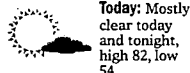




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COMING SUNDAY

Watch for the final installment of graduation seniors from area high schools: Jerome High School; Bliss High School; Liberty Christian Academy; Wendell High School; Gooding High School; Gooding Accelerated Learning Center; Hagerman High School; Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

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1999 report warned of attacks

More recent briefing concerned direct attacks in U.S.

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WASHINGTON - Two years before the Sept. 11 attacks, an analysis prepared for U.S. intelligence warned that Osama bin Laden's terrorists could hijack an airliner and fly it into government buildings like the Pentagon.

"Suicide bomber(s) belonging to al-Qaida's Martyrdom Battalion could crash-land an aircraft packed with high explosives (C-4 and semtex) into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), or the White House," the September 1999 report said.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the administration was

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aware of the report prepared by the Library of Congress for the National Intelligence Council, which advises the president and U.S. intelligence on emerging threats. He said the document did not contain direct intelligence pointing toward a specific plot but rather included assessments about how terrorists might strike.

Meanwhile, the top-secret briefing memo presented to President Bush on Aug. 6 carried the headline, "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.," and was primarily focused on recounting al-Qaida's past efforts to attack

and infiltrate the United States, senior administration officials told The Washington Post.

In earlier comments this week, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and other administration officials stressed that intelligence officials were focused primarily on threats to U.S. interests overseas.

Also Friday, new information emerged about a memo from the FBI's Phoenix office last July warning headquarters that a large number of Arabs were training at a U.S. flight school. The memo urged that all flight schools nationwide be checked, but the FBI failed to act on the idea.

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President Bush talks about his response to terrorism warnings during a ceremony Friday at the White House to present a football trophy to the U.S. Air Force Academy team.

FLYING HIGH



Fernando Gomez de la Vega, right, anxiously awaits the beginning of his graduation from the College of Southern Idaho Friday after three years of study away from his family in Mexico. Gomez de la Vega will be the first person from his family to graduate with a college diploma.

CSI hands out more than 400 diplomas

By Robert Mayer
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Growing up in Guadalajara, Mexico, Fernando Gomez de la Vega was quite familiar with the College of Southern Idaho.

After all, he is the most recent in a long line of family members to attend the Magic Valley institution.

The Idaho-Guadalajara connection began several decades ago, when a southern Idaho scientist in genetics went to Mexico for a project and met de la Vega's grandfather.

Thus began the stream of uncles, cousins, brothers and sis-

Mexico native plans for internship in Japan, then return to family farm

ters to CSI for English classes. But Fernando Gomez de la Vega took the trek a step further and spent three years in Twin Falls to earn an associate's degree in agricultural science.

"For me, it feels great," he said. "I'm looking forward to what's coming."

De la Vega was one of more than 400 graduates who received diplomas at CSI's 36th annual commencement at the college's gym Friday.

The energy and anticipation ran high as the hundreds of students formed a long ribbon of caps and gowns, winding through the campus walkways on the way to the gym.

"It feels awesome," said Kevin Hoffman, who will receive a certificate in diesel technology. "We accomplished what we came to do."

Inside the stifling gym, the stands were filled to capacity, and the railings above were lined sev-

eral deep with people hoping to catch a glimpse of their special graduate.

Before diplomas were handed out, CSI Foundation Executive Director Curtis Eaton announced CSI's two teachers of the year.

The outstanding technical instructor was Kirk Ruby, a computer support tech instructor.

"(Ruby) represents the best of CSI," Eaton said.

The academic teacher award went to biology professor Kathy Pullman, who has accumulated 25 years of teaching experience.

"She has a wealth of knowledge and energy that is often called

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Gooding plant deal worries neighbor

By Gina Mulder
 Times-News correspondent

GOODING - It was a tough job, but William Archibald thought somebody had to do it.

With just a couple of hours before a 15-day appeal period expired, Archibald decided he had to stand up and publicly voice his dissatisfaction with Gooding County's decision to allow Jerome Cheese Co. to build a multimillion-dollar wastewater treatment facility just a stone's throw from his one-acre Wendell back yard.

"I filed this appeal because it was my last chance," said Archibald, a retired biologist who worked in the field of human diseases. "I'm sorry to have to be the dissenter, especially when it shouldn't be necessary. But that's when it's difficult, when somebody is doing something unnecessary and the essence of gain here is totally one-sided."

Jerome Cheese Co.'s special-use permit had been approved by the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission on May 1. Approval gave the cheese company the green light to pump through seven miles of pipe about 1 million gallons of wastewater each day to a 940-acre site in southern Gooding County - just about two miles north of Niagara Springs.

Once on site, the water would be treated, and nutrients would be extracted and converted into marketable fertilizer. The treated water would be used as mitigation water for irrigation.

It was the third time Jerome Cheese had submitted an application for Gooding County approval. Twice before, Gooding County planners rejected the application - once because the application lacked necessary permits from various state and local agencies, and once because the project would set an industrial facility in the middle of an area

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Castro's daughter paints poor picture of native country

Tourists, journalists only see the good side.

By Lorraine Cavener
 Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - At a time when Cuba is in the news often, Burley had a visit from the daughter of Fidel Castro, who spoke to about 45 people Friday evening.

In 1959, when Alina Fernandez was 3 years old, she recalls watching cartoons on television when the sight of war tanks interrupted the program.

"The cartoons went away forever," she said.

Cartoons weren't the only things that disappeared when the revolution marched into Cuba. Other things began to disappear

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Cuban leader Fidel Castro sees former President Jimmy Carter off as he prepares to leave the Havana airport Friday.

Cuba trade would benefit most Americans, Carter says

The Associated Press

HAVANA - Jimmy Carter ended a historic visit to Cuba Friday sharply at odds with the Bush administration over how to deal with Fidel Castro. The former president said limits on tourism and trade often hurt Americans more than Cubans.

"I think an American private citizen or an American company should have the right to visit any place on earth and the right to trade with any other purchaser or supplier on earth," Carter told a news conference immediately before leaving Cuba.

"I see the embargo and travel

restraints as an imposition on the human rights of American citizens," he added.

Castro, wearing a military uniform for the first time since Carter's arrival, personally came to bid farewell to the American president.

Carter was the most prominent American political figure to visit Cuba since Castro's 1959 revolution, and the Cuban leader gave him unprecedented freedom to speak to the Cuban people. He used it to bluntly describe the country as undemocratic and to repeatedly publicize a dissent

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Craig sees resolution over trade measure

BOISE (AP) — Republican Sen. Larry Craig, crosswise with the Bush administration and Idaho farm groups over trade bill provisions, says he has been assured by the White House that those differences can be resolved.

Craig and Minnesota Democrat Mark Dayton convinced fellow senators to reserve the right to alter future trade deals to protect American workers and industries from unfair foreign competition.

That addition to the trade bill came despite warnings from three Cabinet secretaries that they would urge President Bush



Sen. Larry Craig

has the support of the rest of the state's congressional delegation. But the Idaho Farm Bureau

to veto the measure. The original bill was intended to limit Senate power to accept or reject trade treaties.

"I don't think the president will veto it," said Craig, who has the support of the rest of the state's congressional delegation. But the Idaho Farm Bureau

Federation has objected to Craig's proposal.

It claimed that giving Congress power to give treaties ignores the reason for the bill — to enable the negotiation of complex deals that stand or fall in their entirety.

"How would you feel if you were sitting across the table from someone, trying to negotiate something with them, and they had to get up and go check with someone else about every little point?" Farm Bureau spokesman John Thompson said. Craig contends his approach

protects Idaho farmers, timber workers, high-tech workers from unfair trade practices.

But Thompson contended that unfettered fast-track authority is critical to getting the United States into the international trading game. Right now, he contended, the country is party to just two of 230 international trade agreements.

"We're just not in the ball game," Thompson said. "I think the whole intent of the bill is to allow for free trade and help that process happen quicker and easier."

Astronomers discover new moons

HONOLULU (AP) — Astronomers at the University of Hawaii have discovered 11 more moons orbiting Jupiter, bringing the number orbiting the solar system's largest planet to 39.

The discovery by the team led by astronomer David Jewitt and graduate student Scott Sheppard was announced Thursday by the International Astronomical Union. The group, which first identified the moons in December, discovered 11 other moons orbiting Jupiter in January 2001.

"It's pretty exciting to find these," Sheppard said. "When

you're actually up there observing, it's very time consuming, very rigorous."

Astronomers used a telescope atop Mauna Kea and one of the largest digital imaging cameras in the world to find the moons, the astronomers said. The moons are between 1.25 miles and 2.5 miles in diameter, the astronomers said.

The discovery is also significant because the moons rotate in the opposite rotation of Jupiter, astronomers said.

Satellites typically rotate in the same direction as the planet they orbit.

Lawmaker threatens subpoena over Enron data

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Friday he'll try to subpoena the White House for information on officials' contacts with Enron unless the administration promises to provide the material by the end of the month.

Lieberman, D-Conn., who heads the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, has been in a push-and-pull with the White House since requesting the information in late March as part of the panel's Enron investigation.

He said the only material the White House had provided was copies of letters responding to other congressional inquiries and a transcript of a press conference by President Bush.

Houston-based Enron was among Bush's biggest campaign contributors. The administration disclosed in January that former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay made a series of telephone calls to members of the Bush Cabinet, including Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, as the company spiraled toward collapse last fall.

Federal Reserve seeks shift as lender of last resort

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve on Friday unveiled a significant shift in its operations as the nation's lender of last resort. It proposed making it more expensive for banks to borrow directly from the Fed.

Currently, banks that go to the Fed's discount window are able to get loans that are about a half percentage point below the Fed's target for the federal funds rate,

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the interest that commercial banks charge each other for loans.

Under the proposal, the Fed would take away that break and instead charge banks using the discount window 1 full percentage point higher rate than the funds rate. If the change is adopted after a public comment period, it would be the most significant change in the Fed's discount window operations in nearly two decades.

The banking industry was caught by surprise by the Fed proposal but some officials said it might increase flexibility in Fed operations.

Vatican official: No need to tell churchgoers of abuse

ROME — Roman Catholic bishops should avoid telling congregations their parish priests sexually abused someone if the bishops believe the priests will not abuse again, a Vatican official said.

The Rev. Gianfranco Ghirlanda also said in an article to be published Saturday that church leaders have no legal or moral responsibilities if such abuse does occur.

A commission set up by Cardinal Bernard Law in the wake of the child-molestation scandal urged the archdiocese Friday to remove members of the clergy after just one sexual misconduct offense.

The panel's suggestions stressed prompt reporting to church and civil authorities of

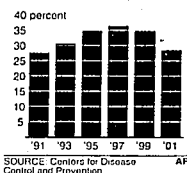
sexual misconduct and immediate action to remove the offenders from ministry. The panel also suggested better screening of clergy, staff and volunteers.

It also recommended the creation of an independent review board of lay experts to review child abuse policies, and the establishment of a child protection team made up of trained parishioners in each parish.

Teens smoking less

After peaking in the 1990s, teen smoking has fallen back to the level of a decade ago.

High school students who reported smoking a cigarette in the last 30 days



Smoking at U.S. high schools at lowest level since 1991

ATLANTA — Smoking among U.S. high school students has dropped to its lowest level in a decade, the government said this week, crediting steep cigarette taxes and school programs that discourage youngsters from taking up the habit.

Just 28.5 percent of high schoolers in a nationwide survey last year reported they had smoked a cigarette in the previous month — down from 36.4 percent five years ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The rate is the lowest since 1991, when 27.5 percent of high school students said they smoked. The figure had climbed for most of the 1990s before reversing in 1999. "This is terrific news," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

The average retail price of cigarettes jumped 70 percent from December 1997 to May 2001, and CDC analysts said studies by health economists show that high cost deters many youngsters from smoking.

Suspect arrested in slaying of four men at video store

ANNISTON, Ala. — A 48-year-old man was arrested Friday in the killing of four young men in a video rental store.

Police Chief Wayne Chandler identified the suspect as Donald Wheat of nearby Clay County. A gun found inside the video store led police to Wheat, Chandler said.

He gave no further details except to say that the community "will find out during the course of this investigation that one young man was very heroic."

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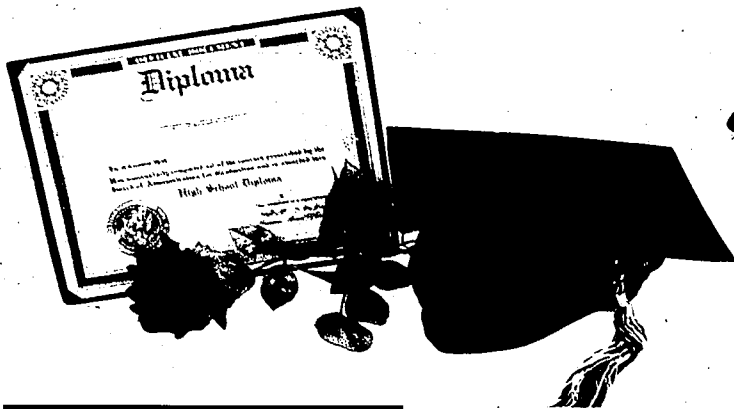
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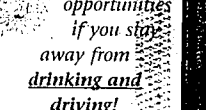
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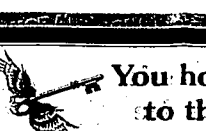
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History isn't as important to U.S. citizens as some think

"History is bunk." - Henry Ford (1863-1947)

We now know what we've always known, which is that we don't know much. The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows that most American high-school students are woefully ignorant of history. About 57 percent scored below a "basic" level of competence. One multiple-choice question asked the identity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Warsaw Pact. Only 30 percent got it right.

We're already being told this "disturbing" and "appalling" low is - which is true, but less so than it seems. One lesson of history is that Americans don't care much for history. We are a future-oriented people, too busy and (perhaps) too cocky to dote much on the past. Henry Ford's bombing was characteristically American in its self-assurance, pragmatism and anti-intellectualism. The disdain for history can be liberating. It focuses us on future opportunities and not past failures and resentments.

I am not arguing for ignorance. History, like most knowledge, is inherently pleasurable. It helps explain our country and world. It makes life less mystifying. I love history, write about it often and wish there were a larger audience for its dramas and lessons. But I reject the alarmist notion that ignorance threatens our social cohesion or democracy by cutting us off from the roots that define the American experience.

To blame our ignorance on inept schools and lazy students is to miss the larger cultural failing. I grew up in the 1950s. My parents didn't discuss the Great Depression, which was history only two decades old, let alone the Revolution or Civil War. They probably were typical. "I've never brought up the Depression to my children," a suburban car



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dealer told Studs Terkel in his 1970 oral history of the Depression. "They don't have to know bad times. All they know is the life they've had and the future they're gonna have."

This burdens schools. They have not only to convey much information but also to overcome much indifference. It's James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass against MTV, Spider-Man and instant-messaging. Not exactly a fair contest.

But what we don't know doesn't prevent Americans from acquiring the bedrock values - the love of freedom, the belief in individual dignity - that are the nation's social glue. The same popular culture that spurns the past imbues people, through a process both powerful and mysterious, with a reflexive reverence of American ideas. They're embedded in America's get-ahead social climate, the constant emphasis on economic and lifestyle experimentation and the glorification of personal and consumer choice.

World War II offers splendid proof. The "greatest generation" knew why it was fighting, even though it was a "morant of history as its citizens and grandchildren, perhaps more so. In 1943, a Gallup poll found that about 30 percent had never heard of the Bill of Rights and fewer than 23 percent could identify it as the first 10 amendments to the Constitution; the rest were confused about what it was.

On Guadalcanal, war correspondent (and later novelist) John Hersey once asked some Marines why they were fighting. There was a long silence before

one of them said, quietly: "Jesus, what 'I'd give for a piece of blueberry pie." He initially thought the answer off-subject and selfish. But he came to realize its power as a metaphor not only for home comforts but also for the assumed opportunities of a free society. What Americans extol are not the abstractions of liberty and democracy but the personal blessings they bring.

Writing in 1942, Elmo Roper - a pioneer in opinion surveys - claimed in his pre-politically correct prose: "A great many of us make two mistakes in our judgment of the common man. We overestimate the amount of information he has; we underestimate his intelligence.... During my eight years of asking the common man questions about what he thinks and what he wants I have often been surprised... that he has less information than we think he should have.... But I have more often been surprised... that, despite his lack of information, the common man's native intelligence generally brings him to a sound conclusion."

It is here - on the common-sense judgments of ordinary people - that the hopes for American democracy lie. History is not just what happened in the past. It is also what people in the present think and say about the past. It can be selective, self-serving and propagandistic. In the Civil War, both the Union and Confederacy claimed to be upholding the Founders' ideals. More recently, we've had incendiary history "wars" over whether instruction should emphasize common ideals and heroic achievements or the multi-cultural stories of various minorities.

History is indispensable to understanding. But it will not automatically bring us together - and that, for better or worse, is history's verdict.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.



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Fables give a window into real-life scenarios

Don't you just love stories and fairy tales and how they tend to fit real life situations? One that comes to my mind is the fox that was hired to watch the hen house.

Now I am sure that the farmer thought he was getting a pretty good deal. The fox must have been quite a salesman to land such an important position with such a known reputation. I wonder if the farmer had a dog that the fox was friends to. How ironic that the chickens that were being watched probably didn't have much input into the decision-making process. They were the ones who eventually were hurt and, probably, they could tell from the onslaught that the fox was not going to be for their benefit.

Geek how about the stories of pedophiles who are hired to run daycares or lead religious organizations. I bet the abused really appreciate being put through that trauma. Good choice, whoever did the background checking. Of course, you would have to be as good of a talker as the fox to put on such a disguise. Well some of these guys do look pretty innocent, even though they usually have a history or a pattern.

Then you have the new program manager of warehouse control for the state of Idaho. Part of his resume includes the history of ABT, the failed warehouse for alfalfa seed growers. The knowledge gained in that failure alone should qualify the fox to control us warehouse chickens. Well, if you are friends with the dog, a resume probably wasn't needed anyway. Where are Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward when you need them? "Cause, this stinks.

Signed chicken feathers,
DOUG BEAMES
-Hazelton

Dollar has a lot to do with efforts of anti-wolf groups

Regarding "Anti-Wolf group buys ad space, petitions Pres. Bush for wolf removal"

What is wrong with people? What are they thinking? To go to these lengths, any lengths for that matter, to literally destroy or eliminate or bring to the point of extinction these creatures? It is beyond my imagination! Better yet - why? In my opinion, the almighty dollar has a lot to do with it.

Farmers can be and are being compensated for loss of livestock in some regions; there are ways to "protect" their domestic herds (e.g., guard dogs for one). Why is the hunter so angry? Is he afraid he will run out of wildlife to shoot and kill in fear that the wolf may "eat" before he has a chance to hang a trophy on his wall? Wolves, I understand, generally "prey" on the old, sick or weak, which balances

out nature so to speak. Do "we" not kill to eat?

Another fear of Mr. Gillette, who owns the Triangle C guest ranch, is the loss of wildlife viewing - wolves are part of wildlife - his fear, in my opinion, is strictly a selfish one - money. He claims there would be a loss of income. Would he want to "eliminate" the elk if he felt that to be a threat to his business?

As for his comment regarding people who are wolf supporters being looked and to go by a tape to hear a wolf howl just shows how truly ignorant he is, in my opinion.

He claims wolves are cruel, vicious, land piranhas, wildlife terrorists; to the contrary, I say that he is and so is anyone else with that mentality.

In regard to the comment regarding the possible attack of school children, I would say that was really "pushing the envelope." Just another way to try to scare people.

These comments are directed to the people who are so misinformed about wolves and wildlife as a whole. I wish I was in a financial position to do something about this situation, but I am not. That, too, poses a problem for the wolf and all endangered species; it takes money to fight money, and he knows it.

DONNA BETTINGER
Georgetown, Del.

Choosing which cause to donate to proves difficult

Every day, I get letters from different people and organizations asking for help and donations of \$25 to \$1,000, and if you can't afford that, send at least \$8 to \$10. Most of these concern corruption in some government department or other such as FBI special agent, U.S. Customs, police departments, etc. All these sound like they would be worthy of our support to help clean up the corruption that exists. However, I, for one, and most likely most of you out there are in the same situation - can-

not afford to support so many. How do you choose which one to support and know your money is being used effectively.

What can I do? I have wondered how we can best take an interest in our government and help to keep this the free country we have enjoyed for many years. So many organizations, each trying to do something, but if they worked together instead of separate, would they not accomplish more? United we stand, divided we fall.

I have come to the conclusion that we need to start with good, honest elected officials. They are to make or support the laws. Then comes the question: How can the best man or woman for the job possibly afford to run for an office with the expensive advertisement in the news media?

I feel we must study each candidate for each office and what they stand for.

Then if we have any donation to give, make it to those persons we feel are right for the office, beginning with our local, then state and federal.

Now to the candidates: We are putting our trust in you when we elect you to an office. Please stay true to the platform you ran on.

Do not be swayed by those lobbying for special interests. This is often the case - good people are elected but become corrupted by those who seem to have more power (money) behind them regardless whether their cause is just or not; let your conscience be your guide. Do what is right for everyone.

Voters, this is election year. Please do not feel your vote is not worth the effort.

Get out and vote to elect the honest, upright candidate who believes in the Constitution of the United States and that will best help keep this country free.

If you feel no candidate fits this description, then help find someone who does. We all need to be involved.

COLEEN ALLEN
Albion

Article probably misquoted SIRCOMM board member

Regarding the article of April 28, expressing Chris Talkington's dismay at SIRCOMM's lack of bidding process for the purchase of new computer software:

Yes, Mr. Talkington is a member of the Joint Powers Board that runs SIRCOMM and is responsible for all its actions. Yes, the board is putting out to bid the contract for new software. No, Mr. Talkington would not deliberately call himself and the other board members "incompetent," so obviously, he was misunderstood or misquoted.

LT. GERARD FREIRE
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Gerard Freire is the interim director at SIRCOMM.)

Celia Gould deserves your vote for lieutenant governor

As a former legislator and chairman of the Revenue and Taxation Committee, I fully endorse Celia Gould for the office of lieutenant governor. She was a member of the committee for several terms and was very reliable. Her first concern was always for the concerns of her constituents and the people of Idaho. If I assigned her a particular task, she always did her best to solve the problem.

As chairwoman of the Judiciary and Rules Committee, she did a great job. One of her great concerns is the welfare of children, passing many pieces of legislation to further their cause.

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The rules committee has been highly respected under Celia's guidance.

Celia has a strong agricultural background and is well aware of the farm problems across the state. She has consistently stood up for the needs of agriculture.

One of the strong arguments to be made in her favor is reapportionment.

With the enormous growth in cities, especially in Boise, rural citizens will be voted out in the Legislature. The other entrants are all from heavily populated areas. With the lieutenant governor breaking many ties, we need Celia in that office to stand up for rural Idaho.

Be sure to vote on May 28!
STEVE ANTONIO
Rupert

Sharon Block has proven willing to give what it takes

for state representative.

I am writing for Sharon Block for state representative.

What I appreciate most about Sharon Block is her proven willingness to give her time and considerable energy to represent the citizens of Twin Falls County.

Sharon works hard, listens to community concerns and cares about Idaho. I am confident that Sharon will continue to enthusiastically represent our interests in the Legislature if she is given the opportunity.

Please join me and vote for Sharon Block for state representative.
SUZANNE CRAIG
Twin Falls

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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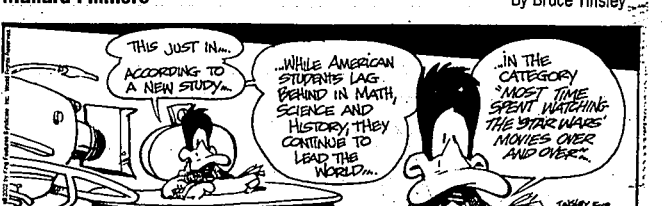
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Bush vigorously defends response

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush forcefully responded Friday to questions that his administration may have ignored warnings of terrorist threats prior to Sept. 11, as White House officials stepped up accusations that Democrats were playing politics with the security of the country.

In a Rose Garden ceremony, Bush denounced what he called a "Washington climate" where "second-guessing has become second nature," and then, measuring his words for emphasis, added, "I had known that the enemy was going to use airplanes to kill on that fateful morning, I would have done everything in my power to protect the American people."

The president's comments, however, did little to quell a growing political fire over the revelation this week that Bush was told during his Aug. 6 intelligence briefing that members of the al-Qaida terrorist network not only might be planning new attacks but also might resort to hijacking airplanes.

The rhetorical finger-pointing threatened to end months of bipartisan support for Bush's handling of the war on terrorism and signaled a more contentious debate in coming months over whether there were intelligence failures before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., speaking to an Associated Press reporter, said the key question for Bush was "Why didn't he know? If the information was made available,



Sen. Tom Daschle

why was he kept in the dark? If the president of the United States doesn't have access to this kind of information, there's something wrong with the system."

Democrats angrily accused the administration of attempting to stifle political debate, pointing to comments Thursday night by Vice President Dick Cheney and criticism leveled by White House press secretary Ari Fleischer at his daily briefing.

"The last thing we need now is partisan bashing and political blaming and questioning of motives on either side," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said in an interview. He added, "If every time somebody asks a legitimate question it is seen as having a motive of political gamesmanship, we're never going to get to where we need to be."

But White House communications director Dan Bartlett defended the administration's

decision to fire back at the Democrats. Charging that Democratic comments on Thursday "are exactly what our opponents, our enemies, want us to do," he said, "We felt it required a swift response and we felt that the vice president was the appropriate person to do it."

At a dinner of the Conservative Party in New York on Thursday, Cheney warned against "incoherent" rhetoric and said the chorus of criticism from the Democrats was "thoroughly irresponsible and totally unworthy of national leaders in a time of war."

Friday, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., described Cheney's remarks as "historically incorrect and threatening." In an interview, Kerry said, "I think he is overly attempting to suggest that there is a patriot card to be played here, which I think is completely inappropriate. It's misplaced patriotism."

trained as an al-Qaida pilot in Kenya and attended a meeting in 1993 where an al-Qaida official was briefing Ali on Western air traffic control procedures.

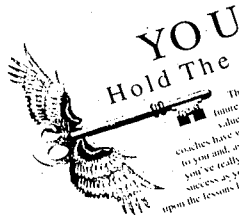
That intelligence is in addition to information the FBI received in July 2001 from its Phoenix office that a large number of Arabs were training at U.S. flight schools and a briefing President Bush received in August of that year suggesting hijacking was one possible attack the al-Qaida might use against the United States.

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In February 2001, federal prosecutors told a court they gained information in September 2000 from an associate of Ali's, Moroccan citizen L'Houssaine Kherchtou, that Kherchtou was

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Officials said the CIA was not shown the memo before Sept. 11 and even if it had, it did not have the intelligence linking the two men to al-Qaida until after the attacks. The FBI checked the names before Sept. 11 but found no bin Laden ties, the officials added.

Former CIA Deputy Director John Gurnon, who was chairman of the National Intelligence Council when the 1999 report was written, said officials long have known a suicide hijacking was a threat.

"If you ask anybody could terrorists convert a plane into a missile, nobody would have ruled that out," he said.

Democrats and some Republicans in Congress raised the volume of their calls to investigate what the government knew before Sept. 11.

"I think we're going to learn a lot about what the government knew," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said during an appearance in New York. She said she was unaware of the report created in 1999 during her husband's administration.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a senior member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance committees, demanded the CIA inspector general investigate the report, which he called "one of the most alarming indicators and warning signs of the terrorist plot of Sept. 11."

Meanwhile, court transcripts reviewed by The Associated Press show the government had other warning signs between 1999 and 2001 that bin Laden was sending members of his network to be trained as pilots and was considering airlines as a possible target.

The court records show the FBI has known since at least 1999

that Ihab Mohammed Ali, who was arrested in Orlando, Fla., and later named as an undicted conspirator in the 1998 U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, had been sent for pilot training in Norman, Okla., before working as a pilot for bin Laden.

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Tuesday, May 21st

10:00am Welcome and Introduction
Lieutenant Governor Jack Riggs
Patrick Takasugi, Director
Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Jim Wertz, Director EPA's Idaho Operations Office
Dr. Larry Brannen, Dean
University of Idaho
College of Agriculture & Life Science
Dr. Ron Sheffield
University of Idaho
Biological & Agricultural Engineering

12:00pm Lunch Break
1:00pm Anaerobic Systems
Moderator: Kurt Roos
U.S. EPA AgStar Program
Presenters:
RCM Digesters
Cylus Enviro Systems
AgEnvironmental
Biomass Energy Systems & Tech

2:45pm Break
3:00pm Anaerobic Systems Continued
Presenters (continued):
Stanley Siegle
Power Engineers
Peter Richards - Simplot

5:00pm Reception with Displays
Wednesday, May 22nd
8:00am Lagoon/Feed Additives
Moderator: David Schmidt, PE
University of Minnesota
Presenters:
Pro-Ac
Maz-Zee SA International
W.W. Supply
Baumgartner Environics
General Chem Company
Environmental Resolutions
Bio-Earth Elements
11:00am Lagoon Covers

Moderator: Dr. José Bicudo, PE
University of Kentucky
Presenters:
Baumgartner Environics
12:00pm Lunch Break
1:00pm Separation Systems
Moderator: Peter Wright, PE
Cornell University
Presenters:
Structure Plus
Enviro-Mont
McLanahan Equipment
World Water Works

2:45pm Break
3:00pm Separation Systems Continued
Presenters (continued):
Cylus Enviro Systems
Innovator Engineering Develop
Press Technology & Manufacturing

4:30pm Break for the day
Thursday, May 23rd
8:00am Manure Handling & Application
Moderator: Peter Wright, PE
Cornell University
Presenters:
Standley & Company
AT's Service Co.
Yardley Equipment
Palouse Wind and Water

10:15am Break
10:30am Aerobic Systems
Moderator: Dr. José Bicudo, PE
University of Kentucky
Presenters:
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1:45pm Final Comments

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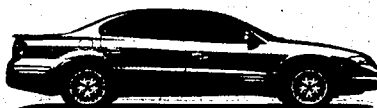


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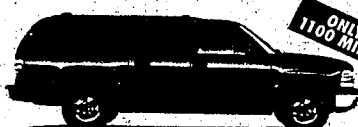


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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Magic Valley Speedway
Intermountains, Ponys, Thunder, Queen Bees, 7 p.m.
RMFL football

Mini-Cassia at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.

High school baseball

Class 5A Region III

Tournament

Highland at Pocatello (winner to state)

Class 4A Interdistrict Play-in, at Twin Falls, 2 p.m.

Blackfoot vs. Bishop Kelly (winner to state)

Class 3A Interdistrict Play-in, at American Falls, 1 p.m.

Kimberly vs. Teton (winner to state)

High school softball

Class 5A Interdistrict Play-in, at Filer, noon

Twin Falls vs. Boise (winner to state)

Class 4A Interdistrict Play-in, at Filer, 2:30 p.m.

Jerome vs. Skyview (winner to state)

Class 3A Interdistrict Play-in, at Mountain Home, 1 p.m.

Buhl vs. Middleton (winner to state)

High school tennis

Class 5A State Tournament, at Boise Racquet & Swim Club

Class 4A State Tournament, at Caldwell HS, Vallivue HS

Class 3A State Tournament, at Timberline HS

High school rodeo

Fifth District at Carey

Sixth District at Oakley

IN BRIEF

Skateboarders hit T.F. park today for festival

TWIN FALLS — The Northwest Amateur Skate League (NASL) out of Boise will host a statewide contest today at the Twin Falls Skate Park in Harmon Park starting at 10 a.m.

There will be age-specific divisions for skateboarders from 8 years old and under all the way to adults. Registration, which costs \$15 plus a \$6 insurance fee, begins at 9 a.m. Annual membership to the NASL is \$60. Trophies will be awarded to the top six finishers in every category.

A DJ and other entertainment are expected to be on hand. The event is sponsored by The Board Room out of Boise.

For more information on future NASL events, call 1-800-700-3441.

Deadline looms for Sawtooth Relay

KETCHUM — Sawtooth Relay entries must be received by Friday for teams to participate in the 62-mile event scheduled for Saturday, June 22.

Six-person teams complete 12 legs that average 5 miles in length. The event is open to runners and walkers. Entry fee is \$240 per team. Entry forms are available on the Internet at www.sawtoothrelay.com and at area sporting goods stores and health clubs.

For more information, call (208) 853-1221 or go to www.sawtoothrelay.com.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Eddie Arcaro. He won on Whirlaway in 1941 and Citation in 1948.

Hieb falls in second round

Bruins tie for third after first day of state tennis

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BOISE — Missed opportunities cost Twin Falls-Bruin tennis player John Hieb.

None more so than with the score knotted at three games

apiece in the second set against Boise's Tristan Heinrich. Already down a set, Hieb finally looked strong on his service game, after holding serve just once in a 6-3 first-set loss.

And after a typically big first serve, Hieb took control of the point looking to go up 4-3 when he drew Heinrich to the net and had a wide-open court for a backhand passing shot.

Hieb missed long on what should have been an easy putaway, screaming, "Do I have to miss every backhand?"

State
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Tennis

It was that kind of day for the Bruins' lone senior and best hope at a state title, as he went on to fall 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the Class 5A state tennis tournament at the Boise Racquet & Swim Club Friday.

Despite the loss, the Bruins are tied for third place in the team standings with Boise. Idaho Falls is second behind first place

Capital.

Friday was a crushing blow to Hieb, who had wanted to add a singles championship to the doubles crown he won last year with the former teammate Mark Fuller, who's now attending Boise State University.

After the missed backhand, Heinrich went on to break Hieb to go up 4-3. Then he held serve at love with two service winners, an ace and a smashing overhead for the 5-3 lead.

Heinrich proceeded to break Hieb's next serve for the sixth

time, ending the match.

Hieb had a simple recipe on what he should have done against a player who had defeated him in both previous meetings, though neither loss came this year.

"Played well," Hieb said. "I wasn't hitting my backhand all day. It was off the whole time."

In the first set, it was Hieb's missed first serves that allowed Heinrich to establish control of points and work around the Bruin's big forehand.

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Jerome sweeps 4A district track

State meet begins Thursday

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome boys and girls track teams held on to first-day leads to sweep the 4A District Four-Five-Six track meet Friday at Jerome High School.

The meet featured several close finishes as athletes battled for invitations to the 4A state track and field meet Thursday and Friday at Boise State University.

The top four places in each event earned automatic berths to state. Two at-large berths were also up for grabs in the field events and four extra relay teams from across the state will earn state trips.

All the field events, the 3,200-meter run, medley relay, and preliminaries were held Wednesday while the teams returned Friday for the finals in the running events.

Boys

On the boys side, a strong showing in the field events with depth in the hurdles paced the Tigers to 129 total points, well ahead of runner-up Century with 90. Burley and Bonneville tied for third with 76 points each and Blackfoot scored just a single point.

"Our key was the depth in the field events and hurdles," Tigers coach Tim Dunne said. "We have two jumpers going to state in the high jump and triple jump. Bryan Harris (first in 800) and Ryan Baslin (second in the 1,600 and 3,200) really helped us in key spots."

Burley's Cole Nelson swept the sprints, running the 100 meter in 11.11 seconds to nip teammate Jed Thomas (11.18) in a photo finish. Nelson ran wire-to-wire for the win in the 200.

"I have never done (that) before so it feels good," Nelson said.

Nathan Capps cruised to the victory in the 110 high hurdles in 15.22. It was his first year running the event.

"It felt good, but I kind of stumbled on a hurdle and that added some time," Capps said. "I

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Jerome's Melissa McLimore flies past the competition in the girls 200-meter dash at the 4A District Four-Five-Six finals in Jerome Friday afternoon. McLimore won four golds over the two-day meet, helping the Jerome girls to the district title.

Declo boys, Filer girls take 3A meets

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

GOODING — If Friday's 3A District Four track and field meet is any indication, the Magic Valley can look forward to two more state champion track teams this season.

They just might not be repeat performers.

The Filer girls track team took home the District Four title at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, scoring 134 points to edge defending state champion Declo by a single point.

The Lady Wildcats qualified eight individuals to state in 11 different events. Filer also won two relays. Declo will send

six girls to state in 11 events and a relay team.

"We're real excited about the girls' team," Filer coach Lillard Patterson said. "It's probably the most girls that we've ever sent to state. They've worked real hard."

The Declo boys team won for the second year.

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War Emblem faces fast-paced pressure

The Washington Post

BALTIMORE — War Emblem will carry family, green and white colors of The Thoroughbred Corporation when he attempts to win the Preakness, but perhaps he should have a target painted on his silks instead.

His rivals will have the Kentucky Derby winner in their sights and try to prevent him from getting an uncontested lead as he did at Churchill Downs.

"Everybody is going to be after War Emblem," predicted John Ward, trainer of the speedster Booklet. "It's going to be like the Indianapolis 500 going into the first turn."

The conventional wisdom is that War Emblem won't be able to survive the pressure.

He is not even listed as the morning-line favorite for the Preakness; Medaglia d'Oro, who finished fourth in Louisville after a difficult trip, has that distinction.

Yet it is conceivable that War Emblem — virtually unknown a month before the Derby and unexpected after it — has suddenly developed into such a good racehorse that he can handle anything his challengers throw at him. That tantalizing possibility is what makes the 127th Preakness an intriguing race.

Perhaps the greatest danger to War Emblem is posed by Table Limit, a surprise entrant by train-



Kentucky Derby winner War Emblem, with Mick Jinnor aboard, jogs around the Pimlico race track in Baltimore during a workout Friday in preparation for the 127th Preakness Stakes today.

er Wayne Lukas, who presumably wants the sprinter to go on a kamikaze mission that will hurt War Emblem; Lukas innocently insists that he is not using Table Limit as a "rabbit," but he did something similar when he entered a sprinter in the 1994 Travers Stakes to go head-and-head with the champion Holy Bull.

Some fans may think it is unsporting for trainers and jockeys to target a particular horse, but such tactics are not uncommon in the Preakness.

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Kings hope to dent that Laker swagger

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dealing with Shaq and Kobe is tough enough. The Sacramento Kings face another daunting task as well — actually believing they can beat the Lakers.

"They can make you doubt yourself," Sacramento guard Bobby Jackson said Thursday as the Kings prepared for the Western Conference finals.

"They're so talented, but you've got to trust yourself and your teammates," he added. "Otherwise, they get a lead, and they get rolling."

The Kings realize there's much more on the line than California bragging rights when the teams meet today in Game 1 of a tantalizing series.

The Kings must draw on their consummate brand of team play to neutralize the unrivaled star power of the two-time champions. Sacramento may well play the league's most exciting style, but the Lakers have Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant.

The Kings aren't quaking just yet. They've waited all year for a third straight playoff shot at the champs.

"We've got to play our game and see if they can handle it," Kings guard Mike Bibby said. The Kings, the NBA's top regu-



Conference finals

Western Conference
Today: L.A. Lakers at Sacramento.
Game 1, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Eastern Conference
Sunday: Boston at New Jersey.
Game 1, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

lar-season team, have every reason to be cautious. In 2000, the Lakers were taken to five games by Sacramento in the first round. Last season, the Lakers swept in the second round, punctuated by Bryant's 48-point outburst in the clincher.

The roots of Los Angeles' psychological edge are recent — 10 victories in 12 meetings with the Kings since the 2000 playoffs. The Lakers also have a bit of history — 12 trips to the conference finals since the Kings' last visit in 1981.

But foremost, there is the Lakers' confidence — the regal, almost haughty, bearing of a champion who believes no team can match its will in May or June.

"Sacramento feeds off their energy. It's fun to play on the road," Bryant said. "Everybody's against you. If the home team's playing with confidence, you have to elevate your game."

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SPORTS



Boston Red Sox pitcher Rolando Arrojo, right, tags out Seattle's Mike Cameron on a bunt in the sixth inning at Fenway Park in Boston Friday.

Mariners win showdown at Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Jeff Cirillo's two-run single broke a sixth-inning tie as the Seattle Mariners won the opener of a weekend series between baseball's top two teams, beating the Boston Red Sox 6-3 Friday night.

Seattle (29-12) would pass Boston (27-11) with a win Saturday.

The Mariners overcame a 3-0 deficit on Ichiro Suzuki's two-run double in the fourth and a three-run sixth capped by Cirillo's hit.

Seattle's sixth run scored on Ben Davis' sacrifice fly in the seventh off reliever Rolando Arrojo (2-1), and made a winner of reliever Ryan Franklin (4-1). Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 12 opportunities.

Royals 6, Indians 2

CLEVELAND — Paul Byrd became the AL's second seven-game winner, and Tony Pena got

his first win as a manager as Kansas City beat the Indians.

Pena, fired Wednesday, got the win at the ballpark where he had greatest moment as a player — a game-winning homer in the 13th inning of Game 1 of the 1995 division series against Boston.

Byrd (7-2) allowed five hits in eight innings and beat the Indians for the second time in six days to join Chicago's Mark Buehrle with seven wins.

Blue Jays 7, Athletics 1

TORONTO — Roy Halladay won his second straight start against Oakland, and Shannon Stewart hit a three-run homer for the Blue Jays.

Halladay (4-1) allowed one run on seven hits in 7 2-3 innings. He gave up two runs in 7 1-3 innings in an 11-4 victory over Oakland on May 12.

Mark Mulder (2-3) allowed five runs on seven hits in five innings in his second start since coming off the disabled list with a strained left forearm.

The Blue Jays won for just the third time in their last 12 games at SkyDome. 6-14. Oakland has lost seven of its last 10 road games.

Tigers 6, Rangers 3

DETROIT — Robert Fick homered twice, and Dmitri Young and Wendell Magee also connected as the Tigers snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Young hit a two-run homer in the first off Dave Burba (3-1). Magee a solo shot in the second and Fick in the third. Fick added a two-run shot off John Rocker in the eighth.

Jeff Weaver (3-5) allowed three runs and 10 hits in eight innings. Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth for his fourth save in five chances. Texas activated Juan Gonzalez,

who went 1-for-4. He had been on the disabled list since April 10 because of torn muscle fibers in his right hand.

Angels 8, White Sox 4

CHICAGO — Scott Spiezio homered and drove in three runs to lead Anaheim to its eighth straight victory.

The Angels, on their second eight-game winning streak since April 24, won for the 17th time in 19 games.

Scott Schoeneweis (3-4) won despite allowing four runs and nine hits in five innings. Al Levine pitched two innings for his fourth save in six chances.

Jon Garland (4-3) forced in the tying and go-ahead runs with consecutive bases-loaded walks in a three-run fifth. Spiezio had an RBI single in the inning, and a two-run homer in the eighth against Bob Howry. Troy Glaus added a solo homer in the eighth off Keith Foulke.

Major League Baseball

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Seattle	29	12	.707	-	7-3	W-3	12-9	17-3	0-0			
Anaheim	23	16	.589	5	2-9	W-8	11-10	12-6	0-0			
Oakland	19	22	.463	10	2-9	L-1	11-11	9-11	0-0			
Texas	13	22	.369	10	5-5	L-2	11-11	8-11	0-0			
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Atlanta	22	21	.512	1	6-4	W-3	11-11	11-10	0-0			
Montreal	20	21	.488	2	3-7	L-4	13-9	7-12	0-0			
Philadelphia	17	24	.415	5	2-5	L-4	14-8	3-16	0-0			
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Cincinnati	25	16	.610	-	2-7	L-1	13-8	12-8	0-0			
St. Louis	21	20	.512	4	7-3	W-5	12-7	9-13	0-0			
Houston	20	21	.488	5	6-4	W-6	12-8	8-13	0-0			
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	5.5	3-7	L-3	10-11	9-10	0-0			
Chicago	13	26	.333	11	2-8	L-8	6-14	7-12	0-0			
Milwaukee	13	29	.310	12.5	4-6	W-1	8-13	5-16	0-0			
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Arizona	26	15	.634	-	6-4	W-2	13-6	13-9	0-0			
San Francisco	25	15	.625	5	2-6	L-2	13-6	12-9	0-0			
Los Angeles	23	18	.561	3	2-5	W-1	10-10	13-8	0-0			
San Diego	21	20	.512	5	4-6	L-1	14-8	7-15	0-0			
Colorado	19	23	.452	7.5	2-6	L-1	12-9	7-14	0-0			

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Seattle 6, Boston 3
Detroit 6, Texas 3
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, late

Toronto 7, Oakland 2
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 8, Chicago White Sox 4

Today's Games

Oakland (Fyffe 1-2) at Toronto (Miller 2-1), 11:05 a.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 3-3) at Boston (P. Martinez 5-1), 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (Fino 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 0-3), 11:05 a.m.
Kansas City (Allard 1-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 3-1), 11:05 a.m., 1st game
Kansas City (May 0-0) at Cleveland (Drese 3-3), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Park 1-1) at Detroit (Sparks 2-4), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-3) at Baltimore (Perez 2-3), 5:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 0-0), 5:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday's Games

Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 1
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, late
Montreal at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Rip 3-1) at St. Louis (Moris 6-2), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Milwood 2-4) at Colorado (Slats 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-2) at San Francisco (Ruster 5-1), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-2) at Milwaukee (Cabrera 1-4), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Johnson 0-1) at Houston (Pedding 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 1-0) at San Diego (Tomko 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-3) at Arizona (Schilling 8-1), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-5) at Los Angeles (Perez 4-1), 8:10 p.m.

Brewers win matchup of NL's worst

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Glendon Rusch pitched seven strong innings, and rookie Alex Sanchez hit a bases-loaded triple as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 6-2 Friday night to win a matchup of the NL's worst teams.

The Brewers (13-29) have won just four of 12, and all four have come against the Cubs (13-26), who have dropped a season-high eight consecutive games.

Rusch (3-3) gave up two runs on six hits and pitched to 5-1 lifetime against the Cubs. He also defeated Chicago at Wrigley Field last week.

Sanchez, who drew manager Jerry Royster's ire Thursday for failing to run out a bunt that led to an easy double play, cleared the bases and gave Milwaukee a 4-0 lead when he lined a fastball from Matt Clement (1-3) into right-center for a standup triple with one out in the fifth.

Astros 7, Pirates 4

HOUSTON — Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer, and the Houston Astros extended their winning streak to a season-high six games Friday night with a 7-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Trailing 4-2 in the sixth, Julio Lugo walked and went to third on Craig Biggio's single. Bagwell then connected off Ron Villone (2-5) for his ninth home run of the season, giving Houston a 5-4 lead.

Bagwell went 3-for-4 and scored twice. He tied Yogi Berra for 57th place on the career list with his 358th home run.

Ricky Stone (2-1) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory. Octavio Dotel worked the ninth for his first save.

Braves 4, Rockies 2

DENVER — Tom Glavine pitched into the seventh inning and hit an RBI single, and Wes Helms homered to lead the



Houston second baseman Craig Biggio (7) lands on Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall during the fifth inning Friday.

Atlanta Braves to a 4-2 victory over the Colorado Rockies on Friday night.

Glavine (6-2) allowed two runs — one earned — on six hits in 6 2-3 innings for his 230th victory, moving past Luis Tiant and Sam Jones for 53rd on the career list. Charlie Buffington is next with 231 wins.

Glavine has lost just four times in his last 31 starts. John Smoltz pitched a perfect ninth for his 12th save in 13 chances.

A fan sitting behind the Braves dugout was injured in the second inning when Atlanta's Javy Lopez accidentally threw his bat into the stands. The woman was hit in the head after Lopez lost control of the bat swinging on a pitch by Colorado starter John Thomson.

Medical personnel attended to the woman for several minutes before she was helped from her seat and up the steps. She was

holding a towel to her forehead as she walked away.

Rockies officials said the woman received a few stitches and was taken to Denver General Hospital as a precaution.

Cardinals 3, Reds 1

ST. LOUIS — Darryl Kile allowed two hits in seven innings as the St. Louis Cardinals extended their winning streak to five, beating the Cincinnati Reds 3-1 Friday night.

Fernando Vina's sacrifice fly off Scott Sullivan (3-1) snapped a seventh-inning tie for the Cardinals, who ended Cincinnati's four-game winning streak.

St. Louis (21-20) has won seven of eight overall, closing within four games of first-place Cincinnati and moving above .500 for the first time since April 19 (9-8).

Yankees' Soriano draws raves

By Mike Fitzpatrick
The Associated Press

The fans are still filling in, nobody is even sitting in the dugout yet and the TV broadcast is barely back from commercial.

Alfonso Soriano won't wait.

One pitch, 10 Yankees.

"Obviously, we don't ask him to take a pitch when he's leading off the game," manager Joe Torre said.

Why would they?

Soriano, New York's smiling second baseman, likes to begin with a bang. He homered on the first pitch he saw Thursday night, his fifth leadoff homer of the year.

That puts the single-season record of 12, set by Baltimore's Brady Anderson in 1996, well within range. Torre even admitted he missed one of Soriano's first-pitch homers last week at Tampa Bay because he wasn't settled in his seat yet.

Blessed with a rare blend of power, speed and unwavering confidence, the 24-year-old native of the Dominican Republic has gotten so good so fast that he's drawing raves normally reserved for established superstars.

"He does things that make everybody on the bench just kind of look at each other," Torre said. "You just wonder how good he's going to be. Somebody mentioned Lou Brock the other day, and I think that's a good comparison."

Brock, a teammate of Torre's with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1969-74, not only piled up 149 homers, 538 stolen bases and 3,023 hits during his 19-year Hall of Fame career, he also struck out an awful lot for a lead-off hitter.

So does Soriano — a whopping 43 times in 179 at-bats this year. But when he connects, he makes it count.

This is the kid who had two game-winning hits in the 2001 postseason, including a home run to end Game 4 of the AL championship series against Seattle.

He's the same kid who homered off Curt Schilling in Game 7 of the World Series to put the Yankees ahead, only to see Arizona rally to win in the ninth inning.

Not bad for a rookie.



New York's Alfonso Soriano dives back to first base safely as the pickoff throw by Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jason Johnson pops out of Orioles first baseman Jeff Conine's gloves in Baltimore April 3. Blessed with a rare blend of power and speed, smiling second baseman Alfonso Soriano has gotten so good so fast that even the New York Yankees are impressed.

"Those home runs, they helped me. To hit them in the playoffs and the World Series is harder than the regular season, that's why I feel so comfortable now," Soriano said.

In his second big league season, Soriano entered this weekend's series against Minnesota leading the American League in hits (58), doubles (19) and total bases (104).

He was tied for the team lead with nine home runs, and ranked eighth in the AL in slugging percentage (.581) and runs scored (31).

"Not too many guys have come to the big leagues and just taken 43 stolen bases last season. He's only swiped six so far this year, but that's partly because so many of his hits have been for extra bases."

Long and lean, even a bit gangly, the energetic Soriano looks more like a high school basketball player than a big league second baseman.

He's got his wish, and the Yankees are reaping the rewards. "It's one of the best things we've never did," Torre has said.

He horses around in the clubhouse with closer Mariano Rivera,

SPORTS

Kings gear up for a showdown in cowtown

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Before the Sacramento Kings' first practice for the Western Conference finals on Thursday, vice president Geoff Petrie had a message for the team he built expressly for the challenge of the coming days.

Petrie addresses the Kings only a handful of times each season, and he kept these remarks brief. He spoke of respect for the Los Angeles Lakers—and his belief in the Kings' ability to shock them.

"The word Geoff used was that the integrity of their competitiveness is already proven, because they've won two championships," forward Chris Webber said. "We have to prove that we're on their level."

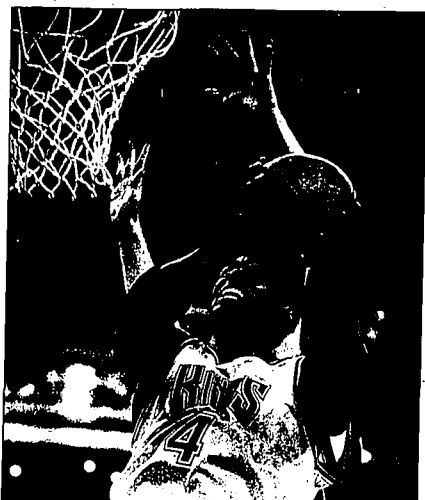
There's much more on the line than California bragging rights when the Lakers face the Kings today in Game 1 of the tantalizing best-of-seven series that many think will decide the league title.

The fate of a dynasty hinges on the Kings' success in cowtown, the Lakers' unrivaled star power with their own consummate team play.

Sacramento, the NBA's top regular-season team and the West's top seed, has been the biggest obstacle to a third straight title banner at Staples Center ever since Petrie's creation jumped to an early season lead in the Pacific Division, then held off the Lakers for Sacramento's first title.

While preparing for the biggest series of their careers, the Kings have said all the proper, deferential things about the Lakers—well, except Webber's tongue-in-cheek dismissal of trash-talking Lakers benchmark Samaki Walker on Thursday.

"The Kings have plenty of respect for the champs, but Sacramento also wants to believe that four years of growth, setbacks and incremental improvement will be good enough to beat the best team in basketball."



Sacramento's Chris Webber drives to the basket against the Mavericks in Game 5 of their Western Conference semifinal series in Sacramento, Calif., Monday.

In two completely different series victories over Utah and Dallas, the Kings also have shown a newfound tenacity after losing to the Lakers the past two seasons. They've also added versatile point guard Mike Bibby, who has been a remarkable force in his first trip to the playoffs.

But it won't matter if the Lakers' mystique and confidence—and their superstar tandem of

Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant—turn back the clock to the past two seasons.

In 2000, the Lakers got a tough five-game victory over Sacramento in the first round; last season, it was a powerful sweep in the second round, punctuated by Bryant's 48-point performance at Arco Arena in the clincher.

"Once again, here comes the truth. They can't run from the

truth," Los Angeles forward Rick Fox said Thursday. "The truth is what has happened in the past is a characteristic of theirs. They failed, but they failed last round. They haven't failed at this round yet."

The Kings' mental obstacles against the Lakers are nearly as forbidding as the physical ones. The roots of Los Angeles' psychological edges are recent, such as 10 victories in 12 meetings with the Kings since the 2000 playoffs—and practically ancient, such as the Lakers' 12 trips to the conference finals since the Kings' last visit in 1981.

But foremost, there is the Lakers' swagger—the confidence and carriage of two-time champions who firmly believe no team can match their will in May or June.

With 22 victories in their last 24 playoff games, Los Angeles has toyed with the rest of the league while rolling 10 straight series victories—a mind-boggling 22 in all for coach Phil Jackson dating to 1995 with Chicago.

"They're much more poised (than last year)," Jackson said. "They expected themselves to be where they are. That gives us respect for them. It's a good challenge for us."

The Kings put one element in their favor when they edged Los Angeles for the NBA's best regular-season record. That puts the Kings' first two games and a potential Game 7 in Arco, where the crowd noise could distract the Lakers from their focus.

Not that it's mattered recently: The Lakers have won three of the last four games at Arco, and they've won an NBA-record straight road playoff games.

"I think we're a better when it's us against the O'Neal said. They've got us. We don't them, they go there."

WESTERN CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS



No. 1
Sacramento Kings
(Season 61-21; Playoffs 7-2)



No. 2
Los Angeles Lakers
(Season 58-24; Playoffs 7-1)

Playoff averages

102.2 — Points scored — 92.5
46.0 — Rebounds — 43.2
98.4 — Points against — 87.9
44.2% — Field goals — 44.0%

Probable starters

Assists	Rebounds	Points	Points	Rebounds	Assists
3.4	10.8	23.2	23.0	11.9	3.5
1.0	4.9	7.0	26.1	5.5	4.9
1.3	8.8	12.8	11.0	3.5	2.3
5.4	3.9	18.3	10.0	4.9	3.5
5.4	5.0	12.1	6.0	5.9	1.6

Edge

Bibby has turned into a prime-time performer during this year's playoffs, and his ability to break down Fisher and Lindsey Hunter should create the type of open shots the Kings thrive on. Christie is a capable defender against Bryant, and Webber gets a sizeable nod over Horry at power forward.

Sacramento's homecourt advantage doesn't hold up against Los Angeles, as the Lakers have won five of their last six games on the Kings' court. O'Neal will be as difficult to defend as ever, and Bryant has been reminding everybody that he is the league's best clutch playoff performer.

Prediction: Lakers in 6

Schedule

Friday, May 20	Friday, May 24	Sunday, May 26	Tuesday, May 28	Friday, May 31	Sunday, June 2
at Los Angeles 8 p.m.	at Los Angeles 9 p.m.	at Sacramento 5:30 p.m.	at Sacramento 9 p.m.	at Los Angeles 8 p.m.	at New Jersey TBD

*Times is best of seven. All times Eastern.

SOURCE: NBA, Associated Press

Nets must stop Pierce; he says New Jersey can't

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Paul Pierce proclaimed the Nets can't stop him, a boast even New Jersey admits might be true.

His Celtics co-star, Antoine Walker, has feuded with New Jersey coach Byron Scott, whose distaste for Boston dates to his playing days.

Kenny Anderson has closed the book on his formative NBA years in New Jersey, saying he is no longer the center of a play or who entered the league 11 years ago as one of the Nets' potential saviors.

The Eastern Conference finals might not have the glamour and star power of its all-California counterpart in the West, but there is a history between the teams, along with some running of the mouths, that could help make it almost as interesting as the Kings-Lakers matchup billed by some as the true NBA championship series.

"They had a great season like us. They had a big turnaround, too," Scott said. "They've done a fantastic job to get to this point. It's going to be a war."

No team has had a bigger turnaround since the Nets, who flopped last season's 20-58 record and went 52-30 this season to earn the No. 1 seed in the East.

About the only team whose turnaround compares is Boston, which also missed the playoffs last season while enduring Rick Pitino's departure.

No matter who wins this series, which begins Sunday, it will mark the first time since 1978 that a team that failed to qualify for the post-season the previous year will make it to the NBA Finals.

Pierce, the league's third-leading scorer, believes he's the main reason the Celtics will eliminate the Nets.

"I don't think they have any body that can really defend me,"

Pierce said.

Replied Scott: "The numbers right now would support that. He has been able to score on us, no doubt about that. He has had some terrific games, but that's regular season. The regular season is over with. This is the playoffs. If he can do it again in the playoffs, all we can do is take our hats off to him."

Pierce averaged 37 points in four games against New Jersey this season, with Boston winning three of them. That includes a 46-point outburst in the second half and overtime of a Dec. 1 game.

"They are going to make it a little more difficult on me," Pierce said. "I would hope they would try being a little more successful in the regular season."

The Nets will use Kerry Kittles, Jason Kidd and Kenyon Martin as some of the defenders on Pierce.

Scott said he has no plans to double-team Pierce, thereby leaving someone open on the perimeter.

No team still playing shoots as many 3-pointers as the Celtics, who can get points there from Pierce, Walker, Rodney Rogers, Tony Delk and Erick Strickland.

Pierce shot 21-for-28 from 3-point range against the Nets.

The matchup difficulties go both ways, and Boston might have a hard time stopping the Nets at some spots. The most obvious is point guard, where Kidd will try to use his edge in talent over Anderson to get the Nets clicking.

New Jersey also has an edge at center, where Todd MacCulloch has a height advantage over Tony Battie and is a more efficient offensive player.

"It should be exciting. Both teams like to explore and get easy baskets when the situations present," said Kidd.

EASTERN CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS



No. 1
New Jersey Nets
(Season 52-30; Playoffs 7-3)



No. 3
Boston Celtics
(Season 44-38; Playoffs 7-2)

Playoff averages

94.7 — Points scored — 90.4
41.8 — Rebounds — 41.3
92.8 — Points against — 84.2
43.0% — Field goals — 43.9%

Probable starters

Assists	Rebounds	Points	Points	Rebounds	Assists
2.8	5.9	16.2	21.9	7.9	3.0
2.0	7.1	14.8	8.8	4.6	1.7
0.7	4.7	5.1	6.3	6.3	0.8
6.2	6.8	20.3	11.6	2.6	4.4
1.9	2.4	10.2	25.2	8.6	4.3

Edge

The Nets have a big advantage at point guard with Kidd running the show. He has been consistent and confident in the fourth quarters of their playoff games, with Kittles and Van Horn on the perimeter and Martin and the two centers on the inside. New Jersey can get offense from more places than Boston can.

Prediction: Celtics in 7

Sunday, May 19	Tuesday, May 21	Saturday, May 25	Monday, May 27	Wednesday, May 29	Friday, May 31	Sunday, June 2
at New Jersey 5:30 p.m.	at New Jersey 6:30 p.m.	at Boston 5:30 p.m.	at Boston 5:30 p.m.	at New Jersey 9 p.m.	at Boston TBD	at New Jersey TBD

*If necessary, series is best of seven. All times Eastern.

SOURCE: NBA, Associated Press

Mad cowbell-crazy fans bolster Kings at home

MILWAUKEE — Home-court advantage.

No, it may never have any more meaning than it will when the two-time defending National Basketball Association champion Los Angeles Lakers take on the top-seeded Sacramento Kings in the highly anticipated Western Conference championship playoff series, which begins today.

Why? Because when you play the Kings, everyone connected with the league knows that the raucous Sacramento fans inside Arco Arena — fans carrying and changing cowbells — will certainly play an integral part.

The Lakers, seeded third in the playoffs, are keenly aware that the Kings' 61-21 regular-season record was the best in the league. They also know that Sacramento finished three games ahead of them in the Pacific Division standings.

Led by all-star forward Chris Webber and featuring a more-than-adequate supporting cast consisting of the likes of Mike Bibby, Vladi Divac, and Doug Christie, the self-described bull-collar Kings are a team that is in a conference final for the first time since 1981 when the franchise was in Kansas City.

Arco, this is a team that is desperate to crawl out of the shadow that has been cast upon it by their ultra-high-profile rivals to the south.

Yes, the Kings will provide the Lakers with plenty to contend with as Los Angeles attempts to inch yet another step closer to their third consecutive NBA championship.

But what may be the Lakers' biggest challenge is trying to function in the madness that is Arco, trying to create by the incessant roar of a truly vocal group and those ear-popping cowbells.

"When you play at Arco, it seems like they've got about 50,000 (people)," said Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal.

Added Rick Fox: "I don't know how (commissioner) David Stern doesn't let you bring a sign in, but you can bring a cowbell."

Game 1 of the series will be played at Arco where the Kings were a league-best 36-5 during the regular season, while Game 2 is again scheduled for Arco on Monday night.

After those two clashes, the series will move to the Staples Center in Los Angeles for Game 3 next Friday and center Shaquille O'Neal has suggested that Lakers fans fight fire with fire.

"I'm telling everybody in L.A. to bring what you want to bring — except weapons — to Staples

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Center," he said. "Bring instruments, bring pots and pans, bring cymbals, bring what you want to bring."

"And tell them Shaq said you can bring it. Cell phones, video cameras, bring everything. Air horns, bring them out."

While playing in a conference final has become a rite of spring for the Lakers lately, this series is the highlight of the Kings' 17-year history in Sacramento and the town is preparing to greet the team it loves to hate.

Phil Jackson, who has referred in the past to Sacramento's fans as "redneck" and "semi-civilized" will certainly be the target of the fans' ire.

And it's not just the cowbells.

The Arco fans wear crowns to the games, paint their faces black and purple, dress up as Elvis (The King) Presley, and don "Mission Possible" T-shirts and jester hats. Not to mention the one guy who showed up in a full-length one costume with a purple Afro.

In Sacramento, they buy Lakers jerseys only to burn them in a bonfire.

The Kings, who lost three of four to the Lakers during the regular season, are clearly the only game in town.

"Sacramento, the city, has always been sort of seen as a dormant franchise for so long," said Kings backup forward Lawrence Funderburke, the last holdover from the 1997-98 team that finished with a 27-55 record in his first season in the league.

"I know my first year, there was no hope of ever winning," said Funderburke. "We had to wait our time, and I know the fans were patient as well for us to get to this point. It's not over yet, although everyone is excited and euphoric. But we have a lot of business left to do."

Injuries could be a factor as O'Neal is battling an assortment of minor injuries and Kings forward Peja Stojakovic is expected to miss at least the first two games because of an ankle sprain.

The Kings are hoping that Stojakovic will return for Game 3 because without him, the Kings are, with Webber, a team with only one star.

It is possible for a team to win a championship with only one star?

"Not as long as Shaq and I are around," said Bryant.

Tom Enlund writes for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

MVP Leslie, Sparks seek back-to-back WNBA titles

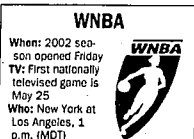
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Having ended Houston's four-year reign as WNBA champions last season, Lisa Leslie and the Los Angeles Sparks' next goal is a few more titles of their own.

Especially since some people think the Sparks' first championship was a fluke.

The critics mention how Houston star Sheryl Swoopes missed last season with a knee injury, leaving the Comets vulnerable in a first-round sweep by the Sparks. Then Charlotte upset Cleveland in the Eastern Conference finals, supposedly easing the Sparks' path to the title.

Los Angeles swept Charlotte 2-0 in the final. Such talk rises All-Star guard Tamecka Dixon.

"People haven't really outright



When: 2002 season opened Friday
TV: First nationally televised game is May 25
Who: New York at Los Angeles, 1 p.m. (MDT)

from Houston's consecutive titles by being the first WNBA team to go undefeated.

"I'm a firm believer if you don't talk about it, it won't happen," he said after a recent practice. "We want to win five, six, seven (titles) in a row."

Cooper won consecutive NBA titles playing for the Los Angeles Lakers. The key, he says, is being mentally prepared for each game. That's why practices are less fun this season.

"It's all serious business, that's the major difference," forward DeLisha Milton said. "Last year there were a lot of good times, but this year we know it's going to be even harder for us to do what we did last year."

No more so than for Leslie, who

became the first WNBA player to be named MVP of the regular season, All-Star game and the playoffs.

"I have fulfilled a lot of the goals I have set," she said. "But even when I found myself the best at certain levels, whether high school, college or the pros, there is always something I could learn and do better."

"That's my attitude. The day I'm going to be done," she said.

Leslie spent the off-season in rigorous workouts and one-on-one drills against Cooper. She also played four times a week against Magic Johnson's touring team at UCLA.

"That spirit and that drive hasn't dropped off, actually it has increased," Cooper said.

SPORTS



Race driver Gil De Ferran of Brazil peeks out from an opening in the rain cover for his car as rain halted practice at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Friday.

Drizzle, wind hamper Indy 500 preparations

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The same theme kept coming up all through practice for the Indianapolis 500: Don't do anything stupid.

"I was probably a little too cautious, but I'd rather be safe than sorry on this," Donnie Beechler said Friday.

With temperatures hovering in the low 50s and brisk winds sweeping across the 2.5-mile oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, it was not a great day to build speed for Sunday's final round of qualifying for the race May 26.

A cold drizzle in mid-afternoon shut down the track with about two hours to go, and deteriorating conditions caused officials to finally end the session 35 minutes early. That left several teams and drivers frustrated and added considerable urgency to Saturday's final full day of practice.

"It's hard to not try to get up to speed when we're running out of time, but at the same time the car uses up more road because there's not a lot of grip," Alex Barron said.

Twenty-four drivers qualified

last Saturday, the first of three scheduled days of time trials. The second round of qualifying was rained out Sunday, making it even tougher on the drivers who hadn't already gotten into what will be a 33-car lineup.

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—Alex Barron

Robbie Buhl, second-fastest of those already qualified, led everyone on Friday with a lap of 228.077 mph as only 29 cars and 26 drivers took to the track for a total of 649 laps.

The fastest of the non-qualified drivers were right behind, with Airtan Dare at 227.435 and Indy rookie Barron at 226.195.

Bruno Junqueira is the fastest of last Saturday's qualifiers, winning the pole with a four-lap average of 231.342. Billy Boat, who has been on the bubble as the slowest qualifier the last two years, was again slowest and in the most peril of being bumped at 226.589.

The National Weather Service forecast for Saturday and Sunday called for partly sunny skies and temperatures in the high 50s both days, with a 30-percent chance of showers on Sunday.

Idaho tennis player rebuilt war-torn life

By Nicholas K. Geranios
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — When University of Idaho tennis player Zeljka Vidic receives her diploma today, she will have prevailed over much more than opponents' serves and backhands.

Vidic endured years of warfare in her native Croatia before leaving her family behind to accept a sports scholarship in the United States.

In addition to leading the Vandals in tennis victories, Vidic, 23, brought inspiration and new perspective to those who know her.

"In 16 years I've had some extraordinary people play for me," coach Greg South said. "She is head and shoulders above the rest."

She needed to be. Her life in the past decade was an unrelenting struggle of war, exile, illness, poverty and sports injuries. Her family barely escaped "ethnic cleansing" at the hands of invading Serbs.

While Sept. 11 was a new nightmare to many of her classmates, terror and sudden death were well known to Vidic.

Practice was canceled the day of the terrorist attacks, and Vidic showed up the next day wearing a big blue ribbon, South recalled.

She told her teammates about how she had survived a war with her humanity intact.

"I chose not to hate," South recalled Vidic saying. "Instead, I chose to fight back for freedom and a better life."

Vidic, known as Z around campus, was born in Vukovar, in the eastern portion of Croatia, in 1979.

Her parents and older brother had a comfortable life in Vukovar until 1991, when an invading Yugoslav army laid a three-month siege and began indiscriminate shelling of the city. About 1,700 Croats were killed when the invaders and local Serbs overwhelmed the city.

About 22,000 Croats, including Vidic and her family, were expelled in late 1991 by the new rulers. Her family spent seven years as refugees in Zagreb, struggling with poverty and dealing with the memories of the brutality they witnessed.

In 1995, the U.N. war crimes tribunal indicted three former Yugoslav army officers for crimes against humanity during the siege of Vukovar. The trial of one is under way in The Hague, Netherlands. Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is also on trial for alleged war crimes committed by Serb forces in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo.

Vidic grows quiet and uncomfortable when asked about her experiences during the siege of Vukovar, which often pitted Croats against their Serbian neighbors.

"Somebody wanted to hurt my family," she said. "We assumed it was a neighbor."

There was an attempt to bomb the family's home.

"People were just crazy," she said. "Everybody would just hate everybody."

In Zagreb, Vidic's natural athletic talents earned her a place in a tennis club with a coach. She was the only tennis player in her family.

She finished high school in 1997 and wanted to play in the United States. South learned of Vidic from friends in Europe, and watched a videotape.

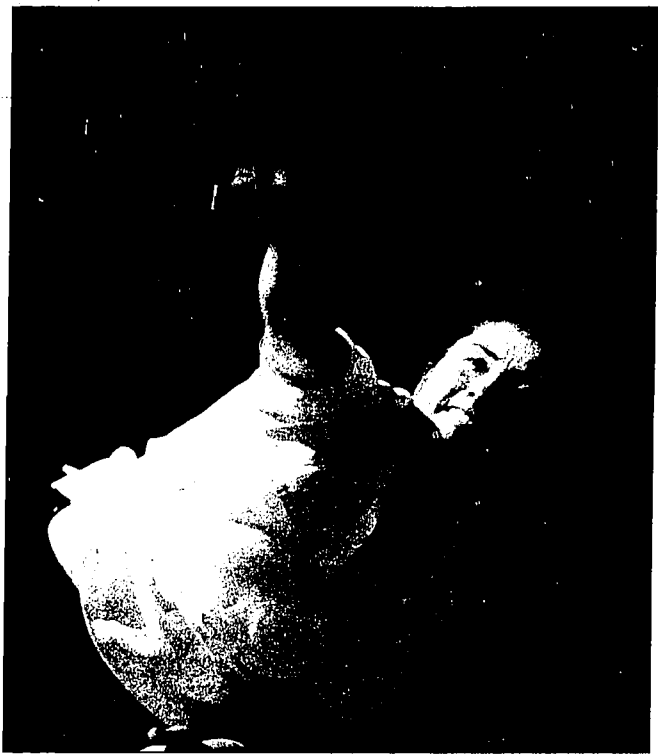
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University of Idaho tennis player Zeljka Vidic competes in a match in this undated photo at the school in Moscow, Idaho. Vidic endured years of warfare in her native Croatia before leaving her family behind to accept a sports scholarship in the United States. She was among 174 student-athletes around the country who won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award.

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"We traveled a lot and I saw a lot of things in the U.S.," Vidic said. She enjoyed trips to California and to Seattle, but "I really like Hawaii."

She also loved playing with a team. Of course, she understood the scholarship came with a price.

"You have to win," she said. Win she did. As a junior, she led the Vandals with a 15-4 record.

After recovering from knee surgery in January, Vidic was 16-10 in singles and 20-10 in doubles during her senior season.

"She has the best backhand of anybody who ever played for me," South said.

Vidic finished her career with 41 victories in singles and a school record 41 wins in doubles, despite missing nearly all of her sophomore season with torn knee ligaments suffered while she was skiing at Silver Mountain near Kellogg. That injury eventually led to three knee surgeries.

Earlier this month, Vidic was chosen as the northwest winner

of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship award. Only eight of the 4,000 women playing Division I tennis win the award.

In April, Vidic was among 174 student-athletes around the country who won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award. It provides a \$6,000 scholarship next year as she pursues a master's degree in sports and recreation management at UI.

She graduates today with a degree in finance, and would like to become a U.S. citizen.

"This summer she plans to teach tennis in Moscow, and is looking for other work."

"I like Moscow in the summer. It's like a little oasis for me," she said. "I feel at peace here. It's beautiful in the summer."

Her family has returned to their home in Vukovar, but the situation there is still tense, Vidic said. Croats and Serbs live largely separate lives in the city now.

"We are trying to forgive, but we will not forget," she said.

Price shoots into lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Nick Price shot a 5-under-par 65 Friday to take a one-stroke lead over Steve Flesch and Bob Tway in the rain-delayed second round of the Colonial.

The 45-year-old Price, who needed just 26 putts Friday, had a 6-under 134 total. Flesch shot a 67 and Tway had a 68 in the round that was delayed 3.5 hours because of rain.

First-round leader Bob Estes, who had an opening 65, didn't get off until late in the afternoon and dropped two strokes on his front nine. Defending champion Sergio Garcia dropped three strokes through his first eight holes after shooting a 76 Friday.

David Duval had a triple bogey and two double bogeys while shooting 43 on the back nine. He finished with a 78 for a 5-over 145 total, two strokes above the projected cut.

Woods climbs back into contention in Germany

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Tiger Woods shot a 3-under 69 to fall five strokes behind Germany's Alex Cejka after the first round of the Deutsche Bank Open.

Cejka shot an 8-under 64 on the St. Leon-Rot course for a one-stroke lead over New Zealand's Greg Turner.

Woods, seeking his third victory in four years in the event, had four birdies and a bogey. John Daly shot a 73.

Golf

Moodie overtakes Davies by two at Asahi Ryokuken

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. — Scotland's Janice Moodie shot a 6-under 66 to take a two-stroke lead over England's Laura Davies after the second round of the Asahi Ryokuken International.

Moodie had an 8-under 136 total on the Mount Vintage Plantation course. Davies shot a 71. Canada's Dawn Coe-Jones was four strokes back after her second straight 70.

Annik Sorrentum, seeking her fourth LPGA Tour victory of the year, eagled her final hole for a 70, leaving her six strokes behind Moodie at 2 under.

Michelle Wie, the 12-year-old star from Hawaii, shot a 75 to miss the cut in her second LPGA tournament. She opened with an 81.

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Rivals Thorpe, Jacobs share lead at Instinet Classic

PRINCETON, N.J. — Jim Thorpe and John Jacobs, playoff rivals in the first senior major of the year, shot season-best 7-under 65s to share the lead in the Instinet Classic.

Three weeks ago in Arizona, Thorpe beat Jacobs on the first extra hole in The Tradition for his first major victory.

Ed Dougherty was two strokes back at 67 on the TPC at Janna Polans. Hale Irvin, seeking his third victory of the year, had a 69, and two-time defending champion Gil Morgan, troubled by neck and rotator cuff injuries, opened with a 73.



John Jacobs waves to the crowd after making birdie on the 18th hole during the first round of the Instinet Classic at the Tournament Players Club at Janna Polans in Princeton, N.J. Friday. Jacobs finished the round tied for first.



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Dance performance

What: The Footlight Dance Center of Ketchum will present its annual performance of "The Four Seasons of Bach."

Where: Wood River High School auditorium, Hailey.

When: 7 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$4 for kids under 12 and seniors, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum and Read All About It in Hailey.

'Poor Fellas'

What: New Theater Company will sponsor a staged reading of Mark Palmieri's play, "Poor Fellas."

Where: nexStage Theater, Ketchum.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Free.

Monster truck show

What: The National Mud Bog and Monster Showdown will be held.

Where: The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Advance tickets, which are \$10, are available at the NAPA Auto Parts store in Twin Falls. Tickets at the gate are \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play.

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

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: The cover charge is \$7.

Nada Brahma

What: Nada Brahma will play.

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

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

How much: The cover charge is \$3.

Jazz program

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

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

When: 4-6 p.m. Sunday.

How much: No cover charge.

DJ dance

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

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

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

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

Roseland Band

What: The Roseland Band will play for a dance.

Where: 1101 Main St., Buhl.

When: 8-11 p.m. today.

How much: The cost is \$3 per person.

Spring Street Fair

What: Burley's annual Spring Street Fair will be held. The event will feature crafts, art, music and entertainment.

Where: On the 1200 block of Oakley Avenue.

When: 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. today.

How much: Admission is free.

Student art

What: The Twin Falls High School Student Art Show will be displayed. It's the fifth annual display of artwork by TFHS students.

Where: The Magic Valley Arts Council's Full Moon Gallery, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: noon-6:30 p.m. today.

How much: Admission is free.

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Birthday Girl," starring Nicole Kidman, will be shown.

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

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

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

Rescue demos

What: A presentation featuring live rescue, rappelling and extrication demonstrations will kick off Emergency Medical Services Week.

Where: The Snake River Plaza in Burley.

When: noon-6 p.m. today.

How much: Admission is free.

Compiled from staff reports

Measure offers arsenic standard funds

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government might help Twin Falls and other communities upgrade their drinking water systems to meet stricter arsenic standards. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., have won approval of a provision that could generate \$5 billion for that purpose. They added the language to a bill before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Thursday. The bill renews funding for federal programs to help communities maintain water and wastewater infrastructure.

Domenici said the \$5 billion over five years will help communities cope with the additional cost of treating their water sys-

tems to remove excess arsenic.

"Without this help, bankruptcy is not out of the realm of possibility for smaller communities," he said in a statement. "Without this help, families and businesses will be faced with higher water bills."

The new standards could cost Twin Falls anywhere from \$9 million to \$20 million — depending on the treatment system used. With high arsenic levels in water from new wells on the south side of town — water the city hopes to rely on through the next century — city officials are looking at several options, none of them cheap.

• Blending water with low arsenic levels with water of higher levels. This option would mean pumping lower-level water from the city's Blue Lakes wells to the

city's southside wells — amounting in at least \$9 million in construction costs.

• Treatment of groundwater. This option could cost as much as \$20 million to build a facility that would help treat the groundwater.

• Treatment of canal water. This option could cost anywhere from \$11 million to \$20 million in construction expenses.

• Abandonment of the southside wells. The city just spent several million dollars to add several new wells. This would be a major loss for the city.

The Reid-Domenici plan directs the Environmental Protection Agency to make federal grants to communities, tribes and water associations to help

them comply with arsenic standards. Much of the language is tailored to small communities.

The new standards reduce the allowable level of arsenic from 50 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion.

Communities have until 2006 to comply.

It is expected to be a heavy burden on Western water systems, where water pulled from the ground naturally contains higher levels of arsenic.

New Mexico officials say it could cost \$500 million for that state to comply with the new rule and monthly water bills could increase by \$91.

However, EPA estimates it will cost \$175 million to implement the new rule nationwide.

BEING THERE



Breast cancer survivor Jeannette Luper (second from right) walks the Survivor lap during the Relay for Life with the support of all of her grandchildren, from left, Erick Dean, Emily Dean, Kayla Luper, Mara Howard, Elena Dean, Kaden Luper and Cody Luper, not pictured, on Friday. The Relay is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society and will take place throughout the weekend.

Governor declares drought emergency

BOISE — The end of spring runoff is weeks away, but already Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has declared drought emergencies in three counties.

The latest are Blaine and Bonneville counties, which received drought designations on Friday.

In Blaine County, basin-wide snowpack is 69 percent of average, with runoff available for irrigation projected to be 45 to 55 percent of the norm. The streamflow of the Big Wood River in Hailey has been measured at 65 percent of average, said a news release from the governor's office.

Severely restricted water supplies face Bonneville County irrigators. Low carryover storage from 2001 in Jackson Lake and Palisades Reservoir has water managers forecasting this year's water supply for the Snake River to be the ninth lowest in 50 years, the governor's office said.

Under the declaration, irrigators in both counties can work the Idaho Department of Water Resources to secure temporary water rights and modify existing water rights.

Kempthorne declared a drought emergency in Butte County on April 23.

Crapo plans T.F. meeting to discuss 2002 farm bill

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo will keynote a town hall-style meeting this month to discuss the 2002 farm bill signed by President Bush.

The meeting is set for 7 to 9

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p.m. May 29 in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. It will be hosted by Crapo's state director for agriculture, Don Dixon.

Crapo, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, attended Bush's signing of the bill and called it a fair compromise. Crapo says U.S. farm producers remain at a disadvantage selling on the world market because of U.S. trade policies; the new farm bill keeps a safety net in place for American agricultural producers while growing conservation and rural development programs.

"We are into the planting season, but there are programs and payment schedules farmers and ranchers need to know about, and these initial meetings will be followed by more around Idaho to discuss the provisions of the new bill," Crapo said.

He also noted the U.S. Department of Agriculture is establishing a Web site with the latest information for farmers, ranchers and others on the bill. Crapo's Web site will offer a link to the USDA site, which can be reached at <http://crapo.senate.gov> or <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

Superintendent Attendance policy works in Kimberly

KIMBERLY — The School Board gave first-reading approval to an attendance policy, which is reviewed each year, during the

board's Thursday night meeting.

Superintendent John Garner reported the policy had served the district well.

Before the adoption of the policy, average attendance in the high school was 92 percent and 94 percent in the elementary and middle schools.

Since the policy has been enforced and the addition of a dean of students, the high school has improved to 95.7 percent; so far this year the school is averaging 96.3 percent. The middle school and the elementary school have improved to over 97 percent.

This increase in attendance equates to almost \$100,000 additional income by just regularly getting enrolled students to school, Garner said. The district receives its state funding based on the best attendance record over a 28-week period.

Garner outlined a rough draft of the proposed budget for the 2002-03 school year. The budget will be worked on at later meetings.

Simpson field rep plans to hold office hours

TWIN FALLS — A field representative for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson will hold office hours on Tuesday in Carey, Fairfield and Bellevue.

Simpson field representative Linda Cline will visit with constituents at Carey City Hall from 9 to 10 a.m., Fairfield City Hall from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., the Fairfield Senior Center from noon to 1:15 p.m., and Bellevue

City Hall from 2 to 3 p.m.

Simpson field representatives travel to towns throughout the Second Congressional District as part of the traveling district office program. Const. meets with specific problems or questions about Social Security, Veterans Affairs or the Internal Revenue Service are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Simpson's Twin Falls office at 734-7219.

Free lecture will take place Tuesday in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — A free lecture presented by Dean Gotcher will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Lakes Blvd. N.

Gotcher is an educator and historical researcher for the Institute of Authority Research.

Organizers of the event said participants can learn how society is being "destroyed by deliberately compromising moral absolutes like the Ten Commandments and U.S. constitutional law with socialist reasoning where there is no accountability and no right or wrong."

They said Gotcher will explain how Robert's Rules of Order are being replaced by "consensus through the Hegelian (Marxist/socialist) dialectic where a facilitator controls the predetermined outcome of discussion of a social issue."

Admission is free. For more information, call Kathy Thomsen at 734-5754.

— compiled from staff reports

Deadline to ask for ballots approaches

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If Idaho absentee voters want a ballot mailed to them, they need to get their applications into their county recorder's offices before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

However, people will be able to vote by absentee ballot until 5 p.m. May 27, the day before the primary election.

In Twin Falls County, voters can cast absentee ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the courthouse across from the recorder's office at 425 Shoshone St. N.

Those not registered to vote can register the same day. They need to have been residing in the county for at least 30 days and must present picture IDs, utility bills or a check stubs with their current addresses.

Sample election ballots are also available at the courthouse.

Elections Director Larry Haycock said, "We usually have more in the general."

The primary is a closed election in Idaho, which means people can vote only for candidates within one party. Voters will have to punch a box declaring their party affiliation at the beginning of the ballot. The ballots are color coded, one color for candidates of each party.

Citizens who don't declare as either a Republican or a Democrat may vote for Supreme Court justices, appeals court judges and district court judges.

T.F. holds 'Flower Fair' today

TWIN FALLS — May 19, 2002 is National Flower Fair Day. Celebrating Wildflower Week, and local agencies and businesses are kicking off the observance with a "Flower Fair" today.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kimberly Nurseries, sponsored by the Sawtooth National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Kimberly Nurseries and Imagination Station.

The fair targets children elementary age and younger.

Activities include:

- Making wildflower T-shirts.

- Planting wildflowers.

- Learning how plants are pollinated.

- Learning about wetlands and wildflowers.

- Visiting with Smoky the

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If you go...

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- When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

- Where: Kimberly Nurseries

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Tribes criticize bureau overhaul

— OUT OF THE STORE AND ONTO THE ROAD —

WORLEY (AP) — Indian leaders from throughout the Pacific Northwest are objecting to the federal plan for overhauling the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Affiliated Tribe of Northwest Indians wrapped up its meeting this week by calling the overhaul plan a "quick fix ... that will only make matters worse and cost more money in

the long run."

"We think that as tribal people we should have been consulted in the reorganization of the bureau," said Coeur d'Alene Tribal Chairman Ernie Stensgar, who also heads the coalition of 55 tribes.

The Interior Department announced the reorganization last fall after tribes went to

court to secure what they claim is at least \$10 billion they have been denied because of government mismanagement of Indian trust land.

The bureau's management of royalties from timber, grazing and mining leases on Indian land has been labeled one of the most disastrous accounting messes in U.S. history.

SERVICES

Dora Mae Jordan Looney of Eden, memorial graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Hazelton Cemetery (White Mortuary and Crematory).

Jess Rolland Sr. of Wendell, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dehora Mogensen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Zelma Adamson Warberg formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Terry Lee Sherman of Caldwell, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Bellevue Cemetery in Bellevue; friends are welcome to attend a gathering at the Bellevue Park immediately following the graveside service. (Plaff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Denzel Norman Bosh of Hansen, celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial at 3 p.m. at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry.

Mary Biggers Finney of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Martha Ann Etchison of Grace, service at 1 p.m. today at the Bellevue Community Church; viewing at 12 p.m. today; burial in the Bellevue Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Fern Condie of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; bur-

ial will be in the Wendell Cemetery; viewing from 1 p.m. until the time of the service today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Mary Elizabeth Thomas Peavey Brooks, service at 2 p.m. Sunday at Flat Top Sheep Company Ranch, 23 miles north of Carey.

Ruth L. Butler of Bliss, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Wayne Jolley of Heyburn, service at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23,

at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and before the service Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Kenneth Allen (Kenny) Helbert of Jarbidge, New, celebration of life at noon June 1 at the Outdoor Inn in Jarbidge.

Clarence A. "Clancy" Glodowski of Carson City, Nev., memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City; interment will follow in Walton's Carson Gardens Cemetery.

— DEATH NOTICES —

Lyle Oscar Lattin

WENDELL — Lyle Oscar Lattin, 82, of Wendell died Friday, May 17, 2002, in Jerome. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

MaKannah

ALYSE ANDERSON — MaKannah Alyse Anderson, infant daughter of Daysha and Les Anderson, died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. Monday, May 20, 2002, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Officiating will be the Rev. Lawrence Vedder.

Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ronnie C. Steed

SOUTH OGDEN, Utah — Ronnie C. Steed, 52, of South Ogdan, Utah, died Wednesday,

May 15, 2002, near Burley.

The funeral will be held at 12 p.m. Monday, May 20, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 5640 South 850 East, South Ogden, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday at the church. Interment will follow at Deweyville Cemetery.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Arthur Robert Emberton

TWIN FALLS — Arthur Robert Emberton, 81, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, March 15, 2002.

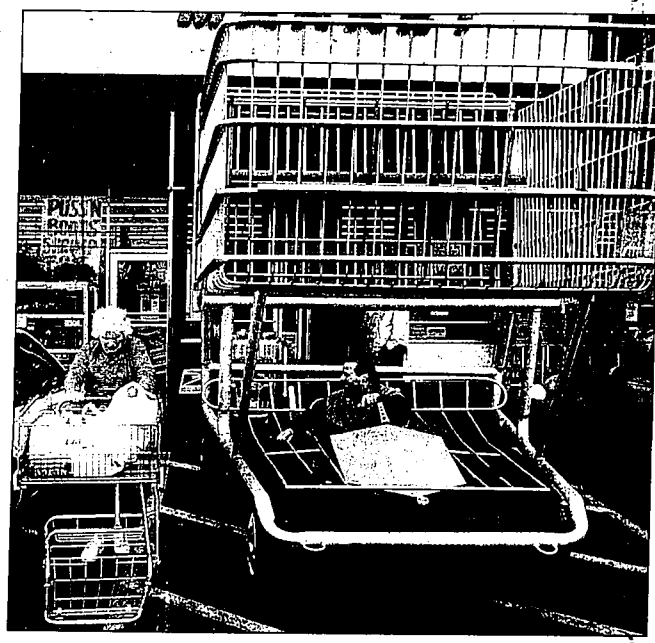
A celebration of life will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, May 25, 2002, at Sun Valley Court Recreation Center, 1779 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Hazel Jane Harmon

PARMA — Hazel Jane Harmon, 80, of Parma died Thursday, May 16, 2002, at her home.

An obituary will follow at a later date.

Millie Cahala of Jerome, James Calkins of Gooding and Opal Toth of Jerome



Garguile's Red Apple Market store employee Steve Meigs, right, maneuvers a giant shopping cart past shopper Pollo Schelmon Thursday in Bremerton, Wash. The giant cart is the store's entry for Bremerton's Armed Forces Day parade.

EPA: Gas drilling will harm rivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says plans to drill for natural gas in the coal beds of Wyoming's Powder River Basin could pollute rivers in northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana.

In a letter focusing on potential water pollution in the basin, the EPA gave its worst possible rating to a proposal that would allow for as many as 50,000 new coal-bed methane wells. The letter, dated Wednesday, says the proposal fails to protect the basin's rivers.

Conservation groups, led by the Wyoming Outdoor Council, seized on the EPA review of the project as a potential roadblock to drilling in the Powder River Basin — once held up as the "hottest natural gas play" in the United States.

The Interior Department is conducting an environmental impact study of opening its federal lands in the northeast corner of Wyoming to natural gas drilling.

The area is already a significant source of low-sulfur coal. But over the last decade, demand has shot up for the natural gas that is trapped in the shallow beds of coal.

Drilling for the coal-bed methane, however, requires that thousands of gallons of ground water be pumped up.

The water is high in saline and other hard minerals, making the water unsuitable for crop irrigation. That has led ranchers, farmers and environmentalists to oppose opening the basin to gas drilling without greater restrictions.

The EPA's regional office in

Denver warned that coal-bed methane development, as outlined in the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management study, could pollute the Tongue and Belle Fourche rivers.

However, Max Dodson, the EPA assistant regional administrator headquartered in Denver, has said that the BLM and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality have made progress in recent weeks to address water quality issues that may allow the natural gas drilling to proceed.

Last month, Deputy Interior Secretary Steven Giles warned the EPA in writing that giving a poor rating the Powder River Basin study would lead to "misimpressions" and potentially false opening the basin to gas drilling.

Study finds toxic compound in fish

TORONTO, Ontario (AP) — A Canadian researcher has found elevated levels of PCBs in British Columbia farmed salmon and, in a new scientific paper, says eating as little as one meal a week of the fish could be dangerous.

The finding is based on one of the first studies to look at contaminant levels in farmed fish, which are raised in pens along the coast and fed fishmeal pellets made of processed remains of other aquatic creatures.

Study leader Michael Easton — a Vancouver, British Columbia, geneticist — said the farmed salmon he tested had far higher levels of most contaminants than wild fish, including nearly 10 times the toxic load of some types of toxic PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls.

Easton said farmed fish have high residues of toxic compounds because the feed used to fatten

the fish and promote their rapid growth is laced with PCBs.

He described his tests as preliminary, noting they included just eight fish and five feed samples.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency disputes the view that farmed fish contain enough PCBs — oily chemicals once used in electrical equipment — to pose a human health hazard.

Linda Webster, a toxicologist at the agency, confirmed that the government has found contaminants in fishmeal that were "lower but not totally out of whack" with what Easton and his group discovered.

Using World Health Organization standards for PCB exposure, Easton's paper recommends eating no more than three meals of farmed salmon weekly, though it notes that Health Canada's standards would allow

20 to 138 portions a week.

"Depending on whether you are a child or not, you would be advised not to eat farmed salmon as frequently as one meal a week," Easton told the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper.

Women of childbearing age and children are most susceptible to the risks of PCBs. The chemicals have been linked to immune-system suppression and reduced mental development in children.

Easton's data and findings were published February in *Chemosphere*, an international science journal that specializes in environmental chemistry.

Though most contaminant levels were found to be higher in the penned salmon, the human-raised fish had one benefit: They contained less mercury than their wild cousins.

Serial rape suspect pleads guilty to kidnapping

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — An Air Force airman accused of terrorizing women in two states was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole after pleading guilty to a string of sexual assaults in this Colorado college town. He still faces a murder charge in Pennsylvania.

Troy Graves, 30, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and seven other counts in a series of attacks on eight women near the Colorado State University campus last year. During the hearing, he said he was sorry.

"I understand it's unlikely this single word will perform any miracle healing or anything. Please understand these apologies are from my heart and let that be a beginning."

In Philadelphia, Graves is accused of strangling University of Pennsylvania graduate stu-

dashed by Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham. "We are going on the assumption that we are going to try a death penalty case," Abraham said. She said she did not know when Graves would be extradited to Philadelphia, but he is expected to remain in Colorado for 60 days.

Graves, who was a senior Airman at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., was charged April 25 in Pennsylvania. A day later, he was charged in Colorado with kidnapping, unlawful sexual conduct, burglary and robbery.

Public defender Kathryn Hay said Graves entered his plea in the hope that Pennsylvania authorities would not pursue the death penalty. That hope was

HOSPITALS

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Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted

Linda Myers of Jerome

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OBITUARIES

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EDEN



Mark K. Craig

1969-2002

Mark K. Craig, 32, Eden, Idaho, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2002, at his home in Eden. Mark was born in Moses Lake, Washington, on Nov. 1, 1969, to his parents, Larry and Rebecca Black Craig. He grew up and attended schools in the Eden area graduating from Valley High School in 1988 where he was a member of the Honor Society. He worked in various hospitals as a computer programmer. But in his spare time, Mark loved hunting, fishing and riding motorcycles. He touched a lot of lives and will be forever missed by his family and friends.

Mark is survived by his parents, Larry and Rebecca Craig of Eden; Brother, Todd (Julie) Craig of Hazelton, Idaho; Niece Cory Craig of Eden; Daughter, Kimberly Wilbanks of Eden and by his grandmothers, Georgia Black of Eden and Hazel Craig of Warren, Washington. His grandfather, Forrest Black, preceded him in death. Funeral services for Mark will be

held Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Bishop Leon Gale. Interment will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery, Hazelton, Idaho. Visitation will be held Monday, May 20, 2002, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements and services are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change

The courage to change the things I can

And the wisdom to know the difference

TEMPE, ARIZ.



Clayton Bowles Ward

Clayton Bowles Ward was born on May 10, 1938, and died May 12, 2002, after a brief illness, while serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in

the Tempe, Arizona Mission at the White River on the Apache Reservation.

He was born in Iona, Idaho to Wilford and Stella Ward. He married Cleora Ricks in 1958, they were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. He was blessed with 3 daughters and 2 sons. He lived most of his life in Idaho, but also lived in Washington and Wyoming. He enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing, traveling, gardening, and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren.

Clayton worked as a cement contractor at Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratories, and he retired as an Operator from the Williams Company in 2000. He served in the bishopric, as High Priest Group Leader, a Temple Worker and with the Scouts.

He is survived by a loving wife of 43 years, Cleora Ward, and daughters Carrie (Dale) Arnold from Pocatello, Idaho, Cyndee (Larry) Parker from Rio, Idaho, Cathy (Gary) Anderson from Rio, Idaho, and a son Clayton (Audrey) Ward from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and 16 grandchildren, as well as 4 brothers and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his son Chadwyn Wilford Ward, and his parents Wilford and Stella Ward.

He will be greatly missed by those he left behind.

Funeral services for Clayton Ward will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2002, at the Murtough Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ward in Murtough, Idaho. A short graveside ceremony will take place on Monday at the Ririe-Shelton Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. in Murtough, Idaho. Friends may call at White Mortuary Kimberly Chapel, 712 Center St. W., Kimberly, Idaho, on Monday from 7-9 p.m., and on Monday at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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Minidoka County School District hires administrators

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Several administrative positions in the Minidoka County School District were filled by the school board members when they wrapped up a late night meeting Thursday, the second continuation of a meeting that began Tuesday night.

The board recessed at 1 a.m. Wednesday, after beginning its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It met again for about 2 1/2 hours Wednesday night and again convened at 10 p.m. Thursday, adjourning at about 11:15 p.m. School board Clerk Darrell Black said he didn't know exactly how many hours the board met this week, but "it was a long meeting, maybe the longest ever" for the district.

School officials wanted to spend the necessary time evaluating candidates for the administrators' posts, Black said.

"Principals of the schools are really critical for the district. The board did the research and listened to the candidates."

The successful applicants were phoned by school officials late Thursday night, Black said.

"I think we may have woken a couple people up, but they didn't seem to mind."

Sandra Miller was hired as the new director for the Minidoka district middle schools. When school starts this fall, the district will have changed from its current junior high system to a middle school arrangement. The principals of East Minidoka Middle School and West Minidoka Middle School will report to Miller under the new plan. Miller will be paid \$60,355.68.

Miller has been directing the district's transition to a middle school system for the past several months, Black said. She is now the vice principal at West Minidoka Junior High School.

School officials are optimistic that under the new system, when all ninth-graders reach Minidoka High School, having left either of the middle schools, they will have studied the same curriculum, had more similar school environments and therefore be a more cohesive group.

School officials have had some concerns about the separate directions which have been set at the two junior highs in the past, Black said. Under the new plan, those concerns should go away.

Steve Hubsmith was given another contract to continue working as the principal at West Minidoka, but no new vice principal to replace Miller will be hired, Smith said. Hubsmith's salary will stay the same as this year, \$66,401.

Kevan Vogt, the vice principal at East Minidoka, was named the new principal at that school. Vogt replaces Dave Borton, who is retiring at the end of the contract year. Borton has been principal at East Minidoka for 24 years. Vogt will be paid \$66,681.78.

Likewise, no new vice principal will be named at East Minidoka.

Alan Cardon was hired as the new principal at Big Valley Elementary School. He replaces Bob Stearns, who has quit his job in Minidoka County to be the new superintendent in the Gooding School District.

Cardon has been the assistant principal at Big Valley for several years and is now the assistant principal at Big Valley and Paul Elementary School. He will be paid \$61,145.91 next year.

Contracts for the administrators go in to effect July 1, Black said.

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SPRING IS POPPING OUT ALL OVER



The spring festival in downtown Burley continues today. Vendors will have booths set up on Oakley Avenue much of the day selling food and merchandise. Here, Jim Magill of Meridian pops batches of kettle corn on Friday. He said he'll be back downtown today.

California coyote attack rate rises

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A severe Southern California drought is making it hard for coyotes to find food, so the animals are wandering closer to urban areas and provoked attacks are on the rise.

In the last year, coyotes injured eight people in 17 Southern California attacks, said Mervin Hec, a field officer for the state Department of Fish and Game in San Diego. There were just three attacks in the region in 2000, he added.

In December, coyotes dragged a 3-year-old girl out of her San Gabriel home and into the street. "These attacks are normally rare, which makes the recent number of reported attacks extraordinary," Fish and Game spokesman Steve Martarano said.

The department doesn't keep track of attacks on pets. Martarano said. This week, a miniature poodle was killed by coyotes that have been roaming a Fullerton neighborhood. Rainfall in Southern California is a third of normal for the season. The drought has taken a toll on

"They're coming closer to residences and getting used to people."

— Sgt. Efequiel Morales, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control

the coyote's natural prey — rabbits, mice and birds — driving the coyotes closer to humans. Many reports of aggressive coyote behavior come from newly developed homes that are encroaching on the animal's habitat, said Sgt. Efequiel Morales, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control. "They're coming closer to residences and getting used to people," Morales said. "And as they lose that natural fear of people, they get bolder. They'll eat anything they can get their paws on," he said.

The bulk of the attacks every year begin in May, when coyotes have their pups, officials said.

Fish and Game started a public awareness campaign Thursday that officials hope will protect people from coyotes and coyotes from being euthanized.

- Never feed a coyote. "It is illegal," Hec said.
- Clear brush and dense weeds around the house so coyotes don't have anywhere to hide.
- Don't leave pets out overnight. Protect pets and livestock so they won't become easy prey for coyotes.

Coyotes and humans should be able to get along, said Hec, who has a pack living in the canyon behind his home.

Most coyotes are harmless, he said. Fear should worry about the animals when they seem aggressive or when they lose their fear of humans.

"Coyotes are creatures of opportunity and if you allow them the opportunity, they'll get in trouble," Hec said. "It is incumbent upon us to modify our behaviors."

Screeners still aren't federal employees

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — With a May 1 target already past, it is not clear when airport baggage screeners in Spokane will become federal employees.

"We have no exact deadline," said Nico Melendez, a spokesman for the federal Transportation Security Administration.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Congress passed a law requiring screeners at 429 major U.S. airports to become federal workers. Those screeners had worked for private companies and their salaries were paid by airlines.

Spokane was supposed to be

one of the first six airports to make the transition.

But the only airport that has made the switch so far has been Baltimore International.

Officials for TSA have said the hiring and training of an expected 65,000 screeners is more complex than anticipated. In addition, TSA officials have learned that the number of qualified applicants isn't as high as projected.

The job pays a minimum of \$23,000 per year, depending on airport location and job duties. More than 2,200 people have applied for the approximately 110 Spokane jobs.

To earn those jobs, applicants must speak English, be U.S. citizens and have a high school diploma or equivalent degree. They must also pass a set of perception and strength tests.

As a partial response to criticism, the TSA on Thursday reopened the search for screeners in four cities: Spokane; Mobile, Ala.; Louisville, Ky.; and Grand Rapids, Mich.

"We're doing that because we had feedback from some people who said they couldn't complete their applications online," said Melendez. "But we're also doing it just to increase our pool of applicants."

Plaintiffs give closing arguments in bombing case

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Attorneys for the FBI and Oakland Police Department were expected to present closing arguments Friday in the federal civil suit brought by two activists injured when a bomb went off in their car.

Darryl Cherney and fellow Earth First! activist Judi Bari were injured in the explosion in May 1990. Bari, who was at the wheel, suffered a crushed pelvis. The two were arrested within hours but were never charged.

Cherney and Bari sued the

agencies, saying they lied in their investigation and were out to get the environmental group Earth First! They allege false arrest, illegal search, slanderous statements and conspiracy.

Attorneys representing the agencies gave closing arguments Thursday.

"The real terrorism that was perpetrated was ultimately perpetrated by law enforcement on Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney," said Tony Serra, one of their attorneys.

The plaintiffs have tried to show that police officers and FBI

agents ignored the evidence that the two were not responsible for the bombing, including saying at the time of the arrests that the bomb was in the back of the car where Bari and Cherney would have seen it. But an analysis later showed the bomb had been shoved under the car seat.

Since the trial began in early April, attorneys for the officers have tried to show that at the time of the bombing Earth First! had a reputation for sabotage, such as spiking trees so the spikes would shatter loggers' chain saws.

owners. Many of the visitors, 40 to 48 percent, come to climb, Pack said. Most of the people coming long distances are coming for climbing.

The park is one of the top five sport climbing destinations in the United States.

"If you are really into the sport, sometime in your pursuit of it you're going to come here," Pack said.

Other visitors come to visit the California Trail, or do a scenic drive. Most local visitors come for family camping, reunions and

Artist sculpts Lewis and Clark group

LEWISTON (AP) — At the edge of the Clearwater River, nearing the end of a journey that would alter the face of the West, Meriwether Lewis wasn't waiting for William Clark to fuss with his cartography tools.

While Clark, a trained map maker, unpacked his surveyor's chain, map and compass, Sacagawea rested with Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau on her back.

And with one hand on his knee and the other pointing due west, Lewis squinted one eye and eagerly sized up the river with his thumb.

Historically accurate or not, that is the way Sherry Bothum, the artist commissioned by Lewiston Parks and Recreation, will immortalize the key members of the Corps of Discovery.

"I imagine he was saying, 'Wow, this is one of the biggest rivers I have ever seen,'" Bothum says, smoothing a bit of dark brown clay on his rendition of Lewis.

Bothum is creating the three bronze statues for \$60,000 to commemorate the upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The project is one of a series of North Lewiston enhancement projects funded by a \$500,000 Idaho Department of Transportation grant.

A Kansas native, Bothum moved around the West after high school and eventually landed in Clarkston, Wash., where he farmed and ranched for 10 years. He now lives in Joseph, Ore.

A tall, slow-talking man, with powder-white hair and a sly sense of humor, Bothum says his only regret is that he did not get into art sooner.

"I would have liked to go to New York and study what those artists study there — anatomy," Bothum says, grinning at his wife, Judy.

"When I got out of school I had a choice of becoming a cowboy or an artist, and I chose to be a cowboy," Bothum says.

Though ranching and roping put his art career back a few years, it also serves as the inspiration for much of his art. His studio is rife with bronzes of wild, whoping cowboys driving cattle, Indians on horseback, a the occasional bust of kid in a 10-gallon hat.

When he got too "fragile" to be a cowpoke and rancher, Bothum says he decided to turn back to art he had dabbled in when he was younger.

"And I have been doing that for 29 years," he says.

Best known in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley for his refurbishing of the Sacagawea statue at Pioneer Park, Bothum says being chosen for this project is special.

"I have always admired Lewis and Clark. When you think about how long they were on the trail, what they did with what little they had, that is amazing," he says.

Of the two, however, Lewis is his favorite, he says.

"Clark was smarter, maybe," says Bothum. "But Lewis, he

had more of the spirit of an adventurer, and I admire that."

Spirited and trained in maritime navigation rather than map making, Lewis was likely to be a more cavalier cartographer than Army-trained Clark, Bothum said, explaining his vision of the men.

The model for the larger work comes from a smaller version Bothum had made 10 years ago on another project.

"The city can only afford a few of the figures depicted the original, which includes a canoe, and the Corps of Discovery's favorite pet, says Lynn Moss, Lewiston Parks and Recreation director. "We can't get a canoe or Scamman the dog, but we can get three out of five."

Lewis, dressed in coonskin cap and fringed buckskin garments, is finished and ready to be dismantled and taken to Pioneer Park in Joseph, where he will be cast in bronze and welded back together.

Clark and Sacagawea are still waiting to be born from raw foam frames.

Bothum stacks blocks of foam to create the statue's core. He then carves that and covers it with clay for the final details.

"They are in here somewhere," Bothum says, shaving a few layers of light-blue foam from Clark, who looks more like an ice carving of Frankenstein than a western adventurer. Sacagawea resembles an igloo.

"I will find them, soon enough. They can't hide forever."

Rocks

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Jensen, who manages the business.

"Keeck thinks it will do just the opposite. Other people have shown that more campgrounds bring more people, who spend more money in the area, he said. Ponderosa State Park in McCall has lots of campgrounds, and hotels still fill up, he said.

There are people who are going to want the Internet, satellite, water and sewage hook-ups, the freshly mowed grass and the paved roads, he said. These peo-

ple might come down to the campground for a night, but they will go back to the more developed RV parks.

The campground represents an economic development, Jensen said.

"I hate to see them civilize it up there," she said.

Visitors come from most of the states, Keeck said. A fairly consistent percentage are Canadians, European, Japanese and Australian.

A small percentage of the visitors to the City of Rocks are RV

owners. Many of the visitors, 40 to 48 percent, come to climb, Pack said. Most of the people coming long distances are coming for climbing.

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Scouting events.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is waiting for approval from the BLM to lease the land. The department has money set aside to begin surveying and further planning. If there are no obstacles, construction will begin in 2003, Keeck said.

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Flower

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Bear and learning how to make homes more wildlife safe.

• And learning about noxious weeds and poisonous plants to avoid.

"The fair will be a great learning opportunity as well as a lot of fun for children and parents alike," said Kim Pierson, botanist for the Sawtooth

National Forest.

"Celebrating Wildflowers" is a year-long program that promotes the importance of conservation and management of native plants and habitats, according to a release from the Sawtooth National Forest. The program emphasizes the aesthetic, recreational, biological, medicinal and economic values of native flora.

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Otter regains lead in race for funding

BOISE (AP) — After shocking the incumbent with her fund-raising strength last winter, Democratic congressional challenger Betty Richardson slipped far behind freshman U.S. Rep. Butch Otter this spring.

Campaign finance disclosure reports released on Friday by the Federal Election Commission show Otter raised five times the money Richardson took in between April 1 and May 8.

Neither candidate faces a challenge in the May 28 primary. But Richardson has begun spending her balance, while Otter was able to pad his in preparation for the fall showdown. The winner will represent western and northern Idaho, where voters have switched back and forth between Democrats and Republicans over the years.

Libertarian Steve Gothard is also running, but has not filed reports, which are only required when a candidate raises or spends at least \$5,000.

Richardson raised more than \$116,000 during the first three months of this year, but she managed to attract less than \$23,000 during the following six weeks.

But Otter, the four-term lieutenant governor who spent more than \$1 million in 2000 to make the move to Washington, D.C., raised more than \$104,000 in April and early May, after generating only \$80,000 in the three months before that.

Senators say move will help spud growers

BOISE (AP) — Friday's agreement to lift the Mexican ban on imports of fresh table stock potatoes could help smooth what U.S. Sen. Larry Craig fears could be another tough year for producers.

Through May 8, Otter had raised nearly \$470,000 and still had \$155,000 in the bank.

Richardson, the former U.S. Attorney for Idaho, has raised \$195,000 so far and had \$94,000 in the bank on May 8.

After picking up \$48,000 from political action committees, primarily representing organized labor, Richardson got just \$2,000 from that quarter this spring.

Otter, meanwhile, nearly doubled support from special interest committees, to more than \$46,000. He attracted most of that cash from natural resource users.

Both had only limited contributions from individuals living in other states, but Otter managed to attract nearly \$6,000 from people who live in Idaho's other congressional district, even though they can't vote for him.

That cross-district support could also reflect the limited opposition GOP Congressman Michael Simpson is facing in his bid for a third term. Simpson reported on Friday that he raised less than \$13,000 during the spring primary period. That brought total contributions for his campaign to \$162,000, and he still had \$67,000 in the bank earlier this month.

Neither Democrat Edward Kinghorn, a professor at Brigham Young University-Idaho, nor Libertarian Gregory Corron, a Boise computer programmer, have filed notices that they have raised or spent more than \$5,000.

Fresh table stock potatoes have been banned by Mexico since mid-August because of a nematode infestation. But Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced the deal to reopen the border.

Polygamist's wives hawk magazines to inmates

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Polygamist Tom Green's wives are selling magazine subscriptions to his fellow inmates in prison — a business the warden says could land Green in trouble.

"It is against our policy for an inmate to conduct a business from prison," said Utah State Prison warden Clint Friel, who has opened an investigation into the extent of

Green's involvement.

Green "has been a model prisoner (but) his privileges could be taken away," Friel said.


With Green nine months into a sentence that could run five years, his five wives and 30 children are struggling to support themselves.

Green was convicted by a Provo jury on four counts of bigamy and one count of criminal nonsupport of his children, all third-degree

felonies. It was the first polygamy-related conviction in the United States in nearly 50 years.

His wives decided to expand their husband's line of work, selling magazine subscriptions to a captive audience.

"It's going great," said head wife Linda Kutz. "Those guys got a lot of spare time on their hands for reading, and business is hopping."



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Culinary Union member Jackie O'Brien celebrates after casting her vote Thursday in Las Vegas.

Vegas readies for city-wide strike

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas is on the verge of the first city-wide casino strike in 18 years as thousands of workers prepare to walk picket lines and deliver a blow to an economy struggling to recover from the post-Sept. 11 tourism dip.

Union members voted overwhelmingly Thursday to authorize a strike if contracts aren't reached with 35 casinos by May 31, when current pacts expire. Union leaders called the vote — 18,654 for a strike, 877 against — the largest one in the city's history.

The last time there was a city-wide strike at Las Vegas casinos — in 1984 — megaresorts hadn't become the destination of choice and the city had yet to transform into the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan area.

"A strike would not be good for this state, this industry, but workers will do whatever they have to do to get a fair contract," said Glen Arnold, Culinary Union political director. "The culinary and bartender's unions — with 47,000 members — and the casinos can't agree on how much casinos should pay for

employee health care for maids, bellmen, cocktail waitresses and food service workers. The union wants continued free coverage, but casinos say health-care costs have gone up and tourism is down, and they must adjust for that."

"We are not in agreement about how to get there," said Alan Feldman, spokesman for MGM Mirage, the city's largest hotel-casino owner. "A strike is always possible if you don't have an agreement. It does not in any way mean that it's inevitable."

Arizona wildfire danger eases some

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — As firefighters continued to battle a wildfire that charred 1,000 acres on the city's edge, about 1,500 people evacuated from the area began returning home Friday.

The fire that burned five homes and two other buildings earlier this week was 45 percent contained. Officials said it's no longer threatening any structures.

"Things are generally looking very good," said Stanton Flores, a Forest Service spokesman. "We have turned the corner." In the Cathedral Pines neighborhood, where some of the homes burned, residents are returning home to survey the damage.

Ron Beumer, 71, who lives about three blocks from the burned homes, was amazed to find his backyard charred to within a few feet of his house.

The huge amounts of slurry and water dropped on the fire by aircraft had stained his house, he said.

"I can't believe it came so close and yet we came out unscathed," Beumer said. "We're going to try to settle down again before cleaning up all this ash. I've got to get my emotions straight first."

Pearl Winne, who lives about two blocks from the destroyed homes, also came home to find her house untouched.

Winne, 64, planned to spend the weekend trying to get rid of the smoky smell that permeated everything in her house.

"I think everyone in the neighborhood is just a little overwhelmed right now," she said. "We're still worried about loggers, and there are still hot spots burning in the hills."

In Ponderosa Park, about half a block from where the fire started, Atticus Wiesner said the

usual 10 minute drive from his home into downtown Prescott now takes 45 minutes because most of the roads are closed.

Wiesner, 15, said his house is fine, though when he rode his dirt bike near the woods behind his house the earth and trees still smoldered. "There's nothing, it's all just black," he said.

Six hundred firefighters battling the blaze continued to make progress, officials said.

Report to Voters by RUE T. STEARS Candidate For Governor

After making a 1000 mile trip to 15 counties, I find that very few people are interested in this election. Therefore, as I already own Idaho thru the courts, I can make all the needed decisions for Idaho.

I want to thank, publicly, all state, county, and city officials and employees along with all 105 legislators, that helped me become the owner of Idaho.

In taking my court cases to the Idaho Supreme Court and winning and to the U.S. Federal court where the Idaho officials gave me all 86,334 square miles of Idaho in payment of the money I asked for, which is over seven trillion dollars, I wish to thank these people from the bottom of my heart.

All counties have received the Seizure of Assets Documents necessary by law. This makes any election unnecessary and invalid.

Thank you Mr. Lance, Mr. Kempthorne and Legislators, you have made me very happy.

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Court sets hearing in Nevada fatals

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Bail was more than tripled and a preliminary hearing was scheduled Friday for a retired California firefighter charged with drunken driving in a wreck that killed five people and injured two.

Stephen Scharosch, 51, of Grass Valley, Calif., was advised of the seven felony counts filed against him during a closed-circuit arraignment from the Washoe County Jail in Reno.

Scharosch, with a bruised face and wearing a sling on his arm, answered "Yes, ma'am" seven times as Sparks Justice of the

Peace Susan Deriso asked him if he understood each charge. Deriso also increased Scharosch's bail from \$140,000 to \$500,000, as prosecutors requested.

Scharosch is charged with five counts of driving under the influence causing death and two counts of DUI causing substantial bodily harm. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Scharosch, who in an earlier court appearance said he would hire his own attorney, on Friday requested a public defender for his May 30 preliminary hearing.

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Pocatello approves gay pride event, alters religious march

POCATELLO - The City Council's decision to close two streets for a gay-pride festival was made with little of the opposition that characterized last year's debate.

But a religious group that asked the city to close a main thoroughfare in order to get approval.

The council voted 5-1 to approve the closures for "Diversity Festival 2002" on Aug. 24. Councilman Ron Frasure voted against the closures. "If we close a street down for one business, we should do it for all businesses," Ron Frasure said.

Councilwoman Penny Pink said that precedent has already been set with businesses that have sidewalk sales.

At the same meeting Thursday evening, organizers of a March for Jesus parade said it was unfortunate that their request to march across Center Street - one of the main connectors to the downtown area - was rerouted to a less-busy street.

Police officials said the decision was strictly based on traffic and safety concerns.

Former student senator gets five days for gay flag burning

LEWISTON - Former University of Idaho student senator Kevin R. Smith told a judge he was sorry for stealing a gay pride flag and said it was a mistake he would not repeat.

Smith, 20, pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing the flag from the Gay Straight Alliance student group on March 31.

Magistrate William Hamlett sent Smith to the Latah County Jail for five days. After he serves the jail time, Smith will have to apologize publicly to the Gay Straight Alliance and pay the group \$35 for the cost of the flag and pole.

"I'm sorry for all those people hurt by my taking this action," Smith told Hamlett. He said he was drunk and his judgment impaired.

Under questioning from Hamlett, Smith said he was motivated by patriotism. He said that while attending Boys State and Boys Nation, weeklong mock government sessions for students sponsored by the American Legion, Smith said he saw an American flag retired by fire.

But Daniel Kromann, 22, a member of alliance, said he did not accept Smith's patriotism plea. "Patriots don't attack their fellow citizens, they don't attack freedom, democracy and diversity," said Kromann, a junior, after the hearing.

U of I engineering degree programs fall to budget ax

BOISE - University of Idaho President Robert Hoover told faculty members and administrators that mining and geological engineering degrees will be phased out because of state budget cuts.

In making the announcement which will affect 53 students and seven faculty members, Hoover warned of an impending fiscal disaster for the state's universities.

"Idaho higher education is extraordinarily significant for the future of Idaho, and we are committed to grappling with this new financial environment to support Idaho's needs," he said. "However, further budget reductions will have very serious consequences."

The Legislature cut the higher education budget 10 percent for

West in brief

2002-2003. But tax receipts that were 20 percent below predictions in April make further cuts a possibility, Hoover said.

Judge rejects challenge to ban on insanity defense

COEUR D'ALENE - A 1st District Court judge has rejected a challenge to a state ban on the insanity defense that would have

allowed an alleged killer to use his history of mental illness as a shield from criminal prosecution.

Judge John Luster said during a hearing Thursday that the request by attorneys for Daniel P. Stoddard was better addressed by the state's appeals courts, which have in the past upheld the law.

"While I certainly recognize that Idaho is alone in this respect and subject to criticism, and certainly the state provides very little resources toward treating these type of diseases, I don't

think the present (law) in any way would change the position our court has previously taken on this issue," Luster said.

Stoddard, 19, is accused of murdering his adoptive father in the kitchen of their Kootenai County home during an argument over religion.

Historical bicentennial will visit Weippe prairie patch

WEIPPE - Camas and other native plants may be replanted on an 80-acre patch of the

Weippe prairie as the National Park Service tries to make the land look as it did two centuries ago.

The newly acquired parcel of land is important to the approaching Lewis and Clark Bicentennial because the Nez Perce Indians and the Corps of Discovery met there.

"This is one of the sites where people think the meeting might have happened," said Keith Petersen, state bicentennial coordinator based in Lewiston. The site, less than a mile east

of the Weippe cemetery, was one of 34 identified as prominent for the Nez Perce in a study by the National Park Service in the 1970s, said Rick Wagner, reality officer with the park service in Seattle.

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Energy chief admits Yucca Mountain will be too small

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plans for a nuclear dump deep inside a Nevada mountain are still on the drawing board, but the Energy Department is already acknowledging the facility will be too small to accommodate the nation's radioactive waste.

The Bush administration has argued repeatedly that the proposed Nevada repository should be built so that radioactive waste now at commercial power reactors and federal sites in 39 states can be consolidated and better protected at a single location.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, under intense questioning from Nevada's two senators, conceded Thursday that the Yucca Mountain repository as currently envisioned could handle only a fraction of the waste expected to be generated by commercial power plants and the government in the coming decade and may have to be expanded.

Thousands of tons of "this stuff is still going to be stored around the country," Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., told Abraham, who acknowledged that probably would be the case.

About 45,000 tons of radioactive waste currently are kept around the country. Another 20,000 tons are expected to be generated by power reactors before Yucca Mountain can be opened, Abraham said.



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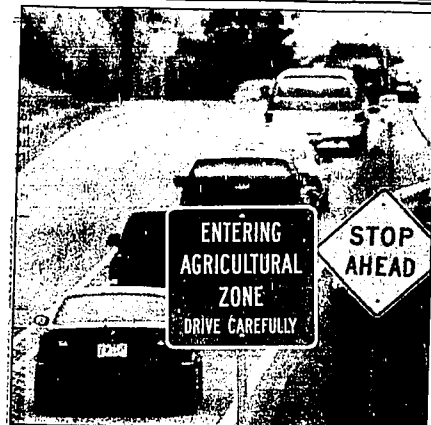
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Heavy traffic travels a country road in west Portland, Ore., in this April 2001 file photo, where large housing subdivisions meet fertile farmlands at Portland's Urban Growth Boundary. The first major metropolitan area in the nation to throw up an imaginary fence around the suburbs to rein in sprawl is facing a decision about whether to limit the power of the only regional government of its kind and loosen restrictions on development.

Portland ponders its anti-sprawl measures

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — One of the first major metropolitan areas in the nation to throw up an imaginary fence around the suburbs to control sprawl is deciding whether to loosen the restrictions.

The "urban growth boundary" that has preserved forests and farms on Portland's doorstep has made the city a national model for containing sprawl.

Metro, the only elected regional planning agency in the nation, decides when and where the line can be extended and new homes and businesses erected, based on population growth within the imaginary fence.

But a conservative property rights group, Oregonians in Action, says Metro is too stingy in expanding the boundary. The result, the group argues, has been overcrowded neighborhoods, higher housing costs, traffic jams and a burden on public services in Portland and its suburbs.

"The problem is, Metro isn't listening to citizens," says Larry George, the group's executive director.

The group is backing a measure on Tuesday's ballot that would all but strip Metro of its authority to manage long-term growth.

It would instead leave most planning decisions to neighborhoods and cities.

The measure would prohibit Metro from setting minimum population density requirements before expanding the boundary. That has been Metro's main tool for controlling sprawl since the agency was created in 1979.

Some critics of the ballot measure say its backers — who include real estate agents and homebuilders — are mainly interested in extending the boundary so they can develop land that now lies outside the line.

Metro is offering a ballot measure of its own, backed by the mayors of all 24 cities and the three urban counties covered by the agency.

Under the proposal, Metro would maintain its control over urban density but would have to take steps to "protect the livability of existing neighborhoods" and help ensure adequate roads, schools and other services.

Rex Burkholder, one of the seven Metro councilors, says the urban growth boundary has helped preserve neighborhoods and farms and avoided the kind of suburban flight that caused inner-city decay in other metro areas.

But homebuilders complain that the area is running out of usable land faster than Metro predicts. Frustrated by Portland's restrictions, some developers have simply gone across the Columbia River to fast-growing Clark County, Wash.

Ex-Exxon Valdez tanker captain completes sentence with \$50,000

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Thirteen years after the Exxon Valdez fouled Prince William Sound with crude oil, former tanker Capt. James Hazelwood has finished paying his official debt to Alaska with a \$50,000 restitution check.

The state received the check from Hazelwood's lawyers Wednesday, said Diane Wendlandt, chief of the attorney general's collections office.

The restitution was part of a sentence handed down by Superior Court Judge Karl Johnstone in 1990 after a jury convicted Hazelwood of negligent discharge of oil, a misdemeanor.

Hazelwood was given probation instead of jail time, and \$50,000 in restitution was a condition of that probation, said Dean Guanchi, chief assistant attorney general. The sentence also included 1,000 hours of community work service, which he completed last summer, said Fred Fulgencio, the city's work service program supervisor.

Hazelwood was in charge, but not at the wheel, of the tanker Exxon Valdez in March 1989 when it ran aground on well-charted reef on its way south from the Alaska pipeline terminus in Valdez with a full load of crude. About 11 million gallons spilled from the ship's torn hold into the sound.

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Arafat backtracks, now ties new elections to Israeli withdrawal

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat on Friday linked his promise to hold elections to an Israeli troop pullback in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while Israeli forces hunting militants raided the battle-scarred Jenin refugee camp.

In new fighting, a 7-year-old Palestinian boy, an armed militiaman and an Israeli Arab woman riding in a taxi were killed by Israeli army fire in three separate incidents.

Arafat's aides reaffirmed Friday that the goal was to hold

presidential and parliamentary elections within six months, and said preparations have begun, such as putting together a voter roster.

Israel was highly skeptical, saying linking a vote to a troop pullback was Arafat's way of escaping growing demands at home and abroad for greater democracy and reform.

Rannan Gissin, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said troops could only withdraw to the positions they held before the outbreak of fight-

ing in September 2000 — as the Palestinians now demand — if Arafat fights terrorism. "He knows very well that as long as he doesn't take any action against terrorism, Israeli forces will have to remain there," Gissin said.

A withdrawal to positions held 20 months ago would require the Israelis to remove dozens of checkpoints and pull back forces outside of major Palestinian cities.

Yet the withdrawal to those positions is also part of a U.S.-backed truce plan.

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Getting a permit

The average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in Jerome rang in at \$70,922 for 2001. That's up 9 percent from the city's \$64,796 new-home average in 2000.

But the city's residential sector slowed down in a different respect.

Jerome in 2001 issued permits for just 15 new single-family homes, down from the 21 of the year before.

Source: Wells Fargo's "Idaho Construction Report"

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IN MONEYAAA honors Cactus
Petes Resort Casino

JACKPOT, Nev. — For the 10th consecutive year, the American Automobile Association awarded Cactus Petes Resort Casino its Four Diamond Award, the casino company said Friday.

"The Four Diamond Award is a great honor for Cactus Petes and especially for our team members," Cactus Petes General manager Dave Albrecht said.

One of the lodging and restaurant industry's top honors, the AAA Four Diamond Award recognizes establishments that meet or exceed AAA quality and service standards.

Cactus Petes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameristar Casinos Inc. with 300 hotel rooms, several restaurants and live entertainment venues, an outdoor heated swimming pool, whirlpool, full-service recreational vehicle park and an 18-hole golf course nearby. Gaming attractions include over 900 slot machines, 30 table games, keno and a sports book.

Feds offer additional
benefits to Idaho workers

BOISE — Over 700 Idaho workers who have been off the job since last year and have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits could qualify for additional aid.

The state Labor Department said federal legislation approved earlier this year is providing up to five weeks of additional benefits to those workers from May 19 through June 22.

The extra benefits were triggered by Idaho's rising unemployment rate.

The state has already paid out over \$93 million in regular unemployment insurance compensation this year and expects the bill to exceed \$200 million — twice the amount paid out in 2000.

Utah tax reports show
no big Olympic windfall

SALT LAKE CITY — Hosting the Olympics was not a big money-maker for Utah, tax reports show.

Tax revenues increased only 0.07 percent between February 2001 and February 2002, a difference of about \$200,000.

People were drinking and smoking more. Wine and liquor sales were up 16.5 percent in February. Cigarette tax collections were up 50 percent.

They weren't driving much, however. Motor fuel taxes were down by 32 percent, compared to the previous year.

March was a hangover. Collections dropped by 10 percent — about \$68 million — compared to March 2001.

The figures were reported Friday by the Deseret News in a copyright story.

Still, organizers said they consider the Winter Olympics a success.

"Without the Olympics, state revenues would have been very likely significantly down in February," said Salt Lake Organizing Committee President Fraser Bullock.

"Our mission was to put on great games and not leave taxpayers with a deficit. We accomplished that mission," Bullock said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Seniors want city to buy building

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Although their hopes for a new facility have been dashed twice in the past few years, this time senior citizens might have found their pot of gold: the Treasure Cove building located at 530 Shoshone St. W., no longer in business.

However, there is one small catch. "We simply do not have the money to buy it," said Jacqueline Nix, manager and site director for the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Federation.

Nevertheless, the seniors do have a plan. "We want the city to help us out," Nix said.

And according to Kent Just, who is a member of the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Federation, time is of the essence.

"There's only a short window of opportunity where the owner has offered to sell the building for a very attractive price," Just said.

Therefore, the seniors are asking the city for financial support.

On Monday, the seniors will present their plan "to secure the building" by

asking the City Council to buy it for them until they can come up with the money — about \$500,000.

One idea for raising the money will be to ask the council to ask voters to support the purchase through a tax levy — "something that hasn't been done in 22 years," Nix said. And if that does not seem feasible, "plan B" would be to negotiate a lease-option with monthly payments over a 20-year period.

Because of interest rates already assessed on the building, the price may soon increase from \$500,000, Nix said. "So we need to act now."

Last August, the city's Urban Renewal Agency agreed to sell — for \$1 — 2.5 acres in Old Towne where a senior center could be built — if they could raise the money to do so. But Nix said the seniors haven't collected enough money to build there, so that option won't work.

Also last year, the College of Southern Idaho turned down a request to provide space on campus to build a new senior center.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

LOANING EQUIPMENT TO BATTLE BLAZES



A helicopter being used to fight the Dalton Fire pulls water from a pond inside Dalton Canyon near Pecos, N.M., earlier this month.

Firefighting earns contractors \$400 million

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pete Encinas was one of the first to see the Dalton Fire flare up near Pecos earlier this month. He also was one of the first to be called by the Santa Fe National Forest to help fight the blaze.

Encinas isn't a firefighter, a smokejumper, a member of a Hotshot team or a slurry bomber pilot.

He owns a bulldozer. "We're just out here trying to save our little town," said Encinas, a Pecos native.

Encinas, owner of Encinas Trucking, was one of 15 operators at the site getting paid about \$800 a day for their equipment.

Firefighting has become a \$400 million a year business for private contractors who provide everything from slurry bombers to shovels and supplies to help fight fires.

Dalton was Encinas' first fire experience. And, like many of the equipment operators at the site, he's not a fire expert.

"It's pretty rough. I don't think it's too much fun," he said. "But they treat you real good. They don't deprive you of anything. They feed us and everything."

Normally, Encinas Trucking hauls dirt and water and helps out on construction sites. But two years ago, during the Cerro Grande Fire in Los Alamos, Encinas heard about contracting

opportunities with the Santa Fe National Forest through business contracts.

Because fire crews can't come with everything they need on a moment's notice, the U.S. Forest Service and Santa Fe National Forest use companies like Encinas Trucking or everything from bulldozers to slurry bombers.

"We contract out for just about everything it takes to put out a fire," said Dave Simpson, procurement director for the Santa Fe National Forest. He said the Forest Service provides food, clothing, tents, equipment, refrigeration trucks, toilets, all-terrain vehicles, chain saws and more for its crews in New

Mexico and Arizona.

"Firefighting is big business. It takes a lot to keep a man in the field. You've got to feed them, clothe them and keep them going," Simpson said. "These days fires are mostly attacked with big equipment. The line crews do a lot of hand work, but we rely on the air tankers and the dozers for support," he said.

Simpson prefers to get his heavy equipment from local companies because they're already near the fire sites.

Unlike municipal or federal contracts, most Forest Service contracts aren't done by bidding. Instead, Simpson said, the equipment is rented for a daily rate.

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RadioShack chief says new strategy is working

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — RadioShack's strategy to boost profits by switching to higher-margin goods is "beginning to work," Chief Executive Leonard Roberts told shareholders this week.

"The soft economy and attacks are not an excuse for our performance" in 2001, Roberts said during the company's annual shareholders meeting at RadioShack's downtown Fort Worth headquarters.

"RadioShack was beginning to lose relevance with customers." The company — which has Magic Valley operations — has

been working to correct those trends.

"Our strategy is in place, and it really is beginning to work," he said.

Sales in 2001 were \$4.8 billion, about the same as in 2000. Gross profit margins declined slightly, but improved in the fourth quarter for the first time in three years, according to the company. RadioShack also beat Wall Street estimates in the first quarter this year.

First-quarter sales declined 9 percent, but sales in the company's core businesses — wireless phones and parts, batteries and accessories — rose 14 percent, boosting gross margins by more

than 2 percentage points, the company said. Gross margin is the difference between the sale price of a good and the company's costs, taken as percentage of the sale.

As part of its new strategy, which the company began implementing last year, RadioShack is focusing attention on high-profit-margin wireless phone sales and parts, batteries and accessories. The company is also expanding its breadth of accessories for products it carries, as well as for electronics not sold in RadioShack stores.

At the same time, RadioShack is making sure it stocks hot consumer electronics products such

as MP3 players, digital cameras and personal data assistants.

The company eliminated some product categories, such as car stereos, and cut back others, such as personal computers.

RadioShack is also working on a new store design. In 2000, the company unveiled a version in Tucson, Ariz. RadioShack postponed the launch of a second test design in Jacksonville, Fla., but is preparing to roll it out by year-end.

Stockholder John Berray, a retired Sabre programmer who invested in RadioShack about 18 months ago, said he is satisfied with the company's plans.

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Survey: Your pen color says a lot about your job performance

Knight Ridder News Service

Just when you thought you'd heard of every possible survey, along comes one that said the color of pen ink used by American workers is linked to job performance.

Purple-pen users — male or female — say they pitch in to help, even when not asked. Users of red ink are the most likely to have been recently promoted or given a raise. Men who use erasable pens are least likely to work extra hours with no pay.

Male and female purple-ink users say they volunteer to help their bosses, even without being asked.

Yet men who use purple pens are among the most likely to work extra hours with no

pay, and are the most likely to report being criticized by their bosses.

Women who opt for purple ink report recent raises and promotions almost as frequently as people who use red ink. They are among the most likely to be looking for a new job. (We say that actively searching for a job indicates a certain amount of self-confidence, which is pretty much required in order to use purple ink.)

Red-ink users, male and female, are the most likely to report that their boss is "nice." These folks also were the most likely to have received a recent raise or promotion, which may well explain their attitude about their bosses.

Women who use red ink were the most

likely to work extra hours with no pay.

Males who prefer green-ink pens are most likely to intentionally steal pens from co-workers.

Female green-ink users — and really, how many of these people do you know? — may be more bored on the job than anyone else, which, we think, may explain why they have resorted to the entertainment value of green ink.

Women who use green ink, as well as those who use red ink, are the most likely to be "the office pen hug," with a dozen or more pens at their desks.

Black ink is still the power ink of the workplace, much more so than blue.

Men who use black ink or expensive pens

of any color ink are the least likely to find their jobs boring, which we figure means that they are actually doing something at work.

Women who use black pens are the least likely to report being criticized by the boss. Women who use expensive pens are most likely to report being criticized by their bosses, who, we suspect, may well come from the green-ink school that trains its users to steal co-workers' pens.

The pilot survey said men who use blue ink are not likely to be helpful to their bosses. The survey said that one in seven American workers don't use a pen at all because they are so busy working at computer keyboards.

Tax-Aide
boasts a
good year

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A nonprofit tax-filing assistance effort helped thousands in Magic Valley prepare state and federal returns for 2001.

AARP Tax-Aide leaders hailed the recently completed season as its most successful in the more than 20 years the free community service has been offered in Idaho.

At a tax counselors' lunch this week, Bob Wunderle, Tax-Aide coordinator for the eight-county Magic Valley, said that — with reports still

incomplete from two of the district's 19 sites — some 8,959 volunteer tax counselors

this year helped over 3,000 taxpayers with advice and with preparing and submitting state and federal income tax returns.

Of that number, 1,195 returns were electronically filed. That represented a 141 percent increase over the number of returns e-filed last year, Wunderle said, and earned for his district the honor of first place in Idaho.

Jim Todd of Blackfoot, AARP Tax-Aide's state coordinator, in a statement said the Magic Valley accounted for about 18 percent of the 17,000 taxpayers helped and the 8,959 electronic filings recorded at 38 Tax-Aide sites and 12 VITA (volunteer income tax assistance) locations throughout Idaho this year.

The total returns e-filed represented an increase of 38 percent over the number so handled last year, and indicated that Idaho is running ahead of the Internal Revenue Service's goal of having 85 percent of all federal tax returns e-filed by the year 2007, Todd said.

Volunteer tax counselors donated more than 3,800 hours to the district's effort this year. Each received a letter from U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo.

"The honor that you volunteered to help your fellow Idaho citizens prepare their tax returns saved them over an estimated \$500,000 in tax preparation fees and brought over an estimated \$5,700,000 back into the Idaho economy through tax refunds," Crapo's letter said, according to AARP Tax-Aide's statement.

Volunteer Joan Stokesberry of Filer received a plaque for 25 years of VITA/Tax-Aide participation. Berdell Lesneski of Wendell was awarded a pin for 15 years; Phil and Marina Thomas of Jerome earned 10-year pins; and Bill Olson of Filer and Hank Gaska of Twin Falls were cited for five years of Tax-Aide service.

Tax-Aide is sponsored by the nonprofit AARP, with local cooperation with the IRS.

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MONEY

Nasdaq, Dow Jones end week up Panel: Tech industry needs women

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street ended a big week on a quiet but encouraging note Friday, as modest stock gains lifted the Nasdaq composite index to its first five-month winning streak in seven months and biggest weekly gain in more than a year.

The Dow Jones industrial average returned to levels not seen in more than a month, despite choppy trading that caused the major indexes to fluctuate for most of the session. Analysts said the market's ability to hold steady, rather than fall sharply on profit-taking or fears that the week's big advance would fizzle, suggests investor confidence is slowly recovering.

"This is a good way to end the week. We're hanging on to most of the gains and the market's on all time better and the news appears to be improving," said Rafael Tamargo, director of equity research at Wilmington Trust. "I do think there is a base here for us to build on, but it is a straight shot up to absolutely not."

The Dow closed up 63.87, or 0.6 percent, at 10,353.08. The gauge, which enjoyed two triple-digit advances earlier this week, had its highest finish since April 10, when it stood at 10,381.73.

Broader stock indexes also moved higher. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index gained 10.95, or 0.6 percent, to 1,741.39. Its last five-session gain was in early October.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 8.36, or 0.8 percent, to 1,106.99.

The index's weekly performance was also solid. The Dow gained 4.2 percent, the Nasdaq rose 8.8 percent and the S&P climbed 4.5 percent. The Nasdaq's gains were its biggest since the week ended April 20, 2001, when it surged 10.3 percent.

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Trading Friday was mostly lackluster. Although the market got an upbeat outlook from Dell Computer and encouraging consumer sentiment numbers, investors appeared to be taking a break — a normal occurrence, analysts said, following four days of mostly positive momentum.

Dell rose 9 cents to \$27.94 on earnings that beat expectations despite a slight drop in first-quarter profits. The company also raised its forecast for second-quarter profit.

Other tech stocks were mixed. Microsoft dropped 1 cent to \$55.73, while Intel rose 22 cents to \$30.99.

Wall Street was pleased with, but not inspired by, a University of Michigan report on consumer sentiment. The school's index

rose to 96.0 in mid May from 93.0 in mid April, Dow Jones News reported. Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the economy, so any improvement in consumer sentiment is considered good for business.

Among blue chips, Schering-Plough rose 51.37 to \$26.12 after announcing it would pay the federal government \$500 million to settle quality control issues at two manufacturing plants. The stock had fallen sharply earlier in the week on reports of criminal investigation by the government, which has yet to be resolved. Schering-Plough also reduced its 2002 forecast, citing the cost of the deal.

But retailer Gap dropped 59 cents to \$16.30 on first-quarter earnings that beat expectations but still showed weak sales.

Knight Ridder News Service

"Women can change and humanize the world of technology," a panel of women pioneers in the field said yesterday.

The discussion, held at Carnegie University and sponsored by CMU and the Heinz Family Philanthropies, took place at a time when economic experts agree that, if the United States is to continue to prosper, more women must be involved in technological careers.

That conclusion was reflected in the fact that the panel members themselves were early members of the high-tech fraternity,

joining the field in the '70s and '80s when women were few and far between.

One of the panel members who broke through the barriers was Anita Borg, president of the Institute for Women and Technology in Palo Alto, Calif. She will receive an honorary doctorate of science and technology during CMU commencement exercises this weekend.

Borg founded "Systers," an online mentoring and information-sharing network that provides support and contacts for 2,500 members around the world. She also co-founded the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in

Computing, a biennial technical conference for women.

Borg's academic career, Borg said, "I was very much a radical — I had my radical feminist side and my technical side." "Though those 'sides' didn't seem to have any connection, it's clear both left their mark."

She urged the students and others in attendance to focus on ways to make social change and to use technology to accomplish that. "Just creating technology isn't enough. If you don't become involved in talking about what technology is all about and what it can do, our world won't be our world."

Contracts

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During the off-season, October through March, Simpson and his staff of 11 work to get nearly 350 contractors across Arizona and New Mexico on procurement lists.

Nearly anyone with equipment or a service, such as a pickup truck, a refrigerated truck, a tent or even a catering service, can sign up to be on the agency's list, which is updated annually. The only requirement is an inspection to ensure the equipment is in good shape.

When a fire breaks out, Simpson and his staff scour the list to find the closest equipment to the fire site, and call the owner.

"Our only criteria is to get somebody there quickly," he said.

Because of that, he doesn't have a hard-fast budget to follow, like other procurement officers.

The Forest Service, he said, has a list of daily rates for various types of equipment, from water trucks to all-terrain vehicles and

chain saws.

The service will pay, for example, \$41 a day plus 41 cents a mile, for a half-ton 4-by-4 truck. A bulldozer costs about \$800 a day, plus mileage.

"You could pay less in town to rent a bulldozer, but it's not subject to a fire line," Simpson said. "These things are out near cliffs and fire. That's a big hazard, and the equipment takes a beating."

Most of the equipment used by the crew comes from a large stockpile in Silver City, said Mike Apicello, spokesman for the National Interagency Fire Center, which coordinates fire-fighting from Boise.

For standard fire crew gear, such as axes, shovels and chain saws, NIFC spends about \$90 million annually with more than 500 companies. Some of the items, such as canteens, come from the General Services Administration, which also outfits the armed forces.

"Procurement is a tremendous business. I'll tell you, it's lean in some years. In 1994, 1995 we didn't have any fires. In others

it's big. We spent \$200 million in 2000," Apicello said.

The NIFC spends \$95 million in 2000 on air tankers, or slurry bombers, and \$105 million on helicopters with six different companies, Apicello said.

"Bombers are real expensive, but real effective," said Peggy Dabb, aviation contract officer for the Forest Service in Albuquerque. She completes local contracts through NIFC for aircraft support, which includes slurry bombers and helicopters.

The helicopters, such as the Sikorski Air Crane, or Chinook CH-47SD transport helicopter, are more expensive to fly than planes and not used as much.

"We do a lot of rappelling and bucket drops with 'em," Dabb said.

The buckets have pumps in them that can siphon, in minutes, 2,500 gallons of water from a pond only 18 inches deep.

Planes cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 an hour to fly, Dabb said. When they're on standby, the companies still get paid, though not as much.

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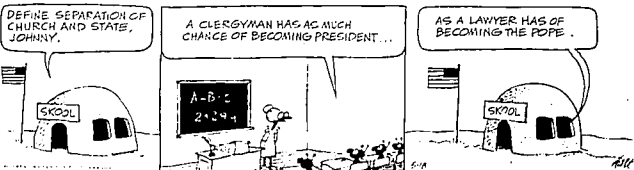
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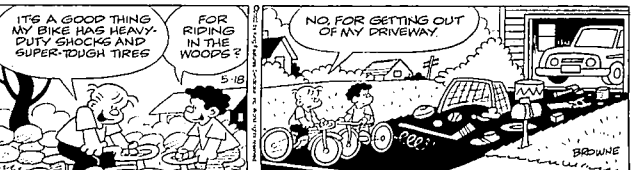
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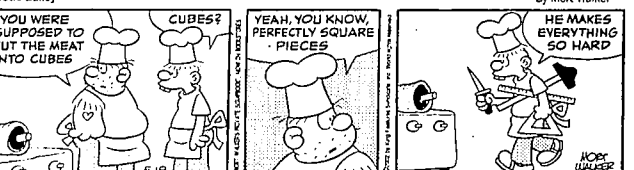
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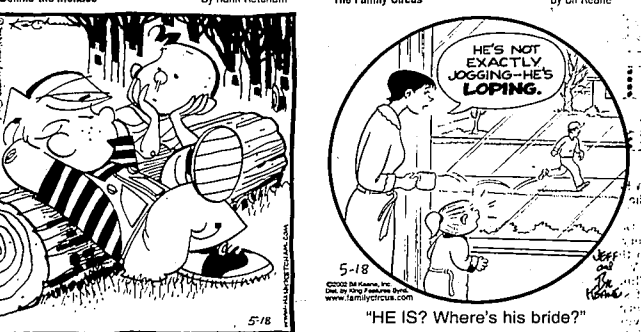


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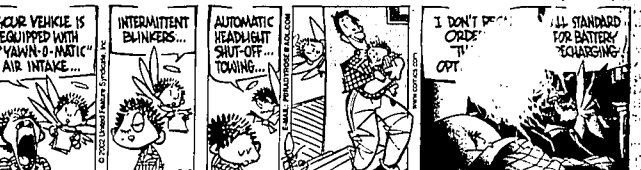
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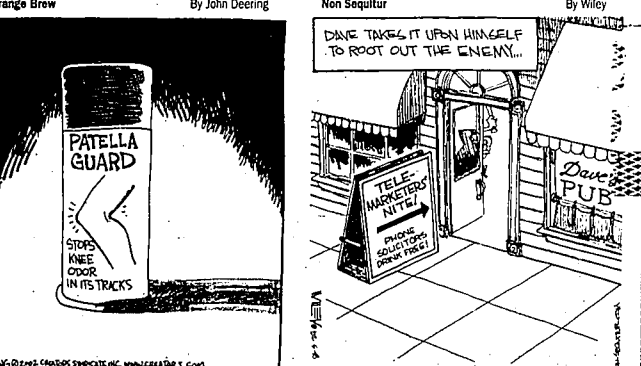


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NATION



Laborers fill up a burial place after exhuming a dismembered body believed by police to be that of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl on Friday near Karachi, Pakistan. Police said blood and hair samples were sent for DNA testing to confirm whether the body is Pearl's.

Officials test samples from body to see if it is journalist

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Hair and blood samples from a dismembered body were sent for DNA testing Friday as authorities sought to confirm whether they had found the remains of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

The body was removed from a shallow grave on property Pakistan state television said was owned by Al-Rashid Trust, a group the United States has identified as a terrorist organization. The body was found near a blood-spattered shed where authorities believe Pearl was held before his videotaped murder. In the shack, police found a car seat that resembled one in pictures sent to news agencies by Pearl's kidnappers, chief investigator Mansour Mughal told The Associated Press.

Samples of blood on the walls of the shed were taken for DNA testing, Mughal said. A jacket resembling the track suit Pearl was photographed wearing was found buried in the grave with the body, he said.

The body was cut into 10 pieces, including a severed head, Mughal said.

It could be a week before the results of DNA tests are known, Police Chief Kamal Shah told reporters in Karachi.

Police were told where the

body could be found by three new suspects arrested Thursday. Pakistan television identified the three as members of the outlawed Lashkar-e-Janghvi, a radical Islamic group with links to al-Qaida whose members were suspected of taking refuge in Afghanistan during the Taliban rule.

The body was found barely 500 yards from a large Islamic religious school, Jamia Rashidia, that was founded by Mufti Rashid, the same man who began Al-Rashid Trust. The United States froze the assets of Al-Rashid Trust after accusing it of being a conduit for money to al-Qaida to finance international terrorism.

Shah, the Karachi police chief, refused to confirm whether police suspect al-Qaida involvement in Pearl's kidnapping and murder, but he didn't rule it out.

"I don't want to reveal my cards yet," he told reporters. "To say anything now would be like putting the horse before the cart."

According to Mughal, the chief investigator, the shed resembled the background in photographs of Pearl.

"We think this is the room where Pearl may have been held for two or three days," Mughal said.

Troops fight new enemy Afghan force

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Backed by U.S. air power, some 1,000 coalition troops spread out into mountainous eastern Afghanistan Friday to find and fight suspected al-Qaida or Taliban soldiers who had fired on an Australian patrol.

Brig. Roger Lane, the top British commander in Afghanistan, said the targeted assembly of suspected al-Qaida or Taliban fighters in Paktia province was "a substantial enemy force," though he declined to give a number.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Bryan Hilferty said later the coalition believes there are about 100 al-Qaida or Taliban fighters in the area.

No coalition fighters were hurt during Thursday's attack on an Australian special forces patrol, Lane said, though some suspected al-Qaida and Taliban soldiers were killed.

"Our ability to respond rapidly to such attacks will serve as a reminder that the coalition will not tolerate such activity and we will hunt the terrorists relentlessly," Lane said from Bagram, the main allied base north of Kabul.

The new mission began Friday involved mostly British troops and was named Operation Condor.

All three missions the British have led since coming to Afghanistan in April have been named for birds: the first was Operation Praram, after a Scottish mountain bird, and the second was Operation Snipe, which the British define as a variety of slender-billed birds.

The 1,000 coalition soldiers in the newest operation near the city of Khost is large enough to overwhelm opposing fighters, said Hilferty, the American military spokesman.

"The best way to ensure people don't shoot at you is to have an overwhelming force. We have no desire to get into a fair fight with al-Qaida," he said.

Troops are fighting in the mountains at altitudes of 8,000 feet, officials said.

Army Green Berets train in Yemen

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers have begun arriving in Yemen to train Yemeni troops in the war against terrorism, Pentagon officials said this week.

About 30 Army Green Berets are in Yemen and expect to begin the training in a week or two, one official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Several dozen more trainers are to arrive later and expand the project.

The training is similar to what U.S. forces are doing in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, where the government is battling Muslim militants in the Pankisi Gorge and in the Abkhaz region, where hundreds of American soldiers are helping train forces to fight the Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization.

An advance team of about 20 U.S. troops has been in Yemen for several weeks, laying the groundwork for the training. The troops who arrived this week are the first of several dozen Green Berets who will conduct the training.

U.S. officials are concerned that al-Qaida members who have scattered across the globe following the defeat of their Taliban allies in Afghanistan may seek shelter in Yemen, a poor and partially lawless country on the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Taliban leader says

U.S. faces total defeat

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden is alive and the future of the United States in Afghanistan is "fire, hell and total defeat," fugitive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was quoted as saying by a pan-Arab newspaper Friday.

Abdul Rahman Al-Rashed, editor-in-chief of the paper, said Omar answered questions delivered by reporter Hedi Omeriani to the mullah's media adviser in northern Pakistan. The authenticity of the quotes could not be independently confirmed. The language in the quotes mirrored that of leaflets circulated in Afghanistan and some earlier statements by the Taliban.

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Section E

Try living with love

It was a routine traffic stop in a small, tight-knit community. That's all it was. But when the young police officer started talking to the occupants of the vehicle about their expired license plate tag, his skill and training took over. A cursory inspection led to the discovery of improper, and before long he was slipping a pair of handcuffs on one of the car's occupants for possession of cocaine. Suddenly the suspect pulled a gun from his waistband. And a routine traffic stop became anything but.

Bullets flew in both directions. Both men were hit. The young officer died of his wounds. His assailant nearly did as well. But he lived and was arrested to stand trial for his crime - and to face the



VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

family, friends and colleagues of the police officer he killed.

For months, people in the community mourned the tragic loss of an outstanding policeman. They expressed concern for his young widow and the 15-month-old son he wouldn't be around to help raise. They grieved for his brother, also a law enforcement officer in a neighboring community. And they anticipated a trial that was expected to be quick and easy, with a sure conviction and a one-way ticket to the state prison's Death Row.

There was every reason for that expectation. The evidence was stacked neatly against the defendant, including the late officer's handcuffs, which were still on the accused man's hands at the time he was arrested, and a bullet from the late officer's gun, which had been removed from the accused man's abdomen. Clearly he was guilty, and deserved the ultimate penalty for what many consider to be the ultimate crime against society: the murder of a police officer.

The trial - and the subsequent punishment - should have been ... well ... routine. But from the beginning this case was anything but routine.

Four months before the case was scheduled to come to trial, the accused man appeared in court to change his "not guilty" plea to "guilty." With the blessing of the slain officer's family, the court ordered a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. But first, he had to face the father of the man he killed.

The courtroom was filled with emotion as the late officer's father rose to speak. Months of accumulated grief and anger and heartbreak and pain crescendoed in dozens of hearts as he stood face-to-face with the young man who, finally, had publicly accepted responsibility for his son's death. Anyone would have understood almost any expression of outrage or hatred, including a passionate rush toward the murderer with the intent to physically extract what King Arthur's referred to as "a man's vengeance." What was perhaps harder for some to understand was the compassion in the father's voice as he spoke to his son's killer.

"One word can express what has been a part of our lives since this happened," the father said. "Sorrow. We feel sorrow at Joe's absence from our lives. We feel sorrow he won't be able to love his wife through the years or embrace his son."

Then he looked deeply into the young man's face - the last face his son had seen before he died. Tears streamed down his face and the faces of other family members who were present.

"I want you to know that we also feel sorrowful for your family," he said, "and for you."

Reporters converged on the officer's family following the judge's pronouncement of sentence. How could they react as they did at such a time?

"Everyone claims to believe in being forgiving and compassionate," one county attorney explained. "This family actually lives it."

"And there's nothing routine about that."

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

Holy Rollers: Christian skate night offers kids clean fun



Photos by LISA M. COLLARD

Left, Alle Anderson, 13, and Amanda Reay, 11, (from left) cruise the floor during the final singles skate at Skateland during Christian Music Skate Night.

Inset below, Andrew Borchardt uses some time waiting for his two children to read his Bible. The Borchardts come to the Christian skate night frequently as a way to spend family time together.

Christian Music Skate Night

Where: Skateland, 2100 Killebrew Road, Twin Falls
When: 7 to 9:30 p.m., first Tuesday of every month
Price: \$4
Phone: 734-5455

'The lyrics are clean. Your grandmother can listen to it. Nothing is rated R.'

- Leann Amend, assists sons as disc jockeys for Christian skate night



Skate toward the light ...

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - At Skateland, one night a month, people of all ages roll along to the strains of Christian music - but this is not your grandmother's hymns.

"Christian music nowadays is different," said Anita Parrott, one of Skateland's owners. "It can sound like hard rock. We don't allow that. We allow the ones that are 'skateable.'"

Leann Amend has helped her sons, Jonathan and James, perform as disc jockeys for Christian night at the skating rink. She said, for any type of music - rap, hip hop, contemporary - there are artists who adapt the styles onto Christian music CDs. But there is a difference.

"The lyrics are clean. Your grandmother can listen to it," Amend said. "Nothing is rated R."

True Becker, who has been playing music for the Christian night Skateland for about a year, said there are a lot of good songs that kids like. For instance, he said, a CD called P.O.D. is really popular.

"It's kind of like rap, but it doesn't have cussing in

it," he said.

Becker mixes different styles, putting on slow Christian music when there is a slow skate and somewhat faster tunes at other times. He has special selections tagged for the rink's occasional speed skates. When skaters know a song well, he said, they often sing along.

Favorites on Christian night include CDs by Limit X and DC Talk. There are also games, like "Shout the Duck." A number of area businesses and churches have endorsed Skateland's Christian venture, including Magic Valley Bible Church and MIX 103.

Parrott said Christian Music Skate Night started in the 1970s in the old skating rink. When the new facility was built, in 1981, the tradition was continued.

And it's not just teenagers who come. "It's all ages - from kids to Mom and Dad, aunts, uncles, Grandma, everybody," Parrott said.

Assistant manager Tom Jackson added, "They like the music, and lots of new people come for it all the time."

He explained, "It's kinda like a bunch of people getting together and having fun."

Above left, Brittnie Morris gets high-fives from her friends on the sidelines while she cruises the floor during the girls' 12-and-up-only skate.

Right, Katie May, 11, and Kalia Fairchild, 13, try to keep their barrel on course during a skating 'barrel' race.

Left, both young and old have fun participating in the speed races that are part of the evening's entertainment. If the DJ thinks people are going too fast, he makes some skaters start a little behind others to give everyone a 'fighting chance.'



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RELIGION

Congregational Bible Church holds pancake breakfast

BURLEY — A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 to 11:30 a.m. today at the Congregational Bible Church, 1550 Park Ave.

A free will offering will be accepted, with proceeds used for a mission of the church. The Continental. The church also is having a yard sale today. For more information, call 678-8125.

Rock Creek Community Church hosts Spring Fling

TWIN FALLS — The Rock Creek Community Church's annual Spring Fling is set for Sunday, with Roger Vincent providing music during 10 a.m. worship and Pastor Dale Metzger speaking on "Bag Building." The church meets in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at 131 Grandview, with Sunday school for all at 9 a.m.

This week also will be Penny Sunday (bring pennies collected at home). A spring bazaar and potluck lunch will begin at noon in the

Church news

church gym. Casseroles will be made from recipes in the church cookbook. A "bunny hop" will be held, with 300 chocolate bunnies as prizes.

Southwestern Seminary student speaks at revival

WENDELL — Jason Wise will speak at revival services this week at the Berean Baptist Church, with services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday. The church is located at 111 S. W. 1st St. in Wendell.

Wise, a graduate of Asbury College, is a student

at Southwestern Seminary and is speaking as part of its Spring Evangelism Practicum. The seminary is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information, call Pastor Paul Kroeger at 533-5769.

Oklahoma couple will minister in music Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Tim and Libby Thomas will minister in music and testimony at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Southern Baptist Church.

The husband and wife team from Mayville, Okla., specialize in southern gospel and adult inspirational music.

Community Christian Church offers 'A Taste of Zimbabwe'

TWIN FALLS — "A Taste of Zimbabwe" is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive.



Nick Adams

Lindale Adams, missionaries on furlough from A to Z Missions, will present a slide show and discuss modern-day Africa, with native food, crafts and artifacts.

Nick is the son of Bob and Vicki Adams, ministers at Community Christian Church. Lindale's parents, Dale and Linda Marshall, also are missionaries in Zimbabwe.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thompson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Togan, The Times-News, Burley, ID 83308. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:



Matthew Zech

Elder Matthew T. Zech will serve in the Mexico Tuxtla Gutierrez Mission. He will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Shoshone Ward chapel, 507 N. Greenwood.

Zech is the son of Terry and Gayla Zech of Shoshone and an Eagle Scout. He graduated in 2001 from Shoshone High School, where he was in National Honor Society, football, basketball and track and was senior class president and S-Club president. He attended BYU-Idaho.



Stetson Weber

Elder Stetson Phil Weber will serve in the Illinois Peoria Mission. He will speak at noon Sunday at the Dietrich Ward chapel.

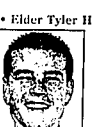
Weber graduated from Dietrich High School in 2001 and attended and worked on a Nebraska ranch on a college internship. His parents are Jeff and Keri Jo Weber of Dietrich.



Matthew Crandall

Elder Matthew Crandall will serve in the Lithuania Vilnius Mission. He will speak at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 15th Ward chapel, 3857 N. 3500 E. (Kimbberly Stake Center).

Crandall graduated in 2001 from Twin Falls High School, where he was in Key Club, National Honor Society, Chamber Singers and Jive. An Eagle Scout and Boy's State delegate, he completed his Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. His parents are Monte and Ann Crandall of Twin Falls.



Tyler Hutchison

Elder Tyler Hutchison, son of Terry and Linda Hutchison of Malta, will serve in the Venezuela Barcelona Mission. He will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Elba Ward chapel.



David Larsen

Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder David Larsen will serve in the Chile Santiago Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 7th Ward chapel, 806 G St.

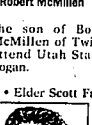
Larsen graduated in 2001 from Minico High School and attended BYU-Idaho. He is the son of Larry and Roberta Larsen of Rupert.

Returned from serving:



Darrin Barendregt

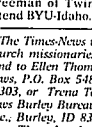
Elder Darrin Barendregt, son of Leonard and M. A. R. e. Barendregt of Rupert, served in the Norway Oslo Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 3rd Ward chapel, 526 F St.



Robert McMillen

Elder Robert McMillen served in the Venezuela Caracas Mission. He will speak at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 14th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave.

McMillen is the son of Bob and Celeste McMillen of Twin Falls. He will attend Utah State University in Logan.



Scott Freeman

Elder Scott Freeman served in the Chile Antofagasta Mission. He will speak at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 3rd Ward chapel on Eliza Street.

Freeman is the son of Ron and Renee Freeman of Twin Falls. He will attend BYU-Idaho.

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RELIGION LETTERS

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REV. RONALD WEKERLE
Jerome
(Editor's note: The Rev. Ronald Wekerle is the pastor at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.)

Praise and doctrine each need worshiper's attention

Is the modern "praise and worship" service the ultimate goal in our Christian walk, or are there biblical doctrines so important that Christians should — when those doctrines are neglected — take a stand and voice disagreement? According to 2 Timothy 4:2-3, 1 Timothy 4:16 and Luke 8:18, doctrine matters!

"Preach the word — correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and doctrine. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear (2 Timothy). Paul says, "Watch your life and doctrine closely..." (1 Timothy). And Luke tells us to "take heed how ye hear..."

Both doctrine and praise to God are equally important. However, to emphasize "praise and worship" at the expense of doctrine creates an imbalance in our teaching. Truth told, solid

doctrinal teaching and Christians so grounded in God's word that they are able to discern truth from error, get lost in many churches. Christians, "study to show yourself approved unto God — rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

SHANNA LOCKER
Filer

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

Pastor of First Presbyterian Church served people well

After many years of shepherding the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome, Pastor Bob Stebe and his family are moving to southern California to bring a new ministry to a new congregation. The Catholic community in Jerome and I have deeply appreciated Bob's leadership among the other churches and will miss his guidance, friendship and commitment to ecumenism. Bob's love for people — especially the poor — zeal for the gospel and ability to bring people together have been a blessing for the entire Jerome community. Thank you, Bob! Ad

New Testament teaches doctrine of a 'chosen people'

The Kansas City Star

READER'S QUESTION: "Do you believe that there is such a thing as a 'chosen people' or a 'true church,' and if so, who are they?"

THE REV. YOLANDA VILLA, pastor of evangelism, Platte Woods United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. Yes, I do believe there is such a thing as a true church and/or a chosen people. The Bible is rich with Scripture that supports my thinking. There is a passage in the fourth chapter of John that comes to mind. Jesus is walking back to Galilee and decides to take a side trip through Samaria. He encounters a Samaritan woman at a well. He begins to have a conversation with this woman. This act alone was in strict violation of the customs of Jews. Samaritans were considered half-Jews, apostates of the

Faith Q&A

faith and mongrels of the race. The woman wonders why Jesus ignores the social customs, and she tries to broach the subject with him only to have Jesus challenge her about knowing the gift of God which comes in eternal life. They are back and forth in discussion until she finally realizes Jesus is a prophet. They began to explore what true worshipers look like. They conclude that true worshippers are those who worship the creator in spirit and in truth. They are those who unveil false piety, who speak life-giving richness to souls. They are those who break down chasms between Jews, Samaritans, blacks and whites. These chosen people have relinquished their old unregenerated selves to the renewing power of the spirit of God and look to Jesus to show

them how to live out of that power.

RABBI MARK H. LEVIN, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, Kan.: Most nations have some doctrine of "chosenness." America's Manifest Destiny typifies the concept of God's choosing one people as a special entity among the nations. Certainly the Bible makes clear, in Deuteronomy 7:6, that the biblical Jews are God's "chosen" people. Precisely what this means has been the subject of debate ever since. That relationship singled the Jewish people out for both reward and punishment. Exodus 26:6 tells us, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy people," while Amos 3:2 reminds us that, "You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore will I call you to account for all your iniquities." Modern theologians have debat-

ed even the morality of the concept, with Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan's recent book "The Chosen" rejecting chosenness entirely. For many the concept of chosenness is more in line with the suffering servant idea of Isaiah 53, in which God chooses the Jewish people to serve humanity. Traditionally gentiles who follow the "seven commandments of the Children of Noah" are saved. I prefer Israel Zangwill's idea: "A chosen people is really a choosing people." The Talmud tells us "the righteous of all nations have a place in the world to come." Those who choose to follow God's precepts, who respect the dignity of the image of God in all human beings, are the elect of God.

Do you have a question about faith? Send it to Helen Gray, Religion Editor, The Kansas City Star, 1729 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. 64108, or e-mail: hgray@kcsstar.com

Congregations break mold, form informal church associations

By Kristin E. Holmes

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — There is no room for a "pic-in-the-sky" gospel at Freedom Christian Bible Fellowship.

Waiting for the good life in heaven is wasting time, says the pastor, Bishop Gilbert Coleman Jr. There is work to be done now.

For the West Philadelphia church, that translates into a multifaceted ministry that includes a drug program, soup kitchen, and adult literacy classes.

It has also meant divesting itself of denominational ties to form its own satellite churches — 74 of them, including congregations in Florida, California, the Philippines and India.

Such new, informal church associations, often called fellowships, are flourishing, religious scholars say.

Frequently Pentecostal or charismatic, they shun denominational affiliation in favor of links with like-minded churches in a way they say doesn't threaten independence or limit programming.

The new Freedom Worldwide

Covenant Ministries has replaced the Freedom Christian Bible Fellowship's membership in the National Baptist Convention. The 74 churches are linked by a mission of helping followers apply an ancient Christian gospel to their 21st-century lives — whatever their doctrinal and liturgical differences may be. This can mean helping church members and the community succeed in everything from marriage to career.

Of the existing denominations, Coleman said: "They keep us divided, and consequently our power to be an extension of God's kingdom on Earth is divided."

His church is nondenominational and charismatic — with belief in spirit baptism that may manifest itself in speaking in tongues, faith healing and prophecy.

New church associations have not escaped criticism, said Steve J. Land, dean of the Church of God Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tenn. Many people believe "they don't build in enough accountability, and they are still too susceptible to charlatans who can easily come in and dominate."

CD delivers classic hymns, gospel songs with Southern lilt

By Patty Ringenberg

The Wichita Eagle

CHRISTIAN CD
Charlie Daniels Band, "How Sweet the Sound" (Sparrow). The rowdy cowboy with the tender heart scores solidly with a Southern style extrajudging (25 in all) of classic, well-loved hymns and gospel songs. There's nothing quite like the integrity that a band that has traveled together many miles and years can bring to a recording. Too often in Christian music, instruments are just a

synthetic-sounding background to a real, sincere voice. But here the big baritone of Charlie Daniels is teamed with the real energy of his Southern rock band that blends blues, gospel, rock, country and bluegrass to make a flat-out joyful noise to the Lord. Charlie's signature fiddle is here too, particularly sizzling in "TU Fly Away." A good deal of soul is also added by the Bobby Jones Super Choir. Highlights include a toe-tapping, high-velocity "Swing Down Chorus" and a humorous, honest version of "How Great Thou Art."

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RELIGION

Lawyer advises Catholics

Says church deserves
more credit for efforts
at countering abuse

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the first major clergy sex abuse scandal nearly 18 years ago, attorney Mark Chopko has publicly defended and privately advised America's Roman Catholic bishops.

He's been consulted on "hundreds and hundreds" of abuse cases through the years. But he's never been through a crisis as all-consuming as this one. Since January, the waves of scandal have taken a toll on his life.



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Chopko says he's frustrated because the bishops don't get enough credit for steps already taken to address molestation claims. At the same time, the mistakes of some bishops are beyond explanation, and he admits more needs to be done to deal with abusers. He also explains that news media often blur the fact that "the vast majority" of priestly abuse incidents now being reported occurred prior to the early 1990s, when U.S. bishops stopped relying mainly on therapists and agreed to tighten procedures on suspension, abuse reporting and reassignment.

Victims' advocates, however, say there's a natural time lag in reporting because minors usually aren't psychologically strong enough to confront their abusers until years later. And Chopko admits there's been inconsistency in carrying out the bishops' agreed-upon procedures for handling abuse cases.

The bottom line is that parishioners need assurance their bishops "are dealing with abuse aggressively," Chopko says, and the prelates' meeting next month in Dallas must be the time for action. Chopko, a Cornell law school graduate, is working with the bishops' committee charged with crafting a new national policy on sex abuse.

"As a parent, I have an obligation to make sure parents can trust the church," says Chopko, a father of four.

Is the answer to have the bishops require "zero tolerance" for abusers — expelling past abusers along with those who are accused in the future?

"I think it's already happened," says Chopko, noting the many priests who have been removed from duty because of old abuse accusations since the national scandal erupted in the Boston Archdiocese in January, and bishops now routinely refer abuse allegations to police.

Zero tolerance may be hard for priests to accept if they "made a mistake 30 years ago and have performed flawlessly since," says Chopko, but secular law will protect bishops if suspended priests attempt legal challenges. "Priests can't sue their superiors," he says.

Victims' advocates estimate that Catholic dioceses have paid out \$1 billion or more in judgments for sex abuse claims over the years. But Chopko says the figure is lower — he puts it at \$300 million to \$350 million — and says "perhaps half" of that was covered by insurance. And when reflecting on years of conflict with victims' lawyers, Chopko wonders about the tactics on both sides.

Plaintiffs' lawyers may keep victims from meeting a bishop, fearing they might see him as a caring person, and there goes an eight-figure lawsuit," he says. Meanwhile, bishops' attorneys may advise, "don't admit anything," when typical victims "want the church to acknowledge what happened, and an assurance that it will never happen again."

Chopko says, "The presence of lawyers, on both sides, often makes things worse."

Some black ministers openly welcome gays, lesbians

By David Crary
The Associated Press

In one-on-one chats and resounding sermons, the Rev. Kenneth Samuel is trying to lead his 6,000-strong congregation on a path few black churches have trod: wholehearted acceptance of lesbians and gays.

After convincing himself that homophobia should be combated as zealously as racism, Samuel severed his Victory Church's links with black- and white-led Baptist organizations. He plans to affiliate next month with the liberal United Church of Christ. Grateful for Samuel's encouragement, some gays and lesbians have risen to leadership posts at the church in Stone Mountain, Ga., but many congregation members remain dubious of the changes.

"We're still working through it," Samuel said. "You can't just get up and say, 'OK, that settles it.' I'm trying to get the message out there that any kind of exclusion of persons — based upon their color, their gender, their sexual persuasion — is wrong."

Within the diverse spectrum of African-American churches, Victory Church is a rarity. While some new, alternative



The Rev. Kathi Martin ministers to her flock in Atlanta. She is a lesbian who became a pastor for the United Church of Christ in 1999. Only a handful of established black churches have sent a clear welcome to gays.

churches have formed in recent years, only a handful of established black churches — mostly in big cities — have sent a clear welcome message to gays. Most

black ministers, like many of their white counterparts, believe the Bible condemns homosexuality, though many black churches have enlisted in

campaigns to fight AIDS.

For the Rev. Kathi Martin, acceptance of gays came too slowly to the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The dought-

ter of a minister, she became pastor of an A.M.E. church in Decatur, Ga., in 1994, but left the denomination three years later after her superiors scolded her for sanctifying a same-sex union.

Martin, a lesbian, became a pastor for the United Church of Christ and started her own UCC-affiliated congregation in Atlanta in 1999. Most of its members are gay blacks who were uncomfortable in traditional black churches.

While Martin draws no more than 70 or 80 people to her weekly services, worshippers by the hundreds attend each of two Sunday morning services at Samuel's Victory Church. Both ministers preach the virtues of tolerance.

Samuel, who has a wife and daughter and a doctorate from Union Theological Seminary, explained: "We've had to deal so much with the implications of black male castration, economically, politically and socially. The black community has tried to compensate by being homophobic — we have so few black men eligible to lead, to provide for families, that we need to make certain we don't lose any more to same-sex unions."

Need a prayer? Drop by this Web site

By Mary A. Jacobs
The Dallas Morning News

Web site

<http://www.renewalministries.com/>

Whether you're needing a prayer or looking to pray, this page offers "one-stop shopping" for Christian prayer. There are links to submit answered prayers or request prayers for

pastors. Visitors may sign up to pray for President Bush and members of his Cabinet at specified times as part of the

Renewal Ministries' ongoing vigil of prayer for U.S. leaders. There are tips for churches considering starting a 24-hour prayer room.

You also can order books, including one intriguingly titled "How to Pray After You've Kicked the Dog."

Farewell Celebrations First Presbyterian Church of Jerome for Reverend Robert Stebe and Family

After thirteen years of dedicated service in Jerome, Bob Stebe has accepted a call to a Presbyterian Church in Diamond Bar, California and will be leaving the area in June. You are invited to attend the following celebrations of Bob and his family's ministry that will be held at the church (located at 262 East Avenue A in Jerome):

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Girls State delegates are Tracie Elliott, Sarah Jarolim, Jessika Seal and Stephanie Frey.



Boys State delegates are Brandon Carter, Russell Wiersma and Mike Barker.



Photos courtesy of Buhl High School

Students head to Boys, Girls State

BUHL - Buhl High School will have representatives at the 56th annual Idaho Springs Girls State June 9-15 at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa and the 59th annual Gem State Boys State June 9-15 at Albion College in Caldwell.

Girls State and Boys State provides students opportunities to learn more about governmental structure and leadership.

The young women were sponsored by Filer American Auxiliary Unit 47. Community contributors were West End Men's Association, Buhl Rotary and Bet Sigma Phi.

Delegates are:

Stephanie Frey, daughter of James and Jackie Frey, has been student of the month several times; received the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership, ACCA Character and Citizenship awards, All American Science award and All American Spanish award; and attended the National Leadership and National Political Conference and ACCA Leadership. Frey will be student body vice president next year.

Jessika Seal, daughter of Russell Seal, is an Idaho Top Scholar, ranked in the upper 10 percent of her class, active in volleyball and basketball, a member of the National Honor Society and FCCLA, was student of the month several times, and listed in the Who's Who of American Students. Seal will be student body president.

Tracie Elliott, daughter of James and Jane Elliott, is a Top Scholar; member of the Key Club, National Honor Society and annual staff; has been student of the month several times; and has attended several leadership conferences. She will be student body secretary/treasurer and Key Club secretary/treasurer.

Alternate Sarah Jarolim, daughter of Edward and Denise Jarolim, is a member of the National Honor Society and International Thespian Society, on the high honor roll several times

and has been choir president. She is a cellist with the Magic Valley Youth Orchestra.

The Boys State delegates are sponsored by the American Legion. Contributors were the West End Men's Association, Buhl Rotary and Beta Sigma Phi.

Russell Wiersma, son of Jim and Patti Wiersma, has been student of the month several times; on the high honor roll; participated in football, track, wrestling and All Conference football; and was on the All Times-News team.

Brandon Carter, son of Richard and Cathy Carter, has been on the high honor roll for three years, student of the month several times, active in the Key and Bible Club, and selected as Idaho Top Scholar and All American Scholar.

Mike Barker, son of Jim and Elizabeth Barker, has been active in the National Honor Society, football, basketball, track, Business Law Club and Spanish Club. He is an Idaho Top Scholar and coached high football.

Magic Valley Regional offers baby-sitter training

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer its baby-sitter training program to students ages 11 and older.

Presenters will discuss topics including basic behavior and behavior management, nutrition, first aid, prevention of injury and burns, what to do in a crisis, understanding the responsibility of child care and fun activities to do with kids. There will be a session with parents and children of various ages for students to interact with, and to hear first hand what a parent looks for and expects in a sitter.

CPR certification is a prerequisite for the baby-sitter program. The cost for the two classes combined is \$20. Class size is limited.

The schedule is as follows:

Baby-sitter class - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the hospital Education Center's Sage Room, north of the main hospital.

CPR - 6-9 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room next to the hospital cafeteria; 6-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room; 4-7 p.m. Friday in the doctors' meeting room.

Second baby-sitter class - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 7 in the Sage Room.

CPR - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 4 in the doctors' meeting room; 2-5 p.m. June 4 in the doctors' meeting room; 1-4 p.m. June 6 in the Sage Room.

Third baby-sitter class - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 21 in the Sage Room.

CPR - 8-11 a.m. June 18 in the Sage Room; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 19 in the Sage Room; 2-5 p.m. June 20 in the Sage Room.

Participants should bring a sack lunch to the baby-sitters' class.

Registration is required.

To register for both classes, call Stacy Miller at 737-2007.

Memorial Day holiday pushes up deadlines

TWIN FALLS - Because of the Memorial Day holiday on May 27, deadlines have been moved up for the community page.

Community events for May 28 must be in by 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

West End Theatre holds auditions for melodrama

BUHL - The West End Theatre Company will hold auditions for the melodrama, "No Mother to Guide Her."

Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Buhl Middle School Auditorium.

The cast includes five men and eight women.

The melodrama will be presented July 11-13.

Students can apply for 4-H award from bank

BUHL - Applications are being taken for a Wells Fargo Bank award to recognize an outstanding 4-H boy or girl in each county in the region.

To be eligible, a member must have completed three or more years in 4-H and be 14 years or older at the time of application. The 4-H member's leader must approve and sign the application. A recommendation from the leader also should be attached.

Previous winners of this award are not eligible.

Applications are due in the

University of Idaho Extension Office by Friday.

Cassia Blood Services collects 152 pints at drive

BUHL - Cassia Blood Services held a blood drive for the American Red Cross March 18-19 where 152 pints were collected.

United Methodist Church and Wal-Mart provided refreshments, Culligan provided water and the 2nd Battalion 163rd Cavalry Army provided the location. The Burley Kiwanis Club set up this event and Burley LDS 2nd Ward High Priest group cleaned up.

The next blood drive will be June 3-4.

Several donor pins to given out. Alice Wood received a pin for donating 17 gallons of blood, Kirby Harkness and Virginia Johnson donated 15 gallons of blood, Ray Muir gave eight gallons, Earl Craythorn gave six and Jim Kell gave four gallons.

4-H awareness day provides fun for families

BUHL - A 4-H awareness day is planned for all families in the Mini-Cassia area from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

This event is the first in a series of four to be held in the Magic Valley this summer. The Minidoka County event will be on June 2 at Neptune Park, June 9 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds and June 23 at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Hispanic families are invited to

attend. Signs and posters, brochures, flyers and information sheets for all the activities will be printed in English and Spanish. Bilingual young people and adults also will be present.

Activities include fun with frozen bread dough, ice cream making, Dutch oven cooking, shooting sports, survival skills in the outdoors, pinata making, Clover Bud activities for children ages 5-8, teen opportunities and summer camp.

For more information, call your local University of Idaho Extension office.

CSI offers painting and drawing classes

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho offers the following art classes:

Drawing will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 1-22 in room 112 of the Art Complex. Topics include composition, perspective, design, value and originality. Mediums used will be pencil, pen and ink, colored pencil and pastels. Class size is limited. The cost is \$70.

Beginning Oil Painting will be held from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, May 30 through June 20 in room 112 of the Art Complex. Students will practice composition, perspective, value, color, reflective light, content, balance and texture, originality, emotional impact and individuality and style. They will learn line, shape, mass, and knife-painting, and an insight to representation, abstract, and nonobjective art. The cost is \$70.

Intermediate/Advanced Oil

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Stove, refrigerator - A Gooding family is in need of a used stove-and-refrigerator for their rental house. Appliances can be picked up. Call Tami Becker at 934-4214 or 934-4941.

Volunteer readers - BridgeView Estates needs volunteers to read scriptures to residents. Call Leslie Schroeder at 736-3933.

Volunteers, supplies - Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit needs volunteers to help with training. The group also needs airline-type kennels, baby juice bottles, topographical maps and a small freezer. Call 326-5641.

Volunteers - Hospice Visions Inc. needs volunteers to work with fund-raisers, bereavement, mailing and correspondence, patient care and companionship and caregiver assistance. Orientation and in-services are available monthly. Call Flo or Tami at 735-0121.

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

This public service column is designed to reach needs in the communities of region with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to return request.

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for newsletter preparation, patient/caregiver support, office help, fund-raising and children's bereavement program. Orientation and training is available. Call Susan Harris at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061 or stop by the office, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Respite - Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls and Eden areas for respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregiver can take a break. Call Edith at 736-2122, Ext. 320.

Volunteers - The Fifth Judicial District CASA Program needs volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Senior companions - The Senior Companion Program needs 10 seniors to work in the Magic Valley. Companions will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service assisting homebound or elderly clients complete tasks. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Foster grandparents - The Foster Grandparent Program needs 10 seniors to work in the Twin Falls area. They will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service working with new to English-refugee children. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1525 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

HealthNet celebrations, survey cap year for Youth Asset Program

TWIN FALLS - HealthNet Youth Asset celebrations have been held over the past few weeks to honor community members, businesses and organizations that have made a positive difference for the young people in their communities.

The celebrations follow a recent survey of sixth through 12th grade students in south central Idaho focusing on the number of developmental "assets" they possess.

HealthNet is recognized across Idaho as a leader in its youth asset initiative, local representatives say.

The research-based program quantifies 40 "developmental assets" young people need to succeed and to avoid high-risk behaviors. Asset categories include support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity. Search Institute data shows that young people with 31-40 assets have only a 3 percent likelihood of using alcohol

and a 1 percent likelihood of using drugs. They are 53 percent more likely to succeed in school and 88 percent more likely to maintain good health.

A baseline survey was conducted in south central Idaho communities between 1998 and 2002. It asked questions about school climate, parent and school boundaries and expectations, risk behaviors and antisocial behavior, among others.

South central Idaho is the only region in the state in which all counties have been surveyed, representatives say. More than 15,000 sixth through 12th-graders participated in the most recent survey, generating an 80 percent response rate.

Initial regional results from the 1998-2000 baseline survey indicated that south central Idaho young people have an average of 20.1 assets, compared to the national average of 18.5 assets. Data from the most recent survey will be available in August 2002. Reports will be available to local HealthNet coalitions, schools, and supporting organizations. The data will help

Want more information? Call Karyn Goodale, coordinator, 734-5900, Ext. 281.

Upcoming celebrations: Mini-Cassia HealthNet Coalition - A barbecue will be held today to recognize community asset builders and school lunch bus participants and their families.

What is HealthNet? HealthNet is comprised of eight partners and six local coalitions, with more than 300 members in the Magic Valley. The effort started in 1992.

determine how many assets young people possess, and help determine long-term strategies to further improve the lives of local youth, representatives say.

HealthNet is in the third year of a \$400,000 federal grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Funds from local HealthNet partners maintain the federal grant.

The South Central District Health Department is the administrative and fiscal agent for the grant funds and programs.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Painting will be held from 7-10 p.m. Mondays, June 3-24 in room 112 of the Art Complex. Students with some knowledge of working with oil paints will learn the trade secrets of how to turn a good painting into a masterpiece. The cost is \$70.

Instructor Jan Cicle has been teaching art for more than 25 years, and won numerous awards, including the Idaho State Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Artist of the Year in 2000-01.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Twin Falls Herpetology Society invites members

TWIN FALLS - The newly-formed Twin Falls Herpetology Society at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Herrett Center's Frost classroom.

Nick Peterson, the long-time host of the Herrett Center's "reptile reviews," says the organization is being formed to promote more education and appreciation of reptiles.

The Herpetology Society will feature shows and discussions on a regular basis.

For now, meetings are planned for the second Tuesday of each month. Members need not own any reptiles, and meetings are free. Everyone is welcome and there is no age restriction.

Peterson says the group is particularly interested in finding a veterinary consultant for the group.

For information, call Peterson at 733-9554, Ext. 2671 or by e-mail him at npeterson@csi.edu.

St. Benedict's Auxiliary meets Monday at hospital

JEROME - The St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Auxiliary will meet at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the hospital.

Scott Burton's speech students from Jerome High School who won first place at the state speech contest will be the program.

The meeting will be hosted by Geneil Peterson and Luella Scarborough.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Winners for May 2 were: first, Beverly Reed and Sam Smutny; second, Glady's Harttruff and Sue Skinner; third, Don and Ruth Raben and fourth, Harold Bulcher and Evelyn Meyer.

Winners for May 4 were: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Harold Bulcher and Sandy Sexton; third, Nathan and Kay Higer; and fourth, Renee Bulcher and Ada Burgess.

Winners for May 7 for north/south were: first, Jessie Lingnaw and Sue Skinner; second, Don and Lorna Bard; and third, Ron and Gretchen Vesta Reiber. Winners for east/west were: first, Mary Ann Siegel and Lee Woods; second, Edna Egner and Marjorie Rainbolt; and third, Bonnie Aspitarte and Endi Cook.

Winners for May 8 were: first, Jan Finighan and Peggy Hackley; second, Ched and Marilyn

Borkin; third, Dick and Mary Cook; and tied for fourth, Ada Burgess with Glady's Harttruff and Renee Bulcher with Polly Mulliner.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

Cub Scouts Pack 68 has openings for boys

TWIN FALLS - Cub Scouts Pack 68 has openings for boys who will be in grades first through fifth for the 2002-2003 school year.

For more information, call 733-7820 or Tim McKnight at 735-8683.

West End Senior Center raises money for bus

BUHL - The West End Senior Center has received a grant from the federal and state Department of Transportation for a new bus that will meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The club meets will be holding several fund-raisers to meet the matching funds required to purchase the bus. There will be baked food sales, yard sales, dinner dances and other activities to help raise the money.

The new bus will allow the center to make trips to Twin Falls on a regular basis for doctor appointments and shopping. These trips will be open to the community, also.

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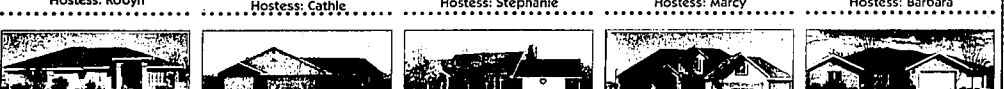
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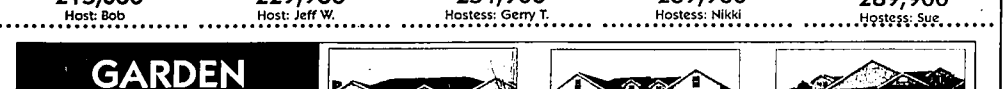
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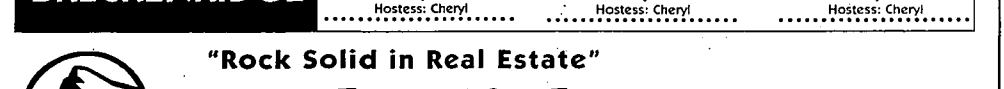
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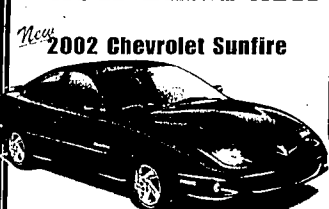


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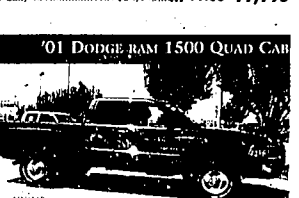
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 400-500 Aspenwood Dr.
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ROUTE 761
 1800-2000 9th Ave. E.
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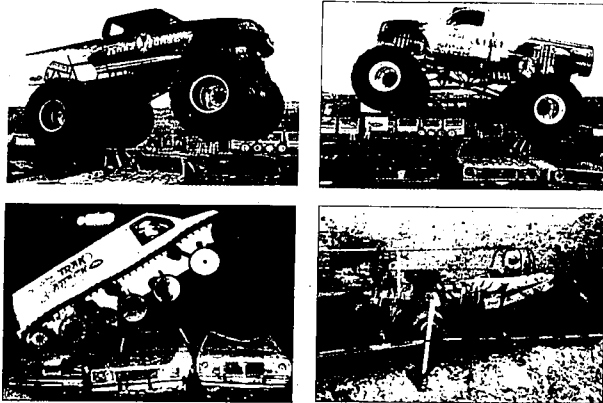


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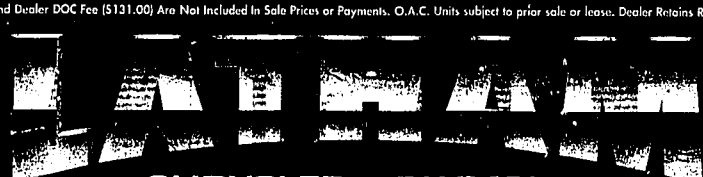
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