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Lawmakers end session

Legislature approves school funding package

The Associated Press

BOISE — Lawmakers concluded the longest legislative session in history Saturday after giving final approval to the last pieces



of a \$2 billion general fund budget. The final hours of the 118-day marathon saw the passage of a \$936 million package of school funding bills, up from the current year's \$920 million, plus a new \$7 million account that schools can

use if the economy continues to worsen and government agencies are required to cut more.

The final \$2,004,053,000 general fund budget was an increase of 1.8 percent from the current year's \$1.9 billion in projected expenditures.

Even so, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said Saturday evening after both the House and

Senate adjourned that he could not rule out a special session sometime later this summer, especially considering April revenue fell \$21.5 million short.

"That was a shot to the gut + it hurt," Kempthorne said.

The message was also clear to lawmakers, who, typically upbeat

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SO FAR, SO GOOD



Bruce Johnson, manager of The Chadwick Grille in downtown Burley, isn't sure how the phased-in closure of the J.R. Simplot Co. processing plant in Heyburn will affect his restaurant. Thus far, Johnson says, business at the year-old establishment has gone well. "It has been great," he said. "We have gotten tremendous community support."

COURTESY/THE TIMES-NEWS

M-C weathers Simplot, other layoffs, but more are coming

By Shaif Chawry
Times-News writer

BURLEY — He, too, faced a pink slip when a cornerstone of the community closed its doors.

Now, Bruce Johnson watches over a few business in Burley and wonders if displaced J.R. Simplot Co. workers will find new niches as he did. His and other business owners wonder how the closure of the Simplot processing plant in Heyburn, and other layoffs and slowdowns, will affect them.

Johnson managed Roper's in Burley until it closed in December 1999. With a pink slip from that firm, he had the opportunity to delve into a new field —

food.

He now manages The Chadwick Grille, which opened last May. Even in a not-so-healthy economy, Johnson says business at the restaurant is great.

Most business owners and managers in Mini-Cassia remain optimistic about what's to come. So far, no one has seen a major slowdown in business. The local housing market remains strong. The unemployment rate in Mini-Cassia has been fairly stable, averaging around 6.8 to 7 percent in April.

In general, the Mini-Cassia economy "seems to be doing a lit-

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Forklift driver bids for lower pay to avoid permanent layoff

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

PAUL — Cindy Gierisch is hatching another escape plan.

On her 44th birthday — May 2, 1997 — Gierisch learned her long-time employer would lay off nearly half of its work force at its

Heyburn potato processing plant. Gierisch got one of the nearly 400 dreaded notices from J.R. Simplot Co. But she bid for one of the remaining jobs and escaped that summer's downsizing.

Last May, on the day she turned 49, Gierisch and her co-workers were summoned to a meeting and informed the Heyburn plant would downsize in the fall and close in early 2004.

Gierisch thought her job was safe as long as the plant remained open. But last month the forklift driver learned otherwise. Simplot said it plans 52 more permanent layoffs May 21, and the Paul grandmother is on the list for displacement.

Cindy Gierisch

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A year after the announcement

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The Heyburn Plant Closure

7 days,
7 reasons to read

Fear obesity
Common health risks pose greater danger.

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Young artist
Burley student's talent wins awards.

Tuesday

Farmers markets
Produce fresh from the garden.

Wednesday

Going under
Divers find places for their sport in Utah.

Thursday

A song for mom
The Magic Valley Chorale sings for Mother's Day.

Friday

New priest in town
Check out what's new at St. Edward's.

Saturday

A grad's story
One College of Southern Idaho graduate took the long way to her dreams.

Sunday

NATION

Democratic presidential candidates try to set themselves apart in debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The nine Democrats vying for the White House clashed over the U.S.-led war against Iraq and the threat posed by Saddam Hussein Saturday night in an ultra early primary debate in which they hope to distinguish themselves from the pack.

The recent conflict — and the divisions among the candidates over the war — were evident in the opening questions. Asked about Howard Dean's argument that Saddam really wasn't much of a threat to the country, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut took issue.

"Absolutely Saddam Hussein was a threat to the United States and most particularly to his neighbors," Lieberman said. "We did the right thing in fighting this fight."

But Al Sharpton argued that "we could have disarmed



Sen. John Kerry

Iraq and the reconstruction of the war-torn nation.

And Lieberman offered a warning to all the candidates hoping to unseat President Bush in 2004, an argument certain to be part of his campaign platform.

"No democrat will be elected in 2004 who is not strong on defense," Lieberman said.

The debate came before most of the candidates have fully developed their positions for next

Hussein by working with the United Nations."

Sharpton and Carol Mosley Bruno, the former Illinois senator, also focused on the expense of U.S. forces in Iraq.

year's election. But with no clear front-runner, there is intense rivalry for the nomination, even among the longshots.

"The way to stop the donkey is to stop the donkey," Sharpton, warming up for the debate, told delegates at the state party convention Saturday afternoon. "I'm going to slap the donkey until the donkey kicks and we are going to kick George Bush out of the White House."

Democrats say Bush is vulnerable on the economy and repeatedly referred to growing unemployment and deficits during the weekend's activities in South Carolina.

"I'm running for president to put our economy back on a track that will put America back to work," Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry told the delegates. "The one person in America who does deserve to be laid off is George W. Bush."

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U.S. astronauts, cosmonaut head for Earth

ASTANA, Kazakhstan (AP) — Two American astronauts along with a Russian cosmonaut returned to Earth from the international space station Sunday in a cramped Russian capsule, the only way home after the Columbia space shuttle disaster.

The parachute landing in the isolated steppes of Kazakhstan in Central Asia ended a mission severely shaken by the Feb. 1 accident, which led to the grounding of the entire U.S. shuttle fleet and forced a change in travel plans for the astronauts

left stranded in space.

Rather than gliding to Florida in a shuttle, Kenneth Bowersox, Donald Pettit and their Russian colleague Nikolai Budarin rode in a Soyuz TMA capsule, just over two yards by two yards in size. Russian mission control announced the capsule's landing about three hours after it undocked from the space station.

They are the first NASA astronauts to land in a foreign spacecraft in a foreign land.

The return was more tense

than usual. Not only was it the first since the Columbia disintegrated over Texas, killing its seven astronauts — also, this new Soyuz model has never gone through a descent before.

Because of Columbia, "the eyes of the American public and Congress and everyone are going to be on this landing," said Dr. J.D. Holt, one of two NASA flight surgeons who headed to the landing site with two helicopter loads of medical supplies, along with U.S. Air Force medical personnel — just in case.

Powell tells Pentagon 'release prisoners'

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a strongly worded letter, Secretary of State Colin Powell has urged Pentagon officials to move faster in determining which prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay can be released, defense officials said Saturday.

Powell's April 14 letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld questioned the continued detention of some 660 prisoners from 42 countries who were

captured during the war against al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations.

A Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the "strongly worded" letter made it clear that the secretary of state wanted the Defense Department to quickly determine which prisoners could be released.

Human rights advocates also have repeatedly criticized the

Bush administration plan to hold prisoners indefinitely and without trial, charges or access to lawyers. And some groups last month called for the immediate release of juveniles when it was learned that several boys between ages 13 and 16 were being held at the naval base in Cuba.

Since the prison was opened in January 2002, only 22 people are known to have been released.

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Campaign finance Q & A

The Associated Press

Some questions and answers about the campaign finance law that a three-judge federal court panel has struck down key parts.

Q: What does the ruling say?
A: Political parties can return to raising soft money — corporate and union contributions of any size and unlimited donations from any source. The parties can spend any money on party-building costs such as get-out-the-vote drives and overhead, but not for issue ads or helping specific candidates.

The judges rejected a broad ban on election-time political ads by interest groups. That barred a range of groups — sometimes teamed with corporate and union money — from airing issue ads mentioning federal candidates in those candidates' districts in the month before two primaries of a general election.

But the court upheld backup rules blocking many groups from airing ads that promote, support, attack or oppose a candidate at any time. It remains to be seen how far interest groups can go when teaming candidates in ads. Also turned aside was a requirement that political parties choose between coordinating spending

with candidates — making the spending subject to federal contribution limits — and spending independently to help them, without limits.

The court upheld a tougher standard for determining how much interest groups, political parties and candidates can coordinate election activity before interest group or party spending is considered a donation to a candidate subject to federal limits.

Q: Did challengers to the law get everything they wanted?
A: No. They are likely to ask the Supreme Court to strike down the soft money ban, political ad restrictions and coordination rules entirely. Those suits cover the political spectrum, including the National Rifle Association, Republican National Committee, AFL-CIO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and California Democratic and Republican parties.

Those defending the law — including the government and the law's sponsors — are expected to ask the court to keep the whole law intact.

Q: If the Supreme Court gets the last word, does it really matter what the lower court did?

A: The lower court made it matter — at least for a few days — by putting its ruling into effect immediately.

Sponsors of the law say they will ask for an order to block the ruling from taking effect. Those challenging the law could do the same for parts of the ruling they oppose.

Q: What if the court ruling is not blocked right away? Will politicians start raising soft money again?
A: Party officials say it is too soon to decide whether they will raise soft money for next year's elections. If they do raise it, it is unclear what they could do with it leading up to the presidential election. The Supreme Court is not expected to hear the case until this fall at the earliest; and it could uphold the soft money ban, changing the rules again.

The Federal Election Commission may be asked by donors, candidates, parties and interest groups to spell out exactly what to do in the meantime.

Q: If the Supreme Court upholds the soft money ban, what kind of money could people give?

A: Limited donations known as hard money. Like the old rules, the new law lets individuals and political action committees — funded by individuals — give limited contributions. In fact, it lets individuals give twice as much as before: \$2,000 per candidate per election.

Report: Values advocate gambles

Author, former official gets high-roller treatment at Atlantic, Vegas casinos



Bill Bennett

WASHINGTON (AP) — William Bennett, the former Cabinet secretary and family values campaigner, is a high-rolling gambler who has lost millions over the past decade, according to published reports.

Casino documents show Bennett is a "public relations" in at least four venues in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, Newswatch and The Washington Monthly reported in stories posted Friday on the web. He has a revolving line of credit of at least \$200,000 at each casino, the magazine said.

The former drug policy director and education secretary under Republican President George H.W. Bush doesn't have to have money when he shows up at a casino, according to the magazine, which obtained internal casino documents.

Bennett, who wrote "The Book of Virtues," gets high-roller treatment, including limos and tens of thousands of dollars in complimentary hotel rooms and other amenities.

In one two-month period, the

documents show him wiring more than \$1.4 million to cover losses at one casino.

Some of his losses have been substantial. According to one casino source, on July 12, 2002, Bennett lost \$340,000 at Caesars in Atlantic City and on April 5 and 6 he lost more than \$500,000 at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. Some casino estimates put his total losses over the past decade at more than \$8 million.

When reached by Newsweek, Bennett said he didn't.

"Over 10 years, I'd say I've come out pretty close to even. You can roll up and down a lot in one day, as we have on many occasions. You can cycle several hundred thousand dollars in an evening and net out only a few thousand."

Applicants helped science grant managers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agency that awards billions of dollars in science grants allowed some recipients to pay the travel costs of the officials who doled out the money, documents show. The practice, in effect for 15 years, was stopped recently for fear it smacked of favoritism.

The National Science Foundation's inspector general found that 50 university-industry partnerships, which together receive \$5 million a year in grant

money, had paid travel costs, from rental cars to meals, for foundation employees.

The internal watchdog's report found no evidence of bias in the awarding of grants to those groups.

But applicants rejected for grants were likely to feel victimized by the reimbursement practice, according to the inspector general.

"This is not the type of perception that NSF would like to pro-

ject when it is responsible annually for awarding approximately \$4.3 billion in public funds," the report said.

The foundation, which makes grants to support scientific and engineering research, said it found nothing unethical in the practice and permitted the reimbursements because its travel budget was insufficient. Agency officials stopped the practice after the inspector general's audit last fall.

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Cops link gunshot victim to poisonings

CARIBOU, Maine (AP) - Investigators have information linking a farmer who died of a gunshot wound to the arsenic poisonings at a church lunch that killed one person and sickened more than a dozen others, authorities said Saturday.

The motive was still under investigation.

The shooting of Daniel Bondeson, 53, was reported to emergency officials Friday as self-inflicted, but investigators are awaiting autopsy results before officially announcing the cause of death, said Col. Michael Sperry, head of the Maine State Police.

Fifteen people were hospitalized and the 78-year-old caretaker at Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church in New Sweden died after drinking arsenic-laced coffee at a church reception on April 27. Two of the victims were still in critical condition Saturday.

Bondeson, a longtime member of the church, was found wounded in the entryway to his farmhouse on Friday and died hours later. His farm is a few miles from the church.

Bondeson was not among the roughly 40 people who attended



Maine State Police crime lab staff unload equipment at the home of Daniel Bondeson in Woodland, Maine on Saturday where he was found Friday with a gunshot wound. Investigators have information linking him to arsenic poisonings at a church lunch, which killed one man and sickened a dozen others.

services at Gustaf Adolph on April 27, and Sperry would not say if he

had attended a church bake sale the day before.

Bondeson's farmhouse still was being searched on Saturday and Sperry would not say if a suicide note was found or what information investigators had linking Bondeson to the poisonings. He said investigators were still seeking to determine if the gunshot wound was self-inflicted as well as other evidence.

"This is an open investigation. We're still looking at who was involved in this. But the shooting provided some significant information to guide us," Sperry said.

"We're looking into motive. We have developed information in the last 24 hours to indicate what that motive may be," he added.

Police have not ruled out the possibility that more than one person was behind the poisonings.

Investigators also searched a shed behind the white farmhouse. Authorities have said many farmers in this rural area still own now-banned pesticides that contain arsenic.

Bondeson was a potato farmer who also had worked as a teaching aide, substitute gym teacher and ski coach, residents said. Following his father's death a few years ago, he often lived alone.

States consider cuts to mental health programs

IOTA, La. (AP) - With Louisiana running low on cash, lawmakers are considering cuts at state centers housing more than 1,600 mentally retarded and disabled people - including Doris Pitre, 35-year-old son.

"Even the thought of closure, the fear sets in because you don't know what's going to happen to your loved one," she said.

Michael Pitre, who is autistic, has been at the Southwest Louisiana Developmental Center in Iota since 1983.

He cannot see, hear or speak, and when his bed was moved once, he attacked his own face.

"He abuses his face when there's change," said his mother, who now fears he will lose the bed altogether.

Thirty states have already slashed mental health care funding this year, said Erica Malik, program director for the nonprofit National Mental Health Association.

And with states in their worst fiscal crunch in a half-century, she said, at least 34 are looking at even more cuts for the upcoming fiscal year.

On the table are plans to close institutions, shrink the number of beds in mental health facilities and reduce community care options.

Malik said mental health advocates worry that states will shut down institutions without offering enough community services to take care of the residents forced out.

That could lead to a rise in everything from emergency room visits to the number of homeless and the mentally disabled in jails.

"The state ends up paying in much worse ways," Malik said.

Louisiana has nine state-owned developmental centers, more than most states.

The state has long been criticized for not trying to move enough people to community-based care, which in many instances can be cheaper and often is considered to offer a better quality of life.

Louisiana-lawmakers are still looking at the budget and the Department of Health and Hospitals is developing a plan if there are cuts. Agency Secretary David Hood said he would be surprised if any centers close, but the details are still being worked out.

"I certainly see belt-tightening going on, just like everywhere else," Hood said.

The 100-acre, tree-filled Iota facility has two homes for men and two for women. Each has a common living area, a kitchen with its own cooks and shared bedrooms that residents and their families can furnish and decorate themselves. There are 92 residents.

Hood said he would like to give center residents the opportunity to live in community-based settings and group homes where they get needed care but live in less isolation.

Parents and siblings of the Iota-center's residents said that type of care makes sense for the less severely retarded.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Simplot

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 He bit better than expected," said Greg Rogers, regional labor economist.
 But with more Simplot layoffs coming down the road, the possibility of further economic distress remains.

Better than expected

The announcement of the gradual closure of the Simplot processing plant in Heyburn came almost exactly a year ago - May 3, 2002. At that time, there were 605 hourly and 44 salaried employees at the Heyburn plant.
 On Nov. 1, 270 hourly and nine salaried employees were laid off. That left 275 hourly and 30 salaried people on staff. Those numbers indicate that 140 fewer people actually lost their jobs in the first six months after the closure was announced than originally planned.
 The next layoffs will happen May 21, when 32 of the 270 hourly employees will lose their jobs. Twenty temporary workers will be laid off, too.
 Rogers gladly reports that the economic forecast of a year ago - which predicted for every Simplot job eliminated two other jobs in the community could also be lost -

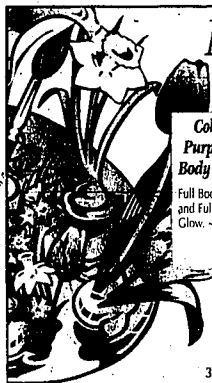
"hasn't happened to the extent we thought it might."
 Often those ancillary job losses are gradual, though, Rogers said. Because the first layoffs at Simplot occurred relatively recently, the broader effects could still be coming. So there "are underlying issues that would keep us from being too optimistic," he said.
 These issues include people who've been unemployed so long they no longer qualify for unemployment benefits and therefore fall out of the tracking system.
 It has been about six months since the first layoffs at Simplot. Benefits run 26 weeks - that's about six months - with a possible 13-week extension, Rogers said.
 Nearly 170 workers were laid off six months ago. Of those, 117 are still receiving unemployment benefits, Rogers said. That means nearly 50 people have found jobs, or have run out of benefits.
 Rogers noted some workers might have less than the original 26 weeks if they drew unemployment during any earlier breaks while the plant was closed for maintenance.
 Underemployment is another concern, Rogers said. Perhaps one parent worked at Simplot last year and earned \$13 an hour, and the other parent didn't work or worked part time. Today that family might have both parents working full time, but each earning

only \$6.50 an hour.
 "That has a negative effect on the economy," Rogers said. It leads to families changing their spending patterns, not only in the retail sector, but in areas such as medical care. If the parents no longer have health insurance, they might cut back on preventive medical treatment for their children.
Shopping at home
 While it's tough to point to specifics, some of the far-reaching predictions associated with the Simplot closure haven't actually occurred, Rogers said. One example he cites: People are shopping at home.
 "What we are seeing is that people are starting to be concerned about spending their money in the local economy," Rogers said, "and that has helped keep the economy over there relatively resilient."
 That's what business owners like Johnson want to hear.
 Johnson said owners had expectations before the restaurant opened which soon went in the garbage can because the restaurant exceeded expectations.
 "We knew we would be busy. We had no clue we would be that busy," Johnson said.
 Business has dropped off since the initial opening, but that's normal, Johnson said the trend is a

booming start when everyone tries the new restaurant, then business drops off and slowly builds again.
 It will take a couple of years to make comparisons about where the restaurant is and where it should be, Johnson said. And no matter, there are concerns about layoffs in the community.

"Of course," Johnson said. Fewer people working means less money being spent, "which affects any retail business. It's going to affect somebody down the line."
An optimistic outlook
 Johnson takes an optimistic cue from city and county officials who continue to talk positively about

economic development and bringing new businesses to Mini-Cassia. A positive outlook is key to success, agreed Steve Barras, manager of Showkase in Rupert. It's important to stay positive and realize the situation won't change overnight.
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have to be active," Barras said.

Business leaders and others in the community must believe things will turn around and plan for it so they are prepared, Barras said. He noted improvements in Rupert's water system and preparation for a better sewer system.

Mini-Cassia is a good community, Barras added, and new businesses have come into town. They're not enough to combat the entire loss of Simplot, "but every little bit helps."

"A lot of economics is psychological," Rogers agreed.

Ben Peterson, branch manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, said he thinks the economy is going to turn around. When layoffs occur, somebody picks up the lost workers and business, he said. While the Simplot closure is a bad thing, "I think somebody is going to take over in that area."

Other factors

Simplot layoffs aren't the only factor in local economic struggles, Barras said. A tough farm economy trickles down to businesses, too.

The Book Store in Rupert has seen a general slowdown, but there are many reasons for that, Manager Louise Hale said. The Iraq war caused a slight drop in customers that is slowly rebuilding, people are being cautious.

"There is always a cycle of ups and downs in business. But Barras said the current down cycle seems longer than normal."

"All you can do is keep plugging along," Barras said. "If they're out of work and don't have money, they can't buy."

So far people not buying hasn't been a large problem.

"We haven't had any slowdown yet, knock on wood," said Joyce Barfuss, owner of Park View Furniture in Rupert.

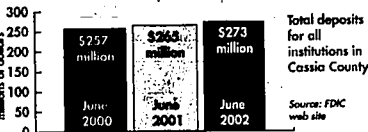
For now, people are spending their unemployment checks and tax returns, and it's business as usual, she said.

"Business has stayed good, and we haven't seen any problems," Barfuss said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we see one when their unemployment runs out."

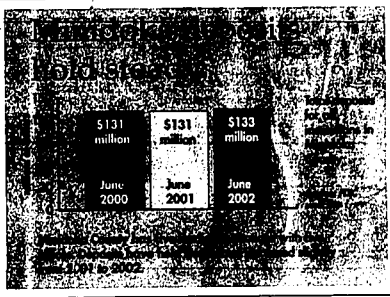
A good customer base

Hale said The Book Store has a good base of regular customers to help combat any slowdown. The store has tried several promotions such as flyers with coupons and discounts, but finds those special offers aren't used by customers.

Cassia deposits rise



Cassia County has six lending institutions with nine offices. Overall deposits in the county have steadily increased from June 2000 to June 2002.



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It's the faithful customers who return time and time again, regardless of specials.

"I hope that in times coming they'll remember," Hale said.

Brent Mitchell, owner of the Subway in Rupert, said his business is busy. "We are just swamped," Mitchell said, answering his cell phone one day last week.

"We're fine," Mitchell said during a slower moment later. "We have a lot of people that live in Minidoka County, and they support us."

Layoffs are always a concern, but new businesses can come in and offset some of the trouble. Mitchell should know; Subway opened in October, adding 10 jobs to the market.

New businesses growing

Some new businesses are still

building support after opening. Enterprise Rent-A-Car opened a Burley office in February. The challenge "is letting people know we're here," Peterson said.

Once people know and are used to the fact Enterprise's services are available, they might use it more.

"We're still getting phone calls, we're growing our branch," Peterson said.

The Enterprise office in Twin Falls previously served Mini-Cassia, but managers found the area was too spread out to be covered well, Peterson said.

Insurance companies and body shops began asking about a Mini-Cassia office.

Businesses are excited, Peterson said. Instead of reimbursing employees for mileage on their own cars, which can reach up to \$180 for a trip to Boise, the employer can rent a car for \$45.

Other layoffs

Besides the J.R. Simplot Co. layoffs, here are other recent group layoffs in Mini-Cassia:

- **May 2002** - Kmart closed its Burley store, putting about 75 people out of work.
- **October-December** - Kraft Foods North America cut about 50 jobs at its Rupert plant.
- **November** - Tele-Servicing Innovations Inc. closed its Burley call center, affecting about 51 workers. Many were hired by another telemarketer that took over the facility.
- **February** - Boise Cascade Corp.'s corrugated container plant in Burley laid off eight people as it switched from a seven-day production schedule to just five days a week.
- **March** - McCain Foods USA Inc. announced plans to lay off about 125 full-time workers in late June.

Everybody is looking at containing their costs, he added.

Meeting a challenge

Ty Bailey, manager at Racquetters Health and Fitness Club in Burley, takes any sort of slowdown as a challenge.

"If there's down time, there's probably something we're not doing," Bailey said.

For now, the health club is holding its own, Bailey said. Different people are coming in and filling holes where others might be leaving.

For some people, the health club membership might be the first to go, Bailey acknowledged, but for many it's a lifestyle choice people find a way to afford.

Another local business sees a slowdown in the Mini-Cassia area as a chance to expand into a new market. Brenda Sanford, chief financial officer at D.L. Evans Bank, said that while the bank was able to gain \$4.5 million in deposits between June 2002 and March 2003 just at its Rupert branch, bank personnel realize to keep growing they need to move

to other markets.

Overall, D.L. Evans Bank grew 17 percent last year; only 2 percent of that growth came from Burley, Sanford said.

The bank opened its first branch in the Treasure Valley in 2000.

However, the chief executive officer and president are in Mini-Cassia, and D.L. Evans employees are still contributing to the community with money and time.

Making good from bad

Most businesses haven't seen a large slowdown, and no one blamed losses strictly on the beginnings of the Simplot plant closure.

Some even said there might be positives that come of the local situation.

Barras said it's a chance to reaffirm what a great community Mini-Cassia is and to work to attract new businesses.

For displaced workers, this might offer a chance to explore something new, Johnson said. Without Roper's closing, he might never have decided to be trained in culinary arts. An employee might lose a job and a way of life, but he needs to see it as an opportunity to do something new.

Johnson admitted even with retraining opportunities, it might be hard to find a skill that will allow a person to stay in the area.

He found a place that did allow him to stay, and he's now working to keep The Chadwick Grille in Mini-Cassia, despite a grim economy.

"We're different than anything else in the Mini-Cassia area," Johnson said.

Perhaps it's just the calm before the storm. Managers and owners are hoping there won't be a storm at all.

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Legislature

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on the last day of the session, simply packed up and headed home.

"Our economy is still in a slump and we are going to have to make more cuts," said republican Sen. Skip Brandt of Kootenai.

The key turning points of the session happened when lawmakers reluctantly passed a one-cent sales tax increase and a 29-cent per-pack cigarette tax increase. The measures will raise \$160 million and \$23.5 million, respectively, to keep public schools and universities funded at the same level as last year, plus allow for small increases in some targeted budget items.

Kempthorne noted that most of the department budgets he has already passed into law cut funding by a standard 7.1 percent over last year.

Final budget adjustments from the current year's base include:

- \$26.4 million more for education (includes public schools, colleges and universities).
- \$123,000 more for health and human services programs.
- \$509,000 less for public safety.
- \$1.3 million less for Natural Resources.
- \$172,000 less for economic development.
- \$7.4 million more for general government.

Also on Saturday, one bill that brings the state income tax in compliance with federal law and another that would exempt already signed contracts from the sales tax increases were sent to the governor's office.

The final roadblock to adjournment disappeared late in the day when the Senate defeated a House-passed resolution recommending that if the economy continues to falter Gov. Dirk Kempthorne should cut education and health and welfare programs by up to 1 percent.

It was part of a deal House leaders made to win approval of the cigarette tax increase. Kempthorne wanted. They used it to sway conservative support for the tax hike.

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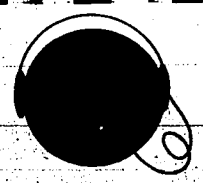
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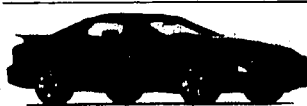
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Indians split on Lewis and Clark bicentennial events

Tribes ponder their place in historical review of journey

ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL, Mont. — On a warm, summer day, his grandfather's blue pickup truck rumbled down a windy, barren trail, leading the 13-year-old to the old cottonwood tree by the river. The boy closed his eyes, raised one arm to the sky, then gazed at the sun as he sprinkled his traditional offering of tobacco on the ground — to the east, to the south, to the west, to the north.

Blackfeet say the story America has been told is false.

As the country celebrates the bicentennial of the 2004-2006 journey by Lewis and Clark through the newly acquired Louisiana Purchase and to the Pacific, American Indians — so crucial to the expedition's success — are trying to find where they fit into the story. They also want to make sure their side of the story isn't lost in the revelry.

Along the Lewis and Clark trail, on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in far northeastern Montana, a sign on the outskirts

pressed on them by whites, are the stories passed down orally from generation to generation.

But with the bicentennial attracting so much attention, Indians are being forced to confront their feelings about these two white men who passed through their homeland 200 years ago. Lewis and Clark documented plants, animals, people and searched unsuccessfully for an all-water route to the Pacific. Along the way, they relied on Indians for horses, food and guidance.

Lewis and Clark presented them with gifts and peace medals from their new "father," President Thomas Jefferson. And they had a plan for the tribes: Trade exclusively with Americans and cease fighting with other tribes. The Indians weren't sure what to make of the men, and didn't know if they would see their kind again.

That may have been the start of a cultural difference that still exists today.

"Lewis and Clark kind of had a complex agenda with Indians," said Clay Jenkinson, scholar in residence at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. "It was sort of pushy. They carried a considerable naïveté and a fair amount of cultural arrogance. It's really a cultural misunderstanding."

America celebrates Lewis and Clark as heroes who discovered the unknown and opened the West to expansion. Indians strongly oppose the word "celebration" for the bicentennial; they prefer commemoration for an event that was just a blip in their history.

"Lewis and Clark was only one day in our lives," said Darrell Martin, vice president of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council in north-central Montana. "We couldn't care less."

Jim Wilke tosses his head back, his long, black locks stretching down his back, and has a good laugh.

Lewis and Clark weren't the first to see the West, he chuckles. They weren't the first to discover Indians. The Indians were already here, something Wilke and many Indians say isn't always understood.

"The majority of people look at Lewis and Clark and say, 'what brave souls,'" said Wilke, tourism director for the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, home to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Indians. "I don't quite follow that."

Wilke leads visitors through the tiny, poor reservation, taking them to the four communities where most of the almost 3,000 residents are unemployed. It's a depressed area with no restaurants, no grocery store.

He points out the buffalo, several hundred gathered in the bright snow against Snake Butte wall of rock, a much different

sight than what Lewis and Clark saw. When they passed through Indian territory, there were massive herds of buffalo, elk, deer and antelope. Since 1974, Fort Belknap has been rebuilding the herd.

There were no reservations then, and the problems here today — methamphetamine labs, alcohol abuse, diabetes and poverty — were unknown.

In Lodgepole, a small Roman Catholic Church on a hill is the social hub this Sunday, with

parishioners of St. Thomas Church munching on doughnuts and sipping coffee in the fellowship hall after services.

Lewis and Clark are rarely talked about. "I'm not sure what they contributed, basically," said Tracy King, 48, a Gros Ventre Indian. "If it wasn't Lewis and Clark, it would have been somebody else."

But it was Lewis and Clark, and their impact was huge — it was the first diplomatic and cultural contact between many

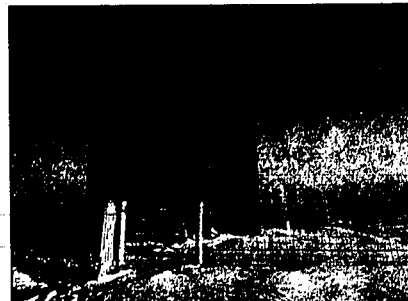
tribes and the United States. Settlers moved West, opened up trade routes, and the American empire began to rise.

"It was the beginning of contacts that changed everybody's lives," said University of Tulsa historian and Lewis & Clark expert James Ronda. "This is a story that comes to the past to the present. It's a story that is not over by any means. The real significance of the bicentennial is to look at where we all are now."

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Above, William TalksAbout demonstrates how he uses tobacco as a blessing during an interview in March in Browning, Mont. As the country celebrates the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's journey many American Indians, including TalksAbout, are trying to find where they fit into the story. They don't want their side lost in the revelry. Below, Jim Wilke, tourism director of the Fort Belknap Reservation, walks near the abandoned Sacred Heart Church and cemetery in March. His tribe hopes to attract tourists during the current bicentennial.



"You can feel it when you get there," William TalksAbout says. "A sense of calm, security, a sense of my heritage and my culture being played out even in my mind."

He's 54 now, but remembers the moment 40-odd years ago as if it were yesterday.

Here in the place TalksAbout finds so sacred, two Blackfeet Indians were killed by Meriwether Lewis and one of his soldiers during the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1806. It was the only blood shed during the expedition.

But finding out what led to the skirmish at Two Medicine River depends on who you ask. The

of Wolf Point invites tourists to stay: "Lewis and Clark slept here. Why don't you?"

The sign is about the only mention of the expedition in the community of 2,700.

Inside the Wolf Point Cafe downtown, waitress Janielle Derden, 19, is behind the counter, eager to wait on the few customers who trickle in this morning.

"I don't think too many people really think about it," Derden said. It's a familiar response among Indians in Montana.

Lewis and Clark? Never paid much attention, some say. All the history Indians have of Lewis and Clark, aside from that

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Iraqi schoolchildren return to classrooms; lessons skip Saddam

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They canceled patriotism class Saturday at the elite Kumeit Secondary School for Boys. Above the blackboards, where Saddam Hussein's portrait long hung, there were only discolored patches of wall. It was the first day of class — the first since the war began, and the first without Saddam.

Twenty-one boys rose to their feet when English teacher Taher Mohammed Mehdi entered the classroom. But they didn't give their usual greeting: "Long live Saddam!"

As an outsider, it looked like a normal school day. Ninth-grade boys in pressed polo shirts squirmed three to a desk as Mehdi explained when the letter "c" is pronounced like a "k" and when it's pronounced like an "s." "Why is the second 'c' in bicycle pronounced like a 'k'?" he asked.

Several boys reached high in the air before Ahmed Khamis, 15, stood to answer. "Because it is not followed," he said, but couldn't finish the sentence.

"...by an 'i,' an 'e' or a 'y,'" Mehdi prompted.

"First day back," he sighed to a visitor, rolling his eyes. "In a society where education meant indoctrination, to attend school in Iraq was to learn loyalty to a dictator. Now that dictator is gone, and the lessons are so starkly different that even the teachers are struggling to figure them out."

The pupils hadn't attended class since March 15, the day the war began. Many of them spent the bulk of April playing soccer. They said they were eager to return to class and not miss the school year. Many also said they wanted to see how school would change, now that it didn't have to follow the curriculum dictated by Saddam's government.

"It will be a change for the better," Faisal Ghazi, 15, said in practiced English. "We want to change all our programs."

Hassan Said, also 15, ticked off the differences he had found on his first day back: "The picture of the president is not there. We don't have to memorize his speeches any more. We hope we won't have to study patriotism."

Headmaster Abbas Hassan Aziz said the school district had ordered all schools to reopen



Iraqi boys raise their hands to answer their teacher's questions on the first day of school Saturday in Baghdad.

to tell parents; the lack of transportation to get to school; and the general lawlessness of the city, which left many parents afraid to send their children. And the

classes: Clearly they're still a work in progress. "We are expecting an official order," Aziz said. "For now, we will omit any parts of the curriculum related to Saddam."

Until now textbooks are printed, that will be quite a chore. Saddam's image is emblazoned on the first page of every book.

Saturday, the start of the Muslim week and the day after the Muslim sabbath, but that only about 200 of the school's 1,100 students showed up. He blamed the lack of phones

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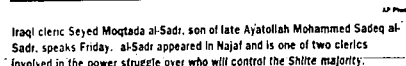
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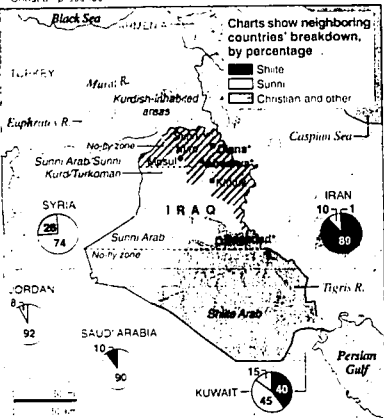
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Iraq has long been a religious, ethnic and ideological mix. The Shiite Muslim Arabs are the majority, but Sunni Muslims are in power. Leaders of the Shiite opposition insist their share of power in any post-Saddam Iraq would have to reflect its majority, a position that worries other minorities as well as Iraq's mostly Sunni Arab neighbors.



By S. Thorne Harper
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — James Matthews hoped there would be a happy ending to the story of the American soldier he had tried to help. But he never found the man.

Matthews, an Iraq War veteran, was sent to the U.S. Army's Special Forces to find a fellow soldier who had been captured by Iraqis. Matthews was told the soldier was in Iraq, but he never found him. Matthews was told the soldier was in Iraq, but he never found him.

A local doctor had told her she was permanently blinded. That was not enough for Matthews, who joined the D-Troop scout with the 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. He assembled a medical team the following day, Easter Sunday, and returned to her bedside.

Matthews was taken to a U.S. Army

hospital, where doctors said she would have to be taken to the U.S.N.S. Comfort in the Persian Gulf for treatment.

And that was the last Mattwig saw of his daughter.

Until Saturday.

Once again, Mattwig assembled a convoy to Ayia's home in downtown Baghdad.

At dawn, a warm morning and the D'trop scouts were feeling good in the knowledge that they'll now be going home.

They arrived outside Ayia's home, where the neighbors gathered around the two Humvees as soon as they stopped.

Wading through the crowd, Mattwig popped his head over the cab of the lead Humvee.

There he saw his daughter, a member of one of the five families living there recognized him, grinned and disappeared inside the small flat.

He saw her mother, smiling and smiling mother. Akhlash

emerged from behind the gate. Aya's eye remained nearly closed, but Akhlah delivered some good news in broken English:

"They fixed her in American hospital," Akhlah Nahi said. "She's not blind anymore."

Then, speaking through an interpreter, Akhlah Nahi explained that her daughter had not been taken to the Comforts after all, but somewhere near Kuwait — that was all she knew. She said Aya's eye was expected to open up soon.

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WORLD

U.N. picks Iraqi health minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The United States picked a new head of Iraq's Health Ministry on Saturday.

He is a Baath Party member whose appointment was so critical that U.S. officials designated the announcement "Public Notice No. 1."

The appointment of optometrist Ali Shnan al-Janabi came as the Americans started paying Health Ministry workers \$20 to return to work, and as U.N. officials warned of humanitarian disaster if quick action is not taken to restore vital services.

"Basic services have collapsed or are at the risk of collapsing if we don't bring them back quickly," said Ramiro Lopes da Silva, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq.

UNICEF rushed rehydration salts, milk and protein supplements to Baghdad's neighboring neighborhoods Saturday to help children sickened after drinking tainted water from pipes shattered in the fighting.

The U.S. civil administration said that by making al-Janabi's appointment the subject of its first public notice since taking charge, it was indicating that health issues are a high priority.

Shiites

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Khojeh's murder has left the United States without an ally in the Shiite religious hierarchy and, just as worrisome for America's plans for postwar Iraq, has made it clear that it will be difficult for any Shiite religious leader to support the United States openly.

Al-Sadr, the most successful so far of the new contenders, is by means the most radical. Other clerics also are stepping into the fray, opening offices, stringing their banners across the streets and proclaiming their superiority to their rivals.

Ayatollah Ali al-Baghdadi, a little-known cleric who scorns Haeri as a moderate and al-Sadr as a "simple student," claims a growing following. He called earlier this week on all Muslims to "unite to expel the occupying forces of America and Britain... and to form a new government based on the principles of Islam."

Baghdadi has close ties to Lebanon's Hezbollah movement and the Palestinian Hamas organization and he plans to wage war on U.S. forces by recruiting an army of suicide bombers, said his spokesman, who refused to be named.

Another candidate, the Iranian-backed Ayatollah Mohammed Bakr Hakim, is expected to return from Iran any day, compounding the confusion. His group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), also advocates revolution to achieve an Islamic state, although it is the only significant Shiite faction participating in the U.S.-sponsored meetings of opposition leaders aimed at forming a new government.

Deciphering the machinations of these competing clerics is beyond the capacity of most ordinary Shiites, who are eyeing the upheaval with fearful anxiety. Every day they crowd around the entrance to the gold-domed Imam Ali Mosque, the holiest site in Shiite-Islam, to scour the fatwas, statements and announcements posted there by various clerics for clues as to who is up and who is down in the jockeying for influence.

In the narrow alleys of the bazaar adjacent to the mosque, many stallholders whisper their support for Sistani and say they disapprove of the unseemly jockeying for influence among their religious leaders.

"Nobody understands what is happening," said Mohammed el-Yasiri, 31, a jeweler whose stall overlooks the gateway to the mosque where Khojeh was murdered.

"It seems everyone is competing to get a high position and saying he is better than the others. There is gunfire at night, there is no government, and we are all confused."

Videotape shows tired Saddam

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - In what is purported to be his last known wartime speech - a video never before televised - Saddam Hussein appears exhausted, at times confused and seemingly resigned to defeat, but he tells Iraqis that God, somehow, will help them expel the American-British occupiers.

"The faithful will be victorious over the sinners, regardless of the duration of the struggle and the forms it might take," Saddam says. With patience, the "ordeals" can be overcome, he says, and the invaders driven from Iraq.

The videotape, bearing a presidential stamp, was obtained Thursday by Associated Press Television News from a former employee of the Iraqi satellite television channel which, under the regime, was responsible for filming and distributing official presidential video.

The employee said it was made on April 9, the day American troops streamed into central Baghdad and pulled down a towering Saddam statue. There was no way to authenticate that the tape was made on that day. Nor could it be immediately proven that the speaker on the tape was Saddam - though Iraqis who watched and listened to the leader for decades believed it was him.

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EDITORIAL

News of shortfall forces some quick, wise moves

Sometimes, bad news can create good results. Thursday's jolting revelation that Idaho's tax revenues in April fell \$21 million was apparently enough to move lawmakers toward ending the session. They did so by both raising revenue and cutting costs.

The fiscally conservative House approved a cigarette tax increase, and the more moderate Senate approved much-needed reforms in state education spending.

As of Friday, those moves were the key steps leading toward a hoped-for adjournment on Saturday. Barring complications, Saturday's falling gavel would conclude a record 118-day session—23 days longer than the previous record.

The \$21 million shortfall, along with the previous deficit of \$16.5 million, put the state \$37.5 million in the red for the budget year that ends June 30.

That stark reality forced legislators to pass needed education reforms. The reform package, labeled the Bedke Plan after its key sponsor, Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, is not perfect. But its basic premise—to cap education costs that were outgrowing the state's ability to pay—was in the right direction.

In essence, legislators addressed both short-term and long-term needs. They addressed the short-term need to raise revenue.

- Raising the sales tax 1 percent should bring in \$160 million to offset next year's estimated revenue deficit of \$160 million to \$200 million.

- Raising cigarette taxes 29 cents per pack should yield another \$23.5 million.

That makes an estimated total of \$183.5 million in new revenue. The question now is whether that figure can cover next year's expected deficit, as well as this year's final shortfall.

Lawmakers have no remaining options for tackling this year's \$37.5 million deficit—other than to pray for healthier revenue in May and June.

(The fiscal year ends June 30.) This means legislators are hedging their bets that the new tax increases will meet next year's revenue targets, and pay for this year's deficit carryover.

If the new revenue doesn't materialize, a special session may be necessary to pass even more tax increases or more budget cuts.

But legislators also addressed the state's long-term budget problems by passing the Bedke plan, an overdue move to get control of the pampered education budget.

According to the state's Legislative Services Office, Bedke's plan will save \$115 million over five years by capping three expenses: the state's property-tax-replacement costs; the pay structure for educators that gives

increases automatically; and pay starting next year. Public-school business costs.

Opponents of the Bedke plan contend it erodes 10 years of education funding progress. They also contend it's an assault on the legislative process, and an end run around the Senate and House Education Committees.

But the truth is, without changes in education spending, Idaho's deficits would continue to grow. The state cannot afford swelling school budgets when revenue keeps falling short.

The pressure for education reform had too long been bottled up in the Senate Education Committee, where liberal Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, shelved bill after bill.

Bedke deserves praise for enduring the educator's slings and arrows. His efforts have paid off with a plan that helps Idaho get a handle on state spending for years to come. That alone, if it sticks, justifies the long session.

Meanwhile, by raising taxes, Idaho leaders are hoping they have seen an end to budget shortfalls. We hope they're right. Because if they're not, the marathon men and women of Idaho's Legislature could be called back to trudge a few more laps.



Liberals can't admit war's success

JAMES KLURFELD

It's a puzzle to me that critics of the Iraq war are still so incensed at the Bush administration that they refuse to acknowledge the great good that has resulted from a quick and decisive victory.

I find it especially disturbing that many of the liberals who supported the attack on Kosovo as a way to protect basic human rights won't acknowledge that the ouster of Saddam Hussein's regime is one of the most notable human rights achievements of the last 50 years. Is this the Democrats' new doctrine? Use U.S. power only when U.S. vital interests are not at stake?

Just read the reports by Newsday correspondent Edward Gargan over the last few weeks detailing the utter barbarity and almost unimaginable cruelty of Saddam's rule. The Iraqi leader's unceasing attacks on the marsh people of southern Iraq can only be called genocide, and the repression of the Shia Muslims—wholesale killings of entire families, mass jailings and unspeakable torture—places him in the Hall of Infamy with the likes of Pol Pot, Stalin and Hitler. The Bush Party rule of Iraq was right out of the fascist playbook, every bit as repressive and totalitarian as Stalin in his heyday.

Anybody who paid attention to Iraq over the last two decades knew that Saddam was a brutal dictator who was doing terrible things. But the revelations now of mass graves, mutilated bodies, medically assisted torture (such as doctors being made to cut off

the ears of those suspected of being disloyal to Saddam) and spying even inside of families, brings home the horrors of a police state not only in nauseating detail but on a scale that boggles the imagination.

And yet, what I'm hearing from many liberals is a dismissive, "Oh yeah, Hussein was a bad guy and it's better to be rid of him, but we still haven't found the weapons of mass destruction." They also cite a litany of problems that could still develop, such as an Islamic fundamentalist regime.

But they refuse to look at how relatively easy the job of getting rid of Saddam was and how many people stand to benefit. The United States, with the loss of fewer than 200 of our own military personnel, has removed the jackboot of a dictator from the throats of 28 million people and given them, at the very least, a new chance to build a more open, more just, more peaceful society.

No matter how you feel about President Bush—and I happen to believe his diplomacy was dreadful and most of his domestic agenda is repugnant—you have to give him, and if not him, the nation he represents, credit for confronting evil and doing something about it. You have to admit that something good has resulted from this war. But the liberals are so consumed with their hatred of Bush, they won't admit it.

Could it all still go sour in

Iraq? Of course. It's a complex, messy region of the world. There is a lot of hard work ahead for the United States. But that does not negate that one of the most repressive regimes in recent history has been ended.

Does that mean that Washington should use its unchallenged military might to oust other evil regimes that are oppressing their people? It's a good question. I've always believed nations should go to war only if they have vital interests at stake. And there were vital interests at stake in not allowing a monster such as Saddam to develop nuclear weapons in the part of the world where a critical natural resource, oil, is produced.

Now I have to raise the question now whether the United States, with its vast military power, should use it to oust evil regimes even if a vital interest is not at stake. If the task can be accomplished with minimal loss of life, do we have an obligation to do it?

I'm not ready to cross that line yet. I don't believe the American people want support or be willing to pay for wars here, there and everywhere. But that the thought has even entered my head is a departure.

At the same time, would someone please tell me what is going on in the heads of all those liberals who wanted to fight for human rights in Kosovo?

James Klurfeld is editor of Newsday's editorial pages.

LETTERS

Locke's logic adds up to annoying humbug

To Edwin A. Locke, dean's professor emeritus of leadership and motivation at the University of Maryland at College Park (also senior writer for the Ayn Rand Institute), who so "eloquently" defended his right to feed at the trough, and all you other tireless leveragers of privilege, I quote Charles Dickens:

"I wear the chain I forged in life," replied the Ghost. "I made it link by link and yard by yard. I girded it of my own free will... would you know, friend? The Ghost, 'the weight and length of the strong coil you bear yourself.' It was full and heavy and as long as this, seven Christmas Eves ago..."

"But you were always a good man of business, Jacob," faltered Scrooge, who now began to apply this to himself.

"Business!" cried the Ghost, wringing his hands again. "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance and benevolence were, all, my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

I could quote also the original author of the above-stated principles as well, but no doubt you would find his statements even more annoying than Dickens. **MIKE YOUNGMAN** Twin Falls

Twin Falls wastes time on new street names

How are we honoring the past by renaming our streets with "new" names? The 100-year-old street system in the old townships

was named by and for those intelligent and alert enough to understand them, not requiring rocket scientist IQ anyway! How will "new" names, even alphabetically based for those who know the alphabet, be an improvement? Why is the city wasting time on this? Why am I wasting time on this? I have lived in or near Twin Falls for a really long time (pre baby-boomer) and have affection for the long-time street nomenclature system.

If we are to make these changes, I have others to suggest: We could (1) cut those ugly old brick and masonry buildings with attractively colored pastel aluminum sheets, (2) pass an ordinance requiring all the buildings to look exactly the same, (3) congratulate ourselves on having the same warm ambience downtown as, for example, the Magic Valley Mall or any Southern California generic manufactured city.

Come on, folks, we should spend time on May 5 working on the giant potholes on Pole Line or celebrating Cinco de Mayo or something else worthwhile. **MICHAEL LEEDS** Buhl

Stop frivolous spending at state, local levels

It's bad enough that our taxes went up May 1. Our income is not changing; the governor's wages are going up. Maybe we need to vote on whether the governor needs a raise or not. To me, I feel that the governor's wages should be about \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, then we will have enough money for the education system. If that isn't enough, then the gov-

ernors and congressmen need a pay cut. I feel that we should vote on whether they need the money or not. We pay their wages. We should tell them when they need more money or not. In my opinion, they don't need to give themselves raises because they spend more money for the same stuff that cost the same as the poor people buy. Hair cuts don't cost \$200 to \$300 when hair cuts are around \$10 to \$25. There's the money for the education.

If we could stop the raises and the unnecessary spending, like renaming the streets. That means more unnecessary spending for new street signs that we don't need. The old street signs are OK in my book, and the streets don't need new names. If you change the street signs, then you will confuse the residents of Twin Falls. Leave things alone. Don't do unnecessary spending when the education is the worst of all. So if you're going to do unnecessary spending, do it for the education instead. If you do change the street signs from the way they've been for years, you're cutting off your nose to spite your face. You're not helping the outsiders, you're making more people confused. Leave the street names alone. We don't need to make things any worse. Rich Crowley, if you don't like the street names, move to Salt Lake City, Utah, where the streets are numbered from east to west and north to south. That's even worse and more confusing than Twin Falls' streets. The schools need the money first, not street signs. Think about it which has the most priority—schools or streets?

JON MICHAEL Twin Falls

Radio and TV potty-mouths should can it

Feeeling empty, because with the Super Bowl and the NCAA tournament over, there are no more office pools? Here's a suggestion: Guest which "NYPD Blue" character will say the S-word this week. It's a lock to happen. Every new episode of the long-running ABC series, you can always count on it, usually right around 8:30 p.m. MDT. The S-word is such a regular character, you half-expect to see it get a screen credit.

DAVID HINCKLEY

The only suspense is which character will say it, because so far the writers have passed it around.

Dennis Franz's Andy Sipowicz was one of the first, of course, but Mark-Paul Gosselaar's John Clark Jr. got it one week and so did Jacqueline Obradors' Rita Ortiz. And Henry Simmons' Baldwin Jones.

Say, is that Bill Brochtrup's Upstairs John warming up his vocal cords backstage?

For "NYPD Blue" viewers, of course, the S-word isn't a foul word. Ten years ago, "ah" was unheard on prime-time TV. Now, thanks largely to Sipowicz, it's as common as lottery ads.

The S-word also fits the "NYPD Blue" characters—unlike the show's other big standards and practices breakthrough, nude scenes so gratuitous that the only big one this year was used to set up a PG joke about a 6-year-old.

The S-word's arrival raises a deeper and far tougher issue: the general coarsening of language in broadcast media.

As sexual behavior has become more graphic on radio and TV, from talk shows to prime-time sitcoms, the S- and F-words have made up one of the unspeakable words, a line that wasn't crossed.

Between "NYPD Blue" and radio stations that are becoming less vigilant about the language of deejays and songs—check your local hip-hop outlet—those lines have at least been blurred, if not wholly breached.

This has happened for a couple of reasons, one of which is that today's target audience for these shows is neither shocked nor bothered.

Another is that standards shift a word at a time. It's not as if TV and radio were "Ozzie and Harriet" one day and Screw magazine the next.

Even gradual change, however, does not go unnoticed.

Decency groups have a way of springing up in these situations, and when the next one arrives, they will hear encouraging words from the Federal Communications Commission, the body that deals with on-air standards.

At least two of the five FCC commissioners, Michael Copps and Jonathan Adelstein, have warned broadcasters about an increasingly lenient attitude toward crude content.

After the FCC recently fined Detroit radio station WKKR for a graphic on-air bit, Copps said he wants the commission to consider actions as strong as license revocation, a phrase that gets broadcasters' attention.

"Every day I hear from Americans who are fed up with the patently offensive programming that they are being fed," Copps recently told the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "I'd prefer an industry-led effort to clean things up, but letting the current drive to the bottom continue unabated is unacceptable."

Copps is probably not talking here about Gordon Clapp's Detective Medway using the S-word. But if a critical mass of Americans at some point cries "Enough," his mouth could also get washed out with soap.

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OPINION

Signs of fracture open up the Republican Party

It may be sheer coincidence, but the discipline which has marked the Republican Party under the command of George Bush has broken down repeatedly in the last three weeks—and the president seems not to be able to restore order.

House and Senate GOP leaders were sniping at each other over their disagreement on the size of the new Bush tax cuts. Newt Gingrich took a hard shot at the State Department record under Colin Powell and, in turn, was rebuked by many other conservatives. Sen. Rick Santorum stirred up a bit of controversy with his comments on homosexuality, and there was grumbling from the right flank about the president's push for a global anti-AIDS campaign.

None of the incidents was that serious in itself, but the disarray on both the fiscal and diplomatic fronts was striking for a party whose leader has shown little tolerance for argument or dissent—let alone outright opposition.

The White House line is that Bush is still focused on the final stages of the campaign in Iraq and cannot be expected to referee all these secondary squabbles. But coming at a time when he might otherwise have been enjoying the full public acclaim for the military



DAVID S. BRODER

victory in Baghdad, the infighting reflected a breakdown in the iron discipline that has characterized this administration—and that Bush so clearly expects.

The most consequential dust-up was over the budget and tax bill, a central part of the White House agenda. The House wanted to give Bush the full \$725 billion reduction (over 10 years) he requested; the Senate, more concerned about multiplying deficits, wanted to hold it to less than half that amount. House leaders thought they had gained Senate acquiescence to a \$550 billion figure, only to discover that Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley had been backed into accepting a \$350 billion limit as the price for swaying two reluctant Republicans into voting for the budget.

The House leadership's frustration was heightened by a delay in information from the Senate reaching the other side of the

Capitol—a slip-up for which Frist has repeatedly apologized. But feelings are still bruised among top House Republicans, and columnists close to them have been warning Frist that one more gaffe and his job might be in danger. Meantime, the Club for Growth, a part of the web of anti-tax organizations that try to enforce economic orthodoxy on Republicans, launched a television ad campaign against the two recalcitrant senators—Olympia Snowe of Maine and George Voinovich of Ohio. The ads drew a crude parallel to French officials who opposed Bush on Iraq, and Ohio and Maine newspapers ridiculed the outsiders' efforts at political intimidation. To compound the backlash, Bush himself went to Ohio to speak out against those, like Voinovich, who were supporting what the president derided as a "little bitty" tax cut—only to have everyone note that the president's prestige could not budge loyal Republican Voinovich to abandon his belief in fiscal prudence.

While this saga was unfolding, Gingrich, the resigned former House speaker and commander of the 1994 Republican capture of the House, took it upon himself to deliver a full-fledged and notably unrestrained attack on the State

Department—i.e., on Colin Powell, the only well-known public figure with higher approval ratings than the president.

According to Gingrich, the State Department has been conducting a "deliberate and systematic effort to undermine the president's policies." This remarkable charge drew an equally sharp rebuttal from Jack Kemp, the former congressman, Cabinet member and presidential candidate, who said Gingrich's attack "plays right into the hands of America's adversaries," and provides ammunition for "the Daschle Democrats who would love nothing better than to create dissension over foreign policy within the ranks of the Bush administration."

The White House defended Powell, but because Gingrich is both an adviser and personal pal of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the incident heightened the belief that Bush is confronting a deep and persistent divide between his two best-known Cabinet members.

With divisions evident on both fiscal and national security policy, the commander in chief may have to exercise firmer command of his own ship.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Psychiatric facilities are available for Idaho children

I would like to respond to your article in the community section on April 29, in which Mr. Rick Huber, a well-known advocate for the mentally ill, is quoted as saying that "there are virtually zero (psychiatric) hospital beds for children (younger than age 12) in Idaho."

While it is true that many Idaho children leave the state to receive care because Salt Lake City is closer to them than any other unit taking care of children, there are options available for treatment right here in Idaho. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise has nine beds that are available for children starting at age 4, and North Idaho Behavioral Health in Coeur d'Alene has 24 beds that can be accessed for children as young as 3. Pediatric psychiatry is a highly specialized level of care. I am grateful that we have these resources in Utah and in Idaho to be able to care for our children in need.

I would like to thank Mr. Rick Huber, the National Alliance For the Mentally Ill and the many services such as the Community Support Center Inc. who work to destigmatize mental illness in the state and in the nation.

I look forward to a day when all illnesses are treated equally, and people can seek the treatment they need without fear of stigma.

BILL SOUTHWICK
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bill Southwick holds a master of science degree and is a registered nurse and the director of Mental Health/Medical Care at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.)

City leaders ignore interests of downtown T.F. residents

The Twin Falls City Council members can reconsider their decision to change the names of streets and avenues in the downtown Twin Falls core.

And they can change the impression they've given that middle-class and lower-income residents are lesser citizens than

their affluent high-income counterparts.

How did they give that impression? By totally ignoring the wishes of the majority of people living in downtown Twin Falls. We do not want our addresses changed to placate business district board members. Why don't they listen to us?

When affluent Candleridge subdivision owners didn't want Wal-Mart near their homes, the council listened and Wal-Mart went to Jerome.

When a plan to open a through street parallel with and between Blue Lakes Boulevard and the College of Southern Idaho was discussed, homeowners living near the college said, "We don't want extra cars on our street; don't install a major road to ease traffic on Blue Lakes," the council listened.

When homeowners in new subdivisions on the south edge of town cried "don't put a detention center near us," the council listened.

Why won't they listen to us? Sure, these other people pay more property taxes, but does that mean they've bought the council's favor? Does that mean they have more say about their neighborhoods than downtown residents do?

We don't want street names changed for many reasons, but council members only have ears for business district board members. The real motivation behind this street change is a ploy to bring more business downtown.

The Business Improvement District is only a small portion of the downtown city core and when you count the avenues that extend outside the grid, it's an even smaller effort.

The city council should be saying to the BID, "Do as you will with your personal properties at your own expense, but keep your hands off our public streets! Those streets that extend out of the business area into the neighborhoods of many homeowners. BID has already taken two public allies to make drive-through bank win-

dows. What else are they set on?"

As a Jane Doe property owner, why do I have to finance this small number of businessmen's plans. Businessmen in other parts of town aren't trying to take over public streets. What gives BID the right to? Could it be that some council members also serve as advisory board members for BID?

A conflict of interest, perhaps.

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Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Susan Taylor has lived in Twin Falls 25 years.)

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Experts launch global hunt to recover looted Iraqi treasures

The Washington Post

Investigators and experts are mounting an international initiative to recover artifacts stolen in the catastrophic looting of Iraq's National Museum of Antiquities. But their efforts are sobered by the knowledge that stolen museum pieces — especially those lost

in massive quantities — are almost never recovered. The Iraqi museum held 175,000 items before the war. It is unclear how many of them were plundered, but the losses will dwarf the estimated 2,000 to 4,000 objects looted from nine regional Iraqi museums in the aftermath of the 1991 Persian

Gulf War. Then, as now, scholars and art theft experts moved rapidly to document the losses. But after 12 years, they have almost nothing to show for their efforts. Perhaps two dozen of the lost museum items have resurfaced, and only a handful — perhaps as few as two — have been hunted down

and reclaimed. "When material is stolen en masse, chances of recovery are very, very small," said Lyndel Pratt, former director of Cultural Heritage for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO. "It's a huge job to mount such a recovery cam-

paign. That's why cultural professionals are horrified by Iraq. Once it's gone, it's almost impossible to get it back." It may go better this time. Unlike in 1991, when Saddam Hussein remained in control of a pariah state, today's Iraq can count on cooperation and help not only from world scholars, but

also from international organizations and a U.S. government chastened by charges that its soldiers watched and did nothing as the looting took place. In 1991, the task of cataloging the lost items was daunting but doable, especially with the help of the National Museum's outstanding archive.

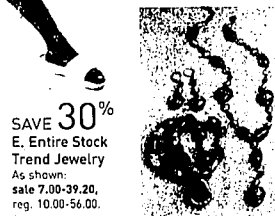
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Commissioner says road issue will be resolved

By Karen Tereff
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — After a thorough review of a draft environmental impact statement and a Friday meeting with Forest Service officials, Mike Nannini is optimistic the South Canyon Road issue may soon be resolved.

Nannini, a longtime Elko County commissioner, said Saturday the Forest Service is willing to work with the county in developing a plan on how to proceed with the possible repair or reconstruction of the Jarbidge-area roadway. The road was washed out during a flood in 1995.

The Wells resident has been actively involved in working to reopen the roadway for several years. He served as a county representative during a nearly year-long mediation process which resulted in South Canyon Road's designation as a county roadway.

As part of the settlement agreement, the Forest Service and other federal agencies would approve any plan for work on the roadway. The agencies ordered the environmental study after the county submitted a plan to repair the road along its current base.

The impact statement which was released last week has several alternatives, including the county's plan, for the work. Bob

Public comments

Public comments on the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement on South Canyon Road near Jarbidge will be taken during several meetings scheduled later this month. Written comments will be accepted until June 24 and should be directed to Jim Winfrey, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko, NV 89801.

Vaught, supervisor for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, said the alternatives take into consideration environmental issues as well as access into the canyon. South Canyon Road leads to the south portal of the Jarbidge Wilderness area and is about a mile and a half long.

Other alternatives include building a roadway at elevated locations and the installation of retaining walls to block erosion and debris from the road and the river. The cost of an elevated roadway could run as much as \$11.5 million, estimated Jim Winfrey of the Forest Service and team leader for the EIS. The county's plan is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. The cheapest access alternative would be construction of a trail for about \$339,000, but it would not allow for vehicular travel.

The last alternative would be to do nothing and leave the

roadway as it is. The Jarbidge Shovel Brigade moved boulders to partially open the road on July 4, 2000, and vehicles have been driving through the river to access the remainder of the road. Environmental groups have opposed this action because the Jarbidge River is home to the bull trout that is currently designated as threatened on the Endangered Species list.

"They understand the county does not have the money to just go out for bid once a plan is approved," Nannini noted. Since the county owns the roadway, the cost of repair or replacement will come from county coffers. Any work will have to be done piecemeal, "one washout at a time," and it might take up to five years to complete, he added.

After meeting Friday with Vaught and other officials, the commissioner said he is greatly encouraged with the working atmosphere between the agencies involved.

"We (the county) have been invited to all the public comment meetings, and I left the meeting with the impression they are ready to sit down and work this thing out. We have a level playing field."

Vaught will have the final say as to what, if anything, will be done with South Canyon Road. He said the decision will be made after a series of public meetings and written comments

are made on the proposed alternatives. His decision could be made in early fall.

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Felix Longarte of Gooding, celebration of the rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Claude Paul Smith of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

June Daniels Harmsen of Trosen, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Mary A. Koll of Albuquerque, N.M., and formerly of Wendell, graveside memorial service at 2

p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Dwight Dudley Southwick of King Hill, memorial service at 3

p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glens Ferry. Inurnment will follow at Glens Rest Cemetery (Summers Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel, Mountain Home).

Wayne Crystal of Rupert, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Valley Vista Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Alvina P. Pubanz of Twin Falls, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Léo P. O'Connell of Jerome, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at his home following an illness.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Eula J. Blackham of Burley, Anna Justesen Blackham, 96, of Burley, died Friday, May 2, 2003, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Leo P. O'Connell of Jerome, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at his home following an illness.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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ALBION



Betty Wickel

Betty Lou Wickel, 77 years old, passed away Friday, May 2, 2003, at her home in Albion, Idaho, of natural causes.

Betty was the middle daughter, born to Andrew and Loretta Clark. She married Raymond Miller Wickel on August 17, 1942, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Their marriage lasted sixty years, all but three years have been in the Albion Valley. Betty worked at J.R. Simplot Co. retiring after 30 years of service in 1990.

She enjoyed gardening, beautiful flowers and ceramics. Holidays with family were always a special time. Hunting with Raymond and Tony and picnics in the mountains. Betty is survived by her husband, Raymond, her daughter, Karen (Gene) Boltz of Declo; her son, Tony (Irene) of Albion; four grandchildren, Holly (Mike) Terpsira of Ripon, California,

Rayanne (Gary) Corde of Albion, Stacy (Bruce) Holman of Malad, Id., Dennis (Gara) Boltz of Twin Falls, two nieces, Sandra (Darrell) Hinds of Morgan, Utah, Jan (Donny) Davis of Oakley, Idaho. She is also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her granddaughters, Joanne (Broth) Reynolds of Moses Lake, Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at the Albion West Church. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Kay Powell and Pastor Dennis Stoneman, officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 until 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Services are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

BUHL

Arthur Walter Pufahl of Buhl, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

He was born Dec. 17, 1912, at Corvallis, Oregon, to Julius and Anna Knochmann Pufahl. The family moved to Buhl in 1914. Art was in the U.S. Army from 1942-45. In 1946, he married Anna Bergland at Pipe Lake, Wisconsin. She died in 1987. Art farmed in the Buhl area, was caretaker at West End Cemetery for six years, and worked at Rangano. Art was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl.

He is survived by nieces, nephews, sister and brother-in-law.

A graveside service will be conducted on Tuesday, May 6, at 11 a.m. at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:7 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

MACKAY

Milt Butler of Mackay, died Friday, April 25, 2003, of natural causes.

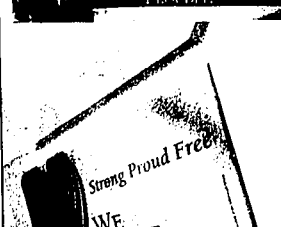
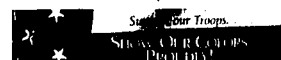
He was born June 13, 1930, in Chicago, Mont. to K.T. and Thelma Butler. The family moved to Gooding, Idaho, in 1937, where they were ranchers and farmers. Milt graduated from high school in Gooding in 1948. He married Cecelia White and they raised three children: Robin, Bruce and Jerry. Milt moved to Mackay in 1967, where he ranched at Chilly. For over 30 years, people from around the world had the pleasure of being guided on trail rides and big game hunts, where Milt shared his expertise, wisdom and humor in the Idaho mountains of the Big Lost range out of Mackay and the Smoky Mountain range out of Sun Valley. He was a line horseman.

Milt was past president of the Mackay Rodeo Association. He loved to rope and ride. He also enjoyed a game of golf with his friends. He will be remembered and dearly missed by so many people whose lives he touched. His heart was as big as the mountains and valleys he loved to ride.

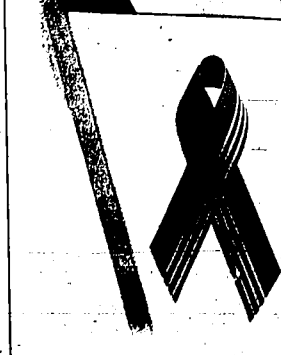
Milt has crossed the Great Divide and is smiling down the slope, gone where they always ride and where they always rope. Go well, Milt.

He is survived by his children, his two brothers, Dale and Larry, and two sisters, Cloy Simon of Boise and Noyama Bird of Rupert. Also surviving are his wife, Toni Butler of Mackay; four stepchildren, Terry and Lawrence Reynolds and Loni Mullick and Lisa Indrien; and by his many, many friends. Milt was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Duane Butler, and his wife, Carol.

Friends are invited to join the family for a Memorial Service and Life Celebration for Milt on Friday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at the LDS Church, 1228 Main Street in Gooding, Idaho. A Celebration of Milt's life will be held the afternoon of Saturday, May 10, on Main Street in Mackay, Idaho.



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Simplot could lay off people in Nampa, Caldwell

NAMPA (AP) - Canyon County's jobless could increase drastically when J.R. Simplot Co. scales back operations at its two local potato plants.

Simplot said it will buy fewer potatoes in Idaho, Washington and Oregon this fall as the food-product giant shifts some production to a new plant in Canada and confronts declining demand for French fries.

As a result, the company could

Plant

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Simplot is building a new potato processing plant in Canada. The "shakedown period" at that plant is slated for June. That's when potatoes are run through the plant in a test period. If all goes well, the plant will start full operation with this fall's potato crop, Zerna said.

Construction of the new Canadian plant is not directly responsible for the closure of the Heyburn plant, Zerna said. Rather, the Heyburn plant is an "aging" facility, the oldest in the company, and had become the least cost-effective operation.

"After an extensive study and evaluation of all our plants, Heyburn was the one that was closed," he said. "It's not directly attributable to the startup of a Canadian plant. It's related to our surplus product and surplus capacity."

Simplot's competitors have established positions in Canada. Zerna pointed out, and that has given those companies a competitive cost edge. And at it has forced Simplot - "if we're going to compete for those markets" - to lower costs and find a way to produce and compete from the same location, he said.

The population centers in the United States are east of the Mississippi River, Zerna said. While Simplot products are distributed throughout the country, more product goes where more people live.

The company found advantages in Canada because of lower transportation costs and because the plant is closer to Midwestern and Eastern markets. And it's been shown that potatoes grown in Canada are "reasonably good potatoes."

"We still think the best potatoes are grown in Idaho and the Northwest," Zerna said. But the Canadian crop is a good source, too.

A third factor is the advantageous Canadian exchange rate - another incentive for Simplot.

Crop future?

Although there's no doubt the plant will close, the decision about whether Simplot will continue to contract for potatoes in the Magic Valley isn't certain.

Once the Heyburn plant closes, it makes it less economical to haul potatoes from this part of the state to western Idaho or to Aberdeen where Simplot has processing plants.

"However, we have longstanding contracts with some growers in that area, and there's a possibility we may continue to contract for potatoes with them," Zerna said.

While an established grower base exists for Simplot's other plants, "we haven't ruled it out," he said. "There is a loyal, strong, capable group of growers who have supplied us over the years, and we may continue to work with some of them."

Ethanol plant

The ethanol plant which is located at the Heyburn processing plant is also scheduled to close, but the exact closure date hasn't been pegged, Zerna said.

A second processing line is scheduled to close May 21. Between now and then, Simplot managers will take a hard look at the feasibility of continuing to operate the ethanol plant, he said.

"We may very well be reaching a point where the potato byproduct volume, which is used as the raw material for the ethanol, just can't support efficient operation of the ethanol plant," he said.

At some point, the ethanol plant won't be operated by Simplot. Some discussions have taken place with parties "who've expressed some interest in purchasing the ethanol plant," Zerna said. But no offers have been made.

Nine people are employed at the ethanol plant; seven are hourly workers, and two are salaried. The number of employees hasn't changed in the past year.

Distribution center

The distribution center for frozen Simplot food products is expected to remain open after the processing plant closes.

"It continues to be our intention to keep that facility operating," Zerna said.

Today, 92 people work in the warehouse, including 83 hourly workers and nine salaried employees. That number is down from a year ago, when 113

either close one plant or cut back production schedules at several plants in the Northwest.

Spokesman Fred Zerna said the plants in Caldwell and Nampa would likely be the hardest hit. He added that Simplot expects to come to its decision by fall.

Simplot recently reported it employed 1,050 people at its two Canyon County potato-processing plants, and had a total of 2,100 employees in all its enterprises in

the county.

Truck terminal

Likewise, Simplot's intention is to continue to operate the truck terminal based in Heyburn. Those trucks, which are owned by the company, haul primarily raw potatoes. The trucks will support the Aberdeen plant and shuttle supplies and equipment to other Simplot plants in Idaho, Zerna said.

One fewer employee works at the truck terminal today than did a year ago. Today, 30 people are employed there - 28 are hourly workers, and two are salaried employees.

Idaho connection

Zerna brushed off suggestions that closing one processing plant in the state where Simplot began indicates the company is leaving Idaho.

"We are certainly tied to Idaho in a lot of ways," he said. "Not only food processing, but our cattle and fertilizer operations exist, and our headquarters are in Boise. There is no consideration at all in leaving Idaho."

Rather, he said, "We simply aren't buying as many potatoes in Idaho as we traditionally have. With the overall demand for french fries being off as much as 8 percent from a year ago and the fact we will supply some markets from the Canadian plant, we will contract fewer potatoes in Idaho. Unfortunately, we have a declining situation when it comes to using Idaho potatoes."

Simplot's three Idaho plants in Aberdeen, Caldwell and Nampa will continue to operate as they have, as will the plants in Hermiston, Ore., Grand Forks, N.D., and Moses Lake and Othello, Wash.

Numbers

When Simplot officials announced the closure last May 3, there were 605 hourly and 44 salaried employees at the Heyburn plant. At that time, the plan was to lay off 470 people from the processing department in the fall.

By the time the first layoffs occurred Nov. 1, the number of hourly workers had dropped to 545. Sixty people were lost to attrition. And five salaried workers had left too, taking that number to 39.

And Simplot officials had decided to keep a third production line open, and close only the main french fry line on Nov. 1.

So on Nov. 1, 270 hourly and nine salaried employees were laid off. That left 275 hourly and 30 salaried people on staff.

Those numbers indicate that 140 fewer people actually lost their jobs in the first six months after the closure was announced than originally planned.

The next layoffs will happen May 21, when 32 of the 270 hourly employees will lose their jobs. No

salaried positions will be cut. Another 20 people will be laid off in a couple of weeks too, Zerna said. The 20 temporary employees are now working full-time.

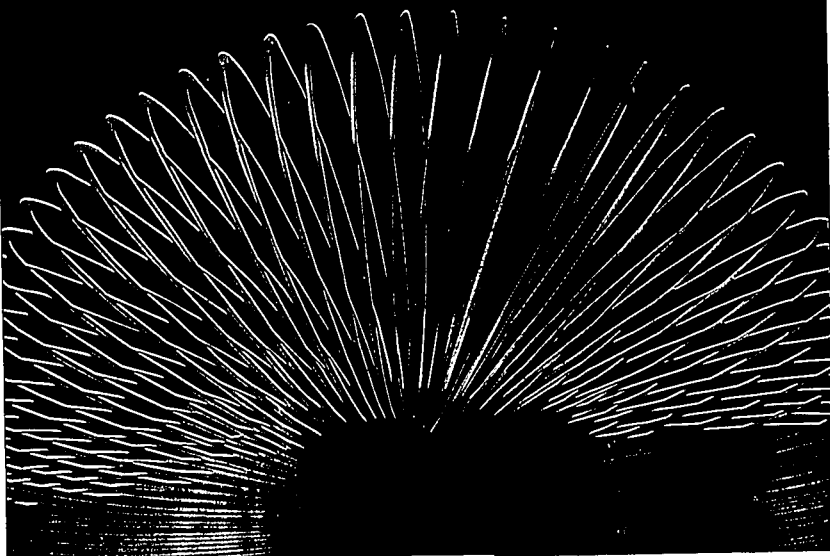
Five more hourly employees have left the production line

since November.

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Police arrest two in execution-style slaying of teen

BOISE (AP) — Two men have been arrested in connection with the execution-style killing of an 18-year-old.

Members of the Ada County Sheriff's SWAT team arrested Jason Ryan McDermott, 22, and Robby Wall Jr., 25, at an apartment complex Saturday afternoon.

Authorities believe the two may

have been involved in the death of Boise resident Zacariah Street, whose body was found Friday in the desert south of town. He had been shot twice in the head.

The Ada County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit is investigating the murder as a revenge killing, authorities said.

A truck driver found Street's body in an isolated desert area off

Pleasant Valley Road. There was no identification, Sheriff Vaughn Killen said initially, and investigators had hoped the victim's unique hat could help reveal his identity.

A faded black baseball cap covered with about 25 safety pins was found at the scene. The initials RLWS were on the front of the cap, and on the back of the cap is

the word "Lagwagon," an alternative rock band.

The driver, who was hauling water to a Boise city sewage dump about 3 miles west of the scene, flagged down military police who were driving down Pleasant Valley Road, Killen said.

The body was easily visible from the front of the road because of the sparse vegetation in the area.

Social

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numbers could be higher if more people were aware of the program, Davis said.

Smith said South Central Community Action Agency helps with heating costs through an energy assistance program as well as with food. Requests for energy assistance were high, but with winter now ended, she anticipates fewer requests.

In Cassia County, 576 households and 1,506 individuals received services of some kind from the South Central Community Action Agency in 2001, Trappen said. That volume remained steady in 2002, with 578 households and 1,494 individuals receiving services.

In Minidoka County, the number of people served increased — from 488 households and 1,362 individuals in 2001 to 533 households and 1,486 individuals in 2002, Trappen said.

More people are part of "doubled-up" households, Trappen noted, meaning families live with friends or relatives in the same house because they don't have enough money to pay rent.

Minidoka County saw a drastic increase, Trappen said: 37 households were doubled up in 2001, versus 74 doubled-up households in 2002. In Cassia County 46 households reported they were doubled up in 2001, compared with 43 households in 2002.

While requests for assistance in various programs are increasing, population is decreasing. Figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show a decrease in population of 3.6 percent between 2000 and 2002 in Minidoka County. That's 709 people.

Cassia County population grew, but at a slower rate than in previous years. Between 2000 and 2002, Cassia County added 304 people, or 1.4 percent.

In the schools

The number of students enrolled in area schools is declining too and has been for several years. Both Minidoka County Superintendent Nick Hallett and Cassia County Superintendent Mike Chesley agree recent drops in enrollment are not as drastic as they anticipated when Simplot announced the closure of the processing plant a year ago.

Minidoka County school enrollment has been declining steadily for seven years — well before any mention of the Simplot closure, Hallett said.

Between last school year and the current year, the district lost 80 students.

Between 2000 and 2001, the district lost 168 students; between 2001 and 2002, enrollment dropped by 63.

A loss of students due to Simplot may still be coming, Hallett said. Many families may wait until summer to move so children can finish the school year.

Chesley expects a significant enrollment drop next fall. District officials anticipate they'll lose three classroom units by next year — about 60 students. They'll compensate by reducing staff through attrition, Chesley said.

If more students leave, larger classes will become the norm, with possible cuts in teacher aides, programs and transportation, Chesley said.

Enrollment was decreasing in Cassia County before the Simplot announcement, too, Chesley said. Declining enrollment is due to smaller families, families moving away and the depressed economy.

In Minidoka County, each student costs the district roughly \$5,000 per year, Hallett said; 80 percent of that is reimbursed by the state. So ultimately, the district loses about \$4,000 of state funding for every child who leaves the district.

Declining enrollment also affects athletics. It appears Minidoka High School will move to Class 4A from 5A in 2004, said Minidoka Athletic Director Tim Perrigot.

According to the Idaho High School Activities Association, a 5A school has 1,250 or more students; a 4A school in football has 1,500 or more students. The 4A classification means enrollment is between 800 and 1,249 except football, where it's between 800 and 1,499.

"It's something we're looking forward to," Perrigot said.

Currently, Minico is the "little guy on the block" in Class 5A, Perrigot said. Moving to 4A and facing opponents such as Burley, Jerome and Wood River gives Minico more opportunities for success.

"That's huge for us," Perrigot said.

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Dear Editor—

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart and a lot of grief. I want to THANK the community of Kimberly, friends and family for the outpouring of food, cards, hugs, love and donations during the last month.

We all have suffered a great loss with the death of Laurie Jay Rice. I'm so grateful for all of the kind words and the experiences that you have related to me, and how her bubbly smile was so upbeat, friendly, open, kind and always having fun. I, as her mother, know all this about her and more, but it is a comfort to know that everyone in the community knew that also.

Thank you for all of you that came to share our last time with Laurie at the funeral. It couldn't have been at a better place than the school, because it was her "home-away-from-home." She loved going to Kimberly High and being such a big supporter of her fellow peers.

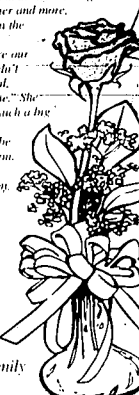
I hope that all of you learned a lesson to be more aware of what is going on around you. Please be careful that something like this does not happen again to any other person. This was a senseless death, and we don't want anyone else to go through what we have gone through.

I would like all of you to remember the memories you have for Laurie, and keep her in your hearts.

Please remember she is in a better place, "Cheerleader Heaven," teaching the angels how to cheer, and smiling down upon us.

Thank you,

Cheryl Rice, Emily Rice and family



WENDELL CHAMBER MEMBERS

May 1-4 - WENDELL CHAMBER LUNCHEON
12:40 Noon, Canyon Restaurant (2817 West Ave., H.)
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May 1-4 - Board of Directors Meeting
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T-N employees receive awards

The Times-News

BOISE — Times-News writers, photographers and designers took several awards at this year's Idaho Press Club awards banquet Saturday in Boise.

The winners include:

- Reporter Sandy Miller, 3rd place, watchdog/investigative reporting; 3rd place, light feature reporting.
- Reporter Jennifer

Sandmann and staff, 2nd place, series.

- Reporter Mark Heinz, 3rd place, series.
- Features Editor Steve Crump, 1st place, general column.

- Page Designer David M. Lemery, 2nd place, headlines; 2nd place, page design.
- Chief Photographer Bruce Shields, 2nd place, feature photography; 3rd place, spot news

photography; 3rd place, sports photography.

- Photographer Lisa Collard, 1st place, photo essay; 2nd place, sports photography.
- Reporter Julie Pence, 3rd place, agriculture reporting.
- Assistant Features Editor Denise Turner, 3rd place, religion reporting.
- Reporter Robert Mayer, 1st place, rookie of the year.

The paper's Ag Weekly publication also won in several weekly newspaper categories:

- Ag Weekly Editor Carol Ryan Dumas, 1st place, business reporting; 1st place, agriculture reporting; 3rd place, editorial (weekly newspaper); 3rd place, environmental reporting.
- Reporter David Burgess, 2nd place, agriculture reporting.
- Correspondent Terrell Williams, 3rd place, health/medical reporting.

Payette Forest Service sides with development

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service is siding with a mining company's bid to reopen roads and drill test holes in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Conservationists warn the Golden Hand Mine is within the Middle Fork of the salmon watershed, home for several species of imperiled fish including chinook salmon and steelhead.

Payette National Forest Supervisor Mark Madrid on Thursday signed a record of decision for the Golden Hand Mine. The alternative chosen allows American Independence Mine and Minerals Inc. to reopen about three miles of road to access mining claims covering about 40 acres near Coin Creek in the headwaters of Big Creek.

Up to 48 test holes at 31 locations will be drilled. There also will be some underground work at two existing mine openings. "I am basing my decision to implement the selected alternative on the following primary factors: fisheries and water quality, wilderness, and activities reasonably incident to mining," Madrid wrote.

The selected option modifies the proposed plan by reducing road construction, allowing no

trenching, no residence at the site, and adding more mitigation and monitoring, the Forest Service said. Activities there are limited to three years.

The decision is subject to appeal, with a June 23 deadline. The two claims are located forty miles northeast of McCall and had been previously mined from the early 1900's until 1941 for a total profit of \$44,000, the Idaho Conservation League said earlier.

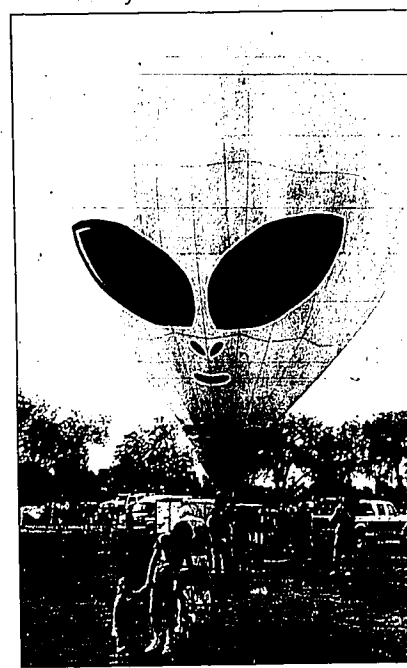
The group in May 2002 called upon the Forest Service to reject more mining there.

"The mining company assumes that a claim gives them a license to build roads and drive bulldozers into this wilderness, which simply isn't true," said John Robison of the Idaho Conservation League.

"Miners in other wilderness areas minimize their effects by accessing claims on foot, horseback, and helicopter. More intrusive methods are not appropriate and should not be allowed."

The Conservation League and The Wilderness Society in March filed suit, charging the Payette forest violated federal laws in approving a mill in the Big Creek drainage east of McCall that would use cyanide to leach gold out of the ore.

— UNDER THE EYES OF AN ALIEN —



A balloon decorated like an alien floats during the 16th Annual Old Timers Balloon Rally in Roswell, N.M., Saturday, May 3, 2003. Some 45 balloons participated at the event this year.

Salt Lake City police easily catch bank robbery suspects

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police say they had an easy time solving two bank robberies thanks to the perpetrators.

The first, wearing a mask over a hooded sweater, politely waited in line with customers at a Zions Bank branch before distracting a teller for a moment and reaching over to grab money from a drawer around 10 a.m. Friday, said Capt. Dave Burdett of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. Customers who saw him trying to steal the cash

tackled the unarmed robber and were soon aided by bank workers.

"We usually try to discourage that, but it was good work by citizens," he said.

The other robber got away with the cash Tuesday, but was arrested Friday after his parole officer recognized him from a surveillance photo. He had robbed the same building seven years ago.

"You have to wonder what they're thinking," Burdett said.

America at war

Serving Their Country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties who are deployed to Iraq and the Middle East. Information supplied by their families.

Daniel Broc Hansing

- Age: 22.
- Hometown: Wendell.
- Local family: Parents, Dan and Cheryl Hansing.

- Service, date of enlistment: Air Force, May 2000.
- Rank, assignment: Senior airman, electrical technician, Diego Garcia (island in Indian Ocean).
- Task: Works on B-2 Stealth bombers.
- Additional information: Deployed in March and recently returned home.

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local service members involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharissa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharissab@timesnews.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

Michael D. Albrecht

- Age: 24.
- Hometown: Heyburn.
- Local family: Mother, Julian Reynolds.

- Service, date of enlistment: Army, March 1999.
- Rank, assignment: Sergeant, Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense, Artillery Regiment, Iraq.
- Task: Works with Patriot missiles.
- Additional information: Deployed in February.

— Compiled by Anne Thompson

Experts say reservations show wind power potential

BOISE (AP) — More than a year of measurements on two Indian reservations shows a "world class" potential for wind power development, government experts said.

Both the Fort Hall Reservation near Pocatello and the Duck Valley Reservation on the Nevada border had sites with average wind speed measurements of about 18 miles an hour, making them a Class 5 wind resource, the Idaho Energy Division said.

Class 6 is the second highest rating. Others areas on the reservations measured in the 16 mph range, ranking them Class 5, still considered excellent for large-scale wind power development.

Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory scientists measured five spots on the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Fort Hall Reservation. One site, Wheat Grass Ridge, recorded average winds of 15.8 mph at 20 meters above the ground.

That calculates out to 18 mph at 50 meters, the approximate height at which large power rotors would operate, and the general industry standard height for determining commercial potential.

A site on the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes' Duck Valley Reservation recorded average winds of 16.5 mph, equal to 18.35 mph at 50 meters.

"The sites on the Fort Hall Reservation represent 'world class' wind power potential. These are better than 50 percent of the wind farms in California," said Gary Siefert, who heads the INEEL wind power program and who made the Idaho measurements.

Half a dozen anemometers which measure wind speeds were put in place on the reservations in 2001 and information has been collected for 16 months now.

Pioneers

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crafts and a display of early 20th century gasoline engines.

"We're hoping to make it the premiere spring event, rain and all," said Sharon Cheney, president of the Gooding County Historical Society and organizer of the 2003 Founder's Day.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the society's new facility. Currently housed in Gooding's original post office, the society has long since outgrown the building which still lacks heat and water, Cheney said.

The city of Gooding has donated an acre of property, so all money raised goes toward the building. Cheney said she's shooting for a little more than \$1,000 from parade entries, raffles, T-shirt sales and food sales featuring Glanbia-donated cheese and Falls Brand-donated hot dogs.

Also raising money were the

antique appraisals. David Hutchins of Twin Falls, All American Appraisal Company held up to the light Irene Rounsell's glass kerosene lamp. He was noting how the originally clear glass had transformed into a purple hue from years of sun exposure. In mint condition, the 100-year-old lamp could draw nearly \$175, Hutchins said.

"I think that's very nice," said a pleased Rounsell. However, the Wendell woman won't part with it: too sentimental, she said.

Her husband, Bob, brought Hutchins a 1926 bank complete with case.

"It's in excellent shape for its age," Hutchins said, assessing its value around a grand.

And like his wife, Bob Hutchins had no intention of selling the family heirloom.

"I want my son to have it," he said.

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CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu: Milk and juice served every day. Monday: Donuts. Tuesday: Turnovers. Wednesday: Pancakes. Thursday: cinnamon rolls. Friday: Scrambled eggs. Lunch menu: Monday: Spaghetti. Tuesday: Cheeseburgers. Wednesday: Park rib-cue on a bun. Thursday: Chicken nuggets. Friday: Pizza.

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Monday: Hot dog.

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Spaghetti. Wednesday: Sliced turkey sandwich. Thursday: Pizza. Friday: Hamburgers.

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu: Milk served every day. Monday: Cereal. Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy. Wednesday: French toast. Thursday: Cheeseburgers. Friday: Long Johns. Lunch menu: Milk served every day. Monday: Chicken fajitas. Tuesday: Potato soup. Wednesday: Fish party. Thursday: Salisbury steak. Friday: Hot dogs.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Italian sub sandwich. Wednesday: Hot. Thursday: Island potato bar. Friday: Pizza.

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets.

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Nachos. Wednesday: Pizza pocket. Thursday: Deli sub. Friday: Chicken wrap.

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily. Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Monday: Burritos. Tuesday: Turkey sandwich. Wednesday: Tacos. Thursday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes. Friday: Pizza.

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu: Milk served every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available. Lunch menu: Milk served every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available. Lunch menu: Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day. Monday: Hamburgers. Tuesday: Chicken Alfredo. Wednesday: Corn dog. Thursday: Chicken taquito. Friday: Baked cheese sandwich.

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Monday: Spaghetti. Tuesday: Cheeseburger. Wednesday: Baked potato. Thursday: Sloppy joes. Friday: Roast turkey and gravy.

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day. Monday: Tacos. Tuesday: Pizza. Wednesday: Chicken sandwich. Thursday: Beef nuggets. Friday: Rib-cue.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day. Breakfast menu: Monday-Friday: Menu not available. Lunch menu: Salad bar and choice of milk served every day. Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day. Monday: Hot dogs. Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich.

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu: Milk and juice served every day. Monday: Cereal. Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy. Wednesday: French toast. Thursday: Cereal. Friday: Lunch menu: Monday: Chicken nuggets. Tuesday: Sloppy joe. Wednesday: Chicken fajitas. Thursday: Chili. Friday: Cheeseburger.

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day. Monday: Soft taco. Tuesday: Spaghetti. Wednesday: Chili. Thursday: Chicken party sandwich. Friday: Hot dog.

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day. Monday: Rib-bee sandwich. Tuesday: Hot dog. Wednesday: Chili. Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich. Friday: Turkey stir fry.

School lunch menus are printed via public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 735-5538. Attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.



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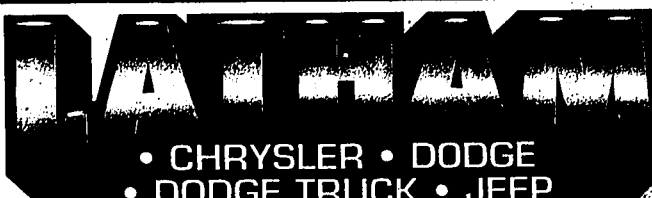
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Coming Monday

• Buhi High School students do some spring "cleaning."

The Times-News

Sunday, May 4, 2003

Eagles win wild one to reach championship series

CSI heads to Vegas after eliminating Dixie

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Shortstop Casey Oliver put it best. "It was a weird play on a weird day," he said.

And now it is off to the land of the weird - Las Vegas.

The College of Southern Idaho scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning for the 6-5 lead, holding on for the Region 18 baseball playoff series win over Dixie State College Saturday at Walker Field.

The win sends the Golden Eagles (34-16) into a best-of-three series starting Thursday against No. 1 seed Southern Nevada (46-8) in Henderson, Nev., for the Region 18 championship.

"I still don't know how we won," said head coach Jim "Skip" Walker. "I was sitting in the dugout and couldn't see it."

Unfortunately for Rebels fans,

neither could catcher Robert Grana for a costly couple of seconds.

The game-winning run came after Oliver broke out of a hitting slump with a double to the right-center field gap past a diving Tyson Olson. It must have rattled the normally steady Jeff Oliverson.

Because on the next pitch, Oliverson threw a fastball wide of Grana, hitting the backstop, so hard the ball rolled up onto the net.

Grana looked toward the ground for the loose ball, not spotting it until it rolled back down.

Those few seconds were all Oliver needed.

"I wasn't going to stop unless they told me to," Oliver said. "Once I looked up and saw (the ball) against the backstop, I was going."

A slide later and it was 6-5 CSI

Eagle Eye

Saturday's Game
• CSI 6, Dixie State 5, CSI wins series 2-1
Next up:
Region 18 Championship
• CSI at CCSN
When: Game 1,
Thursday, 7 p.m. MST

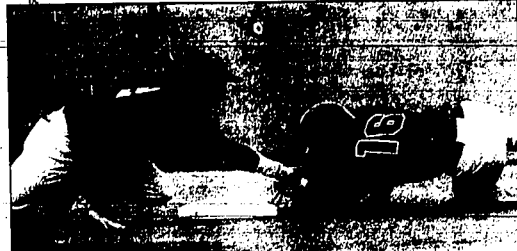
in a back-and-forth game. It was also Oliverson's first earned run of the season.

It would be the most costly.

Then, tension for both teams set in as a chess match developed in the top of the ninth inning.

CSI reliever John Hurd had cruised through the eighth inning after three strikeouts in a row to close out the seventh to end a major Rebels' scoring threat. He had one out in the ninth when Mike Martin blooped a single into shallow right center over second baseman Levi Shumway.

That brought up Amos Burgess, who already had two singles and



a double in the game. Worst of all for CSI fans, his hits had come off fastballs - Hurd's best pitch.

"We had situations where we could score some runs," said Dixie coach Mike Littlewood. "One hit here and one hit there and we win the ballgame."

But they wouldn't get the big one. In stepped Ryan Jones,

whose off-speed pitches forced Burgess into a grounder back to the mound that Jones easily tossed to first. The play advanced Martin to second, but put two out on the scoreboard.

"We knew if it got to Burgess, we'd have it go to Jones," Bommer Walker said. "We were comfortable with Johnny going

against (hitting) Gary (Hess) because of his injury."

Hurd then stepped back at to face Gary.

"I never thought I'd come back in," Hurd said. "I was a little nervous."

The injured Garret is unable to run due to torn ligaments in

Photo by CSI, Page C2

-129TH KENTUCKY DERBY

Funny Cide gets last laugh



Buddy Gil, fourth from right, runs in traffic as the field rounds a turn during the 129th running of the Kentucky Derby Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Buddy Gil finished sixth; Funny Cide won the race.

AP Photo

Rough start relegates Buddy Gil to sixth-place performance

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The winner was a gelding, the first in 74 years. The favorite finished second and his foot was fine. Baffert and Lukas hardly mattered.

There sure was a Funny Cide to this Kentucky Derby.

"People just didn't believe in this horse because he is a gelding," winning jockey Jose Santos said. "This is an excellent horse. I can't believe we won the Kentucky Derby."

Neither can a lot of people, including Bobby Frankel. The trainer had the two favorites in Empire Maker and Peace Rules, but his colts couldn't catch Funny Cide. Empire Maker, the top

choice at 5-2 was 1 3/4 lengths behind with Peace Rules a head farther back.

"It wasn't meant to be," Frankel said. "That's all I can say. The other horse ran a good race and he beat me."

Indian Express was trainer Bob Baffert's lone chance for his fourth Derby win in the past seven years, but the colt was never in contention and finished 14th.

"I saw disaster," Baffert's assistant Jim Barnes said. "He's missed the break. He had a lot of trouble going into the first turn."

As did Hagerman-raised Buddy Gil. The race's "other" gelding - a neutered male horse - got squeezed out of the gate and never threatened. After falling

The 129th Kentucky Derby

■ Buddy Gil's Derby Chart									
Horse	WL	PP	25	.5	.75	1M	Str	Fin	Jockey
Buddy Gil	126	7	13-hd	13-2.5	13-4	11-1	6-5	6-75	Steven
Note: Decimal points are distance markers on the track, showing horses and their positions at various points in a race. At the quarter-mile (.25), Buddy Gil was 13th place by a head, at the finish, he was in sixth place, nearly a length back.									
■ Payoffs									
Horse	Win	Place	Show						
6 (5) Funny Cide	27.80	12.40	8.20						
12 (11) Empire Maker		5.80	4.40						
5 (4) Peace Rules			6.00						
Off 4:08 MDT. Start Good, Track: Fast.									
\$2 Exacta (6-12) paid \$97.00									
\$2 Trifecta (6-12-5) paid \$664.80									
\$1 Superfecta (6-12-5-4) paid \$2,795.80									
Winner: CH G. 3, by Distorted Humor/Belle's Good Cide									
Trainer: Barclay Tagg									
Scratched: Sir Cherokee									
Overweights: None									

back to as far as 13th along the backstretch, Buddy Gil rallied late along the rail to finish a respectable sixth place.

Four-time Derby winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas fared no better. He had two 3-year-olds in the

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miere horse race.

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Occasional network camera shots of Buddy Gil and his jockey Gary Stevens drew instantaneous roars of "Yes Buddy!"

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Fans appreciate chance to see local horse run in national spotlight

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - He didn't win. No matter, Hagerman remains proud of Buddy Gil's sixth place performance at Saturday's 129th running of the Kentucky Derby.

"It's still a pretty good showing," said Jamie Martin of Hagerman. "I still feel great about it. No disappointment. It would've been fun to have Buddy Gil win but we're happy to have the showing that he did."

Martin joined nearly 75 people in front of the big screen television in Hagerman's Angler Lounge to watch the nation's pre-

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Price washes out on Crimson Tide

Alabama fires former Washington St. coach

By John Zenor
Associated Press writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Mike Price was fired by Alabama without coaching a single game because of behavior including a night at a topless bar - another embolism against a once-proud football team.

University president Robert Witt said Saturday that Price failed to live his "personal and professional life in a manner consistent with university policies."

Price, hired away from Washington State in December, lost his job because of his conduct on a trip to Florida last month for a private golf tournament. Witt disclosed for the first time that Price was warned before that trip about his public behavior.

"To the university and the entire 'Bama Nation, I admit making mistakes and at times inappropriate behavior, but I ask for your forgiveness," Price said.

He isn't the only college coach whose conduct away from games has been under scrutiny. Iowa State men's basketball coach Larry Eustachy was suspended last week for being photographed at a student party after an away game. The school's athletic director recommended that Eustachy be fired.

Alabama has won six national football championships, but it can't seem to keep a coach lately and is under NCAA probation.

Reports emerged during the week that Price spent hundreds of dollars at a topless bar, and the next morning, a woman ordered about \$1,000 of room service and charged it to his hotel bill.

The 57-year-old Price, who hired two sons for his Alabama coaching staff, and his wife attended a public session with university trustees Saturday.

He then had a private meeting with Witt.

After Witt announced the firing, a tearful Price said, "I apologize to my wife, the team and my coaches. I will learn from this." He said he asked Witt for a second chance, but the president declined.

Witt called Price "a great coach, a good man," but the president added that Price failed to live up to responsibilities that came with the job of head coach at Alabama.

Before trustees were behind closed doors, pleas were made to retain Price.

"Everybody makes mistakes," quarterback Brodie Croyle said. "You can rest assured it won't happen again."

Prices' sons spoke on his behalf.

"In his 57 years, there's been one moment in his life he didn't act appropriately," Aaron Price said.

Witt said he regretted the "period of uncertainty" for Alabama players who now must wait to see who their new coach



University of Alabama coach Mike Price pauses during a press conference where he was fired Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

will be. The previous coach, Dennis Franchione, left abruptly after last season for Texas A&M. The football team's probation stems from rule violations under coach Mike Duffalo, who was forced out in 2000 during a 3-8 season.

Price led Washington State to consecutive 10-win seasons and a Rose Bowl berth last season. He was to have been Alabama's sixth head coach since Bear Bryant retired after the 1981 season.

The late Bryant set the standard - and lofty expectations - for all future Alabama football coaches, winning five AP national championships and establishing a since broken record for Division I victories.

The only other Alabama coach to win a national title was Gene Stallings in 1992.

With Price clearly in trouble this week, and the program in turmoil, there has been talk among Alabama fans that Stallings might be called on to take over on an interim basis. Price agreed to a seven-year contract worth \$10 million with Alabama but never signed it. The deal had a clause saying he could be fired for any behavior "that brings (the) employee into public disrepute, contempt, scandal, or ridicule or that reflects unfavorably upon the reputation or the high moral or ethical standards of the University."

When Price was hired by Alabama, he immediately showed deference to Bryant's legacy.

"I want to be the second-best coach in the history of Alabama football," Price said then. "If I could do that, I think that would be wonderful. It probably isn't going to be done the way Papa did, the way Coach Bryant did it. It's going to be the way I do it. To walk on the same sidelines that he walked in a same huddle."

Price never got the chance.



Watching the 129th Kentucky Derby on the big-screen television at Angler's Lounge in Hagerman, Jamie Russell, right, looks on in disbelief while Jim Digangi, left, and Jonathan Hess cheer as local horse Buddy Gil hangs toward the back of the pack Saturday. The 3-year-old gelding, owned by Donnie and Judy McFadden of Hagerman, placed sixth.

SPORTS

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

Formula One, Spanish GP, SPEED, 5:30 a.m.

NHRA, Southern Nationals, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.

Golf

Euro Tour, Italian Open, final round, TGC, 6 a.m.

Natwest Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am, final round, TGC, 11:30 a.m.

PGA, Michael Light Open, final round, ESPN2, noon

PGA, HP Classic of New Orleans, final round, CBS, 1 p.m.

Champions Tour, Bruno's Classic, final round, CNBC, 4 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Playoffs, Magic at Pistons, Game 7, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.

NBA Playoffs, Trail Blazers at Mavericks, Game 7, ABC, 1:30 p.m.

Boxing

Sunday Night Fights, FSNW, 4 p.m.

Soccer

Mexican League, UNAM Pumas vs. Necaxa, UNI, 11 a.m.

Baseball

MLB, Rockies at Cubs, WGN, noon

MLB, Mariners at White Sox, ESPN, 9 p.m.

Football

Arena, TBA, NBC, 1 p.m.

Softball

College, Big 12 championship, TBA, FSNW, 1:30 p.m.

Boxing

Sunday Night Fights, FSNW, 4 p.m.

Baseball

MLB, Yankees at Red Sox, 1 p.m.

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SPORTS

Stars stave off elimination; Sens take 3-2 lead

DALLAS (AP) — Jean-Sebastien Giguere finally looked like the goaltender the Dallas Stars pounded in the regular season, not the brilliant postseason record-setter he's become.

Facing elimination, the top-seeded Stars got early goals from Rob DiMaio and Stu Barnes, then a short-handed goal from rookie Niko Kapanen to knock out Giguere after two periods and beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-1 Saturday in Game 5 of their second-round series.

Anaheim still leads the series 3-2. The Ducks will try again to advance to the Western Conference finals in Game 6 at home Monday night.

Giguere, however, won't have the same aura around the crease after giving up three goals on 19 shots and opening the third period on the bench.

It was a stunning reversal for a goalie whose postseason statistics coming in were among the best in the NHL's modern era: a goals-against average of 1.27 and a 96.0 save percentage. He was even coming off a shutout in his previous game.

Instead, he looked like the guy Dallas blisters for seven goals in a little more than four periods in two regular-season games back in October and November.

Dallas was energized and hungry from the start, looking for more like the Western Conference's best regular-season team and less like a team on the verge of being eliminated by a No. 7 seed.

Jere Lehtinen hit a post 53 seconds in, and Brenden Morrow nearly jammed in the rebound. Midway through the first, Mike Modano fed DiMaio at the right edge of the crease and the puck went in off his skate for a 1-0 lead.

Dallas went up by two goals for the first time this series five minutes later when Stu Barnes scored off another nice pass, this time by Pierre-Edouard Tremblay. Kariya later scored for Anaheim, knocking in a rebound early in the third period to make it 3-1.

That was the only time the



Dallas Stars center Stu Barnes celebrates his first period goal against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in the first period of their playoff game in Dallas, Saturday. Anaheim goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere looks away.

Ducks got anything past Dallas' Marty Turco, who made 14 saves.

Sensators 5, Flyers 2

OTTAWA — Radek Bonk and Marian Hossa each had a pair of power-play points, and the Ottawa Senators overcame an early deficit with five straight goals Saturday to beat the

Philadelphia Flyers 5-2.

The Senators lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 and can advance to the Eastern Conference finals against New Jersey with a win at Philadelphia on Monday, Game 7, if necessary, will be Wednesday in Ottawa. Bonk and Daniel Alfredsson scored quickly on Ottawa's first

two power plays, with Hossa assisting on both goals. The Senators are 7-0 in these playoffs when they manage to score. All three of their losses have come by shutout.

Patrick Lalime made 17 saves, and Bryan Smolinski, Martin Havlat, and Peter Schaefer also scored for Ottawa, which moved

within one game of advancing past the second round for the first time in the Senators' 11-year history.

Claude Lapointe and Radovan Somik scored for Philadelphia, which went 14-4 on the power play. The Flyers have yet to score in 14 power-play opportunities in the series.

Duncan wins MVP award

Spurs center becomes seventh player to earn honor twice in a row

The Associated Press

Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs has won the balloting for the NBA's Most Valuable Player award, The Associated Press learned Saturday.

Duncan becomes the first player since Michael Jordan in 1991 and 1992 to win the league's most coveted individual award in consecutive seasons.

The San Antonio Express-News was the first news organization to learn of Duncan's selection, reporting the news on its Web site early Saturday.

A basketball source with knowledge of the final vote totals, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed to the AP that Duncan had indeed won the award.

An official announcement is to be made Sunday. Duncan led the Spurs to the league's best record, 60-22, while averaging 23.3 points and career highs in rebounds (12.9), assists (3.9) and blocks (2.92).

He beat a number of worthy candidates, including Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, Orlando's Tracy McGrady, Allen Iverson of Philadelphia and Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal of the three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Writers and broadcasters from the 29 NBA cities voted on the MVP award, sending their ballots in at the conclusion of the regular season.

Duncan is the seventh player to win the award in consecutive seasons, joining Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Moses Malone, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell.

Duncan will receive his trophy one day before the Spurs open the second round of the playoffs against the Lakers.

Blazers hope for unprecedented turnaround



Portland Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace, left, goes to the basket against Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, right, during the first half of their first-round NBA playoff game Friday in Portland, Ore.

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks started the season with 14 straight victories, one shy of the league record. They finished the regular season with 60 wins, a franchise best.

Now, against the Portland Trail Blazers, Dallas is on the brink of making some history it really wants to avoid: Becoming the first NBA team to blow a 3-0 lead in the playoffs.

Portland has a chance to complete the unprecedented turnaround in Game 7 Sunday. That they're going the distance is impressive in itself; only twice in league history had a team won three straight games after losing the first three of a postseason series.

"It's a one-game series now for both teams," Portland's Scottie Pippen said. "We've been able to beat this team three games straight, but I don't think we've taken their best punch yet."

He rested his sore left knee Friday night, playing only seven minutes in Portland's 125-103 victory in Game 6 Friday night. The Blazers are confident about winning at Dallas on Sunday after winning Game 5 there despite only leading in the final 65 seconds.

Dallas, meanwhile, needs to get its confidence back. "I think we just need to believe," Mavs point guard Steve Nash said. "There is no question in my mind we can win that game."

Who will advance to play the

Portland at Dallas

Series tied 3-3
On TV: ABC, 1:30 p.m.

Sacramento Kings in the second round?

History is on the Mavericks' side. The other two NBA teams that, like Portland, went from 0-3 to 3-3 in the postseason (the 1994 Denver Nuggets and 1951 New York Knicks) both lost the series finale.

No road team has won an NBA Game 7 since 1982.

Dallas hasn't lost four straight games since March 2000 and is 4-2 in elimination games since returning to the playoffs two years ago. None of those was a Game 7, however.

"It'll all be a new experience and a fairly good one," Mavs coach Don Nelson said. "You just get seasoned."

The sort of comeback Portland is attempting is rare in other major team sports, too.

Five NHL teams have stretched a series to the limit by losing three then winning three, and only two of them also won the series: the 1975 New York Islanders and 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs.

No major league baseball team ever forced a winner-take-all finale after going down 3-1.

"We need to be upbeat," Dallas guard Nick Van Exel said. "We've got to show the same heart and character they have and leave it all on the court."

NBA SECOND ROUND MATCHUPS



EASTERN CONFERENCE:

No. 2 NEW JERSEY (49-33, 4-2) vs. No. 6 BOSTON (44-38, 4-2)
Season Series: Nets won 4-1, with Boston's win coming way back on Nov. 20, when the since-departed Shammoud Williams led the Celtics with 21 points. The Nets won the other games by 35, 15 and 13.

Storyline: A rematch of last season's Eastern Conference finals, which the Nets won on the road in Game 6.

Key Matchup I: Kenyon Martin vs. Antoine Walker. The Nets' power forward takes tremendous personal pride in his ability to shut down Walker, which he has been able to do consistently. In the Nets' three regular-season wins, Martin held Walker to 3-for-15, 5-for-18 and 6-for-15 shooting. "When we play this team, we do things that are uncharacteristic for us," Walker said in March. "Some teams just have your number during the regular season."

Key Matchup II: Jason Kidd vs. Tony Delk/J.R. Bremer. Should be the mismatch of the series, with one of the best playmakers in the game taking on either Delk — more of a shooter than a playmaker — or the rookie from St. Bonaventure. Kidd has a strong distaste for Boston fans, who heckled his wife during last year's playoffs.

X Factor: Rodney Rogers of New Jersey was a member of the Celtics a year ago. His former role in Boston's offense has shifted to Walter McCarty, who had a nice season against Indiana, averaging 12 points and making 14 3-pointers.

Little-Known Fact: Kidd had three triple-doubles in last season's conference finals, joining Oscar Robertson (1963) and Wilt Chamberlain (1967) as the only players to have three of those statistical rarities in a postseason series.

Prediction: Nets in 5.

Western Conference:
No. 1 SAN ANTONIO SPURS (60-22, 4-2) vs. No. 5 LOS ANGELES LAKERS (50-32, 4-2)
Season Series: Spurs swept 4-0. Two of the games were played early in the season before Shaquille O'Neal returned from foot surgery. Kobe Bryant scored 44 in the third meeting, but angered coach Phil Jackson by taking 41 shots. After the fourth game, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, "They are still the best team on the planet until proved different in the playoffs."

Storyline: The three-time defending champion Lakers' second stop in their quest to become the first team in nearly four decades to win four straight titles.

Key Matchup I: Kobe Bryant vs. Bruce Bowen. The best back-court player in the Western Conference vs. one of the toughest man-to-man defenders in the league. Bryant averaged 31.8 points in the first round vs. Minnesota. Bowen scored 31 points in the entire six-game series against Phoenix.

Key Matchup II: Derek Fisher vs. Tony Parker. Fisher has the better 3-point shot and more postseason experience, while Parker has an edge in speed and creativity. As the third offensive option behind Shaq and Kobe, Fisher will be a key component of the supporting cast with Rick Fox sidelined by injury.

X Factor: The mental matchup. The Lakers needed only nine games to get to the Finals after the playoffs the past two seasons, with Popovich uttering the memorable line two years ago: "Now I know how Custer felt."

Little-Known Fact: After the Lakers lost to San Antonio 103-95 on Valentine's Day, a hotel restaurant on the 16th floor restaurant Avenue to personally cook and serve dinner to his new bride, Shaquille O'Neal.

Prediction: Lakers in 7.

McGrady, Billups face off in Pistons, Magic showdown

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Two No. 1s will play key roles in determining whether the Detroit Pistons or Orlando Magic reach the second round of the NBA playoffs.

The focus will be on Tracy McGrady, Orlando's best player, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, whose 40-point performance was the driving force behind the Pistons' 103-88 win Friday night in Game 6 of the teams' first-round playoff series.

Both wear uniform No. 1 and both have one chance left to help their teams advance when the hard-fought series concludes with Sunday's Game 7. The winner will face Philadelphia.

The Pistons will try to avoid becoming only the third top seed to drop a playoff series to a No. 8

Detroit vs. Orlando

Series: tied 3-3
On TV: ESPN, 10:30 a.m.

seed. The Magic, who led 3-1, haven't reached the second round since Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway played in Orlando.

"We've got to do it the hard way, and that's on the road," said McGrady, who had 37 points and 11 rebounds while playing all but 25 seconds Friday.

McGrady has been hounded by the NBA's best defensive team but has managed to average 33.5 points. He has vowed to "be a little bit more selfish" Sunday.

"He got 46 on us (in Game 2), and we beat them," Detroit's Jon Barry said Saturday after practice. "He does tend to take other guys out of the mix."

Regardless of what strategy Orlando employs, the Pistons will look to take the same hard-nosed approach that has led them to consecutive 50-win seasons and a pair of Central Division crowns.

"We're playing a very physical brand of basketball right now," Billups said. "We wanted to pick up our aggressive level of play, and we have."

But Orlando has been up to the challenge, winning the first game on the road and matching Detroit's muscle along the way. Rookie forward Drew Gooden has routinely gone right at two-

time Defensive Player of the Year Ben Wallace and attacked the glass with Wallace-like intensity.

The Pistons set the tone in Game 6, though. Billups connected on more 3-pointers — five — in the first quarter than he had all series, and Wallace recorded his fourth double-double of the series with 20 points and 17 rebounds.

"My concern is about the guys coming out too relaxed," Wallace said.

Detroit has not only momentum on its side, but also a raucous home crowd.

"It's going to be difficult," Orlando forward Shawn Kemp said. "It was difficult to get it in our own house, so you know it's going to be tough in theirs."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI women's PG White to sign with Oral Roberts

TWIN FALLS - Jessica White, a sophomore guard on the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, has verbally committed to play basketball next season at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

White visited the school, which competes in the Mid-Continent Conference, two weeks ago, choosing Oral Roberts over Western New Mexico University.

White, who transferred to CSI after half a season at Northwest Nazarene in Nampa, said she chose Oral Roberts because it felt more like her home of Boise. "The city of Tulsa really reminded me of Boise and my home surroundings which I really enjoy," she said.

White started nine games this past season for CSI, averaging 5.87 points, 3.45 rebounds and 3.45 assists (fifth in the league). She also committed 135 turnovers, second-most in the league.

Rain washes out racing at M.V. Speedway

TWIN FALLS - Persistent rainfall and long travel plans for drivers forced Magic Valley Speedway officials to call off racing for the second consecutive weekend at the 1/3-mile oval.

"The distances these guys had to come from and with the weather, we just decided to try again next weekend," said speedway promoter Steve York.

The Late Model Lites, Idaho Midget Association and race trucks were scheduled to race Saturday.

Next Saturday's schedule includes the Modifieds, Grand National Sportsman, Pony Stocks and season debut of the Queen Bees.

Muni teams win at Blue Lakes Country Club

TWIN FALLS - Led by Mike Hamblin and John Weekes, two teams from Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course won the Pro-Lady golf tournament Friday at Blue Lakes Country Club.

Hamblin's team finished at +14 in the Chicago scoring format.

Weekes' team took second at +6 with the Terrace Lakes team third at +1 and host Blue Lakes fourth at -1.

Hamblin won finishing at +7 and Chad Watson of Boise Beach was second at -2. Tim Reinke of Pinecrest captured third with a -4 and Rob Ellis of Blue Lakes was fourth at -5. Gene Frank won the senior division at even.

Ladies winners were posted without first names.

Gooding H.S. holds physicals on Wednesday

GOODING - Athletic physicals for all incoming Gooding middle or high school athletes and cheerleaders next fall will be held on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the high school.

All students planning to participate in any sport including Pee Wee football needs to attend.

Pee Wee football players and incoming seventh- and eighth-graders should show up at 6 p.m. with all high school, including freshmen, following at 8:45 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for the physicals. Students must also bring a signed physical form, insurance release paper and drug and alcohol form.

For more information, call Joleen Toome at 934-4831 or 934-5771.

Nadeau remains critical a day after crash in practice

RICHMOND, Va. - Jerry Nadeau was in intensive care with head, lung and rib injuries from a crash in Winston Cup practice, and his vital signs are "very good," team general manager Jay Frye said Saturday.

Nadeau remained in critical condition a day after the crash at Richmond International

Raceway. He has not spoken since the accident, Frye said, but has been communicating with visitors despite being sedated.

"He was aware that I was there," said Frye, who has seen the 32-year-old driver three times since the accident in practice Friday afternoon.

Nadeau continues to undergo a series of tests, Frye said, but he could not specify what those tests were or what they have shown to this point.

Nadeau suffered a partially collapsed left lung and rib injuries, although Frye said "we don't know how many or which ones."

The driver was injured during the final practice for Saturday night's Pontiac Excitement 400 when his car skidded entering the first turn, spun and slammed into the wall between the first and second turns.

Owner decides to keep NHL Dallas Stars

DALLAS - Tom Hicks said Saturday he's decided not to sell the Dallas Stars, opting instead to remain the owner of two pro sports teams.

Hicks, who also owns the Texas Rangers, said in September that he was putting the hockey team up for sale to concentrate more on baseball.

He said Saturday that he made this decision more than a week ago and had started telling associates.

He planned a formal announcement after the playoffs, but made it official following the Stars' 4-1 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Dallas is down 3-2 in the second-round series.

Hicks originally said he wanted as much as four times the \$84 million he paid in 1996.

ACC reportedly lobbying for Miami to join conference

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The ACC celebrates its 50th birthday May 8 with an outside chance of giving itself a spectacular present: The University of Miami.

According to sources in North Carolina and Florida, ACC Commissioner John Swofford is urging league presidents to approve expansion while lobbying Miami to come aboard.

The ACC expects a resolution in the next two or three weeks, sources said, with an answer - but only if Miami says yes - possible as early as next week.

In that event the league would announce the addition of Miami, the 2001 NCAA football champion, at Sedgewood Country Club outside Greensboro, where the league was founded May 8, 1953.

If Miami comes aboard, the ACC probably won't stop at 10. The league's goal is 12 teams, enough to hold a championship game in football while providing negotiating leverage after its current television contract expires in 2005.

After Miami, the ACC's targets would be Big East colleagues Syracuse and Boston College, with Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech outside possibilities.

The next ACC meetings are scheduled for May 11-14 when athletics directors meet in Amelia Island, Fla.

Lawsuit accuses agent of misleading Yao

CLEVELAND - A sports agent was accused in a lawsuit of intervening in a deal that would have allowed a sports management company to represent Houston Rockets center Yao Ming.

Evergreen Sports Inc., based in suburban Shaker Heights, Ohio, filed the lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court, accusing agent Bill Duffy of Walnut Creek, Calif., of misleading Yao about Evergreen in 1999 to sign the player.

The suit seeks damages for lost revenue Evergreen figured to get from the contract with Yao for his work on and off the court, Evergreen's lawyer, Peter Foulos, said Saturday.

Messages left with Duffy and his agency, BDA Sports Management, were not immediately returned Saturday.

Compiled from wire reports

Derby

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16-horse field - Ten Cents a Shine was eighth and Scrimshaw 11th.

Unlike most Derbies, this one lacked sizzle. And when it became clear Frankel's horses were beaten, there was more of a letdown feeling of "Funny Who?"

Perhaps the oddest element was that Funny Cide nearly stayed home in New York because his trainer didn't want to deal with the aggravation of traveling to Churchill Downs. Good thing he changed his mind.

Making his winning move around the far turn, the chestnut overtook pace-setting Peace Rules and then held off Empire Maker to become the first horse bred in New York to win the Derby.

Funny Cide, trained by 65-year-old Barclay Tagg, became the first gelding since Clyde Van Dusen in 1929 to win the Derby. Since then, 74 geldings tried and failed.

But not this one. The win by Funny Cide also turned the tables on Empire Maker, who beat the gelding by a half-length in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 12.

After that race, Tagg was reluctant to leave town. He even waited until Wednesday to bring his 3-year-old to town.

"So many things go wrong in this game all the time," Tagg said,

"To have everything go right week after week after week and it finally comes to this, is a blessing."

Tagg made Derby history of his own, becoming the first trainer to win on his first Derby try since Cam Gambolotti won with Spend a Buck in 1985.

Funny Cide, a 12-1 choice by the crowd of 148,530 - the fifth largest - was third down the back stretch, behind a speed duel between Brancusi and Peace Rules.

When Brancusi tired entering the final turn, Santos moved Funny Cide off the rail to go after Peace Rules.

As they turned for home, Funny Cide was between Peace Rules on the inside and Empire Maker on the outside. Under Santos' urging, Funny Cide drew clear and covered the 1.25 miles in 2:01.19, the 10th fastest in Derby history.

"We got a beautiful trip and settled in very easily," Edgar Prado, aboard Peace Rules, said. "He tried very hard, we just go beat."

At what might be called a fourth, followed by Eye of the Tiger, Buddy Gil, Outta Here, Ten Cents a Shine, Ten Most Wanted, Domestic Dispute, Scrimshaw, Office Wild, Supah Blitz, Indian Express, Lone Star Sky and Brancusi.

Jockey Jerry Bailey said Empire Maker's bruised foot

wasn't a factor.

"If it had bothered him, he wouldn't have changed leads on command the way he did," said Bailey, a two-time Derby winner.

"I still think he's better than that other horse, but that doesn't change what happened."

Purchased as a yearling for \$22,000 by Sackatoga Stables in upstate New York, Funny Cide returned \$27.60, \$12.40 and \$8.20. Empire Maker paid \$5.80 and \$4.40. Peace Rules paid \$6.

In earning \$800,200 from the \$1,100,200 purse for his first victory in four tries this year, Funny Cide hoisted his winnings to \$1,239,385.

Although Frankel finished 2-3 with his powerful entry and had three wins and a second on the day's undercard, he left town 0-4 in the Derby and winless in Triple Crown races.

The odds changed slightly on Derby day, with Empire Maker dropping from 6-5 on the morning line to 3-1 before settling at 5-2.

It all ended with the Derby favorite's jinx very much intact. Since Spectacular Bid won in 1979, only one favorite - Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000 - has come through.

"When they turned for home, I thought he was going to win it. I'll live to fight another day. So will the horse," Frankel said.

De La Hoya stops Campas

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Oscar De La Hoya got the victory he needed, if not the spectacular knock-out he wanted.

De La Hoya beat and battered a game Yory Boy Campas from the opening bell Saturday night, doing everything but knock him down before Campas' corner decided their fighter had enough at 2:54 in the seventh round.

De La Hoya successfully defended his WBC 154-pound title, winning on a fight that proved as lopsided once it started as it looked before the two fighters even entered the ring.

Campas was a 25-1 underdog who kept coming forward, but took a beating doing it. He never went down, but his face was red and swollen and he was getting hit by almost everything.

De La Hoya threw when his corner came on the ring apron and asked referee Vic Drakovich to stop the fight.

De La Hoya, coming off a knockout win over Fernando Vargas last November, hand-picked Campas as an opponent for a tune-up he wanted before meeting Shane Mosley in a rematch on Sept. 13.



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SPORTS

Eustachy tries to decide what approach to take in fighting for job

By Chuck Schoffner
Associated Press writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Larry Eustachy, recently suspended by Iowa State for his behavior at college parties and slapped with a one-game suspension by the NCAA for rules violations, is deciding what approach to take in the fight to keep his job.

Eustachy's attorney, Doug Gross, said the coach has until close of business Monday to choose whether he'll appeal the university's decision. Gross said

Saturday he was meeting with Eustachy to "evaluate the issues the university has raised."

"He's indicated publicly, and told me privately as well, that he wants to fight for his job," said Gross, a former candidate for Iowa governor.

ISU athletic director Bruce Van De Velde recommended last week that Eustachy be fired following newspaper reports that he drank and partied with college students after games in Columbia, Mo., and Manhattan, Kan.

Photos from the Columbia party show Eustachy kissing young women and being kissed by them on the cheek. Eustachy disclosed this past week that he is an alcoholic and is seeking treatment.

On Friday, the university announced that the NCAA had found Iowa State guilty of secondary rules violations because Eustachy twice paid players for making free throws. The university was ordered to suspend Eustachy for

one game. The payments to the players — the most anyone received was \$20 — took place during the 2002-03 season.

Van De Velde said those violations had nothing to do with his recommendation to fire Eustachy.

Iowa State had reported the violations to the NCAA and won't appeal the ruling, said associate athletic director Bill Smith, the university's compliance coordinator.

Iowa State's image has taken a beating over Eustachy's conduct — but the university will recover, Van De Velde said Saturday.

"Worse things have happened to basketball programs or football programs before. We have a great core group of fans, we have a great administration, we have support from our alumni who know we're trying to do the right thing for this institution, for the entire situation," he said.

The university reported the violations to the NCAA and sent the organization a report of its

own investigation on March 27. In that report, the university imposed its own penalties, including a letter of reprimand to Eustachy and a salary freeze.

Eustachy would lose about \$8,000 because of the sanctions, Iowa State said. He is paid about \$1.1 million a year.

Eustachy is 107-59 in five seasons at Iowa State, including 17-14 last season. He guided Iowa State to Big 12 championships in 2000 and 2001 and was the AP national coach of the year in 2000.

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We all know how important it is to keep our teeth strong and healthy. But did you know that consuming cheese and other dairy products can help keep your pearly whites just that? Over the past few years, there has been a decline in the prevalence of dental caries, a progressive destruction of bone or tooth, among some U.S. children.

However, about half of all children 12 years of age and nearly all adults still experience caries and periodontal disease is still problematic with many older adults. A major cause of tooth decay is the breakdown of refined sugars by bacteria, turning the sugars to acid, which then dissolves the tooth enamel. That's why plaque — a sticky mixture of bacteria, food, and debris — removal is so important. As for periodontal disease, it's caused by a group of progressive disorders affecting the gums and other supporting structures around the teeth, including bones. One easy and tasty way to maintain healthy teeth is to remember to add dairy products to a balanced diet. Cheese and other dairy products can play an important role in the prevention such infections and tooth decay. Eating cheeses

such as cheddar, mozzarella, Swiss, and American helps to protect against dental caries, especially if consumed at the end of a meal or in combination with caries-promoting foods. These cheeses have been demonstrated to prevent plaque pH from falling to a level conducive to caries, even in the presence of sucrose.

Did you know that consuming cheese and other dairy products can help keep your pearly whites just that?

Epidemiological and clinical investigations also indicate a protective effect of cheese against dental caries. Researchers have found that older adults who consume more cheese are at reduced risk of root caries compared to subjects whose intake of dairy foods is low. In addition to the benefit of eating cheese, milk has nutrients such as calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, vitamin D, and others that support the development of teeth and oral tissues in young children which may help to protect against dental caries. Calcium deficiency is speculated to increase periodontitis and there is research that indicates a link between osteoporosis



and periodontal disease. Here are a few tips on how to increase your oral health habits:

- Consume a nutritionally balanced diet containing a variety of foods.
- Limit between meal snacks. If you do snack, choose nutritious foods such as cheese, plain yogurt, fruit, or raw vegetables.
- Consume cariogenic foods such as cookies with noncariogenic or cariostatic foods like nutrient rich milk, cheese.
- Visit your dentist at least once every six months, brush with fluoride-containing toothpaste at least twice daily and preferably after every meal, and don't forget to floss.
- Have sealants applied to teeth when appropriate.
- Never allow infants and young children to fall asleep with a bottle containing fluids with fermentable carbohydrates. Also, pay attention to the remainder of children's diets.

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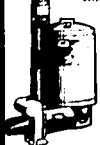
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Candy Sanchez, center, selects a disposable camera from a table in the Heyburn Simplot plant's lunchroom in this Oct. 30 photo. Cake and cameras were Simplot's farewell to Sanchez and others who were laid off that week. Sanchez, soon called back as a temporary worker, faces another good-bye this month.



Louis Gonzalez

Man's GED, debt-payoff efforts stall

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Louis Gonzalez is no more prepared to face his job than he was six months ago.

"Nothing seems to be going right," he said last week. "The forklift driver for Simplot still attends GED classes and hopes to have certificate in hand before the plant closure ends his job next spring. But the effort hasn't progressed much lately."

"Not too far," he said. "I really can't say what the problem is."

With his eye on college entrance, auto-body certification and a business of his own, Gonzalez also wants to eradicate debts — or whittle them down as much as possible — before his eventual college enrollment. His progress on that front?

"Not too good. I just don't seem to have the money to do it," he said.

Gonzalez's grown son lost his job and moved in with Gonzalez about four months ago. That put Gonzalez in a tighter financial strait.

"More stressed out about money, lately, than anything," he said.

Gonzalez said his name doesn't appear on Simplot's list for the May round of permanent layoffs. "I'm still safe on that part," he said.

But some of his friends got pink slips.

"Some of them are glad to get out of here, and others wish they could stay," Gonzalez said.

This cutback finds Simplot workers more resigned than last fall's did. And there's less discussion of the topic at work.

"Everybody knows it's going to go down, and it's just a matter of time," he said.

Gonzalez intends to take all the time there is. He won't search for a new job until he's forced to.

"I'm going to wait until the plant shuts down before I do that," he said.

He doesn't want to end up like former co-workers who last year quit Simplot positions early, thinking they'd avoid the rush of job-search competition — and signed on at McCain Foods USA Inc. — or Kraft Foods, North America, only to be caught in layoffs at those plants.

"You're afraid to go look until you have to. It seems like everybody's laying off around this town."

"I'm just, for the most part, ready to tie up loose ends," she said last week.

First, she needs to pass a computer literacy exam.

"So that's what I'm going to work on this summer," she said. If she fails the test, she'll practice and retake. "I think I can pass it."

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And busy with work and study, she isn't designing and dressing porcelain dolls these days. She closed the door on her doll-making shop for now.

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Mother faces second layoff with less worry

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Cake and ice cream greeted J.R. Simplot Co. workers at lunch breaks Oct. 30, and the potato processor distributed disposable cameras and address books to the 168 employees who lost their jobs that week. Some snapped pictures of their friends and exchanged address entries.

Packaging operator Candy Sanchez that day said she was feeling emotional with the approach of Oct. 31 — her last day on Simplot's staff, after almost five years, and her good-bye to her two best friends, who were co-workers.

"Tomorrow maybe we're going to feel worse," Sanchez said Oct. 30.

A week later, a temporary-labor firm supplying workers to Simplot offered Sanchez the same swing-shift work at the same pay — but made no promise how long the job would last.

The answer came last month, as Simplot announced it will permanently close one of the Heyburn plant's three specialty product lines May 21. That will put 57 people out of work, including 20 temps.

Sanchez is one of them. So she faces a replay of the last-day-at-work farewells. This time it's with less trepidation, though with no more certainty about her future.

"I don't want to think about it anymore. I'll just believe that something new will come. I don't want to worry about it," Sanchez said last week.

"There's nothing I can do about it."

The 25-year-old mother of three is raising the children by herself. Her dilemma last year — as she struggled with debts she couldn't afford and wondered when another layoff would fall — inspired several Times-News readers to sizable gestures of kindness.

Sanchez last week said she's been keeping up with her bills lately, and bill collectors haven't repossessed any of her beleaguered stuff.

"I haven't lost anything," she said. "But it's just like, I don't worry about that either. It's just objects. I don't worry about things like that anymore. It's things that you can buy with money. For me now, the more important things now are my kids, our life, our health. And we're OK."

Sanchez has taken steps to prepare for a job search. She said she thinks she can complete a GED before this month's layoff. With the reading test completed this spring, just social studies and science exams remain.

Absent is the anguish she expressed last year about the future of her family — Jacqueline, 2, Juan, 3, and Cassandra, 6.

"I'm not worrying anymore. I'm not sad anymore," Sanchez said. "I decided to go to church, and I got a lot of support — emotional support."

Instead of brooding about tomorrow, now she's living a day at a time. Her happiness, she said, rubs off on the children.

"I just feel their happiness with me," Sanchez said. "It's like we have more time to be together now than we did before. Maybe because before I was thinking what was going to happen."

Sanchez draws with Cassandra and helps the girl with homework. Juan loves his bicycle, and his sisters and mother join him.

"We all ride. Jacky has her own little bike, and Cassandra does too, and Juan. So we all go riding bikes."

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Simplot workers

STARTING OVER

About this series

By the time potato processor J.R. Simplot Co. shuts down its Heyburn plant in 2004, it will have directly eliminated something like 650 jobs.

Writer Virginia S. Hutchins is putting a human face on that job loss as she follows seven of the displaced or soon-to-be-displaced workers through the process of starting over.

Simplot workers

STARTING OVER

The Simplot seven

Hutchins last year introduced readers to Simplot forklift driver Cindy Gensch. Waste-treatment worker Mary Lou Herbert. Forklift driver Louis Gonzalez. Quality assurance lab tech Maria Rivera. Former spud trimmer Tony Cuellar and his wife, former employee-services clerk Belinda Narango. And packaging operator Candy Sanchez.

In February, readers took their leave from Cuellar and Narango as the couple settled into a new home, a new job and a full-time college schedule.

Today's stories

In this section, read about Sanchez's upcoming layoff, and the schooling progress of Herbert, Gonzalez and Rivera.

On A1, read about Gensch's bid to avoid losing her job this month.

The Times-News will check in with those five workers periodically as they ponder their options and chart their futures over the coming months or years.

For mother, lab tech, college must wait

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The future can wait. Maria Rivera is living in the present.

Work now, college later. "When there's no more work," Rivera said last week.

The Simplot quality-assurance lab tech kept her job following the Heyburn potato plant's first round of permanent layoffs at the end of October.

She expects to escape the May cuts, too, and keep her job until next year's closure.

But the pared-down plant switched Rivera from days to swing shift at the start of November, preventing atten-



Maria Rivera

dance at some of her college classes and eliminating evenings with her husband and son.

Long hours and the new shift

complicated her effort to prepare for her eventual layoff. She did make it through fall semester at the College of Southern Idaho's Burley center, finishing all four of her classes with a few scheduling concessions by professors and her Simplot supervisor.

But preparation for a pharmacy career got put on hold this spring. Family, work and college classes were too hard to juggle, so Rivera eliminated the latter.

"I guess when I'm laid off from Simplot I'll be able to dedicate more time to school," she said, admitting a little disappointment. "Things are a lot easier without having the school."

Simplot's most recent layoff announcement didn't generate as much talk at the Heyburn plant as last year's, Rivera said.

"This next one's kind of peace-

Computer exam is next hurdle for woman

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Even as a second round of permanent layoffs hits, some of Mary Lou Herbert's Simplot colleagues still don't believe the plant will close next spring.

"I find that amazing," said Herbert, a waste-treatment worker for the Heyburn operation.

But Herbert believes. She's well on her way to an associate's degree in water resource management and hopes to have it in hand by the time Simplot shuts down the plant and eliminates her job.

Finishing up an English class now, Herbert still needs a social science course and another English class to

round out the degree's required credits.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Feed Service leaders

TWIN FALLS - Michael W. Smith of Feed Service in Twin Falls announced the hiring and appointment of Kirk L. Claiborn as sales manager.

Feed Service was founded in 1991. Smith purchased the store in November and has formed an all-new team to serve the liquid and mineral needs of livestock and dairy operations in Idaho and surrounding areas.

Claiborn has several years of experience in sales and customer service. He can be reached at 280-1165 or at the Feed Service office at 736-0064. Feed Service's business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency contacts are available at 731-6684.

Radiologic tech leaders

RUPERT - Joel Rogers was installed as chairman of the Idaho Society of Radiologic Technologists at the 2003 annual conference in Jackson, Nev.

Rogers is director of extended care services at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and has over 25 years of radiographic experience.

As the society's chairman, Rogers will conduct board meetings throughout Idaho and represent members of the society as the voting delegate from Idaho at the American Society of Radiologic Technologists' conference in June.

The Idaho society represents all medical imaging specialists including radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, CT technologists and MRI, mammography and ultrasound.

technologists.

Also installed at the society's banquet were Dean Miller, as the new president (Miller is from Rupert and works at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls) and Putty Allen of Gooding as secretary.

Dennis 'Skip' Hylton

PAUL - Don Billings, regional vice president of Rain for Rent, and Gordon Jensen, branch manager of Rain for Rent in Paul, presented Dennis "Skip" Hylton with the President's Diamond Award for his excellence in sales for 2002.

Virgil Johnson

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Bank promoted Virgil Johnson to vice president/commercial loan officer.

Johnson's duties include consumer loans, Small Business Administration loans, agricultural loans and commercial loans.

With over 23 years of banking experience, Johnson has been with Magic Valley Bank for the past three years. Johnson, his wife, Joan, and their three boys have lived in Magic Valley for over 16 years.

Sharon Seifert

GOODING - Magic Valley Bank selected Sharon Seifert to be assistant branch manager of its Gooding branch.

Seifert's responsibilities include all loan processing; certificates of deposit; savings and checking accounts; opening of new accounts.

counts; individual retirement accounts; and teller operations. A resident of the Gooding area for over 11 years, Seifert was one of the original employees of the Gooding branch when it opened three years ago.

Seifert, her husband, Kent, and their two children have lived in Gooding for over 11 years. Seifert is also a Gooding City Council member. She has served on the council for the past six years and for the past two years has been president.

Engineering managers

TWIN FALLS - J-U-B Engineers Inc. announced four staff changes:

- Robert E. Hegstrom assumed the position of Twin Falls regional manager.
- Hegstrom has been employed by J-U-B since 1995. During the past seven years as project manager, he has managed a variety of projects. In addition to his experience in building construction and demolition, he has managed municipal water and wastewater projects, including integration of computerized Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems for many communities.
- Prior to J-U-B, Hegstrom worked for several large food processors on expansion projects in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Minnesota, giving him broad experience in the private sector.

• Professional engineer Tracy Ahrens will become J-U-B's new Twin Falls assistant regional manager and principal engineer.

Ahrens has been involved in the Twin Falls office for over 13 years and has gained experience in all aspects of engineering, including project management, planning, design, construction engineering and administration.

Ahrens has managed many complex projects while specializing in municipal projects, J-U-B said.

Professional engineer D.W. "BUI" Block

Block, who has been the Twin Falls regional manager and vice president of J-U-B since 1979, is now senior project manager.

Block, who has been active in management and development of the Twin Falls office, as well as the corporation of J-U-B, is now focusing on a few unique and specific projects. Block is retaining his seat on the board as a vice president. He will remain at the Twin Falls office to ensure a smooth transition to the new management.

• Professional engineer Brian D. Smith was promoted to area manager of J-U-B's new Fort Collins, Colo., office, which is anticipated to open in July.

Smith has over 12 years of civil engineering experience and has been assistant regional manager of the Twin Falls office for the past three years, primarily responsible for oversight of transportation and structural engineering projects in the region.

Connie Glander

BUHL - Connie Glander, a teacher at the middle school in Buhl; is the April Extra Mile Award winner for the chamber of commerce and the city. Glander also coordinates Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association classes held three times a year at school facilities. Glander goes

the extra mile in acquiring appropriate instructors who are teachers or local residents who have experience in hands-on projects.

Gathering the information, instructors and times to be printed in a brochure and distributed is Glander's responsibility, and she is dedicated to keep the programs going for the education and interest of the community, award promoters said.

In addition to a plaque, Glander received several gift certificates and gifts from local merchants, and a bouquet of roses.

Doug Ash

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Realty announced Doug Ash has joined its team of professional Realtors.

Ash is an associate broker with more than 11 years of experience in real estate and was owner/broker of Doshier Realty. He is a native of Twin Falls and has worked and traveled in Magic Valley since first going to work at the Cain's furniture store in 1963.

James Robinson

TWIN FALLS - James Robinson was promoted to branch manager of Vector Marketing's Twin Falls office.

Robinson joined Vector in May 2002 as a sales representative. Soon after joining the company, he was promoted to field sales manager and later to assistant manager. He is a certified field trainer and has won numerous sales awards from the company. He is a resident of Nampa.

Vector, based in Philadelphia, is the exclusive marketer of Cutco cutlery directly to consumers via sales representatives, many of them college students. Headquartered in Olden, N.Y., Cutco Cutlery Corp. manufactures high-quality kitchen cutlery and accessories.

Mary Brand

TWIN FALLS - The

Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation said Mary Brand of Twin Falls will participate in its spring Class XXII. Brand is sponsored by the Idaho Rural Partnership.

The LIA program aims to enhance the leadership, personal development and awareness of agriculture for each participant. Participants are selected from agriculture and agribusiness organizations to participate in class sessions for four months. Graduation is in July.

Since 1985, 506 participants have graduated from the statewide program.

The LIA Foundation is dedicated to leadership development for men and women across Idaho, said Rick Waitley, foundation president. Class members will hear from more than 100 speakers, participate in tours, have speaking opportunities and experience situations which will prepare them for leadership in the agriculture industry.

For information, contact Waitley at 55 S.W. 83rd Ave., Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642, or call 588-0988.

Real estate agents

TWIN FALLS - Tonya Backus, Sherri Pullin, Kip McKelvey and Hunter Rowland, all of Magic Valley Realty in Twin Falls, completed the specialized real estate investment course titled "Crating Wealth Through Residential Real Estate Investment," conducted by the Council of Residential Specialists of the National Association of Realtors.

The course, conducted in Boise, is one of the classes that could be taken by real estate agents and brokers who will eventually qualify for the certified residential specialist designation.

It covered fundamentals of investment, taxes affecting real estate investment and investment strategies to create wealth. During the two-day course, students learned how to analyze residential real estate investment opportunities and apply wealth-building strategies.

Backus, Pullin, McKelvey and Rowland can be reached at 734-1991.

MILESTONES

DiversityInc lauds Washington Mutual

TWIN FALLS - Washington Mutual said it was selected as one of DiversityInc's "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" for the second consecutive year.

To make the list, DiversityInc asked all Fortune 500 companies a series of 50 questions regarding the sex, race and ethnicity of managers, directors, best-paid executives and new hires. The survey team also probed into how much money was spent on minority suppliers and looked at the percentage of advertising dollars dedicated to reaching consumers of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, Washington Mutual said.

"A corporation's diversity commitment is worthless without strong support of the CEO and top management. Questions demonstrating that support were among the most highly valued," said DiversityInc's Executive Editor Barbara Frankel.

Washington Mutual ranked number 33 on the list, reporting that 42 percent of new hires were minorities in 2002, 36 percent of the company's management staff are minorities and 50 percent of the company's managers are women.

The report is to appear in the June/July 2003 issue of DiversityInc Magazine.

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■ **Jensen Jewelers** was honored for longtime support of elk habitat conservation, with corporate giving topping \$100,000 to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. The company was recognized during the foundation's national convention in Reno, Nev.

The foundation works to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. At a banquet honoring its Business Partners in Conservation, it recognized Jensen Jewelers for reaching the Gold Medallion level of giving to local and national Elk Foundation fundraising events.

"Thanks to the generosity of companies like Jensen Jewelers, the Elk Foundation has now enhanced or permanently protected nearly 3.7 million acres of elk habitat in the United States," said Tony Schoonen, a senior vice president for the foundation.

Jensen Jewelers has been a



Duane Rasmussen, left, and Jim Adams of Jensen Jewelers show the Business Partners in Conservation Award they received recently from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

family-owned group of jewelry stores for more than 46 years. The stores annually donate to Idaho chapters in Twin Falls, Burley, Idaho Falls and Pocatello. In Montana, the stores

donate to chapters in Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls and Billings. The company also donated to the Elk Foundation chapter in Elko, Nev., as well as annual national Elk Camps.

Members, volunteers and supporters of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are conserving elk country at a pace exceeding 1.5 square miles per day, the foundation said. Its goal is to reach 5 million total acres - an area more than double the size of Yellowstone National Park - in 2005. Emphasizing permanent land protection and habitat stewardship, the Elk Foundation's mapping technology focuses the work in crucial elk winter range, summer range, migration corridors and calving grounds.

For information, visit www.elk-foundation.org or call (800) CALL-ELK.

■ **Success Martial Arts** gave more than \$65,000 in 390 one-month scholarships to schools, churches and other groups throughout Magic Valley.

Brian Higgins, senior instructor, said the scholarship program aims to expose youngsters and adults to the discipline, fitness and character-building opportunities of martial arts.

Gas prices send people to pedaling

The Associated Press

In these days of pricey gasoline, is riding a bicycle a viable alternative to driving? It is for some people, according to a survey of 547 people earlier this month.

Half said they are driving less because of higher gas prices, and

47 percent said they're considering using a bike instead.

The survey, which was split between urban and suburban residents, found that 61 percent said they had altered their discretionary spending because of gas prices and 27 percent said they had reduced the budget for their vacation.



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Friday session gives overview of Transportation Department program

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - An orientation session for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Friday in Room 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The program is directed to female, minority and disadvantaged small-business owners who provide transportation-related services in construction, consulting, supplies and other areas. It is designed to foster equal opportunity for minority, female and disadvantaged business owners on federal-aid transportation projects and to help them improve business efficiency and flexibility.

Representatives from the Idaho Department of Commerce's Idaho Business Network, Idaho State Division of

Purchasing, U.S. Small Business Administration, Women's Business Center and Idaho Small Business Development Center will give presentations. The orientation is presented by the Idaho Transportation Department's DBE Supportive Services.

Attendees will learn how the DBE program works, how to qualify and become certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise owner, and what benefits they can receive through DBE Supportive Services. They will also learn about services available to small businesses through other government agencies.

Admission to the orientation is free. To register or for more information, call the Idaho Transportation Department's DBE Supportive Services at 334-4442 or visit the Web site at www2.state.id.us/civil/recruit/hm.

Presentation aims to help businesses with publicity efforts

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Wondering how to get your business news into the pages of *The Times-News* or its monthly *Southern Idaho Business* publication?

You don't have to wait for a reporter's phone call.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins this week will speak to business owners and managers about various types of business news, the newspaper's policies for its Money section and the steps for preparing and submitting press releases.

Hutchins will make her presentation at a short seminar scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the office of Historic Old Towne's business improvement district, 132 Main Ave. S., No. 7.

She'll help business people consider how their companies' latest developments, staff changes and other news fit into the newspaper's business news pages.

And during the presentation she'll demonstrate the composition of a simple press release by composing a few news briefs for business people in attendance.

The presentation was planned by the downtown business group's Organization Committee, led by

Elina Annas of Cooper Norman. But business people from anywhere in Magic Valley are welcome to attend.

Space is limited, however. So anyone interested in attending should pre-register by calling Annas at 733-6581.

Dollar's decline halts during Friday session

NEW YORK (Dow Jones/AP) - The dollar paused its decline Friday, finishing the day little changed against its major rivals but down sharply since Monday.

After a steep decline earlier in the week, the dollar managed to halt its slide as traders took profits and adjusted positions ahead of a long weekend for the London and Tokyo markets.

The dollar garnered some support from the U.S. employment report for April and a subsequent rally for U.S. equities, while unimpressive economic data from Europe tarnished the euro, traders said.

The April employment report proved to be better than some had feared, but didn't really give the market much reason to cheer once the figures had been analyzed, traders said.

The payroll decline in April was less than economists had expected after two months of steep payroll cuts, but the nation's unemployment rate moved higher as U.S. employers cut jobs for a third consecutive month, suggesting the overall economy continues to struggle.

The April figures aren't "going to change people's attitude about the economy," said Marc Chandler, chief currency strategist at HSBC in New York, noting that the data could "further embolden" dollar bears next week.

Later in the morning, U.S. factory orders for March came in above expectations.

Japanese officials had warned about excessive yen strength during the Asian session. Around midday in New York, a report from Japan's Jiji Press indicated

Japan's three-party ruling bloc will call for flexible yen-weakening market interventions as part of its emergency economic proposals to be compiled early next week.

Japan's government has a long history of using intervention in foreign-exchange markets to stop the yen from reaching levels it feels will hurt the competitiveness of Japanese products in the world markets.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.1231, down from \$1.1238 late Thursday.

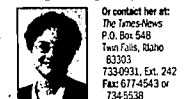
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- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magicvalley.com



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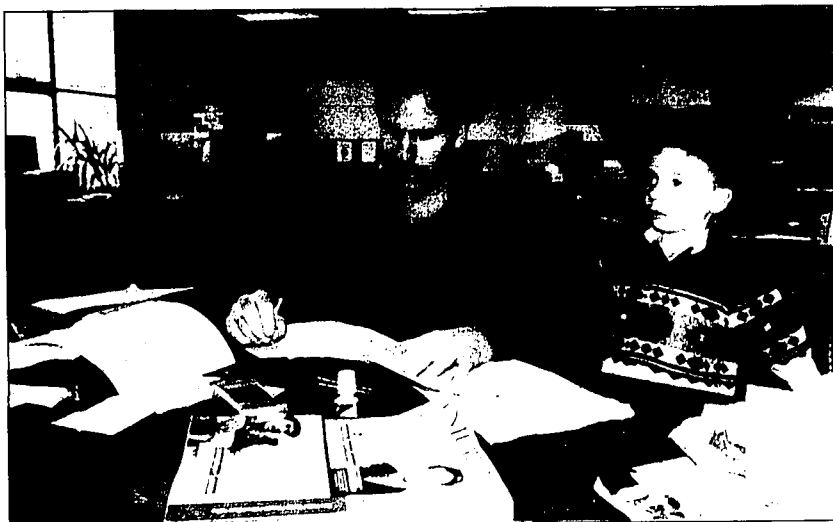
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ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

Centers and workshops offer help to job seekers

By Lorraine Cavenor
Times-News correspondent



James Randel works on filling out job applications at the Burley Job Service resource center last week while his friend Troy Kinney watches.

writing of resumes and cover letters; interview skills and techniques; job-search techniques; and labor market information. Presenters ask participants what they want to cover. Emphasis is put on what is most important to the participants, she said. The next workshop in Twin Falls is May 7. The Hailey Job Service office

does not hold workshops. In Burley, free workshops are held when enough people are signed up. The next one has not yet been scheduled. Burley workshops vary, said Brent Tolman, manager of the Burley Job Service. "It depends on what is going on in the community," he said. A few weeks ago the Burley

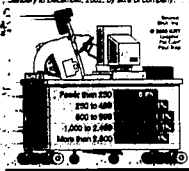
office had a job-search workshop in Spanish because of the large number of Spanish-speaking people in the community, Tolman said. Schuster encourages anyone looking for a job or considering changing jobs to attend the workshops and visit a resource center. Pick the Job Service office nearest you:

- Twin Falls - 706-3000, 771 N. College Road.
 - Burley - 678-5418, 127 W. 7th.
 - Hailey - 788-1526, 511 N. Main St., Suite 1.
- Or visit the Labor Department Web site at www.jobservice.us.

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Turnovers

Average of U.S. non-manufacturing turnover rates, January to December, 2002, by size of company.



BRIEFLY IN SUPERJOBS

CSI surgical tech program earns honor

TWIN FALLS - The surgical technology program at the College of Southern Idaho received the National Merit Award from the Liaison Council on Certification for Surgical Technologists.

The award is given to programs that have a pass rate in the top 10 percent of the country for surgical tech programs. CSI surgical technology instructor Janet Milligan said the national organization just started tracking the programs, so the award is new. She said everyone in her program who took the national certifying exam in the past year passed the test, making a 100 percent pass rate for CSI. Surgical technologists work with surgeons, anesthesiologists and registered nurses in hospitals, physicians' offices and surgical centers. They help prepare patients for surgery and assist the surgeon with instruments and equipment during surgical procedures. Milligan said there is still a national shortage of surgical techs, though the demand is not as critical.

For information, Milligan can be reached at 732-6706 or at jmilligan@csi.edu.

CSI second-year nursing students hold Skills Fair

TWIN FALLS - Second-year nursing students at the College of Southern Idaho will conduct a Skills Fair for first-year nursing students Thursday.

CSI nursing professors Janet Sandy and Valerie Warner will direct sophomore students in testing the practical skills of freshman students. Skills will include insertion of nasogastric tubes, Foley catheters, insertion of IVs, drawing blood, maintaining sterility and giving insulin shots.

The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rooms 140 and 143 of the Aspen Building. The public is invited to watch the activities.

Seekers shouldn't rely on Internet for finding work

Unemployed workers might want to think twice about depending on the Internet alone for a job search. Such hunting could prolong your unemployment.

Since March 2001, the start of the current recession, the average unemployment period has grown to more than 15 weeks. That's three weeks longer than it took job seekers to get a job during the previous downturn in 1992-93, according to a recent analysis of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, conducted by the outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

Too many people are dropping resumes at an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 online job sites, blanketing the land with resumes that will not generate a phone call for the job seeker, said John Challenger, the firm's chief executive. "It is a formula for long-drawn-out joblessness," he said.

The problem is that the Internet is a fine place to begin a job hunt, but a disaster when it's one's only avenue. Slogging through irrelevant resumes to fill a position makes employers take more time to find and hire candidates.

—compiled from staff and wire reports

Many people land their dream job only to realize it really isn't

By Amy Joyce
The Washington Post

"But I want it NOW!" - Veronica Salt, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*

Remember our beloved Ms. Salt, who wanted that everlasting gumbopopper, only to find that it wasn't such a good idea after all?

Such is the position many find themselves in after getting a job in the field they thought they would love. They major in it in college or work on breaking in for years. Then they get into the job and find something amiss: They hate the work.

This was the case with one woman, who requested anonymity, who just days after college started work in her dream job of event planning.

She thought she knew the number of hours the job would demand, but she wasn't prepared for the reality. Her five days of work a week turned into seven. She would get home at 9 p.m., take more work to her room and fall asleep. She spent her lunch hours at her desk. And once, as she prepared to walk down the aisle as a bridesmaid for a best friend, her cell phone rang. It was her boss asking where several files were.

The woman thought her boss was a bit over the top, but she also began to have a nagging feeling: Maybe event planning wasn't what she wanted to do after all.

That was a tough revelation, since she had planned to go into the field since high school. "I was always sort of the person in charge of special events," she said. Although her major was economics, she spent her summers doing internships in event planning. During her senior year, she was an intern at a small event-planning firm in the Washington area. Just two weeks after her January start, the company asked if she would come on full time after graduation.

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— anonymous worker who left her 'dream job'

She did, and most of the job seemed fine. She was happy to come into a small firm, figuring it would give her a chance to try many different tasks.

"I loved it. I liked the people I worked with. The events they did were beautiful," she said of her job at first. Then came the real work.

She started to question her career choice around September, just a month before the first conference she had organized. "It was so stressful," she said. "Part of that is the industry, and there are people who can handle it."

She started to realize that maybe she wasn't one of them. "I think I was just unhappy," she said. "And then my attitude changed. I was shorter-fused."

At first, she chalked it up to inexperience and figured that was just what it was like to work. Finally, her family members and friends staged an intervention. Her roommates from college pulled her aside and told her she was before she took the job. She was beyond stressed, constantly in tears and barely able to hold a conversation with friends.

As she recounted her experience, her mother reminded her how often she had called home crying.

So after the holidays, she resigned. She said she was com-

fortable with her decision to leave the job. But it wasn't until later that she realized she should give up on event planning entirely.

"When I left, I knew I just needed a break to figure out what I wanted to do," she said. "Ends up, I didn't miss it."

She still gets a hankering for event planning every so often. So she does some planning, but on a temporary basis. Most recently, she helped her alumni association do an event in the area.

This scenario is not unusual, according to Joy Hoggood, a career coach and human resource consultant with Stepping Stone Resources in Hamilton, Va.

"Many times, we don't really take the time to understand our personality and strengths," she said.

Hoggood said she sees many clients who have been in the "career of their dreams" for years, only to realize later that they don't necessarily want what they want to do. The reality, she said, is that people don't take the time to figure out what they like and dislike about a career. Sometimes, they assume the problem at work is related to a bad relationship with a boss or other co-workers, when really, it's that they don't like the career itself.

Kim Lysyk Di Santi, founder of Total Strategy, a career-coaching firm in Reston, Va., said this common problem could be almost entirely snuffed out if people didn't "go with their gut." She said a lot of workers have an instinct that tells them to take a particular job, usually one they studied for or had been in for years. But instead, they should step back and make the decision based on research.

People need to figure out what is the best environment for them and then ask the right questions in interviews to determine whether it's a good match. "They forget that they're sitting in the driver's seat," Lysyk Di Santi said.

Taking a second job can boost income, fulfill dreams

Knight Ridder News Service

Sheila Stokes wasn't bothered by the blaring television in the bar as she sang "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" on the karaoke machine.

She might have been in the middle of the T-Bonz bar and restaurant in Rochester Hills, Mich., but Stokes was used to noise.

Almost every Tuesday night, T-Bonz becomes Stokes' office. It's the place where the secretary by day transforms into the moonlighting disc jockey by night.

Stokes, who makes about \$35,000 annually from the job, is among the 7.1 million Americans in November who had more than one job.

The number of moonlighting Americans has remained in the 7 million range for the last nine years. But for the first time since 1997, the reason why people hold second jobs has significantly changed.

The biggest reason people get a second job is to save money or to buy a big-ticket item such as a car, according to the latest statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Five years ago, the biggest reason was to make ends meet. Stokes, 41, the breadwinner for her family of seven because her husband is on disability, said she keeps the household going and sticks some money away for a rainy day.

Stokes, who is taking some college courses in computers with the hopes of getting a better permanent day job, said having a second job can be difficult. There's not a lot of time for relaxation and family. But everyone helps.

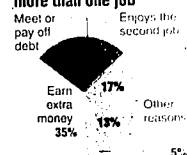
"My kids are older, so they are used to it," said Stokes whose children are 9 to 19. "They all know the days I am working and there is a calendar in the kitchen that we live by. We have to stay organized."

Whether you get a second job to save extra money or pay debt, it can be a major step. Experts

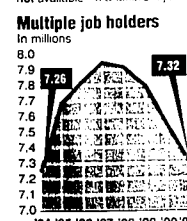
Moonlighting

Multiple job holders, 16 and older

Reasons for working more than one job



Multiple job holders in millions



Note: 1994 first year data was collected. Source: U.S. Labor Department, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Outgoing Rotation Panel. © 2003 KRT

say you should review your financial situation before heading for the moonlight.

"You have to determine the means to the end," said Robb Miller Kapphan, author of "How to Say It in Your Job Search" (Prentice Hall Press \$16).

"If you want a long-term solution, maybe you need to get training for a new job. If you don't want a second job, maybe you need to reduce expenses. If you need more money to buy more things or if you want to try something new, then maybe you need a second job," she said.

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- Take a pen and some writing paper with you, in case you are given the opportunity to take notes
- Remember all necessary personal papers (certificates, CV, references) where applicable

Finally, remember that formal test conditions have proven that it is in the first and last 90 seconds of your interview that prospective employers will make up their mind about the sort of person you are. First impressions in this instance really are lasting impressions.

Suggestions Regarding Interviews

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Working

Don't psych yourself out

By Amy Lindgren

If you are unemployed I have a question for you: How are your chances of getting a job? Second question: How do you know?

A couple of years ago, when the news was full of employers offering hiring bonuses to college kids, some job seekers assumed they could pick up a job whenever they wanted one. It was a rude awakening when they started sending resumes at the last minute and didn't always get bites. The key word? Assumed. Hearing about a generally good market for job seekers, they decided, without evidence, that their own job searches would be easy. These days, the market is quite a bit different. Employers are laying off staff while sideling new products and capital improvements. We get these reports with depressing frequency, along with deficit projections and proposed cuts in government budgets.

The new assumption? That a job seeker would have a better chance of being hit by a meteor than getting re-employed. In January, a national employment agency even ran a survey asking job seekers if they thought the job market would be favorable to them. Overwhelmingly, they answered no. Respectfully, I have to ask: What do job seekers know? If the people surveyed were at all like the job seekers I speak with every week, they get their information from the news, which is currently down, or from their own experience, which is often unhappily influenced by the bad news they keep hearing.

Here's what I mean. Suppose you've been hearing that the market is terrible for job seekers. Does this mean that no one is getting hired? No. It means fewer people are getting hired. Does it mean you won't get hired? No. It is not a predictor for any one person. Are you inspired to try harder in your job search? I hope so, but more often I see people lose hope than try harder in a tough market. Suppose that you respond to the bad news with extra effort. Instead of e-mailing 20 resumes every week, you e-mail 100. Three weeks and 300 resumes later, no one has responded with an offer for an interview. Now you have personal experience: This is a terrible job market. I might agree with you if your job search was well-strategized. But since e-mailing hundreds of resumes is a bad idea in any economy, your experience tells me nothing of the actual market for your skills.

What's really happening here is a replay of a concept we learned in the 1970s: You're psyching yourself out. That's not to say it isn't a tough market. It is. But that doesn't mean that the market is the reason you don't have a job. In the example above, the job seeker reacts irrationally to bad news, rather than strategically.

Here are some self-defeating things I have observed job seekers doing, in good times and bad. Put a check next to anything you've caught yourself doing and resolve to improve.

- Focusing on one job opportunity to the exclusion of others. Don't wait for a final answer after an interview before you turn up the heat elsewhere.
- Overusing one method, including e-mail, despite the fact that no one is responding. Mix it up and review the results.
- Assuming that an employer isn't responding because you're overqualified. If you honestly believe that, ask yourself how the employer got that impression. It could only have come from you: Why are you sending a resume with too much experience on it?
- Believing that calling or dropping in is pestering the employer. It's not. Watch your manners, be brief and move on. That's how business is conducted.
- Overanalyzing your follow-up calls. Some people believe that Mondays and Fridays are bad days to call an employer, and that early mornings and late afternoons are inconvenient. At the end of all this "strategizing," the job seeker is left with about 45 minutes to make calls. Don't be silly - make as many calls as you can each day, regardless of the time.
- Holding back enthusiasm in an interview, to keep from being disappointed later. It's a classic "chicken and egg" scenario: Did you lose the offer because you were restrained, or did your restraint help you hear the loss of the offer? Don't hold back. Find some way to deal with disappointment if you are rejected, but go into the next interview as if that were the furthest thing from your mind.

Listen, I know it's a tough market. But did you ever play sports? If so, you know the coach would never let you get away with these behaviors. When the other team is tough, you play smarter and you block your ears to their taunts. But you never let them psych you out and you certainly don't do it to yourself.

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Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, Virgo, smoker, enjoys gardening, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking SWM, 40-50, who shares my love of country life. **2750504**

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Outgoing, honest SWF, 31, possible LTR **2750505**

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A WOMAN'S WORTH
SWF, 35, 5'4", full-figured, honest, open, humorous, outgoing, Seeking SWM, 35-45, who likes children and outdoor people as they are. **2750507**

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SWF, 40, enjoys reading, dancing, walking, TV. Seeking SWM, 25-35, smoker, for LTR. **2750508**

HORSE WOMAN AND
Cowgirl, SWF, 40, Capricorn, enjoys country life. Seeking SWM, 35-50, for LTR. **2750509**

FAITHFUL, LOVING, KIND
SWF, 30, positive, I share my heart, really deserves me. SWF, 30, great at all-around person, possesses wonderful and beautiful spirit. Seeking compatible SWM, 25-35, N/S. **2750510**

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Attractive, independent, optimistic, goal-oriented SWF, 28, enjoys having fun, adventures, music, and more. Seeking intelligent, honest, humorous SWM, 30-40, for friendship, maybe more. **2750515**

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SWF, 33, mother of three, disabled from car wreck, but let's let it go. I have a good sense of humor. Seeking understanding, kind, humorous SWM, 31-41, who is honest and caring. **2750516**

SINGLE MOM
SWF, 33, mother of three, enjoys the outdoors, dancing, music, and more. Seeking SWM, 30-45, for possible relationship. **2750517**

Men Seeking Women

CALL ME
SWF, 30, love to ride horses and motor-cycle, like wine, with movie. Seeking a man to share the life. **2750518**

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
SWF, 26, 5'1", tan build, hard worker, like to laugh and play whenever possible. Seeking SWM, 25-35, for companionship, good conversation, adventure, fun, possible LTR. **2750519**

SEEKING NEW FRIENDS
SWF, 53, mother, enjoys family, camping, mountain, nature walk, possible relationship. **2750520**

FOR LIFE
SWF, 40, is looking for a CM, who is ready to spend the rest of his life with a woman. **2750521**

VENUS
Voluptuous SWF, 30, loves the doing, good wine and a cold beer. Seeking a man to share time, movie, conversation. **2750522**

SUMMER GAIL
Stable, outgoing SWF, 36, dance, N/S, enjoys travel, fishing, the mountains, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-40, for companionship, possible LTR. **2750523**

GOOD COMPANY
SWF, 62, with good children, enjoys golf, bowling, travel, gardening, hiking, camping, stable man for dinner, dancing and movies. **2750524**

HEY GRANDPA
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ADVENTUROUS INDIVIDUAL
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LET'S MAKE A DATE!
SWF, 58, Pace, N/S, enjoys church, horseback riding, farm life, animals, painting, shopping, etc. Seeking SWM, 50-60, N/S, for LTR. **2750528**

FAIRY ACTIVELY
SWF, 27, 5'7", enjoys the outdoors, reading, writing, etc. Seeking SWM, 25-35, N/S, for LTR. **2750529**

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SWF, 47, enjoys doing out, cooking, movies, dance, music, etc. Seeking SWM, 35-45, with similar interests, for a possible LTR. **2750530**

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THIS IS NO GAME
Attractive, outgoing SWF, 33, likes adventure, reading, dining, movies, quiet time and much more. Seeking humorous, intelligent, kind-hearted SWM, 30-40, to share great times and love. **2750532**

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SCORPIO
SWM, 60, 100% lady, open-minded, enjoys trying new things and meeting new people. Seeking SWF, 25-35, who is ready to live in happiness. **2750536**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Single gal, 43, loves movies, animals, camping, etc. Seeking SWM, 40-50, who shares my love of country life. **2750537**

GIVE ME A CALL
SWF, 27, mother, loves enjoy, barbecue, golf, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-40, with similar interests, occasional LTR. **2750538**

JUST A FRIEND
SWF, 42, enjoys everything from horses to hiking. Seeking SWM, 35-45, for possible relationship. **2750539**

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SWF, 24, enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, and working with children. Seeking an honest, hardworking SWM, 24-33, who would like to have a lady and someone to grow old with. **2750541**

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LET'S TEAM UP
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SWF, 39, 100% lady, enjoys the outdoors, hiking, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-40, who shares my love of life. **2750556**

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Honest, SWF, 20, 5'7", 120 lbs, enjoys hiking, etc. Seeking SWM, 20-30, who shares my love of life. **2750557**

POSITIVE AND HAPPY
Active, SWF, 53, enjoys hiking, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-40, who shares my love of life. **2750558**

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SWM, 39, 5'7", 160 lbs, blonde, seeks a woman who loves to bake. Seeking SWF, 20-30, who shares my love of life. **2750561**

SEEKING MS RIGHT
Fun-loving, adventurous, SWF, 43, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, etc. Seeking SWM, 30-40, who shares my love of life. **2750562**

GIVE IT A CHANCE
SWM, 34, 5'11", 160 lbs, father of a dog lover, well-employed, likes dining, etc. Seeking SWF, 20-30, who shares my love of life. **2750563**

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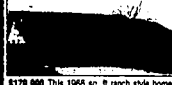
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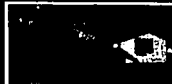
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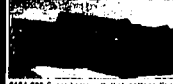
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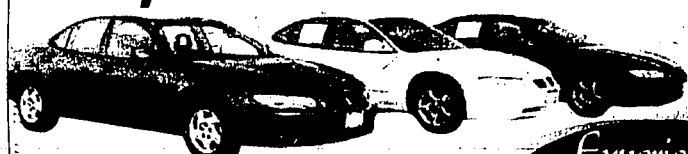
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