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School districts consider merger

Richfield, Shoshone would keep schools, but combine boards, administrators

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Consolidation used to be a dirty word, but some school officials in Lincoln County are beginning to see it as a way to save money and improve the quality of services they offer. What started last month as a

discussion of sharing resources between the three Lincoln County school districts has turned into a plan for Shoshone and Richfield to pursue consolidating their districts. If that happens, it would be Idaho's first school district consolidation in 14 years. Representatives from the

Dietrich district decided to forgo a meeting earlier this week when the Shoshone and Richfield school boards and about 20 spectators talked about sharing superintendents. The Richfield School Board first proposed sharing superintendents, as both Shoshone and Dietrich have superintendents retiring

this year. Richfield Superintendent David Hocklander said the consensus was that although significant money could be saved by having one superintendent, the job would be too difficult if there were two districts. A superintendent would have to administer two budgets and twice as many state

reports, leaving little time for meetings or staff development. From there the meeting turned to a discussion of full-fledged district consolidation, an idea that has been tossed around for years with much bitter debate. Hocklander said each board

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GETTING READY TO BUILD



James Pendergrass watches his wife, Donna, snuggle with their newly adopted dog, Shasta, an Australian shepherd mix, at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter Friday. Groundbreaking for a new animal shelter is planned this spring.

Animal shelter bids come in over estimate

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Plans to build a new animal shelter took a giant step forward Friday when bids, from two local contractors were opened in a ceremony at City Hall. Although bids to build the planned 6,439-square-foot facility on city-owned land at 420 Victory

Ave. came in higher than had been estimate, city architect Russ Lively said he was pleased. The estimated cost of a new shelter — which would replace the existing 1,200-square-foot facility — was \$600,000. The apparent low bid, submitted by Stanley and Associates Inc., was \$685,300. Alternatives with that bid totaled \$2,530.

The other bid, for \$699,900, was submitted by Darren Hall Construction Inc., with \$4,700 in alternates. "That's within a 25 percent margin, and that's wonderful," Lively said. "These are good, accurate bids."

The bids must be reviewed and

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How to help

For more information about needs at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter, write to shelter director Debbie Blackwood at P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, 83303, or call 736-2299.

Ralph Nader profile

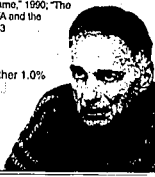
Education — Graduated magna cum laude Princeton University, 1955; Harvard Law School, 1958

Experience — Attorney, Hartford, Conn., 1959; founder of numerous consumer groups including Public Citizen, Public Interest Research Group, Center for Auto Safety, Clean Water Action Project, Disability Rights Center, Project for Corporate Responsibility and Center for the Study of Responsive Law; author of "Unsafe at Any Speed," 1965, "The Lemon Book," 1980; "The Big Boys," 1986; "Winning the Insurance Game," 1990; "The Case Against Free Trade: GATT, NAFTA and the Globalization of Corporate Power," 1993

Family — Never married

Nader In 2000

Popular vote	Other 1.0%
Nader 2.7%	
Bush 47.9%	
Gore 48.4%	



SOURCES: Associated Press; Federal Election Commission

Nader says he'll announce Sunday whether to seek presidency again

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader, the candidate many Democrats blame for Al Gore's loss in 2000, will announce on Sunday whether he will make another bid for the White House, with all signs pointing to the consumer advocate joining the race as an independent.

If Nader decides to run, his late start, lack of party affiliation — he won't be on the Green Party ticket this time — and the challenge of getting his name on ballots in 50 states weigh against his candidacy.

So does the palpable anger among many Democrats after nearly four years of a Republican in the White House.

Calling Nader "egomaniacal," veteran Democratic strategist Dana Straker said the independent would "have the same impact he had last time. He would hand the presidency to George Bush."

Democratic National Committee chairman Terry McAuliffe said he met with Nader several times urging him

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Report: Foam shot off shuttle fuel tank into Columbia's wing

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A full year after the Columbia tragedy, NASA has finally determined how and why the large piece of foam insulation that doomed the spacecraft broke off from the fuel tank at liftoff.

NASA's top spacecraft official, Bill Readdy, said Friday that through extensive testing, the agency has learned that air or liquefied nitrogen almost certainly seeped into a crack or void in the foam, or collected around bolts and nuts beneath the foam. The trapped air or nitrogen expanded as the shuttle rose, and blew off a chunk of foam the size of a suitcase.

Rather than peeling off, as NASA had assumed from past experience, the foam was pushed off by an explosive force, Readdy said. The space agency also had assumed the foam would fall down along the tank and miss the shuttle, but in reality, the falling foam shot toward Columbia and the left wing rammed into it, resulting in a large fatal gash.

In all likelihood, faulty application of the foam created air pockets, Readdy said. A tank redesign and improved techniques for applying and double-checking the foam should solve the problem, NASA said. But all this will take longer than expected and is one reason space shuttles will not fly again until next year.

IRANIANS VOTE



An clergyman votes Friday in parliamentary elections at the Mulla Hashem mosque in Mashhad, about 500 miles east of Tehran, Iran. Hard-liners are likely to regain control of the parliament. Please see page B10.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Relatively dry, partly cloudy and comfortable. Highs near 43. Tonight: Becoming cloudy with a light breeze. Lows near 26.

Tomorrow: Cloudy and comfortable. Highs near 45.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and comfortable with a light breeze. Highs in the upper 30s to middle 40s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Lows in the 20s.

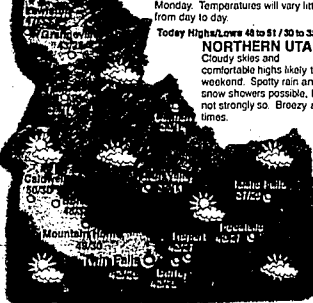
Tomorrow: Cloudy and comfortable. Spotty rain and snow showers may materialize. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Seasonal with scattered clouds likely today. Snow chances peaking up overnight into Sunday and Monday. Temperatures will not change much from day to day. Travel may be challenging at times.

Today Highs: 28 to 38. Tonight's Lows 8 to 18. BOISE Mostly dry, partly cloudy and mild today. Becoming cloudy tonight with increasing rain and snow showers chances surging Sunday and Monday. Temperatures will vary little from day to day.

Today Highs/Lows 48 to 61/30 to 35. NORTHERN UTAH Cloudy skies and comfortable high likely this weekend. Spotty rain and snow showers possible, but not strongly so. Breezy at times.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 52 at Lewiston, -8 at Stanley. Weather keys: sunny, partly cloudy, overcast, rain, snow, thunderstorms, showers, sleet, rain-snow, flurries, wind, mist, freezing.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast for Twin Falls from Today to Wednesday, including icons for sun, clouds, rain, and snow, and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac for Twin Falls including temperature, precipitation, humidity, barometric pressure, sunrise and sunset, moonrise and moonset, and U.V. index.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Burley, and other areas in Idaho and surrounding regions.

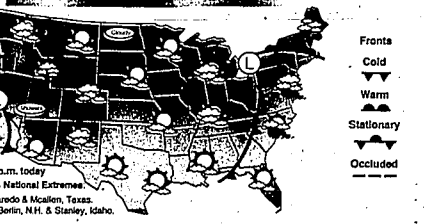
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing national forecasts for major cities across the United States.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing world forecasts for various international locations.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian forecasts for cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal.

Schools

Continued from A1. Favored keeping both schools open and consolidating district-level administrators, such as the superintendent, business manager and clerk. 'This would leave intact both schools,' Hocklander said.

The process

In order to consolidate, the districts would need to write a plan, have it approved by the State Board of Education, then bring it back to the community for a vote. In the meantime, Shoshone will hire a new superintendent with a one-year contract to start after Excell retires in July.

Working together

A large obstacle to consolidation is the fear of losing community identity. The boards studied this off by resolving to keep the two high schools, said Sue Connors, whose husband is on the Richfield School Board and whose children attend Shoshone schools.

The bottom line for everybody is improving the educational opportunities.

The three Lincoln County districts already share a T-1 Internet connection. Starting this year, Richfield and Shoshone are in the process of setting up a single set of Internet servers in Shoshone that will also connect with Richfield via satellite, Hocklander said.

Shelter

Continued from A1. evaluated before a contract is awarded.

The City Council will have to wait until all of the paperwork is checked before actually awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, said John Buehne, project coordinator for the city.

The accepted contract proposal will go before the council on March 1. A planned groundbreaking in early spring is still on track, and I don't anticipate any delays - other than from Mother Nature,' Lively said.

Upon completion of the project, the city will own the building. In earlier preparation for a larger facility, the City Council set aside \$400,000 in the city's 2003 budget. Another \$200,000 came through a fund-raising effort that

began more than two years ago by the People for Pets Humane Society.

'It shows a great support from the community,' animal shelter director Debbie Blackwood said. The existing facility is not large enough to house all of the homeless animals in the area, nor does it allow enough time for reuniting lost pets with their owners or for finding good homes for abandoned animals, Blackwood said.

While she did not comment on the prospect of a new shelter, she remains concerned about animal adoptions.

'We need people to come in and adopt,' she said.

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Nader

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not to run because he could pull votes from the Democratic nominee.

'I don't want Ralph Nader's legacy that he got George Bush eight years in this country,' McCallife said on CNN. 'I'm urging everybody to talk to Ralph Nader. I'd love him to take a role with our party, to energize people, to get out there and get the message out.'

After weeks of postponing his decision, Nader will appear on NBC's 'Meet the Press' to make the announcement, said Linda Schade, a spokeswoman for Nader's presidential exploratory committee. Schade declined to say what the decision would be, but said Nader would be available for interviews following the television appearance and the planning to hold a news conference Monday.

The prominent staging of his announcement, following months of active fund raising, suggests Nader, who turns 70 next week, is ready to take his progress agency directly to the voters, despite Democratic grumblings that he would only be helping President

Bush secure another term.

As the Green Party's nominee in 2000, Nader appeared on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won narrow victories that had Gore receive the bulk of Nader's votes in those states. Nader said he would have won the general election.

In six other states that Gore won - Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon and Wisconsin - Nader received more votes than Gore's margin of victory, making those states even closer for the Democrats.

Despite being described by some as a spoiler, Nader for months has been gauging support for another run through an Internet site and exploratory committee. On Thursday, he sent Web site subscribers an e-mail asking them for their thoughts on whether he should seek the presidency.

Nader shrugs off the spoiler moniker, saying a large portion of his supporters would not have voted at all and some would have gone for Bush.

Man faces charge in plane diversion

BANGOR, Maine (AP) - An investment banker accused of making a phone call that triggered the diversion of a Morocco-bound jetliner was charged Friday with making false statements to the FBI.

Zubair Ali Ghias told investigators he phoned his family after boarding the plane Thursday to say he had been kidnapped in Chicago by Arabs who forced him to travel to New York and board the plane, according to an FBI affidavit.

Ghias, 27, who had been reported missing Monday, eventually admitted making up the story, saying he made the "rash decision" to "get away from everything" after getting into a fight with his wife, the document said.

Yolanda Clark, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration, said her agency learned while the Royal Air Maroc flight was still in the air that "a male passenger phoned his wife from the plane and stated he was going to blow it up."

Abuse

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abuse allegations involving Idaho priests. He replied, "I've only been here three years, but I don't know of anything in the last 15 years."

He also said at the time that he had checked with others in his office, who recalled a sex-abuse case involving a priest in Boise that was in the news in the mid-1990s, but no cases or accusations of sexual misconduct in southern Idaho.

The figures revealed by Driscoll on Friday were made public before the Feb. 27 national release of a report by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which studied child sexual abuse by Catholic priests over half a century.

The diocese has taken a pastoral approach with the victims, offering them counseling, spiritual assistance and medical treatment when necessary, Driscoll said.

He said the diocese has determined that about \$140,000 was paid out over the years for counseling, medical treatment, one settlement and legal expenses.

The money came from insurance and investments. No Idaho parish or Idaho Catholic Appeal donations were used to pay for sexual abuse claims, he said.

Of the 12 priests, five were diocesan priests, six were from other dioceses or religious orders who came to Idaho for a limited time, and one was a seminarian who was later ordained in another diocese before the allegations against him surfaced.

Of the five diocesan priests, three have died. One has been retired for 10 years and "has committed himself to a life of prayer and penance," Driscoll wrote.

The other resigned more than 10 years ago, immediately after the accusation was made.

The Rev. Mel Baltazar pleaded guilty in 1984 to lewd conduct with a 15-year-old boy he met while serving as chaplain at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Prosecutors dropped additional abuse charges in return for the plea.

He served more than three years of a seven-year prison term before being paroled in 1988. Damage lawsuits were filed against Baltazar and the church by

parents of two of the priests' alleged victims. One was settled for what the family attorney said was "several thousand dollars." The other was dismissed.

Another priest was disciplined in 2002 after child pornography was found on his computer at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls. That priest, the Rev. Dominic Nguyen, was not one of the 12, Cowman said.

While a church review board found there wasn't sufficient evidence that Nguyen had intentionally violated child pornography laws, it recommended that he be placed on administrative leave for at least two years and participate in individual and group psychological therapy.

Steps taken by the Idaho diocese regarding child sexual abuse include, according to Driscoll, ...

• A zero-tolerance approach to sexual abuse has been in place for five years, including prevention efforts such as background checks for men who want to become priests and deacons.

• Boise attorney Bobbi Dominick was appointed as victim assistance coordinator.

• The Review Board for Sexual Misconduct was expanded to include more lay people with expertise in the field.

• The Idaho diocese is in full compliance with the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

• The Diocese of Boise has 53 parishes, 33 chapels and 24 stations where the Mass is said by visiting priests. About 120,000 Idaho residents are Catholic, the second-largest religious denomination in the state after The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

CORRECTION

Kimberly man enlisted to fight in WWII. An article Feb. 14 incorrectly reported how Russell Harvey of Kimberly entered the Army during World War II. He enlisted in the Times-News regrets the error.

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Bush bypasses Senate to install judge

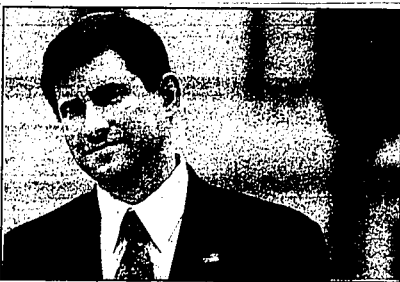
Supporters hail move; critics say Pryor holds extreme views

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday named Alabama Attorney General William Pryor to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, bypassing Senate Democrats who were blocking his nomination because of his criticism of the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized abortion.

For the second time in six weeks, Bush invoked his constitutional right to circumvent congressional approval of judicial nominees while Congress isn't in session. The move is a controversial choice to a temporary seat on the federal bench. Congress was in recess this week in honor of President's Day.

Last month Bush used his "recess appointment" power to place Mississippi Judge Charles Pickering on the 5th U.S. Circuit



Former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor leaves the Federal Courthouse in Montgomery, Ala., Friday after being sworn in.

Court of Appeals in New Orleans. Democrats and civil rights organizations opposed Pickering mainly for his role in a cross-burning case in which he went out of his way to lower a defendant's sentence. Pickering found the first-time offender's recommended

sentence of seven years too harsh, and sentenced him to 27 months. Pryor's appointment came as Bush is under fire from religious evangelicals and conservatives on a number of fronts, from soaring federal spending to his propping for semi-amnesty for illegal immi-

grants to White House inaction on the issue of marriage for lesbians and gays.

Some conservatives viewed the Pryor appointment as an administration effort to appease them.

"It may well be," said Paul Weyrich, the chairman of the Free Congress Foundation, a politically and culturally conservative organization. "If it is a bone, fine, I'll chew on it. We've been encouraging the president that if any of the (blockbuster nominees) want recess appointments, please do it."

Pryor, whose term on the Atlanta-based court will expire at the end of 2005, has called the Roe v. Wade decision upholding the right to abortion as "the worst abomination of constitutional law in our history."

He also signed a brief filed with the Supreme Court in a Texas sodomy case saying that if a law forbidding sex between homosexuals were overturned, it could pave the way for "prostitution, adultery, necrophilia, bestiality, possession of child pornography and even incest or pedophilia."

Judge denies quick stay of gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gay and lesbian couples won another reprieve Friday when a judge declined to immediately stop San Francisco from granting them marriage licenses, saying conservative groups failed to prove the weddings would cause irreparable harm.

Meanwhile, in Bernalillo, N.M., dozens of gay and lesbian couples arrived in this rural town Friday to get married after a county clerk announced she would grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples, but the offer was soon revoked.

The Sandovay County clerk's office granted licenses to 26 same-sex couples before New Mexico attorney general Patricia Madrid issued a late afternoon opinion saying the licenses were "invalid under state law."

The clerk's office stopped issuing licenses and told newly wed couples their licenses were invalid. A crowd outside the office reacted with boos and shouts as a deputy clerk told the attorney general's legal advice.

In San Francisco, Judge Ronald Evans Quidachay denied the Campaign for California Families' request for a temporary restraining order, but said the group had the right to a hearing on their argument that the city is violating state law.

The conservative group said the weddings harmed all the Californians who voted in 2000 for Proposition 22, which defined marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The judge suggested that the rights of the gay and lesbian couples appeared to be more substantial. "If the court has to weigh rights here, on the one hand you are talking about voting rights, and on the other you are talking about equal rights," Quidachay said.

Quidachay consolidated the Campaign for California Families' lawsuit against the city with one filed by another conservative group, and told lawyers for both sides to work out between themselves when the next hearing would be held.

Mathew Staver, a lawyer representing the Campaign for California Families, said he believes the court ultimately will find that Mayor Gavin Newsom acted illegally when he started the process last week.

"He can't decide to grant same-sex marriage licenses any more."



James Walker, facing camera, hugs Michael Palmer after the two exchanged marriage vows Friday at the Sandovay County Court House in Bernalillo, N.M.

than he can declare war against a foreign country," Staver said.

But chief deputy city attorney Theresa Stewart said the failure of conservative opponents to win emergency injunctions demonstrated that the city has a strong case. "Both judges really recognized there is nobody who is hurt by allowing gay people to marry," Stewart said.

Newsom remained defiant before the ruling, officiating at the wedding of one of California's most prominent lesbian politicians inside his offices at City Hall.

A crowd of politicians and lawyers celebrated that wedding as other gays and lesbians, prepared to join the more than 3,000 same-sex couples allowed to marry so far.

About 25 anti-gay-marriage protesters later blocked the door of the county clerk's office, lying down in front of the line and singing religious songs. Gays and lesbians responded by belting out "The Star-Spangled Banner" until sheriff's deputies escorted the protesters out. No arrests were made.

Most Americans remain opposed to same-sex marriages. A poll out Friday indicated that 50 percent of Californians remain opposed, but that sympathy for allowing gays and lesbians to marry has risen by 6 percentage points over the last four years, to 44 percent.

Justices will rule in case of 'enemy combatant'

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Friday that it will rule on a crucial — and fiercely debated — element of President Bush's legal strategy in the war against terrorism: his assertion of authority to declare U.S. citizens captured on American soil "enemy combatants" and detain them indefinitely without charges or access to counsel.

In a brief order, the justices said they would hear the Bush administration's appeal of a ruling by a federal appeals court that invalidated the president's June 2002 decision to detain as an enemy combatant Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen arrested in Chicago on suspicion of involvement in an al-Qaida bomb plot. The justices outlined an expedited briefing schedule that would enable them to hear the case by the last week of April and decide it by July.

Though expected, the court's decision nonetheless has dramatic implications. Now, all the elements are in place for a series of Supreme



Jose Padilla

and public safety that has been simmering since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The Padilla case, Rumsfeld v. Padilla, No. 03-1027, joins a companion case already granted by the court in which a U.S.-born Saudi national captured as an alleged Taliban fighter in Afghanistan is challenging the president's authority to designate him as an enemy combatant.

The court is also scheduled to hear an appeal by more than a dozen foreign alleged al-Qaida and Taliban detainees at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base who claim they have a right to seek their freedom in federal court.

Catholic sex abuse study challenges some assumptions on problem's scope

The Associated Press

Next week's release of a nationwide survey on sex abuse among Roman Catholic clergy seems almost guaranteed to hand the church more bad news.

Not only do the raw numbers look higher than anticipated, but the survey will disprove those seeking proof that molestation among priests is no worse than it is in the rest of society. Yet the leader of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said Friday the survey had to be done so the church can move beyond the abuse crisis.

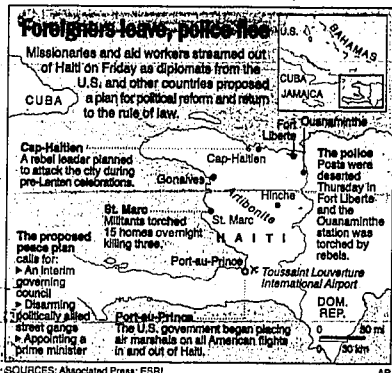
"I'm not afraid," said Bishop Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill. "We need this information to make sure that the steps we have taken thus far are adequate to the problem. We need to know the truth."

A draft of the survey viewed by CNN said 4,450 of the 110,000 U.S.

clergy who served since 1950 were accused of molesting minors. That would mean roughly 4 percent had been accused of abuse, although not all the claims are likely to be deemed credible in the final report, due out next Friday.

Many church officials have insisted the problem was less widespread.

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U.S. hesitates to dive too deeply into Haiti

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration this week began cranking up diplomatic efforts to ease the violent crisis in Haiti, shifting away from its deep-seated resistance to involvement in a dysfunctional state close to home.

"The reasons for the administration's hands-off approach are three, policy experts say: an aversion to nation-building, a preoccupation with Iraq and the war on terrorism, and pessimism based on the failure of past initiatives to help Haiti."

"This administration approaches Haiti with the greatest trepidation and reluctance, and they have only begun to focus on it now because they realize that if they don't, it could get a lot worse," said Robert Pastor, a former diplomat and advisor to Jimmy Carter who monitored past elections in Haiti.

"Indeed, conditions worsened in Haiti on Friday when rebel leader Guy Philippe announced plans to attack Cap-Haitien, the government's last stronghold in northern Haiti, and Americans began fleeing the violence in the central Haitian city of St. Marc. The Peace Corps announced it was pulling out 70 volunteers, and the State Department urged some 20,000 Americans who live in Haiti to leave."

As armed rebellion spread, top U.S. officials and leaders of the Organization of American States and the Caribbean Community tried to pressure President John

Bertrand Aristide and Haitian opposition groups to reach a political agreement.

Roger Noriega, the State Department's top diplomat for the hemisphere, plans to meet Saturday with Aristide and opposition leaders, along with other peace-seeking diplomats.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has said there's "no enthusiasm" for a U.S.-led military intervention such as the one in 1994, which restored Aristide to power after he fled a military coup.

Instead, according to Powell, "the Haitians have to come up with a political solution."

Many policy experts say aggressive U.S. intervention is essential and may entail a multinational peacekeeping force to stabilize the impoverished island nation of almost 8 million people.

"We're the only ones with influence," said James Dobbins, President Clinton's special envoy from 1994 to 1996. "The OAS and the Caribbean Community don't have influence."

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., who criticized the administration two weeks ago for its detachment, now sees a change. "I was very concerned about a lack of response, but I'm more confident now — a real effort is being made," Foley said after conferring with Noriega.

Dobbins and Pastor, while critical of Bush policy, said the crisis has roots in the Clinton administration, which never committed to rebuilding institutions and stability in Haiti after the 1994 invasion.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Mozart and Tchaikowsky

- What: The Magic Valley Youth Symphony will perform its annual winter concert.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
- When: 3 p.m. today.
- How much: Free.



No gettin' over him

- What: Ronnie Milsap will perform in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 10 tonight.
- How much: Tickets are \$25, \$30 and \$35.



Closing weekend

- What: Company of Angels will present Jason-Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World," a musical revue.
- Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.
- When: 8 tonight and 3 p.m. Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

Sylvia

Dogged comedy

- What: The New Theater Company will present A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia."
- Where: nextStage Theater, Ketchum.
- When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$22, are available by phoning 726-4TKS or at the box office.

Bon temps

- What: Chasers Sports Bar and Night Club in Twin Falls will hold a Mardi Gras party, with music by Split Second.
- Where: 1539 Fillmore St. N.
- When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight.
- How much: There's a \$5 cover charge.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	95%	70%
Salmon Falls	113%	86%
Salmon	97%	71%
Oakley	115%	90%
Big Wood	98%	73%
Little Wood	106%	79%
Henry's Fork/Teton	110%	82%
Big Lost	107%	74%
Little Lost	92%	63%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Homeschoolers get officials to back off

By Julie Pence
Times News writer

BOISE — Home-schooling parent John Doherty of Jerome was relieved when he heard Friday the state's truancy laws will remain unchanged for the time being.

Doherty and hundreds of other home-schooling parents throughout the state, were convinced that legislation sponsored by Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, could make them vulnerable to prosecution for not putting their children in public schools. Considerable pressure from the state's home-schooling community prompted Stegner to pull the bill on Friday. Stegner had said earlier the bill would make it



easier for the criminal justice system to go after parents who are knowingly neglecting their children's education.

"This is a simple recognition that this bill is so divisive that it's certainly not going to get the high level of debate I think is necessary," Stegner said to the full Senate. "I think the best thing

would be to remove this bill from further consideration by this body."

After being approached by the Lewiston School District in August to craft legislation to enable law enforcement to go after parents who aren't sending their kids to school, Stegner worked on changing the wording of the state's requirement that all of its children have access to education. But by the time he received more than 600 e-mails from home schoolers asking him to back down, Stegner did — for this year, at least.

"It has generated more animosity than I had anticipated," Stegner said. "Though there is not recent histo-



Sen. Tom Gannon

ry of parents who are home schooling their children being prosecuted for not sending their children to public school, Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, said there has been a huge backlash from the home-schooling community regarding the legislation.

"The home-schooling community has the misconception they are being singled out," Gannon said. "But they are not who we are after."

Gannon explained he and other lawmakers were concerned about punishing parents who dutifully keep their kids from getting an education. However, the Idaho home-schooling community — which is estimated to include anywhere from 4,500 to 10,000 students — did not understand the thrust of the proposed legislation, he said.

Home schoolers said the proposal would have put them in danger of being prosecuted for not following the public school curriculum and for truancy. But Gannon said that even though a decade ago, a few school superintendents might

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Nancy Rutz, left, an advanced student in the emergency medical technician program at the College of Southern Idaho, helps Nikki Knox, a junior at McCall Donnelly High School in McCall, practice intubating a plastic dummy at the school Friday. The health sciences and human service departments hosted a job fair for some 250 high school students from around the state.

GOP cracks down on subsidized health care

The Associated Press

BOISE — Limits on subsidized medical care for the working poor were unanimously endorsed Friday by Republican legislative writers committed to checking the escalating taxpayer cost of health coverage.

"It was gut-wrenching," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said. "But we have to do what we have to do."

Rep. Lee Gagner, R-Idaho Falls, rejected suggestions that the \$407 million Health and Welfare Department budget for 2004-05 included a major policy change in Idaho's efforts to provide health coverage to as many of its 240,000 uninsured citizens as possible.

"The intent is budget and dollars," Gagner told his colleagues on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.

But Roger Sherman of United Vision for Idaho claimed the GOP "basically walked away from trying to cover more people, and Democratic Sen. Marti Calabretta of Osburn said the majority refused to acknowledge that there are people out there in this state who need medical insurance, who qualify for it."

The committee also rejected cash to help disabled people now on Medicaid go back to work and retain their subsidized health care if they pay some part of the cost. The GOP said the department could launch the program with cash earmarked for some other use.

The committee cut more than \$7 million from the department budget proposed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Half the savings was attributed to the limits on participation in July's expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program, the rest in reduced costs for drugs and general medical care because of new management programs.

Kempthorne's request for 20 more people to verify eligibility for social service benefits was cut to five. The state has 217 examiners to handle more than 160,000 applications a year, and department spokesman Bill Walker said delays in processing applications

WANTED

In the Magic Valley

Name: James R. Novosel
Age: 43
Description: 5-foot-10, 180 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. He might have a shaved head.
Wanted for: Felony escape. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Novosel's whereabouts to call 600 or 600-0000. Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.



Hemingway joins hotel partnership

Measure approved by state would provide liquor license for \$35 million conference center

By Susan Bailey
Wood River Journal

KETCHUM — The hotel Brian Barsotti fought for as a three-story "mixed-use" hotel on the site of the historic Bald Mountain Lodge on Main Street has a new partner with a famous name and big ideas for some of the uses.

"I want to create an atmosphere, not necessarily a monument," said actress Mariel Hemingway, granddaughter of author Ernest Hemingway, who spent his final days in Ketchum. "This is a place you can come and feel at home, something like the Florida bar in Cuba."

Barsotti announced Friday that Hemingway and her husband, Steve Crisman, investor in several Harl Rock Cafe sites including New York City, are 50 percent partners in the new hotel.

Earlier Friday, the Idaho Senate approved a special bill to give a new liquor license to the \$35 million conference center on Main Street. The Senate voted 24-11 to send the bill to the House for final approval.

The bill ignores Idaho's license quota system,

authorizing mayors and councils of cities with populations under 5,000 "to approve" liquor licenses in excess of the quota for any development worth at least \$15 million with more than 60,000 square feet and 60 guest rooms.

Backers say the measure would be a boost to rural economic development, but the bill is specifically aimed at the project slated for Ketchum. Supporters say developers need the license to make their project financially viable and none of the holders of the city's existing 11 liquor licenses are willing to sell at a reasonable price.

The record price for a license was \$425,000 in the 1990s in the Sun Valley area.

Under the quota system, no liquor can be sold outside cities except under a special license granted by the Legislature. Cities receive a minimum of two liquor licenses and one additional for every 1,500 people.

The major difference with licenses granted under the Senate bill is that they could not be sold.

Hemingway said she testified before the Senate to ask for approval on the bill shortly before appearing at a press conference in the Barsotti Law Office at the base of Bald Mountain's Warm Springs ski lift.

"We really have a chance to do something special," Barsotti said.

Initially setting his sights on Clint Eastwood



Actress Mariel Hemingway, partner in the planned three-story Petite Bald Mountain Lodge on Ketchum's Main Street, speaks at a press conference Friday.

as an upscale partner with an interest in Ketchum, Barsotti began talking to Hemingway

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Blaine men go to prison in international drug case

Men had laundered money and smuggled drugs since the '70s

The Times-News

BOISE — Two Blaine County men convicted in connection with a major international drug smuggling investigation were sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court.

David Stanley Brocklebank, 57, of Hailey, also known as David Bottoms, and Patrick O'Valley Cannon, 57, of Ketchum and California were sentenced on convictions of conspiracy to smuggle and distribute drugs and money

laundering, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Brocklebank was ordered to serve 56 months in prison and pay a \$15,000 fine. Cannon will serve 40 months.

The two men also were ordered to forfeit assets totaling more than \$4 million, including a yacht, various business interests, bank accounts in Switzerland, Hong Kong, Liechtenstein and the United States, and property in Blaine County, according to the Department of Justice.

The men originally were arraigned in February 2001 in connection with a 121-count indictment of drug smuggling, conspiracy and money laundering in

schemes to import drugs from Mexico and Southeast Asia. Both were released at that time after each posted \$400,000 in property bonds.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said in a press release Friday that the sentences concluded an investigation that began in Sun Valley more than a decade ago.

Brocklebank and Cannon could each have faced 20 years in prison, but they reached plea agreements with prosecutors. According to the Department of Justice, the two men admitted being involved in drug trafficking since the early 1970s using Cannon's yacht and others to import large quantities of marijuana from Southeast Asia into the United States. They also

admitted to using "shell corporations," numbered bank accounts, foundations and other entities to launder profits from their drug sales.

The prosecution of Brocklebank and Cannon was part of a lengthy investigation into a set of loosely connected smuggling rings with Sun Valley ties. The Department of Justice said. To date, 13 people have been successfully prosecuted in Idaho, with more than \$25 million in assets forfeited.

Law enforcement agencies in Hong Kong, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, France, Thailand, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Fiji, Australia and Canada assisted U.S. investigators.

Pioneer of Spanish radio dies

NAMPA (AP) — Roman Reyna, a pioneer of local Spanish-language radio, has died of pneumonia. He was 57.

Reyna, dubbed the "King of the Brown Sound," pushed for more Spanish-language radio programming in the Boise valley when little could be found.

It was very difficult at the beginning," said the Rev. Jesus Camacho, who presided over Reyna's funeral Mass on Thursday. "I consider him a

kind of visionary."

Reyna, who died Feb. 12, moved to Nampa in 1961, where he was a farmworker for several years.

In the early 1950s, Spanish-language radio only aired once a week for about 15 minutes, said local disc jockey Ricardo Quiñan. Reyna joined the efforts of other Spanish-language radio advocates, working to expand the Spanish radio to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Quiñan said Reyna sought out

advertisers, eventually showing a couple of station owners that the Hispanic community was a viable market.

Now, two Boise valley stations — KJHY and KWEL — broadcast solely in Spanish.

"If it had not been for him and a couple of the older folks, we would not have Spanish radio as it is today," said Estrella Zamora, a Canyon County resident and human rights activist.

House: Drug users have right to food stamps

BOISE — The House passed a bill Friday that would allow the Department of Health and Welfare to continue giving food stamps and monetary assistance to convicted drug users.

The bill passed 57-9, with opposition coming from the body's most conservative wing.

Rep. Henry Kulczyk asked the membership of the House to take on the provision that allowed direct monetary assistance. But, lacking support for his request, members did not debate the issue.

The federal government would fund the program, but the state would incur some administrative cost. The bill's sponsor, Democratic Rep. Donna Bee, said the state would pay about \$136 for each of the program's approximately 100 people.

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Legislature in brief

cost issue held the bill up the day before. It goes now to the Senate.

House kills bill that infringed on First Amendment rights

BOISE — The House Judiciary Committee has killed legislation subjecting people to damage suits if information they provided a government agency is found to be false.

Critics suggested the measure infringed on First Amendment rights.

"It so plainly creates some legal course of action to be used to attack someone that you disagree with," said Justin Hayes of the Idaho Conservation League.

Rep. Dick Harwood, the St. Maries Republican who sponsored



the bill, disagreed.

"If somebody twists the science to meet their needs, then we need to bring them back into line," he said.

Attorney Phil Barber, representing the American Insurance Association, said expert witnesses on different sides of lawsuits typically disagree, leaving a jury to decide which expert was more compelling. Under Harwood's bill, Barber said, the winning side could sue the losing side's experts.

— compiled from wire reports

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Patricia Marie Pauls — Kimberly

Patricia Marie Pauls went home with the Lord on Feb. 19, 2004.

Pat was born Nov. 21, 1922, in Los Angeles, Calif. She loved sports and dance and performed in the USO shows during the war. "Dance is the lofiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life. It is life itself. Dance is the hidden language of the soul."

She married Walter Carl Pauls on March 28, 1950, and together they raised three children, Donald Pauls who lives in Oregon, Carla Liesen who lives in Idaho and Robert Pauls who is deceased. She has two grandchildren, Nathan and Carl Ann Liesen who live in Idaho. Pat moved to Kimberly, Idaho, in August of 2003.

"Dancing Mom



'Good Children You Made You are Loved' I will miss you, your son, Don. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and gave her whole life to her family.

"The greatest gift is a portion of yourself." She was the kindest, gentlest person I ever knew. She was shy, sweet natured, giving and my best friend. She loved her animals and will be missed by Hiccup, her dedicated companion of 12 years. I am grateful for the time spent caring for and loving her and she will be greatly missed by all of us. "And we dance to a whispered voice, overheard by the soul, undertook by the heart." I love you, my daughter, Carla. I want to thank Magic Valley Hospice for such wonderful care and support. They made a difficult time special and showed great compassion.

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

Florence M. Nielson — Boise

Florence M. Nielson, 82, passed away Feb. 18, 2004, in Boise.

She was born Aug. 1, 1921, in Wendell to Clarence and Myrtle Eaton. She attended high school and operated a beauty shop until she married Earl Nielson in 1941. Florence and Earl resided in Wendell where they raised four children who were their pride and joy.

Florence was a homemaker dedicated to the care of her family. She was a leader in Cub Scouts, 4-H and taught Sunday school. She served as bookkeeper for the family well drilling and pump business, C. B. Eaton & Sons. She loved playing bridge, cooking and spending time with friends at church.



Eastern Star and P.E.O. Florence was a kind, loving person who shared generously her time and talents.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; daughter, Diane Jones; brother, Doug; and sister, Louise Graybill.

She is survived by three sons and their wives, Larry and Laurie of Wendell, Jerry and Joan Dennis and Jon of Boise; son-in-law, Bob Jones; eight grandchildren, Bryan, Doug, Mark, Ryan, Carrie, Darc, Kristin and Laura; three great grandchildren; sister, Marian Ordway; and two brothers and their wives, James and Annette Eaton, Debra and Pat Eaton.

Memorials may be made to the Wendell United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Wendell United Methodist Church.

Nina Elaine Sorensen — Shoshone

Nina Elaine Sorensen, 79, of Shoshone was granted peace on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, with her husband by her side, from her long struggle with Alzheimer's.

Nina was born on April 16, 1924, in Buhl, Idaho, to Walter and Bertha Methven Ferguson. She was the fifth child in a family of seven. Nina married Wayne (Bud) Sorensen on May 22, 1943, in Richfield, Idaho. They worked side-by-side together on a farm north of Shoshone for over 30 years.

Nina loved to play the violin, cards, bowl, dance and fish.

Nina is survived by her loving husband, Wayne, of nearly 61 years of marriage; children, Karen (Roger) Felt of Mountain Home, Idaho, Galen (Judy) Sorensen of Branson, Mo., Milton (Louisa) Collins of Coeur d'Alene, and Deann (Richard) Webb of Boise Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruth Harris of Twin Falls, Idaho, Ruby Kramer of Castleford, Idaho, and Irene Baughman of Kuna, Idaho.

Nina was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan, in 1961; her



parents; two brothers, Arnold and Wayne; and a sister, Myrna. A very special thank you goes to the staff at the Shoshone Rehabilitation Center for the loving care of Nina for the last five and a half years. They also cared for and watched out for our dad, Wayne, who was faithful and visited Mom every day at the center. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-



day Saints in Shoshone. Interment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

For those who desire, donations may be made in Nina's memory to your favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Funeral Service.

Mike A. Powlus

Mike A. Powlus died from complications of an industrial accident Feb. 18, 2004, in Seattle, Wash.

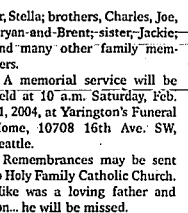
He was born Sept. 13, 1953, in Twin Falls, Idaho, and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1972.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jack and brother, Steven.

He is survived by his sons, Brian (Randi) and Phillip (Jaey); daughter, Stephanie; granddaughter, Abrianna; mother, Stella; brothers, Charles, Joe, Bryan and Brent; sister, Jackie; and many other family members.

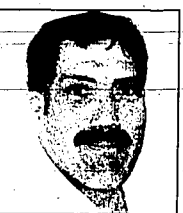
A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at Yarrington's Funeral Home, 10708 16th Ave. SW, Seattle.

Remembrances may be sent to Holy Family Catholic Church. Mike was a loving father and son. He will be missed.



day Saints in Shoshone. Interment will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

For those who desire, donations may be made in Nina's memory to your favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Funeral Service.



Michael Sliman of Gooding; and six nieces, Rose of Hansen, Barbara of Spain and Marie, Janie, Judy and JoAnn, all of the Boise area.

In keeping with the wishes of the deceased there will be no services.

Cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Louie Sliman — Twin Falls

Couple sues over chair lift incident

SANDPOINT (AP) — An Ohio woman who broke her leg while unloading from a chair lift is suing Schweitzer Mountain Resort and Harbor Properties.

Kellie and Christopher Maxin claim in the lawsuit filed in 1st District Court on Thursday that the resort was negligent in its operation and maintenance of the lift.

The lawsuit seeks at least \$10,000 in general and special damages, plus attorney's fees.

The couple, who used to live in Sandpoint, claim that they were loading on a chairlift on March 2, 2002, when Kellie Maxin's ski boot got caught in the snow and came off her foot.

When she tried to negotiate the unloading ramp on one foot, her

foot twisted and she broke her leg, the couple claim.

The lawsuit alleges there was not enough clearance between the bottom of the lift and the surface of the snow.

The incident permanently disabled Kellie Maxin and left her with \$22,000 in medical and rehabilitation costs, the lawsuit claims.

Canyon County tables dairy ordinance

CALDWELL (AP) — The Canyon County Planning and Zoning Commission has tabled a proposed dairy ordinance until September.

Chairman Jack Atkeson said the ordinance was too shallow and did not have enough input from dairy operators.

"It was done in haste and should go back to the drawing board," said Atkeson.

The proposed rules were sent back to the county development service department, which will

put together a committee to make recommended changes.

While several public meetings have been held on the subject in the last year, testimony has not been taken by Atkeson said.

"The hearings have been one-sided. Opponents have turned out but very few dairymen," he said.

Several people had signed up to testify on the Confined Animal Feeding Operation ordinance Thursday.

Mary Patten of the Idaho

Department of Agriculture said he agreed with the commission's action.

"There was a lot of unclear language, and it was vague as to some requirements. Also, it didn't cover other livestock like sheep and hogs," Patten said.

Idaho is seeing growth in both the number of dairies and the number of people living near them, which has resulted in an increasing number of complaints, primarily about odors.

Washington State University student dies

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — A Washington State University student died in his apartment early Friday when he was shot while roughhousing with his roommate, Pullman police said.

Joseph N. Tibbs, 20, of Pullman, died shortly after he was taken to Pullman Memorial Hospital.

Police arrested Ashley Allen Gilmore, 21, his roommate, for second-degree manslaughter.

Police said Gilmore told them the 22-caliber semiautomatic they engaged when the two were "roughing" around 2 a.m.

Gilmore, who had been drinking, said the gun discharged after he kicked it from Tibbs' hand, police said.

Police found two other guns in the apartment.

Washington State University

President V. Lane Rawlins expressed condolences to the family of the victim and offered any help the police needed.

"We hope that all our students will find an important and somber lesson in this tragic death and will determine to be careful and use good judgment as they move forward," Rawlins said in a statement.

State report shows Utah roads are getting safer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There were fewer crashes per miles driven on Utah roads in 2002 than the previous year, according to a new report from the state Department of Public Safety.

The rate for 2002 — the most recent year for which numbers are available — was 225.2 per 100 million vehicle miles, a 5 percent decrease from 2001.

There were 329 fatalities in 2002, compared with 292 in 2001. The 2001 figure was so low that even with a general trend in decreasing fatalities, no one expected that to continue this year, said Dave Beach, director of the Utah Highway Safety Office.

"We're certainly not getting less mobile," Beach said. "(The

report) says that through driving practices, and safer vehicles themselves, we are becoming a bit more safe."

The report showed that a crash occurs every 10 minutes in Utah, and a person is injured in a crash every 19 minutes.

In 2002, there were 53,370 crashes in Utah, accounting for 30,433 injured people. There was also an 18 percent increase in alcohol and other drug-related crash fatalities from the previous year. In 2002, 2,102 crashes were attributed to alcohol and other impairments, resulting in 61 deaths.

Speeding appeared to be the leading factor associated with crash fatalities, the report said.

"We drive pretty aggressively

around here on the Wasatch Front," Beach said. "When you're at a lot higher rate of speed, you hit harder; and you have less time to react."

Though many crash numbers are slightly up or roughly the same, the inclusion of vehicle miles traveled means better news than may seem at first glance. Even if there are more crashes, the rate of driver safety is what's important, analysts say.

"Over the last few years, vehicle miles traveled have gone up significantly," said Robert Hull, an engineer for traffic and safety for the state Department of Transportation. "It's going up faster than the population."

SERVICES

"Andy" Rex Anderson Gallimore Jr. of Prier River, memorial from 10 a.m. until noon today at the family home, 3390 Highway 2, Prier River. (Sherman-Knapp Funeral Home.)

Ferne Ware of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park. (White Mortuary.)

Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church followed by burial at the Bellevue Cemetery. Candlelight vigil and viewing will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church, Halley. Arrangements are in the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

Shirley Mae Robinson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley-Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Dorothy Helen Nelson of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain-View Cemetery in Pocatello. (Rasmussen Funeral Home.)

Victor K. Bloch of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. (Rasmussen Funeral Home.)

Alonzo "Blackie" Maldonado of Hazelton and Murtaugh, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edward's Chapel. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the rosary on Sunday at Reynolds Chapel.

Paul Leo Ehrmantraut of Bellevue, Idaho, funeral at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State, Orem, and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Monday at the Cherry Hill LDS

Falls Cemetery in American Falls. Eastern Star rites will be conducted by Ruth Chapter 3 from Pocatello.

The family will greet friends from 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Reynolds Chapel. Memorial contributions in Rork's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Contributions may be left with the funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

DEATH NOTICE

Helen Bowler Rork TWIN FALLS — Helen Bowler Rork, 77, of Twin Falls, died on Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from complications with diabetes and congestive heart failure.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho. Graveside rites will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Fallsview Cemetery in American

Falls. Eastern Star rites will be conducted by Ruth Chapter 3 from Pocatello.

The family will greet friends from 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Reynolds Chapel. Memorial contributions in Rork's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Contributions may be left with the funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Nevada desert tortoise says spring has sprung

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Easterners may have Punsstawayne Phil, French Creek Freddy and Buckeye Chuck, but when it comes to predicting the arrival of spring in the West, Mojave Max is the reptile to watch.

The decades-old desert tortoise, who makes his home at a Southern Nevada conservation area, poked his scaly nose out of his den at 11:14 a.m. Thursday — less than four months after he burrowed down for the winter on Oct. 28.

Unlike the furry groundhogs who make a show — or no show — of seeing their shadow on Groundhogs Day to predict the desert winter, Mojave Max just shows up when the time is right.

"Shadows? We don't need no shadows," joked Phil Guerrero, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. "Mojave Max is the real deal." The 15.5-inch long, 15-pound tortoise is the poster reptile for the Clark County Desert Conservation Program, an effort that was launched to protect desert environments — and the threatened desert tortoise — from development sprawl.

"It's just a fabulous, charismatic character," said Christina Gibson, the program's coordinator. Mojave Max lives on an acre compound at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area outside Las Vegas, along with 10 other tortoises.

Biologists estimate the wrinkled-face Max is 50 to 60 years old. In the wild, desert tortoises live to about 70, but they've been known to reach 100 in captivity.

Mojave Max has become a Southern Nevada celebrity among school children and may be the only reptile to boast his own Web site. For the past five years the conservation program, in conjunction with the Clark County School District and others, has hosted a contest where students guess when he will emerge from hibernation — the reptile form of hibernation.

The winner's class gets a field trip and pizza party, and the school gets to display the "Mojave Max Cup" for a year in its trophy case. The class also gets Mojave Max T-shirts, medallions, and a trip to a water park. The winning student gets a year's pass to the park.

The goal, Gibson said, is to get children interested in earth sciences.



Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association naturalist Janis Kadlec holds Mojave Max moments after the tortoise emerged from this winter hibernation Thursday inside the Red Rock Canyon habitat in Nevada. The more-or-less 50-year-old desert tortoise poked his nose out of his den at 11:14 a.m. Thursday, three weeks earlier than anticipated.

Researchers turn surplus poplar into sturdy floors

MOSCOW (AP) — Researchers at the University of Idaho are working on a project that might turn the thousands of poplars Potlatch Corp. planted into a more valuable commodity.

Thomas Gorman and Armando McDonald, professors at the College of Natural Resources, are fine-tuning a process that hardens certain woods into a material suitable for floors and other functions.

Poplar wood has a lower density and is softer than what comes from coniferous trees such as Douglas fir, said Gorman, chairman of the forest products department.

"This offers potential for us to open up a new product line that could be very profitable," said Michael Sullivan, Potlatch's corporate spokesman. "But we have to wait for a formal report."

Potlatch is seeking the most profitable use for the 17,000 acres of poplars it planted near Boardman, Ore. The trees were planted in the early 1990s to feed the Lewiston mill's consumer products, pulp and paperboard operations.

Potlatch expected the Clinton administration would close federal lands to logging. A greater availability of wood chips than predicted, combined with transportation and irrigation costs have made using the chips in Lewiston not feasible.

Starting in 2006, Potlatch will have a crop of poplars that matures each year and is harvested year-round, Sullivan said.

"There will be quite a lot of volume when we're in full production, but I can't tell you how much."

Potlatch has been selling some poplar for furniture and door panels. Gorman and McDonald, an associate professor of wood and chemistry composites, expect to have a better read on what will work in two or three years.

The species was invented in New Zealand in the early 1990s for radiata pine, which is grown in plantations there. The Idaho researchers' job is to explore its potential for North American

trees. In addition to poplar, Ponderosa pine shows a lot of promise, Gorman said.

There's a lot of small-diameter Ponderosa in the Boise National Forest that needs to be thinned, Gorman said.

Ponderosa pine already is used for paneling and shelving and Gorman believes if it were hardened, it could make nice flooring. "We're trying things out on a small scale to see where the most potential is," Gorman said.

The wood is placed in a pressure vessel and a vacuum is created to evacuate the air from it. Then pressure is added and the wood is flooded with a starch-based resin. Dye can be added to stain the wood. Afterward, it's removed from the vessel and placed in the hot press to harden.

The professors acquired a pressure vessel from Chemical Specialties Inc. in North Carolina for the cost of shipping it across the country and are doing upgrades to the machine.

With it, they have the capability to test 4-foot boards, bigger samples than are being done elsewhere, Gorman said. The larger size will allow them to make prototypes of products, including floors, furniture and window frames.

The recipe to achieve the right effect varies from one tree species to another. Among the variables are the amount of resin and the time for drying. That information will help companies like Potlatch determine if the process will be cost-effective for them.

Each part of the process carries a cost, including adding the dye and resin, plus paying for the power to dry the treated wood. But the process gives wood qualities superior to those found in oak and maple, the varieties typically used for hardwood floors, Gorman said.

Once the wood has been impregnated with resin, it's less vulnerable to shrinking and warping. The resin also makes the material more resistant to water damage. It could be used to window moldings. The windows would open and close better for more years.

Wyoming House affirms support for rejected wolf management plan

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The Wyoming House voted Friday to stand behind its controversial wolf management plan, setting the stage for a lawsuit against federal wildlife managers.

The House gave initial approval on voice vote, to a bill conforming state law to the wolf plan approved by the state Game and Fish Commission but rejected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We will still enter a lawsuit against the federal government over their rejection of our management plan, and we will go forward from there," said Republican Rep. Mike Baker, who had offered a different compromise bill in hopes of avoiding a lawsuit.

"It is with a little bit of regret that I unfortunately cannot bring to you the other option," he said. "Wolves wiped out in Wyoming in the early 20th century, were reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park by the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1995 and have since thrived."

The Interior Department is prepared to declare the recovery success and remove the wolves from protection under the Endangered Species Act, but only when it deems plans by Idaho, Montana and Wyoming acceptable for maintaining viable populations in the Northern Rockies.

Idaho and Montana's plans have been approved. Wyoming's was rejected.

The Wyoming plan would have

protected wolves in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and adjacent wilderness areas. But wolves elsewhere in the state could be killed on sight as common predators. The Interior Department said that was unacceptable.

Baker had sought approval of a compromise under which the state would regulate wolf killing statewide in exchange for having to manage for 10 breeding pairs rather than the 15 the federal government wanted.

However, agriculture and outfitting groups strongly objected to that because they said it would take away methods ranchers now use on problem coyotes — including aerial hunting with helicopters. Those methods that would be allowed under the state plan.

Rep. Randall Luthi, the House majority floor leader, said there was no point in bringing Baker's compromise bill before the House, noting hunters, agriculture groups, outfitting and the governor's office all oppose it. He said the next step will be the courthouse.

"I don't see any movement," he said. "The federal government made a last-ditch effort to try to make some concessions but frankly came to the table with too little, too late."

Jim Magagna of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association said he was pleased the state is headed to court — "not because we like it, but because we don't believe that the Fish and Wildlife Service left us any alternative."

Washington Attorney General will investigate cleanup allegations

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The state Attorney General is investigating worker complaints that the speed of cleanup at the Hanford nuclear reservation is endangering their health.

Attorney General Christine Gregoire launched the probe after a letter she sent to the U.S. Department of Energy last year was not answered, she said. Gregoire's spokesman Gary Larson said, "The issues are serious enough that they need to be addressed by somebody," Larson said.

The Department of Energy, which is overseeing sprawling Hanford site, did not receive the letter until recently, and rejects the notion that worker safety is being compromised, spokesman Joe Davis said.

"We will not put any worker at risk for the sake of accelerating cleanup," Davis said. "We're working with the federal government, Washington, D.C. 'Worker safety

comes first, and we take all reporting by workers of a safety issue very seriously."

Davis said the Energy Department is in the process of answering the letter.

Also, at the Energy Department's request, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health has agreed to come in March and investigate worker concerns and provide an independent review of site procedures. Erik Olds, with the Energy Department's Office of River Protection, said Friday.

Davis also noted that Gregoire, Gov. Gary Locke and members of the state's congressional delegation have endorsed the federal government's efforts to speed the cleanup of decades of radioactive waste accumulated during the production of plutonium for nuclear weapons.

Moscow School Board revokes charter school

MOSCOW (AP) — The Moscow School Board has voted unanimously to revoke the charter of Renaissance Charter School.

The charter school board has 60 days to appeal the revocation, and the school gets to renegotiate with the school board.

The school, one of the first charter schools in the state, was out of money and failed to meet several charter requirements, Moscow School Board members said.

"There is no money," said Superintendent Candace Donich, who recommended the termination. "They barely have supplies to get through the rest of the school year."

Besides the budget problems,

the school failed to adequately report on fiscal management, provide sufficient liability insurance or meet student educational standards, Donich said.

The school did not provide art and music classes or individualized learning plans for students with learning problems, she said.

Cindy Behniski, curriculum director for the school district, said recent testing found that four of the grade levels were not meeting state achievement benchmarks.

"There's a fair amount of work to be accomplished," Behniski said.

Donich said school leaders and staff "did not contribute to the

financial problems that surfaced at the end of last year. It is not my intention to place blame on the current directors and staff."

Enrollment has dropped by about half since last spring to 53 students. Teachers have taken a voluntary pay cut. A stringed instrument course, internships for students in the business community and special field trips were dropped amid the budget woes.

The audience was mostly quiet throughout the board meeting Thursday, but one school parent said the termination was inexcusable.

"These people have worked bloody hard to get this school up

and running," Jackie Woolf said.

Susan Seaman, the school's director, was placed on leave last month and has resigned effective March 16. Because the school has no money to fill the position for the remainder of the year, a volunteer will be sought.

Seaman, reached at home, blamed the school's problems on the declining enrollment.

"I think the primary issue is, I'm not there because of the severe financial conditions because of the significant drop in enrollment," Seaman said. "I certainly do wish the students and the teachers all the very, very best for the remainder of the year."

Hotel

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three months ago. After publishing a memoir called "Finding My Balance," Hemingway started speaking about the role of yoga, meditation and nutrition in creating "balance" in life.

"I call it the 'in balance' lifestyle," Hemingway said. "I see this new facility as the flagship. The first spa will be here, where the Hemingway name has a tremendous presence."

For his part, Barsotti couldn't be more thrilled. He said he expects strong public support in light of the new partnership.

"It adds an element of excitement that was missing," Barsotti said. "We've joined forces to make this happen."

Stalled in Ketchum Planning Commission hearings for many months while controversy raged about turning a single-story lodge into one with three stories and a 47-foot height at some elevations, the Petite Bald Mountain

Lodge will contain more than 80,000 square feet in an "H" shape. In order to allow the hotel to reach maximum size, planners created a new hotel zone in Ketchum after much debate.

Rooms averaging close to 500 square feet will be supported by the Hemingway spa and yoga facility, suites, underground parking, an open courtyard with fountains and a full selection of banquet and convention rooms.

Like the former Bald Mountain Lodge, which was moved in sec-

tions to a site near Hagerman, the new hotel and convention center will fill an entire city block, fronting River Street, Main Street, Washington Avenue and First Street.

The Wood River Journal is a weekly newspaper based in Hailey that works in collaboration with The Times-News. For more journal stories visit the paper's Web site at www.woodriverjournal.com. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Health care

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will only increase, putting the state at risk of huge fines for failing to meet federal guidelines.

But Democrats called the savings a sham. They argued cost reductions through improved health care management had already been calculated in the budget and the Republicans were subtracting them a second time.

They also said limits on the children's health program will not stop the Medicaid roles from growing.

Their ire, however, was saved for the GOP caps on participation in the children's program. "The program provides health coverage under the Medicaid program to 11,000 children of families with

incomes between 133 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$1,534 a month for a family of four.

Medicaid essentially covers children and most adults from households with incomes below that.

But in July, Idaho planned to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to children of families with incomes between 150 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty level. These families would qualify for scaled-back Medicaid coverage or a payment of \$100 a month per child to be used toward private health insurance, most likely for premiums on group policies through their work or other associations.

Officials expected thousands of applications that would result in 3,000 children being covered under the program, while another 6,000 would be identified for coverage under the original children's program or under Medicaid. Administrators expected for every person found eligible for the expanded program, two others would qualify for existing programs.

To block the expansion in the existing programs, the Republican majority slapped a 6 percent growth cap on the current children's program and limited to just 1,000 children participation in the Medicaid option of the expanded program.

Any other qualified children

would have to take the \$100-per-month payment toward private insurance. And another legislative committee has already voted to severely cut the money earmarked for financing those payments so that only about 4,000 more children could be served.

Gagner said the directive will send more households to private insurance as the business community has proposed, and Cameron, the author of the expanded children's program, said his goal was much more expensive than the bill allows.

"But I'm also a pragmatist, and in order to solve the Medicaid caseload issue, we're going to have to move private-sector solutions," he said.

Authorities release names in bomb case

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Authorities released the names of two Utah men who were found traveling with eight pipe bombs.

Chance Reynolds, 21, who also uses the name Dennis Thompson, provided a Bluffdale, Utah, address, and Troy K. Howard, 32, cited a Riverton, Utah, address, according to Laramie County jail booking sheets released Thursday.

Both are being held on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a deadly weapon. Howard also is charged

with driving with a suspended license.

Federal charges are expected to be filed because of the pipe bombs, federal investigators have said.

Howard was driving the rented Dodge Durango that a state trooper pulled over Monday afternoon on Interstate 80 for failing to maintain a single lane, according to the booking sheets.

Both men are members of white supremacist groups, according to federal investigators.

Homeschool

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have been overzealous in trying to draw home-schooled children back into the public school system, that simply isn't so any more.

These days, it is only county prosecutors who go after families who don't have their kids enrolled in the public school system, and those prosecutors are not after parents who are legitimately educating their children.

As the law is currently worded, prosecutors don't have the tools

they need, he said.

Doherty, who has two daughters taught at home, said he believes the law as it is currently worded does allow prosecutors the necessary leverage to go after negligent parents.

However, Stegner and Gannon said they will not back another day. "I do pledge to this state and this (Senate) body, and I don't consider this to be a final resolution of the issue," Stegner said.

SURVIVORS



Pro snowboarder Tara Dakides, left, laughs with sister Bethany Hamilton, 13, of Hawaii during an interview Friday at Mountain High Resort in Wrightwood, Calif. Hamilton lost her left arm in a shark attack last year. Dakides was injured earlier this month while doing a stunt for David Letterman's late-night television show.

Ranchers will pay more to graze herds on federal land

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ranchers across the West will see an increase in the monthly fee they pay to graze their herds on federal land, the Bush administration said Friday.

Beginning March 1, the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service will raise their monthly rate from \$1.35 to \$1.43 per month. The monthly fee covers grazing of a horse, a cow and calf, or five sheep or goats.

The change, based on a formula established by Congress in 1978, will affect 18,000 BLM grazing permits and leases and 8,000 Forest Service permits.

Jeff Eisenberg, director of federal land programs for the

National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said the figure is rising because beef prices were at an all-time high during the period the government gathered data used to compute the new fee.

He said it is a fair application of the formula and not something policy-makers can control.

The figure is adjusted annually based on the current private grazing lease rates, beef cattle prices and the costs of livestock production.

The \$1.35 fee for 2003 was the lowest possible level, based on a floor set by a 1986 presidential order.

The new rate will apply to public lands in 16 Western states that

are administered by the BLM and Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The Forest Service has separate grazing fees for national grasslands and for lands it administers in Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas. The national grassland fee will be \$1.52 per unit and will also take effect March 1. The fee for the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas will be announced later this month.

DOE begins probe into claim that safety records were changed at Yucca

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Energy Department officials have initiated an investigation into whether notes were altered to misrepresent potentially hazardous dust levels at Yucca Mountain.

The request is expected to form a basis for a broader probe into worker health conditions during excavation and tunneling at the southern Nevada nuclear waste repository site, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Friday.

Margaret Chu, director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, requested the investigation in a memo Wednesday. She attached excerpts from a 2002 deposition given by Judy Kallas, a former project worker who claims a supervisor ordered her to change her notes to reflect lower levels of

silica at the site.

Chu, chief of the Energy Department Inspector General Gregory Friedman to investigate how dust levels were recorded.

"I want to emphasize our commitment to address past silica issues responsibly and as well to maintain a safe environment for our current workers," Chu said.

The Energy Department is attempting to contact more than 1,000 former workers and notify them of a free silicosis screening program. Several former Yucca workers have claimed they contracted chronic lung ailments after inhaling silica-laden dust during excavation and tunneling.

Besides asking for an investigation of the issues raised by Kallas, Chu said she wanted to know why Energy Department officials were

not informed of the allegation earlier.

Kallas, who was fired from Kiewit Construction in 1996 for "disregard of authority and directions of supervisor," told the Review-Journal she tried to report concerns to managers about altering her notes, but was told to follow her supervisor's instructions.

"I said what they were telling me to do was illegal. Then they reminded me that the only reason I was there was because DOE required somebody with my credentials to be there," she said.

Kiewit spokesman Tom Janssen said Friday his company is looking into the allegations.

"We're just becoming aware of this issue. We're taking it very seriously," Janssen said.

Firing squad bill goes to governor

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah legislators sent the governor a bill Friday to eliminate firing squads for executions, but only after giving four death-row inmates their wish to go out in a hail of bullets.

The Utah House gave final legislative approval to the measure that will abolish the firing squad as an option for condemned killers and make lethal injection the state's only method of capital punishment.

Gov. Olene Walker said Thursday that it was "a sad commentary that Utah still had the firing squad."

"I think we need to make the death penalty as humane as possible—I will certainly sign it,"

Walker said at her weekly news conference.

Final approval in the House came without debate, but the Senate on Thursday took up the merits of the firing squad in a 16-9 vote to do away with it.

Sen. Ron Allen, D-Stansbury Park, said allowing murderers to choose firing squads so they can "go out in a blaze of glory" "personally made heroes of criminals and caused victims' families more pain."

Sen. Dave Thomas, R-South Weber, argued that media circus are "exactly what we want" in executions.

"We don't want these sentences to be carried out in the dead-of-night-to-no-one-knows,"

said Thomas, adding that lethal injection was painless and "the easy way out."

A relic of its territorial days, Utah's firing squads employ five riflemen, one of whom shoots a blank so none will know who fired the fatal shot.

Idaho and Oklahoma retain the firing squad on their books as an option, but haven't used it in modern history.

Research could aid in locating security threats

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Research spurred by concerns over the remnants of the former Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal is now being turned toward the war on terrorism.

Scientists at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory are using high-energy photons to check for substances which could be used in nuclear weapons.

"It wasn't until this focus on homeland security crept in with U.S. Customs that we realized the potential for applying nuclear detection," INEEL physicist James Jones said.

The researchers have been working on testing various configurations of shielding materials, including lead. So far, nothing has been able to block the detector's

signals, Jones said.

Currently, only about 3 percent of cargo containers entering the country are inspected, said Laurin Dodd, associate laboratory director of National Security. Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the U.S. Customs Service has sought technologies that can quickly detect smuggled nuclear material.

Using research that showed high-energy photons created in accelerators could be used to X-ray objects, Jones developed new sensors to detect nuclear material. The photons bombard the containers. When they strike fissionable nuclear material, they give off a telltale signature.

That technology is being licensed now, and in a few years, scientists see it being used at shipping ports.

Jones said the goal for inspecting each container is to take only two minutes, which the team has met. Now, the goal is 20 seconds.

The research started a decade ago when the United States and the Soviet Union were looking for ways to count each other's nuclear warheads.

He and his colleagues at Idaho State University's Accelerator Center in Pocatello developed other applications.

The project recently received about \$4 million from the Department of Energy. A month ago, scientists moved a go-around accelerator from Pocatello to a vacant INEEL building so scientists could work more challenging tests.

State orders testing of Wyoming cattle sent to Montana

JHELENA (AP) — Montana livestock officials have imposed restrictions on Wyoming cattle entering the state, in response to brucellosis being found in two herds there.

An order signed by Dr. Tom Linfield, state veterinarian, requires testing for the disease before and after the animals arrive in Montana, except in certain instances.

The move comes just a few days after Idaho took similar action and after the U.S. Department of Agriculture rejected Wyoming's

latest appeal of retain its brucellosis-free status.

Linfield said Friday the testing will be mandated by federal law once Wyoming's change in designation becomes official. "This just gives us a jump-start on what would be required," he said.

Dr. Jim Logan, Wyoming's state veterinarian, said the Montana order was anticipated and more states are likely to take similar action. Wyoming producers expect they will have to perform brucellosis tests on 150,000 to 300,000 animals a year to comply, he said.

"Wyoming is gearing up to do the testing that is required," he said. "We will be at a stage where there will be logistical problems and we have to figure out how to get this testing accomplished before the cattle move interstate."

Logan said the Wyoming Legislature is considering measures to help ranchers pay the testing costs.

The brucellosis test itself isn't costly, but the labor-intensive process of taking blood samples from every animal is expensive, he said.

Coalition claims city move violates Constitution

BOISE (AP) — The coalition fighting to keep a 15-ton granite waste tank, meant to be placed in a city park has asked a judge to temporarily block it from being moved to private property.

The Keep the Commandments Coalition filed its request in 4th District Court Friday afternoon.

The case was assigned to Judge Kathryn Sticken, coalition spokesman Brandi Swindell said.

A hearing is expected to be scheduled sometime next week.

The coalition now contends that the City Council's attempt to return the 28-foot monument to the Fraternal Order of Eagles violates Article 12, Section 4 of the Idaho Constitution.

The section, entitled

"Municipal Corporations Not to Loan Credit," stipulates that local governments shall not "raise money for or make donation or loan its credit to," any company or association.

The coalition claims the monument is worth up to \$5,000, and giving it back to the Fraternal Order of Eagles would constitute a donation of something of value.

City spokesman Mike Zurel said the city has not seen the court filing, but said, "The Mayor and council expect to prevail the way they did in federal court."

On Feb. 11, U.S. District Court Edward Lodge rejected the coalition's argument that moving the monument threatened their religious beliefs by replacing them with "another religion; the reli-

gion of nontheistic beliefs."

The monument controversy has left the city caught between two groups. Kansas preacher Fred Phelps wanted to erect his own anti-gay monument at the site, a quiet corner of Julia Davis Park where the Ten Commandments has stood since 1965.

The City Council voted 4-2 in January to return the monument to its original donor, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, which has said it will display it at the entrance to its building in Boise.

Since then, the coalition has held a 24-hour vigil at the park.

The issue has generated intense community debate, with more than 100 letters to the Idaho Statesman, the newspaper said Friday.

Ex-environmental chiefs back Utah land protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top environmental officials from every presidential administration since Richard Nixon urged the Supreme Court to sidestep environmentalists' lawsuit that asks the administration to consider limiting off-road vehicle use on delicate Utah lands.

The case, filed by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, argues that the Bureau of Land Management is required by law to consider closing the area to access to prevent permanent damage by off-road vehicles. The area at issue in the suit are potential wilderness areas.

In a brief filed with the Supreme Court this week, the eight former directors of the White House Council on Environmental Quality argued that the Interior Department must take steps to protect sensitive lands in its care when factors change.

"It's unlike building a dam. That's a one-shot affair where the

dam is built and that is it," said Nicholas Yost, a former CEA general counsel under President Carter, who wrote the brief. "The management of public lands under consideration for wilderness designation is something that is an ongoing responsibility."

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with that view in a ruling in August 2002.

The Bush administration and off-roading groups appealed, arguing that studying areas for closure is a discretionary duty of the executive branch and courts cannot force the administration to exercise it.

The courts do force the government to act, the normal administrative process would be replaced with unending environmental lawsuits, they argue.

oral arguments in the case are scheduled before the Supreme Court on March 29.

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Election '04 enters rumble stage

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The past few months, heartland Republicans have felt a like hit: hikers on the highway of life, watching big black limousines speed by. The limos have been full of happy Democrats on their way to The Fight. Democrats clicking glasses, Democrats having a ball. Zoom.

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Republicans, meanwhile, have been out there all alone, looking for a lift. They just wanted to get home, have macaroni with the kids, watch a little TV. Even though when they turned on a news-talk show, what they were likely to see was an inside Political Hotspot Beltway Horbuz segment that began with questions like "Bush: Madman or Moron?" Or "Scooter Libby: Evil Force or Waning Power?" Or "Dick Cheney: Will the Bush White House Replace Him ... or Kill Him?"

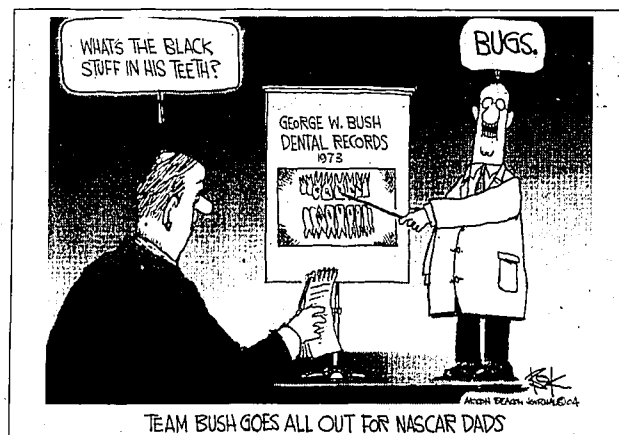
But now the battle appears to be joined. The Democrats struck first, questioning President Bush's character: Bush, they said, was a shirker of military duty, AWOL from the National Guard 32 years ago. Republicans hit back: Not only did Bush meet his responsibilities, but in 1972, Democrat front-runner John Kerry was a left-wing flake. Democratic congressman Sherrod Brown of Ohio tried to hit the secretary of state with a shot on the AWOL charge. Colin Powell backed him to the wall. "Let's not go there." On CNN, Jane Fonda fired for her side. By the time you read this, someone will have fired at her.

Few would have guessed that the 2004 campaign would start in Vietnam, which, three decades after its end, continues to seem less like a war than a societal event like France's Dreyfus Affair. Where did you stand in the great divide, and what price did you pay to stand there?

Will people buy Bush as a shirker and an operator? Those who hate him will. But the rest that would be the majority have watched him for three years in dramatic circumstances, and they know who he is. Will they reject Kerry outright because he said offensive things 32 years ago, slamming his country and suggesting that U.S. soldiers were war criminals? Some will. But there must be some statute of limitations on youthful political idiocy. The question is whether past statements reflect old thoughts or current views.

Beyond Introductions

This first skirmish is about biography - not who the candidate is, but who he is. In this fight Bush has the advantage, because people know him. They don't know Kerry. It's the differ-



TEAM BUSH GOES ALL OUT FOR MASCAR DADS

ence between neighborhood gossip about the man next door whom you know and respect, and gossip about the guy who just moved in down the block. What's startling, though, is that it's all about so soon. In the past, there was some skirmishing in the spring, a great unveiling of candidates at the summer conventions, and then the outright battle in the fall. No longer. Politics is endless now, as we know.

Over the past week, I asked Republicans in Washington how they see the campaign year shaping up. A political strategist who's deeply familiar with White House thinking told me, "We are now in the very early stages of what will be seen as a vigorous engagement with the opposition." The GOP strategy all along, he said, has been to wait until the Democratic field narrowed down to a single person - who, when we spoke, seemed to be Kerry.

The Bush campaign will engage, he said, on the issues. "Kerry keeps saying, 'Bring it on.' I suspect he will oblige. He has a long and manifestly liberal message; the record will undoubtedly be a central part of this debate." Republicans believe that the more the election seems to be a high-stakes and crucial one, the better for their man, who led America through the first three years of the high-stakes era. They believe that in presidential elections, the candidate's true nature always emerges. This they see as a big advantage for Bush. "Kerry is smart and able and impressive in many ways," the strategist said, "but he is also liberal, angry and not particularly likable." The White House believes there is a marked lack of

passion for Kerry, even among his supporters. "He's a choice of the head, not the heart," the strategist said.

The battle Bush wants

Meanwhile, Bush continues to be underestimated by the chattering classes, and Republicans are glad. It's good when the enemy underestimates you. Republicans believe the president connects with the public in a way that cannot be quantified and that the Eastern Establishment (my strategist used that term) does not fully understand, or admire.

And there is the Bush political record itself, which speaks of unacknowledged and forgotten power. Ten years ago, Bush beat popular incumbent and Democratic Party star Ann Richards in the Texas gubernatorial race, and won re-election with almost 70 percent of the vote. In 2000, he won the Republican nomination against a respected war hero named John McCain, and went on to defeat a long incumbent vice president after eight years of stunning prosperity, and peace. Bush put his personal prestige on the line in the 2002 midterm election and won again, making history once more by picking up congressional seats. This is a remarkable record, and lately it is remarkably unmentioned.

Everyone I talked to says the president himself is feeling feisty and up for battle. He believes he did the right thing in Iraq and continues to hope that the question of what happened to Saddam's WMDs, which the dictator had used before in Iran and in the Iraqi Kurds, will be fully answered in time. It was told that whenever U.S. troops find

and search a new facility, Bush wonders if something will be found.

'Everything on the table'

But none of that will matter much in the long run. What matters in terms of the game of politics is that both sides begin this political year hungry, one for power and revenge, the other for unquestioned victory and mandate. Washington has that kind of low-key buzz it gets before a long and protracted battle. Energy in the air. Gossip, too. What are Ralph Nader's plans? What - exactly - did that unnamed Democratic strategist mean when he told the New York Times that if Bush punts Kerry as soft on defense "then everything is on the table. Everything." My, my. Was that blowing smoke or a real threat? Kerry has a history of grabbing victory from the jaws of defeat by insisting big money-into-his campaigns in the final weeks.

What if his wife lends him \$30 million in the campaign's last three weeks? What about reports that Dick Cheney could leave the ticket? Is that the media making mischief? Why that particular mischief?

Here's a prediction: This will be a big election with a lot of twists and turns, with drama - it's going to decide how the war in American safety is led, or not led, or misled - and some desperate fighting on both sides. Those Democrats zooming by in the limousines should continue to enjoy the ride but, like everyone else, they should probably fasten their seat belts.

Peggy Noonan, author of six books on politics and culture, does commentary on MSNBC.

President Bush follows wise course on nuclear weapons

While I don't in any way support or condone either President Bush's ignorance-inspired stance on supporting more snowmobiles being allowed into Yellowstone or for making it easier for illegal aliens in the United States to become "legal" citizens, his recent call for tightening the spread of nuclear technology worldwide is to be applauded.

Arguably one of the most significant changes to non-proliferation efforts in 34 years, the proposal would revoke the dangerously lax loophole in the 1970 Non-Proliferation Treaty that allows countries to develop nuclear technology in return for merely pledging not to build nuclear weapons ... a loophole that has allowed countries like Iran, North Korea and Pakistan to carry on unabated in their quest for non-peaceful nukes.

Bush proposes allowing nuclear fuel only to countries that verifiably renounce nuclear enrichment and processing - preventing new states from developing fissile material for nuclear weapons - and for expanding to countries like Iraq and Libya the Nunn-Lugar legislation (which re-employs former Soviet scientists, who might otherwise be working for high-paying rogue terrorist nations, to dismantle weapons programs).

Aggressively stopping the spread of black market nuclear arms worldwide is a subject that's been given scant attention, especially among single-party "greenies," who love to laughably pretend Clinton actually had a non-ukes position and didn't deliberately wait until he was almost out of office before calling on expanding the borders of monuments like Grand Staircase-Escalante and Craters of the Moon - basically his only gutsy pro-environmental legislation after nearly eight years in office. Hopefully, with this intelligent, comprehensive plan, Bush will encourage other candidates to likewise take a similarly vocal position on this most lethal of all environmental threats.

JOHN PLUNIZKE
Ketchum

Keep fighting forest fees until they're good and dead

Thank you for your anti-fee demo editorial of Feb. 14. I agree, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig deserves praise for voting against forest access fees last week.

The Recreation Fee Authority Act, S.1107, sponsored by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., is a vampire that keeps rising from the grave and should be put to death. We must expose fee demo to the light of day.

Citizens of the United States must see that S.1107 is nothing more than greedy individuals in the tourism industry trying to make a buck on the backs of hard-working people by forcing us to pay for the use of our public lands.

As you know, the Bureau of Land Management's new rule, effective on April 6, states that failure to pay a recreation fee will be considered an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000 with no jail time.

This is simply outrageous. Penalties like this demonstrate how hard fee demo proponents will push to coerce Americans into paying to use public lands. PETER STEKEL
Seattle, Wash.

Commissioners move too fast on building

I can't remember writing a let-

ter to the editor before today but after reading the recent article about the possible purchase of Anderson Lumber Co. property by the county commissioners, I was confused by the rationale.

It is not a "glamorous" project to pay for a site to dump our county's trash, but it was necessary and the commissioners took responsibility to see that money was available. Neither is a new jail a glamorous project, yet it is necessary and has been so for many years.

Obligations of federal and state mandates for housing jail inmates forces the commissioners to pay other counties, daily, for as many as 200 Twin Falls County inmates. These payments continue indefinitely until our own county has more jail facilities. I believe it's good money management, in the long run, to prioritize this investment before purchasing more office space.

All the factors that work together to keep our area a desirable place in which to live and raise our families are threatened if law breakers are dealt with adequately. Pressure to handle the rise in law breakers as our population grows also increases pressure on the men and women in the sheriff's department. When promised funds don't materialize, it is harder to retain and recruit deputies.

I can understand and sympathize with the idea of centralizing offices, but the time is not now.

In conclusion, during present and future considerations, I urge the commission to consider the true price of "taking away" from one area - downtown Twin Falls - and "giving" to another. TEDDY SNOW
Twin Falls

Cats deserve love, not thug treatment and torture

I am responding to a letter which a person was not happy with a group of boys who purposely killed a cat.

I agree with this person 100 percent. I myself love cats. Cats can cause you to laugh. Cats make you feel better when you are sick. I personally can tell you, I am 42 and I am being treated for breast cancer. I have kitty friends I can visit with. They all brighten my day. They help me feel better.

I would like to say to the boys who were very cruel to the cat: What did the poor cat ever do to you? Would you like to be treated the same way? I hope one day you experience similar to the cat's happens to you. And also, may this experience come back to you. JULIE WRIGHT
Twin Falls

Hear the ugly truth about the king's forest fees

About those forest fees: When I was a boy, we were poor. But as the song says, "We had silver in the stars and gold in the morning sun."

In free America, we could enjoy the beauty and pleasures of God's good earth in any of the streams and canyons around us. And all God asked in return is that we respect and appreciate it. Robin Hood knew that if the sheriff caught him, he'd be hung because he ate the king's deer.

Five thousand dollars for not paying a public lands parking ticket!

Robin Hood, can I join your band of Merry Men? Because I will never be able to support the king. RAY WHITTING
Twin Falls

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Local dog jumps in melted snow after recent thaw

Regarding your news stories in today's paper (Feb. 18) about snow melts in the Magic Valley, I thought I'd render you a dog story about a city dog.

Having had 6- to 8-foot-high snow drifts in my back yard and owning a Corgi, I would let my dog out during the worst of the snow and she would tunnel to get to her favorite spot in the yard. Now that the thaw has arrived, she dog paddles through the lake in my back yard to get to her favorite high spot in my back yard. Such is a Corgi's story in the winter of 2004 in Twin Falls.

For those of you who do not know Corgis, they have long bodies and short legs and they are of the herder group.

As she gets back into the house, she shakes herself, sits

down, barks and looks at me as if it were all my fault. ANN RIDGELY
Twin Falls

Illegal immigrants don't warrant licenses, insurance

Since when is it legal to even agree to have undocumented immigrants in the United States, much less allow them or even to consider opening the law books for a valid license with insurance?

First and foremost, the (our) law is broken by enacting the United States. Rep. Elmer Martinez thinks this will stop undocumented immigrants from driving illegally, when they have broken the law from the getgo.

Where is justice? Where are our boundaries? This is why the undocumented immigrant waltzes over us, because we do not uphold the law. Many of these undocumented immi-

grants come to the United States unprepared or unwilling to abide by the law. While driving illegal, do hit and runs, drive under the influence, without insurance as it is. So let's agree to let them do part of the crime legally. Absolutely not!

All Martinez is doing is making it easy for the undocumented immigrant. We already have made it easy for them to become legal. They have had all kinds of proposals to get their green cards, resident alien or permits. Too many opportunities are given them when they stop them from becoming legal? We had the amnesty several times. Our border was opened to allow them to come over here and work and return to Mexico.

The line has to be drawn. "We should be thankful, our agricultural economy would suffer," Martinez states. Thankful for what? Our economy already does

suffer because they come and work for nothing, knocking down decent wages for the citizen. So the law should agree to allow them to be here illegally, making it harder for the U.S. citizen who has more and every right to a job.

You have the illegal who knocks pay wages, does not abide the law, steals from our government programs. Many working on dairies with a home supplied in each area, meat from their boss and lying to do their taxes by saying they have 10 to 12 dependents. In schools getting our education with schools overcrowded, supplying them with interpreters to pass, when to begin with they don't have the right to be here!

Face reality. Realty is Martinez just wants to bring in cash. He sees the green. EUGENIO O. LUNA
Jerome

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Images hint at trace amounts of water

Los Angeles Times

The first look beneath the Martian surface has shown that the soil composition changes dramatically with depth and hints that trace amounts of water have been present recently or may even be there now, researchers said Thursday.

The Opportunity rover has spent the last three days examining a 4-inch-deep, 20-inch-long trench it created with its front wheel in Meridiani Planum. While the spectroscopic data has not yet been beamed back to Earth, microscopic images have presented new puzzles for the team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., to contemplate while they wait for the data.

"Pictures of the wall of the trench show it is composed of sand-sized grains of red rock cemented together. The cement could have been formed by minute amounts of water rising to the surface, bringing with it salts that would act as a cement," said JPL geologist Albert Yen.

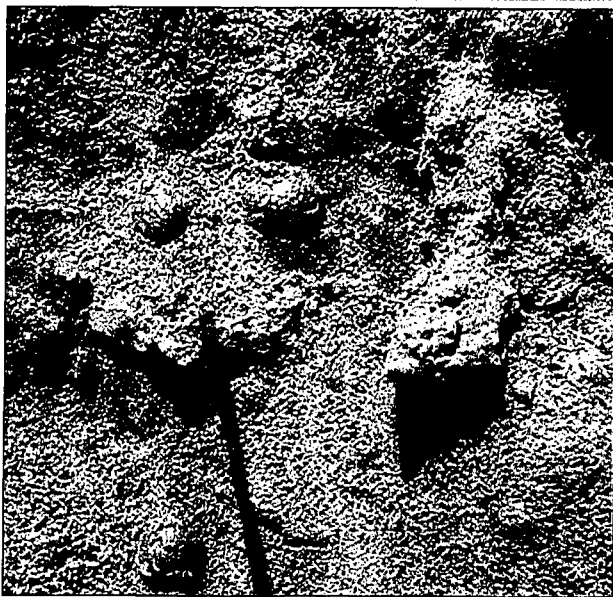
The pictures of the wall show that small spherules present on the surface - nicknamed Martian blueberries - are also present underground, embedded in the matrix of the soil. To the team's surprise, however, the underground spherules are brighter and shinier than those on the surface.

"We're not sure what is going on here," Yen said.

The bottom of the trench, in contrast, is so finely grained that individual grains do not show up in the microscopic images, Yen said.

"The trenching has exposed a region that is completely different. (Opportunity's instruments) will tell us what it is."

Halfway around Mars at Gusev Crater, the Spirit rover wriggled its wheels slightly on the surface, revealing the top layer of soil to be much stickier than had been expected. "The surface layer is different from the layer underneath it," said geologist Dave Des Marais of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center, "and some stick to the wheel. We're very interested in why the surface material is sticky."



This image, taken by the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity and released by NASA Thursday, reveals shiny, spherical objects embedded within the trench wall at Meridiani Planum, Mars.

Astronomers spy object half Pluto's size

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Astronomers said this week they have found a frozen object 4.4 billion miles from Earth that appears to be more than half the size of Pluto and larger than the planet's moon.

If confirmed, the so-called planetoid would become the largest object found in our solar system since the ninth planet was first spotted in 1930.

Preliminary observations suggest the frozen celestial body is 10 percent larger than Quaoar, an 800-mile-diameter object found in 2002.

"Right now it looks like it could be bigger than Quaoar, which would put it bigger than anything since Pluto," said Mike Brown, a California Institute of Technology astronomer.

Trujillo, of the Gemini Observatory in Hawaii, and David Rabinowitz, of Yale University, discovered the object late Monday with a telescope at the Palomar Observatory outside San Diego.

The object, dubbed 2004 DW, lies at the outer fringes of the Kuiper Belt, a swarm of frozen rock and ice beyond the orbit of Neptune.

Bush raises \$12.9M in January for campaign

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush raised nearly \$12.9 million for his re-election campaign last month and spent more than \$7.5 million as he stepped up appeals to voters in the face of attacks from Democratic presidential contenders.

According to a campaign finance report filed with the Federal Election Commission on Friday, Bush ended January with more than \$104 million in his campaign war chest, a huge cash advantage over all the Democratic candidates combined.

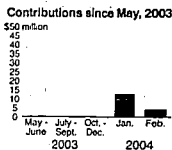
As of the end of last year, the nine Democrats then in contention had less than \$20 million in their campaign treasuries. That figure represents their total war chests before the primary season began last month. None of the four remaining contenders - Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and New York activist Al Sharpton - had filed a report as of January 15 of midday. They have until midnight Friday night to do so.

Since Bush launched his re-election campaign last May, he has raised more than \$150 million - \$145.6 million through January and according to his campaign Web site, more than \$4.5 million through the first 11 days of February.

The Web site said Bush received

Bush report to FEC: \$150 million

President Bush's campaign committee reported to the Federal Election Commission on Friday that they have raised \$150 million in contributions.



SOURCE: FEC

contributions from 71,000 people last month, of whom 50,000 were making their first donation to a Bush campaign. The average donation in January was \$175, it said. To date, nearly 550,000 contributors from every state have made donations, according to the campaign.

In an e-mail sent to supporters Thursday, the Associated Press reported, the campaign asked for even more support in money or campaigning time to help Bush avoid an election as close as the one in 2000, in which he lost the popular vote to Vice President Al Gore but won the electoral vote thanks to a razor-thin victory in Florida.

Man faces charge in abduction case

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - An auto mechanic accused of killing a girl whose abduction was captured on a car wash surveillance camera was indicted on a first-degree murder charge Friday as prosecutors indicated for the first time they believe he raped the 11-year-old.

The state attorney's office separately filed charges of kidnapping and capital sexual battery against Joseph P. Smith, 37, assistant state attorney Dennis Nales said. Prosecutors declined to release details of the charge.

Smith is accused of killing Carlie Brucia, whose body was found near a church five days after she was abducted Feb. 1. Investigators have refused to say exactly how the girl was killed, except by "homicidal violence."

Nales declined comment on whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty for Smith, who's being held without bond in the Sarasota County jail. Smith's public defender, Adam Tubregge, said his client will plead not guilty at his arraignment.

Bush taps FDA chief to oversee Medicare

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush Friday named Mark B. McClellan, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, to run the agency that oversees Medicare, one of his most crucial health advisers in charge of carrying out complex and politically delicate changes to the program.

The appointment comes three months after Bush signed legislation that adds prescription drug benefits to Medicare. If McClellan wins confirmation by the Senate, as key senators of both parties predicted, the job will mark the third senior health policy post he has occupied in the Bush administration.

A physician and health economist who developed smooth working relationships on Capitol Hill, McClellan, 40, was a member of the White House Council of Economic Advisers before moving to the FDA 16 months ago.

As administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services - like the FDA, a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services - McClellan would oversee the nation's two largest public health insurance programs that, together, provide about \$700 billion per year in benefits. Medicaid covers 43 million low-income Americans, while Medicare insures 40 million elderly and disabled people.

He would take over the agency as the administration is beginning to implement the new Medicare law, which is designed to tilt the program toward the private sector, in addition to offering older people the first federal help in affording medicine. The law is drawing

intense criticism from Democrats and some Republicans in Congress.

As a first step, the agency is developing regulations for a temporary drug-discount card program, scheduled to begin this spring, in which Medicare patients buy cards through private companies and groups that negotiate discounted drug prices. The program is a bridge until the drug subsidies start in two years. In addition, CMS is responsible for myriad regulatory decisions that will determine how well the law succeeds at persuading private health plans to accept Medicare patients - and persuading such patients to enroll. Many are highly technical questions with large political and economic stakes, such as the size of the geographic regions in which health plans will be required to compete for patients.

Friday, McClellan's appointment drew praise from senators across the political spectrum. Democratic and GOP aides predicted that his confirmation would be easy and quick.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the leading critics of the new Medicare law, said McClellan was "a superb choice." Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, which will handle the nomination, also praised him. McClellan is the older brother of White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan, who announced his appointment; their mother is a prominent Texas Republican. Mark McClellan would succeed Thomas Scully, a longtime fixture in Washington health policy circles who was regarded as too outspoken by some of his colleagues in the administration.

Defense gets its chance in Stewart case

NEW YORK (AP) - The government rested its case against Martha Stewart and her stockbroker Friday after a critical prosecution witness wavered slightly about testimony that had damaged the homemaking mogul.

On Thursday, Mariana Pasternak testified Stewart told her shortly after selling her ImClone Systems stock that she had known ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to dump his shares. Pasternak also testified that Stewart told her in a separate conversation: "Isn't it nice to have brokers who tell you those things?"

Under cross-examination Friday from Stewart's lawyer, Pasternak conceded about that remark: "I do not know if that statement was made by Martha or if that was just a thought in my mind." Prosecutor Michael Schachter, trying to restore Pasternak's credibility, asked what her "best belief" was about the remark. Pasternak answered: "That Martha said it."

Report says Atlanta underreported crimes

ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta underreported crimes for years to help land the 1996 Olympics and pump up tourism, according to an audit commissioned by police and released Friday.

Police in this relentlessly self-promoting city of the New South routinely altered or suppressed thousands of crime reports in a concerted effort "to improve Atlanta's chances for selection,"

the audit said, citing interviews with several officers.

The practice of underreporting crime began during the site-selection process for the Olympics and continued until at least 2002, when Police Chief Pennington and Mayor Shirley Franklin took office, the report said.

Pennington, who sought the audit, endorsed its findings and said he would seek money to add

300 street officers to the 1,600-member police force to crack down on the drug trade. He said 75 percent of violent crimes is tied to drugs.

"I don't want to alarm the citizens or have them think that when they walk out on the streets, they're going to be mugged shot or robbed because that's not the case," Pennington said.

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A jump shot is like a woman. If you ignore her, she will leave you.

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— Former Montana State basketball player and Late Show host Craig Kilborn

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
What was Alex Rodriguez's batting average last season and where did he rank among major league hitters?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
Women, CSI at Salt Lake CC, 5:30 p.m.
Men, CSI at Salt Lake CC, 7:30 p.m.
College baseball
CSI vs. College of Eastern Utah at Salt Lake City, 11:30 a.m.
CSI vs. Salt Lake CC, 2 p.m.
Boys basketball
4A District IV playoffs
Jerome at Burley, 1 p.m., loser-out

IN-BRIEF

Girls championships will be broadcast live

BOISE — The United Dairyman of Idaho are sponsoring live TV broadcasts for the girls basketball state Class 4A and 5A championship games starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 from the Idaho Center in Nampa.
The games will be carried by Cable One on Channel 17 in Twin Falls, 22 in Pocatello, 19 in Idaho Falls and 18 in the Treasure Valley area.
During the broadcast, highlights from the Class 2A and 3A championships will shown.

Jerome-Burley playoff game set for 1 p.m.

BURLEY — The Jerome-Burley boys basketball District IV playoff game will start at 1 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. as scheduled.

Burley plans wrestling clinic for Tuesday

BURLEY — Registration for a wrestling clinic for children grades 1-6 will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Burley High School wrestling room.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. starting Thursday.
The cost is \$12 and includes a camp T-shirt. Campers need to wear athletic shorts, tennis shoes and a T-shirt. Call coach Milroy at 436-7575 or coach Sandman at 678-3299 for more information.

T.F. Rapids need players for squads

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club needs players for its U-12 and U-11 girls teams and for the 13-and-under and 11-and-under boys soccer teams for the upcoming season.
For more information on the boys, call coach Sasha Pavlovic at 735-9411 or Mark Goodman at 733-1699. For the girls, call Vince Gibson at 735-0176 or Leo Sanchez at 736-4402.

Cabin Fever events at pool move to Feb. 28

TWIN FALLS — The scuba and open swim segments of Cabin Fever Day will be offered Saturday, Feb. 28. The scuba for ages 8 and up runs from 9 to 11 a.m. while the open swim will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for ages 7 and up.
For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office at 736-2265.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Rodriguez batted .298 last season and ranked 42nd.

CSI men take a step back

Shot fails to drop in OT

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY — Jason McKinney's 3-point attempt hit off the back of the rim as time expired, allowing Salt Lake Community College to escape with an 89-88 overtime win over the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team Friday night.
"I thought it was down from here," CSI head coach Gib Arnold told 1310 KLIX AM after the game. "It was a nice shot with a



SWAC, depending on the result between co-leader Snow College and Colorado Northwestern Friday.
McKinney, who hit five 3-pointers in the game, finished with 17 points. CSI's Akling Elting led all scorers with 27 points and also grabbed a team-best six rebounds.

niche release."
The loss dropped the Golden Eagles to 19-8 overall and 13-8 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. SLCC (20-7, 14-7) maintains at least a tie of first place in

But rebounding was a weakness for the Eagles all night. SLCC outrebounded CSI 44-33.
"Pathetic job by us, I thought, on the boards," Arnold said.
Rekalim Sims led the Bruins with 26 points.
CSI led 88-87 with just under a minute remaining in the overtime on a McKinney 3-pointer from the left corner. But SLCC's Brock Reichner drained two free throws after he was fouled with 16.1 seconds remaining for the game's final points.
Reichner earlier sent the game into over-

time by sinking two free throws with 16.0 seconds remaining to tie the game at 81-all. SLCC led 38-29 at halftime after making all 13 of its free throw attempts in the first 20 minutes.

Women

The Golden Eagles will have to wait at least one more game before being assured of hosting the Region 18 tournament in Twin Falls.

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Gooding, Wood River fall in 3A



Gooding guard Brittanie Toone reacts to a play during the fourth quarter of the Senators' 58-43 loss to the Priest River Spartans in the semifinals of the 3A Idaho High School State Basketball Tournament Friday in Boise.

CORY MYERS/The Times-News

Priest River starts fast to defeat Senators, 58-43

The Times-News

BOISE — Priest River was a cliché on top of playing a near-perfect game Friday. The Spartans (23-2) started fast and finished strong to throttle Gooding 58-43 in one semifinal at Bishop Kelly High School.
"It was a great state tournament game," Priest River coach Jamie Pancho said. "I'd hate to say we were perfect tonight because we have one to go."
In the other semifinal, all the drama in the world couldn't save Lakeland of Rathdrum (17-

6) from a 60-58 overtime loss to Marsh Valley.
Priest River, who lost to eventual state champion Shelley in the first round of this tournament last year, meets Marsh Valley at 3:50 p.m. today at the Idaho Center in Nampa in the 3A state championship game Marsh Valley (21-2) lost to Shelley in the title game a year ago.
Lakeland stays at Bishop Kelly in Boise to challenge Gooding (17-9) in the third-place game.
It was another last second dis-

appointment for the Wood River Wolverines as the girls saw their first ever trip to state end with a 47-46 loss to Salmon in consolation action.
Priest River 58, Gooding 43
The Spartans' philosophy of great defense and strong rebounding jelled into a deadly potion that impounded the Senators before they got a chance to make a run.

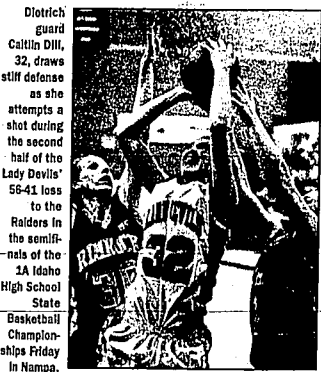
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3A Girls

3A Girls Real Dairy Shootout
Consolation bracket
Salmon 47, Wood River 46
Shelley 51, Middleton 26
Championship bracket
Priest River 58, Gooding 43
Marsh Valley 60, Lakeland 58

Saturday's games

Consolation championship
Salmon vs. Kootenai, 9 a.m.
Third-place game
Gooding vs. Lakeland, 11 a.m.
Championship
Priest River vs. Marsh Valley, 3:50 p.m., Idaho Center



Dietrich guard Caitlin Dill, 32, draws stiff defense as she attempts a shot during the second half of the Lady Devils' 56-41 loss to the Raiders in the semifinals of the 1A Idaho High School State Basketball Championship Friday in Nampa.

Shoshone enters title game

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

NAMPA — The Shoshone Lady Indians will play in the championship game of the 2004 Idaho 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout thanks to a 48-42 victory over the Troy Lady Trojans in Friday's semifinal game at Skyview High School.
The quick Shoshone offense used dribble penetration for deal-and-dish buckets, especially during a 15-0 second-quarter run that proved key in earning the Lady Indians a shot at undefeated Rimrock (24-0).
"We tried to spread them out and our girls were knocking down their shots," Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said.
Lone senior Sarah Hubschmitt was an important part of Shoshone's success, scoring 12 points, grabbing nine rebounds, and dealing four assists.
"I struggled the last two games and I

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1A girls

1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout
Friday's results
Consolation bracket
Kendrick 47, Richfield 36
Kootenai 66, Cambridge 57
Championship bracket
Hansen 58, Lakeside 45
Oakley 46, Mackay 44
Rimrock 56, Dietrich 41
Shoshone 48, Troy 42

Saturday's games

Consolation championship
Kendrick vs. Kootenai, 9 a.m., Skyview HS
Fourth-place game
Hansen vs. Oakley, 10:45 a.m., Skyview HS
Third-place game
Dietrich vs. Troy, 12:30 p.m., Skyview HS
Championship
Rimrock vs. Shoshone, 11:30 a.m., Idaho Center

5A Girls Real Dairy Shootout

Friday's results
Consolation bracket
Borah 63, Skyline 54
Twin Falls 49, Mountain View 40
Championship bracket
Timberline 53, Lake City 45
Centennial 53, Boise 45

Saturday's games

Consolation championship
Twin Falls vs. Borah, 9:15 a.m., Nampa HS
Third-place game
Lake City vs. Boise, 12:30 p.m., Championship
Timberline vs. Centennial, 8 p.m., Idaho Center

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Tigers return to 4A title game

By John Derr
Times-News writer

MERIDIAN — "We're going to the (championship)!"
That was the quote from senior guard Whitney Clark whose 15 first quarter points propelled Jerome to victory. The Tigers are heading back to the state title game for the second straight year — and third time in four years — as they defeated the Hillcrest Knights 62-43 in the semi-

finals of the 4A State Girls Basketball tournament Friday night.
Jerome plays Vallivue at 6:15 p.m. at the Idaho Center in Nampa.
Hillcrest meets Moscow at 11 a.m. at Mountain View High School for third place. Jerome will look to take the first place trophy home as they finished second their previous two trips.
Clark's early outburst gave the Tigers a lead they would never give up. Down the stretch free throws — Jerome hit 25 of 35 —

secured the victory. The Tigers and Knights were considered the top two teams in the state in the current 4A ranking. Jerome (23-0) captured the Great Basin conference while Hillcrest (21-4) finished first in the High Country tournament.
Most believed this game was the championship game.
Jerome got a jumper and fast break lay-up from Clark, but Hillcrest got their fast

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4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout

Friday's results
Consolation bracket
Bishop Kelly 54, Sandpoint 52
Bonnevile 36, Blackfoot 26
Championship bracket
Jerome 62, Hillcrest 43
Vallivue 50, Moscow 42

Saturday's games

Consolation championship
Bishop Kelly vs. Bonneville, 9 a.m.
Third-place game
Hillcrest vs. Moscow, 12:30 p.m., Championship
Jerome vs. Vallivue, 6:15 p.m., Idaho Center

SPORTS

It's Hansen vs. Oakley for fourth place Jerome takes wrestling title

The Times-News

NAMPA - Hansen cruised past Lakeside while Oakley bounced Mackay to set up an all Southside Conference fourth-place game this morning at Skyview High School. The game is set for 10:45 a.m.

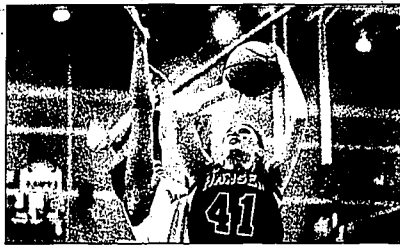
Hansen 58, Lakeside 45

NAMPA - Hansen's Lady Huskies cruised through a 58-45 win over the Lakeside Lady Knights of Plummer to advance to Saturday's fourth-place game of the 2004 Idaho Girls Real Dairy Shootout.

Despite allowing Lakeside junior guard Corina Hendrick to hit five three-pointers, Hansen took the win thanks to a solid in-and-out game led by seniors Bonnie Freestone and Jamie Lapp. Both players finished with 19 points, while Lapp added nine rebounds. Freshman guard Charlotte Freestone showed flashes of good hand she will be in the coming years, scoring four points and grabbing ten rebounds. Lakeside was led by Hendrick's 18-point effort, while sophomore guard Wynonna Johnson added 12.

The Lady Huskies play at 10:45 a.m. Saturday against Oakley at Skyview High School.

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COY HENNER/The Times-News

Hansen post Jessala Thorpo, 41, scores over Lakeside post Shante' Watlamet during the fourth quarter of the Huskies' 58-45 win over the Knights Friday in Nampa. With the win, Hansen advances to the fourth-place game in the 2A Idaho High School State Basketball Championships.

Oakley 48, Mackay 44

NAMPA - Down 12 points early in the fourth quarter of their loser on game against the Mackay Miners, Oakley coach Brett Graham rallied his troops for a 20-4 run to steal the victory, 48-44. "They started to hang their heads, so I called a time-out and challenged them to give everything they had," Graham said. "They did, and it was a great comeback."

The Hornets did most of their damage from the free throw line, hitting 28-46 attempts, compared to Mackay's 4-8 showing. Sophomore post Jenna Peterson finished with 15 points, while senior guard Al Crumney finished with 12. Senior post Valerie Bedke scored six points and pulled down 10 offensive rebounds. Mackay was led by sophomore forward Kallie Whitworth's game-high 18 points.

The Hornet win results in an all-Magic Valley fourth place game in the 2A tournament, as Oakley will take up Hansen Saturday at 10:45 a.m. for fourth place. "We have to play Hansen again for the fourth time," Graham said. "I think District Four and the Magic Valley area have been represented well in this tournament."

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Consolation bracket Kendrick 47, Richfield 26

NAMPA - Despite a second-half

surge Friday morning at Skyview High School in Nampa, the Richfield Tigers relinquished a consolation game to the Tigers of Kendrick at the 2004 girls 1A state basketball tournament, 47-26.

Richfield began playing catch-up from the opening moments when Kendrick's six-foot post Nichole Scott initiated a 7-1 run, going on to lead 25-12 at half-time.

For a brief moment in the fourth period, it looked as if the momentum might change as Richfield's defense stiffened, forcing turnovers and missed shots.

Richfield clawed their way back from a 14-point deficit to narrow the gap at 39-31. "For a time, we were a few plays away from making things interesting," said Richfield coach Steve Kent. "It was very impressive, especially against a team I feel is one of the most gifted in the state."

Cassie Wood led Richfield in scoring with 12, followed by Angela Kent with eight and senior Michelle Schmidt six. Brooke Norman and Brittany Ellis each reached four points and Shasta Twichell had two.

The majority of Kendrick's points were tallied by Scott and Terrianna Rice who combined for 28.

The loss ended the season for 16-1 Richfield, a team filled mainly with freshmen and sophomores.

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Jerome takes wrestling title

Local sports

POCATELLO - The Jerome Tigers captured nine out of a possible 14 individual championships, to cruise to the Great Basin Conference district wrestling team title Friday at Century High School in Pocatello. Jerome also had nine runner-up finishes to garner 384 points to 177.5 for runner up Burley and 118 for third-place Century. This is the second year in a row the Tigers are district champions.

"We put 18 (wrestlers) into the final round," said Tigers coach Case. "That pulled up the points. We knew we were capable of doing it. We're happy with the way we wrestled."

Jerome will send 22 grapplers to the state tournament next Thursday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

"That's more than usual," Case said.

Burley qualified six wrestlers including individual champions Brandon Brover, 103 pounds, and Cole Jones, 215.

The Tigers' individual champions were:

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Local sports
ons were Jose Trelles, 119 pounds; Eric Powell, 125; Cody Luper, 140; Matt Olivias, 145; Albert Villa; 152; Britt Thiessen, 160; Ryan Musgrave, 171; Cody Carpenter, 189; and heavyweight Chance Jasso.

The state qualifiers in each class are listed below:

Table with 2 columns: Weight class and Qualifier names. Lists names like Brandon Brover, Mike Currough, Matt Cole, etc.

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Lapwai edges Valley by three in 2A semis

The Times-News

MIDDLETON - Isabelle Walker hit a bucket with under 30 seconds to play to give Lapwai a 35-34 lead over the Valley Lady Vikings. The Wildcats then hit their free throws for the 37-34 win in the 2A state semifinals in Middleton Friday. "I don't know what we did exactly what we wanted to do we played smart and hard," Valley coach Brian Hardy said. "We wanted a slow pace, low scoring game. The balls just didn't fall." "We played them as tough as we could," Hardy said. "We're just going to get back after it and try to get a trophy tomorrow."

The loss puts Valley into the third-place game today at 11 a.m.

2A Girls Real Dairy Shootout

Friday's results
Consolation bracket
Abertson 39, Soda Springs 32
West Jefferson 70, Melba 48
Championship bracket
Lapwai 37, Valley 34
Grandville def. Marsing
and Jade Spencer, to four total points.

Saturday's Games

Consolation championship
Abertson vs. West Jefferson, 9 a.m., Middleton HS
Third-place
Valley vs. Marsing 11 a.m., Middleton HS
Championship
Lapwai vs. Grandville, 1:40 p.m., Idaho Center
Lindsay Wood scored eight of her game-high 15 points for Valley in the first quarter. The Lady Vikings built a 29-20 lead entering the fourth quarter, outscoring the Wildcats in every quarter but the fourth.

Wood hit the jumper with under a minute left to give the Vikings their final lead at 34-33. Valley post Mindy Malone was able to slowly cut into the Shoshone lead, getting within four points with only 32.4 seconds left. But Humbsmith was there again for Shoshone, hitting two free throws to put Shoshone up 48-12, the final score.

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3A

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Priest River's Rachel Schlechte started the game with a 3-pointer, and the Spartans scored the first seven points of the contest to set an emphatic tone. Priest River's stifling defense and pronounced height advantage spelled doom for Gooding. The Senators committed most of their 18 turnovers under incredible pressure from the Spartans' matchup zone, and Priest River owned a 25-8 rebounding advantage at Gooding's end of the floor. "We try to come out and set the tempo with defense and rebounding, and hopefully our offense feeds off of that," Panchao said. Nailing 15 of 19 free-throw attempts (78.9 percent), while your opponent struggles at 40 percent (6-for-15) tends to help, too. Priest River's frequent visits to the free-throw line were set up by Gooding's inability to control the Spartans' interior players. Kristin

Yount, a 5-foot-10 senior, and 5-10 junior Cali Jo Turner had at least 2 inches of every Gooding player except 5-11 Alyssa Klepary, but the senior only played 3 minutes and had one foul. Yount and Turner combined to score 26 points. Yount did the most damage with 17 points and eight rebounds - both team highs. "Nobody was going to stop her tonight," Panchao said. "She was a stud. She played great." "They hurt us inside," Gooding coach Chris Comstock said. Ashley Abramowski led the Senators with 12 points, while Brittanie Toone added 11.

unable to get the desperation shot to fall and were eliminated from the tournament. "We're very confident," coach Brent Carmuff said. "Our team wasn't able to respond." "Yesterday was a disappointing loss, but you still need to be ready to play. We came out and fought the whole game. Their heart was there, but their heads were not ready," Carmuff said. Both team came out aggressive and the foul count proved it. The Wolverines built an early four-point edge behind four free throws by senior Natalie Green, who led Wood River with 14 points. Despite shooting just 19 attempts, being out rebounded, and recording 12 turnovers, the Wolverines trailed by just three at the half, 23-20. Alexa Alberdi came off the bench and tied the game in dramatic fashion at the end of the third. Grabbing a loose ball, the

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break going and went on a 6-0 run. The lead wouldn't last. Clark got the assist to Alisa Hope and the game was tied 6-6 late in the first period. That was when Clark light up the scoreboard. She nailed three from beyond the arc and two free throws for 11 straight points.

Clark, who struggled early on Thursday, but managed to finish with 12 points, was ready when the game started.

Jerome coach Michelle Skyles knew Clark would have a big game. "I knew she was going to be on fire. True great shooters don't have a bad night very often," said Skyles.

Michelle Boyce hit a late three-point shot to tie the contest, but the Tigers led 15-11 after one. Hillcrest cut the lead to three early in the second period. As Boyce, who was injured late in the year, hit another as she kept finding herself open behind the arc. It was through the second period she re-injured the leg and was not a factor the rest of the game.

Alisa Hope took a feed from Kristin Kuhn and Clark added two from the charity stripe as the Tigers pushed the lead back to five. Tara Davis drained a pair of jumpers and Jerome led 28-22 at the break.

Kulu came off the bench to give the Tigers valuable minutes. The senior, who plays both wing and post, finished with four points, six rebounds and an assist. "I knew I had to come in and contribute," Kulu said. "It's huge. It would mean the world to win the championship," said Kulu. Hope scored early in the second

period before a fire alarm cleared the building and delayed the game for nearly 40 minutes. After the unexpected break the teams traded points much of the third quarter. Mallory Mescery drove three from the key to give the scoop shot at the buzzer given Jerome the 44-35 edge heading into the final period. With just over three minutes left Hope took the inbound pass from Clark, hit the bucket and was fouled. That pushed the advantage to 14 points and the Tigers would pull away down the stretch. Vanessa West had another solid game for Jerome. She scored the turnovers led the team in rebounding with eight boards and chipped in a steal and an assist.

"We knew they had a lot of good players. We knew we had to block out and rebound to win the game," said West. Hillcrest conceded the game with 1:32 on the clock, clearing the bench.

Hillcrest coach Keith Leppert said his team just couldn't get the shots to fall.

The Knights, who often score in the 60s, shot just 26 percent from the floor and their press was unable to force the turnovers they use to ignite their offense.

"We had good looks, they just weren't falling for us. That is the game. Give the ball to Jerome. They hit their free throws down the stretch," Leppert said.

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CSI

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SLCC (19.8-15.6) used a large disparity from the free throw line to launch its way to a 60-56 win over 22nd-ranked CSI (22.5, 18.3). The Eagles still need either a win or a SLCC loss to claim the third place games to clinch home-court advantage for the playoffs.

Salt Lake shot 28 times from the free-throw line, connecting on 20 of its attempts. Southern Idaho made just four of its six attempts. The smaller Bruins also did a solid job of playing physical defense on CSI's inside combination of Lenka Zimova and Denisa Svavara. The 6-foot-6 Zimova was

held to 10 points while Svavara, at 6-5, finished with five. "They can't be penalized because they are bigger," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told the media. "That's what happened tonight." The Eagles were also outbounded for the first time in a conference game this season, 44-35. CSI's Sidney Orndorff led all scorers with 19 points. Lael McVea scored 14 for SLCC. The Eagles trailed by as many as 10 late in the first half but CSI managed to cut the deficit to 29-29 just before the intermission on Brandi Moore's offensive putback.

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led 46-40. Mountain View missed its next four shots and was forced to foul. Heidi Reitsma, who had struggled and spent most of the second half on the bench, stepped up to hit 3 of 5 free throws and seal the victory. "I was frustrated in the first

half. I wasn't playing as well as I can. The coach asked me if I was ready and I said I was. Heidi Reitsma, who finished with five points, all in the final period. Twin Falls coach Joe D. Shepard was proud of his team's effort. "We did a good job of containing their posts," Shepard said. "Today Amanda Honey and Amy Bravold got going offensively. We

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MASCAR, Nettel Cup, final practice for Subway, 400 FX, 1 p.m.
NHRA, qualifying for Winter Nationals, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Basketball

- Syracuse at Georgetown, ESPN, 10 a.m.
Creighton at Kent St., ESPN2, 10 a.m.
Florida St. at North Carolina, ABC, 11 a.m.
Notre Dame at Connecticut, CBS, noon.
Dayton at Xavier, ESPN, noon.
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Deadline for Colorado recruiting probe looms

DENVER - The committee investigating the athletics scandal in Colorado is going to have to move fast. The seven-member group won't hold its first meeting until March 2 and that will focus on organizational rules and open meeting law requirements. It has until April 30 to get to the bottom of the allegations of sex, booze and rap around the football program - not nearly enough time, according to some.

Court rejects Lewis' widow's bid to reopen suit

BOSTON - The legal battle over the death of Boston College captain Reggie Lewis ended Friday, 11 years after he collapsed during a pickup game. The state Appeals Court rejected a bid by Lewis' widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, for a third trial in her suit against Lewis' cardiologist, Dr. Gilbert Mudge.

Clijsters advances to Diamond Games semifinals

ANTWERP, Belgium - Kim Clijsters beat Magdalena Maleeva 7-6 (2), 6-2 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the Diamond Games. The world No. 2 and home favorite will play Myrka Casanova, who beat Klara Koukalova of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-3, 4-6. Silvia Farina Elia of Italy advanced after fifth-seeded Patty Schuyder withdrew with a groin injury taking 7-6 (6), 1-0. Elia plays Karolina Spreng, who defeated Czech Denisa Chladkova 6-4, 6-3.

Bekeke breaks world indoor 5,000-meter record

BIRMINGHAM, England - Kenenisa Bekeke broke the world indoor record in the 5,000-meter race Friday at the Norwich Union meet. Bekeke finished in 12 minutes, 49.60 seconds, topping the previous mark of 12:50.38 set by fellow Ethiopian Haile Gebrselassie in 1999. The winning time was initially announced as 12:49.61 but officials later said it was 0.01 seconds faster.

SMU drops successful men's track and field team

DALLAS - SMU decided to drop its men's track and cross country teams Friday as a move based on gender equity. The school's board of trustees approved a recommendation from the athletics committee to make the cut. The move will not affect the women's track and field team. This is the first time SMU has dropped an athletic program since the baseball team was disbanded after the 1980 season. SMU added women's equestrian this year. The school has also added women's programs in soccer, cross country, track and field, volleyball and rowing since 1986. SMU has competed in track and field since 1918, and has won three national championships. The Mustangs swept the NCAA indoor and outdoor titles in 1983, and won the 1988 outdoor title.

LSU board formally approves Saban's contract

BATON ROUGE, La. - Nick Saban's new seven-year, \$4.5 million contract received final approval from the LSU governing board Friday, making him the highest paid coach in college football. The contract guarantees Saban at least \$2.3 million this year as he grows to \$4.5 million annually. The coach can earn an extra \$400,000 each year based on postseason game appearances and team graduation rates. The LSU Board of Supervisors gave its final approval to the deal, which runs through 2010. It increases Saban's pay from the \$1.6 million he earned last year.

Cardinals and Pujols finalize \$100 million deal

JUPITER, Fla. - The Cardinals wanted to make sure Albert Pujols didn't get away. One of the team's few homegrown stars in recent years, Pujols would have been eligible for free agency in the 2006 season. To keep him, the Cardinals gave Pujols a \$100 million, seven-year contract on Friday, a deal that would bring \$11 million if St. Louis exercises an option for 2011. Pujols had been scheduled for an arbitration hearing Friday in Phoenix. Just 35, he had a major league best 329 last season with 43 homers and 124 RBIs. He topped the majors with 51 doubles and was second in National League Barry Bonds in hitting .344.

Cardinal becomes Colorado's interim head coach

BOULDER, Colo. - Brian Cabral took over as interim head football coach at Colorado on Friday, pending the outcome of an investigation that includes allegations of rape. Cabral replaces Gary Barnett, who was placed on paid leave Wednesday night for criticizing the ability of former player Katie Hinda after she said she had been raped by a teammate in 2000. He said she was "not only a girl, she was terrible," a comment university officials said was unacceptable given the seriousness of her allegation. Cabral has been an assistant for 15 years. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1999, shortly after Barnett was hired.

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John Daly watches his drive on the 16th hole in the second round of the Nissan Open at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles' Pacific Palisades area Friday. Daly finished with a two-day total of 10-under par 132.

Leaders look familiar at Riviera, but not the scores

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Weir's victory last year at Riviera was no fluke.

Neither was John Daly's victory last week.

Weir birdied five of his last seven holes Friday for a 7-under 64 that gave him a tie for the lead with Shigeki Maruyama, a share of the 36-hole record at the Nissan Open and hopes of becoming the first back-to-back winner at Riviera since Ben Hogan.

Golf None of that seemed to matter to a gallery gone gaga over Daly.

Coming off a stunning victory last week at Torrey Pines — his first on the PGA Tour in nine years — Daly played even better in his second round of 64 that left him only two shots out of the lead.

"It's a great feeling," Daly said. "I really didn't mis-hit a golf shot." He wasn't alone on a cool, overcast day off Sunset Boulevard, where the average score was 69.76. Tiger Woods shot a 66 and didn't make up any ground, heading into the weekend eight shots behind Weir and Maruyama.

Maruyama, a member at Riviera, was only hopeful of making the cut and wound up with a 66. He and Weir were at 12-under 130, tying the 36-hole record set by Davis Love III in 1992.

Scott McCarron (65) and Briny Baird (62) were another shot back. Weir isn't doing too badly either. He saved his round with a 40-foot par putt on No. 8 and, despite missing birdie chances on Nos. 10 and 11, played the toughest holes with a 3.

Weir used to show up at Riviera and go home for the weekend. That all changed last year, when he got into a playoff with Charles Howell III and won on the second extra hole.

"Woods got his act together, too,

driving the ball better than he has in a while. Woods started the second round below the cut line, but removed any drama about making his 117th consecutive cut with two birdies on his final three holes that put him in a large group at 4-under 138.

While some of the names atop the leaderboard are familiar, the scoring wasn't. Riviera is one of the toughest tracks on tour because of its small greens with deceptive breaks. Weir and Howell finished at 9-under 275. The cut this year — 1-under 141 — is five shots lower than last year.

Aussie leads by one stroke at Jacob's Creek Open

ADELAIDE, Australia — Australia's Adam Groom shot a 2-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead after the second round of the Jacob's Creek Open. Groom had a 7-under 135 total on the Kooyonga course in the event co-sanctioned by the Nationwide and Australasian Tours. Australia's Anthony Painter (71) and Paul Gow (65) were a stroke back along with Sweden's Jens Nilsson (69).

Two share top of Malaysian Open leaderboard after rain

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Thailand's Wiratchant of Thailand and Lee Sung-min of South Korea shared the lead at the Malaysian Open after rain interrupted second-round play.

Thaworn shot a 5-under 67 for a two-day total of 137. Lee, who has born dealt shot a 68. Less than half the field completed the round, which will resume Saturday morning. Paul McGinley of Ireland and American Greg Hamrahan each shot a 70, putting them one stroke behind the leaders.

Jazz win over Knicks, 92-78

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury had an unhappy 27th birthday, getting booted at Madison Square Garden in a Friday night fiasco.

Facing a Utah Jazz team that exposed their new weakness, the New York Knicks played one of their worst games of the Isiah Thomas era and lost 92-78.

Marbury scored 21 and Tim Thomas moved into Keith Van Horn's old starting spot at small forward and struggled on both ends of the court. He shot 4-for-11 and scored 17 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter after the game had already been decided.

The Jazz employed a zone defense for long stretches and dared the Knicks to beat them from outside, and New York couldn't do it as Allan Houston (sore knee) missed his ninth consecutive game.

Heat 125, Hawks 92

MIAMI — Eddie Jones scored 24 points and Dwyane Wade added 22, and the Miami Heat built their biggest first-half lead in team history en route to a 125-92 victory over the undermanned Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

The Hawks dressed nine players, then lost swingman Wesley Person after one quarter with a sprained right knee.

Jones had 20 points as Miami built a 73-42 halftime cushion, the largest halftime lead in team history. The Heat went ahead by as many as 43 points late in the second quarter.

Chris Crawford scored 21 points, Jason Terry 18 and Stephen Jackson 17 for the Hawks.

Pacers 96, Wizards 87

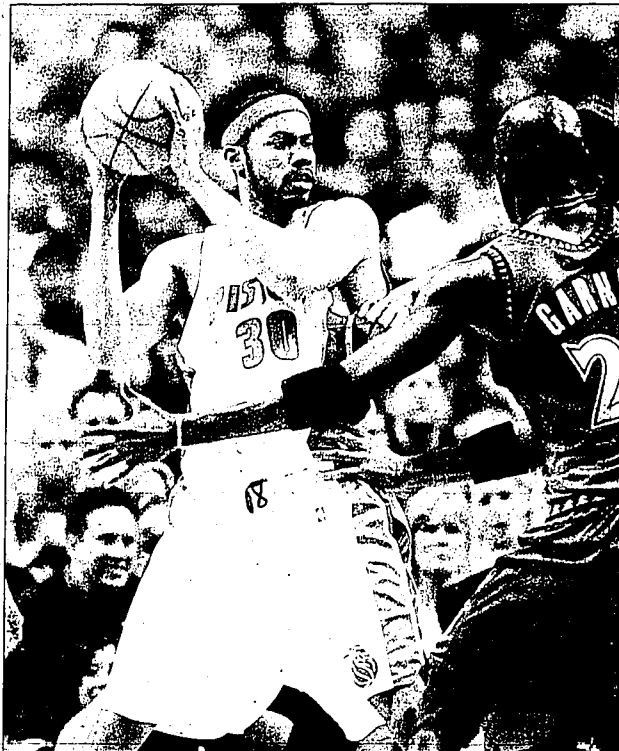
WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards trailing by one, Gilbert Arenas didn't get the call when contact disrupted his fadeaway shot over Jeff Foster.

The Indiana Pacers then put the game away. Jamaal Tinsley made two 3-pointers in the final 4:10 of Friday night's 91-77 victory. Reggie Miller scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the Pacers, who overcame 22 turnovers to win for the fourth time in five games.

Arenas scored 27 points, and Juan Dixon had 24 points, including steals for the Wizards. Arenas, Dixon and Jerry Stackhouse led a third-quarter rally, thus avoiding another blowout loss. Washington had lost its previous three by 25, 26 and 22 points.

Nets 91, Raptors 72

TORONTO (AP) — Kerry Kittles



Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace (30) looks to pass around Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett (15) during the second quarter at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

is savoring New Jersey's franchise-record-winning streak more than any other Net.

Jason Kidd tied a season-high with 15 assists and Richard Jefferson had 20 points to help the Nets set the record with their 12th straight victory, 91-72 over the Toronto Raptors on Friday night. Donyell Marshall had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost four straight.

Kings 91, Bulls 83

CHICAGO — Peja Stojakovic scored 24 points and Wade Davis had 11 assists and 11 rebounds Friday night to lead the depleted Sacramento Kings past the Chicago Bulls 91-83.

Their bench already thinned by an injury to Brad Miller and the suspension of Chris Webber, the Kings lost top reserve guard Bobby Jackson late in the first half with an abdominal strain.

Mike Bibby added 17 points for the Kings, who made 12 of 23 pointers — five by Stojakovic.

Jamal Crawford led Chicago with 23 points — and Eddie Robinson added 16. Kirk Hinrich had 15 points and 10 assists.

Grizzlies 97, Suns 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol had 17 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots, and the Memphis Grizzlies handed the Phoenix Suns their seventh straight loss, 97-92 Friday night.

James Posey had a team-high 18 points for the Grizzlies, who won their third consecutive game and fifth in a row at home. Memphis has 21 wins at home this season, a franchise record.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 23 points, but fouled out with 4:28 remaining. Shawn Marion had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Johnson finished with 12 points, but hit only four of 15 shots from the field and was 1-of-6 from outside the arc.

T'wolves 88, Pistons 87

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —

Rasheed Wallace was barely allowed to break a sweat in his debut with the Detroit Pistons.

After Wallace played 12 minutes in the first half, the NBA ruled he could not play because of a paperwork issue. Minus their newly acquired big man, the Pistons lost to Minnesota 88-87 Friday night.

Kevin Garnett had 25 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Timberwolves to their fifth straight victory. Detroit has lost seven of eight.

Magic 102, Nuggets 98

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady erupted into a punter, earning an ejection that provided the kick in the pants the Orlando Magic needed.

McGrady was booted after twice kicking the ball into the stands, but Juwan Howard scored 24 points and Drew Gooden led 16 points and 12 rebounds to help Orlando to a 102-98 victory over Denver on Friday night.

Schilling started offseason bidding war

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — In Curt Schilling's mind, this reworked round of the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry started with him.

With Boston still smarting over Aaron Boone's pennant-winning home run, the Red Sox went out and traded for the Arizona ace last Thanksgiving weekend. For the rest of the offseason, the Yankees and Red Sox tried to top each other.

"I think I was the first domino in the set to fall," Schilling said Friday.

"The day that this trade happened, the first thing everybody did was look to New York and see what the reaction was going to be."

It didn't take long to find out. Just six days after Boston obtained Schilling from Arizona, New York acquired pitcher Javier Vazquez from Montreal. Then, on Dec. 13, Boston signed free-agent closer Keith Foulke and New York traded for the Dodgers' Kevin Brown.

New York added outfielders Gary Sheffield and Kenny Lofton, and relievers Tom Gordon and Paul Quantrill. The Red Sox signed second baseman Pokey Reese and designated hitter Ellis Burks.

And while Boston's attempt to acquire Alex Rodriguez fell through, the Yankees got the AL MVP from Texas last month.

"I love the thought that people are counting on me to be a huge part of winning a world championship," Schilling said.

Red Sox pitchers and catchers reported for spring training Friday, their first camp under



Curt Schilling

manager Terry Francona, starting another year in which Boston tries to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

Schilling was only 8-9 last season, missing six weeks because of a broken right hand, but had a 2.95 ERA and struck out 194 in 168 innings. But he had Rodriguez in Boston. If the deal had gone through — Boston would have sent Manny Ramirez to the Rangers and shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to the Chicago White Sox for Magglio Ordonez.

"It was a win-win for me. It was A-Rod and Magglio or Nomar and Manny," Schilling said. "I'm OK with a future Hall of Famer at short and in left."

At first, Schilling said he only was interested in being traded to the Yankees, or his former team, the Philadelphia Phillies. But Boston general manager Theo Epstein wooed him, and Schilling was enticed by the likelihood that Francona, his manager in Philadelphia, might succeed Grady Little.

Schilling compared his new rotation mate, Pedro Martinez, with Randy Johnson, his co-MVP of the World Series win.

"He's a guy who, barring an act of God, on the day he pitches, you're winning," Schilling said.

Boston led the majors last year with a .289 batting average and 91 runs and finished second with 238 homers. Its .491 slugging percentage set a major league record.

Martinez led the AL in ERA (2.22) for the fourth time in six seasons, and Derek Lowe and Tim Lincecum are still in the rotation. Byung-Hyun Kim could switch from the bullpen to the No. 5 starter.

"I'm excited about this team," Francona said, "like you can't believe."

Foulke's addition should solidify a bullpen that includes Mike Timlin, Alan Embree and Scott Williamson.

Francona succeeded Little, who was let go after two seasons and after his team blew a 5-2 lead in the eighth inning in Game 7 of the ALCS. The Yankees went on to win 6-5 on Boone's homer in the 11th.

While Little was liked by his players, he didn't share management's strong reliance on statistics to make on-field decisions.

Little was criticized for leaving Martinez in when the Yankees tied Game 7 in the eighth. Francona said he wasn't watching that game.

For now, Schilling isn't worried about Rodriguez and the Yankees. The Red Sox are concerned about themselves.

"If one player stops us from winning the world championship, it wasn't meant to be anyway," he said.

Newman picks up where he left off: On the pole

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Ryan Newman put himself in a familiar spot Friday — on the pole.

Newman, who led NASCAR's elite series with 11 poles last season, earned the top starting spot at North Carolina Speedway for the second consecutive race at the track with a lap of 1:56.475. "It's been a long drought," he said sarcastically. "It feels good to be back."

Newman, in his third season, has proven to be a master of qualifying. In 82 career starts, he has 19 poles and three of them have come at The Rock.

By taking the top spot for the Subway 400 on Sunday, he made up for a poor qualifying effort in the season-opening Daytona 500 last weekend that had crew chief Matt Borland wondering what happened.

"I was teasing Borland last week, and I said maybe if we just drove the car backward it would go faster," Newman said. "We didn't qualify well, so we looked forward to coming-back here."

Newman led a strong Dodge qualifying effort, with six of the top 10 spots going to Intrepid. But if the Dodges are far superior, he wasn't saying.

"I don't think they have an advantage, and I wouldn't tell you if we did," he said. "I think it's just coincidence."

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Driver Ryan Newman runs a practice lap Friday at North Carolina Speedway near Rockingham, N.C. Newman won the pole for Sunday's NASCAR Subway 400 with a speed of 156.475 mph.

about his chances on Sunday after testing here.

"I felt like it was necessary we did that, and now it's paying off," said Wallace, winless in the last 99 races. "I think I'm going to win on Sunday. I really do. We ran great and we've got a great car."

Jeff Gordon was the first non-Dodge driver, qualifying fifth in a Chevrolet.

Jeremy Mayfield was sixth in a Dodge and was followed by Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. in a Chevy. Jeff Green was next in a Dodge, followed by Dale Jarrett and Greg Biffle in Fords.

Jarrett is the defending race winner, coming from the ninth spot for his only victory of last season.

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qualifying, Andy Belmont wrecked with Morgan Shepherd in practice and didn't have a backup car to try to make the race.

Shepherd's car also was damaged, preventing him from getting any practice in. NASCAR won't let a driver attempt to make the race without running at least one lap during practice.

"That meant only 43 cars made qualifying attempts, and the back of the grid was rounded out with a bevy of field-fillers: Carl Long, Andy Hillenburg, Kirk Shulmerline and Joe Ruttman.

"That could be trouble on the short track because it shouldn't take long for the leaders to close in on the back of the pack and the slower cars could pose trouble as they fight being lapped."

But Newman said he wasn't worried because NASCAR will pull dangerous cars off the track.

"They have to meet NASCAR's speed number," he said. "Whether it's an injured car on lap 398 of a slow car on lap two, it doesn't really matter."

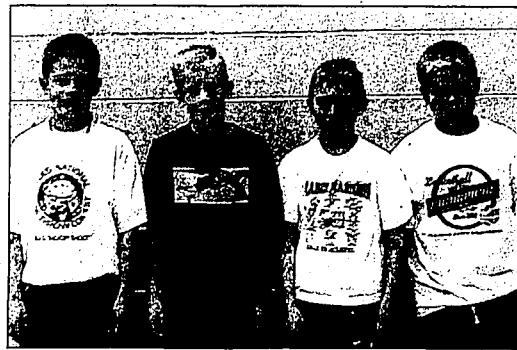
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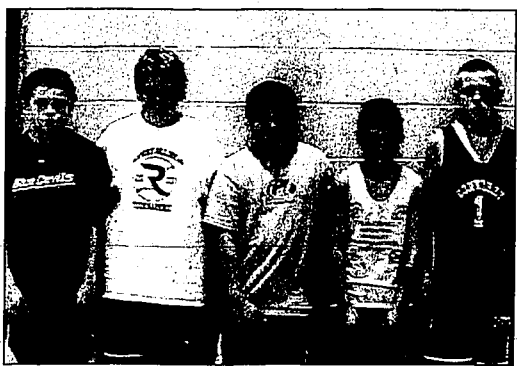
The District Elks Hoop Shoot was held Jan. 17 at Minico High School in Rupert. The place-winners for the 8-9-year-old girls were Michelle Menill, first; Clancy Knopp, second; and Keegan Genarussa, third.



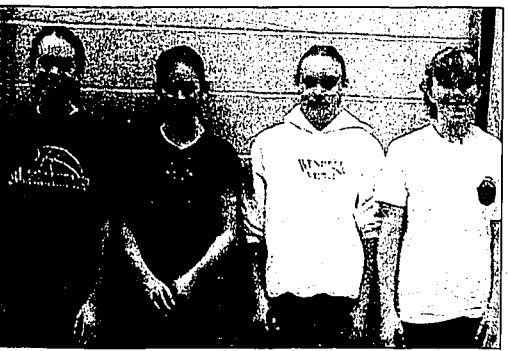
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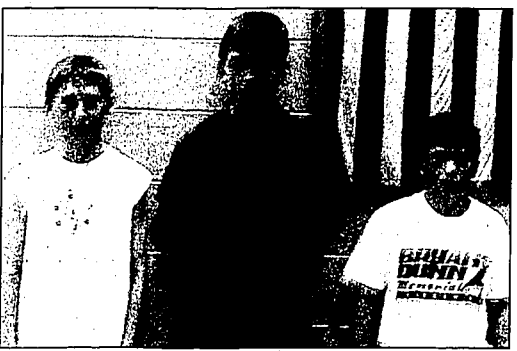
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The District Elks Hoop Shoot was held Jan. 17 at Minico High School in Rupert. Winners for the 12-13-year-old girls were Kassie Kerbs, first; Kendra Bailey, second; Jael Lancaster, third; and Dovan Matkin, fourth.



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Twin Falls tourney gets under way

TWIN FALLS — The TFWBA City Tournament started last week end and continues thru the current one. Many ladies are preparing to bow and here is what the top scores currently are: In Team the "Ecolab" Team of Deiana Smith, Diana Calvert, Kristie Kostedecky and Annette Coy leads with 2,497. In the Doubles Event 1,194 rolled by Jennifer Konwain and Jetti Green are the leaders. Singles to Patty Rievel with her 674, Barb Reynolds with 1,551 leads the All Events Scratch and Patty Rievel with 1,815 is on top in All Events Handicap. Good Luck ladies.



LET'S GO BOWLING

Entries are currently being accepted for the Twin Falls Men's City Tournament to be held at the Magic Bowl Feb. 28 and 29th and March 6 and 7. The entry form for the Idaho State Men's Bowling Tournament states that entries close on the 15th, however they have extended that date to Feb. 25, so if you failed to get your entry in, it is not too late. This tournament is hosted by the Boise Men's Bowling Association. Entries received after Feb 15, however, will not appear in the schedule books that are forwarded to all the centers. Many of you recall what a great time we all had at the Northwest Tournaments last May. Men were at Snake River Bowl and Ladies were at the Bowler's Bowl. The entries are out for these tournaments as well. The ladies this year will be Longview, Wash. and run week ends from May 8 through May 30. The men's will be in Kelso, Wash. and run week ends from May 8th through May 29. Let's Go Bowling!

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idahoans can check tax status online

TWIN FALLS—If you are expecting an Idaho income tax refund this year, you can check its status using any computer with an Internet connection, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Accessible from the commission's home page at www2.state.id.us/tax, the secure Web service is offered as an alternative to the tax commission's toll-free automated refund information phone number, 1-888-228-5770. Both services are free, available 24 hours a day, and can be used to check the status of new and amended returns. However, information in Spanish is available only by phone.

To check the status of your refund on the home page, click on the "Where's my Refund?" button. Enter your Social Security number and the amount of your expected refund. The screen will display your refund information.

If you filed electronically, allow three to five working days from the date you filed the return for the refund information to become available. If you filed a paper return, allow four weeks from the mailing date. Refunds on returns filed electronically usually arrive within two to three weeks, those from paper returns take six to 10 weeks.

RadioShack shocks analysts with high quarterly results

FORT WORTH, Texas

RadioShack reported stronger-than-forecast fourth-quarter results and projected 2004 earnings above analyst estimates, as the electronics chain with Magic Valley operations continued to cut costs and focus on merchandise with the highest margins.

Net income in the final quarter of 2003 rose 17 percent from a year earlier to \$127.5 million. Per-share profit of 77 cents topped forecasts by more than a nickel and brought profit for the full year to \$1.77 a share.

For 2004, RadioShack said it will earn at least \$1.99 a share, ahead of the \$1.88 average estimate of analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. But sales growth will be more modest, in the 3 percent to 4 percent range.

Revenue in the fourth quarter was little changed, dropping by about half of 1 percent, to \$1.49 billion. Sales at stores open at least a year were unchanged.

RadioShack executives said they are addressing the need to jumpstart sales growth by making its stores more attractive to shoppers and by forging product development alliances with technology firms around the world. But it may take 12 to 18 months before the effects show sales results, analysts said, meaning that the chain must continue to rely on cutting expenses and improving profit margins to push earnings higher.

Qwest adds two directors to fill open board positions

DENVER—Qwest, the major local-phone services provider in Magic Valley, named the head of Aurora, Colo.-based ProLogis and a retired senior partner at Deloitte Consulting to its board of directors.

Qwest's board appointed Charles L. Biggs, formerly of Deloitte Consulting, and K. Diane Brookshier, chief executive of real estate investment trust ProLogis. The appointments restore the number of board members to 14 for the first time since 2002, when Hank Brown and Marilyn Carlson Nelson resigned.

Biggs and Brookshier have years of auditing experience, and the pair will sit on the board's audit committee.

Nelson Phelps, head of Qwest's retiree association, said the pair has the experience needed to sit on the audit committee. But Phelps said he was disappointed that the latest board members don't reflect the diversity of the community.

"You can't tell me that there aren't men of color or women that have this type of background," he said.

Qwest spokesman Tyler Gombach said Biggs and Brookshier were picked because they were the best people for the job.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Albertsons consolidates management

The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertsons Inc. announced a new management consolidation Friday, including several changes in the grocery chain's senior leadership.

The Boise-based company — with stores in Burley, Hailey and Twin Falls — said the restructuring was designed to reduce management layers and improve the focus on customers.

The new structure will include seven geographically based food divisions and one drug division.

President and Chief Executive Larry Johnston said in a statement that during the past three years, Albertsons has eliminated three layers of management above store level, reduced the number of operating divisions by more than 60 percent and closed or sold over 400 underperforming stores.

However, a corporate spokeswoman would not disclose how much money the company would save, whether the move would affect store prices or even whether there was a net increase or decrease in the num-

ber of managers.

In the company's food service area, four former divisions — Southwest, Intermountain, Northwest and Rocky Mountain — have been consolidated to form the new Intermountain West Division headquartered in Boise.

The former Acme and Florida Divisions have been consolidated into one new Eastern Division, which will be headquartered in Philadelphia and headed by Carl Jablonski.

Bob Butler, formerly executive vice president of Western operations, has been named to lead

the new Intermountain Division and is also being named executive vice president of food operations for the entire company with the responsibility for coordinating all division presidents.

Larry Wahlstrom, currently president of the Florida Division, will move to Boise to become assistant to the chairman for special projects reporting to Johnston.

Donna Robbins has been named president of the Northern California Division, succeeding Jim Gentile. This division contin-

ues to be headquartered in the San Francisco area.

Johnston also said the company will also move to a "Six Sigma" corporate process model, embraced by other corporate giants such as General Electric.

Under the concept, the company will use statistical models to measure performance in an array of categories.

The system has been praised for its ability to eliminate variation and give customers reliable, consistent service.

WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD

Bright job markets for grads may be slow in arriving

The Associated Press

BOISE — Job counselors at Idaho's colleges hear that times are getting better for their graduates as they try to parlay a diploma into a career and a paycheck. Now, they're looking for proof.

"The word I keep hearing is 'hopeful,'" said Dick Rapp, director of Boise State University's Career Center and a 34-year counseling veteran. "The reason I look onto that is I'm struggling to find hard data that things are improving. The alums have stopped coming in, reporting they lost their jobs. I think we're going to get out of this fairly slowly."

Job markets will fluctuate, but Idaho graduates may soon face a disturbing new situation: the outsourcing of white-collar jobs to developing countries.

"They can hire an engineer in India to do design work at a fifth of a cost of what it runs to hire an engineer in the U.S.," Rapp said.

The nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent by year's end, while Idaho's rate was 4.8 percent.

Idaho Department of Labor spokesman Dwight Johnson said there are rumblings that things are improving for graduates.

"Our people in the field basically report to me that it should be better for 2004 grads than the last couple years, although that's yet to be seen," he said. "Colleges are reporting to them more interviews. Whether that turns into job offers I don't know."

The National Association of Colleges and Employers tracks hiring levels for graduates. In August, American employers told NACE that they expected to hire 12.7 percent more new college graduates from the 2003-04 school year than in 2002-03, the first projected increase since 2000-2001.

That's a big jump from April 2002, when employers estimated a 36 percent drop in the number of new college grads they expected to hire from the year before.

"We think things are getting better, but we're not out of the woods yet," said Camille Luckenbaugh of NACE.

Rapp says a 13 percent increase in hiring does not make up for the 30-40 percent plunge two years ago.

Luckenbaugh said the top 10 bachelor degrees in demand in 2003 were in order: accounting; business administra-



Director of Boise State University's career center Dick Rapp looks up from a desk in the university's new career center facility in downtown Boise. Rapp hopes graduates in Idaho will see an increase in available jobs.

tion/management; electrical engineering; mechanical engineering; economics/finance including banking; computer science; information science and systems; marketing; management; information systems; computer engineering.

In 2001, computer science topped the list.

The rollercoaster ride the electronics industry and dot-com companies have experienced in recent months has made markets like computer science volatile, while accounting is a field with little fanfare but lots of stability, Rapp said.

Graduates in health care have easily found work — if they were lucky enough to get one of the limited number of slots in university nursing programs.

Medical and nursing students must receive hands-on education in clinics, and that limits class size, said Don

Getting started

Advice from some Idaho college counselors about finding a job in tough economic times:

- Students should not put off looking for employment until after they receive their degrees. Getting a job is a job itself, and graduates should count on spending 40 hours a week looking for one.

- Job seekers should look for informal networks, which may include friends, relatives, fellow church members or others.
- Internships are critical, even if they aren't paid. Internships may get job seekers noticed by prospective employers.

- Applicants should tailor their résumés and cover letters to each company they approach. They should focus on the skills and qualities that match the needs of a particular employer.

- Students and graduates should take advantage of their schools' counseling offerings, such as taking part in mock job interviews. The schools also hold job fairs which attract prospective employers.

Paulson, counseling director at Idaho State University, which has an emphasis on health sciences.

Graduates heading into teaching seem to have plenty of choices of where they want to work, and there appears to be some movement on starting salaries, said Dan Blanco, University of Idaho career services coordinator.

The school system in Las Vegas has inquired about prospective teachers, he said. All the college

counselors agree on one thing:

"The thing I've noticed as significant is that students now have an understanding they're going to have to work hard to find a job," Blanco said. "We're booked from morning until quitting time for help with resumes and job skills. The motivation is much higher than what I saw when the market was good."

Wal-Mart dominates toy business; others worry

Knight Ridder News Service

HACKENSACK, N.J. — It's a drama that will be played out on toy shelves across America this year — the next installment of Toy Wars.

Last year's version, Toy Wars 2003, could be subtitled "Wal-Mart — The Empire Strikes First." Wal-Mart slashed prices on hot holiday toys in October, other toy sellers followed suit, and by January already ailing FAO Schwarz and Zany Brains were out of business and Kid Toys was bankrupt.

This year's sequel is shaping up as "The Toy Wars Fights Back." As toy makers and sellers gathered recently in New York for the American International Toy Fair, manufacturers find themselves having to choose a path for their companies. Should they continue down the road of relying on Wal-Mart to increase their business, offer more exclusive deals to Toys "R" Us, or seek out new sales paths, such as drugstores, supermarkets and video stores?

"Toy executives are used to cut-throat competition and revenues that rise and fall with the whims of the retail dice. It's an industry with

more rapid ascents and sharp declines than a game of Chutes and Ladders. But 2003 scared them.

Manufacturers that courted Wal-Mart for its buying clout worry that they've made the discount Goliath too big a player in the toy world. Wal-Mart is the top seller of toys in the United States, Toys "R" Us is No. 2, and Target is No. 3, according to industry statistics.

"If you sell to Wal-Mart, you don't have to sell to anyone else. They're that big. But guess what — who owns your company then?" said Robert Solomon, CEO of Applause LLC, a California-based plush toys and gifts company. Manufacturers too often take the approach of "I'm going to go with the hot date," he said. "It was Toys 'R' Us 10 years ago. Now it's Wal-Mart."

In 2003, Toys "R" Us Chairman John H. Eyer Jr. saw Wal-Mart's price-slashing strategy as a direct attack on his core business. It's not easy, he said in announcing poor holiday results in January, "to compete against the largest business entity in the world who uses your product as a less leader."

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— Robert Solomon, CEO of California-based Applause LLC

A number of toy manufacturers agreed. Now, they're quietly trying to give Toys "R" Us extra weapons against Wal-Mart in 2004.

At the manufacturers' showrooms in the Toy Center building at Fifth Avenue and 23rd Street, the most closely guarded Toy Fair secrets were the special deals being given to Toys "R" Us, Target

and other smaller retailers.

Manufacturers want to help Toys "R" Us the most, said Jim Silver, publisher of The Toy Book, a trade monthly. As the author of the leading "Hot Holiday Toys" list, he gets sneak previews of toys, provided he does not reveal details until an embargo date. "Some key manufacturers showed me really special, unique items that will be exclusively for Toys 'R' Us," Silver said.

Neil Friedman, president of Fisher-Price, the preschool division of Hasbro, said manufacturers can't dictate what price a toy is sold at, "but we are always concerned if our brand is devalued. Fisher-Price is a premium brand because of all we put into it," he said. Fisher-Price's Elmo line of singing and dancing dolls has been a holiday best-seller most of the past decade. This Christmas, Hokey Pokey Elmo was offered at a deep discount by Wal-Mart.

While Wal-Mart takes the loss when it sells toys below cost, the threat to manufacturers is that the chain will demand price concessions the next time it places an order.

"The price squeezing that's going on puts greater pressure on

pricing for the manufacturer," said Charles Riggio, executive director of the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers Association, which represents manufacturers who sell their products on toy shelves.

Silver says the 2004 holiday selling season won't be a repeat of 2003, when Wal-Mart cut prices deeper and earlier than ever before.

"The general consensus is that Wal-Mart is not going to undercut like they did last year," he said. "First, they severely hurt themselves. They left \$100 million on the table of bottom-line money. If you're a shareholder of Wal-Mart and they lost \$100 million in profits, I wouldn't be a happy investor."

Alan Silver said, Wal-Mart is sensing the toy world is fighting back. "At the end of the day, you don't really want everyone in the industry hating you," he said.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Karen Burk said she couldn't comment on how Wal-Mart's Elmo line on toy sales, but said the company will "continue to focus on being the low-price leader," adding, "that includes on holiday toys next year."

ConAgra jumps on low-carb bandwagon with frozen food line

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. — Omaha's ConAgra Foods has created a line of low-carb frozen meals, becoming the latest food maker to cater to the new weight loss trend.

Life Choice began appearing in grocery stores in January, but the company has not yet formally announced the product's launch.

The line represents the first low-carb frozen meals from a major food company. ConAgra has the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls and various other business operations around Magic Valley.

Life Choice's three breakfasts and 11 lunch or dinner entrees will have an average of 15 grams of carbohydrates and 35 grams of protein, said Robert Hopton, the vice president of marketing for ConAgra's frozen foods group. They cost \$3.59.

"We're continually trying to identify consumers' needs and wants in the marketplace," said Hopton. "This was an opportunity for us to introduce a unique product to address the needs of a particular consumer segment."

There is no federal definition of the phrase "low carb," but 15 grams of carbohydrates is far less than the 30 to 50 grams of carbs in a typical Healthy Choice frozen dinner, another ConAgra brand.

Life Choice will include beef pot roast, chicken, Parmesan and Italian sausage breakfast scramble meals. The lunch or dinner meals include sides of vegetables. Absent are high-carbohydrate foods such as potatoes, pasta and bread.

The meals are made in ConAgra's Council Bluffs and Russellville, Ark., plants.

Life Choice is the latest of a spate of food industry attempts to woo the estimated 60 million Americans on low-carb diets, such as the Atkins Diet.

According to Productscan Online, a market research firm, manufacturers released 633 new low- or lower-carb products in 2003, compared with 339 in 2002 and 47 in 1999.

Unlike other food companies, ConAgra created its low-carb meals from scratch, rather than altering existing products to take out carbohydrates. Hopton would not say whether the company has plans to produce low-carb versions of existing ConAgra products.

"It's not characteristic for ConAgra to be a trail-blazer," said Bob Messenger, publisher of the Morning Cup, an industry publication. "But this time, they're ahead of the other big players" in packaged foods.

Stock analyst Jeffrey Pittsburg, who follows ConAgra, agreed.

"If they come out first, this could be great for earnings," said Pittsburg, who does not own shares of ConAgra. He said the company has been behind the curve on trends in the past, "but they're not behind the curve on this one, they're right on the money."

Life Choice also represents a further strengthening of ConAgra's position in the frozen meals segment. According to Chicago market research firm Information Resources Inc., ConAgra has annual frozen dinner sales of about \$745 million, or 58 percent of the market.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and Oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Older job seekers fight stereotypes, their own anger

who are trying to seek new positions... Knight Ridder News Service

On April 25, insurance sales manager Dennis Tosto, father of three, turned 50.

Five days later, he was out of work - laid off after nearly 26 years with the same company.

Instead, he's sending out resumes - more than 350 so far - thinking about whether to dye his hair.

Tosto's not alone. The number of people receiving unemployment benefits is 3.8 million, down from 4.5 million in 1983.

As companies downsized, older workers were among those who lost their jobs. When companies look to cut expenses by trimming payrolls, older workers make an attractive target.

Even if those are not factors in individual cases, older workers can't help wondering whether they're being laid off because of their age.

Most of the regulars at that meeting are over 40. Federal age discrimination laws apply to workers 40 and over.

Some days, Tosto bangs out resumes, searching the Internet at his desk in the dining room of his home in Springfield, Pa.

Other days, he phones his way through his Rolodex. He has already signed up for networking groups.

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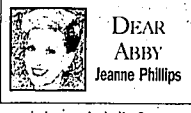
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Wife's cup runneth over after work

DEAR ABBY: I am extremely concerned about my wife, "Jackie's," drinking. She has only two glasses of wine every night after work, but the glasses are large, and two of them measure out to an entire bottle.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

When she drinks, she slurs her words and her mood swings from happy and gentle to confrontational and angry. Some nights are worse than others. She drinks even more on weekends when we go out.

At times, our children are the target of her verbal abuse. (She is never physically abusive.)

I have read that a glass or two of wine is good for your health. I think a bottle is excessive. I have confronted her, but nothing changes. Her drinking continues. Abby, what is considered a "glass" of wine? Is a bottle a day substance abuse? I'm afraid I'm

married to an alcoholic. I want to end this, but I won't for our children's sake. Please help.

- LIVING WITH AN ALCOHOLIC
DEAR LIVING: Your fears are well-founded. Your wife must be using a water goblet and filling it to the brim. This is not beneficial to anyone's health. A "glass" of wine is 4 ounces.

Before your wife's verbal abuse damages the children any further, give her an ultimatum - get help or get out (and you may be keeping the children). This may sound

extreme, but immediate action is called for. You and your children may also want to consider seeking support from Al-Anon. It's in the phone book.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 45-year-old woman in love with a 61-year-old man I'll call Edgar. We have been together for 22 years. We are not married. This entire time, Edgar has been married to another woman. I'll call Sherene. He has not lived with or slept with Sherene for 30 years. When I bring up the subject of marriage, Edgar always says he is going to get a divorce. After 22 years with me, it hasn't happened.

Abby, if Edgar dropped dead tomorrow, Sherene would be recognized as his wife - not me. She will be able to draw his Social Security and take anything and

everything - our car, house, etc. I need to know, should I put my foot down and demand marriage or separation?

- SLEEPING BEAUTY IN MIAMI
DEAR SLEEPING BEAUTY: I'm pleased you finally woke up. Your assessment of the situation is 100 percent correct. If anything happens to Edgar, you will be shafted.

A person who cares about the well-being of another wants to ensure that person will be safe and secure if disaster strikes. The only two things we can be absolutely sure of are death and taxes. Talk to a lawyer!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Smile and the world smiles with you. Snore and you sleep alone. (Tillie M. Brehl; submitted by her daughter, Ilene R. Bauer)

Hear a faint hum? It could be a contented llama

A contented llama hums. Faintly. What's known here as "common law marriage" is called "free union marriage" in Mexico. Statisticians say about 70 percent of the Mexican couples use the free-union variety of matrimony.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

The percentage of common-law marriages here is not readily calculable, they say, because so many couples now do not represent themselves as either married or unmarried.

A. No, but all forgeries of old masterpiece paintings do, say the art experts.

Every flower is descended from a weed.

It's a moth if its wings flatten when it lands. It's a butterfly if they stay upright.

Q. Fish can't close their eyes. Can porpoises?

Ask anybody in the restaurant where the word "busboy" came from. Few can say. The "bus" is from "omnibus" - one definition of which is "providing for many things at once." The busboy does everything.

A. Can but don't - for more than 30 seconds or so at a time. They doze close to the waterplop, and intermittently stroke their tails to break the surface and breathe. It's said many, if not all, only close one eye at a time.

Q. What's the earliest-known palindrome - spelled the same way backwards as forwards - in English?

A walrus makes do with 18 teeth.

Q. Don't all the old masterpiece paintings show that fine system of cracks on their surfaces?

Houston-based company offers 'space burials' to the Taiwanese

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - There isn't much room for cemeteries in densely-populated Taiwan, so a U.S. firm is offering an alternative: shooting people's ashes into space.

commercial rockets from bases in the United States and Russia.

The Houston-based Celestis Inc. announced Thursday that it has signed a deal with one of Taiwan's biggest funeral homes, Baushan Enterprise, to provide "space burials" to the Taiwanese.

The tube orbits Earth once every 90 minutes before re-entering the atmosphere and burning up, he said. It can orbit for months or even years, he said.

Robert Tyros, chief executive of Celestis, said the ashes are packed into an aluminum tube about the size of a lipstick container, which is shot into space on

"It helps one fulfill the instinctive desire to explore space," Tyros said.

Space burial costs about \$12,000 - about the average price of a burial in Taiwan, Yeh said.

Baushan manager Yeh Feng-chiang said, "Whenever the moon rises, you can look up into the sky and remember the deceased."

Virgo: Don't pinch pennies

IF FEBRUARY 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are in touch with the rhythm of life and often have accurate insights into the patterns of the universe. You are a natural psychologist who understands the workings of the human heart. You can love everyone in general but sometimes wonder if you love anyone specifically. You are ready to do battle for what you believe in and need someone beside you of like mind.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your judgment is balanced above love matters, and you are willing to give that extra inch to reach a compromise. Throw caution to the wind and share your hankering neckties with that special someone. Get precision work finished today; later in the week, energies may fizzle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have been wavering on the fence about a certain relationship, today could be the day a prudent decision is reached. Others will be more likely to compromise, and a peaceful accord can be achieved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): If you have decisions to make or need to work on them today, while the spirit of conciliation is in the air. It is easy to enlist help today in any projects you have on hand. You will be filled with a generous community spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Friends might be willing to help you get that job done. There is a spirit of reciprocal cooperation and generosity surrounding this day. You have mental clarity where home and family are concerned. You can let your views be known without offending anyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is a good day to make decisions about relationships and to speak your mind in a convincing manner. A peaceful accord may be reached on the home front, and you may feel free to express your love for those closest to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are willing to give in to public opinion and strike a bargain that is fair to everyone. Your generous nature will be appreciated now, as it is balanced with good judgment. It is a good day to contemplate problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is more clarity about how to achieve peace and tranquility, and the overall mood is on the upswing for you now. Emphasis is on achieving cooperation. Don't be afraid to spend a little extra to get higher quality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a charitable urge where family is concerned, and an uplifting spirit will soothe rattled nerves. It is an appropriate time to make feelings known and to communicate with others. Putting problems on the table can solve them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are feeling bright and cheerful today, and the world is your oyster. It is a good day to purchase that luxury item you have been eyeing and a fine time to examine your relationships. Now is the time to resolve problem issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is a period of tranquility and peace today, so it is much easier to make decisions and use wisdom. Others are more likely to agree with your ideas. Clear thinking can be applied to issues that need repair.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your mind is crystal clear, and you can make important decisions today about money and relationships. Promote understanding and cooperation. It is a fine time to seek advice or to ask others for help. This isn't a time to pinch pennies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The moon is in your sign so you may have feeling doubts about what's important to you. You can rely on others to brighten your day. Acts of generosity can promote healing, and permanent decisions for the good of all concerned can be made easily.

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Japan increases security

TOKYO (AP) — Japan tightened security at hundreds of airports, nuclear plants and government facilities Friday, dispatching armed riot police to guard against possible terror attacks as the country dispatches troops on a humanitarian mission to Iraq.

A National Police Agency official, speaking on a condition of anonymity, confirmed the heightened security but refused to say whether the government had new information about a possible terror strike. He said it was the highest show of security in Japan since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

About 650 vital facilities including U.S. bases in Japan were put under increased surveillance, the Yomiuri newspaper and other media reported. Japan spokesman could not be reached Sunday to comment on the heightened security but refused to say whether the government had new information about a possible terror strike. He said it was the highest show of security in Japan since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Japan was stepping up security ahead of sending troops to Iraq. Japan dispatched a destroyer and an amphibious vessel for the Middle East on Friday. "Japan for the last few weeks has been taking some measures to improve the police preparedness as they prepare to deploy troops to Iraq," he said. "Japan has kept us apprised of the measures they are implementing."

The tougher security also follows a failed attempt to hit the Defense Agency with projectiles earlier in the week and precedes an expected verdict in the trial of a cult leader accused of plotting a 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subways.

'Shooting dogs' video causes stir in Norway

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A videotape set to music of Norwegian peacekeepers in Kosovo shooting dogs drew furious reactions in their homeland Friday.

The footage, called "Hotdogs," aired on national TV on Thursday night and was edited to look and sound like a music video.

During the video, a soldier is shown shooting a dog at long range with a rifle, and another Norwegian peacekeeper appeared to empty his pistol into it at close range as the animal writhed in agony. It also shows a dog on a leash being shot.

"We see this as very serious and want to get to the bottom of it," said Cmdr Thom Knustad, spokesman for the Norwegian military's operational command.

Norway has been a major contributor to many international peacekeeping operations, and prefers to see its soldiers as humane and effective.

Outrage over the video has been so intense that the leader of the Parliament's defense committee, Mari Nybakk, said she would demand an explanation from Defense Minister Kristin Krohn Devold.

The video was circulated among Norwegian Kosovo veterans and others by e-mail, and was posted on the Internet by Norway's largest newspaper, Verdens Gang. The video was e-mailed to Norwegian media outlets, including Verdens Gang.

Carnival haters prepare for world's biggest party

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — It's an invitation to hell, warns a minister. Too violent and chaotic, complains a scientist. For others, Rio's carnival which began Friday is just good as an excuse to get out of town.

Carnival: So many Brazilians seem to hate it, despite the stereotype of an entire nation putting everything on hold to dance and drink the night away.

Known as the world's biggest party, the five-day long pre-Lenten bash started with the ceremonial handing of the key to the city of Rio to the symbolic "Fat King."

Thursdays may love it, but a recent survey conducted by the Senatus polling group found that 57.4 percent of Brazilians dislike carnival and want nothing to do with it.

"It's the devil's party. It's a pagan festival. It encourages prostitution," explains the Rev. Flavio Luis Silva Araujo, a pastor for the Universal Kingdom of God Church.



Iranian women check their ballots before casting them in national parliamentary elections Friday in Tehran, Iran. Hardline candidates are expected to sweep the vote, as Iran's pro-reform parties have urged a mass boycott after the conservative theocracy banned more than 2,400 candidates.

Iran's conservatives claim high turnout in disputed elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's Islamic rulers claimed early today that voters handed a decisive blow to reformers by turning out in large numbers and rejecting their appeals to boycott parliament elections.

Official turnout figures were not immediately available following Friday's overtime balloting that is expected to return the 290-seat parliament to hard-line control.

A significant turnout could weaken the credibility of the embattled reform movement, which seeks more openness and accountability from the all-powerful theocracy.

Pro-reform groups called the election a sham after more than 2,400 of their candidates were barred from running.

But initial reports appeared to favor the conservative Islamic rulers.

The powerful Guardian Council said more votes were cast Friday than in the last parliament election in 2000, which had a 67.2 percent turnout. The council's state-

ment did not give any figures or turnout estimates.

In another possible indication of turnout, election official Hossein Azimzadeh estimated that up to 2 million of Tehran's 6.4 million voters or more than 31 percent cast ballots, the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency reported. That compares with 42 percent for the capital in parliamentary elections four years ago.

Turnout in the rest of the country was expected to be higher than in Tehran, a stronghold of reformers.

The ruling establishment would have little reason to offer concession if predictions of a high turnout prove correct.

"You see how those who are against the Iranian nation and the revolution are trying so hard to prevent people from going to the polls," Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said after voting on Friday.

The headline in the conservative newspaper Jomhuriya Islami called the voter response "remark-

able." The Hamshahri daily wrote of "wide participation."

But the moderate daily Entekhab was more cautious. "Who is the winner?" said its main headline.

The reformist newspaper Aftab expressed the hopes of many liberals that the new parliament will be more pragmatic and eventually drift to their side.

The candidate ban by the Guardian Council left fewer than 250 veteran reformers among nearly 4,500 candidates and provoked one of Iran's most serious political crises in decades.

The immediate significance would be an end to the ideological clashes that have paralyzed the legislature since the reformists won a two-thirds majority in 2000. Parliament has little power, since all key measures need approval from the appointed conservative clerics. But the new lawmakers could have a free hand to pass budgets that support conservative factions and outlets, such as state broadcasting.

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Join in a program for a healthy soul

The ads fairly crackle with excitement: "Lose weight without diet or exercise!" "Lose 30 pounds in 30 days!" "No diet or exercise required!" Weight-loss programs promise a slim brass ring, usually sugar-coated, for those who are overweight to grab hold of and be satisfied, and sweet. But what many people overlook is their greater need of a healthy soul.



TOM SCHAEFFER

Why is it that one can be a holy gail for healthy living and the other a mere passing interest? Probably because no one berates or gives folks funny looks about their slovenly souls. Or they don't believe the promise that "a new and better you" is possible by getting spiritually fit.

If Jan. 1 is the pretext for resolving to get in better physical shape, then the season of Lent, which begins Wednesday, can be an invitation to shape up one's spiritual life. I'd like to broaden the appeal by inviting people of various faiths - and those who haven't considered their own spiritual welfare and know they should - to consider a week "new and better you" program.

A spiritual writer once suggested trying this exercise: Imagine you are going to die in 24 hours. What would be most important to you: watching a sunset, reading meaningful scriptural verses or other spiritual references, communing with nature or reconciling with those you've estranged from?

Whatever you'd choose to do, shouldn't it be of importance to you now as it would be if you don't have 24 hours to live?

So, here's my challenge: Commit yourself to six weeks of a spiritual exercise. In doing so, see if you don't find a new strength to face the challenges in your life while you recognize the deeper connection you have to the God of all creation. To get you started, I'm offering seven spiritual exercises to choose from: use one of them during the next six weeks. (And if you have your own spiritual discipline, recommit to it.)

1. Visit a church, synagogue or other religious congregation to find a community experience of faith that you can relate to. Spirituality disconnected from others can result in self-absorption and an atrophy of the soul.

2. Read "Awakening to the Sacred: Creating a Personal Spiritual Life," by Lama Surya Das. The book provides a Buddhist perspective on how to connect to the sacred in your everyday life.

3. Spend 30 minutes a day in solitude. (Unplug the phone.) Read Scripture verses from your faith tradition and meditate on them.

4. Read "Keeping Faith With the Psalms: Deepen Your Relationship With God Using the Book of Psalms" by Daniel F. Polsh. Rabbi Polsh uses the Psalms to explore the deeper questions of life.

5. Find opportunities to serve others through your congregation, neighborhood or community. As author Tracy Thompson has written: "Only in this way will you find your way out of the prison of self."

6. Use a devotional each day, such as "You'll Never Walk Alone: A Daily Guide to Renewal" by Presbyterian minister Ronald E. Minor. The book addresses such issues as loneliness, fear, seeking God, accepting ourselves.

7. Commit to daily prayer using one of the following: "The Oxford Book of Prayers," by George Apleton; "Entering Jewish Prayer: A Guide to Personal Devotion and the Worship Service," by Reuven Hammer; "The Islamic Prayer From A to Z," by Mamoudh Mohamed. Communing with God in a disciplinary hour can expand your spiritual horizon.

While this is not an exhaustive list, it should provide a rich variety of opportunities for those ready to get serious about the sacred.

All that may be lacking in a seeker's life, said the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, is "a plan that can bring creativity to bear on the process of spiritual growth."

Tom Schaeffer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

REFORMERS



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Dean Smith is a member of Reformers Unanimous at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Twin Falls. The group uses spiritual principles from the Bible to help people fight their addictions.

Group seeks comfort in the Bible to battle addiction

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS, Idaho - Dean Smith lived with addiction for 23 of his 39 years. He was just 12 when he was introduced to drugs, and it became his way of life. By the time he was 35, he had cut down a bit, but was still on methamphetamine and marijuana.

"I pretty much quit drinking by that time, because I had the drugs and that was my addiction of choice," he said. "My whole life it pretty much overran everything - my marriage, my children, everything. I took care of them, but I never quit doing drugs."

Smith spent time in treatment centers, to no avail. Then he signed up for a discipleship program at his church. For the last couple of years, he has used no drugs at all.

"It's only through the grace of God that he took my addiction from me," Smith said. "I don't crave drugs, I don't dwell on it. It's been a miracle in my life."

Keith Thompson, assistant pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church, conducted the discipleship program that helped free Smith of his addiction. He used principles from Reformers Unanimous (R/U).

The discipleship program Dean and I were doing, a person usually gets saved first before he starts discipleship," Thompson explained. "On this program, the person doesn't have to be saved first to start into the program."

Thompson said participants use a "talk, talk, talk" program at their meetings.

"First we talk to God in our testimonies and in our prayer, and we talk to each other in small groups and counsel," he said. "And God talks to us through a message."

The program is open to anyone with drug, drinking, bingeing, pornography or other addictions.

Thompson learned of R/U, founded by a man named Steve Curington, when he attended a July leadership seminar at Lancaster Baptist Church

More information
Where: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 5800 Ave West and Blake Street
When: 7 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays
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in California. The program began in April 1996 and is headquartered at North Love Baptist Church in Rockford, Ill.

Thompson said the program has up to a 75 percent success rate.

There are 10 principles instructors and students are asked to live by. Here are three of them:

- If God's against it, so are we. (Galatians 5:19-24)
- We lose our freedom of choice when we choose our actions. The consequences of our choices are inevitable, incalculable and up to God. (Proverbs 5:22, Proverbs 9:17-18)
- God balances guilt with blame. When we accept the blame for actions, God by our repentance and confession, will eliminate the guilt. (1 John 1:9)

STILL REJOICING AND WORSHIPPING

Despite downsizing, Florida revival keeps on going

By Bill Kaczor
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. - The nation's longest-running Pentecostal revival - which attracted throngs of crying, singing and shaking believers at its height - is rumbling on these days, but at a slower pace than it once did and now without its original preacher.

The Brownsville Revival, also known as the Pensacola Outpouring, started on Father's Day 1995 and initially went on four or five nights a week. It scaled back to two nights by 1999, and then to its present one-night-a-week schedule.

"We absolutely could not physically continue," said the Rev. John Kilpatrick, who served as senior pastor of the Brownsville Assembly of God until his resignation in October. "Many of the services lasted all night long, until the wee hours of the morning."

Attendance has exceeded 4.5 million in more than eight years, said Kilpatrick, who has traveled across the country to spread the revival's message and will continue that effort with a focus on ministering to other clergy. "I had realized for some time that Brownsville just needs an onsite pastor," said Kilpatrick, who lives in Seminole, Ala.

The revival still goes on each Friday night - and will continue to do so, said the Rev. Randy Feldschau, a former Brownsville associate pastor who replaced Kilpatrick at the church. Brownsville has eclipsed in longevity, if not influence, the Arroyo Street Revival in Los Angeles, which began in 1906 and ran for three years, the previous record.



People celebrate during a revival service at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Fla. The nation's longest-running Pentecostal revival has seen participation decline from its evangelical heyday and now continues without the Rev. John Kilpatrick who has resigned as pastor but will continue preaching across the country.

Brownsville's legacy includes a ministerial school and visits by hundreds of pastors who have taken its spirit of renewal to their congregations. Kilpatrick believes the revival has had a dual effect, first by attracting unchurched sinners to repent. Then, "he chucked at the same time came in and saw the sinner being touched and it just ignited them."

The Brownsville congregation grew with the revival from about 2,000 to 5,000 members but has declined in the past few years with an average attendance now of 2,200 for Sunday services, Feldschau said. He blamed the drop on the revival's slowdown and a 2001 split with the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry, after the Rev. Michael Brown was fired as president in a dispute with Kilpatrick and the school's board.

Brown and Kilpatrick say they have

since patched up their differences over issues that included control of the school, its relationship with the Assemblies of God and Brown's promotion of "a new Jesus revolution" that Kilpatrick deemed too rebellious.

The revival began with a fiery guest evangelist, the Rev. Steve Hill. Hundreds answered an altar call and Kilpatrick announced he felt a wind blowing through the church. He said the revival that the congregation had been praying for had arrived and fell back on the floor, not moving for nearly four hours.

Hill stayed to help lead the revival until 2000, when he moved his ministry to Dallas.

The Rev. Lindell Cooley, who was music minister, departed in December to start a church in Nashville.

THE DATING SCENE

Faith-based Internet single sites experience some success

By Allison Kennedy
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBUS, Ga. - A year after her divorce in 1999, Edgewood Baptist Church member Mendi Branch went looking for love - but not in a bar or club. She turned on her computer.

"I kept reading in magazines about match.com," she said. She went online and met Sam Maule in 2001. Now she's Mendi Maule, and they have a child. She contends that God's mysterious ways include computers.

Web sites devoted to singles looking for a mate - or even just a date - are plentiful. Some are secular, with options to be specific about one's faith. Others are faith-based, to include nearly every religious group. One site lures browsers with this line: "Adam Meier Ewe - Christian Singles Dating."

Signing on to a site, you create a personal profile that typically includes your age, interests, beliefs and the qualities you're looking for in someone else. At the initial stages of communication, you usually won't offer your real name or information someone could use to locate you. Some sites charge a fee but others don't. Posting a photograph is optional.

Once you find someone's profile that interests you, you contact that person through the Web site. Online, you can gauge whether you want to carry it further - meeting in person or on the phone or exchanging your actual e-mail addresses.

Internet dating isn't foolproof by any means, says one way to read a body language, hidden meanings or nuances of the written word - or how the person functions day-to-day.

"There's bound to be a bit of fear, because the person is identified by nothing but a fake name. The opportunity for danger is extremely high," said Russell Funk, Columbus Stake President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "An important element of strong Christian families is that single marriageable Christians meet, court and marry. Less important is how and where they meet as long as that meeting process is safe, honest and wholesome. If Internet dating can provide this, good for it. If it cannot, then it should be avoided and shunned."

Here are some safety tips, from www.kiss.com, for meeting in person after online:

- Keep first dates short.
- Always tell someone you're meeting, where you're going and when you are expected to return.
- Arrange to check in with a friend during the date and when you return home.
- Meet in a public place. Don't invite someone to home until you know that person better.
- Provide your own transportation. Avoid getting into another person's car.
- If you are traveling to meet someone, stay in a hotel instead of with that person.
- Trust your instincts. If someone seems dishonest or manipulative, they probably are.

Here are some faith dating sites:

- www.connectioncrossroads.com - has links to most major faiths.
- www.harmony.com - Founded in 2000 by psychologists Neil Clark Warren, the site says it's the fastest-growing one dedicated to "serious singles" seeking a lifetime partnership.
- www.equallyyoked.com - A consultant screens people who want to post a profile.

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RELIGION

Talented artist will perform in M.V.

TWIN FALLS - Donnie Sneed will perform at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St.

Church offers '40 Days of Purpose' campaign

TWIN FALLS - Community Christian Church will kick off its "40 Days of Purpose" campaign with a Simulcast Party, with music and refreshments, at 7 p.m. today at the church, 303 Grandview Drive.

Church offers pancake supper and luncheon

BURLEY - The First Presbyterian

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Church (LIGOS) program will host a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the church, 2100 Burton Ave. - with pancakes, eggs, ham, hash browns, juice, coffee and milk. A freewill offering will be taken.

Author holds book signing at Confessor Catholic Church

TWIN FALLS - "On Holy Ground, The History, Art and Faith of St. Edward the Confessor Roman Catholic Church" will be sold and available for signing from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at St. Edward's Parish Hall.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes guest speaker

TWIN FALLS - Terry Fletcher will speak after 10 a.m. worship on Sunday at the First Presbyterian

Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Fletcher the candidate, trees and transportation coordinator for the Capitol Holiday Tree 2003, will speak about his trip to Washington, D.C. All are welcome.

Visiting ministers will speak at Hollister

HOLLISTER - The Rev. Bruce Stevens will speak at 11 a.m. worship on Sunday at Hollister Community Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Robert Van Nest will lead an installation-recognition time. Refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Education Department holds potato bar benefit

RUPERT - The annual potato bar to benefit the Minico Christian Education Department will begin at noon Sunday in the gym at First Christian Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

Filer Methodist church plans pancake supper

FILER - Filer United Methodist Church youth will host a pancake supper from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the church, corner of Fifth and Union streets, with proceeds going toward refurbishing the church nursery.

Methodist men plan pancake dinner on Tuesday

WENDELL - The United Methodist Men will serve a pancake dinner for Shrove Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wendell United Methodist Church, 175 E. Main St. Freewill offerings will be accepted. For more information, call Herb Allred at 236-2446.

St. James cooks up a pancake supper on Tuesday

BURLEY - A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 200 Oakley St. The menu includes pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 678-8843.

St. Jerome's plans annual Lenten luncheons

JEROME - St. Jerome's Catholic Church will hold its annual Lenten luncheons - with homemade soups, sandwiches and pies - from 1:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 27-April 2, in the parish hall at 216 Second E. Cost is \$4. For more information, call 324-8794.

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Elder Sean S. Parrish will serve in the California Los Angeles Spanish-speaking Mission. Parrish is the son of Ray and Joanie Parrish of Twin Falls. He is an Eagle Scout and 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School.



Brett Welch

Mary Welch of Twin Falls.

Elder Brett Welch will serve in the Canada Vancouver Mission. Welch graduated in 2003 from Twin Falls High School and is in the 11th Ward. He works at Papa Murphy's. His parents are Dennis and

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries, published free. Send to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trina Tegen, The Times-News, Burley, Idaho 265, Cleveland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Opponents of gay bishop seek new diocese

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) - Some parishioners in the Episcopal Church's Indianapolis Diocese, upset over the denomination's approval of openly gay bishop, are planning to affiliate with a neighboring Illinois diocese.

The Rev. Robert Todd Giffin, a preacher in the diocese, is now commuting two hours to serve 60 Indiana dissenters in a satellite of his Illinois parish named Faithful Anglicans in the Heartland (FAITH).

In other developments, members of the conservative Forward in Faith North America endorsed a new "partnership" with the Episcopal network.

The Lambeth Commission, a panel of Anglican leaders trying

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to resolve the international dispute over gay clergy, asked Anglicans to avoid "any prescriptive action, or legal proceedings" that would worsen tensions until it completes its work.

The top leaders of Anglicanism's Central Africa, Congo, Rwanda and South East Asia provinces assumed temporary leadership of parishes in Vancouver, British Columbia, that oppose their local diocese's approval of same-sex blessings.

At meeting, Israel honors Robertson, Graham

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - An Israeli cabinet member honored evangelist Pat Robertson for steering evangelical Christians to visit his country, and both men criticized the morality of Mideast Muslims.

American Muslims criticized the award to the conservative Christian telecaster, given during the National Religious Broadcasters convention. Another honor fell on the Rev. Franklin Graham told the convention that re-electing

President Bush is the only way to stem such indecencies as the Super Bowl halftime telecast.

Robertson, honored by Israel's Tourism Minister Benny Elon, praised Israel's survival and fundamentalists want to destroy the United States. He praised Bush for leading the nation into war against Iraq. To broadcasters who remain politically neutral, he said "stame on you."

Archbishop: No speeches by abortion rights advocates

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) - Archbishop James Keeler asked Roman Catholic institutions in the 200,000-member archdiocese to halt invitations to politicians and others who

favor abortion rights.

The statement came a day after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a Catholic who supports abortion rights, spoke at the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth.

Keeler said "it is imperative that our Catholic churches, schools and institutions make every effort not only to support the pro-life movement, but especially to ensure that the public understand our unequivocal stand."

Baptists end endorsement of female military chaplains

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) - A Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board, decided to no longer endorse women for military chaplain positions because the denomination reserves such pastoral roles to men only.

Despite that interpretation of the Bible, the Rev. Terry Fox, board chairman, said the Baptists "affirm women in other areas of chaplaincy." The ruling will not affect the 20 female military chaplains (among about 400) already endorsed by the board, but females will not be included in the future.

Faith meets self-help, and 13 million are sold

By John Chadwick The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

It looks like an ordinary self-help book. But readers delving into the phenomenally successful "The Purpose-Driven Life" are confronted with this blunt message on Page 1: "It's not about you."

Instead, "The Purpose-Driven Life" is about Jesus. And it's no ordinary inspirational ode to him. It's an evangelical Christian manifesto - an advice book steeped in the Bible but written with a psychological acuity that speaks to believers and non-believers alike.

Warren said the book has struck a chord because people are hungry for an alternative to the messages they see in magazines and on television.

Christ-centered vision that recognizes just one route to salvation. Humans have a choice: Jesus, or hell, says Warren, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. But if Warren's theology is conservative and systematic and is geared to the unconverted at the uncertain.

Warren said the book has struck a chord because people are hungry for an alternative to the messages they see in magazines and on television. "We live in a society that says it's all about you. It's only when we live for a cause greater than ourselves that we are going to understand what life is all about."

Christian media must clean up popular culture

With 6,000 Christian media types gathering recently in Charlotte, N.C., for the National Religious Broadcasters' annual convention, I figure it's a good time to talk about Janet Jackson.

Whether you run a religious TV station or you run to turn the channel before your 12-year-old saw more than he should at the Super Bowl, we can agree that what has happened at halftime was lewd, crude and lacking in any value.

But all that's old news. What's new is that the nation's most influential Christian broadcasters are here, after the Jackson fiasco, to talk about how to use their power to clean up the culture.

I've got a thought or two: • Job No. 1 for Christian broadcasters is to provide a fresh alternative for people turned off by what goes out over the secular airwaves. But it's not enough for Christian broadcasters to hunker to the choir - to present the same old pastors and programs to people who already believe. They need to expand their fare to include new points of view, broader issues and more inventive ways of approaching the most pressing matters. Don't just hammer away at political issues like abortion and homosexuality. Save time to help us sort through issues that confront us each day, like drugs, alcohol, divorce, teen sexuality, loneliness and so many others.

KEN GARFIELD

It's all talking heads pounding a Bible, railing against society and begging for money. Lose the sincerity, or the persona of what one pastor I know calls "the angry Christian." Replace rage with reason. And speaking of people who go running the other way: What does it say about Christian broadcasting that you can surf the dial and still find Jim Bakker, Jimmy Swaggart, Robert Tilton and Leroy Jenkins (an ex-con who peddles "miracle water") taking up time and space? To change the culture, Christians need to understand the culture; whether you lead a church or run a religious TV or radio station or magazine. A prominent pastor told me he couldn't really comment on the Janet Jackson mess because he didn't watch the halftime show. Broadcasters should be careful not to offend him. You've got to be offended before you can be inspired to act, which means the NRB folks in town this weekend ought to be keeping an eye on MTV, not just on CBS.

Faith can aid physical healing

The Kansas City Star

READER'S QUESTION: Does faith help in physical healing?

The Rev. Tony Cobbins, pastor of Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.: Does one's faith play a significant role in the process of healing? I would have to say, "Yes, it does." However, in giving this question thorough consideration, I would also say to one either dealing with a serious illness or who has a loved one dealing with a serious illness to always keep in consideration the totality of the individual's situation. Christians that speak of having faith would tell you the faith of the Christian is directed toward God. Or, simply put, Christians place their total faith in God. For the mature Christians, that means trusting God to do what is best for the believer, regardless of the situation. It means to be the acceptant of the will of God. That being said, let me say I believe that one's

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frame of mind during their illness has a lot to do with the process of healing and recovery. A person who believes they will be healed has a much better chance of being healed than one who has simply given in to their sickness. Furthermore, I have witnessed those who have a positive outlook on life enjoy a better quality of life even while going through the most difficult times of their sickness. I recently lost two very close loved ones who were very positive and full of faith until they finally passed away. But in my eyes it was their faith in God that made them appear as pillars of strength to friends and loved ones right to the very end. Therefore, I have to conclude that one's faith in God makes all the difference in the world when it comes to dealing with sickness and healing.

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RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT:

Florida Gov. Bush works to blur line between church and state

Many Christian groups now provide many public services

By Mark Hollis
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Job Bush is bringing down the wall between church and state.

Religious groups in Florida, especially conservative Christian organizations, are caring for foster children, overseeing adoptions, teaching students from elementary school through college and rehabilitating inmates.

Encouraging religious institutions to provide public services is a policy that "now permeates life in our state," said the governor, a converted and devout Catholic. In his first inaugural address five years ago he pledged that state government would pursue a "moral and spiritual awakening."

That's a view alarming to church-state separatists and civil libertarians, and the debate about the appropriate roles of governments and religion in Florida has intensified since the December debut of Lawtey Correctional Institution in North Florida, where inmates agree to make religious instruction a part of their confinement.

It's the first such prison in the country.

Actually, long before Bush, Florida encouraged preachers, rabbis and volunteers of all faiths to provide services and to manage the spending of government funds. In addition to the statewide voucher program, Bush has made school prayer, abortion limits, and the legal rights of fetuses and the terminally ill major topics of debate and action



Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, right, is shown speaking with Tony Saca, a candidate running for president of El Salvador, in a private meeting in San Salvador on Wednesday. Bush has said his state government would pursue a "moral and spiritual" awakening and is encouraging religious institutions in Florida to provide public services.

in the Legislature. At a recent prayer rally in Tallahassee, he announced he has set up an advisory board to recommend how faith-based groups can get "fair and equitable access to state government."

Some ideas include creating a bureau within the Governor's Office on faith-based initiatives and helping Florida compete for about \$200 million in federal grants for such efforts. There also could be a survey to measure cultural attitudes about marriage in order to formulate a plan on how to make marriages stronger.

Bush's conservative religious agenda in Florida is no national oddity, in part because his brother

has pressed a similar agenda. In his State of the Union address, President Bush renewed his push for faith-based social services. He also has called for new tax breaks to "encourage" charitable giving and new rules so that religious groups can more easily get federal money.

But Larry Spalding, a spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union, said government should stay as far away from religion as possible: "We really don't think the government should be involved in the finances of churches. At some point, you run the risk of deciding which religion you like better rather than what program you like better."

The governor's (and Legislature's) enthusiasm for embedding religious programs and themes into state operations drew national attention last year in the case of Terri Schiavo. After more than a decade of legal wrangling over whether Schiavo should continue to be kept alive artificially, her feeding tube had been removed when Bush swung into action and rammed through an extraordinary bill giving him the right to intervene. He ordered the tube replaced.

Religious conservatives hail Schiavo as one of their biggest political victories in recent years. Critics predict the maneuvers will keep the woman alive will be ruled unconstitutional.

Faith-based prison programs in Florida inspire praise and criticism

By Mark Hollis
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

LAWTEY, Fla. - "Hallelujah!" The cries ring out as dusk falls over Lawtey Correctional Institution. "Thank you, Jesus."

In D.Dorm, 30 convicts are praying aloud in a circle of clasped hands. Inmates on nearby bunks listen and read Bibles. Legal and constitutional issues about this institution might swirl for years, but it is clear that life in America's first faith-based prison is different from that in other prisons, where inmates mostly pass time, smoke cigarettes and pump iron.

Between Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., in a place known for prisons, speed traps and truck stops, the state is making a big financial investment in an experiment allowing religious groups, mainly Protestant and evangelical, to work behind bars. Besides the 800 inmates in Lawtey, 600 men and women are housed in separate, religious-based dorms at nine other state prisons.

Gov. Jeb Bush has blessed this prison alliance between church and state and is openly pushing for such ties throughout state government. Critics say the governor is urging outright violation of the Constitution - and risking a lot based on little more than faith that legislators will backslide if they get religion while locked up. Some state legislators wonder if the Christian inmates at Lawtey won't unfairly get special treatment over inmates who serve time elsewhere or who don't believe in God.

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Advocates say that investment will create a culture in which inmates won't want to behave badly, and they think it will reduce the likelihood these prisoners will return to drugs and crime. Church-state separatists see Lawtey much differently.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn, of Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Washington, D.C., called it "a clearly unconstitutional scheme." His group and others have filed massive public-records requests to examine the prison operations and have hinted at lawsuits. Without visiting it, they argue that the prison is likely to discriminate against atheists and non-Christians, and that the government is effectively pressuring prisoners to practice a particular faith.

Lawtey prison warden Dwight White said more than 600 volunteers from various religious backgrounds offer support and counsel before and after release.

Pornographer teams up with founders of church

Group plans to film anti-porn commercial

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Can the church and the porn industry really work together? Founders of XXXchurch.com have always believed this could happen and it finally has.

The founders of XXXchurch.com, Mike Foster and Craig Gross, launched their Web site at the 2002 Adult Expo in Las Vegas and have used unconventional methods so far to promote it. Besides attending and exhibiting at four porn shows, the pair have aired several commercials, purchased billboard and outdoor advertising in heavy traffic areas and gone where the church is to scared to go.

"The latest project is their new anti-porn commercial, shot on a porn set at a porn studio and produced, directed and edited by porn producer Jimmy D."

"This is a huge breakthrough for us and we are thrilled to finally be working alongside the porn industry to create solutions, not more problems," says Gross.

Jimmy D says, "I am quite sure that producing porn has stunted me in more ways than I care to admit. I know it has stunted me most acutely psychologically. I'm also fairly sure there are porn fans out there that are obsessed with watching this stuff we make. And getting obsessed about anything usually has stunting consequences, in one way or another. Anyway, I went to XXXchurch.com and checked out what these particular anti-porn Christians had to say. And while I can't say I'm ready to see the light, I'll admit these people don't come off as whacko zealots. And they seem to have a sense of humor and that is why I offered them my services for free."

The commercial will star "Pete the Porno Puppet," Foster says, "It will be a hilarious commercial, but will drive home a huge point and a major concern of ours that pornography, which is an adult product, has become our children's problem."

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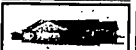
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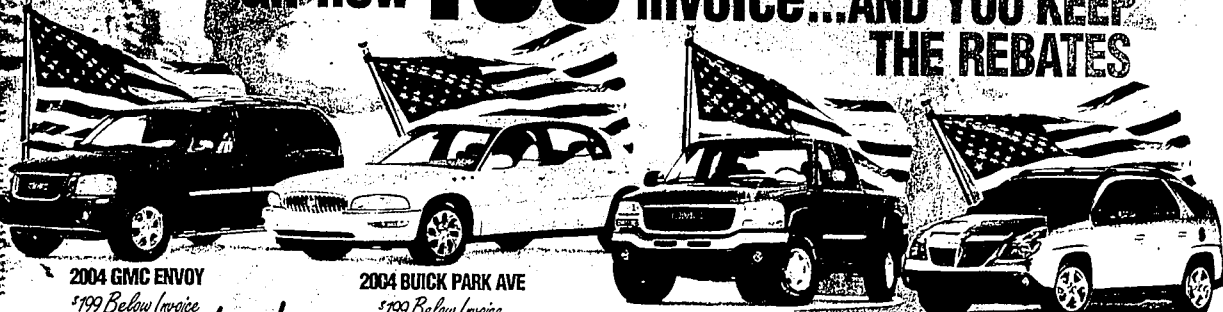
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