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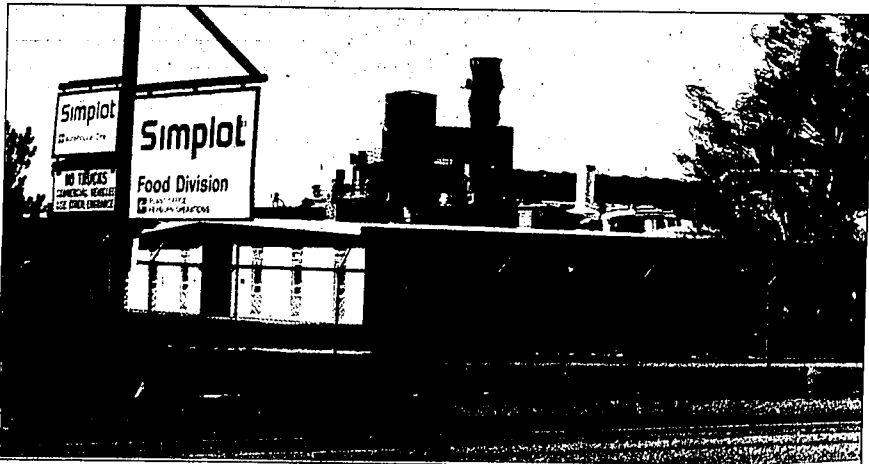
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Simplot will close plant



Most of the employees at the J.R. Simplot plant in Heyburn will lose their jobs this fall. The remaining hourly employees will have jobs until the 42-year-old plant closes, now expected to be in March 2004.

Heyburn potato processing facility will close in '03

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The J.R. Simplot potato processing plant in Heyburn will close in early 2003, but the first wave of job losses will be felt beginning this fall.

Growers reel from closure
Simplot officials told plant employees of the impending closure in five meetings which began Thursday, company spokesman Fred Zerza said. The bulk of employees - 470 - in the processing division at the plant will lose their jobs this fall, when the work force is reduced by two-thirds. Some 649 people work in production now, Zerza said. The remaining hourly employees will have jobs until the plant closes, which is now anticipated to be in March 2004. About half the 44 salaried employees at the plant will likely lose their jobs this fall, with the other jobs staying in place until the plant closes.

Exactly when this fall the cuts will occur isn't known, Zerza said. In a Friday morning interview he said he wished he could be more specific, but "a number of variables" are in play. The two largest production lines at the plant will close this

What the workers are saying

Here are quotes from some J.R. Simplot Co. employees responding Friday to the closure of the Heyburn potato processing plant:

"It's kind of a bad day for the whole area. What happens to Simplot will trickle down; it'll hit everybody."
- Kay Zemka, 30-year employee

"It's a fact of life. It's business. I trust in the Lord; he's taken care of me in the past."
- Manuel Roman, three-year employee

"It's very depressing, very devastating. We knew there

were a lot of changes being made, but we didn't expect the plant to close."
- Jeannette Sawyers, 12-year employee

"I think it's really sad. I plan on sticking it out."
- Suzanne Yelverton, 26-year employee

"It's crazy. It just don't seem right."
- Mike Quintana, four-year employee



J.R. Simplot officials cite over capacity in the frozen potato industry as one reason for closing the Heyburn plant.

fall. Those lines account for more than 70 percent of the plant's capacity, Zerza said, and about 80 percent of its work force. Two smaller lines, which produce batter-coated fries, potato wedges and other specialty products will remain in operation until the plant closes. The layoff process will be discussed with the union that represents bargaining unit employees, Zerza said. There are other Simplot operations in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, and the 20-megawatt Eagle Rock hydroelectric project would have been located along the Snake River in Power County. During the comment period, individuals as well as such groups as Idaho Rivers United voiced their opposition to the projects, saying they would harm the areas' scenic beauty and hunting.

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FERC rejects two hydropower dams on Snake

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission chose environment over power when it said no to a company's request to begin studying the feasibility of constructing two new hydropower dams on the Snake River.

On April 25, Commissioners Pat Wood, William Massey, Linda

Breathitt and Nora Mead Brownell denied Rigby-based Symbiotics LLC's application for a preliminary permit to do the studies.

The two applications moved commissioners to revisit a 20-year-old policy that said preliminary permits would be issued unless there was a permanent legal barrier precluding FERC from licensing a project. FERC broke new legal ground in deny-

ing the preliminary permits based on consideration of environmental harm.

"This unprecedented move by FERC illustrates how environmentally important these sites are," said Sara Denniston Eddie, director of hydropower and energy programs at Idaho Rivers United, in a Friday news release. The 25-megawatt Star Falls hydroelectric project would have been located on the Snake River

in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, and the 20-megawatt Eagle Rock hydroelectric project would have been located along the Snake River in Power County.

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Pipe bombs injure six in Iowa, Illinois

Note promises more 'attention getters'

The Associated Press

URBANDALE, Iowa - Pipe bombs accompanied by anti-government propaganda exploded Friday in six mailboxes in rural parts of Illinois and Iowa, injuring six people in an attack authorities called domestic terrorism.

Two other bombs were found but did not detonate, and a note found with them said more "attention getters" were on the way. It was signed "someone who cares." Authorities did not immediately announce any suspects. The Postal



Service suspended deliveries through Saturday in the agricultural areas. Please see BOMBS, Page A11



Dubuque sheriff investigator Dennis Avenarius takes photos of a crime scene where a bomb exploded after a rural mail carrier opened a mailbox north of Dubuque, Iowa, Friday. Pipe bombs accompanied by anti-government notes exploded in rural mailboxes in Illinois and Iowa on Friday, injuring at least seven people, the post office said.

High court upholds repeal of term limits

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Idaho Supreme Court on Friday unanimously rejected term-limit advocates' claims that lawmakers acted unconstitutionally when they repealed the 1994 initiative restricting all elected government service.

Writing for the five-member court, Justice Gerald Schroeder found that the Legislature had the power to repeal an initiative and to declare an unspecified emergency so the repeal would be effective immediately.

"Initiatives and laws passed by the Legislature are on equal footing," Schroeder wrote. "The Legislature may change the effective date of any law it passes. The legislative right includes repeal of an initiative, which once enacted, is treated as 'other ordinary legislative measures.'"

It was another setback for Don Morgan, the state's leading term limits proponent, but it won't deter his campaign to reverse the Feb. 1 vote that made Idaho the first state to repeal statewide term limits.

"I have a huge respect for the Supreme Court of this state. In this case I disagree with them, but I understand their position," Morgan said. "We were right to pursue this. I'm glad we did. This helped to set the stage for the bigger fight."

A legal challenge focusing on legislative procedures surrounding the term limits decision is still pending in district court. Morgan and his allies have also fielded dozens of candidates for the May 28 primary to challenge incumbent legislators who voted for repeal of the initiative, and they are collecting signatures to put the issue back on the ballot in November.

They have until May 14 to get 43,685 registered voter signatures. In four votes on the issue in the mid-1990s, support for term limits slipped from nearly 60 percent in 1994 to barely 53 percent in 1998.

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Idaho will keep one area code

The Associated Press

BOISE - Idaho telephone users won't have to worry about changing their telephone numbers to accommodate a new area code for several years.

The federal government has accepted the state Public Utilities Commission's argument that Idaho does not need an additional area code if a plan to conserve phone numbers already available under the existing 208 code was more quickly implemented.

"Here's an example where a common-sense solution actually prevailed," Commission President Paul Kjellander said Friday.

Last May, an administrator appointed by the Federal Communications Commission notified the Idaho board that the 208 area code would run-out of telephone numbers in 2003.

The commission held public hearings and ruled that with number conservation, Idaho does not need a new area code. Currently, numbers are assigned to telecommunications providers in 10,000-number blocks.

The result is that many telecommunications companies tie up 10,000 numbers but actually use only a very few of them.

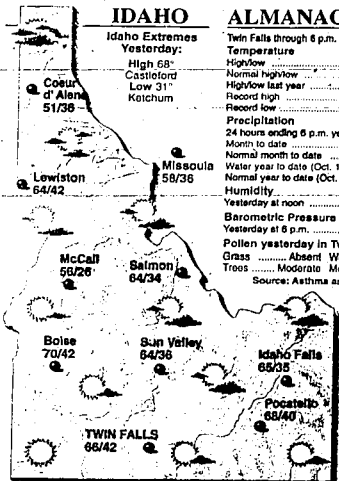
Commission staff estimated there could be as many as 5.7 million Idaho numbers claimed by those companies but not in use.

This year, the federal agency has targeted key metropolitan areas for "number pooling," or

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature High/Low: 60°/46°
 Normal high/low: 64°/39°
 Record high/low: 81°/20°
 High/Low in 1985: 86°/15°
 Record in 2001: 89°/19°

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.04"
 Normal month to date: 0.12"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 7.22"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 7.57"

Humidity: 43%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.99 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Absent
 Weeds: Absent
 Trees: Moderate
 Mold: Low

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunshine, a few clouds; nice.	Patchy clouds.	Partly sunny and becoming windy.	Clouds, some sun; might shower.	Windy and cool with a shower.	Partly sunny.
▲ 66°	▼ 42°	▲ 64° ▼ 40°	▲ 60° ▼ 36°	▲ 54° ▼ 30°	▲ 58° ▼ 32°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Turning warm today with sunshine and patchy clouds; a broazy afternoon. Highs from the 50s in the mountains to the 70s in the low valleys across the west. Patchy clouds tonight.

Boise: Sunny to partly cloudy today; a broazy, pleasant afternoon. High 70. A few clouds tonight. Low 42. Times of clouds and sunshine tomorrow; turning windy. High 66.

Northern Nevada: Nice weather will be the rule across the region today with plenty of sunshine and a mild afternoon. Highs in the 60s and the 70s. Mostly clear tonight.

Northern Utah: Partly to mostly sunny today with a pleasant afternoon. Highs will range from 50 in the mountains to near 70 in some of the lowest elevations. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Northern Idaho: Cloudy near the Canadian border today with the chance for a shower; a mixture of clouds and sunshine to the south with a windy afternoon. Highs from the 40s in the mountains to 60s in the low valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 100° in McAllen, TX Low 10° in Embarrass, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER

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

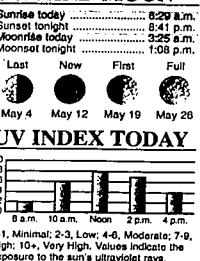


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Sunrise today: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 8:41 p.m.
 Tonight's moonset: 3:25 a.m.
 Moonset tonight: 1:08 p.m.

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 May 4 May 12 May 19 May 26

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	70-77	70-78
Baltimore	66-74	66-74
Birmingham	66-74	66-74
Boise	64-74	64-74
Charlotte, NC	64-74	64-74
Chicago	70-78	70-78
Cleveland	66-74	66-74
Denver	66-74	66-74
Des Moines	66-74	66-74
Fort Worth	66-74	66-74
Houston	66-74	66-74
Indianapolis	66-74	66-74
Jacksonville	66-74	66-74
Kansas City	66-74	66-74
Las Vegas	66-74	66-74
Little Rock	66-74	66-74
Los Angeles	66-74	66-74

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Calgary	45-52	45-52
Edmonton	38-45	38-45
Regina	48-50	48-50
Saskatoon	38-45	38-45
Winnipeg	50-55	50-55

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Acapulco	91-77	95-75
Athens	77-55	77-55
Auckland	67-58	67-58
Bangkok	79-82	79-82
Berlin	66-52	66-52
Buenos Aires	65-52	65-52
Cairo	65-52	65-52
Hong Kong	88-76	88-76
Los Angeles	70-74	70-74
London	57-39	57-39
Madrid	66-52	66-52
Moscow	75-52	75-52
Paris	64-41	64-41
Sao Paulo	68-52	68-52
Seoul	70-53	70-53
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City	Today	Sun.
Boise	70-42	66-42
Burley	66-37	66-37
Conard/Alone	66-37	66-37
Eiko	66-37	66-37
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 breaking down those 10,000-number blocks into 1,000-number blocks.

However, the Boise metropolitan area was not scheduled for number pooling until March 2003, two months after mandatory dialing for a new area code was supposed to begin.

The Idaho commission filed a petition with the federal court to move the Boise metropolitan

Name of coalition mission amuses Americans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The latest mission to pursue al-Qaida and Taliban fighters is drawing chuckles from American forces — not for its objective, nor for its methods, but for its name.

In a tangle of cultures clashing, "Operation Snipe," a name chosen by Britain, fails to take into account the existence of a more jocular American tradition: the "snipe hunt."

What exactly is a snipe hunt? It depends on where you come from — or which dictionary you're reading.

Webster's defines the snipe as "any of various usually slender-billed birds" — the accepted British meaning. But the

Dams

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area ahead in the pooling rollout schedule. Boise can now begin number pooling this summer.

Idaho commission staff also has been able to reclaim prefixes tied up by telecommunications companies but not in use.

The result is a delay in the need for a second area code for perhaps as long as eight years, said Joe Cusick, who heads up the Idaho commission's telecommunications section.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Jazz night

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

Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4-6 p.m. Sunday.
How much: No cover charge.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play.

Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.
How much: The cover charge is \$7.

Free movie

What: "Troublesome Creek, A Midwestern" will be shown.

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. today.
How much: Free

Mariachi band

What: Sol de Acapulco, a mariachi band, will perform.

Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls.
When: 7:30 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door; kids 12 and under get in free.

School greenhouse

What: The Minico High School greenhouse will be open to the public.

Where: Minico High School in Rupert.
When: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Pancake breakfast

What: The Twin Falls Senior Center will serve a pancake breakfast.

Where: The center, 616 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.
When: 8-11 a.m. today.
How much: The cost is \$3 for seniors, \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Cinco de Mayo dance

What: La Familia will play at a Cinco de Mayo dance.

Where: La Copa, 127 South Park Ave., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. today.
How much: Admission for men is \$5; women get in free.

DJ dance

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

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

CSI play

What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Allan Stratton's "Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii."

Where: Room 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls.
When: 8 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, can be purchased by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

Mexican dances

What: Folkloric Mexican dances will be held in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Where: The Jerome County Fairgrounds in Jerome.
When: 3 p.m. today.
How much: Free.

Cold Shot

What: Cold Sht will play for a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Where: The Elks Lodge at Highway 93 Golf Ranch in Jerome.
When: 6 p.m. Sunday.
How much: The cover charge is \$5.

Compiled from staff reports

Dairy proposal comes back to life

By Julie Pence
Times News writer

BUHL — A controversial dairy proposal for the Thousand Springs area might be only a hurdle away from being home free.

Farmers and ranchers Mark and Mike Henslee have been trying since 1999 to get approval for a dairy on a bluff above the Snake River where it separates Twin Falls and Gooding counties. They are hoping a recent court decision means they will soon have their permit.

"As far as we're concerned, as soon as the Henslees have their water transfers, they have their dairy," said Lee Taylor, Twin Falls County planning and zoning administrator.

Taylor gave them administrative approval for 2,100 dairy cows in January 2000. They had applied for the rubber-stamp process after being told down for a 7,200-head proposal at a combative hearing. At the time the county did not require a hearing or even a presentation to the county's Planning and Zoning Commission if a proposed dairy had fewer than 3,000 animal units and met all the requirements of the county ordinance.

But angry residents of the scenic area took the matter to court on the grounds that any confined animal feeding operation proposal requires a public hearing. Fifth District Judge Daniel Meehl agreed.

However, the Henslees appealed the Meehl decision, and District Judge John Hohnhorst sided with them in early April.

Their dairy would be located on land more than mile southwest from a cliff that is about 400 feet above the Snake River and U.S. Highway 30. The dairy would be close to the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, a recreational overlay area and the Nature Conservancy's Thousand Springs Preserve. In addition, the area has become an increasingly popular location for upscale homes.

Taylor noted that the Henslee dairy would be located in an area that dips down from the cliff that hangs over the river.

"You won't be able to see it from Highway 30," he said.

But the dairy proposal still has some strong opposition. "By its very nature it is such a contentious issue," said Bill Chisholm, a Democratic candidate for the state Senate who is the primary litigant in the case. "The first time (the Henslees) asked for a permit, the hearing was very contentious. There are a lot of very serious issues here, and just because they changed the num-



Jim DeKleinhaus says he is worried about potential odor and flooding problems if the Henslee dairy is built on the hilltop above his house.

bers doesn't mean those issues are going away."

Jim DeKleinhaus, a homeowner who is involved in the lawsuit, said he's concerned about his property on the river. But also, as a board member for the Nature Conservancy, he said he is worried because two large dairies already in the area have plagued the preserve with odor and flies.

Initially the Henslees were promising they would avoid odor with a state-of-the-art flush system, but over the past three years some of the most contentious fights between dairymen and neighbors have surfaced because of flush systems. The Henslees are rethinking their approach to waste systems.

"Right now we're thinking about a vacuum system," Mike Henslee said. "But I'm really looking into the methane digester idea."

The Henslees have never operated a dairy and will hire a herdsman to do that, he said.

The Henslees have to get two water transfers to operate the dairy, and twice they have been turned down by the Idaho

Department of Water Resources. Thousand Springs residents challenged the transfers based on language in water law that takes into account local public interest. Water Resources denied the transfer application, in part because of the county's rejection of the first request for 7,200 cows.

Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission at that time turned it down based upon concerns about noise, water quality, odors and the effects on quality of life, despite the fact that the Henslee property was located in an agricultural zone. Some 370 people from western Twin Falls County had signed petitions asking for the permit to be denied.

The Henslees have also appealed the denial of the water transfers, and now that Hohnhorst has approved the zoning, a final review of the transfers is to be conducted by Water Resource Director Karl Dreher.

Meanwhile, Chisholm said his group is appealing the Hohnhorst decision and will go as high as the Idaho Supreme Court if necessary. The group is still challenging the water transfers, also.

Industry pushes water transfer legislation

The Times-News

BUHL — Two bills to ease the transfer of water rights that died this past legislative session might be back next year.

One proposal would have struck wording that gives the public the right to protest such transfers based on local public interest.

The dairy industry had lobbied to get rid of the language that was in Idaho code since 1978.

Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, proposed new language that would give the Idaho Department of Water Resources the right to determine if adverse environmental impacts of the proposed water diversion or return flow have

more importance than "potential economic benefits."

A second proposal would have given more power to the director of the Department of Water Resources to decide if protests are being filed as a form of harassment.

The new language would also give the director the authority to fine and sanction entities considered to be filing frivolous protests.

The protests have been used to hinder the transfer of rights to large dairies in recent years, Eilers has said.

But Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who chairs the Senate Resource and Environment Committee, said the proposed language changes had far-reaching implications that he could not support.

Growers reel from Simplot closure announcement

The Times-News

HEYBURN — Some said they knew it was coming, but it was still a shock to actually hear it. "That will take me out of the potato-raising business," said potato grower Marty Rochford. "It will be devastating for everybody."

Rochford and others grow potatoes which end up at the J.R. Simplot Co. processing plant in Heyburn. Simplot officials publicly announced the plant's closure Friday morning.

Rochford slimmed down his potato crop after Simplot's decision last week to reduce potato contracts in much of southern Idaho this season. He quit plant-

Simplot plant — A1

ing and is looking to rent out the empty fields or to possibly plant beans in those fields.

As Rochford looks to the future, he looks to his other crops — beans, wheat and alfalfa. He said he might look into contracts with McCain Foods USA, who might "pick up a few, but very few" potatoes.

Some farmers haven't thought too far into the future about the effect of the plant closure.

Potato grower Rod Lake said he couldn't comment because he hasn't thought about it. Please see GROWERS, Page A8

Officials say closure is 'bad news'

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Reactions were mixed from government and economic development officials responding to Friday's news that the Simplot potato processing plant here will scale back this fall and close in 2004.

Rupert City Administrator Roger Bagley said although the plant is in Heyburn, plenty of Rupert residents work at the plant and will be affected by the closure.

"We're such a small community this plant closing will impact all of us," Bagley said.

But he said, the city of Rupert doesn't intend to take this lying down. When we hear the news today we immediately called representatives from the

Mini-Cassia Development Commission and expressed our concern and suggested that we organize some sort of a task force among all the communities here, led by the development commission, to see what we can do.

"The best thing we can do is get together as community leaders and get together with this task force and determine what resources we can find to improve this situation."

Greg Rogers, regional labor economist with the Twin Falls Job Service said the Simplot closure "will have an effect on consumer confidence in Mini-Cassia as far as purchasing homes, cars and other big-ticket items."

"That in turn can have a ripple effect across the economy which will be felt as far as Pocatello and Twin Falls, Rogers said.

Mini-Cassia Development Commission Economic Development Coordinator Mechelle McFarland said the Simplot task force will meet Wednesday and begin visits with the labor department very soon.

Bagley and others say there are resources available to Mini-Cassia through the state commerce and labor departments, including funds to retrain Simplot workers.

But, he cautioned, the "downside" of such training "is if there aren't jobs for them to be retrained for, they'll be retrained but still end up leaving the community."

Reacting to the news

Bagley was pleased with the way Simplot officials notified. Please see OFFICIALS, Page A8

Investigators say shooting spree included some near-misses

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

BUHL — An apparent spree of degenerate antics with a firearm could have ended in tragedy had a 4-year-old Buhl-area boy not gone to visit his grandmother recently.

Deputies called to investigate reports of a shooting spree late April 27 found a .22-caliber slug embedded in the wall about two feet above the boy's bed, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Sheri's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

"The child was not in the bed. He had gone to spend the night at his grandma's house."

Another area resident told

investigators that had she chosen to bolt her metal door just 10 minutes later then she did that night, the bullet that punched through it could very well have hit her, Howell said.

Shots were reported fired into or near four houses and a yard, she said. Investigators recovered several .22-caliber slugs and some spent cartridge casings. Howell said late Friday she did not know if the casings had come from a rim-fire or center-fire weapon. There are some considerably powerful .22-caliber center-fire cartridges that are popular among target shooters and varmint and big-game hunters.

Residents reported that:

- About five shots were fired at the house where the boy's bed was.

- At least three shots were fired at the house with the metal door. One slug was found in a refrigerator.

- About seven shots were fired into a house where a 90-year-old woman was sleeping.

- An undetermined number of shots were fired into a house where a family was sleeping. One bullet hit a coffee cup. Another hit a cabinet.

- A couple out for a walk reported hearing about six shots being fired in the vicinity of their yard. It was later deter-

mined that a yard light had been shot out, and some slugs were recovered from a wood pile behind the ruined light.

None of the victims wanted their names or addresses released, Howell said.

Howell said the shootings were probably intended as random acts of vandalism, and the shooter or shooters apparently did not intend to hit anybody.

"Whoever did this needs to realize how close they came to really hurting a lot of people," she said.

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

Information needed, reward posted

Sheriff's investigators are still seeking information about an apparent shooting spree between Buhl and Castelford on April 27. Numerous shots were reported fired from the road at houses and into a yard between 10 p.m. and midnight. The suspect or suspects might have been driving an older model Ford pickup.

Crimstoppers and residents of the area have teamed up to offer a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to arrest in the case. Call Crimstoppers at 732-5387. Callers may remain anonymous.

Revenue plunge blows \$100 million hole in budget

BOISE (AP) — When the bottom fell out of personal income tax payments in April, it blew a \$100 million hole in the state's 2003 budget and left Gov. Dirk Kempthorne with the prospect of imposing another major spending cut just before the November election.

"I can't rule that out," Kempthorne conceded on Friday as his budget analysis began assessing the impact of the persistent erosion of state revenue.

Since Thanksgiving, the state's tax collections have been nearly \$100 million short of the target needed to cover the \$2 billion state budget. Kempthorne has a contingency to cover that shortfall — although it means scrapping \$80 million in new building projects.

But today's flagging performance of the tax structure significantly lowers the base economists start with when they project growth for the next budget, and

that has created triple-digit red ink in the next budget.

"I think people realize that this is not Idaho that brought this on, Kempthorne said. "This is national recession."

The governor has repeatedly defended his decision to cope with the economic slide by cutting this year's budget \$64 million, including a first-year reduction in state support for public schools.

He followed that with a \$100 million cut in basic state spending for that new 2003 budget that begins July 1 — all to protect last year's record tax cut that he and others maintain is the reason the economic crisis is not worse.

Democrats have been castigating Kempthorne and the Republican legislative majority for sticking by that tax cut to the extent of slashing cash for public, technical and higher education.

Democratic candidates want the chance to capitalize on another



Maxine Bell R-Jerome

Republican attack on education spending to reinforce their charge that the GOP is shortchanging Idaho's children to line the pockets of its political supporters.

But Republican leaders are confident their view reflects the electorate. "This is much deeper than we had thought," House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome said.



Dean Cameron R-Rupert

The governor, who dedicated his administration to the "Generation of the Child," declined to say whether another \$100 million can be cut from the state budget without drastically affecting services and programs expected by rank and file voters.

Because education consumes over half of all spending, it would have no more protection than it did during the last round of cuts.

"If we're a hundred million dollars short, then he's in real pickle," said Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert.

But rolling back the 2001 tax cut — a \$130 million diversion

from tax collections this year — or increasing revenue some other way to avoid slashing program budgets even more, is not a point of discussion among the majority.

Republican proxy makers continue expressing hope that the state economy has hit bottom and will begin rebounding.

The administration's new economic forecast, however, offers little hope of any fast recovery. It essentially makes no change in the outlook for anemic job growth during the next 20 months, which is what Kempthorne and others were expected last January when they made the current spending decisions.

And a Boise State University public opinion survey taken as lawmakers were convening last January found that three of every four people questioned wanted to increase — not cut — spending for public education,

and six of every 10 wanted the same for higher education. It also found that more than 60 percent supported raising corporate or sales taxes to make sure education got more cash.

But there remains a general consensus that a tax increase becomes an option only if voters make a dramatic change in the composition of the Legislature this fall.

Cameron says that with the current legislative makeup, especially in the House and its tax-writing committee, "I can't envision, even if it was the right thing to do, that committee sending out a tax increase."

"The dilemma here is that the only tax you can raise to generate immediate income is the sales tax, which has a dramatic effect on the economy," he said. "We'll find a way, no matter how painful it might be, to make things work and live within our means."

Elko officials seem optimistic about road work

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Plans for reconstruction of South Canyon Road near Jarbidge are moving forward, and county officials are optimistic some work can be accomplished this summer.

Elko engineer Mike Lattin told the Elko County Commission this week a final plan should be ready within two weeks for review and consideration. Lattin serves as chairman of the Jarbidge Road Repair Committee, a volunteer group.

A field trip to the Jarbidge area is necessary to determine what, if any, changes have taken place with the winter runoff cur-

rently under way. Once the on-site visit is made, a final draft will be completed.

If the county approves the plan, it will be forwarded to the U.S. Forest Service for consideration under the environmental impact process currently in progress.

Lattin said comments from the federal agencies involved with the work on South Canyon Road are being sought before the county's final vote. He voiced the opinion that by seeking assistance from the agencies before submission, the approval process might be faster during the environmental impact study.

Commission Chairman Brad Roberts reminded Lattin the settlement agreement with the

Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and other agencies provides that the county submit the plan in a timely manner, and he asked for work to be completed before May 15. Lattin agreed.

Lattin also told the commission his committee is "close to agreeing" with the Forest Service on a plan for repairs to the roadway's first washout. He said it is anticipated that once an agreement is struck, a date for the work can be set — with hope, around the Fourth of July. That date is the two-year anniversary of the reopening of the road.

The plan being developed is less extensive than one previously submitted and follows more

guidelines set forth by the Forest Service last year. The federal plan called for re-enforcing the channel of the river to stabilize silt from entering the waterway. The county's plan, which was rejected by the Forest Service, would have moved the channel of the river onto its original course, which the federal authorities maintain would possibly harm the threatened bull trout.

In a related matter, Commission Warren Russell said the local fish and wildlife committee recently voted to support the county in its attempt to delist the bull trout, and Roberts said he will address the state group on the delisting issue.

Elko commission tables water rate hike

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — A decision on water rate increases for Jackpot was tabled this week after Elko County Manager Rob Stokes said the error in establishing the new fees was wrongly numbered.

The error prohibited the county commission from taking action on the proposed increase so the matter will be placed on the next meeting's agenda, Stokes said.

The proposed increase had been approved by the Jackpot Advisory Board.

The current monthly rates of \$7.50 for winter months and \$8.50 normally were established in 1983, and costs of power and parts have increased drastically in the past 19 years, said Lyn Fosberg, public works director.

Under the proposed change, residents would pay \$13 year-round with \$1 per month going into a capital improvement fund.

In other Jackpot matters, the commission awarded a bid of \$175,000 to High Mark Construction of Elko to begin work on the sewage treatment facility.

Fosberg said the pilot project to lower nitrates in the sewage was approved several months ago with the first phase to begin this summer.

The work is necessary to meet environmental standards. Not only has the bull trout slowed repairs to South Canyon Road near Jarbidge, the threatened species is now slowing down an upgrade to the town's water system.

However, U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Bill VanBruggen told commissioners the Forest Service will do everything necessary to speed up an environmental analysis to get the water project moving ahead.

VanBruggen said he has asked representatives of U.S. Fish and Wildlife to get involved early in

the analysis so a plan can be developed which would not affect the watershed and the fish.

Fosberg said the work will include cartridge filter/chlorine treatment facility, a new distribution water line and a new storage tank.

Under terms of a grant which is helping fund the project, work should be done in the next two years.

In a discussion about the Jackpot Fire Department, the county manager had words of praise for Verl Jarvie, the new fire chief.

Stokes said that since Jarvie took over the post last month, several people have expressed interest in rejoining the fire department, and a new class for intermediate emergency technicians has an enrollment of seven.

Jarvie took the reins of the Jackpot Fire Department on April 12 after working for several years for the City of Elko Fire Department in various capacities including assistant fire chief.

Other county business included:

• **Holding cell contract** — Commissioners awarded a contract to Canyon Construction of Elko to build two holding cells in the county courthouse for prisoners during trials. The cost will be \$89,378.

• **Letter to congressmen** — Commissioners voted to write Nevada's congressional team opposing the idea of combining the Veteran's Day holiday and national election day. The Veterans of Foreign Wars had requested the action.

• **Certificate of appreciation** — The commission awarded a certificate of appreciation to Sharon Butterfield of the Elko County clerk's office. Butterfield was acknowledged for the manner in which she works with the public.

OBITUARIES

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

TWIN FALLS

Doster M. Brack

Doster M. Brack, 84, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday April 30, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Duster was born the son of John and Jennie (Fuller) Brack on February 25, 1918, in Haskell Co., Kansas. He later moved to Durango, Colorado, where he met and married Wanda Mae Brack on March 31, 1959. They moved to Twin Falls in 1972. He worked most of his life as a carpenter. He loved his dog "Brandy" and especially enjoyed socializing with friends. Duster had a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers and sisters and his wife Wanda in 1994. His close friends James Adkins and Dennis O'Dell, both of Twin Falls, survive him.

At his request, no public service will be held. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

TWIN FALLS

Eileen G. Fordyce

Eileen G. Fordyce, 83, passed away on May 2, 2002, at the Twin Falls Care Center with her family at her side.

She was born November 24, 1918, to Phillip and Blanche C. Sheridan in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Eileen married Richard Strain on November 4, 1937, in Hamilton, Montana, and he preceded her in death on July 1, 1958. She married Glenn D. Fordyce on December 21, 1971. Glenn preceded her in death on July 31, 2002.

Eileen is survived by her daughter, Cecelia (Gene) Matthews of Twin Falls; her grandchild, Debra (Lloyd) Miller of Jerome; Richard (Johnnie) Matthews of Boise; Patricia (John) Kumm of Rupert; Mike (Becky) Matthews of Twin Falls; Theresa (Chris) Talas of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Kanya of Washington, Jennifer of California, and Kalia Fordyce of Twin Falls, Minnesota; 14 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren. Eileen is also survived by a sister, Ann Snider of Twin Falls; her brother Lawrence Snider, also of Twin Falls; and nephews Richard Snider of California and James Snider of

CASTLEFORD

Jerome (Jerry) L. Ruffing

Jerome (Jerry) L. Ruffing, 70, of Castleford died in his home on Thursday, May 2, 2002.

He was born Nov. 27, 1931, at Norfolk, Nebraska, the youngest of 10 children, born to Bernard and Marie Brockman Ruffing. His family moved to Buhl where he graduated from high school in 1950. He joined the Air Force in 1951 and served in Germany for four years. He was discharged in Europe. He was discharged in 1955, receiving the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Returning to Idaho he worked on Brownlee Dam for Morrison and Knudson. In 1957, he returned to Castleford to help his brother Ray farm. It was also the first time they spent time farming and feeding sheep for the Gurry family who became close family friends. He married Rita Blue on Dec. 19, 1964 in Buhl. The couple resided in Castleford where Jerry continued farming and working for the Gurry family. They had four children. Jerry loved to spend family time with his family. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing!

After his retirement he spent many hours in his garden and beautiful yard.

He is survived by his wife Rita Ruffing of Castleford, and his four children: Jerry Knudsen of Mountain Home, Mike Ruffing of Buhl, Monica Beglan and her two children, Rachael and Tucker of Buhl,

TWIN FALLS

Kristen Ruffing of Boise, and Calhy (Steve) Aslett of Rupert and one grandson, Colton; three brothers, Ray, Bud (Mammy), and Robert Ruffing, two sisters, Pauli (John) Bull, and Martha Elingoie, and many nieces, nephews and special friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Monday, May 5, 2002, at 11 a.m. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl on Sunday from 3 p.m. until the time of the service. The family suggests memorials in Elton's name to the St. Edward's School. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to: Kristen Ruffing, c/o St. Edward's Hospice of Castleford ORU, 1142 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

TWIN FALLS

Charles Weatherbee Ihler

Charles Weatherbee Ihler, born to Emil and Mary Mildred Ihler in Filer, Idaho, on September 11, 1914, passed on to be with the Lord and his wife Amanda Ihler, Friday May 3, 2002, at 4:50 a.m. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Charlie Ihler was raised in Filer, Idaho; married Amanda Ihler on March 30, 1950, and resided together farming in Buhl, Idaho. Amanda Ihler passed away in October 2001 at the farm time Charlie moved from the farm to Twin Falls, Idaho to be closer to his Daughter, Darlene Powell, Grandsons, Richard Powell, Marcus, Sacora, and granddaughter, Jennifer Powell and his great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Dylan, Zachary, Tegan and Kirsten. Charles Ihler was one of eight children born to Emil and Mary, along with Ernest, Harry, Willard, Elmer, Marie, Bernice and Lucille Kenapp, all from the Magic Valley. Charlie gave so much over the years to his family and friends. He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather to his family. He was always willing to lend a hand to a neighbor or a stranger when they needed a hand up. He was very unique in his own way and he was always looking to make you laugh with his oddball ways. We will miss him and we will always cherish the memories we have with us as a family.

Funeral services for Charles will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2531 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of all service arrangements.

Supervisor from California takes over forest

BOISE (AP) — Mark Madrid of northern California has been named supervisor of the 2.3 million-acre Payette National Forest in McCall, Intermountain Regional Forester Jack Troyer announced Friday.

Madrid was supervisor on the 1.2 million-acre Funs National Forest for seven years. He succeeds Dave Alexander, who retired this spring after 35 years with the agency.

"We welcome Mark's experience as a decision-maker, a land manager and a wildlife biologist," Troyer said. "The Payette is a spectacular and diverse national forest, and Mark's background and capabilities will serve him well."

Madrid first worked as a seasonal firefighter on the Helena National Forest in Montana. He worked as a wildlife biologist on forests in Colorado, Washington and Alaska before becoming district ranger on the Chugach National Forest in Alaska in 1989.

He later became deputy supervisor on the Los Padres National Forest in California and director of fish, wildlife and rare plants in the regional office in San Francisco.

SERVICES

Richard M. Hollingshead of Richfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at his home, 150 Oneida, Richfield.

Doris C. Whiting of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St., Burley; burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

May Billings Kinney of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding; burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

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

Merna Marchant of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200

South 475 East, Burley; interment 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Maurice Quiggle
GOODING — Maurice Quiggle, 82, of Gooding died Friday, May 3, 2002, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

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

Herbert Paul Michels
TWIN FALLS — Herbert Paul Michels, 84, of Twin Falls died Friday, May 3, 2002, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Bruce Maas
OROFINO — Bruce Maas, 53, of Orofino and formerly of Wendell, died Thursday, May 2, 2002, at his home.

Cremation was held. A private family service will be held.

Melvin 'K' Egbert
CALDWELL — Melvin 'K' Egbert, 72, of Caldwell and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 3, 2002, in Nampa.

Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Charles E. Donnelly
TWIN FALLS — Charles E. Donnelly, 80, of Twin Falls died Friday, May 3, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

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

Arrangements are pending under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

HOSPITALS

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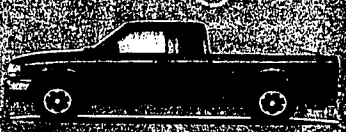
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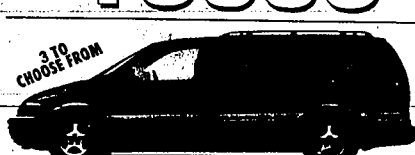


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GETTING READY TO DANCE



Paul Elementary School students make last-minute preparations before dancing in the school's Cinco de Mayo assembly on Friday. Many students performed dances, the national anthem of Mexico was played, and three contestants from the Cinco de Mayo pageant performed the talent portion of their contest entries.

Kempthorne talks to Castleford youth

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne encouraged Castleford youth to "keep Idaho the center of your universe" at the annual FFA banquet this week.

"As I look out to the audience, I see a gymnasium filled with dreams, and I'm proud that the FFA jackets represent the future of agriculture and the state," Kempthorne said as one of the banquet's guest speakers on Thursday.

Kempthorne told the crowd of about 250 he was pleased to be back in the Castleford area where the community generously supports the youth.

The governor told the stories of Dick Fosbury, who invented the Fosbury Flop in the field of high jump; snow skier Muffy Davis, who dreamed of a mountain named for her, which happened this year; and a young Kempthorne who wanted to be an orderly in a hospital but had to start as a janitor.

"Be prepared to succeed in the world, and as your governor, I am asking you to keep Idaho the center of your universe, I have met some of the best here tonight," Kempthorne said.

Katie Atkinson, FFA vice president, presented the governor with his own blue jacket which he immediately donned.

Idaho State FFA President Christine Schmid reminded members about the name of FFA team activities, leadership skills and experiences, which prospective employers look for.

"Seize the day, FFA," Schmid said. "We have today and tomorrow to make a difference in ourselves, the chapter and the community."

Dr. John Hammel, associate dean and director of academic programs at the University of Idaho, spoke about the responsibility of decision making.

"Some of you will continue education, join the service or travel but you have to find your own way," Hammel said.

"Being in a small town does not hamper your experiences, per-

haps you may have more than larger facilities."

Other distinguished guests in attendance were Twin Falls County commissioners, Castleford School Board members, school administrators and other FFA officials.

The local honorary FFA degree was awarded to Jody Mink; scholarships to Tiffany Runyan and Mark Hatch; star awards to Jill Brubaker and Tim Hill; and greenland award to Andrea Frey.

Brandon Tervery, Katie Atkinson, Ben Rodgers, Brent Hatch and Danielle Hoogland were congratulated for receiving state degrees and Dina and Kathi Dudley for receiving the American degree.

New officers for 2002-2003 include: president, Danielle Hoogland; vice president, Ben Rodgers; secretary, Jill Brubaker; treasurer, Brent Hatch; sentinel, Jorie Schorzman; reporter, Heidi Wiseman; and historian, Jessica Hill.

Roger Wells and Justin Mink will continue as advisors for the chapter.

Volunteers will pick up litter

TWIN FALLS - Volunteers today will be out picking up roadside litter throughout Twin Falls County.

It's the 33rd annual Johnny Horizon Day Cleanup sponsored by Twin Falls County and the Twin Falls Lion's Club.

Crews organized in the communities of Bull, Castleford, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Flerly, Murtaugh, Rogerson and Twin Falls will be out in force.

About 1,100 people are expected to participate, organizer Duane Heider said.

Volunteers will be treated by the Lion's Club to barbecue lunches at various parks throughout the county.

Halley home receives historic preservation award

HAILEY - The Wood River Land Trust has received an Orchard Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation for its almost-completed renovation on the C. B. Fox home on Bullion Street.

The two-story home, being

Magie Valley in brief

used as an office with an employee apartment, was one of Hailey's earliest homes. Remodelers uncovered a wall from the original log cabin and incorporated it into the present house.

The Idaho Historic Preservation Council gives orchid and onion awards each year to honor restoration projects that preserve heritage and culture and knock projects that destroy architectural gems from the past.

Twin Falls trauma nurses 'talk tough' in new program

TWIN FALLS - Local nurses and paramedics would like to prevent accidents before they happen.

"Trauma Nurses Talk Tough" is an injury prevention program offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The nationally recognized curriculum was designed by emergency nurses in response to the frustrations they felt in dealing with young people

injured in preventable accidents, according to a hospital news release.

Trauma nurses and paramedics from Magic Valley Regional present the program in area schools. "Every day in our emergency department we see the kinds of injuries that poor lifestyle decisions can cause," said Shelly Robinson, a registered nurse and trauma coordinator in the news release. "By going out into the schools, we're able to talk seriously, realistically and age-appropriately to kids about the consequences of their actions. It's a real eye-opener for many of them."

The "Trauma Nurses Talk Tough" presentation includes a 45-minute slide presentation and interactive discussion with students that emphasizes seat belt use, proper use of equipment for sports, safe driving, and abstinence from drugs and alcohol.

Educators and other leaders of children's groups can schedule a free presentation by calling Robinson at 737-2110.

—compiled from staff reports

Positions open in Minidoka schools

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A few new faces will be seen in administrative positions in Minidoka County schools next fall.

District officials are currently reviewing applications for principals at both Big Valley Elementary School, at East Minico Junior High School.

The board accepted the resignation of Big Valley Elementary School Principal Bob Stearns Thursday night. Stearns has accepted a position as superintendent in the Gooding School District, according to Darrel Black, Minidoka County School District clerk.

Also Thursday, during an executive session school board members interviewed candidates for the principal position at East Minico Junior High. David Borden is retiring at the end of the school year.

No hiring decision was made, Black said. The board might take another look at applicants during a special board meeting on May 15.

At Thursday's meeting, the board approved making Sandra Miller a full-time administrator.

District officials are currently reviewing applications for principals at both Big Valley Elementary School and East Minico Junior High School.

She currently serves half time as West Minico Junior High School's vice principal. Although the board approved Miller as a full-time administrator, board members did not determine what she'll work. Miller's salary as an administrator depends on which school she is located at, Black said.

There were two other staff members hired at the board meeting. Russ Schuch, a superintendent, is the new maintenance supervisor. He'll be paid \$35,000 a year. Ben Frank, a Minico High School graduate, will replace Russ Wright as head bus/bell-ringer. His salary is not finalized, Black said.

The board also approved hiring all staff members who have been with the district longer than three years, as well as level two and three contract employees as re-

commended to the board. That's about 98 percent of all teachers, Black said.

Other board business included:

- Bilingual translators - The board approved funding for a bilingual translator program. Two translators will translate many of the district's documents into Spanish. Items distributed to both children and parents, such as letters to parents and school handbooks, will be translated.

- Pay is \$10 per hour. The program is federally mandated and federally funded.

- Paper bids - The board approved the low bids on paper for the district.

- White paper will be purchased from Sam's Club at \$18.49 per case. Most colored paper will be purchased through West Coast Paper at varying prices.

- There was some discussion about the cost of pumpkin-colored paper, which is much higher than other colors, Black said. Pumpkin paper will be purchased through Savin Corp. for \$25.88 per case.

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Outdated management plans might void gas leases

WASHINGTON (AP) - It seemed innocuous: an Interior Department administrative judge said a handful of natural gas leases in Wyoming were illegal because the federal government had not considered what effect the wells might have on the environment.

But the decision last week on coal-bed methane development may hold enormous consequences. Observers say dozens of similar, outdated Interior Department "resource management plans" contain no environmental guidelines for the relatively new practice of drilling

for methane in coal beds. Thousands of gas leases on as much as 40 million acres in Utah, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming could be in doubt.

Already, legal experts expect the Interior Department ruling to be used in a lawsuit pending in a federal court in Montana over coal-bed methane development.

"This is a big deal," said Tom Darin, attorney for the Wyoming Outdoor Council.

It was Darin's conservation group whose claim against the Bureau of Land Management was upheld this week by Bruce

Harris, deputy chief administrative judge for the Interior Department's board of land appeals.

Harris ruled that the gas leases issued in Wyoming's Powder River Basin were invalid because the BLM's local field office hadn't updated its land-use plan to include coal-bed methane.

Those BLM land-use plans ensure that mining, drilling and logging on federal land conforms with the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.

The problem facing the natu-

ral gas industry, and others who want to open the Rocky Mountains to coal-bed methane development, is that most of BLM's field offices rely on outdated environmental reviews that predate coal-bed methane.

That means if a legal challenge - like the one in Montana - were successful, thousands of gas leases could be revoked.

"I suspect that the BLM district managers are rocking in their seats," said Karin Sheehan, director of the nationally recognized Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School, in South Royalton, Vt.

Next week, Craig said he'll be joining another senator in an amendment to protect the U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duty trade remedy laws "from being negotiated away."

"Our immediate concern is for the workers and their families who will be affected by this announcement," U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said in a written statement Friday afternoon.

Crapo said his office has been in contact with federal officials that can offer assistance to affected Simplot employees. There are a number of programs administered at the state and federal level that can help with job benefits, retraining, continuing insurance coverage and other needs, once the situation is found to fit the requirements of those programs, he said.

"This situation is doubly painful because not only are hard-working Idahoans displaced, but so is the market and demand for Idaho's potatoes, the world's best."

Crapo said he's asked his staff to look into the use of all programs available, including the possibility of upcoming economic initiatives that could offer new employment in the Magic Valley area.

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Seniors' changing tastes shrink tourist numbers

REXBURG, (AP) - The changing preferences of senior citizens combined with more year-round students resulting in fewer sunbirds flocking to the Upper Snake River Valley in summer to escape the Arizona heat.

The number of tourists, known as "sunbirds," to the Rexburg business community has dropped by about 20 percent during the past two years. Bill Johnston, who runs the Chamber of Commerce's sunbird program, estimates this summer will see less than 800.

"We've still got plans to keep things going," Johnston said, and the community's promotional program has not eased up.

Sunbirds coming to the city now, he said, are more active than those who came in the past. That trend shows in the 560 apartments the chamber has secured for sunbirds, Johnston said.

Johnston believes there will always be a sunbird program, which has provided staying power and a different twist for the local economy during the summer when the student population drops from the full-winter peak of around 9,000.

"Some of these folks only want to stay a month or so," he said. But there is also a dwindling number of apartments open to sunbirds since the two-year Ricks College expanded into the four-year Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Last summer, enrollment averaged 2,162 students during the three summer terms Ricks operated - with many students enrolled in more than one of those sessions. This summer, the new four-year program has cut back to two summer terms but the average enrollment is more than 3,000 for the year.

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Growers

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changes he might make.

Doug Tuma, another potato grower, said he hadn't had time to think about what he might do either.

"It's not good," Tuma said. At this point, Tuma will remain a potato grower and continue with contracts he has with McCain, which is about half his crop. And, he said, it's safe to see what happens to the rest.

Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said the processing plant closure explains in part why the company scaled back potato acquisition in Mini-Cassia this year. And, he said, it's safe to assume Simplot will contract for fewer acres next year too.

Zerza said Mini-Cassia potatoes will continue to be a source for the Simplot plants in Aberdeen, Nampa and Caldwell, but demand for potatoes depends on demand for their products.

It is unlikely that Simplot's demand for Mini-Cassia potatoes

will be anywhere near what they historically have been, Zerza said.

Rochford is hopeful Simplot will let growers know soon what contract volumes might be next year, so that growers can plant and plant accordingly.

That was the problem when the cuts in contracts came this year, Rochford said; many growers already had potatoes in the ground.

Keith Frank, director of information services for the Idaho Potato Growers, said Simplot's plant closure will have "long-ranging implications. You certainly don't close a plant and keep a grower base."

Frank said he hopes this action spurs state government officials to "step forward and seek a solution to an eroding market for Idaho potatoes."

The growers group will assess the Simplot situation, Frank said, "and develop a more complete game plan as implications unfold."

Officials

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Rupert city officials of the closure. Two Simplot representatives arrived at Rupert City Hall Friday morning and met with City Council President Steve Barras because the mayor was out of town. They informed Barras of what was happening, Bagley said.

Barras said Simplot's plans to work with the displaced employees to a degree "speaks highly of the company."

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said Friday he and his office will work closely with the farmers and the Simplot workers in the Mini-Cassia area "so what immediate assistance might be available to them."

Craig said he began to hear rumors about the plant closing several days ago when farmers called him about Simplot's decision last week to cancel potato contracts with growers.

Craig questioned the timing of Simplot's actions, noting many farmers were literally in the field planting potatoes when they learned their contracts would be reduced or canceled.

"I am frustrated and angered by the Simplot decision," Craig said. "These kinds of corporate decisions are made in the board room long before they are announced publicly."

"The Simplot Corp. grew up on the potato growers of Idaho's efficiency and productivity and this is not a time to forsake them."

Simplot officials have made no decision about what will actually happen to the physical plant once it's closed. Should some other company decide to buy the property, Bagley said, that opens the possibility for jobs for Mini-Cassians.

Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said Friday the company has had no discussions with any companies about buying the property.

While he wishes there were things under way in Rupert that could offer the Simplot employees jobs in Rupert, "There's nothing out on the horizon," Bagley said.

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said the plant closure "is devastating to the area," and he feels sorry for the displaced employees.

But from the city's standpoint, Cheney said, "We've been doing all we could in the last two-and-a-half years to try to resolve the situation, and we're still trying."

McFarland called the closure announcement "bad news."

But she said the message she wants to get out to the community is that local leaders "are proactively trying to solve this situation."

And McFarland said three "really good things" can come out of the plant closure. Those are that such action "usually unifies the community, gives us an opportunity to retrain our work force so we can go about actively marketing our work force to bring busi-

ness and industry into the community, and there are grants so that we may be able to attract industry to the area."

Concerned congressmen

Craig said that several years ago he joined forces with the Idaho and American potato industry leaders in anti-dumping charges against the Canadian government because of the subsidized nature of Canada's potato industry and the fact U.S. markets were being used selectively "in a way that depressed producer prices in the U.S."

"The Clinton Administration at that time chose not to take action, even though there was clear evidence that dumping was occurring on a selective basis," Craig said. "It has weakened the potato industry of Idaho, and in some instances, may have well provoked the situation that we are now experiencing."

Craig said he opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement when it was passed nearly a decade ago, "because of loopholes I felt were evident that it could disadvantage our producers in Idaho. It appears that is now the case."

Craig said that on Thursday he was successful in joining with his colleague from North Dakota in passing an amendment that will modify dispute resolution with the NAFTA trade agreement.

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Judge orders Klamath water to farmers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A federal judge on Friday denied an effort by commercial fishermen, American Indian tribes and environmental groups to force the federal government to release more water into the dwindling Klamath River.

The Klamath straddles the California-Oregon state line and its waters irrigate crops and provide a home to fish such as the threatened coho salmon, a candidate for California's list of endangered species.

A drought last year forced farmers and other river users to battle over the shrinking water supply. This year, the Bush

administration opted to earmark more water for Klamath Reclamation Project farmers, leaving less for young salmon headed toward the Pacific Ocean.

Commercial fishermen filed suit April 24 against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the National Marine Fisheries Service, demanding the federal government release more water to the river in May. In recent days, biologists and U.S. Forest Service employees have rescued hundreds of baby salmon and other fish stranded in puddles along the Klamath's banks.

U.S. District Judge Sandra B.

Armstrong ruled Friday the groups lack enough scientific evidence to block the federal government's plans.

However, she reprimanded the Bureau of Reclamation for launching its springtime operation without waiting for NMFS to complete its final biological review of the river, and urged all parties to try to compromise on water use rather than resolve their concerns through the courts.

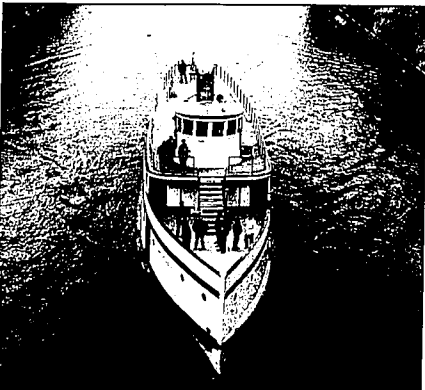
The U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees the Bureau of Reclamation, applauded the decision.

"The Klamath River Basin

Federal Working Group remains committed to working with the people of the entire basin to find solutions that meet the needs of both people and the environment," Interior Secretary Gale Norton said in a statement.

Kristen Boyles, an attorney for the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations that filed the suit, said a decision about whether to appeal the judge's ruling will not be made until she sees the written ruling, though time is in short supply.

"The sad part is, we have salmon being stranded right now. We have fish being rescued," she said.



The Virginia V makes its first trip through the Montlake Cut since being renovated on April 19. The historic steamship, an 80-year-old, 125-foot wooden passenger boat, that once carried passengers around Puget Sound before the advent of highways, is returning to the water today for boating season's annual opening day.

Historic ship sails to open boating season

SEATTLE (AP) — The Virginia V, a historic steamship that once carried passengers around Puget Sound before the advent of highways, is returning to the water Saturday for boating season's annual opening day.

The 80-year-old, 125-foot wooden passenger boat is near the end of a five-year, \$6.1 million renovation. It will join the traditional parade of yachts through Seattle's Montlake Cut.

The ship passed sea trials two weeks ago and its appearance this weekend marks the return of a floating National Historic Landmark.

"I truly believe that you never know where you're headed unless you know where you've come from," said Ralph Munro, a former Washington secretary of state and longtime supporter of the old steamship. "The Virginia

V... is an integral part of our history."

The ship was built on the Kitsap Peninsula and launched March 9, 1922. Powered by its original steam engine, it is one of only two such craft in the nation. It's a unique remnant of the Mosquito Fleet, which carried passengers, freight and mail to and from Seattle, Tacoma and other waterfront communities.

By 1937, highways had largely eliminated the demand for passenger boats on the sound and the Virginia V became a vessel for hire. It was used for excursion and hosting graduation parties and reunions.

"The Virginia V is the boat I had my senior cruise on in 1967," said Bob McConnell, Opening Day parade director. "It's just one of those vessels you love to see go."

Event organizer denies harm to Moyie River

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — State authorities say a four-wheel-drive vehicle rally which included a mud bog race may have caused sediment to pour into the Moyie River.

As many as a 1,000 people gathered last weekend at one of the most remote rivers in Idaho to race trucks.

The mud dug on private land was such a success organizer Cliff Kramer said he is considering making it an annual event.

"We had all your big four-wheelers," said Kramer, owner of Fiist Creek Falls Resort, north of Bonners Ferry. "I think everybody had a real good time."

Almost everybody.

A state Department of Environmental Quality report found the site littered with feces and toilet paper, and stated that sediment and oil may have entered the river.

Workers set up portable toilets and a car-washing area on Kramer's land along the river.

The division asked a health district employee to investigate the site last weekend.

Ken Lustig, environmental director for the Panhandle Health District, found a mud pit within 50 feet of the river. He said the event stripped the flood-plain of vegetation, and that vehicles were parked on a nearby wetlands area.

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Board will address power, cable dispute

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will consider how much a cable television company should pay Idaho Power Co. to connect to its poles.

The case was prompted by an ongoing dispute between Idaho Power Co. and Cable One on pole attachment rates the electrical company seeks.

Cable One argues Idaho Power wants to increase the price by two to three times the rate the commission has used in the past.

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Does the U.S. need to increase military spending?

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DANIEL GOURE

The United States is fighting the war on terrorism, the first war of the new century, with an aging and obsolescing military.

This may come as a surprise to many, particularly in view of the attention that has been devoted in the coverage of the war in Afghanistan on new weapons systems such as the Predator and Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and the precision-guided Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM).

But for every UAV or JDAM there are several weapons systems that are past their prime and in need of replacement. The U.S. inventories of bombers, aerial tankers, transport helicopters, tactical fighters, the electronic warfare and reconnaissance aircraft, armored fighting vehicles and surface combatants are at or over the age at which they should be replaced.

As these and other weapons systems continue to be used more and more heavily in the war on terrorism, their effective life span, measured in the number of hours they can be employed before they physically wear out, continues to decline.

The reason for this problem is quite straightforward. It is the

result of chronic disinvestments in defense coupled with the increased use of the military for a range of nontraditional missions.

During the Clinton Administration, the size of the U.S. military shrank by 40 percent and spending on new procurement of tanks, planes and ships declined by almost half. At the same time, the rate at which the Clinton Administration neglected and invest in transformational programs and capabilities. It cannot afford to ignore any one of these categories.

Yet, at projected spending levels, the Bush Administration will not be able to adequately pursue all three areas of responsibility. Already there are rumors that the Services will reduce their purchases of the new Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) to fund other critical programs.

Today the nation faces a situation not unlike the one that confronted it in June 1950, when it faced the prospects of having to both fight a war and defend the free world against the Soviet Union. It must do now what it did then and spend whatever it takes to win its current war and deter emerging threats.

Daniel Gouré is a senior fellow who specializes in national security issues at The Lexington Institute.

No

Increase would delay reforms

IVAN ELAND

In the nation's capital, there is nothing like a crisis to send the "special interest" wolves hunting for the red meat of federal largesse. The wolves have even taken advantage of the Sept. 11 terrorism and the ongoing war. And the politicians appease them.

A particularly egregious example arose when President Bush declared that crop and cattle production was a "national security issue." Given that multibillion-dollar handout to farmers and agribusinesses, why should we believe Bush when he tells us that we need to add another \$48 billion to an already bloated defense budget to fight terrorists? Is it needed or is it more red meat for the special interests?

A close look at the fattening defense budget reveals some bones being tossed to the vested interests in the name of the patriotic fight against the forces of evil. In fact, only \$19 billion of the \$48 billion hike in the 2003 defense budget will be spent on the war. The rest of the increase will allow the Pentagon to remain comfortable with the status quo at a time when the changing threat requires that the military be transformed.

after the fall of the Soviet air forces, no new large-scale threat exists to American dominance of the skies to justify the exorbitantly priced F-22 fighter. Many weapons that the defense industry churns out are technologicaly dated, years behind schedule, and vastly exceed cost targets.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has compared the way the Department of Defense does business to the practices of Soviet central planning. Giving wads of additional cash to an inefficient defense bureaucracy is rewarding failure and therefore begging for more of the same.

In that environment, few incentives exist for the needed transformation of American defenses in the wake of Sept. 11. Bush pledged in his campaign to "skip a generation" of weapons technology and concentrate on developing futuristic armaments. Yet the 2003 defense budget effectively eliminates no major existing weapons programs. Thus, throwing more money at the Pentagon can actually reduce U.S. security rather than enhance it. The defense bureaucracy and vested interests seeking to exploit the war on terrorism to fill their own pockets at the taxpayers' expense must be defeated.

Ivan Eland is director of defense policy studies for the Cato Institute.

LETTERS

Hankins corner should remain residential

Regarding: A sense of community -

We have now lived in Twin Falls for 12 years. Much development and expansion has taken place in that time and for the best in my opinion. I see Twin Falls as having become the retail mecca for south-central Idaho and northern Nevada. Is that all that we want as our legacy for Twin Falls?

The focus on development of retail business areas and fast traffic routes seems to be too much of a priority for Twin Falls.

Falls planners and developers rather than preserving neighborhoods and creating more community spaces such as parks and walking or biking trails that actually connect and/or go somewhere. Twin Falls is not a large metropolitan area, so it takes us drive no further than five to 10 minutes to the nearest store or gas station anyway - that is not a great distance by most standards.

This, of course, all has to do with the proposed Hankins Corner business development by the Boy Scout office. Our neighbors are in consensus that we are very willing to drive those five to 10 minutes to the store or gas station which are located where they should be - in a commercial area (i.e., Blue Lakes, Addison, downtown, etc.).

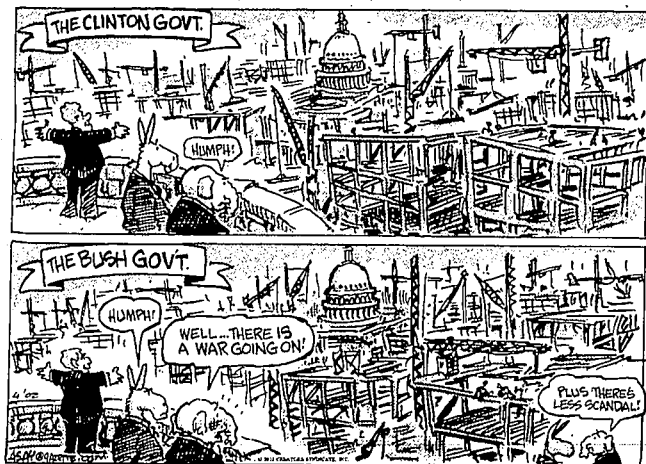
The Hankins Corner neighbors are adamant in preserving this neighborhood as a strictly residential area. We have always regarded the Boy Scout office as a good and inconspicuous neighbor, and we are happy that it is there.

I ask that the city leaders carefully listen to the residents of this area at the May 6 City Council meeting at 5 p.m. and what our message is: Keep our neighborhood what it should be - residential!

KATHY MACMILLAN
Twin Falls

Sentencing doesn't include tiny, inadequate jail cells

I had a good laugh when I read



the recent article in this newspaper addressing the inadequacy of the present county jail. My wife, Ramona Braegger, had too much pride to respond to all the negative responses to her letter about the conditions there. But I don't!

Gee, I guess prisoners really do have some rights! I guess something really has to be done about the situation after all, before someone files a lawsuit! Ha, ha, ha! Neener, neener!

Oh, and by the way, to all of you out there who had the foresight to agree with her and the courage to support her opinion in a public setting such as this, I offer my most sincere thanks.

Of course, we shouldn't coddle prisoners! If you can't do the time, don't do the crime! I understand that! But like it or not, none of the people in that jail were sentenced to be crammed into a tiny facility and receive inadequate treatment.

If you can't pay for them to do the time, then don't make it a crime. What other choice is there? If the facilities and treatment are poor, there are going to be complaints, and some of these complaints will be legal.

You can't shut them up, no matter how hard you try. So either make their treatment adequate, let them walk free, or face people like me who just whine and others who just call a lawyer.

DANIEL BRAEGGER
Twin Falls

Writer questions safety of America's youth

Forty years ago, we sent our children to college to avoid Vietnam. Today we should send our children to Afghanistan because they are dying like flies in college. Why?

ARCHIE WALKER
Glenns Ferry

Jerry Lee Young's crime is small compared to most

In the eternal destiny of man, what harm did Jerry Lee Young do?

If Jerry had not have dug or collected where he did, would the archeologists have found anything that would have improved the quality of life or contributed to the betterment of the eternal destiny of man?

Would the government-funded archeologists have excavated those sites, and if so, what would have happened to their finds? Would their finds have been squirreled away to be seen by only government-funded caretakers, or would they be made available to the general public like Jerry did at his museum at no cost to the government?

Jerry's Idaho Heritage Museum was a pleasure to visit before the government seized many of the exhibits. Now the

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museum is closed, and it is only logical to conclude that Jerry is in financial ruin.

I remember when abortionists were charged with manslaughter. Now abortion is legal and Planned Parenthood will soon be in Twin Falls referring women and girls to the abortionists. Save the whales and kill the babies. I do recognize the tragedy of rape and incest but wonder if most of the abortions are not to avoid inconvenience and the consequences of adultery. People want to avoid what is done in secret being shouted from the housetops.

Sodomy and adultery is wickedness and is a violation of God's law and against the law in Idaho but is presented as an acceptable lifestyle in the movies and on TV and practiced by many. Generally, when a girl under 18 gets pregnant, neither the girl or guy is charged with statutory rape. I can't remember adulterers and practicing homosexuals (I dislike using the politically acceptable term) ever being charged for their crime, but our government ruins Jerry Lee Young for having provided southern Idaho with the Idaho Heritage Museum.

Where are our values? I believe in law and order, but sometimes despair about what is now law. I remember when it was against the law to be drunk in public. Now it is legal.

Perhaps the law that Jerry violated needs to be repealed or somehow changed so someone else's life that was doing good won't be devastated like Jerry Lee Young's has.

Our tax dollars closed Jerry's museum and devastated Jerry financially and emotionally.

Where are our values?
CARTER KILLINGER
Twin Falls

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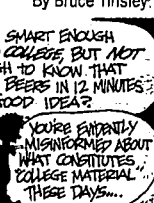
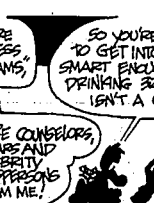
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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Bombs

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tural region that straddles the Mississippi River, and urged residents not to remove any devices they might find in their mailboxes.

"We are reviewing this as a domestic terrorism incident," said James Bonner, an FBI spokesman. "We don't know if all the devices have been found or there are devices remaining... We probably won't know for a while."

In all, eight devices were found and six exploded. The bombs were not sent by mail but were instead placed in the mailboxes and set to detonate when the boxes were opened, investigators said.

Postal Service Inspector Linda Jensen said inconsistencies in placement suggested the bombs were linked, but that did not mean just one person was involved. All the communities can be reached within a day's drive.

None of the injuries was considered life threatening, but Carroll County, Ill., Sheriff Rod Herrick warned residents against opening their mailboxes.

"I don't want kids getting off the bus and opening the mailbox, or people coming home from work and opening their mailbox," he said. "Don't touch your mailbox until further notice."

In Asbury, north of Dubuque, a bomb went off when a letter carrier opened a mailbox from the passenger side of a vehicle, leaving a small hole in the door, witnesses said. The carrier had surgery to remove shrapnel from his arm and suffered damage to his hearing, said Ken Runde, chief deputy in Dubuque County.

Also injured were three postal

workers in Mount Carroll, Morrison and Elizabeth, Ill., and two postal customers in Anamosa and Tipton. Both residents were hospitalized.

Other devices were found in Farley and a farm outside Davenport in Iowa. Runde said local law enforcement agencies could not check every mailbox in the area for a possible bomb.

"We probably have 30,000 mailboxes," he said. "If they notice something suspicious or foreign, then we will respond."

Judy Temple, a neighbor of Zuidema, said she looked out her living room window just as mail carrier Marilyn Dollesinger was pulling up.

"As soon as I saw her lean over in the mailbox, all of a sudden, 'Boom!' and everything when straight up in the air like a mushroom," Temple said. "I yelled for my husband, 'Something's wrong with Marilyn!'"

Temple and her husband called 911 and helped Dollesinger to their yard. Dollesinger's face and left arm were injured and part of her thumb was blown off in the blast, according to her daughter, Jodi Camper.

Postal Service vice president Azeemly Jaffer said the bombs were accompanied by a typewritten note that began: "Mailboxes are exploding! Why, you ask?"

Then it said, in part: "If the government controls what you want to do they control what you can do... I'm obtaining your attention in the only way I can. More info is on its way. More attention getters are on the way."

The letter also said: "If I could, I would change only one person unfortunately the resources are not accessible. It seems killing a single famous person would get the same media attention as killing numerous unknown humans."

The bombs appeared to be triggered by being touched or moved. Jensen described the devices as

three-quarter inch steel pipes with a 9-volt battery attached. Accompanying the bomb was a clear plastic bag containing the note.

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MISCELLANEOUS
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Limits

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The only cautionary note in Friday's ruling came from Justice Wayne Kidwell, who was the most active questioner of the opposing attorneys during the 50-minute arguments a day earlier.

In a concurring opinion, Kidwell went into detail in explaining the legislative right to modify or repeal initiatives before concluding, "Here, the Legislature has acted, perhaps unwisely, but within the Constitution of the State of Idaho."

Morgan seized on Kidwell's statement to continue his attack on lawmakers.

"I think he was being kind," he said.

Initiative backers faced an uphill battle in the case because they were asking the court to turn its back on decades of precedent. The justices' skepticism was apparent during the arguments.

They wanted the high court to require county clerks to remove any candidates for county office from the primary ballot if they would have been barred from running had the initiative not been repealed on an emergency basis.

Election officials throughout the state have said that would undermine primary campaigns because the only way to deal with such an order would have been to reschedule the vote, essentially invalidating much of the expense in time and money candidates had spent in anticipation of a vote in 3.5 weeks.

Six weeks ago, the court also indicated no desire to disrupt the primary when it rejected challenges to the redrawn legislative district map.

Chief Justice Linda Cottle Trout did not hear the case and was replaced by 3rd District Judge Gerald Weston because term limits attorney Star Kales is challenging Trout's re-election to the court.

Second District Judge Ronald Schilling sat in for Justice Daniel Eismann, who stepped aside after what he said was a misleading broadcast report about term limits support for his election two years ago.

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NATION

Artillery program dispute could finish Army official

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thomas White's future as the Army's civilian chief appeared in doubt Friday amid allegations the service tried to undermine Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's decision to pull the plug on an \$11 billion weapon program.

Rumsfeld's spokeswoman, Victoria Clarke, said the Army's internal watchdog is investigating. She did not mention White or say his job was in jeopardy but pointedly declined to give him a full endorsement.

When asked whether Rumsfeld remained confident in White, Clarke replied, "He has full confidence that they will get to the bottom of this."

"Those who are responsible for inappropriate behavior ... will be held accountable," she added.

Clarke declined to discuss details of the investigation but said it may produce findings within days.



Donald Rumsfeld

Rumsfeld told reporters Thursday he was disturbed by reports that Army officials had gone behind his back to Congress in hopes that political maneuvering would save the Crusader program, which is developing an advanced artillery system to replace the Cold War-era Paladin artillery gun.

"I have a minimum of high regard for that kind of behavior," Rumsfeld said.

White was publicly silent Friday. Army spokesmen said he would not comment until the probe was finished.

Officials said Rumsfeld discussed the matter with White on Thursday. They agreed the Army inspector general should investigate.

For weeks White has been under political pressure as a result of contacts with Enron Corp. officials during the company's collapse last year. White had headed Enron Energy Services, a subsidiary, before he became Army secretary. White is a retired general and a decorated Vietnam veteran.

Clarke repeatedly indicated that Rumsfeld felt the Army's actions had undermined his efforts to weed out politically

popular programs that do not contribute to a transformation of the military.

She said Rumsfeld's deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, had made clear to White that the Crusader was going to be canceled. She said Wolfowitz told White to produce a plan within 30 days that would terminate Crusader and invest its portion of the defense budget in other military technologies.

"Some time after" Wolfowitz did that, Army officials sent faxes and "talking points" to congressional offices that did not support Rumsfeld's decision to kill Crusader, she said.

"When a decision has been reached, people are expected to support it," she added, referring to Army leaders.

Rumsfeld's proposed 2003 budget called for spending \$475 million on Crusader. Clarke said Rumsfeld came to the conclusion that the money would be better spent on more advanced technologies.

"It has become apparent that proceeding with the funding for the Crusader could delay, stall, prevent the funding of a lot of promising technologies that could really benefit a lot more than just the Army," she said.

The Crusader is a 155mm self-propelled howitzer that has undergone initial tests of its firing capabilities and is scheduled to enter service in 2008.

For Army leaders, the fight over Crusader is vitally important to their plan for transforming the land forces for 21st century conflicts. They believe it is needed to protect soldiers in ground combat situations where airborne artillery, such as the Air Force AC-130 gunship, is not available or is insufficient.

For Rumsfeld, the Crusader is a test case for his broader campaign to accelerate the military's investment in more futuristic arms technologies. It also tests his ability to persuade Congress to part with a defense program that has strong support from members whose states stand to benefit from completing the program.

Bush attacks Senate for balking on judicial confirmations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush accused Senate Democrats on Friday of "endangering the administration of justice in America" by balking at many of his judicial nominees.

Declaring a vacancy crisis on the federal bench, Bush said, "Justice is at risk in America and the Senate must act for the good of the country."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, responded that Democrats in control of the Senate are committed to an independent judiciary and disinclined to "rubber stamp" the president's conservative nominees "who would undermine its independence and fairness."

Bush's sharp challenge to Senate Democrats reflected a

President declares 'vacancy crisis'

mounting fight between the White House and Democrats over the shape of the federal judiciary. Democrats have objected to the nominees on many grounds, including their contention that Bush's candidates tend to be conservative.

The standoff is a warm-up for what both sides predict will be an enormous fight if Bush gets a chance to fill a Supreme Court vacancy.

Bush said he has nominated 100 candidates to the federal bench and the Senate has confirmed half. In fact, the Senate has acted on 52.

Nine of Bush's 30 nominees to federal appeals courts have been

confirmed and of his first 11 nominees, announced a year ago, only three have been confirmed, Bush said.

"Controversial nominations take longer and the president can help by choosing nominees primarily for their ability instead of for their ideology," Leahy said in a written statement.

Bush called his nominees "in the solid mainstream of American legal opinion."

He said more than 10 percent of federal judgeships are vacant. He did not mention that the shortage is partially due to Republican senators who derailed many nominees of former Democratic President

Clinton — a point that Leahy stressed in his rebuttal to the president's White House speech.

"The surge in vacancies created on the Republicans' watch is being cleaned up under Democratic leadership in the Senate," Leahy said.

"By its inaction, the Senate is endangering the administration of justice in America," Bush told lawyers and law professors at the White House. "I want you all to spread the word about how serious this vacancy crisis is."

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“He had his head down like, ‘I’m really sorry.’ He had his head down like he let us down.”

—Jockey Pat Day, after his Kentucky Derby mount, Buddha, was scratched from today’s race because of a bruised foot

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

How many times has the College of Southern Idaho baseball team made it to the JUCO World Series? When was its last appearance?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE:

Auto racing

Magic Valley Speedway, 7 p.m.

RMFL football

Helena at Mini-Cassia, at W. Minico JHS, 3 p.m.

College baseball

CCSN at CSI (2), at Frontier Field, noon

High school baseball

Wood River at Buhl (2), 11 a.m.

Glenns Ferry at Melba, 11 a.m.

Taylor’s Texaco Flier

Tournament, at Flier

Spring Creek, Nev. vs. Flier, 9 a.m.

Spring Creek, Nev. vs. Wendell, 11:30 a.m.

Twin Falls JV vs. Wendell, 2 p.m.

Twin Falls JV vs. Flier, 4:30 p.m.

High school softball

Jerome at Bonneville, 10 a.m.

Wood River at Buhl (2), 11 a.m.

Centennial at Twin Falls (2), noon

High school tennis

Highland at Burley, 10 a.m.

Capital Invitational, at Boise

High school track

Horseshoe Bend Invitational, 10 a.m.

High school rodeo

Fifth District at Gooding, 7 p.m.

Sixth District at Burley, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Rec holds softball tournaments

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is sponsoring both men’s and women’s softball tournaments May 13-12 at Forsythe Park. Women are guaranteed three games. The deadline to enter is Wednesday. Cost is \$170 per team. To register, call York Corbridge at 837-5654.

Shoshone holds jackpot junior rodeo

SHOSHONE — A jackpot junior rodeo for children under high school age will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Entries will be taken starting at 2 p.m. with an entry fee of \$5 per event. For more information, call 536-6276 or 536-2591.

Twin Falls tennis pro offers lessons

TWIN FALLS — Local professional tennis player Doug Kaut is scheduling private tennis lessons and several clinics this spring. Cost is \$35 per hour with several package deals available. For more information or to sign up, call 735-2928 or 404-6091.

Correction

Willie Lester earned a brown belt in Transitional Arts Incorporated Kung Fu from Keith Owens’ American Self Defense academy, which was reported in Thursday’s *YouSports* page. The *Times-News* regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Eight times, winning it in 1984. The Golden Eagles last played in 1993, going 0-2.



Colonel, Kirkland juggle academics, athletics and a future in pro baseball

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Christian Colonel is well aware of the extra spectators that are showing up at every ballpark the College of Southern Idaho baseball team plays at this season.

CSI freshman Kody Kirkland is too. They’re the fans with speed guns and notepads. The 30-somethings with cell phones and polo shirts embroidered with Major League Baseball team logos.

They loiter around the batting cage during warm-ups and whisper rich promises and “atta-boys” through the fence between games. They speak like salesmen and their faces always seem to say, “show me something, kid.”

For Colonel and Kirkland, it’s those fans — the scouts — who hold a piece of their future. “We would both rather have them here than not,” said Colonel, a sophomore. “And it’s exciting to have scouts watching. Not everybody gets that. But it does weigh on you.”

Fast friends

Colonel and Kirkland grew up 21 miles apart. At CSI they’ve grown even closer.

Colonel, the future Golden Eagle shortstop, was raised in American Falls. Kirkland, the future Golden Eagle third baseman, honed his skills in Pocatello.

Each had outstanding high school careers. Colonel helped American Falls High School to a

Balance of power

Today: Part I

One’s already been drafted, the other’s a rising star on the brink of a major league breakthrough. Together, College of Southern Idaho baseball players Kody Kirkland and Christian Colonel have impressed the scouts and their coaches.

But what does the future hold? Sunday: Part II Money, prestige and expectations all go with playing professional baseball — but so do the shysters, shady agents and loss of innocence.

state baseball championship as a sophomore and also helped the school’s football and basketball teams to state finishes.

Kirkland was an all-region, all-conference and all-state player in baseball by the time he was a senior, batting .425 with 10 home runs. He showed enough ability to be drafted in the 30th round of baseball’s 2001 First-Year Player draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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College of Southern Idaho sluggers Christian Colonel, right, and Kody Kirkland, left, grew up 21 miles apart in Power County. Now the two roommates are looking at where baseball will fit into their futures.



Balancing act

St. George it is: Eagles move into tie for second

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With two games left in the Scenic West Athletic Conference season one thing is certain — the Region 18 tournament will be in St. George, Utah again this season.

The College of Southern Idaho baseball team made sure of that. The Golden Eagles swept the Community College of Southern Nevada on Friday at Frontier Field, winning the first game of their doubleheader 4-3 and the nightcap 5-1 to move into a tie with the Coyotes for second place in the SWAC.

“We get fired up to play really good teams,” sophomore Christian Colonel said. “And they’re a really good team. These games are a challenge to us to see what we’re made of.”

Elsewhere in SWAC play Friday, Dixie State College wrapped up the regular season title and regional hosting rights by virtue of a split with Utah State Valley College, and Ricks College moved into sixth place by sweeping Treasure Valley Community College.

CSI (37-14, 28-10 SWAC) and CCSN (41-13, 28-10 SWAC) enter today’s doubleheader with identical conference records. A win would insure CSI second place in the conference.

“Those were pretty big wins for us,” CSI coach Jim Walker said. “It was just one of those things where we got some guys on and put a little pressure on them. We had all the luck. Everything bounced our way today. That was big.”

Sophomore pitcher Nate Bumstead got things rolling for CSI in the first game. The hard-throwing righty struck out four and scattered seven hits over seven innings to pick up his 12th win of the season.

The win ties Bumstead with Craig Mosher for most wins in a single season at CSI.

“Bumstead really battled today,” Walker said.

The Eagles scored two runs in the bottom of the first on a balk and an RBI single by Colonel to take a quick 2-0 lead. CCSN’s John Caruso doubled in the Coyotes first run to make it 2-1 in the fourth.

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Golden Eagle second baseman Tom Myers is forced out at second by Coyote Zeke Paraz after trying to stretch a single into a double Friday at Frontier Field. CSI swept the doubleheader 4-3 and 5-1. The teams finish their regular seasons today with a twin bill starting at noon.

Bruised foot sidelines Buddha

Derby co-second choice loses spot in Saturday’s race

By Jim Little
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The horse wasn’t the only one at Barn 48 wearing a long face Friday morning.

Buddha, one of the favorites to win the Kentucky Derby, was scratched after his handlers discovered a bruised left front foot. The gray colt’s withdrawal meant veteran trainer H. James Bond’s debut in thoroughbred racing’s premier event will be delayed at least another year.

“It’s a punch to the stomach,” Bond said. “I really believe in my heart we had a great chance.” Buddha’s injury also would



Jockey Pat Day pals Kentucky Derby entrant Buddha on the nose after the horse was scratched from Saturday’s race because of a bruised foot.

Foreign thoroughbreds invade Derby — B5
Get ready for a fasten-your-seat-belts Derby — B5

128th Kentucky Derby
Today: 3 p.m. (NBC)

Duncan returns; Spurs rout Seattle 101-78

Pierce nets 46 as Celtics KO Sixers

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — If there were any worries about Tim Duncan’s frame of mind, they were gone in a matter of minutes Friday night.

Duncan, back from his father’s funeral a day earlier, scored six of San Antonio’s first eight points and finished with 23 points to lead the Spurs to an emotion-fueled 101-78 rout of Seattle in the deciding game of their best-of-five playoff series.

With the victory, San Antonio advances to a second-round matchup with the two-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers and a chance to avenge last year’s four-game

NBA Conference Semifinals
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SPORTS

Reigning champs Jerome pick up triple victory

Bruins top Jerome 5-2

The Times-News

RUPERT - The Jerome girls track team rolled through the early results of the Minico-Burley Invitational track meet Friday at Minico High School.

The reigning state champion Tigers picked up a trio of victories through eight events, with Jaime ...

And Jerome's Jennifer Pond, the reigning shot put state champ, went more than 3 feet farther than the rest of the competition with a throw of 38 feet, 1 inch.

Minico's Monica Jensen clocked a victorious 15.27 seconds in the 100 hurdles for the defending champions' only victory.

However, Spartan senior Chuck Fleming crossed the finish line well ahead of his nearest competitor in the 100, clocking a 10.53. But he was disqualified for wearing a necklace.

Fleming's disqualification gave the victory to Filer Wildcat Caleb Lammers, who crossed the line in 10.85. The Class 3A Wildcats were also victorious in the 4x200 relay as the little school represented itself well in the 19-team field that included many 5A schools. Filer is the defending state champion.

Skyline was dominating the boys event, with three victories through seven events.

Complete results will appear in Sunday's sports section.



SCOTT THOMPSON/The Times-News

Minico's Chuck Fleming, right, cruises to an easy victory in a preliminary heat of the 100-meter dash at the Minico-Burley Invitational at Minico High School Friday. Fleming also broke the tape first in the finals of the event by about six steps but was disqualified for wearing a necklace.

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By John Dorr Times-News writer

JEROME - The Tigers gave them chances and the Bruins took advantage.

Ten free passes and six errors paced Twin Falls to a 5-2 victory at Jerome in non-conference baseball on a windy Friday afternoon.

Andy Coats picked up the victory for the Bruins, allowing five hits. He took a shutout into the final inning.

"Today wasn't my best game, but I threw pretty good," Coats said, adding he struggled over the last two innings when his knee began bothering him.

Jerome pitcher Josh Gailey batted Coats to a scoreless draw through the first four innings.

Twin Falls (13-9, 2-3 Region III) broke the deadlock with a run in the fifth. Derrick Tenney walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Brandon Salinas. A balk moved him to third, and a grounder to short brought him home.

The Bruins scored two more runs in the sixth inning after loading the bases on a walk and two singles errors. Another walk and hit batsman made it 3-0.

Three straight errors loaded the bases for the Bruins again in the seventh. Sophomore Luke Hawkins smacked a two-run single up the middle for a pair of insurance runs.

Jerome (2-5, 5-15 Great Basin) made things interesting in the final inning thanks to the bottom of the order. Jed Seamons, the No. 8 batter, reached on an error ahead of Casey Schvaneveldt, who singled to left.

A passed ball advanced both

runners before Kyle Roberts' grounder scored Seamons. Schvaneveldt scored on a single by Doug Benson. The rally ended on a strikeout.

The game marked the return of Jerome senior standout Kiel Thibault, who missed the last 11 games with a broken collarbone. He made the most of his appearance, going 2-for-4 from the plate, hitting the ball hard each time.

"It felt great," Thibault said. "I was anxious to get back out there."

There was another anxious moment for Thibault in the fourth. After singling to center and rounding first, Thibault was surprised by Bruin catcher Brett Miller, who had crept up behind him for the pickoff. Thibault was forced to dive back to the bag - similar to the way he had injured himself - and got up in pain.

But the Gonzaga-bound senior said he was OK.

"I just got a stinger. They called for Monday, but I was ready for the upcoming district tournament. Five teams will vie for 2.5 seeds to state.

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Gardner returns to hospital for skin grafts

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Olympic wrestling champion Rulon Gardner, who was frost-bitten while stranded in the Wyoming backcountry in February, was back in the hospital Friday for skin grafts on his toes.

Skin was grafted onto both of Gardner's big toes and to a third toe on his right foot, Gardner said in a prepared statement.

"The great news is that, with this procedure, my toes are now over 90 percent healed," he said.

"And the toes on my left foot, except for the big toe, are completely healed."

In March, after amputating the middle toe on Gardner's right foot, doctors were optimistic Gardner would not lose any more toes.

Gardner has been in and out of the hospital for more than two months. He planned to stay at the Eastern Idaho Regional

Medical Center for a few days before leaving for his outpatient treatment schedule.

"With everyone's support I am making a strong recovery and am in great spirits," he said. "I have my sights set on the road ahead and getting back to competing as soon as possible."

Gardner, 30, is the Greco-Roman world heavyweight champion.

In the 2000 Sydney Olympics he beat Alexander Karelin, the Russian star who had not lost an international match in 13 years.

Gardner was stranded in the woods Feb. 14 when his snowmobile bogged down near his hometown of Afton, Wyo.

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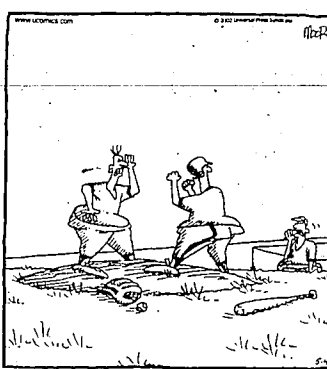
BASEBALL

AL BOSTON

Table with columns for Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Devil Rays, showing game statistics like runs, hits, errors, and fielding percentages.

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Good eye, Bob! Good eye!"

ORIOLES 4, ROYALS 3

Scoreboard for Orioles vs Royals game, showing runs, hits, errors, and individual player statistics.

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Scoreboard for Atlanta Braves vs St. Louis Cardinals game, showing runs, hits, errors, and individual player statistics.

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Kentucky Derby, Breakfast at Churchill Downs ESPN2, 7 a.m. Kentucky Derby, Pre-race special ESPN, 12:30 p.m. Kentucky Derby, 12th running NBC, 3 p.m. Kentucky Derby, Highlights ESPN, 4:30 p.m.

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NBA playoffs, Mavericks at Kings, Game 1 NBC, 4:30 p.m.

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'Canes' onslaught cuffs Canadiens for series lead

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens and goaltender Jose Theodore owned the third period of the playoffs — until Friday night. Ron Francis scored his 42nd career playoff goal 3:49 into the final period and Kevin Weekes recorded his second straight shutout as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Canadiens 2-0 to take the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Erik Cole sealed it with 2:18 left, scoring his third playoff goal. Montreal outscored Boston 10-2 in the third period of its first-round series and Theodore had a save percentage of .986. But Francis was able to tip a Nicolas Wallin shot past the goalie early in the third and Weekes made it stand up, stopping 25 shots in just their first postseason start. Theodore had just made a spectacular diving stick save on rookie Jaroslav Svoboda five seconds before Wallin left his shot fly from 10 feet inside the blue line and Francis deflected it between the legs of Theodore. Wallin, a healthy scratch in 29 games this season, is playing because defenseman David Tanabe is out with a broken wrist. Game 2 is Sunday night at Carolina. The second period was filled with missed scoring chances — mostly by the Hurricanes. Yanic Perrault hit the crossbar 1:03 into the period, but it was all Carolina after that as the Hurricanes fired 19 shots on Theodore. The best opportunity came six minutes in when a shot from the left point by Marek Malik bounced off the shoulder of Theodore and left behind him. However, Cole fanned on his attempted tip, and the Montreal goalie was able to recover and keep the puck from going over the line with his blocker.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Tyson admits biting Lewis' leg during news conference NEW YORK — Mike Tyson admitted biting Lennox Lewis' leg during a news conference, a move that led to the loss of the former heavyweight champion's Nevada boxing license. "I did bite him," Tyson told FOX News Channel in an interview scheduled to air Saturday night. Tyson earlier apologized for the Jan. 22 brawl during a news conference in New York, but refused to say whether he bit Lewis.

FIFA rejects Arab calls for ban on Israel ZURICH, Switzerland — Soccer's world governing body rejected Arab requests to ban Israel from the sport. FIFA president Sepp Blatter said Friday that the ruling executive committee turned down eight Arab soccer federations that sought to suspend Israel. "The FIFA executive committee stayed very strong," Blatter said. "We're not a political organization, we're not interested in any of these cases."

Ward Burton sets record, wins pole for Pontiac 400 RICHMOND, Va. — Ward Burton set a track qualifying record of 127.389 mph Friday night to take the pole position for the Pontiac Excitement 400 NASCAR Winston Cup race. Burton, whose South Boston home is about 60 miles from Richmond International Raceway, turned his lap mid-way through the session and sweated it out as Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Gordon, Rusty Wallace and Tony Stewart challenged. Earnhardt came the closest with a lap at 127.175. "It's always like that," Burton said. "I really didn't expect to get the pole."

Motorcycle accident injures Spurs' Javtokas VILNIUS, Lithuania — Lithuanian center Robertas Javtokas, a second-round draft pick of the San Antonio Spurs last year, was in a motorcycle wreck that could end his playing career. Javtokas' motorcycle collided with a minivan at a high speed Wednesday, according to Dr. Mantvilius Kocius of the Vilnius University Hospital. Javtokas' thighbone was crushed, and his shoulder, knee and kidneys were injured in the crash. He was in serious but stable condition Friday. Javtokas' helmet probably saved his life, Kocius said. "I can only say now that he will survive," he said. "Will he ever play again? We don't know."

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SPORTS

Mariners mash Lilly, Yankees 6-2

Major League Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) — Seattle didn't take long to get to Ted Lilly this time, scoring two runs in the first inning, and the Mariners didn't need any more homers from Mike Cameron to beat the New York Yankees 6-2 Friday night.

Freddy Garcia (4-2) shut down the Yankees for the second time in a week and Seattle's Jeff Cirillo and Desi Relaford homered against Lilly (0-3). The Mariners won their second straight after losing five of six.

Lilly and the Yankees kept Cameron under control, one night after the Seattle outfielder tied a major league record by homering four times against the Chicago White Sox.

Cameron grounded out in the first, popped out in the third, flied to deep center in the fifth, walked in the seventh and popped out in the eighth. He missed a chance to match the record of five homers in two games, done 23 times — last by Barry Bonds on May 19, 2001.

Garcia beat New York 1-0 last Saturday when Relaford's RBI single broke up Lilly's no-hit bid with one out in the eighth inning.

White Sox 6, Athletics 1

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas homered, Mark Buehrle became the AL's first five-game winner and the Chicago White Sox didn't give up any more home runs as they beat the Oakland Athletics 6-1 Friday night.

Thomas finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Kenny Lofton also drove in two runs for the White Sox, who snapped a 10-game losing streak to the A's dating to last season.

Seattle's Mike Cameron tied a major league record with four homers Thursday night, and White Sox pitchers served up three more to his Mariners teammates. But the only ball that left the park Friday was Thomas' solo shot.

Orioles 4, Royals 3

BALTIMORE — Mike Bordick scored the tiebreaking run on a passed ball in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles kept Kansas City Royals interim manager John Mizerock winless with two straight wins.

Red Sox 3, Devil Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox rallied for two runs in the ninth inning, going ahead on catcher Toby Hall's wild pickoff throw, and beat Tampa Bay 3-2 Friday night to



New York Yankees left fielder Rondell White climbs the wall as fans grab for a two-run home run by Seattle Mariners' Jeff Cirillo Friday night at Yankee Stadium in New York.

4-3 victory Friday night. The Orioles trailed 3-2 in the seventh before rallying to hand the Royals their fourth straight defeat since Mizerock took over for the fired Tony Muser on Tuesday.

With the score 3-0, Bordick opened the eighth with a double off Cory Bailey (0-4) and moved to third on a sacrifice. With Jerry Hairston at the plate, Royals catcher Juan Brito let a pitch get past him, and Bordick scored standing up.

Angels 6, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO — Darin Erstad hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the seventh inning as the Anaheim Angels won their eighth straight Friday night, 6-4 over the slumping Toronto Blue Jays.

extend the Devil Rays' losing streak to eight games. Jason Varitek's RBI single with two outs tied it at 2. Hall then tried to pick off Varitek, but the ball skipped by first baseman Steve Cox, allowing Brian Daubach to score from second base.

Casey Fossum (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth to get the win in relief of John Burkett. Ugueth Urbina worked a perfect ninth to get his ninth save in 10 opportunities.

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Garret Anderson also homered for the Angels, who reached .500 after starting the season 6-14. Anaheim hadn't won eight in a row since a nine-game streak May 31-June 9, 1998.

Eric Hinske, Raul Mondesi and Homer Bush homered for the Blue Jays, who have lost nine straight for the first time since losing 10 consecutive games June 18-28, 1994.

Rangers 4, Indians 2

CLEVELAND — Carl Everett drove in two runs as the Texas Rangers extended their winning streak to six games Friday night with a 4-2 victory over the staggering Cleveland Indians.

The Rangers' streak is their longest since they won seven straight in May 2000. Texas, which opened the year 3-11 as its bullpen fell ap: almost daily, has won eight of nine.

Doug Davis (3-2) pitched into the sixth inning, and Steve Woodard, John Rocker and Rudy Seanez — all former Indians — preserved the lead until Hideki Irabu worked a hitless ninth for his seventh save.

Meanwhile, the Indians can't stop their slide. They've lost six straight, 15 of 17 overall, and seven in a row at home for the first time since 1990 when they played at Municipal Stadium.

Cleveland, which started the season 11-1, has scored just nine runs during its six-game slide, and has been outscored 118-41 in the 17-game span.

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Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	7	.720	-	2-7.3	W-3	8-5	10-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
New York	18	12	.600	2.5	2-6.4	L-1	9-4	9-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Baltimore	14	15	.483	3.6	-2-7.3	W-2	6-7	2-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	9	18	.333	10	2-2-6	L-6	7-6	1-12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Toronto	8	19	.296	11	2-1-9	L-9	3-11	5-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Central Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	11	.633	-	6-4	W-5	13-1	6-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Chicago	18	11	.621	1	2-6-4	W-1	11-3	7-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cleveland	13	16	.448	5.5	1-9	L-6	7-7	6-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Detroit	9	18	.333	8.5	6-4	L-1	7-7	2-11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kansas City	8	19	.296	9.5	2-8	L-4	4-10	4-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

West Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	9	.690	-	2-5.5	W-2	8-7	12-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Oakland	16	13	.552	4	5-5	L-2	10-6	6-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Anaheim	17	14	.550	3.5	8-2	W-8	6-9	8-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Texas	13	15	.464	6.5	8-2	W-6	6-9	7-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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New York	18	11	.621	-	2-8-2	W-1	10-5	6-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Montreal	17	11	.607	1	2-7-3	L-1	7-8	7-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Florida	15	14	.517	3	2-6-4	W-2	8-7	7-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Atlanta	15	15	.500	3.5	5-5	W-3	8-6	7-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Philadelphia	10	19	.345	8	2-3-7	W-1	7-7	3-12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Central Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	17	10	.630	-	2-8-2	L-1	9-6	8-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Pittsburgh	17	11	.607	1	2-6-4	L-1	7-8	7-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	13	16	.448	5	1-8	L-2	7-8	6-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Houston	12	16	.429	5.5	4-6	L-1	5-8	7-8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Chicago	9	17	.346	7.5	3-7	W-1	4-10	5-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Milwaukee	8	21	.276	10	1-9	L-3	6-8	2-13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

West Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	17	11	.607	-	2-6-4	W-1	7-5	10-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Los Angeles	17	11	.607	1	2-6-4	W-1	7-6	10-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
San Francisco	16	11	.593	1	6-6	W-1	7-6	8-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
San Diego	15	13	.536	2	2-7-3	L-1	9-3	6-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Colorado	12	17	.414	5.5	6-4	L-1	9-7	3-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Friday's Games

Anaheim 6, Toronto 4	Texas 4, Cleveland 2
Seattle 6, N.Y. Yankees 2	Baltimore 4, Kansas City 3
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2	Minnesota 8, Detroit 4
Chicago White Sox 6, Oakland 1	

Today's Games

Anaheim (Schoeneweis 1-3) at Toronto (Miller 1-0), 11:05 a.m.	Texas (Valdes 2-3) at Cleveland (Colon 3-1), 11:05 a.m.
Seattle (Moyer 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (O'Hanlon 2-1), 11:05 a.m.	Kansas City (Gutierrez 2-3) at Baltimore (Lopez 2-0), 11:35 a.m.
Boston (Lowe 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Konerley 1-2), 4:15 p.m.	Detroit (Redman 0-3) at Minnesota (Milton 4-2), 5:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Hircho 2-2), 5:05 p.m.	

National League Friday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Colorado 2	N.Y. Mets 11, Houston 3
Florida 8, Milwaukee 4	Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1, 11 innings
Montreal 4, Arizona, late	Pittsburgh at San Diego, late
Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles, late	Cincinnati at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Florida (Teut 0-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-3), 12:05 p.m.	Atlanta (Lopez 1-2) at St. Louis (Smoncheck 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Montreal (Haynes 2-3) at San Francisco (Schmidt 0-0), 2:05 p.m.	Kansas City (Gutierrez 2-3) at Philadelphia (Woff 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 2-1) at Houston (C.Hernandez 2-0), 6:05 p.m.	Montreal (Ohta 3-2) at Arizona (Anderson 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Anderson 2-3) at San Diego (Janes 1-3), 8:05 p.m.	Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-3) at Los Angeles (Ishii 3-0), 8:10 p.m.

King Cam: Cameron revels day after four home run game

By Josh Dubow
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With four home runs in the game already and a chance to break the record, Mike Cameron chose to follow baseball's old adage.

"That's just the kind of guy he is — and why so many people in baseball were happy for Cameron, now known for so much more than being the player who replaced Ken Griffey Jr. in Seattle."

After homering in his first four at-bats, Thursday night at Comiskey Park, Cameron came up in the ninth with a chance to become the only player to hit five in a game.

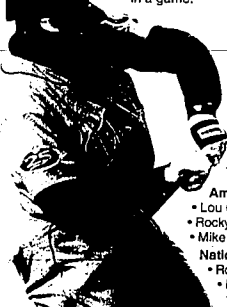
When Chicago's Mike Porzio threw three straight balls in a 15-4 game, Cameron let a hittable pitch go by for strike one, following the age-old practice of not swinging at a 3-0 pitch in a blowout.

"It wouldn't be too good for my team if I swung 3-0," Cameron said Friday before his Seattle Mariners played the New York Yankees. "That's not the way you play the game with that kind of lead in the ninth inning."

After fouling off a 3-1 pitch, Cameron lined an opposite-field drive that had fans thinking he had hit it out. But right fielder Jeff Liefer made a running, backhanded catch at the front of the warn-

Four the record

Seattle Mariners' Mike Cameron, known more for his Gold Glove, became only the 13th player in major league history to homer four times in a game.



SOURCE: Associated Press

"Fortunately he threw me a strike and I had an opportunity to go for No. 5," Cameron said. "I have respect for the way the game is played."

Cameron's at-bats

- First Inning —
- Solo HR to center
- Solo HR to center
- Third Inning —
- Solo HR to left
- Fifth Inning —
- Solo HR to center
- Seventh Inning —
- Hit by pitch
- Ninth Inning —
- Flied out to deep right

Four consecutive HRs

Cameron became only the fifth player in major league history to hit homers in four consecutive at-bats in one game.

American League

- Lou Gehrig, N.Y., June 3, 1932
- Rocky Colavito, Cleve., June 10, 1959
- Mike Cameron, Sea., May 2, 2002

National League

- Robert Lowe, Bos., May 30, 1894
- Mike Schmidt, Phil., April 17, 1976 (10 innings)

Neck surgery likely ends Palmer's season

Tiger has nearly two seasons left on five-year contract

Knight-Ridder News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Bedeviled Tigers slugger Dean Palmer had neck surgery Friday, and team president and general manager said he expects the third baseman to miss the rest of the season.

Dombrowski said he didn't rule out Palmer's return in the latter stages of the season, but

said it would be a "bonus" if Palmer could play this season. Palmer won't do any baseball activity for the next two months while the neck heals, and he must also wait for his throwing shoulder to improve.

Palmer has played only four games this season because of woes with his surgically repaired right shoulder.

There's no guarantee the neck surgery will help Palmer's shoulder improve, Dombrowski said.

In one way, the loss of Palmer might increase the chance he will play for the Tigers again. Had Palmer returned to the

lineup soon and resumed hitting homers, the Tigers might have sent him to a contender by the July 31 trading deadline. They would have been free of his large contract, which carries through next season.

Now Palmer seems likely to be playing for the Tigers, if any, one next season.

Other teams probably wouldn't trade in the off-season for Palmer, who essentially would have missed the past 1.5 seasons.

Palmer has nearly two seasons left on the five-year, \$36-million free-agent contract he signed before the '99 season.

19 colts prepare for a fasten-your-seat-belts Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Trainers from California to Ireland to Dubai cling to the belief they'll win the Kentucky Derby, a race in which many doubt the ability of the 19 colts.

Take Hall of Famer Bobby Frankel, who will saddle Medaglia d'Oro today. The 3-year-old with the Italian name was second in the Wood Memorial, but has run in just four career races.

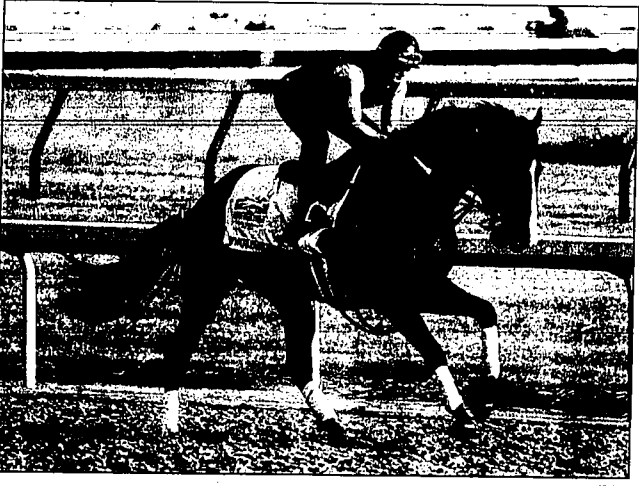
"He's got something better — talent," Frankel said. "Which would you rather have, a horse who could run or a horse who had runs a lot? Talent makes up for a lot of things."

Or how about two-time Derby winner Bob Baffert? He acquired Illinois Derby winner War Emblem just three weeks ago. His other horses — Danthebluesman, is one of four colts at 50-1 on the morning line.

"If this horse wins the Derby, it'll be the best and shortest training job ever," Baffert said about War Emblem. "He's as ready as he can be."

Three months of prep races around the world failed to produce a compelling favorite, leaving the Derby picture as muddied as the Churchill Downs track after heavy downpours Thursday.

The field was reduced to 19 early Friday when Buddha was withdrawn with a bruised left



Kentucky Derby entry War Emblem, exercise rider Dana Barnes up, is worked out at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

odds are the highest since the morning line was first published in 1945.

"It doesn't matter to me what his odds are," trainer Ken McPeck said. "I know he is going to run well."

The knock on Harlan's Holiday is that he's an Ohio-bred, and the state hasn't produced a Derby winner since Pandora in 1909.

"The Derby is a Pandora's box because you never know what is going to happen," said Edgar Prado, who'll ride Harlan's Holiday.

The 19-horse field is a bettor's delight but guarantees a rough running that will leave several horses with excuses.

"There's 10 good horses in there that can win," Baffert said.

Three of the biggest question marks are foreigners, who didn't follow the traditional route of running in American prep races.

Iris-based Johannesburg and his stablemate, Castle Gandolfo, have been 70 miles away in Lexington since arriving Tuesday. They won't travel to Churchill Downs until about 8.5 hours before the Derby's 6:04 p.m. EDT post time.

Trainer Aidan O'Brien's plans are less certain. He's had the flu for a week and his doctor is reluctant to allow him to fly to Louisville. A final decision was expected Friday. An assistant is supervising Johannesburg and

Castle Gandolfo in O'Brien's absence.

Sheik Mohammed's Essence of Dubai won the UAE Derby at 1.25 miles, the Kentucky Derby distance, in his last start March 23.

"At least we know he can go the distance," said Tom Albertrani, the American assistant to trainer Saeed bin Suroor.

"We just have to see how he stands up to the other horses here, knowing that the competition in Dubai may not have been as stiff."

Essence of Dubai gives Godolphin Racing its fourth consecutive Derby representative. China Visiti's sixth-place finish in 2000 was the stable's best effort.

"The sheik's biggest goal is to win the race coming from Dubai," Albertrani said. "I think that would be a great accomplishment for him because it's against the odds, and he likes that challenge."

Johannesburg is a co-third choice at 6-1; Essence of Dubai is 15-1; and Castle Gandolfo, making his American debut, is 20-1.

"They're the X factor in here — big time," said trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who will start 30-1 shot Proud Citizen.

Only four foreign-breds have won the Derby; the last was Sunny's Halo from Canada in 1983.

"If they will win it," Baffert said, "It's just a matter of time."

Out of quarantine, foreign horses strut their stuff

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Foreign entries Johannesburg and Castle Gandolfo galloped nearly a mile Friday on an empty track at Keeneland, their first workout since clearing quarantine for Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

"We just wanted to get them out to stretch their legs — a little exercise, that's all," said owner Michael Tabor, who runs the Coolmore partnership along with John Magnier.

"There's always a chance when you come all this way that they won't settle, but they seem delighted. So far so good."

The 3-year-olds, who arrived from Ireland on Tuesday, breezed over the freshly harrowed track before about 100 spectators then quickly returned to the barn.

Johannesburg's only race on U.S. soil resulted in a Breeders' Cup juvenile victory last fall.

The son of Hennessy, 6-1 on the morning line with Gary Stevens aboard, won all seven of his starts during a champion 2-year-old season but returned to Ireland to train for the Derby. He raced only once this year, finishing second to a 4-year-old filly in the seven-furlong Gladness Stakes

128th Running of the Kentucky Derby Foreign-based horses provide X-factor

In a crowded field without a strong favorite, foreign-based horses have as good a chance as any to win on Saturday.

HORSE	OWNERSHIP	RACES	ODDS	EARNINGS
Essence of Dubai	Dubai	4	15-1	\$1,518,000
Johannesburg	Ireland	1	6-1	\$1,006,489
Castle Gandolfo	Ireland	0	20-1	\$130,035

SOURCES: Churchill Downs Inc.; The Flag Institute

make the trip from Ireland for the Derby. Instead, he will saddle four horses in Saturday's 2,000 Guinness Stakes at Newmarket in England. Pat Keating, an assistant, is expected to saddle Tabor's Derby horses.

Castle Gandolfo, a 20-1 shot with Jerry Bailey up, has five career starts in Ireland, France and Ireland. The Derby will be his

first start in this country.

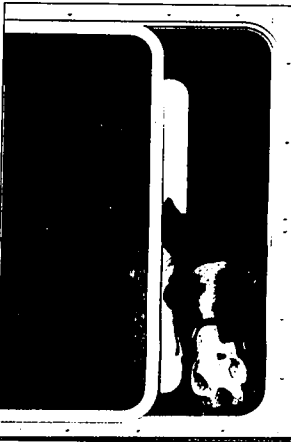
"It's not ideal to have a horse in Europe come over to America three times back and forth for prep races," Tabor said. "It's just not practical."

The lack of visibility has added to the intrigue surrounding the horses. They cleared quarantine Wednesday night and walked on the track Thursday — far from the media throng congregated 70 miles away at Churchill Downs. They'll be shipped to Louisville early Saturday.

Although he has enjoyed the less frenzied atmosphere at Keeneland, Tabor would rather be prepping the horses in Louisville. Churchill Downs' lack of quarantine facilities, however, made that impossible.

"That's Aidan's way of doing things," he said. "It's not my decision. Common sense tells me that he didn't want the horses going back and forth."

"It would have suited us to be there, no question," he said. "You're not happy, but you can't have everything the way you want it. Having said that, maybe it could have been arranged a little bit differently."



Despite the long odds that an overseas entry would win, Tabor remained optimistic.

Kentucky Derby contender Castle Gandolfo peeks out of a window after arriving at Keeneland Tuesday in Lexington, Ky. Castle Gandolfo and Johannesburg finally arrived in Kentucky on Tuesday under the same shroud of secrecy that has characterized the two Irish-based 3-year-olds for months.

Balance

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The two look so much alike they could be mistaken for brothers. And they get that a lot. They both have sandy blond hair and slightly crooked smiles. They both stand about 6-foot-3-inches and are naturally athletic.

As one baseball scout told CSI coach Jim Walker, "They just look like baseball players."

Their statistics are eerily similar. Kirkland is batting .382 with seven runs and four home runs. Colonel's hitting a few points lower at .370, but also has seven home runs and 45 RBIs.

The college roommates turn almost anything into a contest.

"We compete in everything," Colonel said. "I probably wouldn't be doing what I've done this season without Kody."

Kirkland echoes: "I wouldn't be where I'm at without Colonel either."

Colonel crushed two, three-run homers, each well over 400 feet, and drove in 14 runs over the four-game series.

"It felt real good to do that," he said.

Even after that kind of power display he has to wonder if he's going to "I don't even know if I'm going to get drafted yet," Colonel said. "Ask me again later in June. Kody has already been through it. He knows what it's like. I just want it to happen."

But he realizes that the present is just one small step to a career in baseball.

"This could be it for me," Colonel said. "I might end up on the end of the bench somewhere for the next two years and then be out of the game."

Kirkland: Texas Tech or MLB?

"At least 14 teams have talked with Colonel. Their message sounds like a broken record.

"They all say they're interested," he said. "The Pirates, the Indians, the Cubs, the White Sox and the Mets have been the most persistent. Monday the Pirates say they wanted to draft me. He's the first one to say that."

"All the others have said they like what they saw and they're very interested."

Colonel's been able to listen without letting the hot air inflate his ego or his hopes too much. If things don't work out — and he isn't drafted high enough or offered a fair contract — he'll attend Texas Tech University in the fall on a baseball scholarship.

He signed in the winter with the Red Raiders thinking he'd be in scarlet and black by August. But after the season he's having with Southern Idaho, now, he's not so sure. Texas Tech has become a contingency plan if the phone doesn't ring early during the June draft.

Like anybody who's ever worn a glove, Colonel wants to be playing pro ball even with a four-year degree waiting. And the sooner that happens the better.

"If I don't get drafted I'll probably just drive off the Perrine Bridge,"

he joked.

Kirkland: Questions remain for MLB draftee

"Things are a little more complicated for Kirkland because he was drafted last season.

He's Pittsburgh's property until 10 days before the 2002 draft. If the Pirates can't sign him by then, he becomes eligible to be drafted again. The problem is, Kirkland has even less of an idea where he stands in the draft than Colonel does. Kirkland can't have any contact with scouts who aren't affiliated with Pittsburgh.

"I don't know what I'm worth," Kirkland said. "I don't know how I stack up against the other players people are looking at."

While his numbers make him a candidate to go in the first 10 rounds, it's really anybody's guess.

Will he get more money if he signs with the Pirates now? Or does he wait to sign with whichever team drafts him in June? The Pirates have told him they won't negotiate until after the college season is over. That leaves the 18-year-old about two weeks to make a major life decision.

Is he better off joining a team now, riding buses around the middle of nowhere for the next few

CSI

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An RBI single by CSI's John Herd in the bottom of the inning again pushed the score to 3-1 and Riley Johnson's pinch-hit single in the fifth made it 4-1. Bumstead gave up runs in the sixth and seventh but held on for the win.

"They outplayed us in every aspect of the game, hats off to them," CCSN coach Tim Chambers said. "They did everything well, we did everything poorly."

Brad Burrow made sure that trend continued in the second game. The side-winding sophomore allowed just four hits over seven innings for his 10th win of the season. The win was special to Burrow for several reasons.

"It meant a lot to me to get 10 wins," Burrow said. "It's not easy to get. Plus, I made a deal with my dad that if I got 10 wins he had to quit smoking."

The Eagles offense held up its end of the bargain with two runs on four hits and CCSN gave three unearned. Josh Wolfman went 1-for-4 with two RBIs to lead the Eagles and help Burrow continue his run of strong starts.

In the beginning there was a lot of pressure," Burrow said. "Note's been living up to his end of the bargain but I wasn't. Finally assistant

coach Boomer Walker just told me to relax and have fun with it. I've also had all these guys working."

The Eagles' doubleheader with CCSN begins at noon today.

Diamond Notes

Art time: Nationally known artist Ron Lewis will be at the field at 11 a.m. to sign autographs and talk baseball. He will also throw out the first pitch. Lewis' art hangs in Cooperstown and includes works depicting the 500 Home Run Club and baseball's 3000 Hit Club.

Not to worry: The Eagles committed four errors in the second game and still found a way to win. CCSN committed just three on the day but they resulted in five runs.

in the "what-have-you-done-for-me-lately" world of professional sports, you have to show the scouts something every at hand. With at least nine scouts on board in Coeur d'Alene, Colonel hopefully silenced his critics for good.

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SPORTS

Choi holds one-stroke lead at Compaq

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — South Korea's K.J. Choi shot a 7-under-par 65 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead over Dan Forsman after the second round of the Compaq Classic.

Choi had an 11-under 133 total on the English Turn course.

Forsman, the first-round leader, shot a 69.

Tim Clark (67) was third at 9 under, and former Georgia Tech star Bryce Molder (67) and Billy Andrade (66) followed at 8 under.

Molder, who set the NCAA record for lowest career scoring average (70.69), used his fourth exemption of the year to jump up from the Buy.Com Tour to the PGA Tour.

Robbins leads at rain-plagued Chick-fil-A Charity touney

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Kelly Robbins shot an 8-under 64 in the opening round of the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship before rain halted play with many of the top players still on the course.

Juli Inkster and Laura Diaz opened with 66s, while defending champion Annika Sorenstam, Karrie Webb and Se Ri Pak were among those unable to finish because of drenching rain and howling wind.

Sorenstam, who has dominated the LPGA Tour this season, was 2 under through 12 holes. Pak also was at 2 under with six holes left, while Webb was 3 under after playing 10 holes.

Nelson, Quigley top Bruno's Memorial Classic with tie

HOOVER, Ala. — Larry Nelson and Dana Quigley shared the first-round lead in the Bruno's Memorial Classic when play was suspended for the day because of thunderstorms.

The leaders were at 7-under par, with Nelson completing 14 holes and Quigley playing 13. Quigley made his 17th consecutive start, breaking the tour record he shared with Mike McCollough.

Bruce Fleisher was two strokes



K.J. Choi of Korea, watches his shot from the 10th tee during the second round of the Compaq Classic in New Orleans Friday. Choi, is at 11-under par after two rounds.

back at 5 under through 12 holes, and Lee Trevino was 4 under through 14. Defending champion Hale Irwin was 1 under after 12 holes.

South African leads French Open by four strokes

VERSAILLES, France — South Africa's Trevor Immelman shot

an 8-under 64 to take a four-stroke lead in the French Open.

The 22-year-old Immelman had a 12-under 132 total on Le Golf National's Albatross Course. Defending champion Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain shot a 67 to join Argentina's Eduardo Romero (65) and France's Jean-Francois Remesy (69) at 8-under 136.

Swedish yacht drops from race

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — A Swedish yacht competing in a round-the-world race was being towed to Halifax on Friday after losing its mast in the North Atlantic.

Amer Sports Too, an 18-meter yacht with an all-female crew of 13, broke its mast and was forced to retire from the seventh leg of the Volvo Ocean Race on Wednesday. The vessel was about 500 miles southeast of Halifax when its mast snapped in light winds.

A Canadian coast-guard ship

began towing the Swedish ship early Friday from an area where the visibility was near zero, seas were rough and winds high.

The eight-boat fleet left Annapolis, Md., on April 28 on the latest leg of the nine-month race. The boats were expected to complete the leg in La Rochelle, France, on May 10.

Overall leader Illbruck had a 13-mile lead over Assa Abloy and a 20-mile lead over Tico. Amer Sports Too was in sixth place when the accident occurred.

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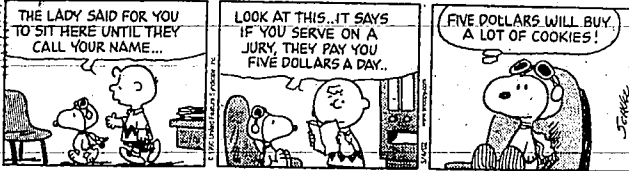
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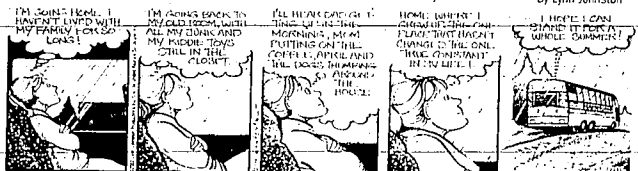
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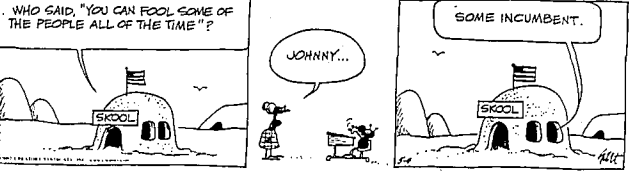
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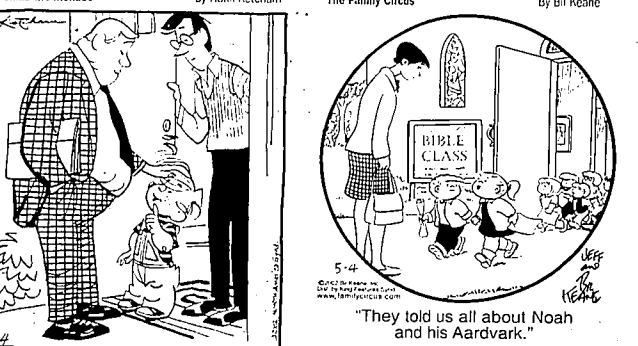


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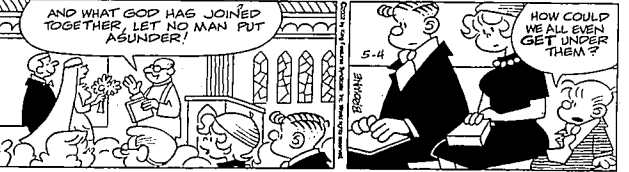
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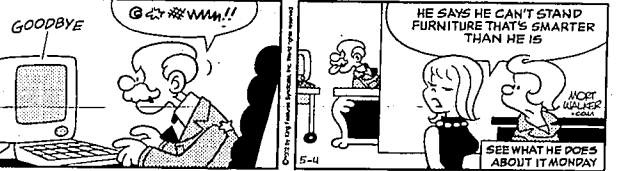
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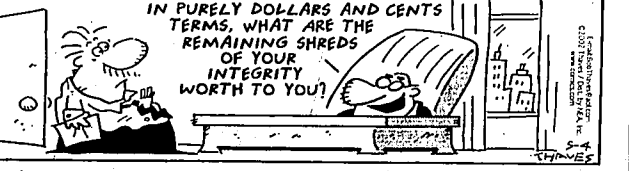
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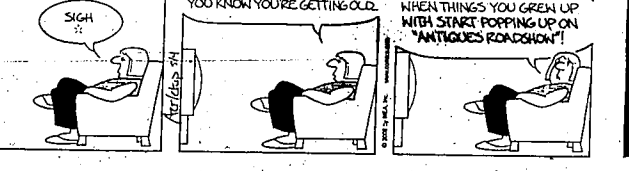
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Russia, U.S. fail to agree on arsenals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Russia fell short Friday of wrapping up an agreement to cut their arsenals of long-range nuclear weapons, though both sides said they made substantial progress.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was encouraged and "we are going to have a successful summit" between President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin in three weeks in Moscow. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said after calling on Bush earlier that there was a "very high probability" of securing the nuclear arms reduction agreement in time for the summit.

"Remaining differences are there, and we need to spend more time working on them and discussing them to see if we can resolve them in time for the Moscow summit," Powell said.

"If we can, fine," he said. "And if we are unable to, the work will continue, but I am encouraged." A key sticking point is whether the discarded warheads are to be stored or disposed of, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press.

On the other hand, substantial progress was made on how to verify that the reductions in arsenals of long-range nuclear warheads are being carried out, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There was progress on other 'core issues,' as well, he said, but some small items remained unsettled.

Both sides were upbeat, offering assurances a pact was steadily emerging.

Powell and Ivanov are due to meet again at the spring session of the NATO alliance in Iceland May 14-16.

Undersecretary of State William Miller will meet in Moscow with Russian Deputy Minister Georgy Ivanov.

There are outstanding issues that have to be resolved, Powell said, while declining at a joint news conference with Ivanov to identify any problems.

He did say no decision had been made on whether the accord would be in the form of a treaty or an executive agreement. In any event, Powell said, the cutbacks to a maximum of 1,700 to 2,200 long-range warheads applied within a decade, would be legally binding.

Ivanov said, "We achieved progress." But he, too, provided no details.

Earlier, the Russian minister said there was "very high probability" of securing the nuclear arms reduction agreement in time for the summit.

The Bush administration, by contrast, played it closer to the vest.

"There are good signs, but the work needs to be done... and the president remains hopeful," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Bush and Putin are committed to reducing U.S. and Russian arsenals of long-range warheads to no more than 1,700 to 2,200 each within 10 years. But the Russians want to make sure the dismantled warheads are destroyed, not stored.

Determined to proceed with an elaborate anti-missile shield, Bush opted out of a 1972 treaty that outlawed national defenses against missile attack. Russia objected, but has muted its criticism on the point.



President John F. Kennedy is shown on the bridge of the famed PT-109 torpedo boat on which Kennedy served as commander in this World War II photograph.

Explorer will search for famous boat

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The undersea explorer who found the Titanic will search the Pacific around the Solomon Islands for the remains of PT-109, John F. Kennedy's World War II boat.

Robert Ballard plans to use remote cameras to find for the 80-foot, wooden-hulled patrol torpedo boat that was commanded by Kennedy. National Geographic is working with Ballard on the search, set for this month.

It may prove a difficult task. PT-109 sank on Aug. 2, 1943, after it was cut in half by a Japanese destroyer. Two members of Kennedy's crew died in

the collision. The young naval officer and 10 other survivors swam 15 hours to reach an island. Kennedy pulled an injured crewmate safely by swimming with a strap from the man's life jacket in his teeth. They later swam to another island, where Kennedy carved a message into a coconut and gave it to a native islander to bring to rescuers.

In 1993, Ballard said PT-109 is "not lost, just misplaced, but it's like looking for a coffin from an airplane in a zone where they've dumped a lot of unexploded ordnance. It's a fun."

A film and magazine article on the expedition are planned as part of a presentation on the 60th anniversary of World War II battles in the Pacific.

The late president's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and daughter, Caroline Kennedy, have given their blessing to the expedition after being assured that the site would not be disturbed, said family spokeswoman Melody Miller.

"It is, after all, a gravesite," Miller said. Ballard's office said he was traveling and unavailable for comment Friday.

PT boats were used to attack ships, lay mines and smoke screens, rescue downed aviators and carry out intelligence operations.

Priest won't fight extradition

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A priest at the epicenter of the clergy sex abuse scandal in the Roman Catholic church agreed Friday to return to Massachusetts to face charges that he repeatedly raped a boy — sometimes in a church confessional — over a seven-year period.

The Rev. Paul Shanley, one of the most notorious figures in the sex scandal engulfing the Boston archdiocese, waived his right to fight extradition at a brief court hearing.

Shanley, 71, will be held without bail until he is picked up by Massachusetts authorities, a San Diego Superior Court judge ordered. The defendant, who has been publicly silent since the allegations surfaced, did not make any statements in the appearance, except to say, "Certainly," when asked to sign the extradition documents.

He wanted to go back to Massachusetts, did not make those charges. That's why he didn't feel it was necessary to delay this proceeding," Public Defender Fred Small said afterward.

Shanley's arrest Thursday was the latest development in a scandal that has tarnished Boston's highest-ranking Catholic leader, Cardinal Bernard Law. Documents from Shanley's personnel files detailed Shanley's advocacy of sex between men and boys as well as his transfer to sev-

eral parishes by the archdiocese, despite allegations of abuse. Shanley is charged with raping a boy in Newton between 1983 and 1989. Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said Shanley took the boy, who was 6 when the abuse started, out of his religious instruction classes almost every week to abuse him, sometimes in the confessional.

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State tax returns come in lower than expected

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tom Kruckmeyer got a refund of about \$250 on his 2001 state taxes this spring, but he wasn't happy about it.

"As Missouri's chief economist, Kruckmeyer realized his gain was the state's loss, and an ominous trend."

"I assure you, I'm the only person who did that math and said, 'Damn it, I got a refund,'" Kruckmeyer said.

From Missouri to California to Maine, numerous states are facing new budget troubles because income tax revenue is falling short of projections and tax refunds are higher than expected.

The phenomenon is due largely to last year's drop in the stock market, which reduced the capital gains tax revenue that governments have come to depend upon.

Taxpayers are subject to capital gains taxes when they sell a stock or other investment that has risen in value. But if the stock declines and they take a loss on

the investment, that loss can be used to reduce their taxes and, perhaps, get a refund.

The federal government is facing a similar problem. But unlike Washington, most states are required to balance their budgets. And because most states end their fiscal years June 30, they have little time left to deal with the problem.

"That adds some extra turmoil," said Harley Duncan, executive director of the Washington-based Federation of Tax Administrators.

Missouri officials last week reported that individual income tax payments were down 30 percent over last year and refunds were up 21 percent. As a result, Gov. Bob Holden is looking for an additional \$230 million to balance a budget that already has sustained \$600 million in cuts.

The Federation of Tax Administrators surveyed other states and found a similar situation around the country: tax revenue is down, refunds are up.

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Kimberly team competes in national science bowl contest

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School's scholastic team left early Friday to compete in the 12th annual Department of Energy National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

The team, Matt Taylor, Jenny Reese, Ely Garner, Luke Lindley and Curt Lindley, placed first in the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory scholastic tournament, and qualified for the National Science Bowl starting Sunday. Their coach is Ralph Campbell.

The team received the top rating in the class B division for middle-size schools. It defeated Marsh Valley and Soda Springs. The consolation prize went to Filer with a win over Nampa Christian.

Overall, 79 Idaho high schools competed in the fast-paced quiz bowl, the largest tournament among the approximately 60 DOE-sponsored regional competitions in

the United States and Virgin Islands. Many of the Idaho teams began practice as early as last November to prepare for preliminary regional tournaments.

In addition to competing, the teams will take a whirlwind tour of the national capitol with activities, such as a stop at the Air and Space Museum.

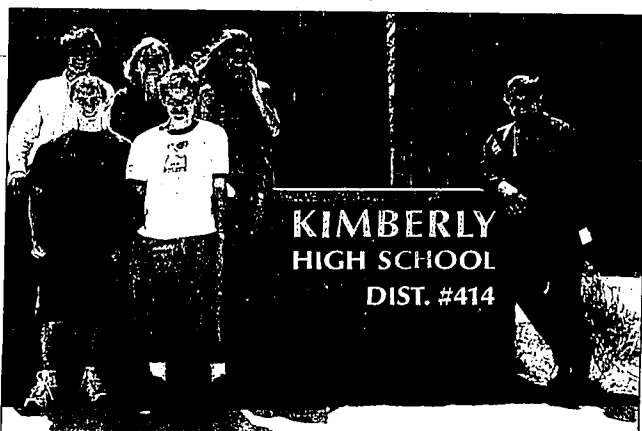
Today, the students will attend a symposium where physics Nobel Laureate William Phillips will describe how he uses laser light to slow down and cool atoms to almost absolute zero, trapping them for research. Other scientists will present work ranging from astrophysics to ecology.

The round robin matches will begin at noon Sunday and continue into the final competition at noon Monday. More than 300 senior high school students will compete.

What metal is most commonly used to stimulate a better immune response when administered in vaccines? is an example of one

of the questions. The teams will answer increasingly difficult questions in biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, mathematics and earth, computer and general sciences. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham will hand out prizes at an award ceremony. After a luncheon, the teams will return home. The champion team will win a two-week trip to England to attend the International Youth Science Forum. Second, third and fourth place teams will attend a one-week research trip at an Energy Department facility. The top 18 teams will receive \$1,000 each for their schools.

The DOE created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage high school students to excel in math and science and to pursue careers in these fields. The department supports math and science education to help provide a technically trained and diverse work force for the agency and the nation.



Kimberly Science bowl members Matt Taylor, Jenny Reese, Ely Garner, Luke Lindley and Curt Lindley pose with their coach, Ralph Campbell. They will compete in a national science bowl competition in Washington, D.C. this week.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON



The public is invited to Acequia Elementary's Showcase of Stars from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday. The students will display their end of the year projects and classroom work. There will be musical numbers and refreshments. Connie Hess' sixth class displays Egyptian pottery made in class. From left, front, are Lance Barbus, Marc Olmos and Juvantino Hurtado; center: Steven Roseborough, Shane Noble, Ethan Tyler, Laddon Whitesides and Martin Paz; back: Calli McKay, Taylor Rodgers, Sadie Eames, Karoo Jugensmeyer and Candace Smith.

CAP FUND-RAISER



The Twin Falls Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will man information booths and sell raffle tickets from 3-5 p.m. today at Wal-Mart in Jerome. The raffle tickets are \$5 for a chance to win two packages to hot springs, gift dinner certificates, rose bushes, a facial and more. Civil Air Patrol flight school students are, from left, Ty Culbertson, Amber Dunford, Adam Day, Eric Nutsch and instructor Greg Hoag. For more information, call Jean Reese at 543-8354 or Milt Nodackor at 731-5781.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Blamires receives alumni award from Penn State

Travis Blamires, son of Jim and Jane Blamires of Jerome, received the Alumni Award upon his graduation from Penn State University in State College, Pa.

The award is based on academic achievement and leadership abilities. He received a degree in turf grass management, a two-year technical program that included identification, establishment and maintenance of the grasses used in various climates throughout the United States and Canada, as well as maintenance of associated vegetation and landscaping. Additional courses in writing, speech communications and business records help students prepare for positions of responsibility.

Students enrolled in this special golf course turf-grass management program attend classes two eight-

week terms a year and must secure six months on-the-job training with a commercial employer. Blamires, also a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University, resides in Cave Creek, Ariz. with his wife, Amy and is employed by Team North Country Club as an assistant supervisor.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter initiates Gonzalez-Nelson

Tina Marie Gonzalez-Nelson was inducted into the Omicron Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at College of Southern Idaho.

Gonzalez-Nelson of Jerome is majoring in computerized bookkeeping. She is the daughter of Charles and Linda Busbee of Buhl, and married to Mark Nelson of Jerome.

The society recognizes and encourages academic achievement of two-year college students and

provides opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming.

Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to be invited to membership, and maintain high academic standing.

Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association elects officers

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association voted for new officers.

The term is for one year with the president-elect succeeding the president. The president-elect is Darren Taber. Laurette Van Tassel is the new secretary. Van Tassel also serves as the treasurer for the District III 4-H Leaders. Holly Cook is the new treasure. This office requires two years of service.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Dental supplies - Charity Anywhere Foundation needs dental supplies. Call 734-8041.

Clothing - The College of Southern

Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing. 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.

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 736-2122. Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gooding Senior Citizens serve breakfast today

GOODING - The Gooding Senior Citizens Center will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. today at the center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. The menu will include coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3 and the public is invited. For more information, call the center at 934-5504.

Ageless Senior Citizens serves roast beef dinner

KIMBERLY - The Ageless Senior Citizens Center will serve a roast beef dinner from 12-2 p.m. Sunday at the center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. The money will be used for center activities. The public is invited.

Autism Support group hears about treatment

TWIN FALLS - The Autism Support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Dr. Mack Stephenson will

speak about treatment specialties related to autism, such as evaluation of a wide range of developmental disorders with particular emphasis on autism, cognitive and neuropsychological assessment of young children. The meeting is sponsored by the Weaver Service Coordination. For more information, call 732-9432.

Lewis and Clark committee has funds available

LEWISTON - The Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee has funding available for the second year of its Bicentennial Community Assistance Grants Program. Approximately \$700,000 will be available this year.

The minimum grant award will be \$1,000 and the maximum \$50,000. "The national bicentennial commemoration begins in 10 months. Last year, the program funded 23 projects, including video programs, interpretive projects, brochures, museum exhibits, educational programs, sculptures, symposiums and many others. To be eligible, a project must be clearly related to the bicen-

tennial efforts. Funds may not be used for land acquisition or building construction or demolition. Only Idaho nonprofit groups (including cities, counties and tribes) are eligible. The deadline to apply is July 9. Grants will be awarded in September. For more information, call Keith Petersen at 792-2249 or e-mail him at keithp@elcsc.edu.

Get ready to apply for spot in Rupert July 4th parade

RUPERT - Entries are being taken for the Rupert's 2002 Fourth of July parade. Entries should reflect the theme, "America the Beautiful." Prizes of ribbons or cash will be awarded for grand prize, best theme, best patriotic, automobile, mayor's choice, equestrian, musical and first, second and third.

First, second and third place prizes also will be awarded to children age 6-12 for best decorated bicycle. Floats are judged on general appearance, artistic effort and originality. Performance entries are judged on precision, timing and difficulty. The parade starts at 11 a.m. July 4. Entries wanting to be

judged must be in place by 8:30 a.m. All others by 10:30 a.m. The parade will last approximately one hour. For a complete set of rules and application form, send request to Parade Committee, P.O. Box 1, Rupert, ID 83350.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club holds gathering

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Parish hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome. Members whose last name begins with A-G should bring finger funds and help clean up after the dance. For more information, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-6440.

Jerome High School band hosts spring concert

JEROME - The Jerome High School band and grades sixth through eighth will host their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Jerome High School Auditorium. The concert is under the direction of Keith Lien. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and \$10 for a family.

The Aid Association for Lutherans will match all donations. No cell phones or communication devices.

For more information, call Pat McKay at 324-3469.

Golden Years Senior Center plans trip to New Mexico

SHOSHONE - The Golden Years Senior Center is planning a trip in October to the Kodak Balloon Festival and Santa Fe, N.M. For more information, call 886-7369 or 886-2128.

The Kimberly Booster Club meets at the high school

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the media center at Kimberly High School. For more information, call George Plew at 423-4987.

Intermountain Therapy Animals plans presentation

TWIN FALLS - The Intermountain Therapy Animals Twin Falls chapter will hold a presentation at 9:30 a.m. May 11 in the KMTV meeting room. The group will provide infor-

Valley presents musical, 'Once on This Island'

HAZELTON - Valley High School will present the musical, "Once on This Island" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the school. For more information, call the school at 829-5353.

Twin Falls Creative Arts Center announces classes

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center announced upcoming classes for children: Drawing I will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, June 3-12. Students will learn how to draw faces, animals, sports figures and objects. Painting I will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4-13. Students will learn to mix colors, paint to music and create a landscape and animal picture. The classes cost \$25-30. For more information, call 737-9111.

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U.S., United Nations plan Mideast peace conference

WASHINGTON (AP) - An international peace conference is being planned for early summer, probably in Europe, to try to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. The crucial session could be held without Yasser Arafat.

Secretary of State Colin Powell announced the move Thursday with the support of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, leaders of the European Union and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

Powell said one of the goals would be to clear "the political

way forward" to a Palestinian state.

He did not say who would attend, and Friday State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said that and other details remain to be seen.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said foreign ministers would head the delegations to the peace talks. Asked if Arafat's presence was essential, Fleischer said "that remains to be seen."

Arafat, at his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, said he had not been notified for-

mally of the conference. "Until now, it is only an idea and we welcome it, but we have still not agreed to it," he said, adding that he wanted to consult with other Arab leaders.

Gideon Meir, a spokesman for the Israeli government, said Israel wants to hear more details before deciding whether to attend.

Bush's spokesman said Arafat "is the person we are working with" but the Palestinian leader's dedication to action and not just words "is something the presi-

dent is measuring and watching."

"The president does believe that the Palestinian people deserve better," Fleischer said.

And a senior U.S. official, declining to be identified, called the meeting an attempt to pull together all the people interested in advancing peace prospects, "figuring out how to get things going again and moving forward."

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has ruled out trying to make peace with Arafat. A foreign ministers' conference might

get around that issue.

At the White House, meanwhile, President Bush said Thursday that a Palestinian state must be democratic and free of corruption.

"A Palestinian state must be based on the principles that are critical to freedom and prosperity: democracy and open markets, the rule of law, transparent and accountable administration and respect for individual liberties and civil society," Bush said at a news conference after meeting with European leaders.

The EU's current president, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, will be the president's guest this weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

Congress entered the equation in a big way Thursday by adopting resolutions in both chambers giving unqualified support for Israel and condemnation of Palestinian terror. Both nonbinding measures said the United States and Israel are "now engaged in a common struggle against terrorism."

Team to probe camp disbands

GENEVA (AP) - The U.N. team that was to have probed Israel's military attack on the Jenin refugee camp urged a stronger international presence in the camps to protect both Palestinian and Israeli civilians.

Cornelia Sommaruga, former head of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said Friday the team had made its recommendation in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Annan disbanded the three-member team Thursday because of repeated Israeli objections over its composition and mandate.

Team members and a host of military, police, legal and medical advisers had been waiting in Geneva since Saturday to fly to the Middle East when news of Annan's decision came.

"I am disappointed that we weren't able to respond to the expectations - perhaps exaggerated - of international public opinion ... and local opinion because we were convinced that we would have been able to contribute to a certain easing of tensions in the region," Sommaruga said.

Former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, the team leader, returned to Helsinki on Friday and former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako Ogata traveled to New York.

In Helsinki, a visibly disappointed Ahtisaari said the Mideast peace process and people in the region "lost more than anyone else."

"This belongs to the series of what I call lost opportunities," he said. "Israel lost an opportunity to get a comprehensive report from a neutral and professional team about matters that now will be overshadowed by suspicion and prejudice."

Sommaruga said he believed Israel blocked the mission to the West Bank camp not because it had something to hide, but because it feared evidence could be used in a future international tribunal - despite written U.N. assurances that all testimony would be on the basis of anonymity.



Palestinians look at a building used as a hideout by Hamas activists and damaged during an Israeli army incursion into the northern West Bank town of Nablus Friday.

Commandos attack Hamas hide-out

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) - Israeli troops swooped down on a Hamas hide-out in the West Bank's largest city Friday, while Orthodox Christians in biblical Bethlehem marked a somber Good Friday with no sign of a break in the siege of the Church of the Nativity, now entering its second month.

Also Friday, Israel and the Palestinians cautiously welcomed a U.S. proposal for an international Mideast peace conference this summer, but stopped short of promising to attend. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon aims for a long-term interim agreement with the Palestinians, not a final deal, and will propose that when he meets with President Bush next week, a Sharon adviser said.

And in the West Bank town of Ramallah, the Palestinian Cabinet on Friday discussed the fate of two senior officials imprisoned as part of a U.S.-brokered deal that led to Yasser Arafat's release from Israeli confinement this week, and Palestinian officials said they expected the two to be freed soon.

In the Israeli raid in Nablus, an activist in the Islamic militant group Hamas and an Israeli soldier were killed, while two

Palestinians and two soldiers were wounded. Elsewhere in Nablus, a Palestinian policeman was killed in a clash with Israeli troops.

The Israeli raid began at about 4 a.m. and ended some five hours later, witnesses and the army said. Heavy gunfire erupted when Israeli forces converged on a three-story building on the edge of Nablus' Old City or casbah, which was the scene of fierce fighting last month between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen.

The targeted building was in Nablus' main commercial district, and about 16 surrounding shops were destroyed in the fighting, neighborhood residents said. They said they covered in inner rooms of their apartments as the Israelis fired tank shells and heavy machine guns. The army said two bomb factories were found in the building, as well as a car full of weapons.

Adnan Asfour, one of the Hamas leaders in Nablus, said the raid was counterproductive. "What's going on is increasing our determination to continue our struggle, until we achieve our goals, such as an independent state," he said.

In Bethlehem, four Palestinian policemen, weakened by lack of food, emerged Friday from the church built over Jesus' traditional birth grotto. One was treated at an Israeli hospital, and three were being questioned, the military said.

About 30 Palestinian gunmen and about 200 others remain holed up inside the church. The standoff, which began April 2, cast a pall over Orthodox Christians' celebrations of Holy Week, which fall about a month later than Easter observances under the Western church calendar.

On Thursday, 10 foreign activists carrying packs of food and medicine wriggled through coils of barbed wire, outran stunned Israeli soldiers and slipped into a small, dark passageway into the church.

Kristen Schurr, a 33-year-old activist from New York City, said she spent her first night in the ornately decorated birth grotto below the church's central altar. A Palestinian gave Schurr a floor mat, blanket and pillow. "It's funny that even in this dreadful situation, they are still so hospitable and kind," she said.

Kosovo's president testifies about Serb oppression

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - Kosovo's president testified Friday in the war crimes trial of former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic, accusing his longtime enemy of oppressing ethnic Albanians and triggering war in the disputed province.

The most prominent official to appear as a prosecution witness in the trial since it began in February, the soft-spoken Ibrahim Rugova calmly described the increasing tension that erupted into a conflict between Kosovo's ethnic Albanian independence fighters and Serb government forces in 1998-1999.

He said ethnic strains across Yugoslavia in the 1980s prompted him and other political activists to demand independence for Kosovo, a semi-autonomous province of Serbia - at the time one of six republics that made up Yugoslavia.

Rugova said he warned Milosevic at meetings in April 1999 that his troops were committing crimes.

World in brief

Security forces killed at least 90 Maoist guerrillas in western Nepal overnight, the government said Friday, days before the prime minister visits Washington to seek help in fighting the rebels.

The fighting represented one of the largest death tolls since King Gyanendra imposed a state of emergency Nov. 26 and ordered the army to clamp down on the rebels after they withdrew from peace talks and attacked government troops and offices.

The rebels, who operate in more than half of this mountainous Himalayan kingdom of exquisite beauty and violent politics, want an end to the constitutional monarchy and sweeping reforms in land ownership.

Their insurgency, inspired by Chinese communist leader Mao Zedong, has claimed more than 3,000 lives since it began in 1996.

French presidential candidate predicts fraud

PARIS - Extreme-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen on Friday predicted widespread electoral fraud against his party in the presidential vote, while his opponent, President Jacques Chirac, urged left-leaning voters to support him and "stand in the way" of the far right.

"We are going to witness an enormous enterprise of fraud," he said. As a purported example, Le Pen held up two ballots - one for Chirac and one for himself. The one for the president was slightly whiter, which Le Pen said was an effort to make voting for him less desirable - if only subliminally.

With two days to go before Sunday's presidential runoff, Le Pen complained that his campaign posters were not being pinned up, mail carriers were refusing to deliver his election manifesto to households in France, and that his supporters were being harassed.

Zimbabwe attacks media on World Press Freedom Day

HARARE, Zimbabwe - A top Zimbabwean official slammed the international media as imperialists Friday as Zimbabwe was named one of the worst places to be a journalist on World Press Freedom Day.

Also Friday, a Zimbabwe court postponed a case against three reporters accused of breaching harsh new media laws after defense lawyers asked that the charges be dropped.

Since the media laws took effect March 22, seven journalists have been arrested. Dozens of other independent journalists have been arrested by police or assaulted by ruling party militants over the past two years.

The U.S.-based Committee to Protect Journalists on Friday named Zimbabwe one of the 10 worst places to be a journalist, alongside Afghanistan, Colombia and Iran.

- compiled from wire reports

U.N., Iraq agree to another round of talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri ended a three-day meeting Friday with an agreement to hold another round of talks, which the United Nations hopes will lead to a return of U.N. weapons inspectors.

Getting inspectors back into Iraq after more than three years is a key demand of the U.N. Security Council and especially the United States, which has accused Iraq of

trying to rebuild its banned weapons programs and of supporting terrorism. President Bush has made clear the United States wants Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein removed from power.

Sabri called the talks "useful" and said there would be another round of talks, though dates had to be worked out. Sabri last met Annan in March - the first high-level talks in a year.

"We continued to debate in the same spirit of cooperation and

positive spirit which characterized our meeting last time in March," Sabri told reporters at the end of the Friday meeting.

Annan was to brief the Security Council on the outcome of the talks late Friday.

Sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted until inspectors certify that Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons have been destroyed, along with missiles to deliver them.

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Prosecutors seek private dancer ban

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Prosecutors in Las Vegas — long known as the place where anything goes — want to take some of the sex out of Sin City and get rid of private dancers in hotel rooms.

"If you feel the need to express yourself through dance, do it at one of the clubs, join a ballet troupe," Clark County Assistant District Attorney Mike Davidson said Thursday.

Authorities have long considered the so-called outcall entertainment industry a front for prostitution. Police have used sting operations to arrest women for soliciting, but the industry flourishes.

Large billboards of scantily clad women beckon tourists to call one of the 136 licensed outcall businesses. The yellow pages have dozens of pages of advertisements for "Mature Dolls," "College Cuties" and "Dream Girls of Las Vegas."

"When tourists call, a dancer is sent to their hotel room. Prostitution is illegal in Las Vegas, but Davidson said many tourists don't know that."

"People come here with some expectation that they might not have one of these in Orlando," Davidson said.

District Attorney Stewart Bell, who is seeking a judgeship, and Davidson, who is running for district attorney, want a moratorium on any new outcall business licenses and current businesses regulated more tightly or banned altogether.

Davidson said he believes the outcall industry is responsible for an increase in sexually transmitted diseases and in vice-related thefts.

Since 1998, cases of gonorrhea climbed 51 percent and chlamydia cases increased 96 percent in the county, according to county health figures.

In 1998, 43 victims lost \$279,468 from prostitutes who stole from their customers, according to police. Last year, police figures show 16 people reported a loss of \$704,880.

And Davidson said those are just the people who reported the crimes.

Outcall service operator Vince Barretto agreed authorities should get rid of prostitution, but said his company, Hillsboro Enterprises, does not contribute to the problem.

LIKE CATS AND DOGS



A Chihuahua named Daisy cares for four orphaned kittens at the Lied Animal Shelter in Las Vegas on Wednesday. The dog gave birth to two stillborn puppies and began caring for the kittens, whose mother died during their birth.

Freelance writer won't have to testify

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A freelance writer who wrote a magazine article about a polygamist family will not be compelled to testify against the group's patriarch in a pending child-rap case.

Juab County Attorney David Leavitt filed a notice Thursday in 4th District Court that revokes the subpoena issued for writer Carolyn Campbell's testimony against Tom Green.

"I can tell you I'm relieved," said Campbell on Friday.

Her attorney said it was a vic-

tory for the First Amendment.

"It is clear to me they had no defense for her claim of journalistic privilege," said Dan Berman. "I don't know what motivated Leavitt (to drop the subpoena) but clearly they quit after a lot of work. They quit because they were flat wrong."

Leavitt said it was not a matter of journalistic privilege, but simply that they didn't need her testimony. He also felt Campbell would be hostile to the prosecution.

He said Campbell had waived

privilege when she gave interviews to The Salt Lake Tribune, the attorney general's office and at the annual Sunstone conference, a forum on Mormon theology.

Leavitt said Green had testified that his relationship with Campbell was "deeper than the normal relationship between a journalist and their subject." He added: "It would be unwise to speculate on what exactly the relationship was."

"We just decided that we didn't need her," he said.

Report says department obstructed tribe watchdog

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department has hampered the efforts of a congressional watchdog assigned to help fix a mismanaged system of royalties from American Indian land, a court official said Thursday.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton and other top Interior officials have obstructed Special Trustee Thomas Slonaker, publicly blamed him for failures to fix the Indian trust fund and undermined much of his authority, wrote court monitor Joseph

S. Kieffer III. The department's actions toward Slonaker "are unconscionable and smack of retaliation," Kieffer wrote.

Slonaker and a top deputy provided damaging testimony at a recent trial to determine if Norton should be held in contempt for failing to comply with court orders to fix the Indian trust fund. A contempt ruling is still pending.

The department's actions have made it impossible for the special trustee to do the job

Congress intended when it created the office in 1994, Kieffer wrote in his latest report to U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth.

The Interior Department is responsible for collecting royalties from oil and gas mining, timber harvesting, grazing and other uses of Indian land and distributing the money to the landowners.

But plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit say the department has mismanaged the money, squandering more than \$10 billion over more than a century.

Idaho, EPA take over Silver Valley cleanup

COEUR D'ALENE, (AP) — Fearing a cleanup of yards in the contaminated Silver Valley would fall further behind schedule, state and federal agencies are temporarily taking over the work.

Two mining companies failed to produce suitable work plans for this summer, violating a 1994 consent decree, according to letters released Thursday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The mining companies will meet with government authorities to negotiate this summer's work — cleaning yards polluted with heavy metals by historic smelting. Asarco Inc. failed to submit a work plan this year, and Hecla Mining Co.'s plan called for a scaled-back cleanup — less than half of what has been done annually since 1995.

About 700 yards still need to be decontaminated within the 21-square-mile Bunker Hill Superfund site, said Scott Peterson, the state Department of Environmental Quality's project manager.

"So far we haven't received real

confirmation yet from the mining companies that they are going to take the ball and run with it," Peterson said. "We're worried we're going to lose a lot of the construction season."

Under the 1994 decree, the mining companies were asked to clean up 200 yards per year, unless an agreement was reached to do otherwise.

But Sunshine Mining and Refining Co. settled its basinwide liability with the government and was freed from the agreement. That shifted more of the burden to Asarco and Hecla, company officials said.

"We did offer a work plan that we thought was protective of public health, but did give us some of the financial relief that we needed," Hecla Vice President Vicki Veltkamp said.

Veltkamp said this year's plan called for about \$1 million in work, in contrast to the \$2.5 million spent annually during the last several years.

The EPA and the state partially approved Hecla's plan but said it did not go far enough.

Hawaii legislature rejects assisted suicide measure

HONOLULU (AP) — The state Senate has rejected a House-passed bill to have Hawaii join Oregon as the only states allowing physician-assisted suicides.

The Senate voted 11-14 on Thursday to kill the measure.

The "death with dignity" measure supported by a disappointed Gov. Ben Cayetano was modeled after the Oregon law approved in 1997.

"I think that even though it failed today, it came very close and one day, perhaps in the next five years or so, this will become the law in the state of Hawaii," Cayetano said.

The measure would have allowed competent, terminally ill adults to obtain a lethal dose of prescription drugs from a doctor to end their lives.

Sen. Jonathan Chun, a Democrat, questioned why Hawaii would want to follow Oregon's lead.

"Since 1994 when Oregon first passed it, at least 55 measures have been introduced in 21 states and all of them have failed," he said. "You have to

ask the question why."

"Hawaii doesn't allow the death penalty because for us even one mistake is too much to take," he added.

But Sen. Colleen Hanabusa, also a Democrat, said the physician's role in the suicide under the proposed law would end with the prescription of the fatal dose. "You have to take that lethal dose. You have to do it. No one else can do it for you," she said. "This is about choice."

Recalling Hawaii was the first state to legalize abortions following the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade in 1973, Hanabusa said "as we've seen in the past, women have a right to control their bodies, people have a right to control their destinies, and that is what this is about."

Oregon's law approved by voters in 1994 and 1997 allows the terminally ill to request a lethal dose of drugs if two doctors confirm they have less than six months to live and the patients are mentally competent to make the request. The patients must take the fatal dose by themselves.

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Wife can't recognize signs of abuse

DEAR ABBY: Two different professional counselors have told me my husband is emotionally abusive. I just don't see it.

In 25 years of marriage, we've hardly ever fought. The reason? I always let him have his way to avoid conflict. He makes everything out to be "my fault," and I've always assumed that he's right.

Sometimes I'm afraid to have a confrontation with him, but it's not because he has ever hit me. He says he loves me and I believe him. Does this sound like emotional abuse to you, Abby? I would be grateful for your opinion.

-SAD AND CONFUSED
IN SAN PEDRO, CALIF.



DEAR ABBY: I lost my money, three credit cards and my checkbook. I immediately called the bank and credit card companies to report what happened. However, at 2 o'clock this morning, I woke up in a panic. I realized that whoever has my checkbook now knows my driver's license and Social Security numbers! My bank had recommended I use two-part checks because they no longer return canceled checks.

Abby, please warn your readers that after they have written their two-part check, to remove the top one from the checkbook before adding their driver's license and Social Security numbers. I now feel I am a target for identity fraud.

-FEELING VULNERABLE
IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR FEELING VULNERABLE: I'm pleased to pass along your important warning. You're right; you are at risk. Hold a good thought, but in addition to notifying your bank and credit card companies, inform the credit bureaus about your loss - and keep a close check on your monthly bank and credit card statements in case you are also a victim of identity theft. You have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Ready to Go It Alone in Mississippi," from the bride-to-be who had no brothers

return canceled checks. Waiting for my bride to emerge near the back of the church, and seeing her more beautiful than any woman I had ever dreamed of, took my breath away. We enjoyed a few quiet moments together as I caught my breath, wiped away my tears, and told my precious love how beautiful she was. Then we walked arm in arm down the aisle, and we haven't looked back since!

-STILL ARM IN ARM
IN MISSOURI

DEAR ARM IN ARM: May you always be as happy as you were that memorable day.

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: What you describe is emotional abuse on your husband's part and lack of self-esteem on yours. Your coping method has been refusal to defend yourself - or accepting undeserved blame.

I hate to put you on the spot,

Older folks have fewer mental disorders

Q. Has Harvard always admitted Indians?

A. Male Indians, yes. An Indian named Caleb Chee-bah-teumuck graduated in 1665. Took Harvard a long time to accept women, however. Any women.

The she snakes are bigger than the he snakes.

U.S. presidents now just can't get the sort of food past presidents' got. Before Willard Fillmore installed the first White House stove, I mean. Everything earlier had been barbecued in open fireplaces.

Cambodians of the old tradition give each day its own color and each month its own gender. A bride might schedule her wedding for a red day of a female month, a particularly lucky combination.

What's "charm"? That French literary light Albert Camus said,



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"Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question."

I put this question to a female associate: "I say 'pent up,' but never 'pent down.' Odd, what?" She replied, "Certainly is. I say both 'shut down,' and 'shut up.'" How rude!

Around the Kremlin's 64 acres in Moscow are built battlements. Men started laying those bricks about when Christopher Columbus started planning his first trip to wherever.

Ever know a man named "Kay"? Client contends it's a girl's name, and no baby boy should be so called. Can't buy it. That masculine moniker goes way back. One of the knights of Sir Arthur's Round Table, in fact, was Sir Kay.

Q. Where's the hottest driest place in the world?

A. Death Valley. Some places are hotter and some places drier. But no place is both. Little wonder it's so dry. Evaporation rate is 200 inches a year, the rainfall less than two inches.

That renowned Greek scholar man Epicurus calculated the sun was approximately two feet in diameter.

Costa Rica is no bigger than West Virginia, but it has more kinds of birds and mammals than all the adjoining United States together.

Q. What's the most common nightmare about?

A. Falling.

People over the age of 65 have fewer nervous and mental disorders than that proportion of people in any other age bracket. Or so report the medical statisticians.

If you hear "five, six, seven, eight" on your shortwave radio, better report it. U.S. scientists some time back broadcast "one, two, three, four" into outer space, and they're waiting for some logical reply.

How many men does the average American woman kiss before she gets married?

Our Love and War man does not accept the pollsters' latest finding on this matter. It's reported to be 79 men. But he does not believe researchers can get accurate statistics on kissing.

New Woody Allen documentary airs on Turner Classic Movies

Today

"Woody Allen: A Life in Film" - One of the true auteurs in modern movies, the New York City-based writer-director-actor is saluted in this new documentary. The program is being shown in conjunction with the release of Allen's latest movie, "Hollywood Ending." **TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES, 6 p.m.**

"Men in Black" - One of the true blockbuster of 1997, this clever fantasy-comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as

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"defenders of the universe." They're agents assigned to search for sinister aliens and destroy them. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 8 p.m.

"A Knight's Tale" - Medieval adventure gets a rock-music beat - quite literally - in this 2001 adventure from Oscar-winning "L.A. Confidential" screenwriter Brian Koppelman. Heath Ledger ("The Patriot") plays a peasant who poses as a nobleman. (CC) **HOME BOX OFFICE, 9 p.m.**

Sunday

"NBC's 75th Anniversary Special" - The network celebrates its history in both television and radio in a star-packed celebration. Personalities ranging from Bill Cosby and Kelsey Grammer to Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric take part at New York's Rockefeller Center. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 7 p.m.

"Little John" - Gloria Reuben ("The Agency," "ER") stars in this "Hallmark Hall of Fame" drama as a family-court

judge who gave up her own son (Robert Bailey Jr.) years earlier. She doesn't know that her estranged father (Ving Rhames) took in the youngster. (HDTV) (CC) (TVPG) CBS, 8 p.m.

"Contact" - The late Carl Sagan's book is the source of "Forrest Gump" director Robert Zemeckis' smart, involving 1997 drama. Jodie Foster plays a scientist determined to link up with extraterrestrials. Matthew McConaughey also stars. (TV14) TBS, 8:45 p.m.

-Tribune Media Service

Pisces works behind scenes; timing and luck are with Aries

IF MAY 4TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you possibly were separated psychologically or actually from one or both parents while young. You had ideas of your own, many unorthodox. You graduated from college of "hard knocks." Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in your name: D, M, V. Before May is finished, a relationship could begin or end in dramatic manner. During June, you will engage in creative project. July most memorable!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): At the track: Choose number 5 post position in fifth race. Timing and luck ride with you. Exude confidence. Make notes of recent dream. Virgo plays sensational role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your kind of day! Focus on beauty, flowers and romance. Be kind and generous without going to excess. Domestic adjustment could include change of residence. Libra involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your imagination is ramed into "creative force." Get promises in writing. Steer clear of self-deception. Utilize wit, wisdom and intellectual curiosity. Pisces represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on production, promotion and pressure of added responsibility. Individual makes bold move to win your affection, trust. Protect self in emotional clinches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Recognize that project has been completed. Legal "mix-up" will be resolved in your favor. Focus also on partnership, marriage. You will participate in endeavor on international scale.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Individual who shares your basic interests could figure in love relationship. Give serious thought to going into business for yourself. Focus on independence, original thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Decision reached tonight concerning legal ventures that could include partnership and marriage. Stick close to home; family will require your counsel. Cancer native plays major role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have more room at home. You will be entertaining fascinating, intellectual people. Highlight versatility without scattering forces. You will be tested regarding fashion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Short trip necessary if you are to resolve dispute among relatives. Puzzle pieces fall into place; put together what had been broken. Scorpio plays fascinating role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get story behind the story! Read and write, learn by teaching. Flirtation gets serious; be aware, take nothing for granted. Recent investment proves worthy, but be careful!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beauty surroundings. Emphasis on home, domestic adjustment that could include marriage. You will be at right place at special moment; trust hunch. Taurus figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Focus on "secret maneuvers." Your role will be valuable but mostly out of view. Be discreet, do not reveal "secrets." Virgo, another Pisces play major roles. Encourage "mystery."

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Michael Jackson plans to direct his first movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Pop star Michael Jackson plans to direct his first movie.

The singer wants to make an adaptation of Jennings Michael Burch's book "They Cage the Animals at Night," The Hollywood Reporter said on Wednesday. The book chronicles the true life of the author's life in an orphanage and his struggles to adapt to life in various foster homes.

Jackson is expected to co-direct with Bryn Michael Stoller, who directed episodes of the 1980s horror series "Tales From the Darkside."

"The boy in the book had a tough time, and Michael related a lot to that. Michael and I have similar sensibilities. We're both big kids, and we feel that when it comes to their emotions, we'd be able to draw that out for the big screen," Stoller said. He said he expects to finish a script in a month.

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Dunk not

It was a slam dunk. At least, it should have been. Everyone in the arena knew it as the tall, graceful athlete glided toward the basket. There was no one within 20 feet of him, no obstacle to prevent him from scoring as he had so many times before. The only question: What kind of dunk would it be? A thundering, two-handed power dunk, complete with the obligatory chin-up on the rim? Or a more aesthetically pleasing one-handed dunk, perhaps with a little windmill action or some over-the-shoulder bravado?

In any case, it was going to be two points for the good guys (read: My Team) at a critical juncture of a close, competitive NBA playoff game. And that was really all that mattered.

Monday, I added two points to our score as I watched the Player - My Player - move into position for a shot that 99 percent of NBA analysts would slam home 99 percent of the time.

And then the unimaginable happened. He missed. Tom between dunking and simply laying the ball in the basket. My Player clanged the ball off the rim. I couldn't believe it. Never mind that he was running at full speed during a pressure-packed game, with thousands of opposing fans screaming at him to miss. As far as I was concerned, there was no excuse for missing such an easy, automatic shot.

"How do you miss that shot?" I moaned to my sons, who were watching the game with me. "A professional does NOT miss that shot, not in a game like this!" For the rest of the game, I was all over My Player. I groaned at every missed shot, every blown defensive assignment, every bad pass. There's no question that he didn't play a perfect game. In fact, he played poorly, especially after the missed dunk. But in my mind, every mistake was magnified by the memory of the ball clanging off the rim. By the end of the game, I was prepared to blame the three-point loss on the slam dunk that should have been.

"You're a pro," I scolded him through the television screen as he walked the locker room, his head bowed in defeat. "A pro doesn't make mistakes like that!" Later that evening, I was doing some filing when I paused to re-read a column from several weeks earlier. I winced when I came upon a typo - at least, I'm pretty sure it was a typo. Did someone slip the word "tje" into the English vocabulary when I wasn't looking? I didn't think so.

So I messed up. Instead of "the" I had written "tje." But it was an understandable error. After all, the letters "h" and "j" are right next to each other on the keyboard. Anyone could slip and hit the wrong key. And as for missing the error in the editing process... well, I had been in a great hurry that week. Besides, anyone reading the column would know that I meant to write "the," not "tje." And I was sure the editors to whom I send the column, outstanding professionals one and all, would catch the mistake and fix it before it went into publication.

I had just about rationalized the mistake into oblivion when a local sportscastrer began showing highlights from the game during the nightly news. Sure enough, the first clip he showed was My Player missing that easy basket. My stomach started churning all over again until I glanced down at the column in my hands. My eyes went directly to "tje." And somewhere in the back of my mind I heard a familiar, scolding voice: "You're a pro. A pro doesn't make mistakes like that!" Especially not on "the," which should have been... you know... a slam dunk.

I guess it's true; we don't really have a right to expect perfection in others until we're prepared to expect it in ourselves. And not just professionally. This also holds true on the highway, in the grocery store, at the movies and most especially in the home. Unless we can offer ourselves as a perfect example, we ought to be willing to cut each other a lot of slack.

"In other words, Judge not... even if you dunk not."

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

CERTS offers bold new curriculum

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Students will soon be applying scientific principles to the biblical creation story at the Christian Education Release Time for Students Center in Jerome.

Brian Nickens, pastor of Jerome's Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, and Brandon Buchanan, assistant pastor at Lighthouse, will teach the classes on creationism to students in ninth through 12th grades during the fall trimester.

The release time program, call CERTS, is for young people of all faiths, including those who are home-schooled. Jerome's CERTS building, at the intersection of

CERTS Fall Creationism Classes

When: 12:30 and 1:50 p.m. (during fourth and fifth hours) Monday through Friday
Where: CERTS center across from Jerome High School
Cost: \$15 per student per trimester (includes textbook)
To register: Call 644-9709 or 644-9200
To donate: Make checks payable to CERTS, P. O. Box H, Jerome, ID 83338

East Main Street and Tiger Drive across from Jerome High School, was constructed by the local, non-profit organization in 2000. Community support, with donations of both money and materials, has always been a big part of CERTS.

This fall, Nickens and Buchanan plan to use the text "Scientific Creationism," by Henry Morris, and the book of Genesis, in the Bible. "Scientific Creationism" was published by

Genesis Ministries of the Creation Research Institute in San Diego.

Nickens will teach the scientific portion of the classes, and Buchanan will cover the biblical approach to the creation of the world and life, Buchanan said. Nickens said he will use the textbook to examine the theory of evolution alongside the theory of creation. He also plans to bring in "observable models" from geography, geology, history, paleontology, archaeology and biology to help the students "make logical and practical conclusions."

Before the creationism classes begin, the CERTS Board of Directors will do some interior remodeling on the center. A large room will be divided into a classroom and a snack bar, which will be manned by youth pastors from Jerome churches. By fall, the snack bar and an outdoor patio should be ready for business. Then, students can stop by the CERTS center after school for a pop, a cappuccino or a snack. Thousands of public-school stu-



Brandon Buchanan, left, and Brian Nickens will teach creationism classes, to be offered through the CERTS center in Jerome this fall.

dents nationwide attend released-time programs, which were adopted for high schools and middle schools in the 1970s. Curriculum varies, and ranges from religious instruction to

resistance of peer pressure. The LDS Church's Jeromo Stake Seminary, across Tiger Drive from the high school, began offering released-time studies in 1991.

Faith healer builds a following

Benny Hinn doesn't let critics hinder him

By Matt Curry
The Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas - If Benny Hinn puts on a remarkable television show, the view from his side of the camera is even more incredible.

Looking into viewers' homes recently, the evangelist spied a bald, overweight man with a heart problem. Hinn said he could see the man walking away from his TV, resisting appeals to donate during a Trinity Broadcasting Network "Praise-athon."

"Come back," Hinn begged. "If you will come back and make that pledge, God will heal your heart tonight."

It was vintage Hinn - charismatic, even outrageous, making the promise of healing with support for the network that broadcasts his show. Such claims, of course, are the hallmark of some TV evangelists. But while others like Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Bakker and Robert Tilton have fallen from grace over the past two decades, Hinn plows ahead, relentlessly seeking souls and money.

He embraces his worldwide followers who say he has cured them, like heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield, who has credited Hinn with correcting his heart problem. He brushes off scrutiny, though not always gracefully. He once wished aloud for a "Holy Ghost machine gun" to blow off the heads of his critics, who object to everything from his unverifiable healing claims to his perfectly coiffed hair.

"I think he's a great showman who understands how to utilize both media and the stage in order to manipulate the audience," said Stephen Winzenburg, a professor at Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hinn's "This is Your Day" TV program appears on Trinity Broadcasting Network and airs in 130 countries. His crusades around the world draw thousands who hope the diminutive preacher will zap them with power he says he absorbs from the graves of dead faith healers. The lucky ones end up on stage, where with a motion of Hinn's hand they are overcome, dropping lifelessly into the arms of a "catcher." Please see HINN, Page C2



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How to survive school

Event caters to teens

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Churches, teachers and counselors are joining forces to stage a Survivor Night for area teens.

Sparked by the "Survivor" TV show, the idea of Survivor Night grew into plans for an all-city youth event for young people in grades nine through 12. The teens will play survivor games, nosh some snacks and watch an educational video about surviving high school that's been shown nationally.



Jane Krumm

Survivor Night

When: 7:30 to 11 p.m. May 10
Where: Radio Rendezvous Event Center, 240 Main St., Twin Falls
Parking: Main Street, side streets. Post Office parking lot
Cost: Free

Local counselor Jane Krumm and Page Geske, who does PR for the Office on Aging at CSI, are helping organize the event. A number of area groups and individuals have signed on to help. They include Heritage Alliance Church, St. Edward The Confessor Catholic Church, Twin Falls.

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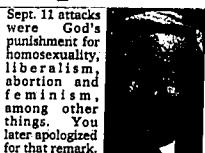
Jerry Falwell speaks on the issues

By Nod Harmon
Knight Rider News Service

No one ever accuses the Rev. Jerry Falwell of being coy. One of the most recognizable religious figures in the world, the 68-year-old is also one of the most controversial. Millions view him as a defender of American morals; many others view him as a prejudiced antique.

Falwell makes no apologies for his beliefs. That's endeared him to legions of admirers, whether they're part of his 22,000-member congregation at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., one of the 10,000 students at his Christian-based Liberty University or one of the thousands who attend his speaking engagements.

QUESTION: You were criticized heavily for a remark you made to Fat Robertson on "The 700 Club" in which you said the



Rev. Jerry Falwell

church is equally to blame for the spiritual meltdown. ANSWER: No. That was my 14th interview (following the 9-11 tragedy), and I had been saying at all of them just what I said there, but also adding "a sleeping church, and Jerry Falwell and the pastors that we had all been apathetic." In that one (Robertson) interview, I did not include myself, and did not include a sleeping church in America. Obviously, I had to apologize for that, because the

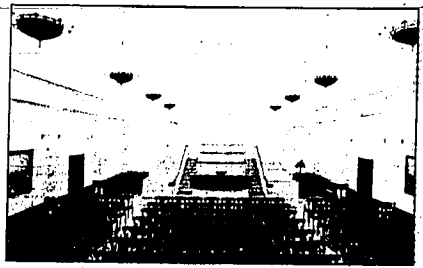
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Tiered pulpits rise at either end of the Assembly Room in the rebuilt Mormon Temple in Nauvoo, Ill. The temple was built to replace the one constructed at the site 158 years ago, where church founder Joseph Smith announced many of the holy revelations that became cornerstones of the faith. The temple is 84,000 square feet, including five levels and a basement. To tour it while it is open to the public, May 9-June 22, call (800) 837-8087 for a free ticket.

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Men's Bible fellowship meets Saturdays

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Men's Bible Fellowship meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday in the banquet room at the Depot Grill. Those interested are welcome. For more information, call Ray Sabala at 539-3321.

Rupert church holds first service Sunday

RUPERT - Roca Prima Santa Pentecostes, 420 S. Fifth, will hold its first service at 7 p.m. today, with congregations from Kimberly, Jerome, Wendell and Rupert worshipping together. Pastor Dago Mar will hold bilingual services at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 5 p.m. Sundays.

South African evangelist ministers at Filer church

FILER - Evangelist Barney Barnard, from South Africa, will minister this week at In His Name Christian Fellowship, 660 Highway 30. Services are set for 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Nursery will be provided. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 326-3382

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or 326-3666.

Kings Kids perform 'Hallelujah Heart' Sunday

BURLEY - The Kings Kids will perform "Hallelujah Heart" at 11 a.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 2262 Hiland Ave. The public is invited.

'Liberated Walling Wall' performs in concert

JEROME - "Liberated Walling Wall," from Jews for Jesus, will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 900 N. Lincoln, with an Israeli dance lesson following Tuesday's performance.

Jews for Jesus is an independent missionary organization founded in 1972 by Moishe Rosen and featuring drama, music and the spoken and written word. Liberated Walling Wall has recorded 10 albums, most recently "This is Jerusalem." (Visit www.jewsforjesus.org.) Everyone is invited. For more information, call 644-9709.

Burley church reads for the Jeremiah People

BURLEY - The Jeremiah People will perform at 7 p.m. Friday at the Christian Center Assembly of God Church, 317 W. 27th St.

The group of seven actors/musicians has entertained family audiences throughout the United States with Christian drama, music and testimony for 30 years.

Basketball tournament benefits 'Speed the Light'

TWIN FALLS - The Hoop-N-Holler 3-on-3 Tournament will be held May 11 in the First Assembly of God Church parking lot at 143 N. Locust.

Check-in time is 7 a.m.; games begin at 8 a.m. Cost is \$50 for teams of ages 12 and up, and \$40 for teams of ages 8 to 11 (limit four people per team).

Proceeds go to "Speed the Light." Registration deadline is Friday. Entry forms are available at Furniture and Appliance Outlet, 127 Second Ave. W., and the church. For more information, call 733-5349.

Jerome church sets Bible school theme

JEROME - "Faith Mountain: An Extreme Adventure With Jesus" is the theme of Community-Vacation-Bible School this summer at the North Park.

Children ages 4 through high school are invited for stories, activities, lessons, refreshments - and a free T-shirt - at 6 p.m. June 17-21 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22.

The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Church, El Shaddai Fellowship, Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, First Baptist Church, First Church of God, Free Will Baptist Church, Lighthouse Assembly of God and First Christian Church.

You may register now. Call Helen at 324-5791 or Charlene at 324-3013.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 546, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Accusations against Bible help prove book is correct

Mr. Haffner, your last letter wherein you (once again) call the Bible a book of fables only serves to prove the Bible accurate. First Corinthians 1:18 tells us, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness..." If the Bible seems filled with seemingly contradictory statements or silly fables, perhaps it is because you are taking much of it out of context rather than looking at the broader picture, which is why each of us exist and what our purpose is for being here. I cannot convince you that God's miracles

are true; only the Holy Spirit can do that. But I can tell you for a fact that God loves you more than you can comprehend - he wants you to accept him both as savior and friend today. I will continue to pray for your salvation.

KRISTINA KECK
Jerome

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

Graham's daughter takes different approach

By Gary D. Robertson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - Anne Graham Lotz says she doesn't have the gifts that made her father the 20th century's most famous evangelist and she never sought the mantle that brother Franklin has taken, leading the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association into the 21st century. Yet the revival speaker from Raleigh has followed her father and brother into the family business - with her own style.

But Lotz said she's never sought the spotlight: She holds meetings only in places where she's been invited, and after prayer, she says God has told her to go. In the late 1990s,

she explained, her aging parents had health setbacks, her son was diagnosed with cancer and her husband's dental office burned to the ground. The statements disheartened her, she said, as her troubles took a toll on what she calls her personal relationship with God: "Under all the pressure, I just wanted him in a clearer, simpler, more satisfying, deeper way." That cry led her to study the Bible and write "Just Give Me Jesus."

Lotz, 54, got married at 18 to a former University of North Carolina basketball player, Danny Lotz. In 1976, she founded a chapter of Bible Study Fellowship. A mother of three, she said she wanted a reason to be disciplined in Bible reading and prayer, as her mother was.

Being a Southern Baptist, Lotz has had to proceed carefully on the issue of women pastors, since the denomination's doctrinal statements disallow them. Lotz has never sought clergy ordination, though she says she accepts that other women feel differently.



Anne Graham Lotz

Bishops mull 'zero tolerance' policy

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

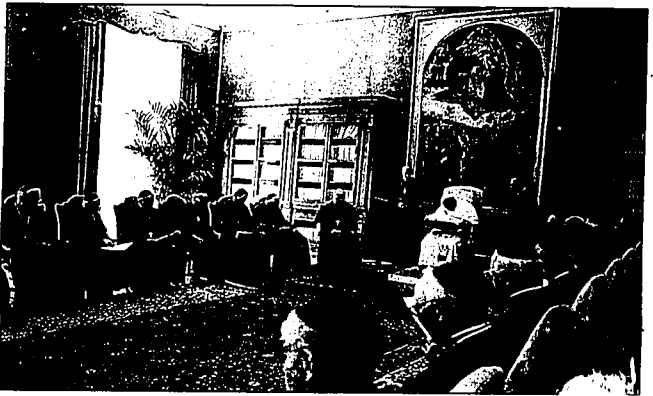
Zero tolerance. One strike and you're out. America's Roman Catholic bishops are using prosecutors' catch phrases these days as they debate the best way to put a stop to the waves of clergy sex abuse scandals.

The trouble is, they don't agree on what these slogans really mean. The bishops will gather for a crucial meeting in Dallas next month, where they'll try to agree on a national church policy for handling sex abuse charges. If they succeed, they're almost certain to ask the Vatican to take the rare step of making the policy binding on all U.S. bishops.

Disciplining of local priests is usually left to each bishop to handle. Meanwhile, bishops are pondering just what the nationwide policy should contain. Actually, there are two separate issues: old cases and new ones.

The American bishops seem all but united that, in the future, a priest deemed guilty of even one instance of molesting a minor would be out of the active priesthood, either through permanent suspension or out-and-out defrocking. U.S. Protestant churches generally apply a more lenient standard when their clergy admit sexual misconduct, and it has spared them the parishioner fury the Catholic bishops now confront.

The crunch comes with old, or "legacy," cases - priests who were considered guilty of molestation in past years but not defrocked by their bishops. What



Pope John Paul II reads his message to American cardinals in his private library at the Vatican April 2, their summit with the pope and Vatican officials, U.S. cardinals and other American church leaders. A common ground on how to deal with members of the clergy who have sexually abused minors in the past.

about, say, a priest who committed one offense decades ago, repented, underwent required treatment and never abused anyone again? Should he be ousted? What about the Christian values of forgiveness and redemption?

Following their Rome summit with Pope John Paul II and top Vatican officials last month, the U.S. cardinal and other American church leaders have yet to find common ground.

"The pope told the visitors, "People need to know that there is no place in the priesthood and religious life for those who would harm the young." However, he also said, "We cannot forget the power of Christian conversion," which "can work extraordinarily change" in sinners.

Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles believes the pope's first statement settles the matter: "Zero tolerance" is the only

answer." Others aren't so sure. The pope's words could mean a full ban, past and future, but could conceivably permit continued priesthood for a past molester who has maintained a clean record since.

The simple solution would have been for the assembled Americans to ask the pope what he meant, but apparently the formal - or papal protocol - did not allow for clarifications.

Presbyterians cuts 43 jobs in restructuring

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has told 43 national staff members they will be laid off immediately in a restructuring to cope with lower investment earnings and changing priorities, church spokesmen say.

The Executive Committee of the General Assembly Council voted last week to approve the cuts as part of the denomination's \$130 million 2003 budget. The spending plan, about \$2 million lower than the 2002 operating budget, must be approved by the General Assembly in June.

The church blames the cuts on lower donations due to the struggling U.S. economy, as well as lower income from wills, bequests and investments.

Church officials feared that many conservative churches would withhold donations to protest perceived liberal trends in the church, but that hasn't been the case. Debra has cooled in recent months after the denomination's regional govern-

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ing bodies voted to uphold the church's ban on ordaining gays. A total of 66 positions will be eliminated, but 21 were already vacant. About 600 people work in the Presbyterian national headquarters in Louisville. The Presbyterian Church has about 2.5 million members.

Moderate S.Baptists form alternative convention

BRIDGETON, Mo. - Moderate Southern Baptists in Missouri are the latest group to break away from the conservative Southern Baptist Convention. About 350 Missouri Baptists announced April 20 that they would form an alternative to the Missouri Baptist Convention called the Baptist General Convention of Missouri.

"It's going to be a convention for people who don't want to

fight anymore," said Randy Fullerton, pastor of Fee Fee Baptist Church in Bridgeton.

Moderate Baptists in several states have been forming alternative fellowships, reacting to the denomination's conservative shift in recent years.

Despite the rifts, the Southern Baptist Convention: the nation's largest Protestant denomination, says it added 92,612 followers last year for a total of 16,052,920.

Michigan minister accused of plagiarism apologizes

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. (AP) - A minister accused of plagiarism has apologized to his congregation and returned to the pulpit.

The Rev. Edward Mullins, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, received a standing ovation from church members as he walked down the aisle last Sunday.

"Let me, as your rector, start this period of reconciliation ... and say I'm sorry," he said.

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan on Feb. 1 barred Mullins from serving or attending Christ Church Cranbrook for 90 days, while investigating complaints from parishioners that included allegations Mullins used others' sermons and articles without attribution. A Detroit Free Press review found Mullins sometimes quoted others' work for word in church newsletters without citing a source.

- compiled from wire reports

Hinn

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While Swaggart's and Bakke's high-profile ministries were leveled by sex scandals, and Tilton was brought down by reports of false promises and a legal battle with his first wife, Hinn has tripped over no such obstacles. The man who was the white-suited inspiration for Steve Martin in the film "Leap of Faith" has conducted public healings for nearly 30 years.

Benedictus Hinn, 49, was born in Israel to a Greek father and Armenian mother and attended Roman Catholic schools. The family moved to Toronto, where he was "saved," an announcement that so baffled relatives that his father booked him in an appointment with a psychiatrist. His defining moment came in 1973 when he attended a service in Pittsburgh by the late faith healer Kathryn Kuhlman. Many suggest Hinn fashioned himself in her image.

He moved his operations to

Florida in 1983, where he married Suzanne Harthern, daughter of the late city of God minister (Hinn calls himself a Pentecostal). In 1999, he moved his corporate headquarters to Dallas-Fort Worth, but he lives in Southern California.

He has not publicly acknowledged his salary, though he told CNN in 1997 that his yearly income including book royalties was somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1 million. A spokesman said Hinn generates about \$50 million a year in donations.

Skeptics question his grandiose pronouncements, his motives and his so-called healings, which they say are potentially harmful for sick people who abandon conventional medical treatment. Hinn says he encourages people to keep taking their medicine and seeing doctors.

On the Net: <http://www.benny-hinn.org>

Survivor

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Falls Reformed Church and several local counselors and teachers.

At Survivor Night, the youth will learn about peer pressure, cliques, drugs, alcohol, eating disorders and sexual abuse. A number of area teens have completed

training classes that have equipped them to lead small groups that night-own and some adults will be available to help.

"Youth pastors will also follow up where needed," Geske said, adding that the organizers are expecting between 200 and 300 young people in attendance.

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Christianity moves south

Influence of industrialized nations fades

By Kristin E. Holmes
The Philadelphian Inquirer

When scholars talk about the death of Christianity and the rise of the secular state, Pennsylvania State University professor Philip Jenkins remembers the south. Not south as in Georgia or Mississippi, but south as in Latin America, Africa, Asia. There, Christianity is not only alive but thriving.

fall," said Jenkins. "It's booming and growing very fast in absolute and relative numbers."

In his latest book, "The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity," Jenkins offers his perspective on world demographics. He explores a trend that mission scholars first noted in the late 1970s. Christianity is still the chosen religion of a third of the world's population, but most Christians no longer live in the United States or Europe. The center has moved southward, and the typical Christian in the world today is a Latin American or African woman.

Europeans now make up 28 percent of the world's Christian population, down from 70 per-

cent in 1900, said Dana L. Robert, a professor at Boston University. By 2050, six nations will each have more than 100 million Christians, Jenkins projects. Only one, the United States, represents the "advanced industrialized world." The other countries are Brazil, Mexico, the Philippines, Nigeria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

Scholars say industrialization, scientific advances and urbanization have largely driven religion to the periphery of public consciousness in much of the West. Retired Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong ("A New Christianity for a New World") says the decline can primarily be attributed to a failing of the

church: Christian leaders have not adapted the teachings of the church to a modern world where scientific discoveries and life's random realities challenge the surities of one's faith, he said. People have turned away.

In Africa, religious institutions help provide health care, education and social support; find marriage partners and jobs and assist with overseas travel and business, said Rosalind I.J. Hackett, a professor at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. But Spong argues that it is only a matter of time before the countries in the South face the same challenge to the faith that he says the West is grappling with.

Public library mines family Bibles for genealogy studies

By David Diehneau
The Associated Press

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The history of Bob and Jean Beck's family is written in their Bible, on a few yellowed pages between the Old and New Testaments. "Mother Beck," it begins. "Susanna Miller was born May the 30, 1793."

This cherished handwritten record of a Washington County family is now a public treasure, too. The Becks are among hundreds of area families who have had their Bible pages photocopied and placed on file at the Washington County Free Library for genealogical studies. Genealogy experts say the project is a rare and unusually well-organized effort to create a public repository. Many of the nation's private genealogy societies also have collected such material, said Russell Henderson, spokesman for the National Genealogical Society in Arlington, Va.

The library in Hagerstown has been copying family records from Bibles since 1968, and now has 400 to 500 such files. This year, it is using a grant to begin compiling and indexing the records, which it is hoped will

be published. Large, hardcover Bibles often contain a handful of blank middle pages for recording important family events. Those entries, along with church records of christenings, weddings and burials, can prove invaluable in documenting early Maryland life, said R.J. Rockefeller, of the state archives.

"If you know a woman had five children and that she died the same day as the birth of her fifth child, and from that same family Bible you know that only two of those children lived to adulthood, then you know how hard life was in early America," he said.

Advances in digital scanner technology promise to make Bible record-keeping less cumbersome. On the Net: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Religious orders get into housing business

By Don Babwin
The Associated Press

BARTLETT, Ill. (AP) — When Sister Jean Conzemius looks a dozen years into the future, she sees her order's retirement fund dried up and about 30 nuns trying to support the 230 or so who no longer work. But Sister Conzemius has faith — that and a chunk of land in the Chicago suburb of Bartlett.

The order plans to use the land to build a senior housing project, most of which will be occupied by lay people. The income will support its three retirement homes for nuns.

"This gives us a way to care for our sisters and also support a new ministry," said Conzemius, president of the Stevens Point, Wis.-based Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis. If opening a housing project

for as many as 600 people sounds odd for a religious order, Conzemius and others say it represents the beginning of a trend that will grow in the coming years.

"You're going to start finding them all across the United States," said Glenn Trembley, project administrator of the Benedictine Sisters, who plan to build a \$50 million retirement community at the Sacred Heart Monastery of their campus in Lisle, Ill.

The sisters are looking for income because the number of nuns in the United States has declined drastically, from 179,000 in 1965 to 78,000 last year. As fewer young women join, the orders get older, and there is less money to support retired sisters.

Conzemius, 60, said the median age in her order is 78. Nationally, there are about twice as many

nuns at least 90 years old as there are nuns under 40. And it's hard to find any group less equipped financially for retirement.

Historically, nuns have supported themselves with pay earned as teachers or working in hospitals.

Given that their income was minimal during the 1950s, it's not surprising that few have any kind of nest egg.

There is an annual national collection for the nuns' retirement, but it doesn't come close to being enough. Together, these factors prompted the sisters to turn to their one asset worth any money: Land.

"The sisters here are dirt rich and cash poor," Trembley said. "They have land that, when they bought it, was in the country, out in the middle of nowhere, and now it's prime real estate."

State says statue of Jesus is in violation

NEW WAVERLY, Texas (AP) — Faith is literally getting in the way for New Waverly resident Evelyn Blazek.

A Texas Department of Transportation survey of the property surrounding her 17-foot statue of Jesus concluded it is inside the state right-of-way along Highway 105 East. "We are working with her to come up with a solution," said David Stephens, a state engineer. The 83-year-old Blazek believes the state survey is wrong, hopes she won't be asked to remove her "Christ of East Texas" statue and said she's moving forward with plans to have the statue blessed in a special ceremony. The statue was built for Blazek's 30-year-old religious sanctuary, Sacred Gardens, near Houston.

"I didn't want to cause any trouble. All my life I've had a dream to make the world a better place. I wanted people who passed the statue to be reminded of our Lord," she said.

Falwell

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the "700 Club" statement, some perceived that you had backtracked.

ANSWER: No, no, no, I think the gay lifestyle is wrong. I have no problem opposing Rosie O'Donnell and others who feel gay couples can adopt children. I think that's very improper. My intent at bringing Ms. White and his 200 delegates to Lynchburg — and meeting with them for a weekend, and they attending our services — was to say, "We love you, we don't reject you, you're welcome at our church. But your lifestyle is wrong, it's a sin." No more sinful than heterosexual promiscuity, no more sinful than fornication and adultery among heterosexuals — but still sinful. I still believe the lifestyle is wrong.

QUESTION: What do you think should be done about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

ANSWER: If I knew that, I would sell that information for a million dollars. Colin Powell, with all good intentions, struck out, as did Bill Clinton in the last administration. And I go back many, many centuries. The children of Ishmael and the children of Isaac have been at war now for 4,000 years. They're both children of Abraham, they're both Semites. But it is clear that God gave the land to the Jews, the children of Isaac. Israel belongs to the Jews, and I don't think anyone's going to take it away from them.

QUESTION: The recent scandal in the Catholic church has eroded a lot of people's faith in religion in general. It's the latest in a long line of sexual misconduct scandals that stretches across all faiths. What can be done to heal this rift, and to restore peoples' confidence in their spiritual leaders?

ANSWER: I personally think the current Catholic scandal has been the most damaging religious scandal in my lifetime. ... Whoever would have thought that so many men of God would be involved in molesting little children? I agree with you, the Catholic church has no franchise on this. Fifteen years ago, we had Jim Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart. But I think molesting little children at the level that this has happened, and at the magnitude, I think has really hurt. If I were (Pope) John Paul II — and I'm a great admirer of his, I think he's a great man — if I were the pope, I would look into the seminaries that produced these people, and I would see what they were doing wrong, or what they were failing to do. ... How could you possibly put a child molester back to work anywhere with children?

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Jobless rate jump drives stocks lower

NEW YORK — A spike in unemployment to the highest level in nearly eight years gave investors yet another reason Friday to doubt the strength of the economy and unload stocks. Tech issues fell for the third straight session, while blue chips pulled back following a three-session advance.

Friday's decline only worsened a slump that has dragged the Dow Jones industrials down 5.9 percent from their 2002 closing high of 10,635.25, reached March 19, while the Nasdaq composite index has suffered a much steeper slide, falling 21.7 percent from its high close for the year — 2,059.38 back on Jan. 4.

The Dow closed down 85.24, or 0.8 percent, to 10,066.63. The Dow had rallied 272 points Tuesday through Thursday, claiming its first three-day winning streak since the period that ended March 12. That surge helped the Dow end the week up 1 percent.

Agrium Conda plant announces layoffs

SODA SPRINGS — The Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations plant will lay off about 40 employees starting next month and continuing through January.

The affected positions pay an average of about \$50,000 a year, said Charlie Ross, the plant's general manager.

Agrium, which produces phosphate-based fertilizer, employs 325 people at its plant about five miles east of Soda Springs and is Caribou County's second-largest employer.

Ross said the layoffs are part of a reorganization process that began in October.

Tuesday officials of J.R. Simplot Co.'s Don fertilizer manufacturing plant near Pocatello announced the plant would trim its work force by 85 positions this year.

Simplot also laid off up to 35 salaried workers at its Boise headquarters as part of an efficiency restructuring.

Bankruptcy court ratifies ZILOGS reorganization

NAMPA — A U.S. Bankruptcy Court has ratified a reorganization plan for ZILOG that the company says will put it on firm financial footing.

The electronics manufacturer announced the decision by the federal bankruptcy court in San Jose, Calif., this week.

The plan includes an agreement by major creditors to exchange \$280 million in debt for stock in the company.

"Confirmation of the court of ZILOG's reorganization plan is exceptional in that we required only 61 days from initial filing to completion," said Jim Thorburn, ZILOG chairman and chief executive.

Nampa is home to the San Jose-based electronics company's only remaining manufacturing plant.

The reorganization required a technical Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing as part of the overall plan to improve the company's financial condition.

Last week, the company reported operating income of \$2.3 million, not including one-time charge-offs for its first quarter of 2002, which ended March 31. After the charges, which were mostly related to the reorganization, the company posted an \$11.9-million loss for the 2002 quarter.

That compares to operating losses of \$16.6 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Hecla Mining reports \$1.5M first-quarter loss

COEUR D'ALENE — Hecla Mining Co. reported first-quarter losses of \$1.5 million, due to a charge on unpaid dividends to preferred shareholders.

Company officials said that with-out that charge, Hecla would have had \$500,000 in net income.

In contrast, Hecla enjoyed \$7.5 million in profits during its first quarter of 2001 from gains in the sale of its Kentucky-Tennessee Clay Co.

Hecla Chairman Art Brown said first-quarter gold production increased to 56,400 ounces, a 60 percent gain over a year ago. Costs for silver and gold production dropped.

Compiled from wire reports

Magic Valley jobless rates fall

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jobless rates in seven of Magic Valley's eight counties fell in April, with the valley's most populous county seeing unemployment drop from March's 4.7 percent to 3.8 percent, the state forecast Friday.

"For the unemployment rate to go down nearly one percent in a month is really excellent," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley. "You've got a pretty vibrant economy going on."

Twin Falls County — "the jewel in the crown" — can thank retail, technical-support and construction hiring for April's improvement, he said.

Dell Computer Corp., still adding to its tech-support ranks in Twin Falls, is recruiting from another labor pool for 50 customer-service jobs that it announced in mid-April and will start putting on the payroll in May. An additional 125 customer-service jobs are expected by year-end at Dell, economic

development leaders say. But on the eastern side of Magic Valley has a gloomier outlook.

To the pending closure of Kmart's Burley store, add

Friday's news from J.R. Simplot Co.

Simplot said it will shut down its Heyburn sprud processing plant in phases over two years. It already had announced cutbacks in its southern Idaho potato contracts.

The Heyburn plant's first shutdown this fall will affect about two-thirds of the plant's 649 employees.

The future of Mini-Cassia's jobless rates is cloudy, but the present isn't bad at all.

"For right now, rates are sta-

ble and actually a little bit lower," Rogers said. April's scheduled layoffs at Mini-Cassia potato-processing plants were short, staggered and offset by retail and agriculture-service hiring, he said.

Cassia County's unemployment fell to 5.5 percent and Mini-Cassia County's to 7.3 percent.

And even in Mini-Cassia and Minidoka County had more people at work during April than a year ago.

Almost 1,150 jobs created over the previous year were in the eight counties of Magic Valley. Twin Falls County was the local leader, with 265 more jobs than in April 2001. Blaine

County was a close second, adding 258.

Year-over-year job growth in the rest of Magic Valley: Minidoka County, 192 jobs; Cassia County, 151; Lincoln County, 105; Jerome County, 74; Gooding County, 55; and Camas County, a modest five jobs.

Gooding County's joblessness fell a few notches below the year-ago level in April.

"We're seeing strong employment in dairy still. Food processing over in that county is good," Rogers said, citing cheese and trout activity. "Construction and agriculture jobs started to come online in April. So the trends are really positive."

Jerome County enjoys a strong retail environment and cheese making, and construction work restarted.

"The economy's still very healthy over here," Rogers said.

More jobs are on the way in Jerome County, as a distribution, warehousing and logistics company prepares to build a distribution center on the southwest side of Jerome. **WOW**

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A look at local labor

Magic Valley's seasonally adjusted unemployment rates

County	April '02	March '02	April '01
Blaine	3.4	3.9	2.5
Camas	3.1	3.6	4.3
Cassia	5.5	6.2	5.6
Gooding	3.5	4.2	3.8
Jerome	3.8	4.4	3.7
Lincoln	5.7	5.5	3.9
Minidoka	7.3	8.2	6.2
Twin Falls	3.8	4.7	4.2

Source: Idaho Department of Labor forecasts

TRAVEL TREPIDATION



Mack, Patti, B. and Amy Sigmon look at a travel brochure in Clearwater, Fla., Wednesday. The Sigmons are planning to spend their summer vacation at Club Med, just a few hours from home. Sigmon said he scrapped the idea of a long road trip because of rising fuel costs and scratched the idea of going overseas because of hassles he associates with flying.

New concerns affect vacation planning

The Associated Press

Book a trip at the last minute. Stay closer to home. Take the grandkids. These are some of the thoughts on the minds of American vacationers as the summer travel season nears.

As is customary this time of year, the cost of gasoline and potential airport delays are among travelers' top concerns. New uncertainties, though, such as the effect of heightened security in the wake of Sept. 11, tension in the Middle East and the nascent economic recovery, have given Americans more reasons than ever to tweak travel plans.

In search of fun in the sun, travelers are also looking for peace of mind.

Mack Sigmon, a pastor from Clearwater, Fla., will spend a week with his wife and daughter at the Club Med Sandpiper, about three hours away by car. The resort is offering an all-inclusive package that costs \$99 per night for adults and \$39 per night for children, excluding airfare. Sigmon said he scrapped the idea of a road trip because of rising fuel costs and scratched an overseas trip because of the hassles he associates with flying.

Pearl Kent, of Stone Lake, Wis., meanwhile, will board a Hawaiian cruise with her children and grandchildren — eight family members in all — instead of touring the Greek islands. Cruising the Aegean Sea had less appeal as the political climate in

that region worsened.

"We tried to find a place where everyone would want to go," Kent, 79, said. "Other places we wanted to see we thought were not the safest places to go right now."

Travel agents and tour operators say business has been slower than usual in the weeks leading up to Memorial Day, but busier than they expected given the magnitude of the industry's slump after last year's terrorist attacks. They have also noticed a trend toward shorter trips and the tendency of regular customers to book vacations weeks, instead of months, in advance.

The last-minute planning reflects an effort by consumers to hold out for discounts,

although travel agents said that strategy does not always work. When it comes to popular airline routes, and even some cruise destinations, particularly Alaska and the Caribbean, consumers are finding fares to be more expensive than they anticipated, travel agents said.

"Right after Sept. 11, we had huge discounts in the cruise market, but that's not the case now," said Mary-Louise Seiffert of Welcome Aboard Travel in Phoenix.

"Many of the dates that have cheap airfares are already sold out," said George Wozniak president-of-Minneapolis-based Hobbit Travel. With carriers flying fewer planes and smaller

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No-frills approach helps Costco top competitors in annual sales

Knight Ridder News Service

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Costco Wholesale Corp. is successful because of the things it doesn't do.

No loss leaders. No escalators. No shopping bags. No big-buck salaries for executives.

"We stack the merchandise on the floor with a price and a sign on it telling what it is," said James D. Sinegal, president and chief executive of Costco Wholesale Corp., which has a Twin Falls store.

Sinegal spoke recently to several hundred students and businessmen at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

Costco Wholesale, a chain of membership retail warehouses, takes a no-frills approach to selling. It sells national brand

name products at prices much below the average retail price, a practice the company is able to maintain by stripping operating costs to bare bones.

Its aggressive approach to constant growth in number of outlets as well as a constant effort to reduce retail prices has led to the chain outstripping its giant competitor, Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart, in annual sales. Costco of Issaquah, Wash., had 18.4 million members and annual sales of \$34.4 billion in 2001. Sam's Club, with more than 500 clubs and 46 million members, had lower annual sales of \$26.8 billion at the end of its last fiscal year.

Sinegal said developing and retaining employees is just as important as cost containment to the company. Costco rarely hires a management position from outside

the company. Administrators are compensated primarily through stock options.

Of the 92,500 employees, nearly 90 percent are eligible for insurance and compensation benefits, even though about half are part time, said Sinegal. The starting hourly wage is \$10. A Costco cashier who has worked for four years makes \$41,000 a year. The employee turnover rate is 20 percent, extremely low for the industry.

"We like to turn inventory much faster than we do our people," said Sinegal. The average Costco store is 135,000 square feet and are distinctly warehouse-like: Cement floors, open rafters, products sold in cases and stacked on pallets. The product offering is extremely limited. It stocks about 4,000 items on average compared to an industry average for a Wal-Mart or Super Target of 140,000 different items.

Of the 4,000 items in the store, about 3,000 are basic items found on a shopper's list every week, said Sinegal. The remainder include everything from tires and electronics to diamonds and Waterford crystal. The only credit card the stores accept is American Express "because it offers retailers the lowest discount rate by far," said Sinegal.

The company's marketing strategy is to create a "treasure hunt atmosphere," said Sinegal. "We want to create an attitude that says 'because it's better, it's better by it because it might not be there the next time.'"

Sinegal co-founded Costco with Jeffrey H. Brotman, chairman of the board, in 1983. The chain has 386 warehouses.

Costco sells three types of memberships at an average fee of \$45 a year.

Idaho rate slips slightly

The Associated Press

BOISE — Thousands of job hunters discouraged with Idaho's eroding economy apparently dropped out during April, and with fewer unemployed people looking for work the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by a third of a point.

The disappearance of 3,900 workers marked the first time the state's labor force has contracted from March to April since 1984's near-depression that gripped the state for four years.

The decline in the jobless rate from 5.6 percent in March to 5.3 percent last month, analysts said, "does not necessarily indicate that Idaho's economy is turning a corner and beginning to improve. What it does show is that people are leaving Idaho's labor force."

"New jobs are not as available as they have been in recent years," they said as companies including J.R. Simplot announced new layoffs.

The phenomenon sent the Idaho rate in the opposite direction of the national jobless rate.

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Delegation looks for expansion opportunities

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Five Magic Valley leaders will be among an Idaho delegation of 13 economic-development professionals who travel to Salt Lake City this weekend to look for business relocation or expansion leads.

Today through Wednesday, the group will represent Idaho at Commerce 2002, a national convention of corporate real estate management executives and site-location consultants. Attendance at the four-day event is expected to exceed 2,000 participants, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

"Corporate facility managers and site-location consultants are a great audience for the Idaho story," said Randy Shroll of the Commerce Department. "Their goal? Find new sites for business expansion or relocation."

Shroll and his Idaho team will meet with a targeted group of conventioners tonight at the Grand Americana Hotel.

Magic Valley leaders participating in the Idaho effort are Jan Rogers, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization's executive director, and Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls City Hall's economic-development director, who both will stay for the entire event; and Bob Richards, the Jerome Chamber of Commerce's economic-development specialist; Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive Kent Just and the Twin Falls chamber's president, Dan Olmstead, who will attend portions of the event.

The gathering is an important one, as corporate real estate executives and site consultants are Magic Valley leaders' primary target in economic-development efforts, Rogers said.

Idaho's economic-development attendees include representatives from Bonneville Power Administration; Buchtel BWTX Idaho, Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas and Wells Fargo.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, wheat, and corn. Columns include commodity name, high, low, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types such as navy beans, pinto beans, and lima beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board

Table of Chicago futures prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Accounting euphemisms plague earnings reports

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Idaho's economy added jobs in many sectors that is highest rate in the nation. Idaho's economy added jobs in many sectors that is highest rate in the nation.

Jobs

Logistics Co. will break ground next week and intends to employ 30 people in Jerome by the end of 2003. But the neighbor to the north suffered a little as bad weather in April cut highway travel through

Mutual Funds

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other metrics.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various grades and types.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like cheddar and mozzarella.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices for gold, silver, and various currencies.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various grades and types.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade

Table of New York sugar futures prices.

NEW YORK (AP) - Handly & Harman silver Friday

Table of silver prices from Handly & Harman.

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Table of stock prices for various companies including AAPL, MSFT, and others.

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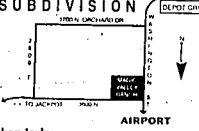
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