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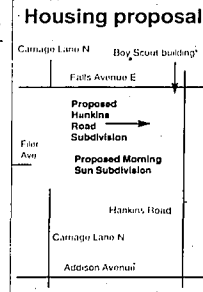
Subdivision opponents point out obstacles

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ethically, it simply wouldn't look good. But also, the city could be in big trouble legally. That's what folks from Falls Avenue East and their lawyer warned City Council members on Monday if the council approves a proposed subdivision with a neighborhood commercial development behind the Boy Scouts office.

Developer J. Francis Florence explained his plans to build a subdivision with about 90 homes on 36 acres on the corner of Falls Avenue East and Hankins Road. He asked for a zoning change from rural residential to R-2, or single duplex residential homes. He promised to exclude duplexes. Florence also asked for a small commercial development in the subdivision. Such developments are said to enhance subdivisions in other cities across the country.

Florence's plans were sent to the City Council with the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission in April. Commission members pointed out that his proposal was in compliance with the city's comprehensive plan. But the proposed commercial development has raised the ire of the people from the upscale neighborhood, and Monday about 70 of them showed up to convince the council to vote against Florence's plans.



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Report: State lags in college support

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — A national study has found that Idaho laid an inadequate foundation during the 1990s for its higher education system to absorb budget cuts resulting from today's economic slide.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education found that student fees at Idaho's three universities and Lewis-Clark State College rose 63 percent — faster than nearly every other state — while state support per student lagged.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

And while student fees at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene were up just 23 percent in the '90s, that was largely due to a \$50 a year cap on increases and an overall cap of \$90 a year.

Lawmakers lifted both caps last winter, imposing a 10 percent lid on the annual increase and a maximum fee of \$1,250. CSI plans to implement such an increase beginning next fall.

In the face of a drastic downturn in the state economy, policy makers led by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne have slashed state support 10 percent for the four-year schools, community colleges and professional-technical programs this year and next.

Revenue figures released last week indicate that another cut could be imposed later this year.

So far, the four-year schools lost \$23 million this year and next, the two community colleges saw \$2 million cut, and professional-technical programs lost \$5 million.

Those cuts come on top of a 6 percent increase in state support for college students from 1992 through 2000, according to the center's report. Only a dozen other states provided smaller increases.

And to cope with the latest round of budget cuts, the State Board of Education authorized a 12 percent increase in student fees last month, aggravating growing concerns that higher education was being priced out of the reach of most Idaho residents.

That increase is on top of the 63 percent hike in student fees the center report said Idaho imposed from 1992 to 2001. Only Hawaii and Arkansas imposed higher percentage increases.

While Idaho fees remained comparably low last year at \$2,800 a year, college officials

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CINCO DE MAYO SPIRIT



Dancers perform the A la vibra de la mar, a traditional children's rhyme, at a Cinco de Mayo festival at the College of Southern Idaho Monday. Dancers and musicians performed 14 numbers for the audience to celebrate Mexican culture.

Ex-employee files lawsuit against clinic

Says she refused to make false promises

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A former employee is taking Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital Inc. to court. Holly Rambo, former director of patient services at the clinic, said she was forced to resign from her job after she refused to communicate to her employees under her supervision "promises of job security and professional opportunities at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and/or its successor," according to the lawsuit filed April 22 in 5th District Court in Twin Falls.

The lawsuit claims that clinic management knew those promises and opportunities were false.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center bought the clinic in January for \$16.1 million.

Rambo, who's being represented by attorney Wade Hyder, accused the clinic of slander and libel, saying the clinic knowingly published false statements about her which exposed her to "public hatred, contempt or disgrace" and she suffered "actual injury" directly caused by the publication of statements by the clinic, according to the lawsuit. As a result, Rambo "suffered damages, including emotional distress, embarrassment, humiliation, mental anguish, wounded pride, shame, despair, loss of employment opportunities, loss of employment, damage to her professional reputation and economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial."

Rambo also said the clinic failed to pay her for 267.3 hours of accrued vacation time and 224 hours of accrued unused sick time. For Rambo, who according to the lawsuit was making \$27 an hour when she left the clinic in late October, that adds up to more than \$13,000 in lost wages.

Rambo and Hyder are asking for a jury trial to determine damages.

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Israel links Arafat to terrorism

White House urges Sharon to negotiate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israel intensified its campaign Monday to link Yasser Arafat to terror attacks in the face of the Bush administration's insistence that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon must deal with him as leader of the Palestinians.

President Bush, on the eve of White House talks with Sharon, prodded Arafat to play a constructive role to stop violence.

"He has disappointed me. He must lead. He must show the world that he believes in peace," Bush said.

Sharon called Monday for reform of the Palestinian Authority, including its security forces, and suggested it needed a new leader and more accountability. He did not call outright for the ouster of Arafat as he has in the past, possibly signaling a softening in his position.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon prepares to deliver a speech at the annual Anti-Defamation League National Leadership conference, Monday. He will meet with President Bush today.

"A responsible Palestinian Authority that can advance the cause of peace should not be

dependent on the will of one man," Sharon said in a reference.

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Large hole almost burns through nuclear reactor cover

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A nuclear reactor in Ohio is found to have a large hole nobody thought possible, burned almost through its six-inch protective steel cover. Cracks of a type never seen before are discovered at a reactor in South Carolina, triggering widespread inspections.

Both events caught industry leaders and government regulators by surprise, and they are fueling new questions about aging nuclear power plants and plant inspection programs.

The cracks found early last year at the Oconee Unit 2 reactor plant in South Carolina and the hole discovered in March in the steel reactor lid at the Davis Besse plant in Ohio were in areas thought largely impervious to such problems.

"It was material degradation that wasn't expected," acknowledges Alex Marion of the Nuclear

Energy Institute, the industry's trade group.

The 25-year-old Davis Besse reactor on the short of Lake Erie is one of four nuclear plants owned by FirstEnergy Corp. It has been shut down since February, when a refueling and crack inspection program began and the hole in the reactor dome was discovered. The dome remains to be patched.

An inspection of most of the 68 other plants with similar designs and conditions reported no corrosion. But the regulators ordered special inspections at 14 reactors thought to be vulnerable to nozzle cracking because of their age.

Some senior officials at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are viewing the Davis Besse and Oconee discoveries as the most significant safety issue facing the nuclear industry since the Three Mile Island accident 23 years ago.

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NATION

Papers reveal Nixon's Mideast struggle

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - Richard Nixon, like other presidents, was dogged by perceptions that U.S. policy in the Middle East was biased against Arabs. In papers from his administration released Monday, he denied such a tilt.

The long-tangled U.S. effort to broker peace in the region is laid out in a trove of decades-old documents from Nixon's administration that read like headlines from today.

In more than 107,000 pages of Nixon-era papers made public for the first time, the president and his advisers are seen worrying over how to prod Israel and its Arab neighbors toward peace in the Middle East, and trying to combat perceptions that the United States is anti-Arab.

"Your help to Israel is seen as hostile to the Arab world," the Saudi foreign minister tells the president in one 1973 meeting in the Oval Office between U.S. officials and Arab leaders.

Nixon, in response, acknowledges the perception that U.S. administrations "are politically influenced too much on the side of Israel." But he adds: "As far as I'm concerned I am not now, nor have I ever been, nor will I ever be, affected by domestic politics in my search for peace."

Later in the conversation, he assured Arab leaders that while Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is Jewish, "he has the same goal as I have - a fair and just settlement to all."

"Some of my Arab friends, I know, have asked how they can

trust Dr. Kissinger," Nixon said. "But I can say that above all he wants a fair and a just peace."

Three decades later, the Bush administration is trying to counter similar criticisms that U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East are tilted toward Israel.

"Talking points" for Nixon's 1973 conversation read like U.S. policy statements from today.

One recommended point for Nixon could be from current Secretary of State Colin Powell's playbook: "Our position is that fighting should stop and that it should be followed by a serious diplomatic effort to reach a final peaceful settlement."

"We stand willing to play a part in working for a just and durable peace."

The conversation took place

just weeks before Egypt and Syria attacked Israeli forces in the Sinai and the Golan in the Yom Kippur War.

The documents out Monday include records of Oval Office conversations and telephone calls, papers preparing Nixon for meetings and draft upon draft of evolving foreign policy initiatives.

Nixon's handwriting is scrawled across some, telling aides "I agree" or asking for specific follow-up actions or changes. Even now, full pages are blacked out for national security reasons and stamped "sanitized copy."

Since 1986, the National Archives has released more than 7 million pages of material from the Nixon administration as well as thousands of videos, photographs and hours of tapes.

Snow snarls traffic in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Forget the calendar: Up to 7 inches of snow made travel difficult Monday across western and central North Dakota.

"I haven't heard anyone say there's no problems out there - everything is complaining this morning," said Jim Simon, manager of a gas station in Washburn.

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory

for northwest and north central North Dakota and the Highway Patrol advised no travel at all in McLean and Williams counties. Snow also fell in parts of northeastern Montana.

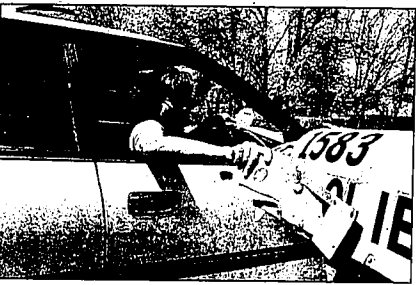
The weather service said 7 inches of snow was reported at McClusky in Sheridan County, with 6 inches at Halliday in Dunn County. More snow is possible through Wednesday.

Fear plagues mail carriers after Midwest mailbox bombings

SEWARD, Neb. (AP) - Letter carriers nervously resumed their rounds in the Midwest on Monday as investigators tried to figure out who left 15 pipe bombs with anti-government messages in roadside mailboxes in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois.

Jim Pelzer wore safety goggles and earplugs as he delivered mail in Tipton, Iowa, where one of the bombs exploded Friday. The protective gear was a gift from his wife.

"My feeling was when we had 9/11 and the anthrax scare, I was a little concerned about my job safety," Pelzer said. "But now I'm intimidated and scared."



U.S. Postal worker Joyce Bennett delivers mail along her route in Dixon, Ill., Monday after mail service was suspended in parts of Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska after pipe bombs were placed in rural mail boxes Friday and Saturday.

The bombs wounded six people in Illinois and Iowa on Friday, while two other bombs found in Iowa did not explode. The next day, seven bombs were found 350 miles away in Nebraska, but they were detonated harmlessly by authorities.

The FBI said Monday that the bombs and the accompanying notes were nearly identical and clearly came from the same source. The FBI considers the attacks a case of domestic terrorism, and profiling experts have said whoever wrote the note is probably an older American man.

Authorities have not said whether they think the bombings were the work of an individual or a group.

FBI agent Larry Holmquist said the only differences in the bombs were slight variations in

the detonating mechanisms. He refused to elaborate.

"There is no question that these were planted by the same person or persons," Holmquist said.

Officials described the bombs as three-quarter-inch steel pipes attached to 9-volt batteries, and said they appeared to be triggered by being touched or moved.

The typewritten note found with the bombs read 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."

Mail delivery was suspended Saturday in parts of Iowa and Illinois. It resumed Monday with added precautions across the region.

At the request of the Postal Service, many homeowners with roadside delivery in Nebraska, Iowa, northwestern Illinois and southwestern Wisconsin left their mailbox doors open or removed them. Mail carriers were told that if a customer's mailbox was left open, they should bring the mail to the door.

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Judge orders Cardinal Law to give deposition

BOSTON (AP) - A judge Monday ordered Cardinal Bernard Law to give a deposition on Wednesday in the civil litigation against John Geoghan, the now-defrocked priest accused of molesting scores of youngsters.

Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney expressed concern that Law might not be available to answer questions under oath unless the deposition were held soon.

"His choice of whether he is available for deposition is not entirely belonging to him," she said. "If the pope tells him to go to Rome, he goes."

She denied a request by the archdiocese for a seven-day notice before the deposition.

But she also denied a request by plaintiffs' attorney Mitchell Garabedian that Law be required to post a \$10 million bond if he leaves the state.

Garabedian, who represents 86 alleged victims of Geoghan, was pressing on with the litigation after the archdiocese decided on Friday to back out of a settlement in the case. The rejected deal would have paid plaintiffs between \$15 million and \$30 million.

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NATION

Jury selection starts in bombing trial

Ex-Klansman faces murder charges

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jury selection began Monday in one of the nation's highest profile pieces of unfinished business from the civil rights era — the murder trial of a former Ku Klux Klansman in the 1963 church bombing that killed four black girls.

Frank Cherry, 71, is accused of hitting other Klansmen with the dynamite bomb outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, which was a downtown rallying site for demonstrators seeking an end to segregation.

The explosion blew a hole in a wall and killed the four girls, ages 11 and 14, as they prepared for a Sunday morning service on Sept. 15, 1963. It was the deadliest act of violence during the civil rights era.

"It's been a long time. It's time that this chapter come to a close," prosecutor Doug Jones

said before Circuit Judge James Garrett imposed a gag order.

A pool of 114 prospective jurors was brought to court for questioning. Jury selection was expected to take most of the week.

Cherry, who could get life in prison if convicted, is the final suspect to stand trial in the case.

Cherry was one of a group of Klansmen who came under almost immediate suspicion. However, the first prosecution in the case did not come until 1977, when Robert "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss was convicted and sentenced to prison, where he later died.

Ex-Klansman Thomas Blanton Jr. was convicted of murder last year and sentenced to prison. A fourth suspect, Herman Cash, died in 1994 without being charged.



Murder defendant Bobby Frank Cherry sits in a courtroom in the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Center as his attorneys Mickey Johnson, left, and Rodger Bass confer in Birmingham, Ala., Monday.

U.S. farm bill finds few fans in foreign countries

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Of all the problems that plague the world's poor in the age of globalization, few are so widely condemned as the subsidies that rich countries provide their farmers. Poor nations suffer because their crop prices are pushed down on global markets when relatively prosperous farmers receive government incentives to increase production.

The European Union's farm subsidies have drawn the harshest attacks from critics, who include left-wing activists, academic economists, World Bank officials and right-wing free-marketters. But thanks to the farm bill that President Bush has promised to sign once it passes the Senate this week, U.S. agriculture policy may rival Europe's as the most revived among experts on Third World economies, especially since it runs counter to the Bush administration's free-trade rhetoric.

The farm bill, which substantially increases price guarantees for crops such as corn and wheat and creates subsidies for others such as soybeans, "is very discouraging for developing countries," said Nancy Birdsall, director of the Center for Global Development, a Washington think-tank. "It's a very strong signal that our politics dominates our policies and when there are unintended consequences for countries that don't have much power in the world, that's too bad."

The bill's cost, officially estimated at \$180 billion over 10 years, though many budget experts believe it will be much higher, would add to the \$350 billion in farm subsidies that the world's richest countries provide each year. World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn has been particularly outspoken in castigating wealthy nations for lavishing so much on their agricultural sectors, noting that the sum is about equal to the entire gross domestic product of sub-Saharan Africa and seven times the rich countries' total foreign-aid budgets.

A forthcoming study by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund illustrates some of the distorting effects of subsidies on markets such as cotton. If world cotton prices were not depressed by subsidies, the number of people living in poverty in the African nation of Burkina Faso could be cut in half within six years, according to the study, which notes that subsidies account for about one-third of the \$35,000 average annual income of U.S. cotton farmers. The per capita income in Burkina Faso is less than \$1 a day.

Accordingly, World Bank staffers were scathing in their assessments of the farm bill, though they refused to be quoted by name given the political clout that Washington exercises as the institution's dominant shareholder.

Child-care worker told court missing girl was fine

MIAMI (AP) — The handling of the case of a missing 5-year-old was "absolutely despicable," and a child welfare worker repeatedly claimed the girl was fine, a judge said Monday.

Nearly two months after Rilya Wilson was last seen in January 2001, caseworker Deborah Muskusky told Circuit Judge Cindy Lederman that the child was in day care, the judge said in a report submitted Aug. 31, 2001. Muskusky said Rilya's custodian was addressing her needs,

the juvenile court judge said. "Aside from everything else, she misrepresented the child's well-being to this court," Lederman said.

Detectives are now treating Rilya's disappearance as a possible homicide. Investigators are waiting for DNA test results from police in Kansas City, Mo., to see if a girl found beheaded there in April 2001 was Rilya.

The actions of Muskusky, who resigned in March for her performance in other cases, are one

of the targets of an investigation into Rilya's whereabouts.

The judge said Rilya was ultimately the court's responsibility, but said she held the Department of Children & Families to blame and hinted that Muskusky could face charges of perjury and making false statements.

Ed Griffith, a state attorney's office spokesman, declined to comment on whether Muskusky is facing any charges, calling it a "broad, ongoing investigation."

The Department of Children &

Families said Saturday that it will now require supervisors, as well as caseworkers to visit every child's home, and caregivers and children old enough to write will be required to sign a log after every visit.

Meanwhile, Manville Cash, a jailed man listed on state documents as the father of the missing 5-year-old, told The Miami Herald he doubts reports that his daughter was taken from the house of her caretaker, Gerilyn Graham.

Targets say frozen asset effects are minimal

The Washington Post

Business is bustling at Yemen's Al-Nur honey shop, where customers are more interested in the products for sale than in the Bush administration's decision to freeze the company's assets and label it a terrorist organization.

In Switzerland, the former owner of a holding company said he hasn't had any trouble withdrawing cash since his name appeared on a list of individuals and organizations linked to al-Qaida.

President Bush issued his first of several executive orders blocking assets two weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, and the freeze now applies to more than 200 individuals, groups and businesses in the United States. The United Nations followed suit, obligating a global hold on most of the assets and accounts identified by Washington.

The Associated Press interviewed many of those affected and found that while some have been hit hard, the impact for others has been minimal — and in some cases

the publicity may have actually helped.

That seems to be the case at the Al-Hamati bakery, a small shop that sells sticky sweet pastries in the Yemeni capital of Sana'a.

Asim al-Hamati, whose brother owns the bakery, said Yemeni officials searched the premises but "did not find anything illegal." He denied the company had any links to Osama bin Laden but said that the publicity of being branded a terrorist briefly boosted sales in a country with deep-seated suspicions of the United States.

"We are operating normally. We have nothing to do with terrorism," he said.

At the nearby Al-Nur honey shop, also labeled a terrorist front last October, customers doubted an al-Qaida link and said they didn't particularly care if there was one.

"It doesn't concern me who owns the shop or where my money goes. What's important is that the honey be of a high caliber," said Walid Abdo Mohammed, gazing at the hundreds of jars on the shop's wooden shelves.

Michele Davis, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Treasury Department, said that overall, the crackdown was hurting al-Qaida.

"We think we're making an impact. We've raised awareness and shut down pipelines and we're beginning to see countries of the world that didn't have processes to track and block assets putting the right systems in place," she said.

A raid on the Illinois and Bosnian offices of Benevolence International Foundation led to the arrest last week of the charity's director and charges that he lied about his connections to bin Laden. Justice Department officials say the organization funneled money to terrorists.

Early on in the war on terrorism, the administration targeted several Islamic charities long suspected of dubious financing, including Al-Rashid Trust, a Pakistani-based charity that worked closely with the ousted Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Despite a Sept. 24 asset freeze order and a promise from Pakistan to cooperate in shutting the group down, the organization continues to operate.

Official says Cuba might be helping 'rogue states'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Monday it believes Cuba "has at least a limited offensive biological warfare" program and may be transferring its expertise to other countries hostile to the United States.

"We are concerned that such technology could support biological warfare programs in those states," said Undersecretary of State John Bolton.

Bolton did not identify these nations but noted that Cuban President Fidel Castro visited Iraq, Syria and Libya last year, all of which, like Cuba, are on the State Department list of state sponsors of terrorism. Bolton said all are attempting to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Bolton, the State Department's top, nonproliferation official, called on Cuba to cease transfers of biological weapons technology to "rogue states and to fully comply with all of its obligations under the Biological Weapons Convention."

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Gunman kills Dutch politician

HILVERSUM, Netherlands (AP) — Right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn, whose anti-immigration party stunned the public with its strong showing in local elections last March, was shot six times and killed Monday as he left a radio broadcast.

Dutch television said the 54-year-old politician was shot in the head, neck and chest. The attack came nine days before national elections, and opinion polls had predicted Fortuyn would lead one of the largest parties in parliament.



People gather to bring flowers and burn candles to pay their respect near the house of Pim Fortuyn, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Monday.

Prime Minister Wim Kok confirmed Fortuyn's death.

"After this assassination, Pim Fortuyn is gone," Kok said in The Hague after breaking off a campaign engagement in the western city of Haarlem. "This is a deep tragedy. I am shocked. This is a deep tragedy for those close to him, for his loved ones and for our country and our democracy."

It was the first time in modern history that a Dutch political

candidate for prime minister, "It's a low point for our democracy."

Fortuyn, a former academic and columnist who led an openly gay lifestyle, had dictated debate

during the campaign with verbal attacks on the country's growing Muslim population and strident criticism of the national government.

He called Islam a "backward" culture and laid claim to leadership of the Netherlands' perennially vacant political right.

Fortuyn (pronounced **FOR-TOWN**) was leaving a 3FM radio network interview in Hilversum, about 10 miles southeast of Amsterdam, when he was attacked. He was heading for his car when gunned down. Television said paramedics treated Fortuyn where he fell at the entrance to a building, and he was not taken to hospital.

No information was immediately available about the assailant. Witnesses said the shooter fled and was chased by at least four people after attacking Fortuyn.

"I saw Pim Fortuyn lying on the ground with a bullet wound in his head," said television reporter Dave Abspoel.

France's president names prime minister

PARIS (AP) — Jean-Pierre Raffarin, an affable but little-known conservative senator, was named France's prime minister on Monday, a day after President Jacques Chirac won re-election by an overwhelming margin.

Raffarin, 53, is expected to name a new Cabinet this week, possibly as early as Tuesday, and begin working on Chirac's promise to crack down on rising crime and respond to the nation's discontent.

Chirac trounced ultra-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen in Sunday's presidential race, winning a record 82 percent of the vote.

The stakes are high for Raffarin. Left-leaning parties are eager to stage a comeback after Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin suffered an embarrassing loss to Le Pen in the first round of voting.

Raffarin's appointment was announced by Dominique de Villepin, one of Chirac's top aides,

on national television. It came soon after Jospin turned in his resignation as expected. The ministers remain in place until successors are appointed to ensure a smooth transition.

Jospin left the Hotel Matignon, the official residence of prime ministers, after handing the reins to Raffarin. The two men walked together down a red carpet, and Jospin was applauded by supporters and staff as he drove off.

Raffarin's Cabinet is expected to serve at least until next month's elections.

Recruited from the small, center-right Liberal Democracy party, Raffarin is a former marketing executive who favors free trade, putting him at odds with many leftist rivals.

"He has been named ... to put in place, without delay, the conservative and ultraliberal program of Jacques Chirac," Communist Party chief Robert Hue said.

Police search for missing baby

LONDON — A 2-day-old baby girl, one of a pair of identical twins, was abducted from her mother's hospital room in central England on Monday.

West Midlands police said they were looking for two women seen running from Wordsley Hospital in Stourbridge, 125 miles northwest of London.

Police Superintendent Steve Rowell said the baby was taken from her crib at the foot of her mother's bed in the hospital maternity ward. He said the baby's parents, who were not named, were distraught.

Police said they were seeking two women aged between 25 and 30.

"It would appear that two women, who appear to be acting together, went into the hospital at about the time that we are concerned with and were asking where the maternity unit was," Rowell said.

"Later they were seen running out hurriedly and one of the women appears to be concealing a baby under her coat."

Nepal government says airstrikes killed rebels

KATMANDU, Nepal — Army helicopters killed more than 200 rebels in airstrikes on guerrilla strongholds in western Nepal, government officials said Monday, a day before Nepal's prime minister was to meet President Bush to discuss the communist insurgency.

The deaths raised the claimed toll to more than 560 in four days of fighting in this Himalayan mountain kingdom — which would be the deadliest violence since the rebels began their struggle to topple the constitutional monarchy six years ago.

The claims could not be independently verified and Defense Ministry spokesman Tana Gautam said only 108 bodies had been found since Thursday. He said rebels often carry away or bury bodies. Neither journalists nor Nepal's small human rights groups have access to the battle zone. Rebels do not usually comment on battles.

World in brief

The casualty figures are "purely speculation," said Yubaraj Ghimire, editor of Nepal's largest selling newspaper group, Kantipur. "It depends on circumstantial evidence, like heavy firing from the army side and no response from the rebels, but I am not disputing the figures."

German union moves strikes into full gear

STUTTGART, Germany — The first strike by Germany's largest industrial union in seven years moved into full gear Monday as thousands of workers began a series of one-day stoppages that many fear could slow the recovery of Europe's biggest economy.

Some 30,000 workers, mainly in the auto industry, launched strikes for higher wages at 20 plants, including Daimler-Chrysler, Porsche and U.S.-based tractor maker John Deere's factory in Mannheim. Employers have shown no signs of budging from their wage offer.

The head of IG Metall union, with 2.7 million members, rallied striking workers at the Stuttgart headquarters of the luxury carmaker Porsche at dawn on Monday, pledging to fight until the strike achieves an "acceptable result."

The union, which also represents workers in electronics and machine building, is pushing for a one-year 6.5 percent pay increase to compensate for moderate past increases, inflation and higher productivity.

To press its point, it has initiated a new tactic of "flexible strikes," calling on members to stage one-day walkouts at specific companies but stopping short of a damaging total shutdown.

Agency estimates offensive damage at \$300 million

JERUSALEM — A senior U.N. official on Monday estimated that Israel's military offensive in the West Bank caused between \$300 million and \$400 million

damage to Palestinian property and reconstruction would take at least a year.

Among the places hardest hit was Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, where the damage was estimated at \$110 million, including to the historical Ghazal Mosque, said Tim Rothermel, the special representative of the U.N. Development Program responsible for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Rothermel said representatives from the United Nations, the World Bank and the European Commission would complete their damage assessment by May 15 and draw up a plan for reconstruction.

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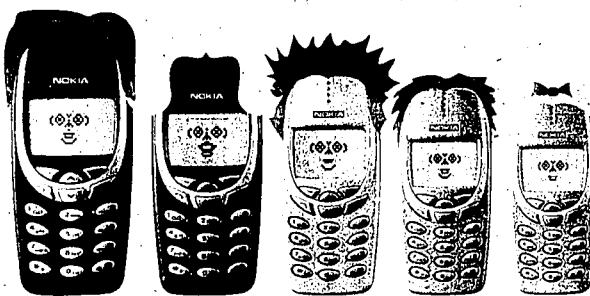
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EDITORIAL

Tax hikes for shortfalls wouldn't help Idahoans

News that Idaho suffered a \$60 million shortfall in state tax collections during April will strike up another round of debate about the Legislature's budgeting skills.

Those who want to heap more criticism on legislators should step back and think twice. The truth is, even if there had been no state tax cut a year ago, the economic downturn still would have required lawmakers to cut spending.

Our view: April's \$60 million tax shortfall is averted by Legislature's decision to keep a contingency fund.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

to state university poll numbers that argue Idahoans want more taxes to preserve school funding increases. Some will keep asserting that the state's \$100 million permanent tax cut is what caused Idaho's economic downturn.

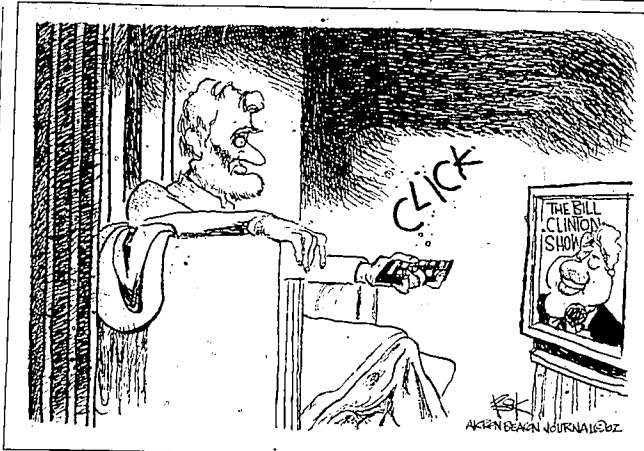
But remember: Even if the Legislature had increased taxes, there would still be a need for cost cutting, because income tax revenue would still be below projections. Plus, aside, it's doubtful that voters statewide would welcome tax increases, when job losses are hitting more regions of the state.

Furthermore, increases in corporate taxes and sales taxes might prolong the downturn for Idaho businesses.

The argument that last year's tax cuts somehow caused the downturn is a real dud. The Idaho Legislature wasn't who shoved the semiconductor industry down a manhole. We're suffering the effects of a nationwide economic slowdown - a trend that was made more intense by the Sept. 11 attacks.

Those who want to maintain spending on big programs want to do so by dipping deeper into the pockets of Idaho taxpayers. And they want to do it at a time when expendable personal income has shrunk.

Keeping those programs in check, with reductions and appropriate budgets, is the responsible way to make sure the people's government reflects the economic realities that affect the people's lives. If the state can't afford costly state programs, it shouldn't try to pay for them.



Critics pile blame on the church

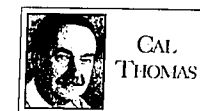
Politically liberal and religiously secular people are having too good a time beating up on the Roman Catholic Church.

Leflies, who would never tolerate stereotyping their favorite groups (blacks, women and gays come to mind as examples), think nothing of universally condemning all things Catholic for the despicable sexual actions of what appears to be a relatively small number of priests and the cover-up by some higher-ups in the church.

I happen to love Catholics as well as Jews, though I confess, not to love all Catholics, or all Jews (or all Protestants, or all atheists, for that matter). But among those of whom I am not particularly fond, I'm not unfond of them because they are Jewish or Catholic. There are unique personality and behavioral traits that contribute to my view of them, and the same is probably true of them when they think of me.

Media commentators are among the worst offenders. Not since the "high-tech lynching" of Clarence Thomas and the scandals involving certain TV evangelists have they enjoyed themselves this much. They get the added benefit of covering themselves in faux righteousness, pretending to care about the health and welfare of a church in which most have little or no part, while simultaneously and hypocritically giving it a public flogging.

One such commentator is Bill Keller of the New York Times. In his May 4 column, Keller admits, "I am what a friend calls a 'collapsed Catholic' - well beyond lapsed - and therefore



CAL THOMAS

claim no voice in whom the church ordains or how it prays or what it chooses to call a sin." Such a confession doesn't stop Keller, however, from giving what might be called "collapsed advice." According to Keller, who echoes other critics, the Catholic church's problem is that it is not modern and refuses to take marching orders from the likes of people such as himself.

The "gospel" according to Keller and his fellow collapsees is that the Catholic Church - and by implication all religion - must conduct the ultimate makeover and adapt to this present age. Ozy Osbourne might fit Keller's ideal of a popular "pop" since the chief contribution of Osbourne and his family appears to be providing distractions and entertainment for the damned. Critics inside and outside the Catholic Church are right to call for an investigation of the cover-up of sexual crimes by priests and for new rules governing behavior and accountability. But the media should be ashamed that they are using the horror of adult-child sexual abuse, and even sex between consenting adults, as a flimsy excuse to wallow in unrestrained bigotry. If anyone needs to "modernize," it's the bigots.

As Dr. Charles Stanley, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, once observed in a sermon: "We have come a long way from little Samuel, who said, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth,'" to our present moment when we say, "Listen, Lord, for thy servant speaketh." The arrest last week of Rev.

Paul Shanley on charges of raping young boys while he was a Boston priest is one example of the media piling on.

William Donohue, President of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, believes the media has not given a full picture of the Shanley case. The priest's allegedly abusive behavior was, in fact, the result of his (ital) defying (end ital) church teachings on sexual matters, Donohue notes.

Shanley, writes Donohue in a May 3 Catholic League news release, "got the green light (in 1970) from Cardinal Humberto Medeiros," then the Archbishop of Boston, who appointed Shanley as his "representative for sexual minorities." Not only was this a "bizarre ministry," notes Donohue, but Shanley was openly gay which, in itself, defied church teachings on sexuality. In 1979, Medeiros ended Shanley's "special ministry." Shanley then denounced Medeiros because the cardinal had admonished gays to abstain from sex, which Shanley branded as "virtually useless advice."

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U.S. interests come first for Hispanic residents

Juan Hernandez, head of Mexico's office for Mexicans abroad, has remarked that Mexico wants the "whole enchilada" - amnesty for those illegally in the United States as well as a guest worker program allowing many more Mexicans in every year.

But is the whole enchilada best for Mexico and the United States? Does the United States need a guest worker program, and if so, how many workers? How would this affect employment among Mexican Americans?

Hernandez estimates that there are 2.5 million Mexicans illegally in the United States. Since it is Mexico's inability to create economic opportunity for all its citizens that created the need for so many to migrate, what are Mexico's interests in stopping the continuing waves of illegal immigrants?

PATRICK OSIO JR.

Or does the whole enchilada mean amnesty to those already here, plus an additional 1.5 million Mexican guest workers he says the U.S. needs each year? Hernandez seems to think that most of the 23 million Americans of Mexican origin will support Mexico's "whole enchilada" concept. But I think he is wrong. Here in the United States, that adult Mexican immigrants like immigrants from other countries, spend their life in the U.S. referring to Mexico as "back home." But their "new" home and new life are here. Their native language is Spanish; English, limited or fluent, is their second language.

But their children are no longer immigrants; their reference to Mexico is the U.S. place of birth and childhood. The newer generations no longer feel a part of Mexico, though they retain some of the inherited culture.

They may feel Mexican, but as a culture, Latino, Chicano or however they choose to identify their roots. They feel no allegiance or obligation to Mexico, even as they care for its honor, food, music and other aspects of its culture.

Heavily, they have been traveling throughout the United States, meeting with members of Mexican American organizations. He is received warmly and supported in his quest to improve the lot of Mexican immigrants who still are Mexican citizens. Hernandez has suggested that Mexican Americans invest in Mexico's economic development to create jobs and better the situation. The idea is well received and under way to some degree.

But Hernandez should understand that the first responsibility of all those Mexican American organizations is to their community here in the United States. Yes, they support the idea that Mexican nationals should be able to get driver's licenses, with the mandate to carry liability insurance. They understand that children brought here illegally by their parents are not themselves illegal immigrants, but undocumented immigrants, so they support educational benefits for the children.

They support allowing those children, who know no life other than the one in the United States, to apply for citizenship. And they defend the legal, civil and constitutional rights of all, including those illegally from Mexico. But if Hernandez believes that U.S. citizens of Mexican heritage will support ideas or programs not in the best interest of their country, the United States, he might find that Mexican Americans prefer burritos over enchiladas.

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Communities can benefit from Planned Parenthood

Every community can benefit from having a Planned Parenthood clinic within a close distance. I wish we had one in our rural area. As a member of American Association of University Women of Idaho and Long Valley Branch, and as a mother and grandmother, I am particularly interested in education, in women's reproductive health and in family planning.

Planned Parenthood fills the gap where our families and schools are unable or unwilling to teach comprehensive sex education to our children. Planned Parenthood provides classes for parents and children to learn together about sex and health. When children become sexually active, they often don't understand the consequences of their behavior. Planned Parenthood is there to give coun-

sel about sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS and unplanned pregnancy.

Education is our best defense against unplanned, unwanted pregnancy, against STDs and HIV/AIDS. Education is our best tool to plan families that are wanted. Education is the best means for potentially healthy mothers and babies. We are fortunate that people of conscience support Planned Parenthood. I hope the people of Twin Falls support this opportunity of having a clinic in their area. It's a great resource.

GWEN KIMBALL
New Meadows

Radio also broadcast LDS conference

Gale Carlock, hello! Ordinarily I wouldn't waste my once-a-month letter to the editor on something like this, but I couldn't resist. I am sure that

many LDS like yourself were appreciative of the service KMVT offered in broadcasting the church conference this past April. My response in the "Letter of Thanks" column, was appreciated by KMVT. I am sure, and I commend it as well.

However, your statement that no other media in our area broadcasts the conference is in error. Either you are one who is glued to the tube all your waking hours or you don't have any other means of wireless communication in your home. The LDS conference has been broadcast on KART Radio, 1400 AM, for the past 38 years. It is also broadcast on other of our affiliates, KBAR in Burley and in Spanish on KFTA in Rupert. I am sorry if you have missed the conference all these years when it has been available.

I guess that we assume anyone who is interested knows where to find the broadcast or will take the

time to search for it. We have received hundreds of letters of thanks for this service over the 38 years and regret that you have not availed yourself of its presence.

ALLEN D. LEE
Jerome
(Editor's note: Allen Lee is the owner of the Lee Radio Broadcast Group.)

T-N covered the King Hill CAFO issue well

I would like to thank The Times-News and Jennifer Sandmann for covering the King Hill confined animal feeding operation issue. I have received many letters from people offering support and guidance on how to further proceed. We will continue to ensure the area is safe from water and air pollution.

The Elmore County Planning and Zoning Commission is holding a hearing on May 22 to draft a new CAFO ordinance for the

county. We will work to ensure this ordinance represents the interests of the residents and the environment.

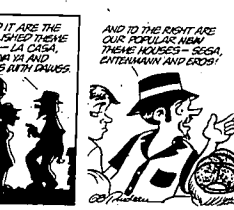
Thanks for getting the word out. I'm sure we will need The Times-News' help in the future.
DEBBIE BROSS
King Hill

Max Vaughn does a good job as county assessor

I would like to see Max Vaughn re-elected for county assessor because I feel like he does such a good job for our county. I've known Max Vaughn for several years and have always found him to be helpful and courteous. His office staff have always been friendly and efficient.

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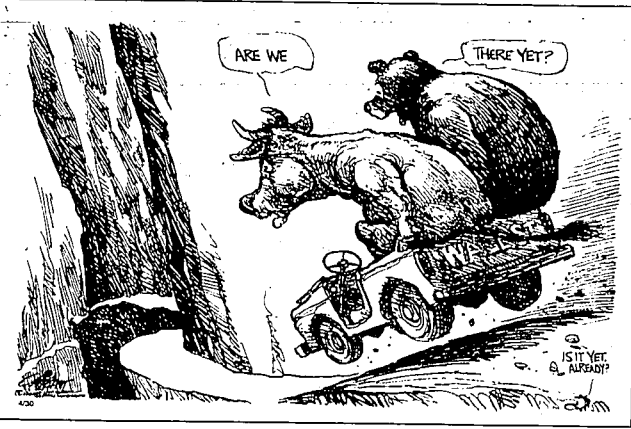
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OPINION



Medicine scandals equal Enron's

The Enron scandal features trusted professionals—auditors—who turn out to be corrupt, damaging the whole economy. Meanwhile, in what ought to be recognized as the national health scandal, we have trusted professionals—doctors—who are likewise corrupt, with even more expensive consequences.

Doctors are supposed to advise patients on their health. But doctors face financial incentives to be less than objective. Last year pharmaceutical companies spent \$7 billion on sending gift-laden salesmen to two doctors and another \$2 billion on events for them. Doctors' coffee cups, stethoscopes and pens all are adorned with pharmaceutical logos. Their expenses paid seminars in the Caribbean are conveniently invisible.

This is only the tip of the scandal. Doctors accept money from drug firms to serve as "consultants," and sometimes there's a direct financial incentive to push certain treatments. A blood-testing lab may pay doctors a percentage on the business they pass on; a pharmaceutical company may provide drugs to doctors at a discount so that they can be sold to patients at a hefty profit. The Medicare system—meaning taxpayers—loses several hundred million dollars a year to this sort of scamming.

Hence, Part I of the Enron parallel: professional conflicts of interest. Auditors are supposed to watch over corporate management, but managers corrupt auditors' judgment with lucrative consulting contracts. Doctors are supposed to advise patients on which drugs they need, but drug firms corrupt their judgment with assorted bribes. Corrupt auditors sign off on dubious financial statements which, when later corrected, can cost shareholders their shirts. Corrupt doctors sign dubious prescriptions that cost patients multimillions.

How many millions? Consider one simple calculation. In 2000, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Americans paid for 45 million prescriptions of the anti-inflammatory drugs Celebrex and Vioxx, even though nearly all patients could be treated just as well with over-the-counter ibuprofen. The Celebrex and Vioxx cost \$3.7 billion, whereas 45 million bottles of ibuprofen at \$3.99 a shot would have cost \$180 million. In other

SEBASTIAN MALLABY

words, dumb prescriptions for just two drugs cost the economy more than \$3 billion.

Those examples are not alone. Of the 20 most frequently prescribed drugs, 15 (including the inflammatory culprits above) are under patent. Several could be partially replaced by generic drugs.

But doctors stick with the expensive branded drugs that company salesmen press on them. This is the triumph of the Caribbean seminar. And this is why the price of the average prescription jumped 10 percent last year, despite a general inflation rate of about 1 percent.

The Enron analogy goes on. Just as the corruption of individual auditors is reinforced by the cozy oligopoly of audit firms, so collusion increasingly pervades doctoring. Hospital companies have been on a merger binge; in several cities now, one or two chains control more than half the hospital capacity. In Cleveland, for example, two systems control two-thirds of local beds; in Richmond, one firm controls two-fifths of them. Naturally, the hospital oligopolists are shoving prices up.

Finally, there's politics. When government agencies tried to rein in auditor conflicts of interest in the past, the firms lobbied them into submission.

Anyone who messes with the doctor-industrial complex risks the same treatment. The Food and Drug Administration has preached the benefits of cheap generic drugs, but the doctors only shrug.

State governments have tried to impose a list of cost-effective medicines for use by Medicaid, but the pharmaceutical lobby is now suing them. In different ways, Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich tried to ruin in health costs. Both fell victim to shameless medagogy.

The Enron factor in health care explains why costs are going through the roof, with nasty consequences for everybody. Insurance premiums are shooting up; firms will respond by holding down wages or cutting insurance coverage to stay even; the ranks of the uninsured will swell beyond their already

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shameful numbers. Containing this problem will take a national campaign, and happily the first signs of one are visible. A new coalition of businesses and state governments is pushing the cause of cheap generic drugs, and the American Association of Retired Persons has thrown its considerable weight behind this effort. Without reform, the health care system is "like Venice, sinking into the sea," says William Novelli, the AARP's boss.

Sebastian Mallaby is a member of The Washington Post's editorial page staff.

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MARGARET AND BOB ROBINSON
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Vote for Sharon Block; she listens to the people

I am writing this letter in support of Sharon Block, who is running for state representative in the Republican primary on May 28. I am urging everyone in District 24 to vote for her.
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 I hope Sharon Block will get your vote for state representative.

BOBBIE GOSS
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Western Family PAPER TOWELS
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 CASE OF 30: \$15

Western Family FACIAL TISSUE
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69¢
 CASE OF 24: \$16.98

Western Family WHIPPING CREAM
 1/2 Pint **2/\$1**
SOUR CREAM 16 Oz. **99¢**
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General Mills LUCKY CHARMS 14 Oz. & **TRIX** 12 Oz. **2/\$5**

Nestle's QUIK
 Chocolate & Strawberry 30 Oz.
\$2.99

Western Family PANCAKE SYRUP
 Reg. or Lite 24 Oz.
\$1.19

Doritos TORTILLA CHIPS
 13.5 Oz. **2/\$4**

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 12.25 Oz. **2/\$5**

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Irish Spring BAR SOAP
 3-Bar Pkg. **\$1.79**

Palmolive DISH SOAP
 25 Oz. **\$2.39**

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 50.1 Lb. Bonus Bag **\$16.99**

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 21.2 Oz. Can **88¢**

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Probe continues into fire-related death

TWIN FALLS - Police on Monday were not releasing the name of a woman who was found dead by firefighters responding to a blaze late Sunday in a Twin Falls apartment.

An autopsy on the woman's body is scheduled for today, and it was hoped she could also be positively identified, said Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith.

Firefighters responded at about 8 p.m. to a structure fire at an apartment behind a home at 1312 Eighth Ave. E. As firefighters were working to contain the fire, they came across a badly burned body, according to reports.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation and hadn't been determined Tuesday, Smith said.

Water users group endorses candidate

BUHL - Five prominent members of Idaho's water-user community have endorsed the candidacy of state Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, for lieutenant governor.

Those endorsing include water attorney and National Water Resources Association Policy Development Committee member Roger Ling; former House Resources and Conservation Committee Chairman Golden Linford; Idaho Water Users Association President Dan Shevemaker; state Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Redwood; and North Side Canal Co. manager and Idaho Water Users Association Legislative Committee Chairman Ted Diehl.

The five have formed a group called "Citizens for Idaho Water Rights" and released a statement regarding the endorsement of Gould.

"It is critical that we have state leaders who are both knowledgeable about the complex world of water rights and courageous in its defense," the group wrote. "In the crowded field for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor, we know from first-hand experience that there is only one candidate who is a knowledgeable, effective and tireless defender of Idaho's water - Celia Gould."

Other GOP candidates for lieutenant governor are current Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs, State Senate Majority Leader Jim Risch, R-Boise, political newcomer Darrell Babbit of Boise, and Larry Eastland, former gubernatorial candidate and Region 4 chairman of the state's GOP from Eagle. Running as a Democrat is Karl Shurtiff, former U.S. attorney from Boise.

Letter carriers will collect food items for needy

TWIN FALLS - As part of a nationwide effort to help reduce hunger, the National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct a one-day food drive throughout the county Saturday.

In the Magic Valley, the letter carriers and the U.S. Postal Service will participate in this effort by collecting nonperishable food items for distribution to food banks in local communities. People are encouraged to pick up nonperishable food items at the store and contribute to the food drive.

Contributors should place their items by their mailboxes Saturday. For more information, call Randy Thiesen at 324-4897 or 539-1011.

Jimmy Buffett tribute act performs tonight in TF

TWIN FALLS - Garratt Wilkin and The Parrotheads, a Jimmy Buffett tribute act, will perform tonight at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8. There's a \$5 cover charge.

Elko commissioners will discuss upcoming budget

ELKO, Nev. - The Elko County Commission has scheduled a budget workshop for 9 a.m. Wednesday to consider final changes to the financial document for the 2002-03 fiscal year before holding a public hearing. The meeting will be held in Room 105 of the courthouse and is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

Glimpse at early Americans



Jim Woods describes some of the techniques used to make stone-age spear heads. Woods will give a lecture tonight on Clovis points in the Herrett Center's collection and will give a flintknapping demonstration.

Artifacts give T.F. archaeologists insight

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Nearly 12,000 years ago, throughout Idaho and the rest of North America walked the continent's first humans.

But just who were these dwellers who populated the continent after the last ice age and dined on the numerous elephants and mammoths in the area?

It's no easy task gaining insight into these "Clovis people" - named after the New Mexico town, site of the first discovery. After all, the only remnants of their existence are meticulously crafted spear heads found at dozens of sites. With the rare exception, no bones, leather or even wood remain.

But local archeologists Jim Woods and Gene Titmus, with their decades of experience with prehistoric tools, are able to glean much information from these artifacts, shedding a little



Woods holds an array of spear heads that demonstrate the entire process of making the projectiles.

light on this mysterious group. Woods and Titmus will share their findings tonight at the Herrett Center, after a slide show, the two will demonstrate the art of flintknapping - that is, spear point making.

If you go...

- What: "Hunting Mammoths in Idaho"
- Where: CSI's Herrett Center
- When: Today, 7 to 9 p.m.
- How much: Free

"There's something kind of different about trying to figure out these most distant relatives of modern-day American Indians," said Woods, associate professor of anthropology at CSI.

A showpiece of the event will be the Simon Collection of Clovis points found at a site in the Magic Valley. While a scattering of points has been discovered at various sites, the Simon cache is unique in its number and variety of spear points.

Moreover, the points were found in various stages of development, offering a narrow window into the makers' thought process.

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AG candidate says he has an edge over rivals

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When it comes to legal matters, Todd Lakey said he and the other three Republican candidates for the Idaho attorney general's office are all equally well qualified.

But Lakey said his experience outside the legal arena gives him an edge.

"Philosophically, we're all pretty similar. But I have leadership experience that I think makes me stand out," said Lakey, a Nampa resident, Monday during a meeting with members of the Times-News editorial board.

Now serves as chairman of the Canyon County Commission

and has also worked as deputy county prosecutor there.

That has given him experience both as a legal adviser to county government and an official acting upon that advice, Lakey said.

Lakey said as a local government official, he strongly favors local control and thinks county prosecutors should call most of the shots within their jurisdiction. Even so, state intervention might be needed in some situations, such as during the probe into the shootings early last year that claimed the lives of two Jerome County sheriff's deputies and a suspect in Idaho, he said.

Another vital role the state should play is through the State Land Board - which includes the

attorney general and has jurisdiction over Idaho's public school trust lands.

Traditionally, those lands have raked in money for the state through mining, grazing leases and timber sales. Lakey said he would like to keep those sources strong.

"Our natural resource industries have taken some hits lately from the federal level," he said. "It's not the looting and pillaging of the land that it was decades ago. They have sound management plans and should be allowed to do good business on the state lands."

Lakey said he would also push to tap into opportunities for tourism and other uses that might

be available on the state lands.

He also said the attorney general's office should have a victims and witnesses services program. Such a program could let crime victims know their rights and prepare to testify in court. Many of Idaho's bigger counties already have such programs in place, but the attorney general's office should help the smaller counties which don't have those services, he said.

Lakey, 37, will face Michael Bogert, Dan Gabbert and Lawrence Warden during the GOP primary May 28. The winner will probably face Democrat Keith Roark, Attorney General Al Lance decided earlier not to seek a third term in office.

Candidates will face off in forum

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the primary election just around the corner, some of this year's candidates will share their views tonight in a public forum.

Sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, tonight's forum begins at 6:30 p.m. at Twin Falls City Hall. The forum will be cablecast live on CableOne Channel 10.

Kicking off tonight's forum will be Idaho Supreme Court justice candidates Linda Copple Trout, the incumbent, and Stuart Kelso.

Copple Trout, who was appointed to the high court in 1992 by former Gov. Cecil Andrus, ran unopposed when she was re-elected in 1996. This year she's being challenged by Kelso, a Coeur d'Alene attorney, for another six-year term on the bench.

Also on tonight's agenda: • Twin Falls County Commission District 1 Republican candidates Gary Grindstaff, the incumbent, and Bill Crafton will discuss the issues at 7 p.m.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed Grindstaff to the commission in February 2000. He ran for the office the following November and won a two-year term serving District 1. He has chaired the commission since January 2000.

Crafton has been the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning director since May 1998.

Also running for the District 1 seat in the general election is Democrat Howard Meiers.

Twin Falls County Commission District 2 Republican candidates Marilyn Please see FORUM, Page B3

Former lawmaker campaigns for controller

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A former Idaho lawmaker who led a campaign in the late 1970s to limit property taxes to 1 percent of their value is campaigning to be the state's chief fiscal officer.

Gene Winchester, 66, of Kuna is challenging two other Republicans in the May 28 primary election for 1 percent of the nomination. The state controller pays the state's bills, handles its bookkeeping and manages its central computer servers.

Winchester, a conservative who identifies himself as a supporter of limited government and as an abortion opponent, represented rural Ada County and Owyhee County in the Idaho House from 1973 to 1986. He says he led the 1 percent ballot initiative passed by voters in 1978.

The initiative eventually was stripped down by the Legislature.

The former lawmaker also led a voters initiative to lower blood-alcohol limits and adopt a "three-strikes and you're out" law for

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M-C man gets six to 20 years in prison for beating, drug counts

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A Mini-Cassia man was sentenced to a minimum of six years and a maximum of 20 years in the state penitentiary Monday in 5th District Court in Minidoka County.

David Pace, 36, was sentenced by Judge John Melanson on three felony charges, one of which was enhanced because Pace has been classified by the court as a persistent offender. Court records list home addresses in both Rupert and Burley for Pace.

Pace was sentenced on an aggravated

battery conviction and two charges of possession of a controlled substance - methamphetamine.

Melanson concurred with the sentencing recommendation from Minidoka County Attorney Rick Bollar, in spite of pleas from Pace and his attorney, Greg Fuller, for a more lenient sentence.

Last summer a jury found Pace guilty of aggravated battery. He had originally been charged with attempted murder following a March 8, 2001 incident in Rupert.

Court records indicate Pace beat Shannon Smith at Pace's home in Rupert. At Monday's sentencing, Bollar said Smith

nearly died from injuries sustained in the beating, but cold temperatures prevented Smith's brain from swelling when he was left lying outside, which likely prevented his death.

Fuller said Pace's actions that night came about because Pace was in "a drug frenzy. He was out of his mind. It was the meth. It's always been the meth."

Pace has "an extensive criminal and felony history," Bollar said, noting Pace has been found guilty of five felony offenses. And, he said, Pace doesn't show any propensity for rehabilitation.

"The state doesn't believe he's at all a candidate for timely release," Bollar said.

Fuller disagreed. He asked Melanson to impose a shorter determinate sentence, of perhaps one or two years, so that his client could see "the light at the end of the tunnel."

Fuller said he wouldn't argue about the indeterminate sentence length which Bollar recommended and the judge imposed. Arguing over those 14 years would be "futile," Fuller said.

But, Fuller said, a shorter determinate sentence would offer Pace some hope and might allow Pace to be a more likely candidate for a new drug treatment program at the state pen.

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Jerome might buy new furnace

READY TO GET WET

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Meeting

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 in council chambers 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

JEROME – The city police department wants a new furnace, and one could soon be on the way if the City Council decides to make such a purchase tonight.

The city has received three bids from local dealers ranging from \$1,519 to \$4,398. The council budgeted \$3,000 for the item.

The council is scheduled tonight to review the bids and may buy a new furnace for the police department.

The present furnace is 10 years old, and the company that manufactured it no longer makes replacement parts for it.

Last summer a new air conditioner unit was installed in the

police department after the old one froze up. At the time the city was advised that the blower on the furnace was used to distribute air throughout the building. It was not big enough, which caused the air conditioner to freeze up.

The city needs a bigger blower installed on the furnace to avoid the freeze-up problem with the air conditioner in the future.

Other business tonight includes:

- Bid request – The council will

consider publication of an invitation to bid for a brush-chipper and set the bid opening date for June 7. The existing brush chipper is seven years old and has logged 1,187 hours. It is too small to do the job required of it and needs a major overhaul. Public Works Director Bob Culver said:

- Police training – Commander Dean Larsen has requested training at a regional grants management seminar in Las Vegas on June 4 and 5 at an approximate cost of \$550. There is no seminar fee, but attendees are responsible for their own transportation to the seminar and lodging and meals while at the seminar.
- The regional grants management training seminars are designed for people responsible

for administration of grants awarded from the federal grant-in-aid programs administered by the Community Oriented Policing Services office, through the U.S. Department of Justice.

The one-and-a-half-day seminar will cover the management of the COPIS grant. Topics for discussion at the seminar are the grant application review process, financial reporting requirements, methods of payment, matching requirements, indirect costs, close-out procedures, monitoring responsibilities, procurement, lobbying, compliance with drug-free workplace requirements, supplanting and audits.

The last time the city received a COPIS grant was four years ago.



Jessica Streeter and Kimberly Grush, officers in the Raft River High School National Honor Society, fill water balloons Monday morning. The teens were readying for the chapter's year-end picnic and party.

Cassia County agrees to refund money in sale

By Shari Cheney
Times-News writer



Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen, right, talks with Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn and assessor's office employee Karlene Kelley about the recent move of the assessor's office out of the courthouse in Rupert. Cassia County officials are considering moving the assessor's office out of the Cassia County Courthouse.

BURLEY – Leo Rodriguez will receive his money back from Cassia County.

Rodriguez paid \$7,000 for 30 acres in the Bridge area at an auction of county property in February. After the purchase, he found his new property was landlocked and he had to cross private property to access the land. He requested an easement be established or the county give him his money back.

Rodriguez also voiced concern about the legal description of the property; it was listed incorrectly in the advertisement. Commissioners approved returning Rodriguez's money at Monday's meeting because of the error in the property description.

Commissioner Shirley Danner made a motion to return Rodriguez's money because there was no legal access to the property, but the motion died due to lack of a second. The other commissioners were worried the move would set a precedent that anyone unhappy with an auction purchase might want his money refunded.

The property was sold "as is," said Commissioner Dennis Crane.

"I think we made that clear," County Attorney Al Barrus said. "He says 'different.'"

Barrus said someone had asked about an easement at the auction, and county officials replied they did not know about easements to the parcels being sold.

Although Rodriguez has some responsibility for purchasing the property as is, Commissioner Paul Christensen said it was probably fair to return the money.

The second-highest bidder will be contacted to see if that person is interested in buying the land. If commissioners do not reach an agreement with that bidder, the property will be offered for sale again.

Other commission business included:

- Contract building officials – Commissioners agreed to contract for inspections with city building officials, especially in Burley's area of impact.

Minidoka County assessor's office to gather ideas for a possible move of the Cassia County assessor's office out of the courthouse.

"The biggest challenge is change," said Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn.

Those in the office can't just walk down the hall to other offices in the courthouse; now they must walk across the street. Office members use the phone more and coordinate their trips to the courthouse with others in the office.

"It's not as convenient, but you learn to live with what you've got," said Jean Mallory, Minidoka County's chief deputy treasurer.

Vaughn said the convenience of the motor vehicle office is a plus; there are no stairs for the elderly and handicapped to maneuver.

Cost of the new assessor's office was about \$100,000, with the remodeling portion costing about \$40,000, Vaughn said. The building is 2,345 square feet, up about 600 square feet from the office in the courthouse.

Cassia County officials are considering moving some or all pieces of the assessor's office out of the courthouse into a building;

behind the courthouse. Court facilities are becoming inadequate, and moving the assessor could relieve pressure and traffic in the courthouse, making it easier to secure, Christensen said. Security is an issue. He said moving the assessor is "a viable option to solve the problem on a long-term basis."

- Subdivision ordinance – The commissioners looked through the findings and recommendations from the planning and zoning board for the county subdivision ordinance.
- The commissioners plan to hold a public hearing about the ordinance June 10.
- Some of the proposed changes include allowing a diameter of cul-de-sacs from 100 feet to 140 feet. Snowplows and fire equipment were concerns in cul-de-sacs at the smaller diameter. Hurst said. Cul-de-sacs, and other intersections, will be rounded in an effort to be "a little more driver-friendly."
- The small subdivision option was repealed, Hurst said. All subdivisions are required to have final plats, rather than allowing small subdivision developers to file preliminary plats. Less information will be needed on the preliminary plat; more information will be needed for the final plat.
- Central sewer and water systems were struck from the ordinance because the district health requirements, Hurst said.
- Proposals will have 20 days for review, rather than 10, Hurst said. Fees will be established by county commissioners' resolution rather than set permanently, making them easier to change.
- Surplus auction – A surplus auction is set for June 12 at 5:30 p.m. The commissioners approved the list of items to be sold, including computers, televisions, snowboards, a wooden door and desks among many other items.

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Rains don't dampen first day of temple's open house

NAUVOO, Ill. (AP) – Heavy morning rains didn't discourage visitors eager to see the rebuilt Mormon temple in Nauvoo from attending the first day of an almost two-month open house Monday.

Officials from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said about 600 people per hour toured the temple, a reconstruction of the original built in the 1840s.

Church spokeswoman Ann Orton said guides took about 15 groups of 40 people through the

5-story temple each hour.

"It's busy, but it's running very smoothly," she said.

Most parking for the open house is in fields below the bluff the temple stands on. Orton said three carriages drawn by John Deere tractors are being used to ferry people back and forth, and umbrellas were provided for those waiting in line.

City Marshal Jerry Floyd said he normally has two officers on duty at any given time but hired seven more part-time to help out during the event.

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drunken driving convictions but said it failed at the polls.

Among his activities after his tenure in the Legislature, Winchester said he did some groundwork to help his friend, Howard Phillips, start the U.S. Taxpayers Party. Now the Constitution Party it tried to win, Pat Buchanan as its presidential candidate.

Winchester, who raises registered horses, told members of the Times-News' editorial board Monday that he would bring a rancher's perspective to the state Land Board. The Land Board's job is to manage state lands for the maximum long-term financial return for public schools. That could mean re-evaluating whether state grazing leases are in line with what private grazing land is worth, he said. And in his view, he said ranching is more of a long-term benefit than awarding leases to conservation groups that try to outbid ranchers.

Were he elected, Winchester said he thinks he could provide freshness to the controller's office that wouldn't be found if

its chief deputy emerges as the race's winner.

"There are some places I would really like to revisit," Winchester said.

Among Winchester's challengers are Chief Deputy Controller Keith Johnson, recruited and blessed in his bid for the post by his boss, Democrat J.D. Williams, who has held the office since 1989.

Winchester is a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and holds a master's degree in public administration from George Washington University and a master's degree in range ecology and management from the University of Idaho.

Donna Jones, of Payette and head of the state Real Estate Commission, is the third challenger in the Republican primary. Boise banker Bob Samuelsen, a Jerome native, is the sole Democrat running for state controller.

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"If we don't do something with David and his methamphetamine use, he will be back when he's out of prison," Fuller said. "That's a fact."

Pace has used drugs for a long time, Fuller said, starting with marijuana at age 14. After Pace's wife was killed in a car accident about nine years ago, Pace began using methamphetamine, "a devastating, horrible drug," Fuller said.

Pace defended his actions against Smith the night of the beating, telling Melanson he was "guilty of defending myself and my own house against an intruder high on meth, who came in and threatened me and attacked me."

Pace also told the judge he has a problem with methamphetamine and "will my whole life until I can get it taken care of."

One possession charge for which Pace was sentenced Monday dated back to 1997. Pace had been ordered to undergo drug treatment after he was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, which he failed to do.

He had not been sentenced for that conviction. The second possession charge was filed from his March 8 arrest on the attempted murder charge. Methamphetamine was found in his pocket when he was arrested,

and the additional possession charge was filed in Cassia County. The Cassia County charges were later transferred to Minidoka County so a consolidated sentencing could occur.

Before issuing the sentence, Melanson said he's seldom seen a case where the harm from addiction to methamphetamine is more evident than it is in Pace's case.

"But, the judge said, his responsibility is to ensure the protection of society and took care of rehabilitation for the accused when issuing a sentence."

"Mr. Pace should have recognized a long time ago he had a problem and got treatment," Melanson said. "He didn't, and he's methamphetamine use continued and he got violent."

Melanson expressed some concern over what he termed an "aggravating factor" in Pace's case. Pace made a videotape of his house and himself after the beating of Smith, which shows pools of blood and parts of the beating.

Pace insisted that videotape be played at his trial, Melanson said, even though it was "the most condemning piece of evidence against" Pace.

"I believe Mr. Pace was on the edge of being insane from methamphetamine when making that tape," Melanson said.

"It boils down to a question of trust and my belief in Pace that he will do what's needed," Melanson said. "I have real concerns about what he'll do when he gets out, whether it's three, six or 20 years. He could be dangerous, especially if he starts using methamphetamine."

The judge also ordered Pace to make restitution of at least \$107,176 to cover medical expenses incurred by Smith following the beating.

Bollor said hospital personnel have indicated it's possible Smith may incur more medical expenses as a result of his injuries in the encounter with Pace.

And Pace was given credit on his prison sentence for time already served in the county jail.

A charge of battery on a correctional officer, filed in Cassia County Dec. 6, was dismissed as part of the plea agreement and consolidation of sentences. That charge stemmed from Pace's actions while he was in the Minidoka Criminal Justice Center in Burley.

He was accused of throwing glasses and shoving a tray at an officer.

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Forum

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Hempleman, Tom Mikesell, Gary Gaster and Leon Mills will share the podium.

District 2 is now represented by Marvin Hempleman. Marilyn Hempleman's husband, who will retire after more than two decades in the seat.

Also running for the District 2 seat in the general election is Democrat Robert Powers.

A new Twin Falls County Jail will be the subject of discussion beginning at 9 p.m. County Commissioners Grindstaff, Hempleman and Bill Brockman will be joined by Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tonsley and residents to discuss the details of building a new county jail.

County commissioners recent-

ly approved a resolution to hold a special election in conjunction with the May 28 primary to ask voters to approve a \$16 million bond issue to pay all or part of the cost of acquiring land and building a new adult jail.

Two-thirds of county voters must approve the bond issue for it to pass.

Commissioners are now looking at a 25-acre parcel on South Washington behind the county work release center. The county estimates it could buy the land for \$475,000 and the jail could produce between \$1.2 million and \$14 million.

The county estimates the interest rates on the bonds would be 4.85 percent. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, principal and

interest, based on the anticipated interest rate, is estimated to be \$25.5 million.

A bond issue would raise property taxes. A Twin Falls County resident who owns \$100,000 worth of property could expect to see his taxes go up by about \$35 a year.

The proposed new jail would have room for 256 inmates. If all goes as planned, the county would break ground on the project in August and the new jail would open its doors early in 2004.

The county would own the jail from the beginning.

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Artifacts

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"It gives us a hint into their technology, their level of sophistication and what kind of things were on their mind," Woods said.

One of Woods' areas of specialty is how tools broke. While it's admittedly a humorous-sounding pursuit, Woods said that because the vast majority of arrowheads and spear points found are broken, trying to interpret the information can reveal important information.

For instance, discerning

whether a point was broken after being hurled through the air or simply from a powerful jab can tell much about the user's lifestyle, Woods said.

"You start to get a sense for the ingenuity of the people," he said. "They aren't just making spear points and arrowheads. This is a livelihood; their lives depended on it."

Woods and Titmus will also touch on the scientific controversy of whether the "Clovis people" were actually North

America's first inhabitants. The traditional story recounts how, years ago, Asian descendants crossed a land bridge at the Bering Strait, to North America from Russia. However, an increasing number of sites are revealing discrepancies in that theory, Woods said.

For instance, Clovis points are quite distinctive and require specific and complicated steps to produce. Yet no points of a similar design can be found in Asia, he said.

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Enron auditing firm goes on trial

HOUSTON (AP) - The first criminal case to emerge from the Enron Corp. collapse began Monday as Arthur Andersen LLP went on trial for allegedly obstructing justice by shredding Enron-related documents.

Following jury selection, opening statements were expected today. The trial is expected to last at least three weeks. A conviction could be the final blow to Chicago-based Andersen, which has lost clients, partners and employees in the Enron fallout. But the case is also being closely watched because the government's likely star witness could reveal details on the complicated partnerships that led to Enron's downfall late last year.

That man, former Andersen partner David Duncan, pleaded guilty April 9 to obstruction of justice. Duncan, who was the senior auditor in charge of the

Enron account, admitted he directed document shredding to thwart the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation into Enron.

"Documents were in fact destroyed so that they would not be available to the SEC," he said when he entered his plea.

Duncan, who was fired in January, could provide details about Enron's most controversial deals that preceded its bankruptcy. His plea deal gave him immunity from other charges.

A grand jury indicted Arthur Andersen on March 7 on a single count of obstructing justice, accusing the firm of destroying "tons of paper" and deleting computer files related to Enron in Houston and elsewhere.

At times, the government said the destruction was so frenetic that employees worked overtime and shredding machines couldn't keep pace.

Officials link hepatitis outbreak to meth use

Case gives death blow to restaurant

BARTOW, Fla. (AP) - For more than six decades, John's Restaurant was a popular place to eat in this rural town: drawing generations of steady customers with its homestyle food and friendly atmosphere.

Then in February, a 29-year-old woman died of liver failure after eating chicken wings and cheese fries from John's.

Health officials, already alarmed at a major outbreak of hepatitis A in Polk County, soon linked the death to an infected cook at John's. Five other people who were infected were found to have eaten at the restaurant.

The outbreak has been all but fatal for John's, which is situated in central Florida, about 40 miles east of Tampa, and serves up such dishes as fried chicken, steak, meatloaf and fried fish.

John's shut it doors last month as customers abandoned the restaurant, which had served 500 to 800 meals a day. Its cooks and waitresses were situated when they went to look for other jobs.

The hepatitis A virus is found in the feces of those who have the disease and is spread by inadequate handwashing after going to the bathroom.

But Polk County health officials think the disease has its origins in the county's large numbers of methamphetamine users, who can transmit it among themselves through sex and the sharing of drug paraphernalia, and then on to their families and others.

Methamphetamine, dubbed by some in Polk County as the "poor man's crack," is a drug whose use has raged among the county's population of migrant workers, day laborers and others in low-wage jobs, including those in the food service industry.



Polk County Health Department Director Dr. Daniel Haight helps unload supplies and vaccine at Stambaugh Middle School in Auburndale, Fla., last month. Health officials, already alarmed at a major outbreak of hepatitis A in Polk County, linked a woman's death to an infected cook at a Florida restaurant.

Victor Lopez, who bought John's in 1999 from the family of the original owner, hopes to reopen this week after a frantic effort to spruce up the place and retrain workers in cleanliness.

"It's destroyed my life," said Lopez, who disputes investigators' conclusion that Paquita Campbell contracted the disease from his cook or that his business had poor hygiene. "I worked 17 years for this. It was my dream. This is how I fed my family, this is how I pay

my bills. I've lost everything I've worked for."

This year, 138 people in Polk County, which has about 500,000 residents, have been diagnosed with hepatitis A and about a dozen new cases are being documented each week. At the rate it is going, the county will easily top its 2000 total of 153 cases of hepatitis A - and that was already 10 times higher than the year before.

The Centers for Diseases

Control and Prevention in Atlanta reports the national rate for hepatitis A last year was about 4.5 cases per 100,000 residents. That would make Polk's rate more than six times higher.

Tony Fiore, a CDC epidemiologist, said the Polk County outbreak comes at a time when nationwide rates are at their lowest level in several years. The disease shot up in the mid-1990s but then dropped, in part because of vaccinations and greater awareness of how to prevent it.

The hepatitis A virus attacks the liver, and the symptoms include nausea, abdominal pain and jaundice. There is no treatment for hepatitis A; doctors often prescribe bed rest and proper nutrition while the disease runs its course and the patient recovers. In some cases, people who have been exposed are offered an immune globulin injection, a blood extract that can prevent or reduce the symptoms.

Campbell is the only one believed to have died from the virus. A 48-year-old man needed a liver transplant after contracting the disease in February at a church fish fry, which also infected 15 others.

The county has mounted an ambitious effort to find drug users and get them tested and vaccinated.

"People are confiding in us so we can help them," said Daniel Haight, director of the Public Health Department. "Sometimes the drug makes you paranoid, you don't want to tell who your friends are. But we are getting a lot of cooperation."

Meanwhile, the Florida Restaurant Association has launched a campaign to warn workers and owners the dangers of not washing their hands. Employees are being told to wash their hands as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice after they use the toilet.

Researchers: Tea drinking may boost chance of surviving heart attack

DALLAS (AP) - Heavy tea drinking could reduce the risk of dying after a heart attack, a study suggests.

The study of 1,900 heart attack victims found that those who drank the most tea before their heart attacks - about 19 cups a week - were 44 percent less likely than nondrinkers to die in the three to four years afterward.

Moderate drinkers, or those who had fewer than 14 cups, had a 28 percent lower death rate. The study looked at deaths from all causes, not just heart disease.

"I have to say that the magni-

tude of the association we found between tea drinking and mortality and people who survive a heart attack was pretty dramatic, certainly more so than I think I would have expected," said Dr. Kenneth Mukamal, assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

The study was published in Tuesday's issue of the American Heart Association Journal Circulation.

Several studies have found that regular tea drinkers seem to have a lower risk of heart attacks, though it remains unclear why.

U.S. stops support of tribunal

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Declaring that the new International Criminal Court would be an "unchecked power" able to prosecute American soldiers and their superiors, the Bush administration announced Monday that it was renouncing U.S. support for the independent war crimes tribunal set to begin July 1.

The State Department notified U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan that the administration does not intend to seek ratification of the treaty and considers itself free of any legal obligations arising from former president Bill Clinton's signing of the document in December.

Despite the urging of dozens of countries that favor the establishment of first permanent international war crimes tribunal, including virtually the entire NATO alliance, U.S. diplomats will not join future efforts to define the court's jurisdiction and refine its rules.

"We believe that the International Criminal Court is built on a flawed foundation. These flaws leave it open for exploitation and politically motivated prosecutions," Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman said in announcing the administration's decision.

"After years of working to fix this flawed statute and having our constructive proposals rebuffed," Grossman added, "it is our only alternative."

Human rights groups reacted with anger to the administration's decision, contending that a high-profile prosecution of American citizens was highly unlikely and arguing that the United States is mistakenly forfeiting a valuable role in a worthy effort.

"There are victims of human rights abuses all around the world who see the court as a place of hope, a place where justice could be done, even against the most powerful," said Elisa Massimino, director of the Washington office of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. "The United States is now turning its back on those people. It's really breaking faith with victims of human rights violations."

At Human Rights Watch, Tom Malinowski called the move "an empty and self-defeating gesture. This has no impact on the court. The only practical consequence is to remove the United States from a position of influence over the court."



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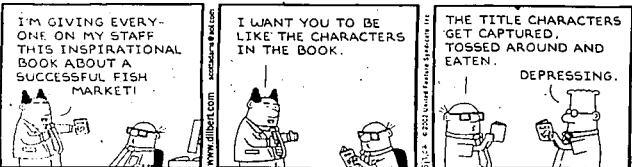
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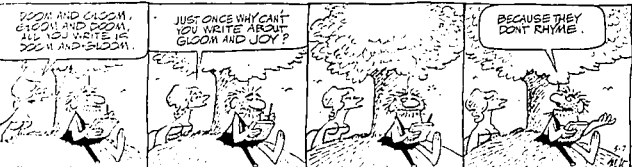
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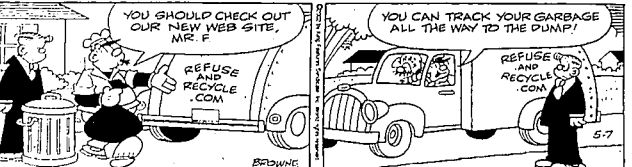
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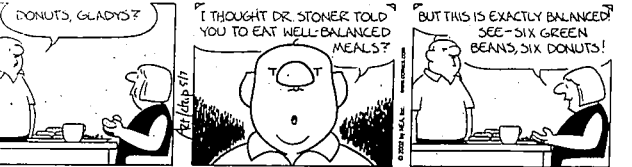
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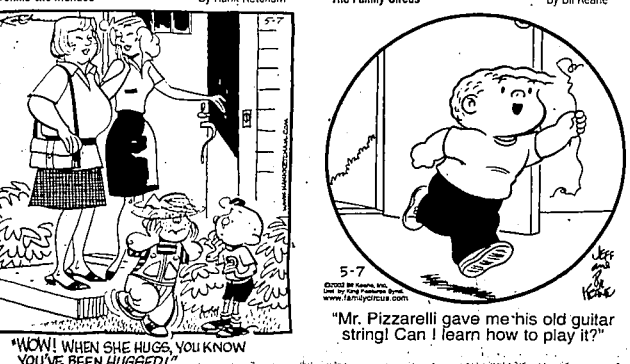


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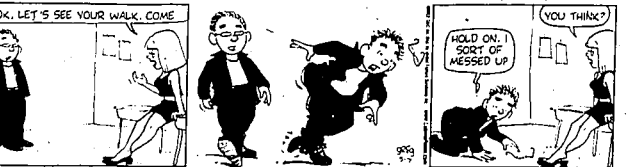
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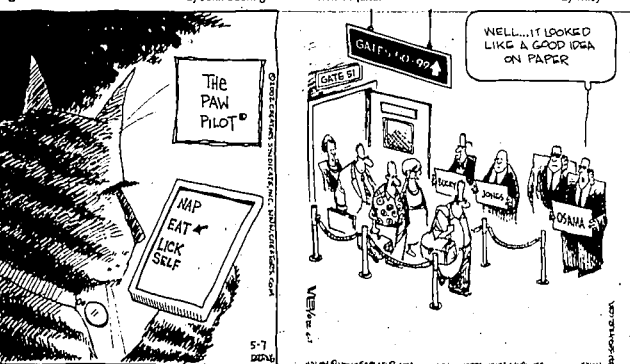


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Books, fun, friends

Local book review group celebrates 40 years

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Belles' Lettres Guild book review club not only share a love of reading, but a friendship.

The group celebrated its 40th birthday on April 13. Four of the founding women are still active in the group: Dauna V. Allred, Mariah Anderson, Diane King and Ruth Day.

They still remember that first meeting in Day's home in 1962.

Every year, the group reviews about eight books. The group is active from September to April, taking the summer off.

When reviewing a book, members often use props and costumes, or coordinate refreshments with the country where

The Belles, Lettres Guild 'view' of books:

"Literature is vivid and exciting and provocative, but only when we have read it. We hope this club helps you select material that will add beauty, awareness of others and their trials and difficulties, as well as thoughtful entertainment."

the book is set.

"It's really fun," says Day, current president of the club. "We're all just really good friends."

The four founding members say they have gained friendship and a love of books from the club.

"We've tried to keep a variety of books," King says.

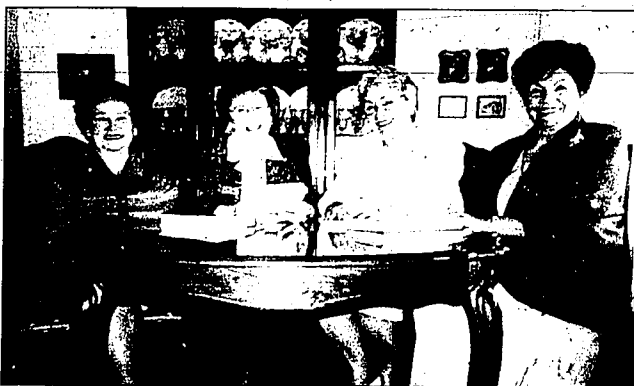
"I think it's also interesting to see the type of books each person leans towards," Allred says.

They all agree that variety has been key in the club. They have reviewed histories, biographies, musicals, classics such as "Les Miserables," and a reader's theater of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The group also listened to a review of "Beverly," the story of the opera star Beverly Sills.

Once in a while, the group all reads one book, most recently, "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck.

The group meets in members' homes once a month and enjoys refreshments while they listen to the book review. "I personally would not have read nearly as many books," Allred says about her participation in the club.



HEATHER ABEL/The Times-News
Founding members of the Belles' Lettres Guild book review club are, from left, Diane King, Mariah Anderson, Ruth Day and Dauna V. Allred. The group recently celebrated its 40th year.

MAKING MUSIC



Photo courtesy of JANARAE CHRISTENSEN

The Declo High School Trendsetters will have its spring concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Declo High School Auditorium. Admission is free. The 36-member Trendsetters won first place at a recent show choir competition in Redding, Calif. Kristine Handy is choreographer, and directors are JanaRae Christensen and Tamara Barras. They will perform selections ranging in style and era from 'Crocodile Rock' to 'Rhythm of the Night.'

SERVING PANCAKES



Members of the Boy Scout Troop 9 of Buhl serve up food at their annual all-you-can-eat pancake supper at the First Christian Church March 15. Serving up eggs, sausage and pancakes are, from left, Chet Hunsaker, Alex Peckham and Christopher Pond.

MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News



Maj Mason, St. Benedicts Family Medical Center Foundation secretary, points to the treasure chests, a hit at the St. Benedicts Family Medical Center fund-raiser.

Photo courtesy of St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Teen-ager drives away with wish

TWIN FALLS - The Wishing Star Foundation has granted nine wishes in the past 10 months to Magic Valley children who are suffering life-threatening illnesses.

Last fall, Lindsay Haskin of Heyburn was diagnosed with lymphoma, and referred to Wishing Star, foundation volunteer Diana Jones said. Lindsay's wish was for a Honda Civic with an automatic transmission. Her dream came true when Assist Auto Brokerage in Hagerman partially adopted her wish through the Adopt-A-Wish program, Jones said.

During spring break, Twin Falls 14-year-old Steven Pedersen's dream came true when he met Kobe Bryant after seeing a Lakers' game in Los Angeles. Wyatt Berg, 6, of Twin Falls had his wish fulfilled when he went to DisneyWorld with his family.

About 50 wishes have been granted to local children in the past 10 years by the Wishing Star Foundation, Jones said. Wishes are



Photo courtesy of DIANA JONES/The Times-News

Lindsay Haskin drives her wish, a new car. The wish was made possible by the Wishing Star Foundation.

funded by individual gifts, fund-raisers, donations, grants, memorials and corporations.

Referrals or donations to The Wishing Star Foundation at 2202 E. 3000 N. Twin Falls, ID 83301. If interested in becoming a volunteer, meetings are held at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Teriyaki Chicken Express in Twin Falls.

Upcoming events

The Wishing Star Golf Scramble and dinner auction will be held at the 93 Golf Ranch on May 18. Call Tracy at 734-8897 for reservations or to buy a hole sponsorship. The public can meet several of the "wish" children at the Twin Falls Airport Airshow 2002 on June 29.

St. Benedicts calls fun night a success

JEROME - St. Benedicts Family Medical Center described its first annual St. Patty's Family Fun Night fund-raiser as a success.

The March 15 event was held at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Along with a traditional corn beef and cabbage and potato bar dinner, there were door prizes, silent and "loud" auctions, games, raffles, "pots of gold," treasure chests and fun for children and adults.

The fund-raiser hosted more than 200 people and raised almost \$8,000, which will go towards the purchase of an infant security system.

"The Magic Valley communities were very generous in their donations for this event and many of those who attended did not go home empty handed," said Gail Mann, hospital marketing director. "The treasure chests seemed to create the most interest." Five chests represented treasures from Twin Falls, Jerome, Shoshone, Gooding and Hagerman. Each chest contained certificates and "goodies" for a couple to enjoy a romantic getaway, Mann said. To win one of the treasure chests, guests bought a key and tried their chance at opening each of the chests.

"Because the fund-raiser was such a resounding success, plans are already under way to plan next year's event," said Dennis Maughan, St. Benedicts Family Medical Center Foundation executive director. "We intend to have even bigger and better auction items, door prizes and treasure chests."

St. Benedicts almost has completed the \$150,000 remodel of the hospital, which includes the addition of three large private obstetric suites, and plans to complete another \$170,000 in equipment upgrades in the next couple of months, hospital representatives say.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Aileen Martinez, daughter of Teresa Garcia and Edwiges Martinez of Bliss, was born Monday, April 22, 2002.

Irene Rubi Rodriguez Rodriguez, daughter of Guadalupe and Severo Rodriguez Venegas of Jerome, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Ethan Benjamin Cluff, son of Jennifer Dee and Benjamin John Cluff of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Jon Derold Glenn, son of Gaylene and Kevin Jerald Glenn of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Breanna Whiting, daughter of Jeannette and William Len Whiting of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Lillian Jade Morton, daughter of Cherish Danielle Chouinard and Jack Daniel Morton of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Aspen Denali Brown, daughter of

Mysti Cinnamon and Craig Lynn Brown of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Valick Dartanian Cunningham, son of Michele Renee Jolley and Ryan Ugene Cunningham of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Rylar Michael Burgoyne, son of Karri Louise Kaiser and Michael John Burgoyne of Filer, was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Juan Carlos Leonardo Velasco Salas, son of Fabiola Angelica Salas and Alberto Isidro Velasco Reyna of Jackpot, Nev., was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Shera Alexa Kaufman, daughter of Rolland and Carma Kaufman of Burley, was born Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

Joshua Eric Dibb, son of Eric T. and Kristen H. Dibb of Paul, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

To announce a birth

Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Melissa Morgan
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

Yvette Rodriguez, daughter of Miguel Rodriguez and Edilia Marino of Declo, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Jillain Amorette Duffin, daughter of Shawn and Charlene Duffin of American Falls, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Anna Victoria Aldrich, daughter of Ken Sevy and Jennifer Aldrich of Burley, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

McCoy Keith Thomson, son of Melissa

Thomson of Burley, was born Friday, April 26, 2002.

Esmeralda Arevalo, daughter of Rosaura and Martin Arevalo of Burley, was born Sunday, April 28, 2002.

Jordan Lee Friesen, son of Glen and Janell Friesen of Mirtaugh, was born Monday, April 29, 2002.

Amy Marie Christensen, daughter of Kevin and Deana Christensen of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Koby Don Burton, son of Greg and Heidi Burton, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Jaylee Rose Fairchild, daughter of Jared and Jennifer Fairchild of Heyburn, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Sarah Madeline Pringle, daughter of Don and Rachel Pringle of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

Sydney Nicole Ramsey, daughter of Rob and Niki Ramsey of Burley, was

born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Demetre Micheal Gerhardt, son of Ruben and Melissa Gerhardt of Rupert, was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Emma Lee Hardy, daughter of Tyler and Melissa Hardy of Rupert, was born Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Andy Fajardo, Maria and Marco Fajardo of Ketchum, was born Saturday, April 27, 2002.

Anja Kirsten Jensen, daughter of Liv and Torger Jensen of Hailey, was born Sunday, April 28, 2002.

Daniel James Gralinski Jr., son of Tristan and Daniel Gralinski of Bellevue, was born Monday, April 29, 2002.

Ariel Alanna Hollon, daughter of Rebekah and Curtis Hollon of Hailey, was born Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

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TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

HARRISON ELEMENTARY MEDALISTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Photos courtesy of Harrison Elementary

Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls has honored the following children for being 50 in a Minute Math medallists. Kindergartners are, from left to right, back row: Gail Cook, Vincent Burk, Aaron Benedict, Devon Anderson, Aysa Alves and Courtney Konkin; front row: Sasha Hoshaw-Hass, Brianna Brownlee, Alays Jones, Mystic Graf and Tara Broderick. Not pictured are Sydney Nutting, Emily Weaver, Alexander Millward, Courtney Henke and Erin Madsen.



First-graders are, from left, back row: Tyler Anderson, Taylor Stimpson, Carrigan Owen, Zakary Jerke, Kaitlyn Hager and Kallise Dudley; fourth row: Sara Burke, Zerina Mehic, Mikelle Ferguson, Almir Coralic and Trae Bishop; third row: Daniel McCarthy, Zach Jamigan, Austin Gardner, Poyyan Soddigh, Aityssa Hernandez and Ashton Good; second row: Hagan Wyatt, Tegan Aliger, Andy Chacon, Desiree Galindo, Stephen Crawford and Sirena Cantu; front row: Melvin Magtagu, Michelle Miller, Porter Wilcox, Autumn Myers and Sara Ajoli. Not pictured are Maria Calderon and Dro Timmons.



Second-graders are, from left, back row: Gus Millar, Andrew Massio, Amanda Dickinson, Braydon Metcalf, Anthony Massio and Justin Humbach; third row: Alexis Richardson, Genesis Lopez, Bridger Dayley, Dillon Dales and Kristiana Wigner; second row: Alonna Medina, Igor Jozalic, Danilo Huey and Dylan Aufferholdt; front row: Ashley Hollister, Ben Etcheverry and Karl Neilwrth.

Sixth-graders are, from left, back row: Jason Sipo, Grayson Stone, Kanysha Mace, Angel Lewis and Thana Gray; middle row: Jesse Brown, Michael Blotberg, Erin Cerna, Cynthia Avales and Yelena Stepanov; front row: Karco Williams and Jlanheng Wu. Not pictured is Alex McQueen.



Third-graders are, from left, back row: Erika Blay, Nikki Baker, Jayd Wartluft, Kaitlyn Mohsfield, Tommy Evans and Brandon Collins; front row: Matthew Howitt, Ryan Condon, T.J. Richardson and Christopher Hewitt.



Fourth-graders are, from left, back row: Matthew Barnedt, JD Winter, Destinee Villars, Shalena Seawright and Khara LaBorg; middle row: Aaron Evans, Kevin Magtagu, Nancy Garbyhan, Bojan Kranjc, Cody Eilsenbrandt and Skylar Lynch; front row: Kayla Gutierrez, Brett Maughan, Dajana Zaric and Alyssa Long.



Fifth-graders are, from left, back row: Chelsea Brown, Courtney Rosa, Kendra Florence and Kris Estrada; middle row: Jacob Coats, Braden Caspersen, John Otero and Casey Haynes; front row: Karl Neilwrth and Casey Fought. Not pictured is Kyle Rees.



Historian presents program on pioneer women.

JEROME - Virginia Ricketts, author of "Thirt and Now in Southern Idaho" and curator of the Jerome County Historical Society, will present a program on Magic Valley pioneer women at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Jerome Library. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

St. Benedict's holds annual health fair

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will hold its annual health fair during National Hospital week from 6:30 a.m. May 14-16. The health fair will offer free blood pressure check, vision screenings, breast exams by appointment, continental breakfast, information booths and a gift. A \$10 blood screen will be offered that will include cholesterol (HDL, LDL, VLDL) triglycerides and calcium. For an additional \$5, men can obtain a prostate screening as well. A 10-hour fast is recommended for blood screenings. Also available are reduced-fee mammography screening coupons. For more information, call Gail Mann at 324-1122 Ext. 3260.

DAR organization holds last season meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its last meeting of the 2001-02 year at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the home of Maureen Williams. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 733-8415.

Liberty Christian Academy holds school concert

JEROME - The Liberty Christian Academy will hold its high school spring concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the school, 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome.

Desert Sun Dancers Club holds pie social

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers Square Dance Club will hold a pie social Friday at the Masonic Hall on West B Street in Shoshone. Rounds will be held at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m. Visitors should bring a pie and the club will furnish the ice cream.

Geranium sale proceeds go to Twin Falls Senior Center

TWIN FALLS - The merchants of the Lynwood Shopping Center will hold the annual Mother's Day geranium sale from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in front of Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark and The Homestead. The cost is \$2 for a two pack or \$24 for a flat. This year, proceeds will benefit the Twin Falls Senior Citizen's Center.

Jerome Lions Club offers free vision screening

JEROME - The Jerome Lions Club will have a booth at the Jerome Heritage Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The club will offer free vision screening and free lemonade. The Lions will also be collecting recycled eye glasses. The Lions Club also will offer the free vision screening and pamphlets on diabetes at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Health Fair from 6:30 a.m. May 14-16.

West Magic Rec Club serves Mom's Day brunch

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will hold a highway and Magic Park cleanup at 10 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers are needed. The club will also hold a Mother's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday. The cost is \$5 and the public is invited. The monthly meeting will follow the brunch at 12:30 p.m. on the club deck. For more information, call 487-1202.

Free appraisal fair set this weekend

TWIN FALLS - A free appraisal fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Second Time Around, 689

Washington St. N., Twin Falls. Appraiser Hutch Hutchins and several qualified antique dealers will be on hand. For more information, call 734-6008.

Oinkers 4-H Swine Club plans community service

TWIN FALLS - The Rocky Mountain Oinkers 4-H Swine Club of Twin Falls County is planning several community service projects. A car wash will be held June 8 with proceeds going to the Twin Falls Animal Shelter building fund. A second car wash will be held July 20 with proceeds going to Magic Valley Special Olympics. Both car washes will be held at First Federal Bank. To help cover general expenses, the club will raffie a custom cut hog. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Tom's 50 Minute Photo and from club members. The drawings will be held at the Twin Falls County Fair. The club will also hold bake sales from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 15 and July 13 at D and B's Supply in Twin Falls. The club participated in Johnny Horizon Day. The club president is Savannah Henstock. Other members are Mitch and Shawn Carter, Ryan Hanson, Shelly Henstock and Lillie and Hanna Thomas.

American Red Cross blood drive set at War Memorial

GOODING - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. For more information or to make an appointment, call 934-5409.

O'Leary presents 'Heaven Help The Potaters'

TWIN FALLS - O'Leary Junior High will present "Heaven Help The Potaters" at 7 p.m. tonight at the school's auditorium. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students without an activity card. Students with an activity card and children under age 5 get in free. The play takes place in the Magic Valley and tells the story of a farmer whose crops would not grow because of a villain who dammed the water.

T.F. District holds kindergarten registration

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School District will hold kindergarten pre-registration and an Idaho Reading Indicator workshop at each elementary school. Bickel Elementary School, the pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with the workshop at 4 p.m. today. Harrison Elementary School, the pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with the workshop at 4 p.m. today. Lincoln Elementary School, the pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with the workshop at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. Morningside Elementary School, the pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with the workshop at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Oregon Trail Elementary School, pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily with the workshop at 3:30 p.m. May 14. Perrine Elementary School, pre-registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday with an open house at 3 p.m. Wednesday. Sawtooth Elementary School, pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. daily with the workshop at 9:30 a.m.

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Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538 Email: palm@magvalley.com

THINGS TO DO

- Muslc**
Snake River Flats Barbershop Chorus - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays at 121 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 466-687.
- Dance**
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-0440. Couples welcome.
- Bingo**
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Hill St. W., Shoshone. Must be over 18; call 886-2369.
Jerome Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays on Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome; call 424-1387.
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Fridays. 447 Scottion St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18; call 886-2369.
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays. 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m., early bird at 4:30 p.m., reg. \$2.50. Must be over age 18; call 324-9422.
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18; call 536-6642.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 629-9881.
Snake River Elks 2807 - 7:15 p.m. at lodge 412 East 200 South. Call 324-0206.
West End Senior Center - at 7 p.m. first
- To add listing:** please send a notice with: Name of the organization, on or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person.
Send to: Pat Marcantonio, The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, 83303. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to palm@magvalley.com. For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.
- and third Tuesdays at the center in Buhl Singles**
Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Four-square Center, 181 Harrison St., Twin Falls, 734-6255.
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spanbauer's Bar for dancing. For other activities, call 735-9084.
- Cards**
Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 734-6662.
Magic Valley Pinochle Club - 7:40 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.
- Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinochle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 651 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 734-5531.
Free bridge lessons for beginners - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19, at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., call 734-6662.
Pinochle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays. Community Club House, 1279 Addison Ave. E., anyone invited, call Patca at 734-1991.
- OHIO**
Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Hellsburg, 726-4225.
Magic Valley 4-6 Club - meets for lunch and meeting, Call Kildena at 741-6000 or Vicki at 741-8808. New members welcome.
Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Canyon Lewis at 234-6115.
Pioneer Hatton Club - 8:30 p.m. first Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5525.
Magic Valley Environmental Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in front room at Heritage Center on CSI campus, call 736-2447.
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 525 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate pistol caliber, call Stu at 424-5960 or Larry at 734-2113.
Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays in upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.

Popplewell School honors math masters

Buhl - Popplewell Elementary School in Buhl honored its newest round of students who have reached beyond the levels of their grade to the title of "Math Master." The newest are Ashley Kersey, Courtney Azvedo and Gilberto Corona. Popplewell also recognized the latest "Fibonacci's" for students who have reached a math level. They are Zach Shaff, Tyler Gill, Trachia Alfred, Kamron Timmons, Hailey Schmoce, Jake Bloxham, Reva O'Brien, Paola Padilla, Jessica Van Custeren, Amy Allred, Libby Carstensen, Kylie Harvey, Andrew Jensen, Jamie Holyoak, Katherine Hunter, Ruth Lorza, Jacob Klimes, Samantha Orr, Christopher Hunt, Chantelle Baum and Dusty Hansen.

MORNING BREAK

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down sections.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section containing the completed crossword puzzle and a list of words used.

Romance blossoms at 'ground zero'

NEW YORK (AP) — It all started with a Christmas Day massage at ground zero. Now, Dawna LoPiccolo, who soothed exhausted firefighter John Mraz amid the debris of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is planning their wedding.

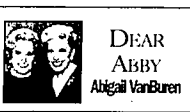


John Mraz and Dawna LoPiccolo cuddle together on a swing Saturday in New York.

"He gave me this hug that knocked me back off my feet." The 42-year-old firefighter, who lost his wife of 19 years last May, said he "wasn't out looking for anybody." But he couldn't forget the woman who had warmed his aching muscles on that winter day.

Husband won't pocket new wallet from wife

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Hitting in Virginia," the distraught widow who discovered her previously married husband still carried snapshots of his first wife in his wallet, resonated with me. She feared that it meant he was still in love with his first wife.



DEAR ABBY: Aligned with the heart.

DEAR ABBY: My parents died within 17 days of each other. I had the grim task of taking apart a household and sorting through personal belongings. It was a year and a half before I could bring myself to go through their wallets, but I had to laugh when I finally did.

'Dracula' means 'son of devil'

That the English prefer brown eyes has been reported. Client asks why. Brown look farmer. Those who explained it did not say farmer, exactly. They said "a reliable look of rusticity." Same thing. The persimmon tree, too, is ebony.



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area and incorporated it. So it could be said that character that The Seine river in Paris. Go stand next to a wall. Put your right foot sideways against it. Put your right cheek against it. No, keep them there. Now try to lift your left foot. Can't do it, can you? Thought not. Nobody can.

Sagittarius: Longstanding dream could become reality

IF MAY 7TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are sensitive to degree of being psychic. You are romantic and creative and are constantly in search of "perfection." At times you are your own most severe critic; this year you will begin to appreciate your good qualities.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

you gradually could be falling in love. Sagittarius figures prominently. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Play waiting game; do not equate delay with defeat. Package will arrive; be patient. Be surprised.

Longstanding dream could become reality if you persevere. Repair work at home is important; don't neglect it. Pisces represent. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be concerned with architecture, engineering. Practical qualities earn you respect, admiration. Another Capricorn involved in love relationship.

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LEGAL NOTICE Dated this 26th day of April, 2002. OFFICE STENOGRAPHER, Clerk Board of Trustees, Twin Falls School District No. 411

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AEROBIC INSTRUCTOR PT, Mon-Thur, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Prior experience or one required. Please call Y.M.C.A. at 733-4384

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District will accept written comments from the public concerning their Five-Year Resource Conservation Plan review and revision.

LEGAL NOTICE MISSING Three, 5-1-3pm XBox and PS2 Entertainment systems, 4 game and 14 dvd games. Emperors New Groove and Grand Theft Auto III (PS2 game), 308-2428.

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

Major League Baseball

BASEBALL

AL BOXES

Table with columns for teams (Red Sox, Devil Rays) and statistics (W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Infr).

INDIANS 9, ORIOLES 4

Box score for Indians vs Orioles game.

TWINS 3, TIGERS 1

Box score for Twins vs Tigers game.

RANGERS 6, WHITE SOX 5

Box score for Rangers vs White Sox game.

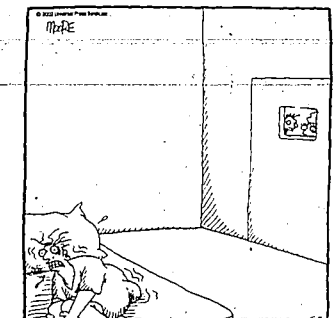
REDS 6, CARDINALS 5

Box score for Reds vs Cardinals game.

REDS 6, BREWERS 5

Box score for Reds vs Brewers game.

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"I know it's hard, ma'am, but the worst is over. The vomiting and severe shakes are nearly gone, and soon your husband's body will no longer crave gold."

WHAT'S ON T.V.

College gymnastics - 2002 NCAA Men's Championships 1:30 p.m. ESPN

Basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS: Conference Semifinals, Game 2 - Charlotte at New Jersey 6 p.m. TBS

NBA PLAYOFFS: Conference Semifinals, Game 2 - San Antonio at L.A. Lakers 8:30 p.m. TBS

WTA Tour EUROCARD Ladies German Open Results

WTA Tour EUROCARD Ladies German Open Results. Lists winners and scores for various tennis matches.

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

Table of PGA TOUR Money Leaders with columns for rank, name, and earnings.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE. Lists various sports events and results.

AUTO RACING

AUTO RACING. NASCAR Winston Cup Leaders.

NHLA-Southern Nationals

NHLA-Southern Nationals. Lists various sports events.

West Coast Hockey League

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Association. Lists various sports events.

CONFERENCE RESULTS

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

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2004 Ryder Cup Points

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Dunn's grand slam lifts Reds over Brewers

CINCINNATI (AP) - Adam Dunn hit a grand slam in front of Cincinnati's smallest crowd in 10 years, and the Reds overcame Joey Hamilton's hamstring injury to beat the slumping Milwaukee Brewers 8.5 Monday night.

Despite returning from a West Coast trip in first place in the NL Central, the Reds drew only 12,667. The fans saw Sean Casey get four hits as Cincinnati ended a four-game losing streak by beating the Brewers 8-5 Monday night.

Hamilton pulled his left hamstring while covering first base in the fourth inning. There was no indication how long he will be sidelined.

The Reds batted around in the first for five runs off Ruben Quevedo (1-1), and the Brewers wound up losing for the 11th time in 14 games. At 9-23, they have the NL's worst record.

Twins 3, Tigers 1

MINNEAPOLIS - Jacques Jones drove in three runs, and the Twins bullpen picked up for injured starter Rick Reed and beat the Tigers.

Minnesota improved to 15-2 at home this year - 6-1 against Detroit at the Metrodome. Tony Flores, Mike Jackson and J.C. Romero held the Tigers scoreless for three innings.

Kapler's short fly to left field was far enough to score Rafael Palmeiro, who led off the ninth by drawing a walk off Antonio Ouzma (3-1). Palmeiro had gone on Rusty Greengard's single, his third hit of the game.

Kapler's throwing error in the seventh allowed Chicago to go ahead 5-4. He also bobbled a hit in the third, when the White Sox struck a 4-3 lead.



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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Sun Valley home values

The average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in Sun Valley rang in at \$1,090,600 for 2001. That's the highest average anywhere in Magic Valley, and it's up a hefty 62 percent from the city's \$675,114 new-home average in 2000.

But home starts were fewer in number.

Sun Valley in 2001 issued permits for just 20 new single-family homes, down from the 35 of the year before.

Source: Wells Fargo's "Idaho Construction Report"

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

M.V. resort operator will lead travel council

ALBION — A Magic Valley ski resort operator will lead the Idaho Travel Council during the next 12 months.

Woody Anderson, owner and operator of Pomerelle Mountain Resort, was installed as chairman. Mike Shirley, general manager of Bogus Basin Ski Resort, will be vice chairman of the travel and tourism group.

Anderson and his wife, Sandy, have operated Pomerelle since the early 1970s. Before that, he was vice president and general manager at Park City in Utah and served on the board of the Salt Lake Visitors and Convention Bureau. Most recently, he served on Idaho's 2002 Committee. Anderson has served on the Idaho Travel Council for nearly two terms.

The state says Idaho's \$1.7 billion tourism industry generates \$134 million in local, state and federal tax revenues.

Idaho's tourism development and travel promotion activities come from a 2 percent lodging tax paid by travelers and collected by the state's hotel, motel and private campground industry. Collections exceed \$4 million annually.

Private-sector oversight is through the Idaho Travel Council, an eight-member advisory board appointed by the governor. The other Idaho Travel Council members from Magic Valley is Jack Sibbach of Sun Valley Co.

Ketchum merchants form association

KETCHUM — About 15 Ketchum merchants have formed an independent Ketchum Retail Merchants Association to address issues of concern to downtown businesses.

The group will work with the Ketchum City Council and city staff concerning such issues as parking, traffic, transportation, events, sidewalks, street lights and other street aesthetics and on increasing hotel space in Ketchum.

The group will hold an organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. May 15 at the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau at Fourth and Main streets. Ketchum retailers and restaurateurs are invited.

Sales strategist helps with Aqua Vie marketing

KETCHUM — Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said Monday that sales strategist James S. Tonkin will help implement the company's sales efforts, focused initially in the natural products market segment.

Tonkin, formerly president and chief executive of Essentia Water, Inc., has experience in food and beverage production, manufacturing, sales, marketing and distribution. He has created and implemented sales and marketing strategies for both public and private companies, Aqua Vie said.

As vice president and general manager of a West Coast 7-Up bottler, he produced and marketed a variety of soft drinks. Tonkin was also partner in Napa Naturals, a "new age" beverage, Aqua Vie said. His brand start-ups, Buffalo Chips potato chips and Heritage Farms cheese production, were sold to Laura Scudder's and Borden's, respectively.

"Jim has developed relationships with some of the largest and most influential players within the beverage industry, including many of the key retailers that comprise the growing natural foods distribution channel," said Thomas Gillespie, president and chief executive of Aqua Vie.

Compiled from staff reports

Dell deal garners more publicity

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's business-development incentives and Twin Falls' recruitment of Dell Computer Corp. jobs got more ink this month from the development trade press.

The May edition of Site Selection lists Twin Falls' new Dell technical-support operation in its annual roundup of "Breakthrough Deals."

"In an era of dwindling resources and a

slumping economy, development officials are searching for new ways to attract industry and business," Site Selection wrote.

In plain language, that means incentives.

Dell received city, state and private-sector incentives to bring its tech-support center to a former Twin Falls grocery store building.

The 45,000-circulation magazine said it surveyed its list of 10 breakthrough deals on a basis of nearly 400 global economic-

development groups.

Site Selection overstated Dell's initial employment numbers by a couple of hundred workers, however.

"Additional expansions (by) Solo Cup and other industrial and retail companies are combining with a booming housing construction market to present a very positive overall outlook for Twin Falls," the magazine wrote.

Site Selection's May edition included a second mention of Twin Falls' Dell deal, in a story about business opportunity around

the Rocky Mountain states. That article quoted Idaho's Commerce Director Gary Mahn touting the state's new-business incentives, including its reduced corporate income tax and its tax credits for businesses that create new jobs.

"What the new incentives do is reinforce the fact that Idaho is a progressive place to do business," Mahn told the magazine.

The article also quoted a site consultant with the firm that was Dell's first point of

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IN DEMAND



Michelle Hookstra, right, of Buffalo, Minn., works on a ganache Feb. 14 at a baking class at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Restaurateurs are touting the prestigious cooking school they need more bakers and pastry chefs.

Restaurants demand more dessert chefs

The Associated Press

HYDE PARK, N.Y. — Americans' never-ending love of cakes, pies and anything else sweet has created a huge demand in one profession: pastry chefs.

At the Culinary Institute of America, one of the nation's most prestigious cooking schools, chefs who can turn out exquisite desserts and baked goods have become so sought-after that the institute is doubling the number of entry dates for those students interested in making bread and pastry.

"For years, our profession has been in the background. In the middle of the night, the poor baker is in the cellar, baking," said chef Victor A.L. Giellese, the associate vice president and dean of culinary baking and pastry studies at the institute located on the Hudson River about 75 miles north of New York City.

That's all changed now that mainstream diners are becoming more sophisticated. The ubiquity of Martha Stewart and food shows on television has raised diners' expectations.

"The American public is highly educated about food today," said chef George Higgins as he showed students how to cut pink marzipan hearts to decorate cakes. "It's a good time for us, for many culinary programs."

It's not about gorging on mass-produced doughnuts. "It's always the crowning piece for the meal," Giellese said of dessert.

Chef En-Ming Hsu, the first graduate of the baking program in 1992, is now the award-win-

ning pastry chef for the Four Seasons in Chicago. She supervises 10 people and oversees all baking for the hotel.

"It's a madhouse. We're busy," she said. The institute's baking program gave her basic training in the fundamentals, she said.

She said she fields numerous calls from businesses looking for pastry chefs. "There are a lot of hotels... looking for a lot of pastry chefs."

"People are more aware of what pastry chefs can do," she said.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data illustrate the demand for chefs who bake: a 16 percent growth in retail bakeries, a 12 percent growth in baking manufacturing and a 32 percent growth in hotels and lodging by 2008 is expected.

The culinary institute now has about 2,100 students. Of those, 300 specialize in the baking arts. The school runs throughout the year, allowing students pursuing a bachelor's degree to finish in 38 months. An associate's degree takes 21 months.

Tuition ranges from about \$11,000 to \$16,000 a year.

The interest in baked goods marks a new appreciation for the specialty, but consumers aren't necessarily demanding fancy concoctions. They're looking for comfort food with excellent ingredients, said chef Thomas Gumpel, an associate dean for baking and pastry arts at the school.

"The consumer is starting to see dessert is part of the meal," he said.

Chef Higgins, who has won gold medals for his skills, said

An education in the sweeter things

The baking and pastry curriculum at the esteemed Culinary Institute of America offers more than just desserts. Here's a sampling of courses:

Chocolates and confections	Confectionery art	Food and Culture
An introduction to "creating chocolate sculptures... and preparing chocolates and other confections with soft, hard and liquid centers."	An introduction to display and decoration using icing pastes, carved ice and "poured, pulled and blown sugar."	A study of "the relationship between food and culture." Topics include comparisons between dining etiquette and "the rules of music, dancing and poetry" and relationships between food and religion, gender and ritual.
Decorated and wedding cakes	Nutritional Baking and Pastry	
An exploration of "the ingredients, styling and preparation of occasion cakes and classically decorated wedding cakes." Topics include "three-dimensional decorations and centerpieces."	Instruction in baking for health-conscious patrons and those with restricted diets.	

SOURCE: Culinary Institute of America

making pastries appeals to his creative side and that he enjoys working with his hands. "It just suited me perfectly."

And chef Daniel Budd, holding a pun of passion fruit jelly for a class on pectin, put it this way: "I'm the luckiest guy in the world. I get to go to work and make candy."

Many of the graduates don't have trouble finding a job.

"It's an industry that's clamoring for people," said Ray Wells,

the director of career services at the school, which boasts a 96 percent placement rate. Starting salaries as a pastry chef can range from \$18,000 to \$30,000. An experienced pastry chef can make upward of \$100,000.

The school has placed chefs — including pastry chefs — in some of the finest restaurants in the country, like the Ritz Carlton hotels, Equinox in Manchester, Vt., and the Park Avenue Cafe in New York.

Get rid of Enron shares and start writing off losses now

Question: I understand that I can write off up to \$3,000 of stock losses against my ordinary income. However, I also have heard that a person can take an even bigger deduction if he is the victim of theft or fraud. Does this deduction apply to the losses I have had from Enron?

Answer: Now that's creative thinking. And you can imagine how much the IRS hates creative thinking.

Your best bet is to forget what's known as the casualty and loss deduction, and write off your Enron shares the conventional way. Because Enron is still, inexplicably, being traded in the over-the-counter market, you can sell the shares you have and follow the usual rules for a stock-loss

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deduction. These rules require you to offset your losses with any gains before using up to \$3,000 of the remaining loss as deduction against your ordinary income. Any remaining losses can be used in future years, although again you're limited to \$3,000 a year.

You also could wait until the Enron bankruptcy case is finished and take a worthless stock deduction, but there's no real advantage to waiting. You might as well get rid of your shares and start writing off your losses now.

Q: I am in my early 60s and any thoughts of early retirement crashed with the market. I think it's time to finally get serious about getting some help managing my modest (and growing more modest every day) assets. I'm not sure how to select a financial planner, or even find one who wants to deal with me. I only have about \$500,000 in a 403(b) retirement account, IRAs and stocks, and not a lot of planners want to even bother with that small

amount. I could use some of your common-sense advice, please.

A: It's sad that \$500,000 is considered small potatoes in the financial planning world, but you're right that many financial planners have higher minimums.

Don't give up, though. You can find someone to help you.

Professional groups such as the Financial Planning Association at (800) 282-PLAN and the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors at (888) FEE-ONLY can provide you with information and checklists, as well as referrals.

You'll want someone who has, at a minimum, one of the accepted credentials for

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Nasdaq, Dow continue to dive

Analysts believe Fed will go slow in raising interest rates

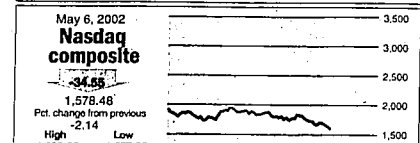
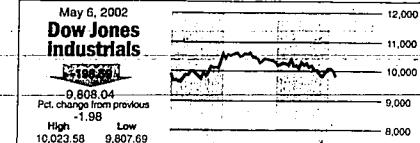
NEW YORK (AP) — With no upbeat news to cheer Wall Street on Monday, investors once again sold off stocks, sending the Nasdaq composite index to its lowest close in nearly seven months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank nearly 200 points, recording its poorest finish in nearly three months.

"There are two things at hand. No. 1, earnings stink. The second (is) high valuations," said Gary Kalbaum, market technician for Investors' Edge Partners in Orlando. "Put those two together, you end up with a lethal combination and the rough-trading we have been seeing."

The Dow closed down 198.59, or 2.0 percent, at 9,808.04, its lowest close since Feb. 19 when it was 9,745.34.

The market's other major indicators also finished with sharp losses. The Nasdaq composite index fell 34.55, or 2.1 percent, to 1,578.48, its lowest close since Oct. 9 when it stood at 1,570.19.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 20.76, or 1.9 percent, to 1,052.67, having slipped 0.3 percent last week.



continue to struggle for gains until investors are assured that business is improving and that the economy is strengthening. There was no such news Monday. The market was also anxious about a meeting to be held Tuesday by the Federal Reserve

Open Markets Committee during which a decision on interest rates would be made. At its last meeting on March 19, the Fed left rates unchanged after making 11 rate cuts last year to stimulate the economy. Wall Street is nervous about

when the Fed will start raising rates again, and will be looking for any indications that could happen before the economy has decisively improved.

Investors dealt with their qualms by again unloading stocks, which they've been doing for weeks as companies reported lackluster first-quarter earnings and failed to offer positive forecasts for future results.

Technology has been on a steady decline throughout 2002 as the market expects it will be the last to emerge from recession. The Nasdaq has plummeted 23.4 percent from its high close for the year — 2,059.38 back on Jan. 4.

As for individual issues, EarthLink on Monday fell 87 cents to \$7 after President Mike McQuary resigned for personal reasons.

Network equipment maker Cisco Systems declined 25 cents to \$12.89 ahead of its fiscal third-quarter results due Oct. 22.

Oracle lost 21 cents to close at \$8.22, adding to losses from when Goldman Sachs and SG Cowen reduced their outlook on the software maker and also on Thursday when Merrill Lynch questioned the firm's growth prospects.

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the level of its highest interest rates, the Federal Reserve will hold interest rates steady this week and won't start to raise rates until joblessness begins to fall, economists forecast Monday.

On the eve of Tuesday's regular meeting of Fed officials to review interest rates, analysts were in widespread agreement that the central bank will not see this as the right time to start boosting interest rates as a preemptive strike against inflation.

Last week, the government reported that the unemployment rate climbed to 6 percent in April, the highest level since August 1999.

That report was the most dramatic of a number of indicators showing that the recovery from last year's recession, after surging out of the starting gate in the January-March period this year, was slowing down.

The lackluster data on economic activity, coupled with continued weak earnings reports from corporate America, has battered Wall Street in recent weeks.

"We are in the midst so far of a jobless recovery and a profitless recovery. That is a double-whammy on financial markets and the Fed doesn't want to make it a triple-whammy by raising interest rates," said Stan Sahn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

The central bank's Federal Open Market Committee, which meets eight times a year to set interest rates, said it had not changed rates since last December, when it capped a yearlong easing drive by cutting its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to a 40-year

low of 1.75 percent. Banks' prime lending rate, which has not risen in 10 years, the funds rate, is now 4.75 percent, meaning that consumers and businesses are enjoying the lowest short-term borrowing costs since 1965.

At its last meeting on March 19, the FOMC left rates unchanged but raised expectations of future rate increases by dropping the language it had been using for more than a year that the greatest danger facing the economy was weak growth.

That wording change sparked concerns that with increasing signs of an economic rebound, the central bank was getting ready to start raising interest rates to make sure the stronger growth did not spark inflation pressures.

Some economists at the time said the rate hikes could begin as soon as the May meeting. However, with the post-war higher-than-expected economic reports, topped off by the sharp rise in unemployment, expectations on when the Fed will begin raising rates have now retreated to August or possibly even later.

The expectation is that the unemployment rate will peak at about 6.5 percent, probably in June or July of this year. While that is up considerably from the 3.9 percent jobless low-point during the 1992-93 economic-breaking expansion, it is still well below the 7.8 percent jobless rate hit during the 1990-91 recession.

When the Fed does start raising rates, most analysts are not looking for the dramatic halting point changes the Fed was making last year, but rather more deliberative quarter-point moves.

Federal judge clears way for shareholder suit against Raytheon

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has cleared the way for former shareholders of Washington Group International to sue Raytheon Co. for alleged fraud that destroyed their stock value.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill rejected Raytheon's claim that the shareholder suit was simply an attempt to revive the legal claim Boise-based Washington Group originally

lodged against Raytheon and then settled as part of its bankruptcy reorganization.

Washington Group accused Raytheon of defrauding it in the sale of the Massachusetts-based company's construction division for \$53 million and the assumption of an estimated \$450 million in liabilities. Washington Group claims liabilities were actually \$700 million. The shareholders sued indepen-

dently, demanding compensation for the losses they took because they purchased Washington Group stock at prices set upward by the allegedly fraudulent financial information Raytheon provided on the construction division sale. Shareholders then saw the stock price plunge when the financial picture was disclosed 11 months later.

Winnill issued his order on May 1. Steve Berman, the Seattle lawyer representing shareholders, estimated the loss at more than \$400 million. Berman, who characterizes his legal practice as "representing victims versus corporate America," has earned a reputation for winning substantial settlements in class-action suits without going to trial.

Market Summary

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New York Stock Exchange

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AAK	0.00	20.74	+0.10	Common	10	10	10
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