Camp of Jerome. She graduated from Ricks College in 1995 and will study communications at BYU-Idaho.



Austin Allen

Elder Roger Ellis served in the California San Bernardino Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 2nd Ward chapel, 26 S. 100 W.

Ellis is working and will attend college. His parents are Dave and Marcille Ellis of Rupert.



Megan Duncan

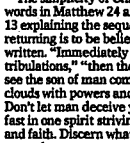
Sister Megan Duncan, daughter of Paul and Kathy Duncan of Rupert, served in the Brazil Campinas Mission. She will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 1st Ward chapel, 806 G St.



Jordan Byington

Elder Jordan Ray Byington served in the Philippines Ilagan Mission. He will speak at 12:40 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 6th Ward chapel, 2050 Normal Ave.

Byington is a graduate of Burley High School and an Eagle Scout. His parents are Dennis and Ursula Byington of Burley.



Alisa Gerratt

Sister Alisa Gerratt, daughter of Larry and Barbara Gerratt of Burley, served in the Guatemala Quetzaltenango Mission. She will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Unity 2nd Ward chapel, 274 S. 250 E. in Burley.

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Methodists celebrate missions with festival

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once relationship with Liberia," he said. Frisbie described Liberia as a small country in West Africa with two cultures: The tribal people, who have always been there, and the Americo-Liberians, who returned from America and became the ruling class of Liberia in 1820, or will later break out between the two groups, and the Methodists have been trying to help heal the war-torn country.

The United Methodist Church in Liberia is a mission outreach of the United Methodist Church. Inis was instrumental in negotiating the covenant that binds Liberia and Oregon-Idaho

together in ministry and mission. He said, over the years, he and his people have received support of every kind from the Oregon-Idaho Conference. In the early days of the war, the Methodists sent food, clothing, shoes, notebooks and other essentials.

"We need our brothers and sisters to keep praying for us and, especially, to cast their nets on the rebuilding of the church, of the country, scholarships and medical supplies," he said.

In spite of all the strife in his country, Inis said the church is alive. The people are not intimidated by the disturbance, because they believe that God will grant them peace, he said.

Burley's Zion Lutheran welcomes new pastor

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Fishing on the right side of the boat is important to the new pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Burley. Pastor L.G. Miezmer, of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert, held installation services last week for the Rev. Mike Donnan. Miezmer told the story of Jesus' disciples fishing all night and not catching anything until Jesus came along and told them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat.

When they did what they were told, the nets brought up so many fish that the nets tore from the weight.

Donnan has a goal for his new congregation.

"I plan to start fishing out of the right side of the boat," he said.

Donnan graduated from Burley High School and received a business degree at Idaho State University. He was a banker for many years.

When he retired from banking in 1988, he went to the Lutheran seminary in Fort Wayne Ind., and became an ordained minister.

He has been the pastor at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding. A few months ago, he took on the duties of pastor at Gooding, while continuing at Gooding.

Zion had not had a pastor of its own for two years. Pastor Baldwin Camin, from St. Paul's Lutheran in Jerome, and Joe Hennig, former principal of Immanuel Lutheran School, had been sharing responsibilities at Burley. Miezmer also filled in. But with Donnan's installation, the Burley church now has its own pastor.

The Gooding church will share Camin with the Jerome church, Miezmer said.

Mark Christ, pastor of Clover Lutheran Church near Filer, was on hand for Donnan's installation.

"I'm very supportive," Christ said. "I'm thrilled that he's here and enjoy working closely with him."

SACRED SPACES

People create special places for prayer, meditation at home

By Kay Harvey Saint Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The more Doug Beasley travels the world, the more he realizes home. A semi-practicing Buddhist, he is among a growing number of people who create a space within their homes for meditation, prayer and reading. Some choose a small corner; others use the entire house. They mark these places with natural objects, hand-made artifacts, photographs, books and religious symbols. Many think of them as a sacred space. In a fast-paced, insecure world, the result is a holistic place of calm.

The trend to create sacred space reflects a yearning for a simpler life, says Gerald Celente, editor of the Trends Journal. "There's so much overload. People don't have time to think."

Books exploring sacred spaces

St. Paul Pioneer Press. "Spaces for the Sacred: Place, Memory and Identity" by Philip Shelton (2001, Johns Hopkins University Press). "Altars Made Easy: A Comprehensive Guide to Creating Your Own Sacred Space" by Peg Streep (1997, Harper). "A Room of Her Own: Women's Personal Spaces" by Chris Casson Madden (1997, Clarkson Potter).

And they can't afford to go to a retreat. So home is becoming a retreat."

Elizabeth Vandershaft had 11 residences over 19 years when she decided to settle into a home in St. Paul. A Presbyterian who

teaches writing to Lutheran seminarian students, she created a sacred space with hand-made objects and photographs that show her history and travels. She began to see a relationship between where we live and the spiritual journey we take - and ended up teaching a class, Dwelling as a Spiritual Practice, at the College of St. Catherine.

For centuries, people of various religions have created sacred spaces at home. Hindus set up prayer rooms. Buddhists position altars for meditation or chanting. Today, the trend is growing.

In the newest wave, the sacred-space concept emphasizes a connection with self and its relationship to something much more vast, says Janet Dahlem, of St. Catherine's. For some, that may mean God. Or a greater consciousness. Or universal love. Or maybe all of the above.

'Home-church' your children with new book

The Dallas Morning News

BOOK "God at the Kitchen Table: Teaching Your Religious and Moral Beliefs to Your Children," by Scott Cooper (Three Rivers Press). "Most people have heard of home schooling, Cooper writes about 'home churching.' He encourages parents to take their kids to church, but he says the best - and longest-lasting - religious instruction occurs at home. Among the optional family devotions, field trips and community service activities, Cooper says parents should teach and model virtues such as hospitality, patience, kindness and honesty." Ed Fleschwright

MUSIC "Woman Thou Art Loosed: Worship 2002," Bishop T.D.

Religion in the media

Jakes and others (EMI Gospel). If you're looking for an uplifting collection of both familiar and new praise and worship songs, this CD will satisfy your soul. The songs are performed by a variety of veteran and other gospel artists, including Darwin Hobbs, former R&B singer Shirley Murdock and Judith Christ-McAllister. Recorded live in New Orleans during one of Bishop Jakes' conferences, the CD is an attractive mix of traditional gospel infused with a modern upbeat flair that makes you want to sing along to each song. From "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" to "Be Glorified" which track, along with the mini-sermons delivered in it, provides a perfect way to worship." -Toya Lynn Stewart

MUSIC

"Hymns for All the Ages." Acappella (The Acappella Company). For a moment, you almost forget that the classic hymns performed by Acappella on their latest CD are done completely without instruments. After the realization hits, be prepared to be awed by the quartet's upbeat, jazzy twist. It makes songs such as "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary" sound as if there's a full band accompanying the group. "Pass Me Not," "The Great Physician" and "In the Sweet By and By" and other selections are performed with full, rich melodies. Acappella incorporates a variety of musical genres including traditional spirituals, pop, swing and Scottish flare." -Toya Lynn Stewart

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Downfall on G.I. "Unfortunately there are communities within our state who, rather than celebrating religious diversity and religious freedom, seek to use government to promote particular religious doctrine," she said. "The ACLU sued Hamilton County in January over its three displays, and trial

is set for April 29. The group also has legal challenges pending in Kentucky, Alabama and Ohio. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The U.S. Supreme Court in 1980 ruled that

posting the Ten Commandments in schools amounted to an unconstitutional promotion of religion. The high court chose not to take up the issue in February when it rejected an appeal from Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who wanted to display a 7-foot stone monument of the Ten Commandments at the state Capitol.

RELIGION LETTER

Don't let man deceive you

Is the pre-tribulation rapture unfulfilled prophecy or one of man's theories? It has caused strong delusions in men and division among Christians. The word says there is a rapture to come in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. Or is it the dream Margaret MacDonald of Fort Glasgow, Scotland, had in 1830 and gave to leaders in her church who brought it into our midst? Being pre-tribulation rapture into existence.

Think! What are we doing? Teaching unscriptural any moment rapture of his second coming would make Christ and his apostles self-congratulatory teachers and the scriptures unreliable oracles. Pre-tribulation rapture sounds pleasing, but it's groundless and injurious to truth and faith. The any moment rapture theory holds captive the

minds of many. A delusion condemned and exposed throughout his word.

The simplicity of Christ's own words in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 explaining the sequence of his returning is to be believed as written. "Immediately after tribulations," when they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds with power and glory. Don't let man deceive you. Stand fast in one spirit striving for truth and faith. Discern what you hear, or teach.

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RELIGION

## Number of Americans not going to church doubles

By Alfred Lubrano  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Can it be that Americans don't pray well with others? The number of people who say they don't belong to a religion has doubled over the last decade, two major studies show.

Explanations don't come easily. Some believe Americans bristle at the rules of organized religion and seek spirituality on their own terms. Others say people have long avoided religion, but only recently felt at ease admitting it. Some 29.4 million people said last year that they skip church, mosque and synagogue — up from 14.3 million in 1990; an overall rise from 8 percent to 14 percent of the U.S. population. That group is so large that if it were its own denomination, it would be the third-largest religion in the United States, behind Catholics (50.8 million) and Baptists (33.8 million).

That's the word from the American Religious Identification Survey, conducted in 2001 by the Graduate Center of City University of New York.

"We call ourselves one nation under God," said Egon Mayer, the survey's lead author. "And we assume everybody is under some religious group's umbrella. This study is a sobering reminder that a lot of folks are standing out there, not under any umbrellas."

Researchers at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago came to similar conclusions. Over the last 10 years, the center found that the percentage of people who say they have no religious preference doubled, from 7 percent of the population to 14 percent.

Last year, 902,000 people identified themselves as atheists, but there's a difference between not believing in God and not belong-

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ing to a religion. Indeed, in the most recent Gallup survey on the subject, last year, 90 percent of Americans said they believed in God.

Mayer guessed that the surge in people unaffiliated with religion might have to do with greater tolerance for diversity in society today. The greater influx of immigrants has also exposed Americans to different religions, he said.

Some scholars believe people aren't so much running toward spirituality as they are sprinting away from the perceived problems and rigidity of organized religion.

"My students say, 'I'm not religious, I'm spiritual,'" said historian Philip Goff, who runs the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana-Purdue University in Indianapolis. "They see religion as cold and emotionless, whereas spirituality is warm."

Dominic Pennacchetti, pastor of Bethel—Baptist—Church in Philadelphia, said, "... more will leave religion because of the scandals in organized religion, because people are saying the Bible brings nothing but prejudice."

Mayer's survey shows that the proportion of the population classified as Christian declined to 77 percent in 2001, from 86 percent in 1990. Since the 1960s, church attendance has remained at about mid-50 percent, according to other polls.

## HIGH COUNTRY

### Nondenominational churches cater to cowboys

By Anne Cumming  
Grealey Tribune

GREELEY, Colo. — Almost every time Skip Carlson shows up at cowboy church, he can hear his grandmother's voice in his ear: "Skippy, you're not supposed to wear your hat in church."

"But Grandma," he protests in his imaginary conversation, "I took it off during the prayer."

Cowboy church is a place where people like Carlson, an insurance agent who announces at rodeos, can keep their hats on.

Hundreds of such churches exist in the United States. The concept stemmed from Cattlemen for Christ and other organizations that hold services at rodeos and fairs.

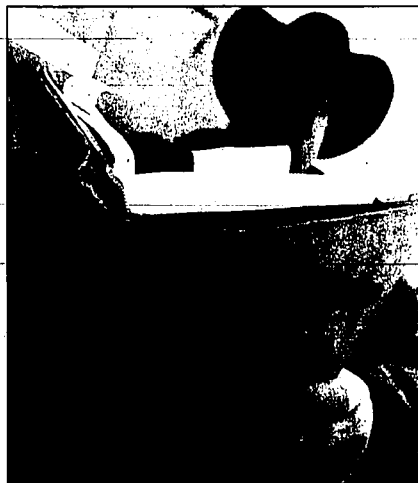
"Instead of \$2 million buildings, cowboy churches dream of million-dollar arenas where you can practice riding and roping and go to church afterward," Carlson said, adding that most cowboy churches aren't associated with a denomination, but are evangelical churches that range in personality from charismatic to Baptist.

Pastors Steve Barnes and Shorty Huffman say their cowboy churches aren't just for cowboys but they're not for people who prefer suits, ties and organ music on Sunday mornings. Neither church has Sunday morning services because cowboys are busy traveling the

rodeo and fair circuit on weekends, especially during the summer.

Not all who attend the churches would be considered cowboys but that all depends on how you define cowboy. Huffman said his church is for "cowboys, cowgirls, ranchers, farmers and anyone who loves the country way of life."

The format is designed to appeal to people who aren't used to going to church.



Pastor Shorty Huffman reads from his Bible during a meeting of the cowboy church he started in Kersey, Colo.

"While other churches in Greeley might reach out to families living in these nice new homes, cowboy churches will go to bars like The Gambler in Greeley or The Sundance in Fort Collins," Carlson said.

"I can prove Christ was a cowboy," Carlson said. "What did he ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? A not a cowboy, I don't know what is."

## Police arrest protestors on LDS plaza

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two protesters distributing Christian pamphlets were the first since the church paid \$8.1 million for the site, gaining exclusive rights to distribute literature and broadcast speeches on the block. The purchase prompted several lawsuits over free speech rights, since the city retained the right for the public to walk across the property.

The Christians who were arrested, Kurt Van Gorden, 48, and Melvin Heath, 46, were part of a group that had been distributing evangelical literature during the semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The men twice refused to leave the plaza before they were arrested, police Sgt. Fred Louie said. Church spokesman Dale Bills said the men were disruptive. Three other protesters received citations.

Stephen Clark, the American Civil Liberties Union's legal director for Utah, argued the Christians were "engaging in core free speech activities." In 1999, the church won City Council approval to outlaw smoking, sunbathing and bicycling on the plaza and ban many illegal, offensive, indecent, obscene, vulgar, lewd or disorderly speech, dress or conduct.

The ACLU has called the restrictions unconstitutional because the city retains an easement across the block for pedestrian access. One lawsuit challenging the rules is pending and another, which the church won, is on appeal.

## Morality-based cartoon grows in popularity

By Mark I. Pinsky  
The Orlando Sentinel

If Walt Disney's spirit magically returned to life, the animation pioneer would have no trouble recognizing two contemporary kindred spirits: Mike Nawrocki and Phil Vischer, creators of the wildly popular, morality-based cartoon series "VeggieTales."

While Disney built what has become a multibillion-dollar empire around a sweet-tart mouse, Nawrocki and Vischer are creating their vest-pocket version around tangy salad ingredients that sing, dance and quote the Bible.

Using characters such as Larry the Cucumber, Bob the Tomato and Junior Asparagus, the 35-year-old Midwesterners have produced a veritable feast of children's videos, books and CDs. In October, they'll introduce "Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie" based on the biblical story of Jonah and the Whale.

The Chicago company, Big Idea, has sold more than 25 million copies of their 13 videos for young children, 3 million music CDs and other related merchandise. Once available only in Christian bookstores, VeggieTales videos and merchandise now can be found at Target, Wal-Mart, and Sam's Club and on Amazon.com.

Vischer and Nawrocki write, direct, produce and, with Vischer's wife, Lisa, perform the voices of their wise-cracking, computer-animated characters. The two former puppeteers cite the Bible and the BBC's Monty Python as their primary creative influences.

Each of the series of computer-generated videos features a simple moral message based on the Bible.

Some evangelical critics believe that, in search of a wider audience, the religious aspect of the VeggieTales message is downplayed and diluted.

"The videos focus on values without mentioning the value of Jesus," writes Otto Selles, of Calvin College in Michigan.

Nawrocki says, "We didn't want to show Jesus as a vegetable."

Thus, most of the Bible stories adapted for VeggieTales come from the Old Testament, because the central characters, often prophets, are human and fair game for good-natured satire.

The Jonah feature film is expected to debut on more than 1,200 screens. The national advertising campaign is as witty as the videos. One poster proclaims: "Before Jews. Before 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Before Free Willy. The Greatest Fish Story of All Time."

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## BJHS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Burley Junior High School seventh-grade Students of the Month for January were, from left, back row: Amber Gowen, Joana Lara, Alyssa Piper, Jessica Alvarez, Jenny Jeppson, Monica Del Toro, Becky Rocha, Maricruz Juarez and Kelsie Tolle; front row: Jared Garcia, Chris Hogan, Zachary Strand, Joshua Rice, Paul Gam, Joshua Hall, and Gene Nichol. Chance Oldham is not pictured. One student was selected from each classroom by his/her teacher in appreciation of a job well done, whether academic or classroom performance.

## HELPING THE RED CROSS



Left, the Twin Falls Men's Pool Association donated money raised from tournament fees and the raffle of two pool sticks to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch. From left are: Carl Wormsbaker, association president; Tom Gormley, raffle winner and Jeff Rosa, association secretary. Right, Carl Wormsbaker and Jeff Rosa congratulate raffle winner Glenn Sparks, middle.



Photos courtesy of the American Red Cross

## O'Leary celebrates students with perfect attendance

**TWIN FALLS** - O'Leary Junior High released the names of students with perfect attendance from Jan. 23 to March 22.

**Seventh grade** - Ramiro Ayala, Kaylee Blenheim, Alexander Burton, Brandy Cummings, Dods Kent, Torrey English, Veronica Fairbanks, Justin Farley, Michaela Fisher, Rosalind Garcia, Elizabeth Hia, Lara Harper, Joshua Hunt, Kelsey Jardine, Elzina Jesarevic, Jessie Jensen, Rodney Lancaster, Michelle Layton, Alex Martens, Caitlyn Nicholas, Kelly Olson, Hannah Pappas, Rogelio Perez, Trevor Peterson, Thuan Pham.

Destiny Romans, Marcus Schaal, Joanna Seaman, Christopher Seiner, Robert Shillington, Allison Stephens, Siarr Terry, Tyler Thorndam, Allison Turner, Kendall Turner, Amber Ulrich, Joshua VanLoon, Keve Ware, Daniel Watland, Misty Welch, Megan Whitworth, Katie Williams, Karl Wilson.

**Eighth grade** - Samantha Alcalá, Joshua Allen, Spring Cranston, Dragana Cvjetić, Mark Day, Brandon Duncan, Sara Eberlein, Ashlee Frham, Kody Gambrel, Chad Hall, Andrew Himpfle, Kristopher Jensen, Emily Jensen.

Konstantin Kitchew, Sandra Lavigne, Sherry Leavitt, Cameron Lent, Casey McElliot, Nicholas Mohrbacher, Denis Pavlovic, Margaret Phillips, Sarah Poppino, Ryan Ribbley, Kia Scruggs, Tahirah Silcock, Jennifer Smith, Thomas Stiert, Mircea Sulejmanovic, Brett Vriesman, Robert Welch, Daniel Zuck.

**Ninth grade** - Israel Ayala-Tapia, McKerrin Bateman, Krysta Blank, Justin Blau, Matthew Bowman, Amy Bratvold, Chase Callen, Tina Cannon, Brandon Denney, Daniel Egbert, Justin Engel, Jacquelyn Garcia.

Rene Garcia, Steven Gassert, Paul Gerrish, Emily Green, Rachel Green, Alexander Harmon, Sevdina Hasanovic, Rudolph Hochstrasser, Jennifer Hohstetter, Nicholas Hubbell, Chelsea Irons, James Isom, Emily Jackson, John Jensen, Samantha Lawson, William Looney, Tara McClmonds, Jeffery McDonald, Nicole Miller, Amber Naegele, Whitney Nail, Steven Nair, Tyler Peterson, Paul Polihronakis, Mury Rasim, Lindsey Roper, Shane Stigall, Sabrina Stone, Lindsay Treanor, Matthew West, Andrew Wilkin, Kenan Zuidik.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Volunteer transportation** - Two elderly sisters in Kimberly need someone to take them shopping for a few hours every week. Call Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 733-6333.

**Companionship** - An elderly woman in Twin Falls needs someone to visit her once or twice a week. Call Interfaith Volunteers Caregivers at 733-6333.

**Volunteers** - Hospice Visions Inc. needs volunteers to work with fund-raisers, bereavement, mailing and correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientation and in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

**Drivers needed** - The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers needs volunteers in the Wendell-Cooding area to provide transportation for elderly, chronically ill or disabled people to get groceries or go to medical appointments. Call 733-6333.

**Volunteer drivers** - Volunteers age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Carlene or Judy at 735-2122.

**Baby cribs** - A young couple with a small child is in need of a baby crib and a single working mom needs a baby crib for her first child. Call Leanne Trappan at 733-9351.

**Hospice volunteers** - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for newsletter-preparation, patient/caregiver support, office help, fund-raising and children's bereavement program. Orientation and training is available. Call Susan Harris at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061 or stop by the office, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 735-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

**Typing/editing** - A World War II veteran needs someone to type and edit his personal history so he can claim his benefits. Call Eldon at 734-5342.

**Musical instruments** - Twin Falls County HealthNet needs two pianos, 10 beginning acoustic guitars, one full set of trap drums and 10 practice drum pads. Call Jamie Valero at 734-3336 or Bonnie Stuckenholz at 825-5887 or 731-5887.

**Army tents** - Charity Anywhere Foundation needs 10 army tents for orphanages and schools in Haiti. Call 734-8041.

**Lunch buddies** - Volunteers are needed to be lunch buddies at Gooding County schools twice a month. Call Julie Trader-Wolfe at 834-4477, Melody Kerro at 836-2792 or Tami Becker at 934-4941.

**Respite** - Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls and Eden areas to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregiver can take a break. Call Carlene at 736-2122, Ext. 320.

**Meal drivers** - The Twin Falls Senior Citizen needs volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meal program one or two days a week.

Call Karen at 734-5084.

**Volunteers** - The Fifth Judicial District CASA Program needs volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

**Quilts, dinner plates** - The Port of Hope needs quilts, old dressers that can be fixed, dinner plates and dried foods. Donations may be dropped off at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Karen Bach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 724-7078.

**Senior companions** - The Senior Companion Program needs 10 seniors to work in the Magic Valley. Companions will receive a tax-free stipend of \$284 per month for 80 hours of service assisting homebound or elderly clients complete tasks. Call 735-2122 or 677-4872.

**Foster grandparents** - The Foster Grandparent Program needs 10 seniors to work in the Twin Falls area. They will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service working with new to English refugee children. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

**Senior volunteers** - The America Reads program needs volunteers ages 55 and over to work with children in grades kindergarten through third grade. Call Kathy Scottorn at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

**Child advocates** - Guardian ad Litem needs volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interest of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

**Clothing, bikes** - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing and bikes. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1525 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Scout receives Eagle honor for gate project

Hansen, 18, received his Eagle Scout award a court of honor April 9 at the Almo LDS Church.

He has completed 23 merit badges. Hansen's Eagle project included replacing the old wire gates in the Scout area with green heavy metal gates mounted on metal posts and set in cement. He was assisted by many local people, including Brock Goff from Troop 28, Raft River Electric dug post holes for the project.

Hansen is a member of Troop 29. His leader is Rod Jones. Hansen is a senior at Raft River High School where he participated in football, basketball and track. He is a member of the National Society and vice president of the Seminary Council.

He is active in his church and plans on serving a mission in December.

### Burley High recognizes Renaissance students

Burley High School recognized Renaissance students of the Month for January: Laeie Pincock, Bryan Hunt, bronze; Nuning; Megan Silcock, gold; Bown; and for March, Jorge Espinosa and Amber Aston.

### Burley High Students win SkillsUSA medals

Burley High School students won medal wins at SkillsUSA-VICA competition. The divisions and winners are: Automated manufacturing: John who, Rick May, silver; and Frank Guerrero, bronze.

Basic health care: Cassandra Jones, gold; Lisa Yost, silver; and Jaxson Jones, bronze;

Job interview: Kristina Sibbitt, silver; and Travis Cochran, bronze. Opening - and -closing ceremonies: team of Bryce Gates, Shane York, Taylor Harding, Shawn York and Lindsay Ellis, gold. Computer maintenance: Bryan Hunt, bronze.

Prepared public speaking: Cassandra Jones, bronze. Bryce Gates was elected as the secondary state parliamentarian.

SkillsUSA-VICA is a national organization serving high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skills and service occupations, including health occupations.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Young Authors Program deadline approaches

**KIMBERLY** - The deadline for student entries for the Young Authors contest is Monday, Kindergarten through 12-grade teachers are invited to send first, second and third place winners' names to Denise Mumm, 3620 N. 3300 E., Kimberly Idaho 83341.

This year, the Young Authors Awards recognition will be held from 9-11 p.m. May 4 at Filer Middle School auditorium. Guest author Gary Hogg will speak to the winners and their parents. Ribbons will be awarded to first place winners in the kindergarten through eighth-grade division, and monetary awards will be presented to winners in grades nine through 12.

### Murtaugh class of 1942 seeks classmates names

**MURTAUGH** - The Murtaugh class of 1942 is seeking the names and addresses of students who were classmates at Murtaugh High School from 1930-1942.

### Cassia Regional offers infant CPR, safety class

**HARLEY** - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an infant CPR and child safety class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Registration also includes first

aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. The class will be taught by certified American Heart CPR instructor who also works as an advanced emergency medical technician and newborn nursery nurse.

The cost for the class, which includes several other childbirth classes, is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

### B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**RUPERT** - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for April 9 are: north/south first, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; second, Harry Warnke and Bill Novales; third, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; fourth, John and Frances Angly; east/west first, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; second, Virginia Martin and Kerma Wygant; third, Warren and Faun McEntire; and fourth, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

### Interment camp documentary shows for free

**TWIN FALLS** - In recognition of the 60th commemoration of interment camps activities, there will be a free showing of Dave Tatsuno's documentary, "Topsy," at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Lamborn Theatre in Twin Falls. This is a historical film narrated by Tatsuno when he was incarcerated from 1942-1945 in the Topsy Internment camp for Japanese and Japanese-

American civilians near Delta, Utah. He also narrates the film. The Topsy camp was similar in climate, structures, numbers of internees to Mindoka Internment National Monument in Jerome County, organizers say.

This video is 45-minutes in length and is in the Library of Congress. The free showings will be repeated at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Library. Neighbors who have experiences to share about the camps are especially invited to attend.

### AARP hosts life transitions program

**TWIN FALLS** - In recognition of the growing numbers of 50- to 60-year-old "Baby Boomers" in their ranks, members of Magic Valley AARP Chapter 4352 will devote their April meeting to the subject of life transitions.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Cheryl Tussey, Idaho AARP associate director for community services, will speak on the national organization's expanding focus on problems faced by members who may be close to retirement, or other major changes in their lives, and new or re-emphasized association programs designed to help cope with those changes. The program will include the opportunity for attendees to seek answers to questions about a broad range of services available from other local agencies that work with AARP. The meeting is open to the

public, but Magic Valley residents age 50 and older in particular are encouraged to attend. AARP Chapter 4352 serves all of Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln Counties.

### Iris Society puts together information for members

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Iris Society met for its March meeting and luncheon.

The officers will put together a designed pamphlet which contains information that new members need to know about the club and the iris in general. The pamphlet will be distributed around the area.

In other business at the meeting, which was conducted by President Vicki Haney. The Iris that the club voted in for the year 2002 was "So Fine," which has a two-tone plum and lavender shade.

Several members brought pictures of their iris for the club scrapbook. Secretary Glenda Chadd read the minutes from the last meeting. Jeannette Graham, treasurer, went over the treasurer's report and reminded the members that dues were to be paid by the end of March in order to get their free club iris rhizome in August. A slide show on Keith Keppel's iris was presented by Graham. The Iris show for the members will be held the first year of the year. The Iris Club will have its iris sale and picnic on Aug. 3 at Twin Falls City Park. For more information, call

Glenda at 733-0040 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members are always welcome.

### Twin Falls Farmers' Market holds vendors' meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Farmers' Market will hold its annual vendors' meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Obenchain Insurance Community Room, 254 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in selling at this year's market is encouraged to attend. Market rules and policies will be reviewed. Vendors who will be preparing food are strongly encouraged to attend.

Vendors may register at the meeting or the first time they sell at the market. A sales tax permit is required to register. A potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. precedes the meeting. Those attending are asked to bring food to share and their own table service.

The market will open at 9 a.m. on May 11 in the parking lot of Grocery Outlet and Kmart in Twin Falls.

### St. Luke's offers CPR, breast-feeding class

**HARLEY** - St. Luke's Center for Community Health is offering the following classes:

Breast-feeding successfully will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 24. The cost is \$15. For more information, call the childbirth education department at 737-8410.

HeartSaver CPR will be held from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday in St. Luke's Baldy conference room in

Ketchum. The cost is \$20. Registration is required. For more information, call 788-5733.

### Hollister Elementary PTO sponsors carnival/auktion

**HOLLISTER** - The Hollister Elementary Parent Teacher Organization's annual carnival/auktion will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the school.

The event will include bingo, cake walk, karaoke and other games.

Themed baskets made by each class and a quilt made by the third-grade class will be auctioned at 8 p.m. All proceeds go towards more tests for the Accelerated Reading program and playground equipment.

For more information, call Eric Parrott at 733-1456 or Lori Shaffer at 655-4370.

### Jefferson Elementary holds spaghetti dinner

**JEROME** - The Jefferson Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee will hold its seventh annual spaghetti dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday at the school.

The event will include a concert by the students and presentation from the choir and hand bell choir. The meal will include spaghetti, french bread, drinks and ice cream. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under age 12 and \$15 for families. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the school office.

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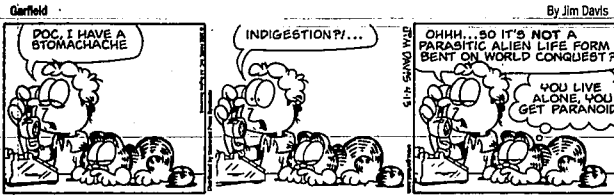
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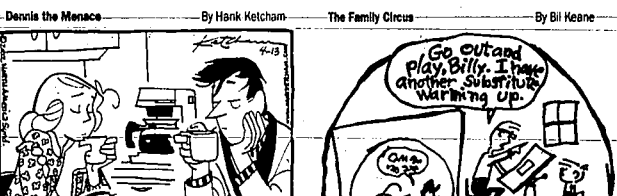
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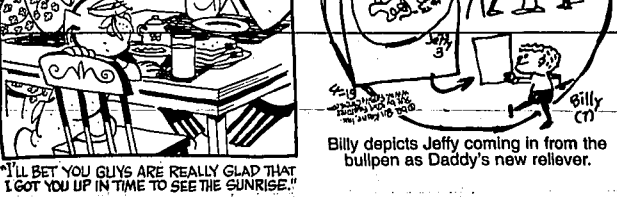
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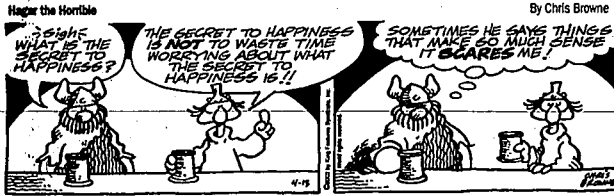


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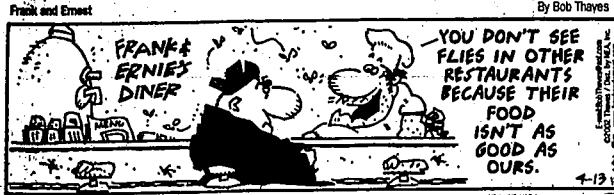
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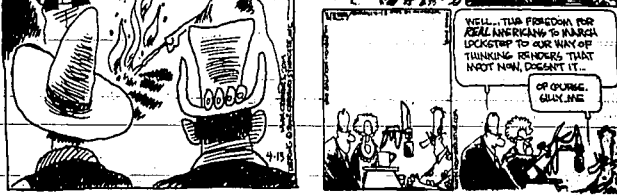


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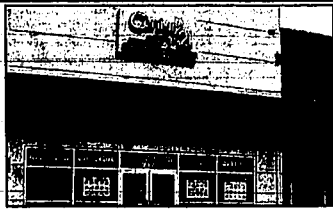
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### AGENDA

- Approval of previous meeting minutes.
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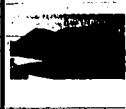
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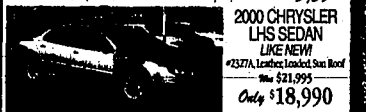
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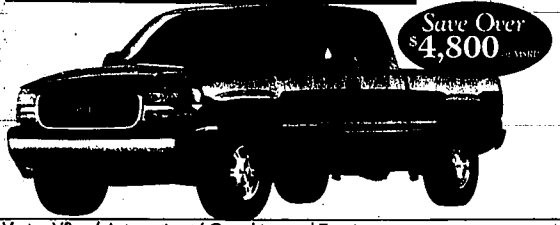
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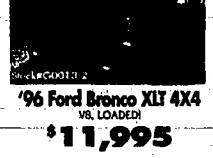
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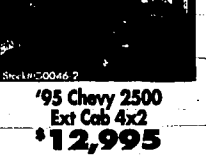
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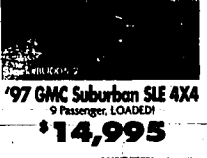
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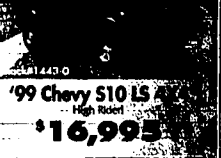
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