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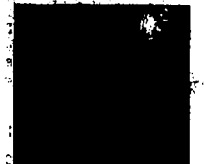
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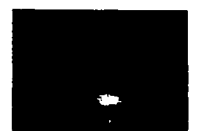


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Community Service Officer Shriene Aguirre estimates that calls at the Twin Falls City Information Center desk have gone up almost 50 percent since the '311' number was initiated. Aguirre says that though the call load has increased, the city can still handle it with the current staff.

Call center chief looks to iron out differences

**By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS - Routing calls for service or non-emergency help through the Twin Falls Police Department's call center could put unnecessary complications into the system, according to the deputy director of the region's 911 center.

The supervisor of the city's call center says he's satisfied with the way things are and sees no compelling reason to change. Even so, Ron Vogt, deputy

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director of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, said he wants to set up a meeting as soon as possible with police department officials to discuss the call center and try to settle the agencies' differences.

"We have to get together and figure out how to get things to work," Vogt said.

Vogt this week declined fur-

ther comment on the issue, but referred to a 13-page letter he sent Dec. 3 to the Twin Falls Police Department and city official. That letter covers some of his concerns with department's City Information Center and its "311" non-emergency call system. The letter was in response to a letter sent Nov. 6 to SIR-COMM from the police department - outlining the department's policy and procedures regarding the CIC and 311.

Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAttee - who in July was

appointed as the supervisor of the CIC and its employees - said on Friday that he hadn't yet received word from Vogt about setting up a meeting. But McAttee said he would be willing to meet and discuss any questions or concerns Vogt might have.

One of the chief concerns Vogt raised in his letter was the possibility of delays or confusion if a person needing emergency help dials 311 instead of "911" - or if

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Police raids uncover 'lost' Beatles tapes

The Associated Press

LONDON - Police appear to have recovered about 500 original Beatles tapes that were stolen in the 1970s, including some never-released tracks, during raids Friday on members of a piracy racket in England and the Netherlands.

British police said the tapes were "priceless." Dutch police, who found the tapes in the Netherlands, agreed, but said analysis of the material was ongoing.

"We're investigating whether they really are the originals, but it appears to be so," prosecutor spokesman Robert Meulenbroek said in Amsterdam. "There are about 500 tapes, so there's quite a bit to research."

The tapes soon will be turned over to British authorities, he said.

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Don't expect anything new on odor rules this session, Ag officials say

**By Julia Pence
Times-News writer**

BOISE - Idaho Department of Agriculture officials are telling legislators not to expect much movement on odor rules during this session but that the agency's dairy siting team is beginning to gain popularity.

In order to cope with growing controversy over concentrated animal feeding operations over the past few years, the Legislature has passed laws to help regulate CAFOs. Odor legislation took center stage last session, with language put into law to govern such things as frequency, intensity

Who's using the team

Here are the counties that have used an Idaho Department of Agriculture team to assist them in dairy siting decisions, and the number of times they've used it:

Jerome County	12
Twin Falls County	5
Owyhee County	2
Elmore County	3
Caribou County	2

and duration of strong odors. The Ag Department put into place a hotline that people can call when odors are too strong, and now dairymen are required to explain where they put the waste that comes from their animals, in addition to other measures.

Now a technical subcommittee of the state's Odor Rules Advisory Committee is applying the scientific method to define which agricultural odors truly

exceed those of "accepted agricultural practices." Until the panel completes its work, the odor rules are not subject to much change, House Ag Committee Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer, said Friday.

A key player on the technical team, engineer Ron Sheffield of the University of Idaho Extension Service in Twin Falls, has laid out a methodology for setting standards, but he won't have them ready until next summer at the earliest. Jones said Sheffield has said he wants to measure odors during three different seasons - winter, spring and summer.

Jones said a delay in an equipment shipment to Sheffield last fall has contributed to the postponement.

John Chubburn, who has recently been appointed to oversee ag odors and the dairy siting team for the Ag Department, told

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Snowmobilers contemplate life in Yellowstone under new rules

The Associated Press

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. - Part of the allure of winter trips here, Ricky Evans says, has always been the freedom that comes with riding his own snowmobile on the trails of Yellowstone National Park. If that freedom diminishes under new rules the National Park Service plans to implement next winter, Evans says he's not coming back.

"We'll just find another place to go," the 36-year-old firefighter from Salt Lake City said. "And I guarantee you, 90 percent of folks will, too."

Evans was among hundreds of snowmobilers at West Yellowstone the first weekend of January for what is expected to



be the last season of relatively unrestricted snowmobile use in Yellowstone. The Park Service plans to impose new limits on the

Taxing park visitors to pay for wolf maintenance? - A9

number and type of snowmobiles allowed in the park beginning next winter.

Not all riders believe that's necessarily all bad.

"I'm going to see the park regardless," said Ken Daniel, a 32-year-old aircraft mechanic from Memphis. "People will come as long as it's there."

The Park Service proposal was a topic that seemed impossible to avoid in the rental shops, motel lobbies and gas stations of West Yellowstone, a town that has

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Callifomians Hans and Teresa Nettel and their dog, Prince, park their rented snowmobile after viewing Old Faithful Jan. 3 in Yellowstone Park. At left, park worker Kilty Enaboe wears a respirator to protect her from snowmobile exhaust at the west entrance Jan. 3.

Agencies thwart attacks, U.S. says

Officials credit interrogations of enemy captives

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Federal authorities said Friday that more than 100 terrorist attacks planned against the United States and its allies have been thwarted since Sept. 11, 2001, due in large part to the continuing interrogation of enemy combatants and other captives ensnared in the war on terror.

Although authorities would not officially disclose the nature of the planned attacks, government sources said they included threats against American embassies on three continents, a U.S. military base in Europe, and American cargo ships passing through the straits of Gibraltar.

It also remained unclear how many of the threats were against specific sites inside the United States. But federal authorities noted that it was the interrogation of a key al-Qaida operative that ultimately led to the arrest last year of Jose Padilla, the so-called "dirty bomber" who allegedly was plotting fresh attack targets in the United States.

The Bush administration has come under sharp criticism for holding detainees at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as well as in jails and military brigades in the United States, without first charging individuals with crimes. But the government's legal papers filed in the Padilla case stress that, without continuous and uninterceded interrogations of detainees, a future terrorist attack could slip through.

The disclosure about the more than 100 planned attacks came in a legal declaration filed by Vice Admiral Lowell E. Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. His nine-page affidavit was used by government prosecutors to detail how important the interrogations have become, and to argue against a federal judge's ruling last month that Padilla be allowed to meet with his lawyer.

The government said it has had eight months to talk uninterceptedly with Padilla, and that a meeting with his lawyer would disrupt their efforts for his cooperation.

According to the CIA, more than 3,000 al-Qaida operatives and associates have been detained in more than 100 countries since the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked. CIA Director George J. Tenet said recently that the United States had developed "a trove of information we're using to press the hunt further."

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Tonight: Cloudy skies and scattered snow showers or flurries. Lows in the upper 20s.
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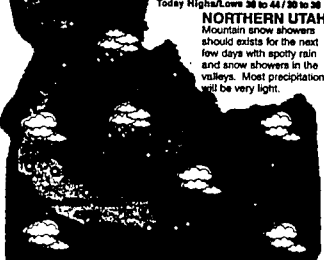
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
On and off snow showers or flurries are likely for today, tomorrow and possibly even Monday.
Accumulations will generally be small and valley locations will see very little, if any accumulations.

Today Highs 24 to 37 Tonight's Lows 13 to 23
BOISE Unsettled weather should be expected for the next few days. Scattered rain showers will be possible by this afternoon with rain and snow showers likely tonight and Sunday.

Today Highs/Lows 28 to 44/19 to 26
NORTHERN UTAH Mountain snow showers should exist for the next few days with spotty rain and snow showers in the valleys. Most precipitation will be very light.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 40 at Lowell; Low: 14 at Starley. Weather key: sun, part. cloudy, mostly cloudy, heavy, heavy rain, thunderstorms, snow showers, rain, snow, sleet, flurries, wind, missing.

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Partly cloudy and mostly dry. High 44, Low 32.

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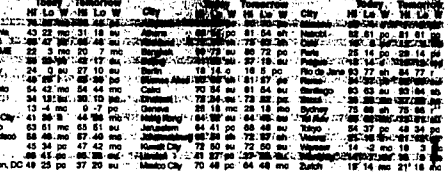
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Bush moves to alter wetlands approach

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON - As many as 20 million acres of the nation's wetlands may lose federal protection from industrial pollution or unlawful development as a result of new guidelines announced Friday by the Bush Administration.

ter, which was prompted by a 2001 Supreme Court ruling that denied Clean Water Act protection to isolated, non-navigable ponds and wetlands contained in a single state. The letter was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman and other officials said the new guidelines "reaffirm federal authority over the vast majority of America's wetlands." The new regulation would shift responsibility from the federal government to the states for protecting up to 20 percent of the 100 million acres of wetlands in the lower 48 states, according to official estimates.

Beatles

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Police arrested five people in raids in England and in Holland, following an investigation that began about a year ago. The suspects' names were not immediately released.

the extraordinary level of international coordination that is needed to tackle the sophisticated copyright-horror strategies of today's organized music pirates," said Jay Berman, chairman of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, which led the investigation with help from London detectives.

ing after the tensions of the 1968 "White Album."
They met in the Twickenham area of London to rehearse, rather than Abbey Road, where they usually recorded. Continued problems within the band saw Harrison briefly quit during that period.

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The recovered reels are believed to contain dozens of entire songs, as well as snippets of tracks the band attempted, then abandoned. Along with new songs, the Beatles ran through earlier tracks for old time's sake.

Each morning, the sound of revving engines jolts this town to life. Men and women slung in snowsuits and heavy boots at rental businesses, where it's fairly easy to reserve a snowmobile on short notice. Riders buy passes minutes before taking the short drive out of town and to the park's popular west gate.

Call

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the situation should develop into an emergency while the caller is still on the line with CIC dispatchers. He wrote that he takes issue with CIC dispatchers being having to "interrogate" callers and pass information to SIRCOMM second hand.

Odor

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lawmakers the siting team is becoming more popular as counties in Idaho pick up on the idea. The siting team has technical experts from the Ag Department, the Dept. of Health and Environmental Quality and the Department of Water Resources who, upon the request of county commissioners or planning and zoning officials, give technical advice on the suitability of proposed sites.

Yellowstone

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invested years in trying to build a reputation as the nation's snowmobile capital.
And the proposal revealed a split among riders, no matter how new to the sport, eager to take full advantage of only this season's rare snowy days. Next winter will look significantly different here if the new rules take effect as planned.

Beatles

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Two British men were arrested in west London, and two Dutch men and a British man were arrested south of Amsterdam, where Dutch and British police were working together.

The morning rush typically begins around 8:30 a.m. and lasts until 11 a.m.
Employee health is one of the considerations under the proposed rules, which seek to divert some of the traffic from the west gate and to one of five other entrances to Yellowstone and

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 U.S. officials are dealing with a move by North Korea to withdraw from the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the cornerstone of global efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. Though North Korea announced plans to pull out in the early 1990s, a last-minute compromise averted the withdrawal.

Diplomats and analysts here said the announcement stopped short of a crossing a "red line" for the United States — taking spent fuel rods from the reactor and extracting the plutonium for weapons. North Korea has said it plans to begin this reprocessing step, but so far no information has come out that it has followed through.

"It would be a very serious step. It would take us into a new dimension," a U.S. official said this week.

A sense is growing here that if North Korea cannot get what it wants from the United States, the isolated country may well begin the reprocessing.

Gov. pardons inmates, says confessions were forced
 CHICAGO (AP) — With just three days left in office, Gov. George Ryan on Friday pardoned four death row inmates he said were tortured by Chicago police into falsely confessing in the 1980s, declaring their cases "perfect examples of what is so terribly broken about our system."

Ryan announced the pardons as part of a three-year campaign to reform Illinois' capital punishment system, which began when he declared a moratorium on executions in January 2000. He leaves office Monday.

The Republican governor said he will announce Saturday whether he will commute the sentences of 140 other death row inmates to life in prison.

Ryan pardoned Madison Hobbey, Stanley Howard, Aaron Patterson and Leroy Orange, saying police tortured them into confessing to murders they had not committed. Each was on death row for at least 12 years, Orange was on death row the longest, more than 17 years.

"We have evidence from four men, who did not know each

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other, all getting beaten and tortured and convicted on the basis of the confessions they allegedly provided," Ryan said. "I believe a manifest injustice has occurred."

All of the men but Howard, who was convicted of a separate crime, were expected to be released Friday.

Patterson's mother, JoAnn, said she was overwhelmed by the news: "I don't believe in miracles, but this is a miracle."

As he left the Pontiac Correctional Center, Hobbey said he hoped the officers who tortured him would be charged. "It's a dream come true, finally," he said. "Thank God that this day has finally come."

Reaction from death penalty supporters was swift. Dick Devine, prosecutor in Chicago's Cook County, called the pardons "outrageous and unconscionable."



Gov. George Ryan

U.S. promises to help Iraqi scientists
 Washington — The United States has promised the United Nations that it will permanently resettle Iraqi scientists who provide information on Iraq's secret arms programs, U.S. officials said Friday. Some family members could be granted entry to the U.S.

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Washington is pressing chief weapons inspector Hans Blix to begin "inviting" about two dozen Iraqi scientists to travel to Cyprus as early as next week for interviews, the sources added. The Mediterranean island is the backup staging post for the inspection teams.

"We hope the U.N. teams will start this process as soon as possible, hopefully next week," a State Department official said Friday.

U.S. and U.N. officials agree that the scientists are more likely to reveal secrets if they and their families are in a secure location outside Iraq. So far, Iraqi scientists have refused to be interviewed except in the presence of an Iraqi government official, apparently to avoid reprisals against themselves and their families.

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 JABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) — The militant group Hamas, which has carried out scores of suicide bombings in Israel, urged Iraq on Friday to copy its tactics and send thousands of attackers with explosives strapped to their bodies into a battle against the West.

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 Washington — Key Republican senators are raising objections to President Bush's \$670 billion tax cut proposal, an early sign that the White House will face a tougher fight than it did on two previous rounds of tax reductions.

Although the president and his aides have signaled they intend to fight fiercely, at least five GOP senators have now voiced serious doubts about Bush's plan, especially the centerpiece elimination of the dividend tax. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, said Friday, "we may not be able to sell it."

Grassley, whose committee handles tax legislation, raised the prospect that Bush's proposal to repeal the dividend tax could be dropped altogether. "We should sell the whole thing or not at all," he said, suggesting that other forms of tax cuts might be more achievable. "It would be easier to do something on capital gains than on double taxation of dividends," he said.

Soon after the president detailed his plan Tuesday, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a longtime

U.S. urges solution to Venezuela violence

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 Washington (AP) — Warning of the potential for violence, the White House called Friday for stepped up international efforts to promote a solution to the political impasse in Venezuela, where a six-week strike has crippled oil exports.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher outlined an increased role for the United States which, until now, has kept a low diplomatic profile while backing the mediation effort of Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gaviria.

The impasse has shown no signs of ending, with Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez rejecting demands by a large and well-organized opposition to step down more than three years before his elected term in office ends.

"The severe damage being caused to Venezuela's economy, as well as the increasing likelihood of violence and civil conflict, requires a solution," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

The general strike, which began on Dec. 2, has led to a sharp decline in Venezuelan exports to the United States, which normally average 1.5 million barrels a day. The Energy Department is predicting a 10 cent increase in the world price of oil by mid-spring, partially as a result of the plummeting production in Venezuela.

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Boy with no mom needs consistency

DEAR ABBY: I am a single father raising my 6-year-old son, Jimmy. He's the light of my life. As a result of my messy divorce, Jimmy is having a lot of problems dealing with his mother. (I'll call her Elaine.) Elaine calls only when it's convenient for her and refuses to give me her address or phone number, making it impossible for Jimmy to contact her. The judge ordered her to take parenting classes and suspended her visitation until she complies.

My stepdaughter has been in touch with Elaine, and I have allowed her to pick up Jimmy and take him to visit his mother, because I want him to know her. Until last year Elaine was addicted to drugs, but claims she's clean now due to her probation.

My dilemma: Elaine owes me \$5,000 in child support. I've been paid a total of \$214.15. Now the judge has ordered her to pay me a certain amount, or she will be sent to jail for six months. Elaine has blamed me in front of Jimmy for her situation. He is hurt by this and blames me for the possibility of "putting Mommy in jail," even though she's the one responsible for her own actions. Jimmy has been in counseling, but it's not helping. I need your advice, Abby. Please help me.

SINGLE DAD IN ILLINOIS

DEAR SINGLE DAD: Your mistake was allowing your stepdaughter to take Jimmy to see his mother against the judge's orders. In a sense, it has allowed your little boy to be victimized again because of Elaine's brainwashing.

My advice is to keep your son in counseling - and follow the judge's rules from now on. Be sure the counselor is aware of everything that's happening, as well as your son's teachers. Spend as much time with your son as you can. He needs you now more than ever.

White Houses favoring equal in affirmative action court case

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration faces a tough political choice Friday whether to join a Supreme Court showdown on affirmative action, a case that is a lightning rod both for conservatives and for minority voters the Republicans are courting.

The high court is expected to rule later this year on the constitutionality of programs that gave black and Hispanic students an edge when applying to the University of Michigan and its law school.

The ruling would be the court's most important statement on racial preferences in a generation and could substantially change the way public colleges and universities select their students.

The administration is not a party to the Michigan fight and does not have to take any position. Traditionally, however, the White House weighs in on potentially landmark cases.

The administration has not said whether it will intervene, but must take a position. Legal briefs opposing affirmative action are due to the

court Jan. 16, and briefs supporting the Michigan admissions plans are due in February.

"It is a really difficult position for them," said Eric Schnapper, a University of Washington law professor. "It really is an important decision about the future of the Republican Party."

Further complicating the White House's decision is the continued fallout for the GOP from the racially provocative comments that cost Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., his job as Senate majority leader. Bush strongly condemned Lott's remarks, which were widely interpreted as nostalgia for segregation.

Siding with white students so soon after the Lott controversy could be seen as an affront to blacks.

"Obviously there's a political sensitivity to this that has been enhanced since Theodore Shaw, associate director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Affirmative action supporters point to California as a cautionary tale. Battles over illegal immigration, affirmative action and

bilingual education that raged through most of the 1990s, under then Gov. Pete Wilson, led many Hispanic students and voters toward Republicans.

Political pundits' legal and constitutional issues that is often murky, lawyers said. The Michigan case revivifies the fundamental question of whether race or ethnicity can ever be a factor when public universities decide whom to accept.

Conservative critics, who tend to vote Republican, say racial preferences violate the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for all. Supporters of affirmative action, many of them Democrats, say preferences are justified by past discrimination and that the Constitution does not forbid them.

Both sides predicted the administration will side with them if it takes a position at all. "I think there will be a strong brief and that it will argue that a desire for pre-fab diversity does not justify racial and ethnic discrimination," said Roger Clegg, general counsel of the Center for Equal Opportunity, which opposes affirmative action.

Court will take up free-speech rights of Nike

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nike won the chance Friday to fight for its image at the Supreme Court.

The court said it will use an appeal by the popular apparel and shoe company to decide how much constitutional protection company executives have when they fend off allegations that their sweatshops or make dangerous products.

Although the case addresses a relatively mundane free-speech issue, it provides a revealing look at the public relations machines behind big companies - and may

determine what people can do when they think they've been misled by corporate spin.

For more than two decades the Supreme Court has struggled to define commercial speech, which gets less protection under the First Amendment than other types of speech like political expression. The justices have sent conflicting signals in a series of cases.

A huge coalition of companies, public relations executives and newspapers and television stations had urged the court to try again to straighten out the con-

fusion. The justices will hear arguments this spring in the latest case. The court has already debated a dozen commercial speech cases in the past decade.

The case arises from a campaign by Nike to defend its wages, treatment of workers and health and safety conditions at Asian plants where workers make shoes and athletic wear.

The company was sued by a San Francisco activist who contends the company lied about how much the employees earned and how they were treated.

'Bumfights' tape airs in courtroom

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) - A judge's jaw dropped and a witness covered his eyes Thursday as they watched the videotape that four men are accused of making by inducing the homeless to brawl in exchange for beer, doughnuts and money.

The defendants pleaded innocent Thursday to charges of battery, illegal fight promotion, conspiracy and soliciting an assault with deadly force.

The witness, Peter Laforde, said the filmmakers paid a homeless woman \$20 to attack him in a public restroom in San Diego in 2001. "She said they would pay her money to fight someone," he said. "She was hungry, she needed money to eat," Laforde testified in the first day of a preliminary hearing.

The explosive brawl that ensued is the first scene on the videotape, "Bumfights: A Cause for Concern," which was sold over the Internet for \$20 a copy.

Judge Lannie Braird watched openmouthed as scenes from the tape were played. Laforde covered his eyes, saying he was shocked to see his wife the woman several times in the face.

The video, promoted by radio shock jock Howard Stern and denounced on the floor of the House of Representatives, has sold about 300,000 copies, police said.

More bishops near retirement age

The Associated Press

A record number of America's Roman Catholic bishops will be eligible for retirement in 2003, starting a gradual shift in leadership as the U.S. church seeks to recover from the clerical molestation crisis.

By December, 32 of the 283 bishops active in the United States will be 75, the church's retirement age - or older. It is the largest number of U.S. bishops eligible to resign in one year since Pope Paul VI set a retirement age in 1966, according to Catholic News Service.

The potential retirees include 16 bishops who lead their own dioceses. There is also one cardinal - Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia - who will turn 80 in June. The remainder are either auxiliary bishops or prelates for Eastern-rite churches and the military.

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Some don't call it a war until there's 1,000 dead


In Benjamin Franklin's day, a man with a dull ax could buy a grindstone. Or he could visit somebody who already owned one. That's what free-lancers did then. Showed up, ax in hand. Of such, Franklin coined the line: "He had an ax to grind."

According to some definers, a military-style conflict is a "war" only if at least 1,000 people are killed.

Even the world's most disciplined individuals seem helpless to resist nonmilitary nutty fads. Take George Washington. It's a matter of record that he routinely poured animal fat and flour over his thinning dark hair so he'd look like the rest of the wig wearers.

At what age is a husband most likely to be unfaithful, if ever. Scholars checked that out, too. Errant husbands cluster in three

WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd



age groups, they found. From 16 through 20. From 31 through 35. From 45 through 50. These analysts surmise: Younger husbands are slow to accept matrimonial fidelity. Thirtyish husbands wonder if they could do better. Pushing 50 husbands slip into a last-chance attitude.

A medical treatise in 1885 listed surgical operations then thought to be too minor to require anesthetic. Among them was "amputation of fingers and toes."

You can cheer up the mourners, Cancer

IF JANUARY 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are intuitive, a natural psychologist and teacher. You are subject to moods but usually come over them. You are attracted to ancient wisdom, including astrology. You changed your name on more than one occasion.

CAPRICORN, Cancer natives play major roles in your life. Here are these letters in names: B, K, T. During February, you make fresh start - very good. September your most memorable, profitable month of 2003.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You have secret of universal appeal. Cash flow resumes and can continue to do so. What you lost 48 hours ago had great sentimental value; it will be retrieved tonight. Libra involved.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Go into business, create product that has wide appeal. Circumstances are turning in your favor; you will be at right place at special moment almost effortlessly. Leo represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Visit individual you care about; questions concerning marriage will loom large. You will be invited to seafood dinner tonight by Cancer native. Show appreciation without being

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Popularity increases; you are able to make people laugh if ever through moments of grief. Help dissolve fear of the unknown. Relate funny anecdotes about it. Sagittarius involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will win despite odds. You do the impossible and "beat the game." Superior takes note, acknowledges your value. You could be asked to promote a charitable event. Scorpio will be featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Read and write, teach and learn. You will encounter individual who meets your standards in romance. Relationship could get too hot not to cool down. Another Virgo will dominate scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick close to home if possible. Some will claim you have a "cult following," but pay no attention. You will hear someone say to you: "Sweetie, domestic adjustment could include marital status."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lie low, play waiting game. There is hidden clause in agreement - don't sign immediately. Maintain aura of exclusivity. Avoid self-deception. Some want to fool you. Be alert!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pressure is on due to added responsibility. Get much credit for it doing it. Blow your own horn, loud and clear. Let the world know you are alive and kicking. Cancer native involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Complete mission, finish what you start. You will travel in connection with romance. Remember: You do not have to win every argument or debate. Be gentle in victory. Aries plays role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New outlook necessary in connection with home life. Individual you are passionate about seems suddenly to have turned cold. Perhaps a surprise gift will turn the tide. Leo plays key role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Short trip involves plans for partnership, marriage. Take time to meditate; discover the "direction of your life." Find out why you are here and what to do about it. Be quiet within.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Real Women Have Secrets" by Edith Wharton.
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday.
How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for children.

Winning violinist recital

What: Violinist Carrie Kennedy, winner of the National Young Artist Competition, will perform in recital.
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls.
When: 7:30 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students, are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office, Everybody's Business and Welch Music in Twin Falls. Proceeds will be used for Twin Falls Music Club scholarships.

Herrett Center art

What: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science will host The Albertson Figures, a collection of art from Albertson College of Idaho that includes works by Goya, Hogarth, Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy Warhol.
Where: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: 1-9 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Faulkner Planetarium

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "The Search for Life in the Universe."
When: 7 p.m. today.
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

Seniors serve breakfast

What: The Minidoka County Senior Center will serve breakfast. The meal will include pancakes, eggs, juice, biscuits and gravy, breakfast burritos, french toast, bacon, link sausage and ham.
Where: The Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert.
When: 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. today.
How much: \$4.25 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 10 and \$17.50 for a family of five.

Magic Valley Orchid show

What: The Magic Valley Orchid Society will have an orchid show and sale. Society members will be on hand to answer questions about growing orchids.
Where: The Herrett Center, 315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Brewpub entertainment

What: Fast Ride will play.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: The cover charge is \$3.

Karaoke contest

What: Karaoke contest will be held with cash prizes awarded.
Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Pocatello.
When: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

More Your Weekend

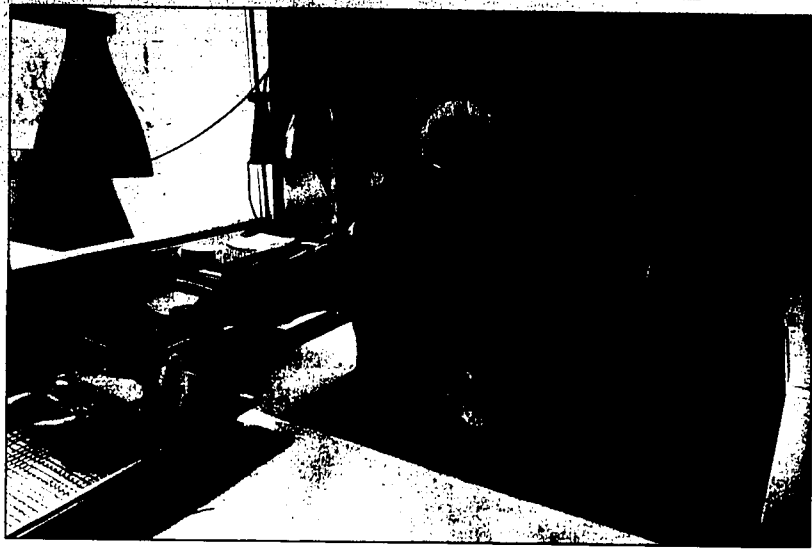
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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	75	34
Lower Snake River	77	33
Timon	85	39
Wiley	85	28
Wood	109	49
W. Wood	136	59
Myra Fork/Teton	73	33
Snake	119	51
Ice Lost	77	35

As of Jan. 10.
 *Comparison of depth snowpack, on the ground, to the same date in previous years.
 **Comparison of snowpack to the season's peak.

SMALL-TOWN STARS



Shirley and Bob Craig were honored by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in 2002 by receiving a "Brightest Star Award" for their community involvement through their business, the Snack Bar in Shoshone. The Snack Bar hires several teens a year and teaches them the values of work ethic, common sense and good manners. The Craigs also sponsor a birthday program for elementary students, raise money for community needs and sponsor other events.

Couple makes Shoshone better place

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Not everyone pays money out of his own pocket so his town can have a Fourth of July celebration.

Or an Easter egg hunt. Or a Thanksgiving dinner. Or money for youth programs.

For the past three years, Bob and Shirley Craig have donated about \$4,000 annually so Shoshone can have fireworks and a free barbecue July 4. But that isn't the only donation they make to nonprofit causes in their town.

Lee Ross, a member of the Shoshone City Council, said the Craigs were deserving winners of

• Purpose: The Brightest Star Award seeks to recognize those "unsung heroes who tirelessly work on behalf of Idaho's families and children."
Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said.

• Who gives it: The governor's office

• Who gets it: Three state-wide 2002 winners each received a \$5,000 award and a trophy from the governor and first lady Patricia Kempthorne. Anonymous charitable foundations contributed the prize money.

• Other winners: In addition to the Shoshone Snack Bar, 2002 winners were Fanny deWeerd, who is a wife and member of a Mendocino City Council member and community volunteer, and Kindredhaven, a group foster home and emergency shelter for abused, troubled children in Sandpoint.

• Nominations: For more information about nominating someone for the Brightest Star Award, call Kate Bell of the Association of Idaho Cities at (800) 344-8594.

About 'Brightest Stars'

Ross said the sponsors youth in activities ranging from horse shows to beauty pageants to bike races, Ross said.

"Anybody who asks him — he never says no," she said.

The Craigs — who own the

Shoshone Snack Bar, a small fast-food restaurant which Craig says is their only asset — said the reason they help sponsor the Fourth of July celebration and donate to numerous other causes is simple.

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Family, friends remember former Fairfield mayor

By Gisa Mulder
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Former Mayor Rueben Miller proved that one person could make a difference.

"Rueben Miller, from Fairfield, Idaho, had a lot of moxie," said Roy Prescott of Jerome, who had worked with Miller on various civic and economic development programs.

"He went nose to nose and toe to toe with the national government. Rueben was at the helm to ensure that at the national level there was a seat for small com-

munities — where they could be heard. Rueben was a voice for small town America."
 But Miller's voice was silenced earlier this week following a heart attack. Family and friends will gather at a memorial service at 2 p.m. today in the Camas County High School gym.

Miller, 64, was a native

Idahoan, born and raised in Camas County. After high school he married his wife, Evelyn, and together they raised their six daughters in Fairfield.

Miller devoted his life to making Camas County a better place to live and work. He became involved with local politics in 1983 when he was elected mayor, a position he held for the next 10 years.

Friend and City Council colleague Fred Johnson said Miller devoted his time and his knack for networking to bring some much needed improvements to

Fairfield and Camas County.

Miller helped bring in a medical clinic, modernize the aging public works equipment and help establish homes for city hall as well as the fire and sheriff departments. Miller constantly worked on local business development and retention and was instrumental in establishing a budding business park.

"Rueben was an easygoing person who always had the community's best interests in mind," Johnson added. "When he put his mind to do something, you

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Hailey woman, child die in wreck

BELLEVUE — A Hailey woman and her 17-day-old infant were killed Friday afternoon in a car crash near Bellevue.

Carola Arias-Rocio, age unknown, was pronounced dead at the scene, an Idaho State Police news release said. Her baby was taken to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum but did not survive.

Both were passengers in a 1997 Ford Escort driven by Jose L. Arias-Razeto. Police say that around 3:30 p.m. Arias-Razeto, 33, of Hailey was northbound on State Highway 75 when he went onto the shoulder at milepost 95, overcorrected and slid across the southbound lane.

His car struck an oncoming 1994 Ford pickup driven by Jaime Collins, 37, of Ketchum, police said. Collins had been trying to take evasive action in the barrier pit when the two vehicles collided. Razeto was taken to St. Luke's where he was being treated for minor injuries, police said. Collins was not injured. Both were wearing seat belts.

Police say the baby was improperly fastened in the car seat and that Arias-Rocio was not wearing a seat belt.

Magic Valley in brief

Hansen man dies in car crash on Interstate 84
JEROME — A Hansen man died Friday morning after his pickup lost control on the icy highway.
 Paul Rosenberg, 50, had been driving a 1997 Ford pickup at 7 a.m. westbound on Interstate 84 when he lost control, the Idaho State Police reported.
 The pickup rolled through the median, coming to rest in the eastbound lanes near milepost 179, about three miles west of the Traveler's Oasis, police said.
 Police say the road was icy with a snow floor and was slick. Rosenberg, who police say was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.
 His passenger, Niki Smith, 23, also of Hansen, was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where she was treated and released. Smith had been wearing a seat belt, police said. The crash is under investigation.
 — compiled from staff reports

Castleford moves ahead with zoning regs

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — No new mobile homes or construction projects will be permitted in the city until new zoning rules and regulations are adopted.

Castleford is one of the remaining Magic Valley cities to decide it needs zoning to regulate the direction of growth. The City Council is in the process of acquiring examples of zoning ordinances that other small cities have adopted.

"Since we have no city zoning code in place, property owners and residents have no input into what can or cannot be put on property next to them," Mayor Rita Ruffing said. "Without established zoning rules and regulations, we are leaving ourselves wide open to anything and everything."

The City Council has a tentative timetable of six months to designate commercial and residential zones within the city and then adopt ordinances to regulate those zones, a process that includes public hearings.

In the meantime, no building permits will be issued for projects that would be affected by zoning. That means no new mobile homes and no construction projects.

The zoning issue resulted from a request by Jerry and Barbara Barr to move a mobile home to property on Main Street. The couple sought permission to place the mobile home next to a shop which they plan to operate as a welding business.

Since Castleford has no designated zones or zoning ordinances, the request was approved with certain stipulations.

The council had considered whether to form a planning and zoning commission to conduct the zoning business for the city. But state law limits a planning and zoning commissioner's service to two terms.

"We would run out of people to serve on the commission," Ruffing said of the town of 300.

Instead, the City Council will conduct the zoning business for the city.

In other council business this week:

- Main Street upkeep** — Ruffing contacted Marvin Cox, Castleford's Highway District commissioner, to determine who is responsible for the upkeep of the right of way on Main Street, which is a county road. Cox will take the issue before the district board of commissioners and notify the city of the results.
- Resident Richard Schlund had raised the right-of-way issue. "There are holes on both sides of the road," Schlund said. "I was wondering if the city had ever discussed with the Bull Highway District about fixing them, filling them in."
- Health network** — The council voted to join the Health Alert Network (HAN), a new South-Central Health District program operated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to get information out about potential diseases or threats on the national, state and local level.

There is no cost to the city.
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Group works on suicide prevention

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A local advocacy team took some first steps this week to organize an area network for the prevention of suicide.

Under the guidelines of the national Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network, the group is working to identify the area's available resources and plans to build a database of information that will eventually be part of a comprehensive statewide plan.

By identifying what is already being done in the area, the information can provide a full range of assistance and service providers, including educators, school officials, clergy and volunteers.

"It's something we can accomplish," Nancy Howell, the victim's assistance coordinator and public information officer for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, said at a Thursday meeting at the county courthouse.

While prevention is the group's primary focus, the database will also serve those whose lives have been affected by suicide. And the organized list of information would serve as a workable tool that could be used for identifying risks and addressing issues surrounding suicide — at both the individual and societal levels.

"It's something we can't do on our own," said Tom Hanson, support services manager for Power Engineers in Hailey.

Assessments can also be a factor in prevention.

"(Suicides) are rarely published. It's not something the family wants (the public to know about)," Howell said.

There are, another aspect of the group's mission is to recruit additional interested individuals within the community to participate in preventative activities, including generating the political will to encourage social changes to come through funding.

Nevertheless, according to Tom Evans, a member of the Idaho State Planning Council for Mental Health, with state funding cuts, these types of programs are already facing financial difficulties.

"The state of Idaho has just taken a blow (because) the Department of Health and Welfare has been cut \$26.5 million in mental health services," Evans said.

Idaho is ranked fifth highest in the nation for suicide, a statistic, according to Evans, that goes "hand in hand" with mental illness.

And making reference to the recent suicide of a local resident, "Where will they go from here? We are balancing the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable — our mentally ill."

Thursday's meeting was a follow-up to a meeting in Sun Valley conference in Sun Valley.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Urban Renewal Agency will buy lot

By Dixie Thomas Rosta
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency has agreed to buy a 1.3-acre lot next to the Idaho State Police headquarters from the Jerome Development Corp. for \$35,000.

There was a stipulation: Should someone offer to buy the land from the Urban Renewal Agency within the next two years, ISP has first right of refusal on the purchase of the land. ISP can buy the lot for \$30,000 per acre if it wishes. If ISP is not interested in buying the lot, or after the two-year period, Urban Renewal can sell the land to any interested buyer at any negotiated price.

Bob Richards, Jerome's economic development specialist, told the Urban Renewal Agency that potential buyers have already expressed interest in the lot. Land in the area is appraised at more than \$100,000 per acre, Richards said.

In other business, City Engineer Scott Bybee said ZBA Architects of Boise is making minor adjustments to the blueprints for the city fire department substation to be built next to the ISP headquarters on 200 S. Road W. between Lincoln Street South and Interstate 84.

The proposed building measures 103 feet by 75 feet, is estimated to cost around \$760,000, has two bays and offers living space for three people.

The revised plans should be available at the Urban Renewal Agency's February meeting. The substation project should be ready to go to bid in March, and construction should start in May or June.

Other urban renewal matters included:

- **Water tank** — A new water tank has been installed at the Marshall well in Lincoln Street, South, and pressure tests are being conducted. Plans on the Marshall well pump house are nearly complete.

Bybee said he is finishing the electrical details on the plans. The plans will be sent to Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality for approval, and then the project will be put out to bid. Construction can start in the spring.

In addition to the pump house, plans include a park area with restrooms for people who use the bike path. The city will also install chain-link fence along the railroad tracks in the area for safety.

- **Sewer plant** — Work on the city wastewater treatment plant upgrade should begin soon. Equipment to be installed at the plant should arrive in February, Bybee said.

Urban Renewal has pledged \$700,000 to the city for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

The city will upgrade aeration basins and anaerobic digesters, replacing pipes and adding hydroxyl packs to the aeration basins. Hydroxyl packs are plastic media that give the digestive bac-

teria more surface on which to grow. The digestive bacteria break down the solids in the wastewater. These plastic pellets provide a fridrioler home for the bacteria so that the wastewater treatment plant will be able to do more without a complete rehab of the entire plant.

- **Water truck** — The Urban Renewal Agency voted to continue leasing a water truck through the winter, in spite of the low use during bad weather. The city uses the water truck for road construction during warmer weather.

The agency is considering buying the truck for \$29,000 and will make a decision in the spring.

Member Boyd Irving said the agency wants to be sure that all lease payments, \$2,500 per month, can be applied to the purchase price. The agency has already paid \$7,500 in lease payments and still owes \$15,000. The agency is considering \$15,000 in lease payments, or over half the purchase price of the water truck.

Jackpot board seeks to improve airport

By Matt Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Jackpot Advisory Board voted this week to see if the county funds are available for airport improvements.

The board has been discussing whether to expand the airport to accommodate larger aircraft or relocate the airport because of air traffic interference to the community and landowners.

But the Federal Aviation Administration and Elko County have hit a catch 22: They agree it would be better to move the airport, but to prove the need for moving it, the airport must first be improved.

Jackpot board members would like to see the airport enlarged to handle 30-passenger jumbos that the casinos could bring in. To prove the need for expansion, the existing airport must be widened and lengthened and have other improvements made.

An added flight path would interfere with the plans for Jackpot City Park. Noise pollution is also a consideration.

Board member Beth Winans said one of the advantages of improving the existing airport is that work could begin as soon as next year. Moving the airport would require environmental impact studies that could take at least a year.

Dixie Christie, Jackpot town clerk, said that due to insurance costs the airport budget is in the red for the first time.

The board agreed to ask county commissioners to see if the county is there to start the improvement process. Further plans would be budgeted for in the future.

the future.

Lynn Feresburg with Elko County Community Development said the FAA will pay 94 percent of the cost and that some of Jackpot's share could be made in-kind.

The plan would also have traffic taking off or landing to the east, which would cut down on the noise and some of the danger of planes flying over the town.

Board member Gene Frank said that with the increase in Indian gaming, the town should do all it can to help the casino.

Other business this week included:

- **New board member** — Billie Shaw, a teacher at Jackpot Community School, joined the board.

- **Christmas lights** — Frank would like to order new Christmas lights for the town. The existing display is about 10 years old and is showing signs of wear. The city could get a 30 percent discount if the lights are ordered now.

- **Traffic lights** — The board agreed to have new traffic lights that are "light emitting diodes." Feresburg said the initial cost will be about \$2,800, but the power and maintenance savings will be significant.

- **Library repairs** — Terry Durr, Jackpot librarian, reported that necessary repairs to the Jackpot Community Library has not been made.

She said the library lighting has been a problem since it opened, the front door needs fixing, and the roof has leaked notice the beginning. The building is still under warranty.

Coeur d'Alene and Boise see increase in bankruptcies

BOISE (AP) — Court officials say a record 8,759 bankruptcies were filed in Idaho in 2002, with the once-vibrant Boise and Coeur d'Alene areas hit by employee layoffs in high-tech companies and struggling small businesses.

Fillings in Twin Falls and Pocatello rose by 2 percent. A relatively modest increase compared with other areas of the state. Twin Falls had 908 filing in 2001 and Pocatello had 1,581.

"It's been a tough year for folks," Idaho Commerce Department spokeswoman Georgia Smith said Friday. "Some people have overextended themselves. Others have lost jobs and some have had to file for medical bankruptcies. That accounts for many of the personal bankruptcies."

The total number of bankruptcies filed climbed 7 percent from 8,101 in 2001 to 8,759. Bankruptcy Court in Idaho reported. That was an increase from 7,048 in 2000 and 7,181 in 1999.

The Boise area experienced 4,334 filings in 2002, an 11 percent hike from the year before. The Coeur d'Alene area reported 1,479 bankruptcy filings, a 14 percent increase. But the Moscow area had 9 percent fewer filings at 499.

Idaho farmers are enjoying the good times. University of Idaho agricultural economists reported farm and ranch receipts topped \$4 billion for the first time, rising 5 percent, or \$183 million, from 2001.

Boise and Coeur d'Alene enjoyed the booming economy of the 1990s, but saw more bankruptcies as the recession set in.

"Part of it is very simple — with poor economic conditions, people aren't buying things. So people in sales are going to go out of business," said Donald Holley, Boise State University economics professor.

Southwestern Idaho has suffered thousands of technology layoffs beginning in 2001, with the former Micron Electronics, MCMIS, HostPro and Zig cutting payrolls. Small spinoff companies depending on the high-tech corporations are failing.

"They just can't sell their production," Holley said. "The market is very weak."

Gene L. Peterson of Gooding, memorial service at 12:30 p.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding, a special tribute will follow at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Callie H. Peterson of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln St. Jerome, visitation one hour before the service at the church; interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Ruth Cottingham of Burley, service at 10 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave., Burley; burial at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery; friends may call from 9:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Lauree L. Holyak of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 S. 200 W. Burley; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Rueben Dee Miller of Fairfield, memorial service at 2 p.m. today in the Camas County High School Gym. (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Vicki Behrens Rost of Boise, service at 10 a.m. today at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel, 3629 E. Ustick Road, Meridian; graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Jerome Cemetery.

SERVICES

Gregory Lee Armstrong of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Zachary Alexander Smith of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Irl H. Bartlett Jr. of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5 p.m. Sunday at Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastwind Drive, Twin Falls.

Warren Craig Saunders, formerly of Twin Falls and Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at

Sunset Vista Cemetery and Funeral Home in Yuma, Ariz.; the graveside service will be held in July in Wilder.

Gus Rudolph Rice of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth. Buhl; visitation from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Farmer Funeral Chapel; interment will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park.

Elmer John Sommer of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. The final Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert, with the Rev. Father Robert Kelly as celebrant. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of the vigil service Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Martha Holmquist TWIN FALLS — Martha Holmquist, 85, of Twin Falls died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Woodstone Retirement Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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DEATH NOTICES

Willis Harlow Castle HAGERMAN — Willis Harlow Castle, 59, a Hagerman-area resident, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at his brother's home near Richfield.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Paul Rosenberg HANSEN — Paul Rosenberg, 50, of Hansen died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, as a result of an automobile accident.

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OBITUARIES

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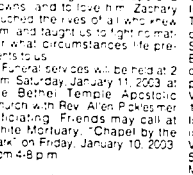
Zachary Alexander Smith

Zachary Alexander Smith, age 7, died January 7, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born March 7, 1995 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Matthew Quentin and Tracy Dingman Smith. He attended second grade at Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls, and was a member of Bethel Temple Apostolic Church.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Tyler, Landon, and Zane, one sister, Alyssa, all of the family home; grandparents Frank and Sandra Dingman of Idaho Falls, Idaho; great-grandmother Lucille Westell of Idaho Falls, and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, the late Walter and Ruth Smith of Carrollton, Mo.

From the day he was born until the day he died he brought much joy and he had such a sweet spirit, his family was fortunate to have

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Roy M. Thornburg, DVM

Roy M. "Doc" Thornburg, DVM, 78-year-old Burley veterinarian died Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born April 10, 1924, in Pueblo, Colorado. The son of Laura E. and Jeanette Joyce Darr Thornburg. He was raised and attended school in Pueblo, Colorado. Roy attended Colorado State University where he graduated in 1946 with his degree in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Colorado. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the 1940s and 1950s. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and was a Shriner. Roy enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. After retirement, he especially enjoyed farming and ranching in Albon.

Survivors include two daughters, Tamara (Jay) Camalick, and the Rev. Tommie Lee of Denver, Colorado; six stepchildren, John (Robert) Adams of Fruit Heights, Utah; Stanley (DeAnn) Spencer, Mae (Sherry) Spencer, Carl (Betty) Spencer, all of Yost, Utah; Sara Jane (Clark) Ward of Almo, and Dolores (Mark) Mabey of Burley, a sister, Peggy (John) Rank of San Diego, California; twelve grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister, and a granddaughter.

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Lewis-Clark State College looks at cost-cutting plan

LEWISTON (AP) — Lewis-Clark State College officials are considering ways they can cut costs to make it through another expected tight budget year.

College trustee Thomas said the college may begin paying employees through direct deposit and switch to an online telephone directory as ways to save money.

Still, he said, cutting programs remains an option and some minor and major with small enrollments could be dropped.

Thomas made the remarks at a campus-wide meeting just after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget address Thursday morning.

The savings have been his plan to increase the state sales tax, allow inflationary budget increases for higher education institutions and restore the building projects that were halted in last year's budget cuts.

"It's not going to get any better than that," Thomas said.

Free and below-cost services offered by the college will have to be evaluated to bring in some additional cash, she said.

"Theater is a good example, because in previous years, people would sign up for a theater production without signing up for class credit," Thomas said. "It was like a community theater or a community musical group, which are wonderful things to do if you can afford it. It's something we cannot do without."

Thomas was not specific about where cuts will fall, but she said that some majors and minors at the college with low enrollment may not be sustainable.

"There are a lot of areas like that and it seems we should evaluate them at some point," Thomas said. "We are going to watch closely the debate in the Legislature before we make our decisions. And we will make the decisions as they come."

Police arrest two in counterfeiting case

NAMPA (AP) — Two Boise men have been arrested on suspicion of counterfeiting money.

Jacob Rapp was being held in the County Jail in Bradon Rogers was being held in the Ada County Jail.

Nampa Police Sgt. Craig Kingsbury said the investigation began Oct. 30, when Rapp allegedly produced 100 counterfeit \$100 bills at a Nampa Sinker Station. The clerk at the station used a special marker to check the bills, and then called police.

Nampa detectives, who interviewed Rapp, who told police he received the bills from selling a motorcycle.

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Utah colleges, universities will increase tuition

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah colleges and universities will increase tuition this fall to help cover the rising costs of education and the falling amount of state funding.

Tuition increases announced Friday by the Utah System for Higher Education show institution-imposed rises ranging from 1.5 percent at the College of Eastern Utah to 19 percent at Southern Utah University.

The increases come on top of a 4.5 percent systemwide increase approved last fall by Utah's Board of Regents.

The regents will consider the second-tier proposals in a meeting Jan. 17. The figures are subject to review by institutional boards of trustees and the regents.

The savings have been held on all the campuses. The students understand our realities. They don't like it, and neither do we, but that's the way it is," said Commissioner of Higher Education Cecilia Fuxley.

Utah tuitions have historically

been lower than elsewhere in the country. But over the past few years, larger average increases have brought the state closer to the norm.

The regents don't want a college education to become unaffordable, said regents chairman Nolan Kayrus. Utah college students tend to come from larger families, many younger and have less income than peers across the country, so the challenges in increasing tuitions may be greater, he said.

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plan proposes a total of \$20.7 billion in budget cuts this year and next — including \$4.5 billion in cuts to education.

He proposed a 1-cent sales tax increase that would raise about \$4.5 billion and would cost the typical family about \$200 to \$250 a year. He also called for a \$110-per-pair increase in cigarette taxes. And he asked for a 1-cent increase on the state's top earners.

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Snack bar feedlot owners get ready for new regulations

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Owners of previously unregulated feedlots say they will be ready when the new federal certified animal feeding operation regulations go into effect.

Dallan Schenk's feedlot south east of Burley was operating before Cassia County approved a zoning ordinance, so he is not bound by county rules. And since the Idaho Department of Agriculture does not actively regulate feedlots, Schenk could run his feedlot any way he likes. But Schenk said he won't have to make many changes when the new regulations should be issued sometime in January.

"We're pretty much set," Schenk said. "It'll just involve more record keeping and more soil testing."

The additional paperwork and monitoring will cost \$500 to

\$1,000 a year, Schenk said. Schenk is prepared because he knew the Idaho Department of Agriculture had planned to regulate feedlots by 2005.

In Cassia County, feedlot owners who had prior-use permits, which exempt them from the county zoning ordinance, say they are in the same boat as Schenk.

"They knew it was coming," said Brent Stoker, who holds a prior-use permit for the Burley Butte feedlot in west Cassia County.

Stoker will have to formalize agreements with farmers who take manure, but said that shouldn't be a problem.

"They almost fight over that in the Burley Butte area," Stoker said.

The federal rules will impact livestock farmers in states without regulations in the works, or states which regulate nutrients in a different way than the federal government, Stoker said.

Idaho's impending regulations are similar to the new federal rules.

Even if regulations allowed only one cow per acre, there would be enough farm land in Cassia County for all the existing feedlots, Stoker said.

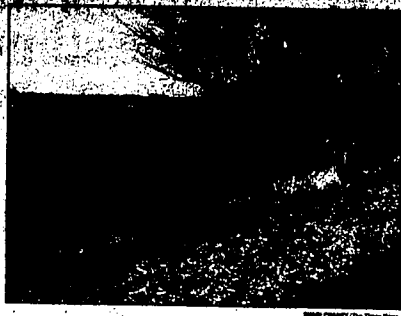
Minidoka County has far fewer feedlots than Cassia County.

Most of the feedlots have fewer than 1,000 head of cattle, so they will not come under the regulation of the federal rules.

Don Nielson has 500 head of cattle in his feedlot near Paul. Though he will not be affected by the regulations, he said he would not have to do much to comply.

"We've always tried to keep up," Nielson said.

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Earl Andrew looks over a section of the Snake River where Heyburn city officials plan to build a boat dock and create a beach.

BLM plans
The BLM has applied for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to construct a boat ramp 8 miles west of Burley. The public notice of application for permit states the existing boat ramp at Milner Dam is overcrowded, steep and inaccessible at certain times of the year.

Dennis Thompson of the BLM said the new boat ramp will provide better accessibility by being less steep. The old ramp is steep and gravelly, making it hard to pull out of the ramp.

The new ramp will also provide better accessibility for people in wheelchairs, Thompson said. The new ramp isn't planned to reduce overcrowding, but because the nearby ramp is in poor condition, Thompson said.

If the ramp is approved and built on schedule, it would be constructed next fall and be ready for use in the summer of 2004. The ramp is to measure 47 feet long by 73 feet long and extend about 47 feet below the ordinary high water mark. It would consist of concrete slabs with floating docks in the middle.

Hansen said the BLM launch would be a nice concrete ramp. The Milner area has nice water and is the most underutilized area of the river, Hansen added.

Public comment is being accepted on the BLM proposal. Comments may be mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Boise Regulatory Office, 304 North Eighth, Room 140, Boise, 83702-5820.

Heyburn plans
The city of Heyburn is applying for a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's waterways improvement fund for a boat dock with seven slips to moor boats, along with plans for a sand beach.

Danielle commended Heyburn's idea for a beach, because many children and others swim in the launches, making boaters wait to get in or out. A beach would solve that problem.

The new slips at Heyburn may help alleviate some pressure at the current access points, Hansen agreed, and it will make Heyburn's RV park more appealing to some people.

"It's a great area to moor boats because the river there is underutilized," Hansen said. For water skiers the corner is too tight, making it ideal for boat parking instead.

Heyburn's city grant writer Earl Andrew said the city knows whether it will receive the \$48,000 grant by mid-May. The city would provide a 32 percent match with \$1,446 in labor and \$10,900 in equipment use, along with \$2,700 in cash, Andrew said.

The project would be a dock only, not a boat ramp, Andrew said. It could help reduce pressure at Burley's boat docks.

The dock would be about 130 feet long and 80 inches wide, running parallel to the river, Andrew said.

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The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is proposing to add 17,000 acres of riparian and riparian habitat to the next couple of boating seasons.

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Albion City Council vacates land strip

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION - After hearing positive comments about a request to vacate a strip of land on the north side of the B.L. Evans Bank property, the Albion City Council Monday approved the request.

Bank officials had asked the city to vacate a 24-foot wide strip of city land on Market Street near the bank. The city maintained an easement reservation for city utility lines which run through the property.

Other property owners along the eastern three blocks of Market Street have been asked if they're interested in obtaining load near to their property as the council attempts to align the southern boundary of the street with the western portion.

Other council business included:

- **Water study** - Interviews with two engineering firms who submitted letters of interest regarding a water improvement feasibility study for the city, are scheduled for Jan. 16. Councilman Len Marrs handed out an evaluation form for council members to use during the interviews.

- **Ordinance codification** - Councilmen again discussed codifying city ordinances. They agreed to have City Attorney Kerry McMurray and City Clerk Mary Yeaman review the ordinances and suggest changes. Councilmen will also review ordinances.

- **Electric issues** - Councilman

Don Bowen said he plans to invite Larry King from Bonneville Power Administration to the February council meeting to discuss how recent developments with BPA will affect the city's electrical system.

• **Brochure** - Marrs said the final draft of a brochure about the Albion Valley has been approved by the Idaho Travel Council. Some 20,000 copies are being printed.

• **Gen community** - Mayor Don Danner reported the city has again received Gen Community certification. The community action team is scheduled to meet Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Albion Grange Hall.

• **Building code** - The council adopted the International Building Code.

understand the unique nature of small communities. His efforts helped then Sen. Dirk Kempthorne propose unfunded mandates legislation.

Miller was also instrumental in helping Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, bring a \$1 million pilot project to Idaho. The grant money was used to help communities pay for local improvements.

"Rueben was a person who cared deeply about Idaho and its small communities," Prescott said. "He worked extremely hard for the citizens of Idaho and he will be deeply missed."

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Mayor

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could always bet that Rueben would see it through.

It was also during his tenure as mayor that Miller became the unwitting champion for small communities. Miller became a familiar fixture with Region IV Development Corporation as he helped find resources so small, rural Idaho communities could implement improvements, which ultimately enhanced quality of life. As a member of the Region IV board of directors, Miller assisted in the financing of various business and development projects that created jobs in south-central Idaho.

"He was a one-man show," said Carlene Herring, Region IV economic development division

manager. "Rueben knew how to pull people together to work for a common goal. He wasn't afraid to go out look for resources and then act on them."

In the mid-1990s, unfunded federal mandates were challenging small Idaho communities. Miller took his concerns all the way to Washington, D.C., where he helped federal lawmakers understand to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Small Towns Task Force, a task force charged with helping the federal government

telecommunication companies are not currently investing in new ventures.

When the economy improves, if the Castleford tower is approved for a TowerLink site, a telecommunication structure will be installed and the system leased to carriers.

TowerLink would be responsible for construction and upkeep of equipment, lease negotiations, management services and collection and distribution of lease payments to the city. The lease payments range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month for each company using the tower and the city would receive 63 percent of the lease dollars.

Castleford

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Membership allows the city to have names and numbers of individuals to be contacted in case of emergency.

• **TowerLink program** - The TowerLink America program is currently on hold, according to a letter from the company to the city. Due to economic conditions,

Robbery suspect waives hearing

TWIN FALLS - A teen-age Meridian boy Friday waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court, while the case against a Twin Falls man charged in connection with several crimes was delayed.

Peter Curtright, 16, is charged with robbery in connection with a Dec. 3 heist at the Key Bank branch on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday, and Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram ruled the case will be moved directly to an arraignment in 9th District Court. That hearing hadn't been scheduled as of Friday, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb.

Curtright was held Friday in the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center on \$70,000 bond.

Meanwhile, Ingram agreed to delay until Jan 24 a preliminary hearing for David Paul Roberts, 43,

Some of the buildings around the property have sold since it was appraised. The sales price of those buildings will give appraisers a more accurate benchmark for determining the property's worth, Moore said.

Magic Valley in brief

who faces burglary and robbery charges in connection with several crimes late last year in Twin Falls.

Roberts was held Friday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

Paul fire department gets no bids for old station

PAUL - No one came to Friday's auction when West End Fire Department officials had planned to sell the old Paul City Hall and station.

West End Fire Department officials had set the minimum bid for the property at its appraised value of \$26,500.

"We'll just start the appraisal process over," West End Fire Commissioner Tim Moore said.

Feds apologize for withholding dam info

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has apologized to county commissioners here for withholding information about the safety of the Milltown Dam, just upstream from Missoula, in the name of national security.

FERC's dam safety chief, Constantine Tjoumas, promised Missoula County commissioners in a letter that "we will make certain that you obtain information concerning the Milltown Dam."

The commissioners complained to FERC last month when they discovered, while reading a telephone meeting log posted on the agency's Web site,

that safety tests at the dam showed signs of 12 inches to 18 inches of fill material below on the bottom of the dam's concrete spillway and its earthen foundation.

When the county's dam safety consultant called FERC for more information, he was told national security prohibited any discussion. Shortly after that, the information was pulled from the agency's Web site.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, anyone who wants dam safety information from FERC must file a formal, written Freedom of Information Act request.

YOUR WEEKEND

New band at Honker's

What: Debra Lee and her new band Seduction will play when Honker's Place, 121 Fourth St., is open.

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

How much: The cover charge is \$3.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend" send your information to Melissa Morgan, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, e-mail her at mmorgan@magicvalley.com or fax to 734-5538.

Stars

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"It's only money," Bob Craig said.

And he's a little bewildered at receiving the award, which carries a \$5,000 cash prize - and all the attention.

"I never considered anything I did to be that extraordinary," he said.

Instead of taking credit, Craig said the amazing thing about receiving the award was what happened afterward.

"All of a sudden people jumped in and helped out," he said.

Craig had been providing meat, buns and drinks - and the fireworks - for the past few years for the Fourth of July. But after people heard he had won an award, other people started coming forward and donating.

"The bread man donated the buns. Pepsi donated the drinks," he said. Others donated meat, and others gave money for the fireworks.

"What had normally cost him \$700 last year because of donations received from many other people.

"That award caused a lot of good stuff to happen," he said. "It turned this town around."

at Thanksgiving, he said. "My vendors donated the potatoes," Craig said.

Craig also donates food to the Red Cross food booth at the Lincoln County Fair and rodeo and to food booths at school sports games.

"I like to see them make 100 percent profit," he said.

Craig said he has seen the donations that they have given to the community come back to them and their business in goodwill, he said.

"They are my customers," Craig said. "This place is jammin' with kids all the time."

He hires youth from the community to work at the Snack Bar. Ross, who is the manager of the snack bar, said Bob Craig encourages his young employees to become involved in extracurricular activities. He also teaches them the responsibilities of covering their own shifts by either writing notes in advance of time they need off or finding their own replacements.

After working at Shoshone Snack Bar for the past two years to earn money for college, she says her job has been a real learning experience.

"I've been taught a lot," she said. "If I were to move on to another job, I'd know what to do."

The Craigs taught her a lot about business, she said.

"They taught me how to be polite to customers," Davidson

said. "Always keep a smile on your face."

She would be able to use the job skills after she graduates from college in no matter what job she does, she said.

"They teach youth employees vital job skills," said Blossom Johnston, spokeswoman for the Brightest Star Award program.

Johnston said nominations for the award come from the mayor's office of each city. Three Brightest Star Awards are given each year. One is to an individual, one to a business and one to a nonprofit organization.

The Craigs received the business category award.

"The governor is very proud of what they have been able to accomplish with limited resources," she said. "They have changed the way the community perceives awards."

Ross agreed.

"They are a wonderful asset to their community - always willing to help," she said. "We need more people like that in these small communities."

What is it that the Craigs do when training a young person to work at the Snack Bar?

"I put 16-year-old kids in charge of this store," Bob Craig said. "I expect them to do good, and they do good."

A little self-esteem goes a long way, he said.

"It's amazing when you expect something, what they do if you let them," he said. "They don't want to disappoint you."

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Should Congress pass Bush's economic stimulus bill?

Yes

Bush tax cut can jump-start economy

JOHN BERTHOUD

fits, the Democrats don't think the same principle should hold true for states, many of whom lavished public employees with higher salaries and generous new benefits during the fat years of the late 1990s.

The House Democratic plan also has some small business incentives and they propose to extend unemployment benefits, as does the president. The Democrats' scheme does nothing

first place get more dollars back. It's the same old tired rhetoric that didn't resonate particularly well at the polls in November 2002.

In fact, an honest assessment of "fairness" would show the president's plan as the clear winner. Bush doesn't unfairly reward state governments for their profligacy of recent years. Unlike the Democrats, he ends a tax on money that's already been taxed. And his plan is based on the idea of returning tax dollars in some relation to how much a person paid to begin with.

While America's two major parties have established much common ground on a number of issues in recent years, the competing tax plans offered this week by House Democrats and President Bush give the nation a very clear choice on tax policy.

The president has presented a tax plan that is welcome news for ailing financial markets and will help jump start the economy. It will help foster growth over the long term and make the tax code fairer.

The cornerstone of the president's 10-year, \$674 billion plan is elimination of the taxes that shareholders pay on dividends. What Bush is actually doing is eliminating a tax on money that has already been taxed previously — through government's levies on corporate income. If it sounds notational and unfair to tax the money twice, you're right — which helps explain why most other developed nations don't do it.

Up to 35 million American households receive dividend income and will thus benefit directly. But the indirect economic benefits — through helping boost the stock market — could be even more significant. Bolstering stock portfolios will add to Americans' net worth and help restore consumer confidence, in turn increasing purchasing. And a positive jolt to the stock market will lead to business expansion and thus job creation.

The president's plan also speeds up the previously enacted reductions in marginal income tax rates. Government cannot create jobs or expand the economy — only the private sector can do that. Government can, however, hinder economic growth through bad policy, and there are few policies that do more economic damage than high marginal income tax rates. Lowering marginal rates removes barriers to work and investment and means higher economic growth.

The House Democrats' plan, by contrast, is mostly just handouts to big business. The centerpiece is a \$300 one-time rebate to every taxpayer. At most, this will stimulate a small amount of demand over the short term.

The Democrats' plan also rewards states for their extravagant spending of recent years by offering \$4 billion in grants. The message here is that while tough economic times have brought small businesses to prime back expenditures and employee bene-

to remove economic disincentives — like high marginal tax rates and the double taxation of dividends — from the federal tax code, so offers nothing for the longer term.

The class-warfare crowd has already begun savaging the president's plan. Ignoring the fact that more successful Americans already pay not only more dollars in taxes but also a far higher percent of their income in taxes, they claim that the president's plan is unfair because those sending more to Washington in the

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No

Tax relief should go to lower classes

DEAN BAKER

from the rest of the tax cut. The main feature of the Bush tax plan is removing the tax on stock dividends for rich people. This tax cut has been widely reported. Tens of millions of workers hold stock through their retirement accounts. These workers will still be taxed on their stock dividends, just as they were before the tax cut. The dividend tax break only applies to stock held outside of retirement accounts, the majority of which is held by the richest 1 percent of the population.

President Bush tells us that giving another quarter million dollars to each of the richest million families in the country is the best way to help the economy. This would be slightly more believable if he at least had a consistent story.

On the one hand, his advisers have said that the point of the tax cut is to lift the stock market, which will lead consumers to buy more things. On the other hand, his advisers have also said that the point of the tax cut is to give families more incentive to save. It is possible that the tax break will lead to more consumption. Alternatively, it is possible that it will lead to more saving, depending on what the rich end up doing with their money. But the tax cut cannot possibly lead to both more saving and more consumption. A dollar can be either saved or spent — you can't do both with the same dollar.

The economy badly needs a real stimulus — which means either government spending or household consumption — to get us of this slump. Investment would be nice also, but it's very hard to spur investment when most businesses already have large amounts of excess capacity. Showering more money on the rich just won't make it as an economic stimulant.

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economy was strong and we had a large budget surplus. It was the answer after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. And it is also the president's answer to the problem of a slumping economy.

Just to set the scene: We have an economy that is reeling from the bursting of a stock market bubble. The imminent collapse of a housing bubble looms on the horizon. The dollar is tumbling as investors realize that the United States can't borrow \$500 billion a year

dumb to have any idea of what's been going on. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is at its highest level in eight years, and not likely to drop anytime soon.

President Bush's response is more tax breaks for the rich. Bush wants to take more than \$650 billion from the public, and give the bulk of it to the richest 1 percent of the country.

While he has a few nickels and dimes for the rest of us — an

Supreme Court justices should put off retirement until '04

When others were marching in the streets in 1968, was serving as law clerk to Justice John Harlan of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was worldly, wise and conservative, and I was a collob-but committed liberal.

It's all a time when I was looking forward to a breakfast meeting with Harlan to hear his opinion on the presidential race between Richard M. Nixon and Hubert H. Humphrey. He was a great talker, so you could imagine my surprise when he said: "My dear boy, it's wrong for Supreme Court justices to vote. They shouldn't spend a single minute thinking of themselves as Republicans or Democrats."

And he proceeded to discuss other things. I can see the late justice shaking his head sadly at the news that Republican members of the court are considering their retirement now that the Senate is in their party's hands by the margin of 51 to 49. I urge them

BRUCE ACKERMAN

to think again. Al Gore has been a statesman. He has followed the unsung path of Samuel J. Tilden, who won a popular majority in the presidential election of 1876 but lost the White House through questionable maneuverings. Despite the cries of partisans, Tilden refused to pour salt on the nation's wounds, and he declined to make a second run for the presidency in 1880.

"Statesmanship" for the justices, paradoxically, requires the opposite course. They should stay in office until George W. Bush can prove that he can win an election without their assistance.

The Supreme Court's decision in the case of Bush vs. Gore has thrown the Constitution into a condition of disequilibrium. Generally speaking, presidents pick justices, not the other way around. But at the moment, Bush

is in the White House by the grace of five justices of the Supreme Court. They should not try to ensure the continuation of their 5-4 majority by enabling their designate as president to place another hard-line Republican onto the bench. Especially because, as the justices well know, Bush vs. Gore has been broadly condemned by constitutional commentators of all persuasions.

Despite Harlan's advice and example, I remain a committed liberal, so perhaps my opinion should be discounted — except that it has been repeated by numerous thoughtful conservatives. For example, Steven Calabresi, a leading scholar and one of the founders of the Federalist Society, is in print condemning the opinion as a violation of the separation of powers.

Richard Posner, a leading conservative judge, concedes that the court lacked legal authority but defends Bush vs. Gore on the ground that it

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avoided potential chaos.

I reject Posner's unprecedented grant of a free-wheeling mandate to the justices to transcend the law whenever they imagine that an impending crisis lies ahead. Yet while they may not serve as all-purpose judicial saviors, they certainly do have an institutional responsibility to prevent crises caused by their own behavior.

The court will confront enough problems handling the war on terrorism. It should not embroil itself in further political struggles. If the justices wanted to retire, the spirit of Harlan might inquire: Why didn't they do it last year?

But make no mistake, Harlan would insist that it would do no

good for the country to push the court further down the path to politicization. Perhaps the president will win confirmation for a Latino Clarence Thomas by a razor-thin Senate margin; perhaps not. Only one thing is clear: The integrity of the Supreme Court will suffer another body blow.

Americans very much expect their court to transcend partisan politics and reach decisions that

bind the country together. Although some legal thinkers famously denounce this hope as a pious illusion, most lawyers and scholars still keep the faith.

Death comes when it comes, and President Bush may yet have a chance to fill a vacancy. But the current justices should remain on duty until the next election normalizes the system to return to normal and presidents will no longer be beholden to justices for their residency in the White House.

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Wyoming faces no budget cuts

Mining, drilling upswing leave state with surplus

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - While most states are grappling with cutbacks and tax increases to try to bring their budgets back into balance, the Cowboy State is riding high.

"Thank goodness for oil and natural gas. And I'm just overwhelmed with how well coal has done," said state Sen. John Schiffer, co-chairman of the Legislature's Joint Appropriations Committee.

An upswing in mining and drilling combined with the state's reluctance to invest in the falling stock market has left a \$137 million surplus this year, equal to 18 percent of annual state general fund spending.

Wyoming, with fewer than 500,000 residents, is one of three states with no corporate, business or personal income tax. Instead, the state relies on sales and property taxes, interest from investments, and taxes on minerals, which account for a third of the cost of state government.

At least 31 states face budget gaps this year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The National Governors Association expects state shortfalls to hit \$40 billion in 2003. That follows a year in which gaps went as high as \$50 billion.

forcing many states to cut programs, lay off workers and dip into reserves.

Wyoming bucked the trend. Last year the state increased spending by 17 percent over the previous two-year budget cycle.

A surge in drilling for coal-bed methane, a form of natural gas trapped in Wyoming's vast layers of coal, helped pull the state out of a slump that lingered long after the national oil bust of 1986.

Revenue from natural gas jumped from \$74 million in fiscal 1999 to \$267 million in 2001 and oil income more than doubled.

Overall, mineral revenue spiked from \$196 million to \$448 million in that two-year period.

Also, Wyoming was slow to start investing huge sums in Wall Street, and was much better off when stocks nosedived.

The state has put only 7 percent of its investible funds into stocks. While many states have taken a pounding from the stock market, Wyoming is slightly above the break-even point.

"We're not getting much, but it's sure better to get 2 and 3 percent than to get a negative 10, 15 percent," said Sen. Grant Larson, Senate majority floor leader.

Because of the surplus, however, when the Legislature begins its session Tuesday, lawmakers will come under pressure to spend more on such things as health insurance, school, highways and a prison.

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Workers bury plastic pipe used to carry discharge water from a coalbed methane well to a storage reservoir on Bill West's ranch Feb. 26, 2001, near Arrada, Wyo.

of water, but it will be a large amount of water," she said. "It will saturate the soil pretty quickly and once the soil is saturated, it will just run off."

Undesirable minerals "could end up with some pretty heavy concentrations in the rivers and streams," she said.

In addition, a flood could suddenly wash the water downstream, Vance said.

More than 25 trillion cubic feet of methane may be recoverable in the basin, which straddles the Montana-Wyoming border and supplies one-third of the nation's coal and significant amounts of

natural gas and oil.

About 14,500 methane wells have already been drilled on the Wyoming side of the basin, and as many as 51,000 more could be operating over the next 10 years, with about two-thirds in the Upper Powder River and Upper Belle Fourche river basins.

had lost Coles' and the council's confidence.

Mimura said she went on the side trips during the effort to recruit a police chief because Lyman, her boss, told her to.

She defended the trips to the cities, saying visiting potential job candidates on their own turf gave them a chance to see how well local practices were working.

"These were truly meetings and recruitments," she said. "These were not pleasure trips."

Spending probe of Boise mayor uncovers more trips

BOISE (AP) - Mayor Brent Coles' ousted chief of staff is being blamed for setting up taxpayer-financed leisure trips during official business, amid an expanding inquiry into the mayor's spending.

City Attorney Susan Mimura said Gary Lyman, whom Coles asked to resign last month, was responsible for visits to Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello in Virginia and an upscale inn on the Oregon Coast. Both stops came during trips to recruit a

new police chief.

The November 1999 trips, paid for with public money, were uncovered through public information requests from multiple news outlets in Boise.

The trips disclosure follows a highly publicized trip Coles and Lyman took to New York City in November during a conference they were attending in Rochester, N.Y.

On the side trip, the two men, Mimura and her assistant went to dinner and the musical

"Oklahoma" in what Coles called a creative annual bonus for Mimura.

Coles repaid the city for the cost of the trip and apologized. The City Council quickly imposed restrictions on the mayor's future travel and spending.

But as the Idaho Attorney General's office opened a criminal investigation into alleged spending irregularities by Coles and Lyman, the mayor asked Lyman to resign, saying Lyman

Agency proposes bull trout critical habitats

LEWISTON (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed listing thousands of miles of streams as critical habitat for the threatened bull trout.

The move could affect land management in the Clearwater and Salmon River basins, as well as the Astin Creek drainage, but the federal officials said the effect would not be dramatic.

Agency officials held a hearing on the proposal in Lewiston on Thursday.

The bull trout recovery zone includes 18,468 miles of streams

and 532,721 acres of lakes and reservoirs throughout the Columbia River Basin and the Klamath Basin.

Critical habitat areas that are considered necessary for endangered species to recover. Federal agencies must consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife before undertaking an action that may harm critical habitat.

Bull trout often are found further up the headwaters of drainages than salmon and steelhead.

They prey on other fish and

can grow to well over 24 inches long.

"They need cold water, especially in spawning and rearing habitat which is one of the reasons you find them more in the headwaters of streams," said Jeri Wood, a biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service at Boise.

The predatory fish are threatened by competition from non-native brook trout, as well as poor water quality from livestock grazing and road building, officials said.

raising an estimated \$3 million to \$4 million a year.

The money would be used by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture to manage wolves and bears with a portion returned to the park for infrastructure needs.

Childers said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has ignored socio-economic effects of its decisions regarding endangered species management and has not worked closely with state and local governments. Also, the federal government has given Wyoming very little money for managing endangered species, he said.

Lawmaker proposes tax to help wolf management

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A legislator is drafting a bill that would increase the sales tax on items sold in Yellowstone National Park to help the state pay for management of wolves and grizzly bears.

Rep. Pat Childers, R-Cody, said he will introduce the measure in the upcoming session to help defray Wyoming's expenses in managing wildlife declared endangered or threatened by the federal government.

"I am trying to drive home the point that you guys (feds) aren't doing the job on unfunded mandates and the Endangered Species Act," he said Friday.

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- Rep. Pat Childers, R-Cody, Wyoming

The bill would add a 1-cent tax on items sold within the park,

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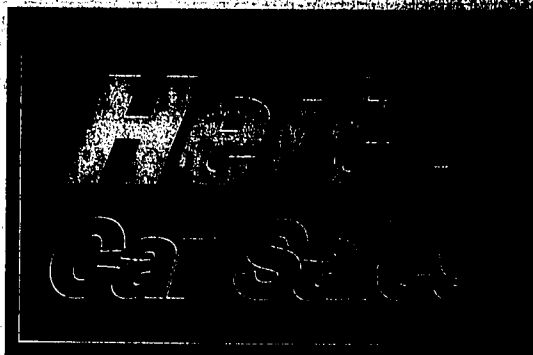
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Titans look for giant win

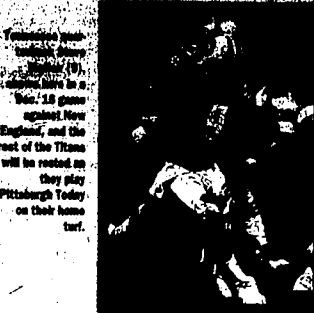
Tennessee hopes for first postseason victory over nemesis Pittsburgh

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Pittsburgh Steelers wouldn't mind a little more rest. The Tennessee Titans have waited long enough.

The Steelers play their second game in seven days today, hoping their comeback victory over Cleveland helps them forget their aching bodies and provides some much-needed momentum.

The Titans are as healthy as they have been in weeks, thanks to their bye. Tennessee's problem is being overzealous in its AFC divisional playoff game,



Tennessee's post-season hopes are high (U.S. Sports Wire in a file photo) as they play Pittsburgh today on their home turf.



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especially after watching games on wild-card weekend.

"It didn't make us complacent," Titans defensive end Kevin Carter said. "It made us hungrier. It made us like, 'Wow, let's see who's going to come play us in Nashville this week.'"

That would be the Steelers, on a very short turnaround for a road trip after beating the Cleveland 36-33 in the wild-card round in the sixth-best rally in NFL history.

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said it's too late to wish for time off now.

"What you want and what you get — it really doesn't matter at this point. This is the road that we've created for ourselves," he said.

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SWAC has its surprises

Season begins with plenty of parity

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's been another topsy-turvy start to the scenic West Athletic Conference basketball season.

Would you expect it any other way?

Only one team — the No. 10 Utah Valley State College women — remains undefeated in league play with the Wolverines (15-3, 4-0 SWAC) hosting nemesis Salt Lake Community College on Saturday.

The Utah Valley men, however, fell from the ranks of the unbeaten, and, in the process, saw their 12-game winning streak end Thursday at Perry Christian College gymnasium on the campus of North Idaho College.

The surprising Cardinals — who took down the College of Southern Idaho 76-70 on Dec. 7 — improved to 4-1 and 14-3 overall with Thursday's victory.

Another surprise came Thursday when Snow College went into Salt Lake and came away with a 20-point win. The Snow women entered the sweep earlier in the night with a 10-point win.

And despite having an 8-9 record, the CSI women are in third place at 3-1. Three of the women's top four teams hold current four-game winning streaks.

CSI head coach Guy Beach sees a wide-open race to host this season's Region 18 tournament with teams one through seven jostling for the top spot.

Besides Colorado Northwestern and the Community College of Southern Nevada, both of which were winless prior to Friday, every team has at least one loss to start the SWAC.

"It's going to be a tough one from one through seven I think," Beach said. "It hasn't been that way the last few years. It's been Dixie and CSI and then everyone else."

Speaking of Dixie and CSI, the Golden Eagles (15-2, 2-0) are next up to try and snap the 14th-ranked Rebels' 60-game winning streak at Burns Arena.

The Golden Eagles haven't beaten the Rebels (17-2, 4-1) at their home since the 1997-98 season. Dixie's last loss at home came at the hands of Utah Valley, 72-57, on Jan. 21, 2000.

Dixie State coach Jeff Knicker remembers it well.

"It was on my birthday," said Knicker, reached via cellphone on Friday.

Beach and the rest of the Eagles went back to work Friday, preparing for the always tough Rebels, who are also on a six-game winning streak, as well.

The Eagles will have had 10 days off prior to next Friday's showdown in St. George, Utah.

"I think the longest may be to overlook them too, because you have all these days to prepare," he said. "So that's why we're trying to cut practice down to about an hour and a half. So it's a good hard hour and 15, hour and 20 minutes and then walk through some of Dixie's stuff again."

"What's the danger of it? Maybe getting into the conference, but we've got to keep their attention now every day," he said.

The Eagles last played on Monday in a 111-69 rout of Casper College. CSI took Thursday off and will have today off from practice, although the team is conducting a free youth basketball clinic at the Jerome Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today.

Beach said the Eagles will hit practices hard starting Sunday with the team leaving for southern Utah on Friday evening on Thursday.

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"We're just trying not to run them in the ground with this run off but not let them get complacent."

Riley played in the group ahead of Els, and chipped in from just about the same spot on the par-5 ninth for eagle, putting him at 13 under and momentarily in the lead.

But he couldn't keep pace.

Riley hit into the hazard twice on par 55, taking a double bogey on No. 15 and a bogey on the final hole, both times missing short putts.

Sports events

For the first time we won DeLo Recreation Dog was still a PUPPY

—Hosson coach Ruffy Tomjanovich after the Rockets won a regular-season game at Orlando for the first time in 11 years Wednesday night

TRIVIA QUESTION: Who holds the NBA record for points by a rookie in a game? —answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball: Richfield at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.; Camas County at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.; Carey at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.; Kimberly at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.; Filer at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.; Gooding at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.; Pocatello at Minico, 7:30 p.m.; Twin Falls at Highland, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball: Wendell at Filer, 7:30 p.m.; Buhl at Declo, 7:30 p.m.; Century at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.; Twin Falls at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling: Madison Invitational, 9 a.m.; Buhl Invitational, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Declo Rec opens wrestling registration

DECLO — The Declo Recreation Association will accept registration forms for boys wrestling for grades kindergarten through sixth grade starting Monday and ending Jan. 24 at the Declo elementary and junior high schools. Forms were sent home with the children but may also be obtained at the schools. The cost is \$10 a child. For more information, call Todd Webb at 349-5517 or Carol at 654-6893.

Copus Cove holds ranch hand play day Sunday

BUHL — Copus Cove will host a ranch hand play day featuring competition in team branding, team doctoring and mule roping at noon Sunday in the arena. Cost is \$25 per man with a pay back of 60 percent.

For more information, call Dwight at 543-6695.

Elks Hoop Shoot set for today in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Snake River Elks No. 2807 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 8-13 from Twin Falls and Jerome counties today at the College of Southern Idaho gym. Boys and girls will compete in three separate groups for ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Each child will be entered by their age as of April 1, 2003.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. with competition beginning at 10. For more information, call Dennis Cogswell at 733-6637 during the day and 733-6961 evenings.

Cal Ripken League holds sign-ups Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cal Ripken Baseball League will register players for the 2003 season from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Harmon Park recreation building for players ages 9-12. Players must bring a birth certificate. Cost is \$50. For more information, call Scott Bartlett at 733-6973.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia 76ers set the record with 38 points against Detroit on Jan. 25, 1960.

SWEET VICTORY FOR FILER



The Filer bench erupts in celebration as the last second ticks off the clock of their 51-48 upset victory over the Declo Hornets in a key Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys game Friday night.

Key free throws lift Wildcats over Declo

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

FILER — For a few moments, the Filer High School gymnasium was as quiet as senior Luke Gerrish stands alone shooting free throws after practice.

As the cliché goes, the practice paid off.

Gerrish hit both free throws with 8.9 seconds left and a 3-point attempt by Declo standstill Marc Christensen with 2 seconds left was off the mark as the Wildcats knocked off the Hornets 51-48 in

front of 1,000 screaming fans Friday night in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference play.

"I just thought to myself that I'm just in the gym by myself, shooting free throws," Gerrish said of the game-clinching tosses.

Gerrish's free throws would not have mattered if Declo had executed an offense down the stretch. The Hornets (7-2, 2-1 SCIC) didn't score a basket in the final 4:18 of the game.

"You can't expect to walk away with a victory then," said veteran Hornets coach Loyd Gray. "We

had good shots. It was one of those things where we usually hit those shots."

But they didn't fall. Neither team, after an exhaustive effort through 3.5 quarters, looked able to clinch the win when Filer missed the front ends of two one-and-ones in a row. A Declo player missed both free throws with 1:49 remaining to keep it 48-47, Declo for a full minute.

But Filer (6-2, 1-1) would break the drought as Paul McLaughlin popped free underneath and rattled in a layup with

1:27 left for the eventual winning basket.

Then things got as crazy as the crowd. Filer's inbound attempt was stolen with 1:05 remaining. But Declo couldn't cash in on the opportunity, missing the initial shot and putback attempt off the rebound with 23 seconds left. Declo's Billy Allman stepped in front of an alert Wildcat pass to give Declo back the ball with 20.3 seconds left. A 3-point attempt from the corner rammed wildly

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Yao settles in, now it's NBA's turn to adjust

First showdown with Shaq looms on Friday

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Yao Ming was in no man's land. Trapped directly under his own basket and draped by Indiana Pacers, it was a prime situation for a rookie mistake.

Then Yao made a savvy move. He juked one way, then the other, throwing Brad Miller off balance just enough to glide his 7-foot frame around the opposing center

and drop the ball into the hoop.

The move, one of several high-light-reel moments for Yao that night, sent coach Rudy Tomjanovich leaping into the air, beaming like a proud dad.

"Yao has done some things on the floor that the reaction in the crowd has been kind of a buzz," Tomjanovich said. "I don't know what they're saying — maybe 'Did you see that?' — but the same thing was created by Hakeem

(Olaajuwon). That is something that I felt, Yao has got his own special way, like 'Dream' did."

Settling in

Less than halfway into his first season in NBA, Yao appears to be settling in just fine.

The 22-year-old center from China already has shown why the Rockets risked having to cut through so much trans-Pacific red



Yao Ming

among the top 20 in rebounding

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Big Easy makes it look that way at Mercedes Championships

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Ernie Els continued his assault on the par 56 at Kapalua and wound up with another comfortable lead in the Mercedes Championships.

Now all he has to do is finish it off. Els rolled in a 5-foot birdie putt on the final hole for an 8-

under 65 to break the 36-hole tournament record at 17-under 129.

More importantly, he built a three-stroke lead over Bob Estes going into the weekend of the season-opening event.

Els had a four-stroke lead at this point two years ago, but a mental lapse on Saturday cost him momentum, and a few bad swings cost him a chance at winning.

The Big Easy has shown no chinks through two gorgeous days on the Plantation Course, especially on the par 5s.

He made his third eagle of the tournament by chipping in on No. 9, and has played the par 55 in 11-under par through two rounds.

Estes had another bogey-free round for a 66, leaving him at 132 and in the final group Saturday with Els.

K.J. Choi of South Korea, a two-time winner on the PGA Tour last year, had his second straight 67 and was alone in third at 134, followed by the trio of Retief Goosen (65), Jerry Kelly (70) and Chris Riley (70).

Riley and Els appeared to separate themselves from the pack by matching great shots on another tame day along the rugged and spectacular coast-

line of western Maui.

Riley played in the group ahead of Els, and chipped in from just about the same spot on the par-5 ninth for eagle, putting him at 13 under and momentarily in the lead.

But he couldn't keep pace.

Riley hit into the hazard twice on par 55, taking a double bogey on No. 15 and a bogey on the final hole, both times missing short putts.

SPORTS

Twin Falls' missed opportunities lead to Highland win

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Chalk it up to missed opportunities down the stretch.
Two errant shots, missed free throws and a several turnovers cost the Twin Falls girls a perfect Region III record, failing to Highland 52-45 at Baun Gymnasium on Friday.

The Bruins had cut the lead to 48-45 with 40 seconds left but couldn't score again. It was Highland's first conference victory.
It didn't help that Kristy Tingey netted 20 points and the Rams hit four free throws in the final 30 seconds to secure the upset.
"They were fired up," Bruins coach Joe Shepard said of the Rams.

Twin Falls (10-3, 4-1 Region III) has a big week ahead of itself. The Bruins visit Burley tonight before hosting Jerome on Tuesday and Pocatello on Saturday.

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Local sports

Carey 69, Richfield 36
RICHFIELD - Jesse Molynieux scored 15 points as Carey took a 39-36 girls' Northside win at Richfield on Friday.

Wood River 52, Valley 43
HALLVY - Wood River took advantage of a cold shooting spell by valley to pull away and hold on for a 52-43 win over Valley Friday night in nonconference girls basketball play.

Pocatello 33, Minico 25
POCATELLO - Pocatello cashed in their chances from the free throw line, outscoring Minico 13-2 in the fourth quarter to rally for a 33-25 Region III girls basketball win. Ten of the Indians points came from the charity stripe while the 2-12 Spartans did not reach the bonus until one second remained in the game.

Boys basketball
Murtaugh 73, North Gem 47
MURTAUGH - Ben Rosebrough had a game-high 16 points and Bridger Ward added 14 points to lead Murtaugh past non-conference North Gem 73-47 in boys basketball at Hulst Gymnasium on Friday.

Carey 69, Richfield 36
RICHFIELD - Shawn Hennefer scored 21 points and Destry Simpson added 18 to lead Carey past Richfield 69-49 in boys Northside Conference basketball on Friday.

Victor Vasquez had 12 points and Paul Ward 10 to lead the

Tigers (2-8, 2-2 Northside), who travel to Raft River today.

Century 70, Jerome 29
JEROME - Mike Ritten led all scorers with 20 points as Century crushed Jerome 70-29 in boys Great Basin basketball in Jerome on Friday.

Jackpot, Nev. 41, Carlin, Nev. 40
JACKPOT, Nev. - Jackpot squeaked past its Nevada rival, Carlin, 41-40 in boys basketball Friday evening.

Gooding 39, Kimberly 20
GOODING - A 17-6 second-quarter scoring edge gave the Gooding girls basketball team a 39-20 win over Kimberly Friday evening.

Wendell 63, Buhl 38
WENDELL - The Wendell boys basketball team easily brushed aside Buhl Friday evening 63-38.

Magic Valley Christian 66, Mountain Cove 93
BOISE - Mountain Cove overcame a 18-point performance by Magic Valley Christian sophomore Cody Griffith for a 93-66 boys basketball win Friday night in Boise.

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Community School 62, Siltco 46

KETCHUM - Jim Fairchild netted 15 points to lead the Community School boys to a 62-46 win over Bliss Friday night Northside Conference boys basketball play. The Bears were led by Chase Erkins with 15 points.

Thursday's late game
Hagerman 62, M.V. Christian 50
TWIN FALLS - Jesse Cronknet netted 13 points and Austin Knight tallied as Hagerman downed Magic Valley Christian 62-50 in boys Southside basketball late Thursday.

Wrestling
Snake River leads Buhl invite going into second day
BUHL - As expected, No. 2-ranked Snake River leads the team title race after the first day of the 29th Annual Buhl Wrestling Invitational tournament Friday at the Buhl Middle School.

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Baseball: NFL playoffs, AFC divisional games, Steelers at Titans, CBS, 2:30 p.m. NFL playoffs, NFC divisional games, Falcons at Eagles, Fox, 8 p.m. College: North Carolina at Virginia, ESPN, 8 p.m. College: St. John's vs UCLA, ESPN, 4 p.m. College: Penn State at Michigan, ESPN, 8 p.m. College: Cincinnati at TCU, ESPN, 9 p.m. College: Austin Peay at Murray St., ESPN2, 4 p.m. College: Temple at Richmond, ESPN2, 8 p.m. College: UC Santa Barbara at Utah St., ESPN2, 8 p.m. College: women, Oklahoma at Nebraska, ESPN, 11 a.m. Football: East-West Shrine Classic, at San Francisco, ESPN, noon.

Denver Nuggets hand Trailblazers rare loss

DENVER (AP) — Nene Hilario had 20 points and 11 rebounds and Juwan Howard added 19 points for Denver as the Nuggets defeated Portland, 82-81. With the scored tied at 78-all, Denver's Rodney White hit two free throws with 1:10 left. Portland's Derek Anderson missed a tough shot inside, then Hilario followed with a dunk that made it 82-78 with 37 seconds left. Denver got the ball to Vincent Yarbrough on the other end, but the rookie turned it over with 17 seconds left. Portland missed three chances at the end. Anderson had 17 points and Bonzi Wells 15 for Portland, which lost for the third time in 14 games.



P.J. Brown (42) knucks away the ball from Detroit's Chauncey Billups. (3) Friday during the first half in New Orleans.

Timberwolves 115, Kings 109, OT

MINNEAPOLIS — Joe Smith had a season-high 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett added 24 points and 15 boards as Minnesota missed Shaquille O'Neal. Chris Webber led the Kings with 30 points, and Peja Stojakovic scored a season-high 27.

Pacers 101, Magic 97, OT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jerome O'Neal scored 21 points and Ron Artest hit two game-tying free throws with 14.6 seconds left in overtime as Indiana rallied for its third straight win.

Bucks 93, Bulls 85, OT

MILWAUKEE — Anthony Mason scored a season-high 21 points and Toni Kukoc had 17 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter and overtime as Milwaukee handed Chicago its 16th straight road loss.

Warriors 104, Wizards 99

WASHINGTON — Earl Boykins scored 16 points, many of them from difficult angles by combatting his 5-foot-5 body through the paint, as Golden State stopped the Washington's five-game winning streak.

Suns 96, Grizzlies 90

PHOENIX — Amare Stoudemire had 16 points and a career-best 21 rebounds as Phoenix won its ninth consecutive home game.

Knicks 114, 76ers 112

PHILADELPHIA — Charles Ward made a crucial 3-point shot with 41 seconds left, and New York's franchise record. The Knicks snapped a three-game losing streak.

Jazz 92, Heat 76

SALT LAKE CITY — Matt Harpring scored 31 points as Utah shot 51.5 percent and handed Miami its fifth straight defeat. Karl Malone added 19 points and the rebound for the Jazz, who never trailed and climbed seven games above .500 for the first time this season while winning for the ninth time in 11 games.

Hawks 84, Rockets 75

ATLANTA — Jason Terry scored a season-high 43 points as Atlanta snapped a six-game losing streak. Yao Ming, making his first appearance in Atlanta, scored nine, all in the second half.

Pistons 101, Hornets 99, OT

NEW ORLEANS — Chauncey Billups capped a 32-point performance with two 3-pointers in the last 2 minutes of overtime and a pair of go-ahead free throws with 1.6 seconds left to lead Detroit.

Mavericks 103, Celtics 78

DALLAS — Michael Finley and Dirk Nowitzki combined for 40 first-half points, then hooked up on an electrifying alley-oop in the third quarter to carry Dallas. The Mavericks broke a six-game quarter tie at 27 with a 21-1 run.

Nets 94, Raptors 79

TORONTO — Jason Kidd had 25 points, eight assists and seven rebounds as the New Jersey Nets rebounded from their worst loss of the season to hand the Toronto Raptors their 12th straight defeat, 94-79 Friday night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Pomerelle competition begins Jan. 18. ALBION — The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will hold its Slope Style Competition for all ages on Saturday, Jan. 18. Entrants can compete in barrels, rail boat, skiing and snowboard.

Blaine County Rec offers youth hoops. HAILEY — Youth basketball registration for boys and girls in grades 1-6 will be offered from 9 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hailey Elementary School.

T.F. Legion meeting takes place Sunday. TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for American Legion Baseball players and board members will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in Room 62 at Twin Falls High School.

Youth ski package registrations extended. TWIN FALLS — The registration deadlines for the School of Ski Day and a separate four-day youth ski/snowboard package were extended to Tuesday.

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Roy closes in on another milestone



Colorado Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy makes a glove save against the Vancouver Canucks in Denver Dec. 23. Already the keeper of most goal-tending records in the NHL, Roy is about to hit another mark - he will soon play his 1,000th game in net.

Colorado keeper will soon play 1,000th game in net

By John Marshall
Associated Press writer

DENVER - Patrick Roy holds nearly every significant NHL goaltending record, has won four Stanley Cups, and is on the verge of becoming the first goalie to play 1,000 games.

It almost didn't happen. Growing up in Quebec City, Quebec, Roy was drawn to goaltending because he liked the way the equipment looked. By age 6, he was strapping pillows to his legs with belts and turning away shots in the upstairs of his parents' house.

But during his first year of organized hockey, the kid who would later be called the greatest goalie who ever lived was told he couldn't play.

"My first year I played outdoor and the goalie got hurt, and I asked if I could be the goalie," Roy said. "He (the coach) said, 'No, you can't be the goalie because you're too small.' The following year, I asked my mom if I could be a goalie, and I guess that's the best thing that ever happened to me."

And the Avalanche. Colorado general manager Pierre Lacroix has had a knack for finding the right pieces to improve his team, trading for players like Rob Blake, Ray Bourque and Theo Fleury to give the Avalanche an extra boost headed into the playoffs.

But of all the moves Lacroix has made, the Dec. 6, 1995, deal that sent Jocelyn Thibault, Martin Rucinsky and Andrei Kovalenko to Montreal for Roy and Mike Keane has had the biggest impact.

In Roy's eight seasons, the Avalanche have won two Stanley Cups, reached the Western Conference finals six times and tied an NHL record with eight straight division titles.

There have been other stars, including Blake, Bourque, Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic, but it all started with the deal that brought Roy to Denver.

"I always say that it takes a team and there isn't just one part that makes a team successful, but in this case I have to admit that more ranked up there in the top decisions we've made," said Lacroix, who was Roy's agent before becoming Colorado's GM. "There is no doubt it had an effect on this team for a long time."

But Roy's presence between the pipes reaches far beyond the Avalanche.

Before he broke into the league with the Canadiens in 1985, most goalies either stayed on their feet or stacked their pads to stop shots.

Glenn Hall and Tony Esposito, two goaltenders who starred in the 1960s and 1970s, helped develop the butterfly style of dropping to their knees to stop shots. Roy used the style to become the

best goaltender of his time. In his 19 seasons, including 10 in Montreal, Roy has swatted away NHL records like weak wrist shots from the blue line.

"St. Patrick" is the all-time leader for wins, minutes and games played by a goalie, and is the only three-time winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of the playoffs. He also won the Vezina Trophy as best goalie three times and is a five-time winner of the Jennings Trophy for fewest goals allowed.

Roy is the all-time leader in playoff wins, games and shutouts, and about to become the first goalie to play 1,000 games. He should reach the mark Thursday against Detroit or Jan. 20 against Dallas.

"If he wins another 20 games, is that going to make him any better than what he is?" said Keane, in his second stint with Colorado. "He basically has done everything and broke every record, so I think it's pretty safe to say he's the greatest goalie who ever played."

But staying on top isn't as easy as age 37 as it was a decade ago. Early in his career, Roy spent his off-seasons playing golf, basketball or going fishing. That has been replaced by trips to the gym.

On the ice, the reflexes aren't what they once were, so Roy has to rely on experience and instincts to get into position.

"I trust my technique," Roy said. "I think I'm not moving as quick as I used to in the past, but I think the difference is that I read the play better. Experience has helped me a lot."

The years haven't slowed him much.

"He basically has done everything and broke every record, so I think it's pretty safe to say he's the greatest goalie who ever played."

-Mike Keane

Last year, Roy had what Lacroix called his best season, with nine shutouts and a 1.94 goals-against average, both career bests. Roy had a slow start this season and has been battling illnesses that past two weeks, but is rounding back into form.

But while Roy is still one of the league's best goalies, he knows the time is nearing when he will take those pads off for the final time.

Roy says he doesn't look beyond each season, but he's already making plans for after his career.

He is part owner of the Quebec Ramparts, a junior team in his hometown, and talks enthusiastically about passing on his knowledge to younger players.

But as long as he still has that kid's passion for the game, Roy will keep strapping those pillows to his legs. "The day that I feel that I'm going to lose that desire and that passion, that would be a good time for me to leave," Roy said. "The tough part is that it could happen at any time. It could happen in the middle of the season, it could happen at the end of the season. And if it's time to go, it's time to go."

Columnist McDonough dies at 67

BOSTON (AP) - Will McDonough, a sports writer and columnist who worked for The Boston Globe for more than 40 years, died at 67. McDonough died late Thursday at his home in Hingham while watching sports on TV, said Don Sklar, the Globe's sports editor.

Sklar said the cause of death had not yet been determined. McDonough had heart attack in 1990 and battled thyroid cancer in the late 1990s.

McDonough retired from the newspaper two years ago but continued to write a weekly column for the Globe.

McDonough wrote about the NFL for more than 30 years and had covered every Super Bowl since the championship game began nearly four decades ago.

He was known for his confrontational and opinionated style and frequently railed about the large salaries paid to pro athletes and the effect of big money on sports.

In recent weeks, McDonough criticized Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino, who lives in California, for not being in Boston enough, calling him "the invisible director of baseball."

Lucchino shot back, saying McDonough should stick to covering football.

McDonough became nationally known through his work for CBS and NBC in the 1980s and 1990s, winning an Emmy along with "NFL Live" co-hosts O.J. Simpson and Bob Costas. CBS hired McDonough in 1986 for "The NFL Today."

He was the best reporter of sports I ever worked with," said Glen sports writer Dan Shaughnessy. "He had better connections, better sources - he was the ultimate newspaper man."

McDonough started at the Globe as an intern through a Northeastern University program, came to the Boston Herald in 1961 and worked for the Red Sox and Celtics.

McDonough was born on July 6, 1935, the youngest of nine children of Irish immigrants. He grew up in the working class neighborhood of South Boston.

One of McDonough's sons, Sean, is a national sports commentator and play-by-play announcer. Another son, Terry, is a scout for the Baltimore Ravens and has been in the NFL for 13 years.

He is survived by wife Denise, daughters Cara and Erin and son Ryan.

Shrine Classic brings together friends, competitors

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Miami kicker Todd Sievers ran into the Ohio State players at the Phoenix airport while traveling to the East-West Shrine Classic - and he hoped he wouldn't be forced to room with one of them.

The Hurricanes had lost the Fiesta Bowl to the Buckeyes 31-24 in double overtime only hours earlier, snapping the defending national champions' 34-game winning streak.

When Sievers received his room assignment, it was just what he'd feared. He was rooming with Ohio State punter Andy Groom.

After a few days together, however, Groom decided he wanted to train with Sievers for a couple weeks in Florida before the NFL combine this spring in Indianapolis.

"He's a cool kid," Sievers said. "We've become close friends. He wants to come down and kick in the warm weather, and I don't blame him. He can come down and kick anytime."

Groom also was wary about hanging out with the Hurricanes. "I thought it might happen, and I was upset about it," he said. "I really didn't want to be stuck with Miami, until I met him."

Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey's locker is right next to Groom's in the San Jose Sharks' clubhouse at Pacific Bell Park, where the East team will dress before Saturday's game.

There have been no problems. Dorsey sees the meaning beyond just football for the Shrine game, which features many of the nation's premier college players, divided into teams from the East and West.

The game, begun in 1925, has raised more than \$14 million for the Shriners Hospital.

The game is now a homecoming for East TE Tyrone Willingham, who just finished his first season coaching Notre Dame, following seven seasons as coach at Stanford.

Fresno State coach Pat Hill's West team will be led by Nebraska running back Dahrnan Derrick, Oregon receiver Kellen Hawley, Southern California receiver Kareem Kelly and Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace.

Groom will be joined by Ohio State team mates Michael Doss and Donnie Nickley. It's been a matter of two weeks since the Buckeyes left for the Fiesta Bowl and went out to win their first national championship in 24 years.

"It's not going to sink in for a while," Groom said.

Minnesota rides power play to win over Phoenix

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Cliff Ronning and Andrei Zyuzin each scored power-play goals for the Minnesota Wild, who ended a three-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Friday night.

Dwayne Roloson made 28 saves for the Wild, who went 2-for-6 on the power play. Pascal Dupuis notched his 20th assist for Minnesota, which began the night ranked 26th in the league with a 12.7 percent conversion rate with an extra skater.

Mike Johnson scored and Zac Bierk made 41 saves for Phoenix, winless in his last three after winning four in a row.

With the score tied 1-1, Coyotes defenseman Radoslav Suchy skinned Pierre Marc-Bouchard, but his clearing attempt went right to Ronning. His slap shot from just inside the blue line gave the Wild the lead for good with 11:28 left.

The Wild couldn't score on 15 shots and three power plays in the first period, including more than a minute's worth of a 5-on-3.

Johnson scored on Phoenix's first shot - a bad angle attempt that was deflected and slid underneath Roloson's pads to give the Coyotes a 1-0 lead midway through the first. It was Bierk's first score in a span of more than 135 minutes.

Bierk, making his second start of the season, missed out on his first NHL win since the 1999-00 season with Tampa Bay.

Former University of Minnesota standout Jeff Taffe, returning to the ice where he and his Golden Gophers won the NCAA championship last April, nearly scored for the Coyotes in the

first period the day after he recalled from Springfield to begin his second stint with the team.

Taffe thought he had his first NHL goal, when the red light went on during a scramble between the pipes for a loose puck. Replays, however, showed the puck stopped in front of the goal line as Taffe, Linemate Claude Lemieux and Roloson tangled in the net.

Capitals 4, Hurricanes 1

RALEIGH, N.C. - Mike Grier and Kip Miller scored in the opening 9:31 as the Washington Capitals gained at least a point in their 11th straight game with a 4-1 win over the slumping Carolina Hurricanes.

The streaking Capitals improved to 6-0-3-2 during their recent hot stretch, while the Hurricanes have lost 11 of 17 and fell two games under .500 for the first time since Oct. 17 - a 2-1 home loss to Washington.

Jeff Halpern and Andreas Salomonsson had two assists each for Washington, which tied Tampa Bay for first place in the Southeast Division.

Ron Francis' 15th goal early in the second pulled Carolina to 2-1, but Steve Konowalchuk gave Washington another two-goal lead seconds after getting out of the penalty box.

Sabres 4, Bruins 2

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Rookie Alex Kotlik scored two goals for the third straight game as Buffalo scored four times in the third period to rally for a victory over Boston.

Tim Connolly and Miroslav Satan also scored for Buffalo, who trailed 2-1 midway through the final period.

Rookie Ryan Miller, making his fifth



Washington's Mike Grier celebrates after scoring a goal against Carolina 46 seconds into the first period Friday in Raleigh, N.C.

straight start, stopped 21 shots for Buffalo.

Brian Rolston and Jozef Stumpel scored for Boston, which has lost five straight.

Devils 2, Panthers 1

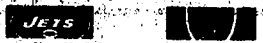
SUNRISE, FLA. - Christian Berglund and Scott Gomez scored second-period

goals to lead New Jersey past Florida.

Martin Brodeur, who had a 19-game unbeaten streak against Florida snapped in the teams' last meeting on Jan. 1, made 27 saves.

Olli Jokinen scored a power-play goal in the third period and Roberto Luongo stopped 34 shots for Florida, which lost its fifth straight at home.

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF MATCHUP



New York Jets at Oakland Raiders
Network Associates Coliseum, Mon., 2:30 p.m. (MST), CBS

10-7	Record	11-5
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Beat Colts 41-0. Last week: Bye week; beat Chiefs 28-0, Dec. 28.

Offense
The Jets have won eight of their past 10 games, outscoring their opponents 284-143, including 84-16 in the fourth quarter. They are ranked fourth in the NFL in red zone offense with 59.3 TD percentage (32 TDs, 54 possessions).
Pro Bowl WR Jerry Rice led the NFL's No. 1 offense in receptions (82) and receiving yards (1,211) and is ranked seventh among AFC receivers in that category. QB Rich Gannon led the NFL with 4,689 yards and threw 28 TDs vs. 10 INTs.

Defense
DT Rod Coleman is ranked third in the AFC with 11.0 sacks and led NFL interior defensive linemen in that category. S Rod Woodson tied for Held Colts to 176 total yards last week.

Key matchup
New York offensive line vs. Oakland defensive line
Oakland is No. 3 against run in the NFL, allowing 90.8 yards per game. The Jets managed just 32 yards rushing in their last meeting. The Raiders line also needs to pressure New York QB Chad Pennington, who passed to nine receivers vs. Indianapolis. Pennington will be looking to take advantage of DBs Tony James and Charles Woodson, who are fresh off log injuries.

SOURCES: NFL Associated Press

Rolls into Indianapolis Veterans Stadium

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Don't expect a Don Reeves team to roll into Indianapolis on Saturday night. After leading the team to a 10-6 record to win a playoff game vs. Green Bay's formidable Packers, Reeves takes his underdog Atlanta Falcons to a regularly intimidating Veterans Stadium on Saturday night for an AFC semifinal with the Philadelphia Eagles.

It's a berth in the NFC title game next week against the winner of Sunday's San Francisco-Tampa Bay game. Reeves has been coaching the Jets since the '70s, when he played for the Cowboys. And he spent plenty of time there as an assistant coach with Dallas and as head coach of the Giants, two of Philly's NFC rivals.

"He's never liked it. They have some of the best this in the league, and they let you know it," Reeves said. "It's always been a tough place to play for me. I don't expect it to be any different this time. You hear all kinds of things from the stands, but the bottom line is they support their team."
Reeves' success on the road has been overshadowed by the quarterback coach's role as the most dynamic in the league.
Atlanta has Michael Vick, the No. 1 overall pick in last year's draft who became a full-time starter this season and carried the wild-card playoff berth. Last week, he led Atlanta to a 27-7 win in Green Bay, beating the Packers as much with his legs as with his arm, something he's been doing all year.
The Eagles, who earned home-field advantage in the conference with a 12-4 record, have Donovan McNabb, Vick's close friend, who will be making his first start since breaking his right ankle on Nov. 17. Coach Andy Reid made that official on Wednesday, although the Eagles



Atlanta's Kelon Carpenter (29) and Juran Bolden (21) celebrate after an interception in the fourth quarter of the Falcons' 27-7 win over the Packers in the NFC wild card game Jan. 4 in Green Bay, Wis.

were 5-1 with Key Detmer and A.J. Feeley at quarterback.

McNabb, who likes to think of himself as a conventional quarterback despite his scrambling ability, has changed his tune this week. He says he'll surprise people who think his injury will limit his mobility.

Because of the Vick-McNabb matchup, Reeves' remarkable playoff record hasn't gotten much attention this week. He is in his league-high 22nd consecutive year as an NFL head coach — first with the Broncos, then the Giants, and for the last six seasons with Atlanta. His success started 16 years ago, when his Broncos won the AFC title game in Cleveland in overtime, after John Elway led a 98-yard drive in the final five minutes to tie it.

But his best coaching job may have come four years ago, when he took the Falcons into the Metrodome for the NFC title game and upset the Vikings 30-27

in overtime.

That ended a 10-game home winning streak by Minnesota and was accomplished without one illegal procedure penalty, something that had plagued other teams in the din of that indoor stadium.

Then there was last week's upset in Green Bay, the first loss for Brett Favre in temperatures under 34 degrees.
Despite those victories, Reeves has never won a Super Bowl as a head coach, although he has rings from his time as a player and assistant in Dallas. He's been there four times — with Denver after the 1986, 1987 and 1989 seasons, and again after the win in Minneapolis.

In that game, he lost to his old team, the Broncos.
Reeves has been coaching for more than two decades despite heart problems that began when he was in his 40s at Denver. In the Super Bowl season, he underwent bypass surgery and

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— Atlanta coach Dan Reeves

returned to the sideline less than a month later.

"We had won two games and I didn't want them to think they could win without me," the 58-year-old Reeves said.

Asked about the pressure of remaining in a high-stress occupation, Reeves repeated what he said 15 years ago after his heart problems first surfaced.

"I'd feel more stress if I wasn't doing this," he said.

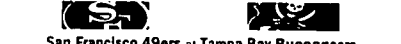
Mariucci, Gruden focus on future, put past aside

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Steve Mariucci hasn't spent much time thinking about what might have been if he hadn't waffled on an offer to coach the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last year.
A friend and former colleague Jon Gruden wound up with the job, and their teams meet Sunday in an AFC divisional playoff game.

"It was interesting. It was flattering, you know, those sort of things," Mariucci said of the interest the sons of Buc owner Malcolm Glazer expressed in hiring him as coach and general manager 11 months ago.
Mariucci met with the Glazers for six days in a Los Angeles hotel last February and agreed to consider their offer overnight. But sensing the coach was reluctant to leave the 49ers, the Bucs called Oakland owner Al Davis and a deal to pry Gruden from the Raiders before Mariucci even had a chance to accept or reject Tampa Bay's offer.

The 49ers coach said he has no regrets.
"I needed to do what was best for their team and their organization. I needed to do what was best for my team, this organization, my family, and those sort of things. It all worked out very well. I think, for everybody involved," Mariucci said.
Gruden was Tampa Bay's first choice after Bill Parcells backed out of a contract he signed to replace Tony Dungy. The Glazers turned to other potential candidates, including Mariucci, when it appeared the Bucs and Raiders

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF MATCHUP



San Francisco 49ers at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Raymond James Stadium, Sun., 11 a.m. (MST), FOX

11-6	Record	12-4
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Beat Giants 39-38. Last week: Bye week; beat Bears 15-0, Dec. 29.

Offense
The Niners will need their running game, which ranked seventh in the NFL this season, to take pressure off Jeff Garcia. In a thrilling 39-38 win over the Giants, they scored the game's last 25 points in the final 17:03 after falling behind 38-14.

Defense
DE Andre Carter had a career-high 12.5 sacks and led the club for the second consecutive season. Safety Tony Parrish led the team with a career-high seven interceptions in his first season with the club.

Key matchup
San Francisco WR Terrell Owens vs. Tampa Bay defensive backfield

Owens, who caught 100 passes for 1,500 yards and 13 touchdowns during the regular season, came back with vengeance after nursing a groin injury. He had nine receptions for 177 yards and two TDs in San Francisco's 39-38 wild-card victory over the New York Giants. CBS' Ronde Barber, Brian Kelly and FS Dexter Jackson need to keep Owens in check.

SOURCES: NFL, Associated Press
would not be able to agree on compensation for Gruden.
Mariucci's uncertainty prompt-

received four high draft picks and \$8 million, and Gruden signed a five-year, \$17.5 million contract.

Besides the four seasons they spent working on opposite sides of the San Francisco Bay area, Gruden and Mariucci also worked together from 1992-94 as assistants under Mike Holmgren in Green Bay.

They're disciples of the West Coast offense and remain good friends, although Gruden said they have not discussed what transpired last winter when the Bucs approached both of them about moving to Florida.

"We've talked a couple of times professionally and a couple of times as friends. We never have brought that topic up," Gruden said. "It's obviously something that is done and over with. I'm sure he's very excited to be where he is and I'm very excited to be where I am."

The Bucs went 12-4 in their first season under Gruden, winning the NFC South. The 49ers (11-6) won the NFC West and rallied from a 24-point deficit to beat the New York Giants 39-38 in the first-round of the playoffs last week.

As head coaches, Gruden and Mariucci have faced each other once in the regular season, with Oakland defeating San Francisco in 2000. Both reject the idea that their familiarity will factor in Sunday's game.

"I think that is overrated because there are so many guys that are familiar with each other throughout the league," Mariucci said.

Titans

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"If history is any guide, it won't be easy in this matchup of former AFC Central rivals. They traditionally beat up each other, especially under Cowher and Titans coach Jeff Fisher.

Pittsburgh has dominated the series, winning 40 of 67 games. The Steelers have won three playoff games, including two AFC titles when the Titans were the Oilers.

Pittsburgh's last playoff victory over the franchise came in 1989, coincidentally when the Steelers' last postseason victory away from home.

The Titans are interested only in the present. After a 1-4 start, Tennessee has won 10 of its last 11 games.
"We've come a long way, but

right now we're within reach of our ultimate goal," Titans running back Eddie George said. "And that's going to the Super Bowl and having the opportunity to win."

A victory lets Tennessee play for the AFC championship for the second time in four years. Pittsburgh is looking for its fifth appearance under Cowher and 12th in franchise history.

The Titans might have the edge with a healthy Steve McNair. When Tennessee beat Pittsburgh 31-23 on Nov. 17, McNair was hampered by a sore right toe. He hasn't been this healthy since October.

Pittsburgh has Tommy Maddox, the quarterback who does not know how to quit.

The comeback player of the year rallied the Steelers from 17 points down last week. Now, he has a chance to erase the memory of his worst game in the Super Bowl and having the opportunity to win.

The Steelers and Titans rank first and second, respectively, in the NFL against the run. Both defenses have struggled against the pass this season.

Pittsburgh, which has given up 217 yards the last two games, likely will have cornerback Chad Scott back despite a broken right thumb.

Titans cornerback Samari Rolle will be ready, too. He didn't like reading Burress' comments

on how much help Rolle had holding him to four catches, despite playing man-to-man coverage in November.

Tennessee also will have defensive end Jevon Kearse. The Titans sacked Maddox just once in November while Kearse was sidelined with a broken foot. On Saturday, he will line up on either end for a defense that has given up just 15 points per game since Oct. 13.

The Steelers may wait until kickoff to see if linebacker Kendall Bell can play with his sprained left ankle.
"We're not making any excuses," Cowher said. "We're going to go down with who we have healthy and see if we can find a way to win."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Best Buy Co. shuts 110 music stores

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Best Buy Co. abruptly closed 110 music stores this week, but the Sam Goody stores in Twin Falls and Burley because of a continued decline in pre-recorded music sales and the slowdown in mall traffic.

The shuttered stores represent 5 percent of Musicland's annual sales and 5 percent of its square footage. Best Buy Co. has closed 160 music stores this fiscal year, compared to the 50 or 60 that Musicland has historically closed, spokeswoman Lisa Hawks said.

Best Buy Co. said it closed the outlets because of "a continued decline in pre-recorded music sales and the slowdown in mall traffic."

J.C. Penney plans cuts in catalogue business

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co. said Friday that it will cut about 2,000 jobs and close three facilities related to its catalog business, which has been struggling with falling sales.

The company — which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley — said it plans to close a catalog-fulfillment center in Atlanta and telemarketing centers in Atlanta and Lenexa, Kan., by the end of the second quarter.

The moves come amid a restructuring of the catalog business that the company expects to save about \$30 million a year beginning in 2004. It also reduced the size of its Big Book catalog and dropped several unprofitable specialty catalogs.

December's sales for the catalog division were down 23.7 percent compared with the previous year. At the same time, the company's department stores reported better than expected sales.

Albertsons wins award from Defense Department

BOISE — Albertsons has won a Department of Defense award for expanding benefits to employees in the National Guard and Reserve who are called to active duty.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Albertsons changed its military leave policy, agreeing to pay employees the difference between their military pay and their pay from Albertsons. The company — which has Magic Valley stores — also decided to continue the employees' company benefits for the duration of their tours.

The award came from the Idaho Chapter of Defense's National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Federal law requires companies to keep the jobs open, but it does not require them to make up the difference between military and civilian pay or to continue company benefits such as health insurance.

Buyer of Camas Prairie railroad line adds link

COTTONWOOD — A Missouri man who is saving the Camas Prairie rail line from Spalding to Craigmont has decided to include the stretch to Cottonwood.

Mike Williams of B.G.C.M. Railroad announced in December he bought the line from Spalding to Craigmont.

But just as a salvage company was about to pull the rails and ties from the Cottonwood section of the line late last week, he decided to buy that portion as well. Williams plans to run the line for freight traffic.

"I got down to the wire," Williams said. "I don't know if it's the right thing to do, but if it would have gotten torn out, I would have been sick."

Cottonwood Mayor Dawn Huntley said he was pleased the rails would remain.

Williams expects to begin talking with shippers and assessing needs on the line this weekend. After that, he will send crews and equipment from his company in Missouri to make any repairs.

compiled from wire reports

Better than expected

M-C employment rate isn't far out of line with average

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Joblessness in Mini-Cassia — though already high and on the rise — isn't far out of line with the area's average.

"It's very bad, but it's still a little more moderate than we had thought, and hopefully that trend will continue," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho

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Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

Ideally, he said Friday, Mini-Cassia consumers and employers will remain confident despite the fall's 168 permanent layoffs from J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn potato-processing plant, and almost 50 at

A look at



labor

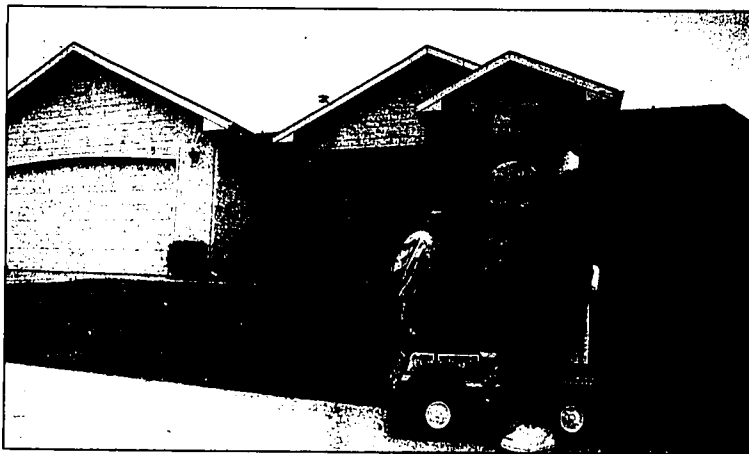
Kraft Foods' North America's Rupert

cheese plant.

Minidoka County's unemployment rate last month remained unchanged from November's 7.5 percent, the Labor Department forecast Friday. Cassia County's rose

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOME SCHOOLING



Brody and Meckenzie Miller, along with their 18-month-old son Roper, kneel in front of their new home Wednesday in Middleton. The Millers took part in a special class for first-time home buyers which helped them with the purchase of their home.

Would-be homeowners hit the books in exchange for down payment

The Associated Press

BOISE — Meckenzie and Brody Miller were almost ready to buy their first house. They were preapproved for a loan, they had chosen a home and agreed on a price.

Now all they had to do was go to the Millers took advantage of a growing trend in real estate loans — in exchange for attending home buyer education classes, they were granted the money for their down payment.

It's a system that not only eases the financial burden of first-time home buyers, but reduces the risk taken by lenders since few homeowners who attend the classes default on their loans.

Lucien Semaha, a manager

with Neighborhood Housing Services, administers the Finally Home! classes in the Boise area for the nonprofit Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. The College of Southern Idaho fills that role in Twin Falls and Sun Valley.

"People who attend home buyer education are better risks and they know how to manage their life as a homeowner better," said Semaha. "I would say that 99.9 percent of people who are delinquent on their home loans did not receive home buyer education."

The three-day, three-hour-long classes cover the basics, starting with the costs of buying a home and ending with tips on preventing foreclosure. In between, Semaha and guest presenters discuss mortgages, credit, home

inspections, maintenance and other details.

For Meckenzie and Brody Miller, 22 and 26, the classes meant they could move out of their rented trailer and into a three-bedroom home for just \$500 out of pocket. They received \$2,500 in grant funds — enough to cover the down payment on their \$97,500 Middleton home.

Without the grant program, Meckenzie Miller said, it would have taken the young family at least two years to save enough for a down payment.

"I'm a stay-at-home mom — Roper's just 18 months old — and Brody's a student and a rash manager," she said. "We wouldn't have been able to get a house until my husband was

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For more information about Finally Home! classes, call the Boise office at 739-0287, or to register, call the College of Southern Idaho at 739-0287.

Local classes calendar are posted online at www.inbo.org/norport/homebuy or <http://nhd.casosd.org/nhd>. Classes start at 6 p.m.

Twin Falls dates:

- Jan. 21, 26
- March 11, 18
- April (online at CSI.edu)
- May 13, 20
- June (online)
- July (online)
- Aug. 11, 18
- Oct. 21, 28
- November (online)
- Dec. 8, 15

San Valley dates:

- Feb. 24, 25
- Sept. 22, 29

Kmart plans to close 300 more stores

Knight Ridder News Service

TROY, Mich. — Kmart Corp. is finishing its latest store closing list, and people familiar with the Troy retailer's bankruptcy say slightly more than 300 stores across the country will be shut this time.

The battered discount — which has a Twin Falls store — began discussing the list this week with businesses with a stake in Kmart's future and could reveal which stores will be closed in court filings Tuesday, they said.

Kmart spokeswoman Lori McTavish said late Thursday that as part of its restructuring, "Kmart expects to complete the evaluation of its store base in mid-January in order to seek approval of the bankruptcy court" at its Jan. 28 hearing.

"The company expects to continue the evaluation up until the time it makes its announcement, first to associates and then to the public," McTavish said.

Employees across the country who survived the first round of store closings that were announced in March were wait-

List of intended closures may come Tuesday

ing nervously this week for more bad news from Kmart's Troy headquarters. Those closings included Kmart's Burley store. Kmart filed the largest retail bankruptcy in history Jan. 23, after losing more than \$2.4 billion in 2001 and running out of money to pay its suppliers.

The first round that closed 283 unprofitable and poorly performing stores tossed 22,000 workers out of jobs without benefits or severance pay.

A year into its reorganization, Kmart has lost another \$2 billion and is battling monthly declines in same-store sales of as much as 17 percent.

Analysts have said the company needs to close hundreds more stores if it is to have a chance to become profitable and compete in a retail world dominated by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest company and now the

country's largest grocery store chain.

The closings the first time round were conservative," said Barry Klein, chairman of Barry M. Klein Realty Enterprises in Farmington Hills, which provides development and brokerage services for retail properties. "That was good, that was prudent, cautious and conservative."

"Under these circumstances, with the economy ... and the losses, they have to perform more radical surgery," Klein said.

Kmart had 2,114 stores when it declared bankruptcy. Another 300 store closings would make it a chain of just over 1,500 stores.

Ulisses Yannas, an analyst at Buckman, Buckman & Reid in New York, said Kmart can survive — and prosper — a third smaller than it was before declaring bankruptcy.

"First of all, they are getting rid of stores that are underperforming," Yannas said. "Second, they have had a problem in terms of their logistics. Fewer stores, if properly done, fewer logistical problems."

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Judge orders release of bank papers

Knight Ridder News Service

SALT LAKE CITY — A New York judge has ruled that a law firm's documents related to Wells Fargo Co.'s acquisition two years ago of Salt Lake City-based First Security Corp. must be turned over to shareholders who are suing First Security's officers and directors.

Leland Stenovich of Elko, Nev., and other First Security shareholders filed a class action lawsuit in Utah just weeks before Wells Fargo completed its acquisition of First Security — which had been branches in Magic Valley — on Oct. 26, 2000.

They alleged First Security's board of directors, including Stenovich and other directors, breached their fiduciary duty to shareholders by failing to get the best deal possible for their company's stock.

The New York City-based law firm of Wechsall, Lipson, Rosen & Katz advised First Security on the acquisition and resisted disclosing documents related to the deal, arguing they were subject to the attorney-client privilege.

But Justice Charles J. Tejada of the Manhattan Supreme Court ruled the law firm must disclose the documents under a fiduciary exception to attorney-client privilege.

"When a fiduciary retains an attorney to advise him or her in the exercise of his or her fiduciary responsibilities, his or her communications with that attorney are not absolutely protected from inquiry by the beneficiaries for whom the fiduciary performs," Tejada said in a Bloomberg News report.

The judge ruled the exception applied to documents dated before April 9, 2000, when First Security's board voted to approve its acquisition by Wells Fargo.

Although the class action lawsuit is pending in Utah's 3rd District Court, Salt Lake attorney Thomas Karrenberg, who is representing First Security shareholders, said an additional legal action was needed to be brought in the New York courts to get the law firm to turn over the documents.

"They (the law firm) were resisting at the request of First Security," Karrenberg said. "But the judge did not act giving us exactly what we wanted, although we have yet to receive the documents."

Ecies agreed to sell First Security to Wells Fargo just days after shareholders of Zion Bancorporation rejected their company's proposed acquisition of First Security. Stenovich's lawsuit argued that Ecies' decision to sell First Security to Wells Fargo was a rash decision motivated in part by the desire to spurn Zions, which was considering making another offer for First Security.

First Security argues since the deal with Wells Fargo involved a "stock-for-stock merger" and was not a sale, its directors had no duty to explore alternative transactions.

Analysts predict slow growth for Idaho economy

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — An economist with Wells Fargo Bank told several hundred business leaders this week that Idaho's economic growth will be slow.

Kelly Matthews, executive vice president and economist for Wells Fargo, said job growth could help pull the state's economy out of lean times. He spoke during the bank's annual economic forecast meeting.

Matthews said the outlook for high-tech industries remains uncertain and the unemployment rate has increased, while the state faces a \$160 million revenue shortfall for the budget year.

"Growth in jobs is probably the medicine that would (fix) any of those ills," Matthews said. Despite the poor economy, automobile sales rose 2 percent and home building permits increased almost 3 percent.

"Unfortunately, the real strong activity in automobile and housing sales were based on the

declining interest rate phenomenon rather than job growth," he said.

Growth would likely come from the technology sector, Matthews said.

He pointed to Micron Technology's decision to lay off very few of its 10,000 Boise employees — despite \$316 million in product losses — as being a critical factor affecting the outlook.

"It's hard to overestimate the role Micron plays in the economy of the state," he said. "We should really hope Micron's operating model of keeping its work force intact can be successful."

Matthews also predicted that the personal income of Idahoans would grow 4.5 percent and the state's unemployment rate would remain near stagnant. "Single-family building permits will decline 10 percent, he said, and total construction would drop 11 percent, to \$1.7 billion."

He predicted taxable retail sales will rise 4 percent.

Rate of Idaho jobs

Idaho's unemployment rate in December, 25 percent, is nearly double the 12.5 percent rate reported for the state as a whole.

The decline in the state's December jobs rate due to seasonal factors is consistent with the national trend, where the unemployment rate held steady at 6 percent as a dismal holiday season cost over 100,000 retail and manufacturing jobs.

Idaho's improving job picture from November, however, was not felt uniformly. While Ada County, the state's largest,

...the unemployment rate in December, 25 percent, is nearly double the 12.5 percent rate reported for the state as a whole.

The Department of Labor on Friday reported that the unemployment rate in Idaho in December was 25 percent, up from 23.5 percent in November.

Jobs

Three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent as the rest of the people displaced by Simplot and Kraft showed up in the statistics, Rogers said.

Both Mini-Cassia rates are substantially higher than a year ago. January and February data will reveal something about the mood among other Mini-Cassia employers, Rogers said.

Of the 51 people laid off from Trelis-Servicing Innovations Inc. April call center in late November, 39 accepted similar jobs with Marketing Solutions

International Inc., which stepped in to take over the call center facility, said Brent Tolman, manager of Mini-Cassia Job Service.

"I'm not aware of any additional hires at this point," he said Friday.

On the other end of the valley, the three-county labor market of Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding again enjoyed one of Idaho's lowest unemployment rates.

In Twin Falls, Rogers said, "our consumers are very, very confident." Rapid housing construction has something to do with that, and mild weather has allowed building activity to continue.

If no big new business developments appear this year, 2003 might be a little slower economically than 2002, when Dell Computer Corp. brought hundreds of new jobs to town.

"You don't have Dell to pull out of your pocket every year," Rogers said. But, "I think relatively speaking, we'll still be better than the rest of the state."

Gooding and Jerome counties are among Idaho's employment leaders, both with jobless rates under 4 percent. Rogers credits healthy holiday hiring by Wal-Mart and other stores, and excellent stability in dairy and cheese-processing hiring.

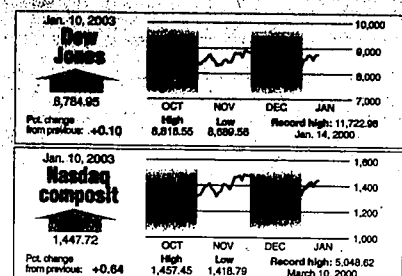
For Lincoln County's 5.4 joblessness - up from 4.6 percent a year ago - blame the absence of Blaine County road construction projects, which employed many Lincoln residents a year ago.

Also, Rogers said, Lincoln's convenience stores didn't hire as many people this year because traffic to Sun Valley wasn't heavy early in the winter.

Blaine County's rate, at 4.1 percent, was up half a percentage point from December 2001 due to that year's road construction, but was unchanged from November.

"They did most of their ski season hiring in November, so I think that's why it's steady from November," Rogers said.

For Camas County's rise in unemployment, blame later snow and a later opening for the Soldier Mountain ski slope than last year, he said.



Stocks rise despite news about jobs, North Korea

NEW YORK (AP) - Displaying more of its recent resiliency, the stock market rallied despite news that the economy lost jobs last month and that North Korea was pulling out of anti-nuclear weapons agreement.

Although modest, the market's gains built on Thursday's big rally, an indication that investors are feeling confident enough in the economy to place more bets rather than cash in profits.

After falling as much as 86.60 in early trading, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 8.71, or 0.1, at 8,784.89. Lifted mostly by a Thursday's 180-point surge and a 171-point rally on Monday, the Dow posted its second straight weekly advance, climbing 2.1 percent.

On Friday, the Nasdaq composite index advanced 9.26, or 0.7 percent, to 1,447.72. For the week, the Nasdaq rose 4.4 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended Friday down 0.01 at 927.57. For the week, the S&P rose 2.1 percent.

Analysts expected jobs to rise by 30,000. But the market still rose despite news that the economy lost jobs last month and that North Korea was pulling out of anti-nuclear weapons agreement.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Dr	Last	Chg
ADG	31	80.00	-0.25
ADP	24	31.00	-0.10
ADT	11	11.00	-0.05
ADV	15	15.00	-0.10
ADW	10	10.00	-0.05
ADZ	12	12.00	-0.05
ADY	14	14.00	-0.05
ADX	13	13.00	-0.05
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MARKET SUMMARY

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Dow Jones	8784.89	+8.71
Nasdaq	1447.72	+9.26
S&P 500	927.57	-0.01
Russell 2000	412.12	+1.12
NYSE	1.874.559.990	+1.874.559.990
AMEX	186.873.865	+186.873.865
NASDAQ	1.624.767.455	+1.624.767.455

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Stock	Dr	Last	Chg
AAOI	1	1.00	-0.05
AAW	2	2.00	-0.10
AAZ	3	3.00	-0.15
AAA	4	4.00	-0.20
AAE	5	5.00	-0.25
AAF	6	6.00	-0.30
AAH	7	7.00	-0.35
AAI	8	8.00	-0.40
AAJ	9	9.00	-0.45
AAK	10	10.00	-0.50

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ADT	11	11.00	-0.05	
ADV	15	15.00	-0.10	
ADW	10	10.00	-0.05	
ADZ	12	12.00	-0.05	
ADY	14	14.00	-0.05	
ADX	13	13.00	-0.05	
ADV	15	15.00	-0.10	
ADW	10	10.00	-0.05	
ADZ	12	12.00	-0.05	
ADY	14	14.00	-0.05	
ADX	13	13.00	-0.05	

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Stock	Dr	Last	Chg
AAOI	1	1.00	-0.05
AAW	2	2.00	-0.10
AAZ	3	3.00	-0.15
AAA	4	4.00	-0.20
AAE	5	5.00	-0.25
AAF	6	6.00	-0.30
AAH	7	7.00	-0.35
AAI	8	8.00	-0.40
AAJ	9	9.00	-0.45
AAK	10	10.00	-0.50

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These are the 225 best performing stocks in the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed below. Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each sector's list.

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Table of closing futures prices for commodities including Man Commodity, Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, and various oil products.

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Table of bean prices for various types like Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour.

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CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like Cheddar and Swiss.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for different grades and varieties.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various grades and types.

CORN

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Table of livestock prices including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Large table listing various mutual funds, their performance, and other details.

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Germany destroys bunkers built by Hitler

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The government began tearing down six more bunkers from Hitler's infamous West Wall Thursday against the wishes of some German historians and war veterans who want the remaining concrete and steel fortifications served as historic memorials.

The leader of the Third Reich built 20,000 bunkers, trenches and tank dugouts along a 940-mile line, also known as the Siegfried Line, stretching along the German border from near Basel, Switzerland to Kiev in northern Germany.

Pneumatic drills pounded away Thursday on the first of six structures to be demolished this winter after the local government in the village of Rheinau, on the French border and 105 miles southwest of Frankfurt, complained the bunkers were a safety hazard. The federal government worried they were potential gathering place for neo-Nazis.

Some historians have argued tearing down the remnants of World War II will not change the facts of history and what is left of the West Wall should be saved as a memorial.

"It is a basic question of how we handle these relics of our history," said Hans-Ulrich Thamer, a history professor at the University of Muenster. "Either you try to preserve it or you just tear it down, but I don't think that is the best way."

Veterans groups complain that destroying the bunkers is disrespectful to the tens of thousands of soldiers who died in the war. Even environmentalists are rushing to defend the hulking emplacements, saying they are a haven for bats and other rodents.

Only half of the original 20,000 bunkers fortifying the West Wall remain. Most of the others were destroyed shortly after the Allies broke through the line in the winter of 1944-45 in battles that killed huge numbers of German soldiers.

Federal authorities have been tearing down the bunkers at a rate of 100 to 200 a year, usually at the request of municipalities or homeowners. The government eventually intends to remove all

Bunkers destroyed

The first of six large bunkers outside Rheinau, Germany, was torn down Thursday for safety reasons. The bunkers were part of Adolf Hitler's West Wall, a 940-mile-long buffer of bunkers and trenches built from 1936-1940 to defend against Allied invasion.



SOURCES: Associated Press "Chronological Atlas of World War Two" by Charles Messenger

the remaining bunkers, except several hundred individual structures already designated historic monuments and preserved at a cost of \$36.7 million. Opponents of demolition want all that remain to be left in place.

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ADDITION ON TO THE LORD'S HOUSE

Community Christian Church expands

By Tom Schaefer

TWIN FALLS—Facilities expansion at Community Christian Church is allowing the congregation to grow. Bob Adams, church pastor, said growth had previously been limited by building size.

Adams said numbers remained flat for about a dozen years, and renovation should probably have been undertaken two decades ago. But the congregation was not ready to take the step at that time.

"We're right at about 60 or 70 right now," said Adams of church membership numbers. He added that the church is currently doing a good job of reaching out to people going through difficult times and adding them to the fold.

The church is now six and a half years into its construction phase. Adams said a number of people contribute regularly to the building fund, and everyone is donating time to help. He said two or three men who are retired come just about every day, putting in anywhere from six to eight hours of labor four or five days a week.

"All I have to do is say, 'Here's what we want to get done,' and I just walk away from it and the guys do it," Adams said.

He said doing a little bit at a time has meant adding a 65-by-64-foot addition and a 14-by-38-foot entrance area. About 20 feet has been added to the auditorium, plus a kitchen, two offices, rest rooms and a new nursery.

In the nursery, one of its walls has windows parallel to a hallway with windows on an outside wall, allowing daylight to brighten the room.

"What's beautiful on top of that is that Mom and Dad, if they want to, can walk by and look through the window and see how baby is doing without baby necessarily seeing them," Adams said.



Bob Adams installs a speaker at the Community Christian Church in Twin Falls. Over the last six years, the church has more than doubled the size of its building, using labor donated by the congregation.

Community Christian Church
 Where: 303 Grandview, Twin Falls
 When: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible study, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 6 p.m. Sunday prayer time, 8 p.m. Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

When everything is finished, Adams said, the church will have less than \$100,000 into the project, whereas hiring everything done would have cost more than double that amount.

A few special items, such as a kitchen stove and a chandelier for the entrance, were paid for by recycling aluminum. The rest has been completed on a pay-as-you-go basis. Recently, the church borrowed some money to pay for big ticket items like carpet and lighting.

"It's like God was training me so I could kind of be a supervisor on this thing," he said, of the Twin Falls project.

In the last half dozen years, he said, the face of the church property has changed a great deal. Where there used to be a weed patch, there is now a nice lawn and vinyl fence.

Before the remodeling is complete, the parking lot must be paved. This will be expensive, so it might be a while before it is done, Adams said.

"We're hoping to be finished completely within the next year."

BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

AMERICAN 100

They say the divine presence is there, that for certain, he will be as much as the other "human" figures of the other "human" figures and other Protestant opponents.

The scene is from the movie "The Godfather," a classic account of the struggle by 19th-century immigrants to find their place in America as rival ethnic groups choose sides to control the land and ultimate destiny of a still-developing country.

It's not a movie for those with weak stomachs, but filmmaker Martin Scorsese has pealed back layers of 19th-century New York to reveal a slice of America that people need to ponder. All the ugliness of an area of Lower Manhattan called Five Points is laid bare: the prejudice, brutality, racism, political chicanery and immorality.

Competing gangs have one thing in common: an uncompromising belief that God is on their side and that they must and will prevail. The prayers of their leaders, calling on God for vengeance, are chilling. Godly, history is rife with such injustices.

The pedantic sings of vengeance to the Edomites for their destruction of Jerusalem: "Happy shall be he who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!" (Psalm 137:9)

The Quran refers to the battles fought in defense of the faith: "Then We said: Go you both to the people who rejected Our communications; so We destroyed them with utter destruction." (Sura 25:36)

Today, suicide bombers in the Middle East seek what they believe to be divinely sanctioned justice. Israelis, with their understanding of biblical messages, undergirding their actions, retaliate with swift and deadly force.

The United States is poised to defend its way of life and to destroy a brutal dictator — and countless others — by attacking Iraq. Civil religion will likely be the rallying cry if war comes. And so it has been and will ever be: religion and war inexorably linked. Prayers reach the heavens imploring God to exact justice, for real or alleged offenses, on one's enemies.

In "Gangs of New York," it's the struggle to see how each leader has defined God in his own image. The Irish-American leader calls on the Archangel Michael, who threw down Satan from heaven, to guide him and his gang of immigrants in battle. He also asks that the Virgin Mary fill his heart with love. The Navitv's leader, who controls a Protestant anti-immigrant gang, asserts his duty to defend America against "invading hordes" and calls on God to lead the way. His hatred is matched only by his cruelty.

As the fight begins, the city is plunged into four days and nights of rioting: the 1863 Civil War Draft Riots. The violence is no respecter of person, class or ethnic group. Force begets force, death follows death. Buried deep in the story is the struggle to have mercy and understanding and good will.

As the movie points out, what began in the hellish Five Points of New York is still abhorring.

Nearly 140 years later, it's our choice: Do we seek life or death?

What should those of us who believe in divine involvement in human affairs be praying for? Certainly not the brutal death of enemies. Nor a deserved victory for a seemingly noble cause. Those prayers have been uttered by untold millions, and the outcome always results in devastation. Instead, we need to regain the humility of a humble faith, not arrogant power.

On the brink of war, this should be the prayer of those who look to God for guidance: "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit: A broken and contrite heart O God, they will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

Tom Schaefer writes for the Wichita Eagle.

The Catholic Church allows charismatic gatherings

By David Cho
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They are calling for Holy Spirit fire to fall at St. Anthony's of Padua in suburban Arlington. About 300 Hispanic Catholics are beckoning the skies with their arms, shouting in unison, "Fuego! Fuego!" The words are the chorus to a feverish Latino song and a request of heaven: The people want to see God manifest among them.

These Spanish-language charismatic gatherings take place every Sunday in the parish's cafeteria. At this evening's meeting, most worshippers are leaping to the ear-deafening music and others dancing in twirls. Someone lets out this mysterious uttering: "Shatakataru sumbadakatayae . . ."

The Rev. Paul Berghout, an associate parish pastor, is worshipping in the front — a white man in a Hispanic world. He says he's found a home here where he can openly exercise his spiritual gifts, such as speaking in tongues. Because there are few English-speaking prayer groups this expressive in the Diocese of Arlington, Berghout has had to learn Spanish.

"If I didn't have the Hispanic prayer groups, I would not have a place where I could worship" so freely, he says.

The meetings, which are thriving at Hispanic-dominated parishes nationwide, are a sign of how the face of the Catholic charismatic movement has changed radically from white to Hispanic in recent years. But even as Latino immigrants are reenergizing the movement, they have revived apprehension among the Catholics who frown



Above, a participant lies on the floor at St. Philip. Some worshippers collapsed in prayer as the priest prayed over them. Right, The Rev. Jose Eugenio Hoyos, director of Spanish charismatic renewal for the Arlington (Va.) Diocese, blesses participants at the end of a healing Mass at St. Philip Catholic Church in a Washington suburb. Charismatic gatherings are thriving at Hispanic-dominated parishes nationwide.

upon this form of worship. Religious scholars agree that if the Catholic Church had not allowed the Hispanic gatherings, it would have lost a huge percentage of its Latino population to rapidly expanding Protestant faiths such as the Assemblies of God. It is these immigrants who largely fueled Catholicism's growth over the past 10 years.

"The charismatic movement keeps a lot of Latinos Catholic," Berghout said. "By nature, (Latinos) are expressive, and if they are constantly frustrated by an institution, they are going to leave to go to a Pentecostal church."

But the Rev. Franklyn McAfee, head pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in suburban Great Falls, Va., said many priests in the Diocese of Arlington believe the Hispanic gatherings go too far and will not allow them in their parishes.

Controversy is nothing new for Catholic charismatics. After the movement was founded in 1967 by students at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, clergy members dismissed it as emotionalism. Other priests called it unhealthy and warned that it would pull people away from the faith. Yet the movement spread throughout the 1970s and early 1980s. In 1981, Pope John Paul II met with charismatic leaders

and expressed his approval. He said the Holy Spirit is the source of the gifts and a desire to evangelize.

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Terms used by Charismatics

• "The baptism of the Holy Spirit." Priests say this experience, first described in the Bible in the Book of Acts, is a person's awakening to the divine power of God and manifests itself in devotion, special gifts and a desire to evangelize.

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• "Meeting in the Spirit." While this phrase isn't mentioned specifically in the New Testament, the phenomenon is common at healing Masses. People describe it as fainting from the overwhelming presence of God and falling into a meditative or ecstatic state on the ground.

A faith dilemma: Are lottery winnings acceptable donations to church?

By Ken Gerfield
 The Charlotte Observer

Opposing lotteries is easy. Whether to accept gifts from lottery winners is a tough question for congregations divided over what to say to instant millionaires eager to write a check: "Thanks" or "No thanks?"

Personally, I couldn't imagine turning away money from that, knowing the good it

will do," said Donna Prunkl, communications coordinator for the N.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which is lobbying against a lottery for North Carolina. (Prunkl emphasized that she was only speaking for herself.) But AME Zion pastor Carl Glenn of Chester, S.C., said he wouldn't use a dime of winnings from the S.C. Education Lottery or any other lottery. "It could be more of a curse than a blessing," he said.

The issue is heating up as lottery stakes rise nationwide — and many search for a fast fortune.

In Hurricane, W.Va., Powerball winner Andrew "Jack" Whitaker said he plans to divide 10 percent of his \$113 million jackpot (after taxes) among three small churches of God congregations. One is Tabernacle of Praise in Hurricane. The Rev. C.T. Mathews said his 100 members — who annually give \$60,000 to the church — will

accept the gift graciously despite their opposition to gambling. The church may build a youth worship center with the \$5.3 million it anticipates.

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RELIGION

Church will hold council plan session

TWIN FALLS - A training/planning session to kick off a new church council format will be held Sunday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church. A potluck dinner after the 11 a.m. service will be followed by orientation and individual planning sessions for committees. The new plan replaces the former Council on Ministries structure. Dixie Sigler, heads the leadership team, which includes James Frisbie, Ron Jones, John Thibert, Eleanor Burkhardt, Helen Shewmaker, Cathy Poppo, Laura Corder and Ruth Kestie. Each team member will be a contact person for individual groups - trustees, Scouts, United Methodist

Women, United Methodist Men, program ministry areas. The plan was approved at the annual business meeting last fall.

Know Your Religion series will take place this week

The Know Your Religion lecture series sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Church Educational System will be held this week. All programs begin at 7 p.m. Rick Kent, institute instructor of the Utah, will speak Friday at the Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., on "Becoming a Perceivable Follower of Christ: The Pathway to Perfection." Rex C. Reeve Jr., professor of ancient scripture at Brigham Young

University, will speak Friday at the Twin Falls West Stake Center, 607 Harrison, and again, 10 at the Halley Chapel on Broadway Street on "The Holy Ghost: The Key to Living the Teachings in the Sermon on the Mount." Bruce Satterfield, religion instructor at BYU-Idaho, will speak Jan. 18 at the Twin Falls Stake Center, 100 W. 26 S. on "Developing and Maintaining Spirituality."

Victor Ludlow, professor of ancient scripture and coordinator of Near Eastern Studies at BYU, will speak Jan. 18 at the Jerome Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E., on "Unlocking the Book of Mormon: Jesus' Covenant People Discussed in 'Third Nephi.'" Ages 14 and up are invited; bring your scriptures. No tape recorders, please.

Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold luncheon

BEYBURN - The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold a nonsectarian luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe. The theme is "I can see clearly now." Bill Williams will present the program. Caroline Williams will speak and provide music. The public is invited.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomson, 1233 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSION

Several missionaries returned from leaving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve in England

Sharon Williams, 34, of Burley, will serve in the United Kingdom. She is a graduate of Kimberly High School and attended Boise State University (accounting). Her parents are Dave Moyleux of Kimberly and Jeanne Moyleux of Hollister.

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RELIGION LETTERS

Sharing faith demonstrates Christians' love of Christ

Sharing faith is Christ's chosen method for spreading the word. It's edifying the body of Christ. It demonstrates our love for him. We are commanded to do so. Christ desires to save all souls. Only redeemed sinners can tell lost sinners about Christ, witness against the false Christ who's coming first. Have you tried discussing with someone (their church) denominational beliefs? Some judge you falsely - that's your interpretation, that isn't for today - and deny reproving from Scriptures. Christians shouldn't be offended hearing God's gospel from other Christians, even in some interpretation disagreement. It's difficult discussing Christianity with those who have stoutheaded minds. People sit in church for years hearing common salvation that people learned as young Christians instead of being taught the faith once delivered to the saints. No wonder skepticism runs rampant, both in and out of

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when he tried to get them back. The Bible says that Moses taught to his God face-to-face and sometimes was even able to tell his God what he should do. But no one tells the god of nature what to do, for she is the giver and the taker.

WILLIAM HAFNER Twin Falls

Woman as temptress idea seems ubiquitous

The widowed mother-in-law of a friend of mine moved to Utah to be closer to her daughter. It was Sunday morning, she was driving to church when she spotted the Sunday school teacher walking along the road leading to church.

Brother Jones, would you like a ride to church? "Yes, thank you, Sister Smith."

Brother Jones (not his real name) then opened the rear passenger door and began moving Sister Smith's belongings on the back seat.

What are you doing? I'm making room on the back seat so that I can sit there.

Why don't you sit up front? Sister Smith, we have to give up every appearance of evil, and because sexual sins are so easy to fall into, we have to be separated. Sexual sins? Yes, the devil really tempts people with them.

Well, Brother Jones, I don't have a problem with sexual sins, but apparently you might, so why don't you get out of my car and walk to church?

Not understanding anything whatsoever regarding the age-old ideas of misogyny in his statements, Brother Jones alerted me from Sister Smith's car.

Understand that the idea that women are the temptresses and that most sexual sins are their responsibility, is seemingly ubiquitous.

JOHN WALSH Burley

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Major religions denounce cloning for human reproduction

By Richard N. Ostling The Associated Press

The Raelian movement may or may not prove it produced the first cloned human, but the sect can already claim another distinction: It is virtually the only religious group that says this type of reproduction is a good idea. In fact, the Rev. Eileen W. Lindner, who heads the National Council of Churches' new project studying biological technologies, knows of no faith besides the Raelians that advocates producing genetic duplicates of humans. This broad consensus on cloning is striking because religious bodies disagree on many issues. For instance, they divide over the related but distinct practice of therapeutic cloning, which destroys human embryos that develop stem cells and produce hoped-for medical advances. The first mammal to be cloned from adult cells was Dolly the sheep in 1996. But the moral debate over cloning people has raged at least since the 1960s, when prominent U.S. biologists mused about the possibility. The late Paul Ramsey, a Methodist ethicist at Princeton University, anticipated much of today's anti-cloning case in "Fabricated Man," published in 1970. Summarizing current religious attitudes against playing God and preserving the sanctity of human life, Philadelphia's Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua says that creating lives in the laboratory "reduces human beings to mere products of a manufacturing technique... The child it produces is wanted not for his or her own sake, but because he or she will carry traits that someone else values." A report last year from the conservative Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod said cloning is "a

On the Net

http://www.bioethics.gov/cloningreport

A report last year from the conservative Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod said cloning is "a fundamental assault on the created order of God" taught in the Bible, in which each child is unique. "Talk about having 'no given images,'" Lindner comments. "Einstein, Jesse Owens and Yo-Yo Ma all rolled into one! Where you have a superhuman, that is a kind of anti-secular ideology." Religious thinkers also echo standard secular medical ethics, typified by the 1947 Nuremberg Code, which requires research subjects' voluntary consent for experiments - an impossibility for the cloned child-to-be - and opposes physical and psychological harm to them. For example, the Rev. Richard Land, social-issues spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention, notes the premature aging among cloned mammals and says "sooner rather than later we are going to be presented with horrific human tragedies coming out of these laboratories." The 2000 General Conference of the United Methodist Church raised alarms over cloning's unresolved "social and theological ramifications: use or abuse of people, exploitation of women,

tearing of the fabric of the family, the compromising of human distinctiveness, the lessening of genetic diversity, the direction of research and development being controlled by corporate profit and/or personal gain and the invasion of privacy." The Roman Catholic view is distinct from that of many religious groups in that its opposition to cloning is part of the church's broader version toward any reproductive technique that divides conception from marital intercourse, including artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization. In its first report last year, the 18-member President's Council on Bioethics unanimously declared reproductive cloning "morally unacceptable" and urged a permanent, nationwide legal ban. (Though large majorities in both houses of Congress support a ban on cloning to create babies, only the House passed a bill last year that would prohibit both reproductive and research cloning. Proponents hope the new Senate will do the same this year.) But the council also listed the justifications that have been offered for the practice: Helping infertile or same-sex couples produce children, avoiding genetic diseases, providing a perfectly matched source for tissue or organ transplants, replicating a beloved spouse or child, producing offspring with desired genetic traits and simple freedom to do whatever people want.

No matter the result of the Raelian controversy, many observers believe human clones are coming. And since someday they "may walk among us," the Lutheran report teaches, Christians should not suppose that "some people either are more human or less human because of their origins."

Reverend: God condemns homosexuality

The Kansas City Star

Reader's Question: Recently my daughter told me what I had suspected, that she is gay, and I'm having a hard time accepting it. When I didn't actually know the truth it didn't bother me as much. Can you tell me something to make me feel better? I told her I loved her. The Rev. Tony Cobbins, Canon, Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.: It is always difficult when you discover something about your children that you did not know about them, especially when that something goes against the teaching and the principles that you raised your children to live by. For many parents, to find out that their child is homosexual is a devastating shock to say the least. I know that what I am about to say will not be well-received by many of the readers of this article. However, it is what I strongly believe. When it comes to the issue of homosexuality, we who are believers in the God of the Bible know that God strongly condemns the sin of homosexuality. Romans 1:26-27 speaks of God's displeasure with men and women turning to unnatural and vile affections in that men have turned to men and women have turned to women for sexual gratification. According to Scripture, this is wrong. Our society has developed into a society in which it is OK to be morally wrong as long as you are politically correct. Not being held accountable for it. I believe that it is more profitable for our society if we would concentrate on being morally correct rather than being politically correct. I would say to a parent or anyone else that is dealing with the sexuality of a loved one, you can hate the sin and yet love the person. And in loving the person you are free to tell the person how you feel about their lifestyle without having to turn them away in hate.

Faith Q&A

Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution in June urging N.C. congregations to reject gifts or donations that come from winning the lottery. United Methodist public policy executive Mark Harrison said he's heard of at least one worshipper putting a lottery ticket in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Take it out, he advises. Left to their own conscience, the faithful are divided. The Rev. Dave Holliday of First Baptist in Concord, N.C., said he'd turn down what he called "ill-gotten gain" and encourage the lottery winner to give to a charity other than a church. Currie would not accept a portion of lottery winnings. Who knows how many gifts have come from sources more questionable than a lottery, he said.

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Charismatics

Continued from C1 from around the world, a gesture that scholars say legitimized the trend. By the mid-1980s, this first charismatic surge began to peter out. Some experts say its members simply grew older and less emotional. Others say it lacked a new crop of strong leaders. Nationwide, the number of Catholic charismatics has shrunk from more than 500,000 in 1985 to about 200,000 today, said Walter Matthews, execu-

tive director of the National Service Committee of the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Locust Grove, Va. But the movement is growing again wherever Latino immigrants are settling. Charismatic worship is rooted in passages in the Book of Acts that describe "tongues of fire" falling on the heads of the early Christians at Pentecost. The first "baptism of the Spirit," as it is called, led them with healing powers, a fiery devotion to God, the ability to prophesy and

speak in tongues and a determination to evangelize the world.

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Lottery

Continued from C1 selling people who have gambled away their money. "Everybody has a right to be sanctimonious if they want to be," said Rush, who took home \$14.3 million in the lottery. His gifts of \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity and \$50,000 to the Rotary Club of Marco Island (Fla.) were accepted. Many religious groups - including Muslims and Southern Baptists - have long been on record against gambling. Jewish law frowns on gambling, too, particularly when it involves one gambler taking money from another, as in a poker game. "I think (a lottery) is a tax on the poor basically," said the Rev. Thomas Currie III, dean of the new Union-PSCE (Presbyterian School of Christian Education) in Charlotte. "It also holds out the prospect of a dream, that you can get something for nothing." The Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission encourages congregations to establish a policy of not accepting lottery or other gambling winnings before a member hits the jackpot. The Western North Carolina

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Mama's calling takes her behind bars



Sister Antonia comforts prisoner Jorge Villalobos. There is no one else to help me but Mother Antonia, he said.

Mother Antonia's former life emphasized charity

TIJUANA, Mexico — Sister Antonia is reticent about what she terms the "glamorous part" of her former life, growing up affluent and raising a family in Southern California. Her father ran an office supply business in Beverly Hills and her mother had Hollywood friends. Cary Grant was a neighbor. The nun still remembers his smile, and the patient kindness he showed to teenagers charmed like she once was. Her staunchly Irish Catholic family emphasized charity work. She married after high school, then raised her brood in Los Angeles' Granada Hills district. In the mid-1950s, her nephew died at City of Hope hospital in Duarte, Calif., and Sister Antonia, then known as Mary Brenner, began throwing Christmas parties for patients there. Soon she was organizing shipments of medical supplies from Southern California to Africa and India. Later came a stint helping the United Farm Workers and making visits with priests to prisons.

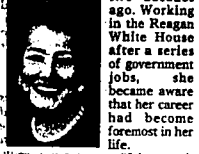
Except for visits with her children, public lectures on her work and periods of illness, she has not left the prison. Plagued by heart problems and shortness of breath, she has an oxygen tank in her cell.

Dole's message

Virtually every stop in her campaign for the U.S. Senate, Elizabeth Dole told a few ministers to turn her bully pulpit into one of a more traditional kind.

"I just want to ask you to be prayer warriors for me," she told audiences across the state of North Carolina. "Just lift me up that I may do God's will, whatever it is."

Dole — who was sworn in Jan. 7 as her father's surrogate in a stump speech. She often said the silver lining from Sept. 11, 2001, was the "spiritual renewal" that followed. She also talked about her own spirituality, and particularly the inspiration she finds in the writings of a 19th-century Scottish evangelist named Henry Drummond. Sometimes she spoke about her own epiphany two decades ago. Working in the White House after a series of government jobs, she became aware that her career had become foremost in her life.



Elizabeth Dole said, "I just realized that I wanted to reorder things so that I wanted that spiritual side to be the center of my life again."

In the years since, Dole, a Methodist, has offered many testimonials. She has spoken to religious groups for years and, shortly after beginning her campaign in 2001, flew to California to appear on televangelist Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power."

For Republicans, conservative Christians are an important constituency. But although Dole used the language of evangelicals — "prayer warriors," for example — she spoke about her faith to general audiences, as well as more religious ones. "It's my impression, particularly in the South, that it's not unusual at all for politicians to try to wrap themselves not only in the flag but the Bible," said Stanley Hauerwas, a native Texan who teaches ethics and theology at Duke Divinity School. "It goes hand in hand with the religiosity of the South."

But few politicians have spun religious themes into their campaigns like Dole. Speeches about Social Security and national defense were spiced with more spiritual matters. "It just sort of happened," she said this week. "This is the center of my life. Faith is very important to me."

Toward the end of her campaign, she came to invoke the work of Drummond. At barbecues and other campaign rallies, she shared the inspiration she found in his slim 1880 book, "The Greatest Thing in the World."

The book is a meditation on Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. "And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three," Paul wrote. "But the greatest of these is love." "For one who often describes herself as "mission-driven," Drummond's message hits home: "It explains what's really important in life. When all is said and done, when we're my mother's age — and I hope we live to be 101 — it's not going to be how much money you made, how many honors you received. The question will be asking ourselves is, 'Who did I stand for? Did I make a positive difference for others?'"

In previous visits of success and support to a seemingly endless number of prisoners and guards, the 70-year-old, who stands 5 feet 2, erupts in peals of laughter from dawn till dusk. With a mischievous chuckle, she confirms that prisoners have tossed their guns away when she has marched into the middle of their deadly riots. They don't want the woman they call "Mama" to see them fighting. Another chuckle accompanies her explanation of the way she was trained for life in a cell surrounded by 4,500 murderers, thieves and drug dealers. "I'm the mother of seven children," she said. "I'm prepared for everything."

A quarter-century ago, after her children were grown and divorce had filled her heart with sadness, Mary Clarke Brenner gave away her evening clothes, shut the door on her beach house in Ventura, Calif., and moved to a cell in Tijuana's La Mesa State Penitentiary. Until it was cleaned up last summer, it was one of Latin America's most lawless, violent prisons. For years, this daughter of Beverly Hills did her work here alone. But starting in fall, she began spending much of her time with a French nun from the order of St. John Eudes, working to form a new association to help other women in midlife who want to make the

same radical change. Unlike many Catholic orders that do not encourage older women to join, the order founded by Sister Antonia, the Servants of the 11th Hour, is designed for those who, if not quite in their 11th hour, are at least in the second half of their lives. Requests for information have flooded in from women as far away as Brazil and Colombia.

Sister Antonia is known as the "prison angel." Warden Sergio Ortiz Lara calls her "a great woman," with "a message of

peace, love a spiritual message." Clothing and medicine are hard to come by at La Mesa, and Sister Antonia spends hours trying to patch together basic goods and services, from bedding to dental care to medicine. She also helps with bail, using money raised at the soda concession she runs in the prison.

Her spare cell holds few possessions. A hard single bed occupies one corner, a mountain of toilet-paper rolls for prisoners the other.

Her love for the prisoners does

not mean she condones their acts: "There isn't anyone who hasn't heard my lecture on victims. They have to accept that they're wrong. They have to see the consequences. They have to feel the agony ... But I do love them dearly."

Three decades ago, she and a priest crossed the border to deliver supplies to Tijuana's city jail. They got lost, and wound up at the state prison. Sister Antonia was drawn to the need she saw there and soon fell in love with Mexican culture.

Conservative Judaism leaders will reopen homosexuality question

By Jeffrey Weiss
The Dallas Morning News

One of American Judaism's largest movements is poised to revisit a contentious question: What does God think about homosexuality?

The leaders of Conservative Judaism last debated the question 10 years ago and ruled that homosexual activity ran counter to Jewish law. Driven by some new leaders and inspired by a recent movie about gay Orthodox Jews, voices for change are hoping to

carry their argument this year to the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards that renders such rulings for the Conservative movement.

If the committee were to change its position, that could open the door for openly gay and lesbian Conservatives to become rabbis or cantors for the first time.

Judy Yudof, president of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, said recently that she is drafting a letter to the law committee asking that it reopen the debate. And the incom-

ing chairman of the committee is on the record supporting a change. A shift in the traditional Jewish condemnation of homosexual activity would come at a price, some Conservative leaders say. As with leaders of Christian denominations wrestling with the same basic question, some conservative Conservative Jews say that a new ruling could fracture their movement.

The head of one of two Conservative seminaries made that point last year after watching a movie, "Trembling Before G-d"

is a documentary about the much harsher relationship between Orthodox Judaism and gays and lesbians raised in that tradition.

American Judaism is divided into three major movements, and each movement has a different religious stand on homosexuality. For the Orthodox, people who are openly gay or lesbian are excluded from congregational life. Fewer than 10 percent of American Jews affiliated with congregations belong to Orthodox synagogues. For Reform Jews, gays and les-

bians are fully accepted in congregations and on the pulpit. More than 40 percent of synagogue-affiliated Jews in the United States belong to Reform congregations.

For Conservatives, gays and lesbians are fully accepted as members of congregations and are allowed to serve in any non-ordained congregational, administrative or educational position at the discretion of the rabbi and other congregational leaders. About 40 percent of synagogue-affiliated American Jews are members of Conservative temples



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Actor brings Meriwether Lewis to life in Hagerman

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The event is free to the public. Tim McNeil of Boise provides an interpretation of the 1804-06 expedition in character as Meriwether Lewis. He brings his character to life with costume, props and quotations from Lewis' journals - as he writes letters home about the journey, the society reported.

Lewis, personal secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, undertook an exploration of the Louisiana Territory and traveled westward to the Pacific Ocean. His journals and those of his Corps of Discovery provide a fascinating adventure story, as well as a significant scientific and historical record, the society reported. The expedition explored the Missouri River, crossed the Bitterroot Mountains, traveled on to the Pacific Ocean and returned to St. Louis, covering 8,000 miles of wilderness in 28 months.

McNeil has been on stage 35 years, having performed thousands of magic shows, hundreds of speaking engagements and in



Tim McNeil plays Meriwether Lewis. He will perform at a presentation hosted by the Hagerman Valley Historical Society on Tuesday.

dozens of community theater plays.

"This wasn't a canoe trip," McNeil said, "but an 8,000-mile wilderness journey, made accessible to us through their daily journals."

The one-hour presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session with "Meriwether Lewis."

The event is made possible by support from the Boise Cascade Corporation and funding from the Idaho Humanities Council, a

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Hospice volunteers - Hospice Visions is in need of volunteers. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Work with children - The America Reads program needs volunteers ages 55 and older to work with children in grades kindergarten through third. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Recliner, day bed - An elderly couple needs a good used recliner or day bed. Call Mindy at 736-2122, ext. 301.

The public service system is designed to match people in the community with people in need of volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Revised Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312.

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DECLO CITIZENS OF THE MONTH



Citizens of the month for October in Declo High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program were, from left, back row: Jeff Durfee, Brooke Whiting, Tara Rowe, Margarita Ramirez, Katie Wall, Brittany Mullen, Loretta Osterhout, Alex Peck and Marc Christensen; front row: Lacey Kuvana, Tamara Mahoney, Jordan Anderson, Brian Stoker, Hayden Carson, Monica Eck, Ashley Hunsaker, Nick Ramsey, Ashley Petersen, Jared Larsen and Kody Mangum. El Woolstenhulme and Whitney Erickson were not pictured. They were selected by the faculty for demonstrating exemplary citizenship. Each received a certificate and a gift certificate for an entree and a drink at the DHS Store. Their names were listed on the Citizenship Board at the school.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

B.J. Bridge Club announces weekly play results

RUPERT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Jan. 7 were, north/south first, Ella Annett and Lela Mowman; second, Harry Warnke and Bill Novasak; third, Billie Park and Laveda Moore; and fourth, Dot Creason and Norma Goodman. East/west winners include, first, Fann and Warren McEntire; second, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai; third, Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson; and fourth, Pat Adams and Marlene Temple. Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

NARFE hears about area fishing at regular meeting

TWIN FALLS - The local chapter 1959 of the National Associated of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Creekside Steakhouse, 233 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls. All retired and currently employed federal employees are encouraged to attend. Chuck Warren of the Idaho Fish and Game Department in Jerome will speak on fisheries biology, and provide area fishing information. For more information, call Lee Une at 326-5636.

20th Century Club holds luncheon meeting Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The 20th Century Club luncheon meeting will be held at noon Tuesday at

the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

The featured speaker will be Joe Cotterell, the director of outpatient services at BridgeView Estates.

For reservations or cancellations, call Maxine by Monday morning at 733-1654.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners:

Jan. 2: first, Marilyn Botkin and Doris Watts; second, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny and third, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Beverly Reed.

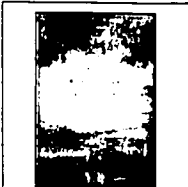
Jan. 4: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Renee Bulcher and Don Rahe; third, Marilyn Botkin and Mary Kielen and fourth, Bonnie Aspartare and Ruby Grimes.

Jan. 6: first, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny; second, Milo Pearson and Duane Schnebinger and tied for third, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney with the Hylton and Doris Watts.

Jan. 7 for north/south: first, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge; second, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle and third, Milo Pearson and Duane Schnebinger. East/west: first, Don and Lorna Bard; second, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Betty Sabo and third, Faye Koehnoff and Madeline Sawaya.

Thompson and Doris Watts. East/west: first, Perry Hackley and Kay Higer; second, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; third, Dick and Mary Cook and flight B, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem.

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. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.



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Castleford Men's Club seeks donations for auction

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Men's Club will hold its 30th annual community auction at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 in the Castleford High School cafeteria, 500 Main St.

Hundreds of donated items will

be auctioned by Master's Auction Service to support local Men's Club scholarships, the quick response unit, Jean Kinyon Memorial Park, Little League summer programs, Castleford School activities and Men's Club

community projects. Free coffee will be available all day, and lunch will be sold. For more information or to make a donation, call Reagan Hatch at 537-6828 or John Hurley at 537-6836.

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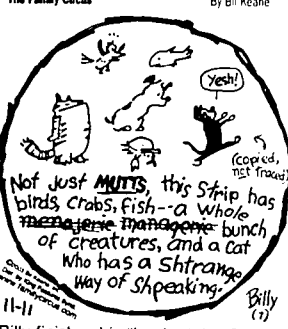
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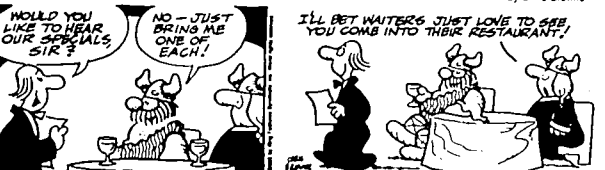
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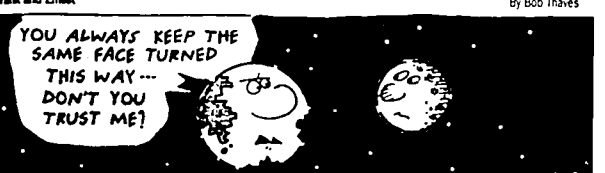
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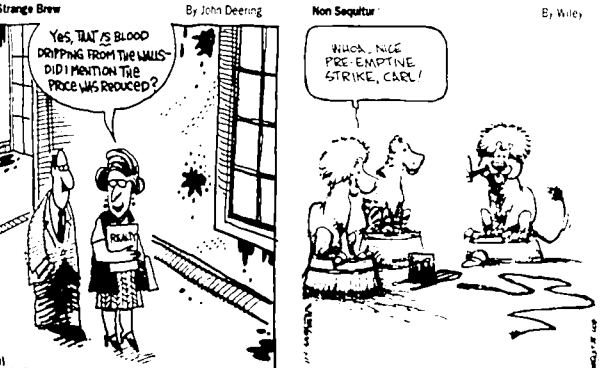
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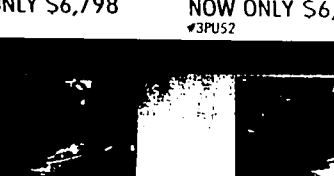
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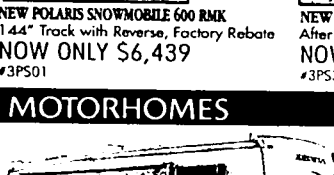
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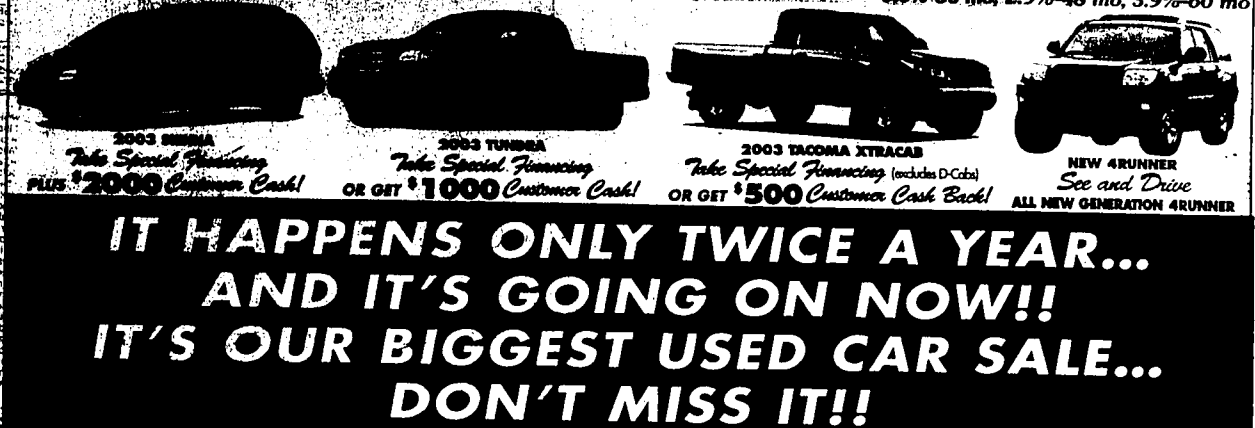
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