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Filling up, shelling out



Alondra Rodriguez fills up her gas tank at the Chevron station on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls Friday. Gas prices are at near-record levels, with the state average at \$1.82 per gallon.

Prices rise, but drivers don't cut back - yet

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - At \$1.85 a gallon for regular unleaded gas on average in Twin Falls, pump prices are siphoning cash out of wallets across the Magic Valley. Twin Falls prices are higher than state and national averages, but drivers can expect them to go down in the near future before they rise again in the summer, said Jim Manion, president of the American Automobile Association of Idaho. Manion said prices may go down soon because crude oil futures are down and there is speculation that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries might not tighten the supply of oil. "Hopefully we'll see it pretty soon," Manion said.

It could be worse

The federal government and oil industry say that, when you take inflation into account, gas in 1981 sold for the equivalent of \$2.77 per gallon today. Or, put another way, the price is about the same as the 25 cents per gallon it cost in 1950. Because of improvements in U.S. fuel economy, the average cost of gasoline per mile traveled is less than half the 1980 cost of 16.7 cents for cars and 21.9 cents for light trucks.

Demand for fuel

Despite conservation efforts since the first oil shock of the 1970s, U.S. demand for petroleum has risen steadily, by 35 percent since 1975. The main reason is fuel economy of cars and trucks. Average fuel economy of vehicles has been dropping almost every year since topping out at 25.6 miles per gallon in 1991 because of the popularity of sport utility vehicles and other light trucks. Average was 25 mpg last year, a slight increase from 2002 as smaller, more efficient SUVs grew in popularity. Under a tax relief law signed by President Bush last year, business owners and the self-employed can deduct the purchase of many full-size SUVs, pickups and vans costing up to \$100,000. The limit had been \$25,000.

Drivers at the Twin Stop Chevron on Pole Line Road actually filled up their tanks Friday. "You kind of have to pay what they make you pay," said Kevin Gibson of Halley. He said gas in Halley was more than \$2 a gallon.

Alondra Rodriguez of Gooding said she switched to the cheapest octane level to keep her costs down. She commutes to study horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho and said she has to buy gas about every three days. "I might just have to move to Twin," Rodriguez said, adding she might as well be paying rent. "It's so expensive." But experts say there is still a long way to go before hitting the price at which most drivers actually begin to conserve - either by purchasing more fuel-efficient vehicles or driving less, according to market research and historical data.

Nader's supporters include Bush allies

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader is getting a little help from his friends - and from George W. Bush's friends. Nearly 10 percent of the Nader contributors who have given him at least \$250 have a history of supporting the Republican president, national GOP candidates or the party, according to computer-assisted review of financial records by The Dallas Morning News. Among the new crop of Nader

donors: actor and former Nixon speechwriter Ben Stein, Florida frozen-food magnate Ieno Paulucci and Pennsylvania oil company executive Terrence Jacobs. All have strong ties to the GOP. Democrats have warned that Nader's entry in the race could help Bush by drawing votes from John Kerry. Some analysts say Nader's third-party candidacy four years ago siphoned off Democratic voters and cost Al Gore the White House. "Republicans are well aware that Ralph Nader played a spoils-



Ralph Nader Ben Stein
role in the 2000 election. And there is no reason why they wouldn't want to encourage and help him do so again in 2004."

T.F. social worker pleads guilty to Medicaid fraud

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

BOISE - One Twin Falls social worker pleaded guilty this week to conspiring to defraud the federal government, while another still faces 25 counts of health care fraud and one count of conspiracy. Heidi McBride, the owner, administrator and therapist for a firm called A Better Way Rehab,

agreed to repay \$128,000 that her firm billed Medicaid for false mental health case management claims, according to documents in U.S. District Court. Civil penalties about \$17,000 were filed between December 2001 and December 2002 for services supposedly provided to McBride's children, the children of the firm's case manager, Gary Goodman, and the children of

A hero in war, soldier struggles for peace at home

Silver Star recipient finds it tough-going after return from Iraq

The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. - In combat, Army Spc. Dwayne Turner was a hero. Back home from Iraq, his life has been in shambles. Just last month, the 101st Airborne Division soldier was honored with the prestigious Silver Star medal for saving at least two lives in combat. Today, he's out of the Army, driving a borrowed car and sleeping at a friend's house. The smile he beamed at the medal ceremony masked months of problems he says has battled since returning home with battle wounds: a suicide attempt along with flashbacks and nightmares so bad he resorted to binge drinking to fall asleep. "I kind of felt like I was blow-



In the wind pretty much," who was an Army medic. Hewoundup going AWOL for two days and smoking marijuana while drunk. That, he says,



Dwayne Turner is out of the Army with a general discharge. Above, receiving his Silver Star Feb. 5 at Fort Campbell, Ky.

resulted in a general discharge from the Army rather than an honorable discharge, and left him ineligible for college funding. The Army also demoted him from specialist to private before his discharge. The Army said it will not comment on the circumstances surrounding Turner's discharge because it is an administrative issue. Turner, who still walks with a limp, said his problems relate to his struggles back home after the war. "They don't understand," he said. "They think you're pretty much supposed to be normal when you come back from war, and I don't understand that." Last year, Turner deployed to Iraq with the 101st 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. He was in his element as he treated wounded American soldiers, prisoners of war and Iraqi civilians. "I loved my job," Turner said. "I loved my guys."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and windy with a shower possible. Highs in the middle 50s. Tonight: Decreasing clouds but continued brisk. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Sunny skies, breezy winds and milder temperatures. Highs in the lower 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy with periods of clouds, a shower is possible. Highs in the middle 50s. Tonight: Decreasing clouds but continued brisk. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine, breezy and milder. Highs in the lower 60s.

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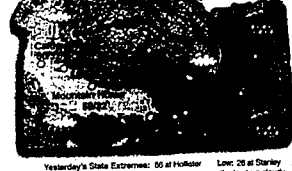
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Occasional rain and snow showers are expected in the mountains today. Most of the surrounding mountains will stay snowed in through Sunday. Snow and drizzle conditions are expected on Sunday.

BOISE

Mostly cloudy and brisk today with a few showers possible. A very nice period of weather is expected from Sunday through Tuesday. Skies and drizzle conditions are expected on Sunday.

NORTHERN UTAH

Clouds and isolated showers are expected today. Great weather is expected on Sunday and Monday.



Idaho's State Extremes: 66 at Boise, 100 at Pocatello. Weather key: sun=clear, part=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, o=overcast, th=thunderstorms, an=snow, sh=showers, w=wind, m=moderate.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

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Table showing moon phases for March 28, April 5, April 12, April 19.

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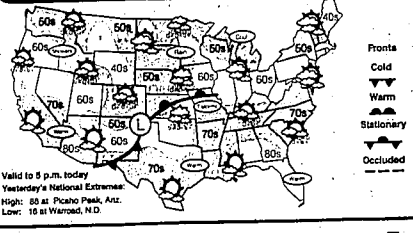
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Fraud

their friends, all of whom were ineligible for Medicaid benefits. McBride and Goodman also neglected to have required assessments and treatment plans failed to consult with licensed physicians according to the original indictment. It also states that McBride and Goodman perpetrated the fraud together. However, a pretrial briefing from Goodman's attorney says McBride was alone in the illegal activity in fact, the document says, late in 2002 Goodman contacted federal authorities because he became concerned that McBride was billing the Medicaid program for services that he was not being paid in accordance with his contract. Goodman's attorney, Dennis Charney, said Goodman's whistleblowing led to a joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General and the Department of Health and Welfare's Surveillance and Utilization Review Unit. But both McBride and Goodman were indicted last year for 25 counts of defrauding Medicaid and one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government. In exchange for McBride's plea of guilty to one charge of conspiracy to defraud—and his agreement to cooperate with them—prosecutors have agreed to drop the remaining charges. McBride made her plea before U.S. District Magistrate Mikel Williams in Boise on Thursday. Goodman is scheduled for a federal trial starting April 5. The pretrial briefing said he anticipates being acquitted of all charges. A conviction of conspiracy to commit health care fraud usually carries a penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years probation and a \$100 special assessment. McBride may face a lesser penalty because of her agreement to provide authorities with additional information about the case. Health care fraud has a penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, three years probation and a \$100 special assessment for each count.

Nader

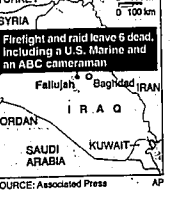
said Jano Cabrera, a spokesman for the Democrat National Committee. A spokesman for the Bush campaign declined to comment on Nader. "We're focused on our campaign. We're focused on generating support for Republican candidates," said Danny Diaz, referring to money spent on Nader's fund raising to his donors. Republicans who have given to Nader offered a variety of explanations, including a desire to provide voters a choice in November and to highlight the consumer advocate's issues. Some donors said they were pulled by offers, primarily Democrats, to keep Nader off the ballot. None said their donations were designed to boost Bush's chances in the fall. A spokesman for Nader has dismissed the "spoiler" label Democrats have given him, saying he expects this time to draw equally from both parties. In 2000, Nader was on the ballot in 43 states and the District of Columbia and got 2.7 percent of the vote nationwide. Experts say he was a deciding factor in two states, Florida and New Hampshire, both of which Bush won by razor-thin margins.

Marines engage in deadly battle

By Allison J. Rubin Los Angeles Times FALLOUJAH, Iraq — U.S. Marines, engaged in their first major military confrontation since returning to Iraq, blocked a client town Friday, positioning a light armored tank, Humvees and other military vehicles around a sprawling neighborhood where fighting took the lives of a Marine and at least five Iraqi civilians. Among the Iraqi dead, according to hospital officials, were an 11-year-old boy and an ABC television network cameraman. Another 25 people were injured, officials said. The gunfire took place during an intensive operation by the Marines, including armed scouts and roadblocks, that began several days ago but burst into public view on Friday. The First Marine Expeditionary Force, the parent group of the First Marine Division, said they could release no details about the fighting because of ongoing but made clear that the Marines were prepared for confrontation. "Those who seek to impede the freedom, prosperity and progress of the Al Anbar residents are being physically chal-



AP Photo



SOURCE: Associated Press

lenged. Among those who have elected their fate, they are being engaged and destroyed," said a Marine statement. The Marines appeared to be on high alert as the sun set on Friday. Troops lay flat on the ground at the edge of the highway that skirts the embattled Fallujah neighborhood, their guns sighted as if they were anticipating being fired on at any moment. Streets were empty in much of this euphoric River town as people avoided the area where the cross-fire had taken the lives of friends and neighbors. The violent confrontation and civilian deaths seemed certain to test the credibility of the motto the Marines chose for their second tour of duty in Iraq, which officially began last week: "First Do No Harm" — a phrase often mentioned by senior officers to describe their mission. It appeared instead that the Marines, like the U.S. Army units who previously served in here before them, were being drawn into a cycle of violence that often seems to feed on itself. Insurgents attack the U.S. military; the military responds with firepower that often wounds or kills civilians; and angry relatives then join the insurgents in seeking to extract revenge. Fallujah residents said the city has been especially tense since the Marines started their operations here several days ago and that the American show of force would backfire. "Two days ago it was like a battlefield here," said an Iraqi traffic policeman who declined to give his name as he directed cars around the many roadblocks. "But today I hear our Iraqi guys have taken their revenge."

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Gas Continued from A1 So despite Friday's record-setting price of \$1.75 per gallon of regular grade gasoline nationwide, experts said only a tiny percentage of drivers will actually cut back, and even then only marginally. For Tanya Rost, Twin Stop market in Twin Falls, higher prices hurt business because more people fill up their vehicles and leave without paying. She said she can require drivers to pay before they pump at night, but during the daytime that policy would require a city ordinance. "I would like fuel prices to go down," Rost said. As of Thursday, Idaho's average price was seventh in the nation at \$1.82 per gallon. Idaho's price is just shy of the record set Sept. 4 last year when gas was \$1.83 per gallon. Why is Idaho so high? Manion cited several reasons. The supply is limited in this state because there are no refineries in Idaho, and gasoline is brought in through a single pipeline. "It does tend to pinch the supplies here," Manion said. The price of crude oil was more than \$30 last week, Manion said, and with better weather, people drive more and demand increases. Refineries switch over to cleaner-burning gasoline blends for summer, so that also increases prices, Manion said. Prices will probably hit current levels this summer, but Manion doubts they will reach another record. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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FDA OKs quick oral HIV test WASHINGTON (AP) — The first oral test for the AIDS virus that gives results in 20 minutes won approval from the Food and Drug Administration Friday, a new option for people leery of blood testing. It's the second rapid HIV test on the market — the other requires pricking a person's finger to test a spot of blood. With the new alternative, health workers simply wipe a treated cotton swab along the gums and stick the swab into a special testing device for on-the-spot results. The rapid blood test was hailed last week as the market in 2002 as a way to dramatically increase the number of people who knew they were infected with HIV. Until then, routine HIV tests took up to two weeks to provide results.

Water Continued from A1 said House Speaker Bruce Newcom, who has appointed a state subcommittee to look for solutions over the next year. Spring users, who have watched their water supplies recede for years, said there was now hope among them for a solution. Without the agreement that comes with the \$2 million state Soil Conservation Service money toward solving the problem, 1,200 wells north of the Snake River would have been shut down April 1. Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher, who has been the lightning rod for frustration with state water policy, said water shortages don't indicate that the aquifer has been overappropriated. "It probably means it's been undermanaged," he said. Many water users will argue that the resource has been stretched too thin. Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237, or jsandmann@magicalvalley.com

NATION

Bush aide talks publically about terrorism - but not under oath

WASHINGTON (AP) - Condoleezza Rice says the Bush administration has a good story to tell about fighting terrorism and she's pouring it out in television appearances, interviews and newspaper articles. The one place she won't talk is in public, under oath, before the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



Condoleezza Rice

Rice is blossoming into a public relations nightmare. The White House finds itself in the awkward position of trying to explain why Rice, the national security adviser to President Bush, can talk at length to the panels televised hearings because of the constitutional principle of separation of powers.

"This is mostly about politics, not about the legalities," said Michael Gerhart, a constitutional law professor at the College of William and Mary who specializes in separation of powers. "There's not much they

can point to as settled law to prevent this. This is a matter of political judgment, not legal judgment. It hasn't kept her from talking to the press."

Instead of testifying publicly, Rice is requesting a private meeting with the commission. She wants each session to discuss what the White House says are mischaracterizations of her statements.

Rice's selective silence denied the administration a chance to answer charges at the hearing by former White House counterterrorism chief Richard A. Clarke, who accuses Bush of squandering opportunities to undermine the terrorist group al-Qaida and politicizing the

fight against terrorism.

Rice will try to gain ground in the public relations struggle by appearing on CBS' "60 Minutes," the same program Clarke used a week earlier to level his charges and promote his new book, "Against All Enemies." Bush's allies in Congress also sought to declassify two-year-old testimony by Clarke, suggesting he may have lied this week when he faulted Bush's handling of the war on terror.

Legal scholars say the White House has a difficult case on its hands as it tries to defend Rice's silence. "When courts see them coming they lock their doors and run for cover, admonishing the political branches to work out their own difficulties," said Douglas K. Mire, a Pepperdine University law professor who served as a constitutional specialist in the Reagan and first Bush administrations. "It really is a political question the judicial branch feels totally at a loss to resolve."

Kerry proposes to slow overseas job flight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Friday unveiled his plan to deal with "Benedict Arnold" companies that he has repeatedly criticized during the campaign for reaping tax benefits while shipping U.S. jobs overseas.

But his proposal to end an estimated \$12 billion annually in corporate tax relief is certain to stir stiff opposition from some of America's largest multinational firms, currently enjoying those breaks. And private economists questioned whether it would do much to halt the hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs to foreign countries.

Speaking at Wayne State University in Detroit, Kerry said his corporate tax proposal was part of a comprehensive economic plan he will put forward in coming weeks to create 10 million jobs during the first four years of a Kerry administration.

The jobs pledge - and the corporate tax changes - were designed to highlight economic issues where polls consistently have shown President Bush is vulnerable: an economic recovery where job growth has lagged badly, the loss of more than 3 million manufacturing jobs - one in six - since mid-2000 and rising anxiety among white-collar workers about the increased "outsourcing" of service jobs to foreign countries.

GOP joins in attacks on Clarke

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration's attack on Richard Clarke escalated Friday as top Republican leaders in Congress said they will seek to declassify testimony Clarke gave two years ago in an effort to show he may have lied.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist attacked Clarke's character and credibility. Several Democrats responded that the GOP leaders' decision amounted to a personal assault on Clarke and an unprecedented use of classified information.

Clarke, a senior adviser on terrorism to Presidents Clinton and Bush, testified this week that in the months before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks he told Bush administration officials the threat of terrorism was "important but not urgent."

He gave a similar account in his book, "Against All Enemies," published this week. Clarke reserved his strongest criticism for Bush's decision to "invade and occupy Iraq, which he said 'greatly undermined the war on terrorism.'"

Frist, a Tennessee Republican, said that Clarke had drastically changed his appraisal of Bush's performance. In closed-door testimony in 2002, Frist said, Clarke was "effusive in his praise for the actions of the Bush administration."

"Mr. Clarke has told entirely different stories under oath," Frist said.

Guardman faces desertion charge

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) - A National Guardsman, who criticized the "oil-diverter" in Iraq, was charged with desertion for refusing to rejoin his unit after a two-week furlough.

Staff Sgt. Camilo Mejia of the Florida National Guard was charged after traveling to Fort Stewart from his home in Miami Beach, Fla., Fort Stewart spokesman Richard Olson said Friday.

"He's taking it in stride," said Mejia's attorney, Louis Font. "He is strong and intelligent and will defend against these charges." Army officials said Mejia, 28, left Iraq in October on a two-week leave from the 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment and did not return.

Mejia has said he believes the war is unjust because it is about

control of oil supplies and has also said he is upset over the death of civilians.

Mejia has applied for conscientious objector status, but the Army pressed on with prosecution because he was gone so long - five months.

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Medicare drug cards due in April

WASHINGTON (AP) - Seniors can get help finding the best prescription drug discount card for their needs beginning next month, when Medicare expects to release detailed information about the costs of approved programs.

The prescription drug discount cards mark the first stage of a plan to help seniors get the best prescription drug benefit. Seniors who use the cards can expect to have choices by calling 1-800-Medicare.

counts between 10 percent and 25 percent.

Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in a discount card plan in May and start using the card to buy discounted drugs on June 1.

But they can start checking their options beforehand, starting next month. Basic information will be available then. Seniors can compare the programs' enrollment fees and the costs of the drugs they take by the end of the month.

The Health and Human Services Department said Thursday that 28 companies were given approval to offer prescription drug discount cards. Secretary Tommy Thompson predicted competition and publication of drug prices would lower drug prices for all consumers.

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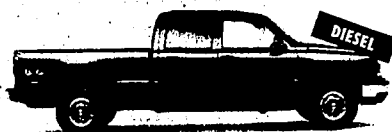
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Clinton's battle with terror never got off the ground

The commissioners on the Sept. 11 panel asked the same question over and over: Why didn't the Clinton administration take stronger military action against al-Qaida's Taliban refuge in the 1990s, when the Sept. 11 plot was being hatched?

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's consistent response was simple: "You have to go back to the pre-9/11 mind-set." By this she meant that before Sept. 11, stronger military action was politically impossible. Thus the blame for the Clinton administration's failures to act preemptively against al-Qaida rests on everyone, not specifically on the commander in chief.

Defenders of the Clinton administration have twinned the same claim: "We can't be blamed because no one wanted us to take stronger military action" — with its post-9/11 obverse assertion: President Bush deserves no credit for toppling the Taliban and ending al-Qaida's sanctuary because after Sept. 11 anyone would have done this. In the words of Bush's most recent and surprising critic, former counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke: "Any leader could have done this as president on September 11 would have declared a war on terrorism and would have ended the Afghan sanctuary by invading."

But the first claim is only partly true and because it is, the second claim is almost certainly false.

Albright is partly correct: there was a pre-9/11 mind-set that shaped Clinton-era re-

PETER D. FEAVER

sponses. The mind-set was "counterterrorism as law-enforcement." The military's role was at best a supporting one. Moreover, because the unformed military themselves opposed a military role, the law enforcement mind-set was reinforced by President Clinton's pathological civil-military relations. Even if Clinton wanted to conduct military operations against al-Qaida, he was simply too weak a commander in chief to prevail over a military that wanted nothing to do with a war in Afghanistan.

The Clinton record on military operations was clear: frequent attempts to low-risk cruise-missile strikes and high-level bombings, but shunning any form of decisive operations involving ground troops in areas of high risk. The Clinton White House was the most cautious administration in modern times, and this was not lost on Osama bin Laden. Indeed, al-Qaida rhetoric regularly "proved" that the Americans were vulnerable to terrorism by invoking the lousy cut-and-run after 18 Army soldiers died in the 1993 "Black Hawk Down" events in Somalia — a strategy implemented, ironically enough, by the same Richard Clarke who torments the Bush team today.

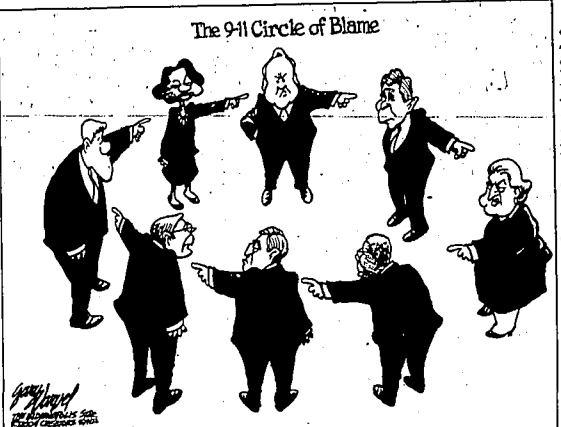
So Albright is right that Operation Enduring Freedom, the campaign to topple the Taliban, was impossible with a commander in chief who was

afraid to lead the public to accept the human costs of war. This suggests, however, that the critical event was not simply Sept. 11, 2001, which changed the public's perceptions, but also the 2000 election, which changed the commander in chief. President Bush was convinced the casualty phobia of his predecessor had made America a tempting target, a paper tiger. When terrorists struck the twin towers and the Pentagon, Bush interpreted it as proof that America looked weak.

While most of the recent media attention has focused on Iraqi involvement, in fact the early public debate about 9/11 was over whether Bush was rash in declaring "war" on the terrorists.

The decision to invade Afghanistan was even more controversial. Suddenly arm-chair experts were quoting Kipling and ruminating on how the Afghans had twice defeated reigning military powers, first the British Empire and then the Soviet Empire.

The risky approach ordered by Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, relying heavily on Special Forces and air power, was especially criticized. As late as Nov. 4, 2001, the dean of academic security studies experts, John Mearsheimer, was warning in an opinion piece that "neither the current bombing campaign nor the deployment of American ground forces to Afghanistan offers good military options for dealing with the Taliban and al-Qaida. A bet-



ter approach would emphasize ground-level diplomacy, with open wallets, among Pashtun leaders in central and southern Afghanistan. "Viewed in hindsight, the Bush-Rumsfeld military plan looked brilliant, but at the time it was highly controversial and decidedly risky."

Would a less stubborn commander in chief have pursued the risky war plan that ultimately toppled the Taliban and put al-Qaida on the run? The record of the '90s suggests otherwise. A White House that cut and ran after the death of 18 soldiers probably wouldnt

have had the stomach for the possible casualties. A White House that could not prevail over military objections to using ground troops in Kosovo would have had a hard time overcoming institutional military objections. A White House that ordered retaliation in the form of a nighttime strike on an enemy intelligence building would not have backed Operation Enduring Freedom.

Before Sept. 11, Clinton defenders say, we did not have irrefutable proof of the casual bell of al-Qaida-Taliban complicity; there was no international consensus on the

need to invade Afghanistan, and it would have been politically risky for the United States to act in the face of military objections. The same could be said about the invasion of Iraq after Sept. 11. In other words, determined commanders in chief have the means and the resolve to act in spite of the political climate and military resistance.

Peter Feaver, professor of political science and public policy at Duke University, is the author of "Armed Services," which details civil-military relations in the Clinton administration.

LETTERS

Even non-Christians find indecency growing in U.S.

I always find it humorous that every time someone has something to say regarding the origin of our Constitution and the reason that the United States was founded, they lace it with the word "Christianity."

Take for instance Gladys Sill's letter on Monday, March 22. I am sure that she received the knowledge in school that I did. The United States was founded on the principles that all men and women were created equal and that this was to be a country of religious freedom.

If this is true, then surely the "Christian vows" of our country referred to in her letter was just an error and what she probably meant to communicate was that, yes, we do agree that indecency is an issue and we need to guard our children and infirm from its pervasive evil, regardless of our religion, creed or country of national origin.

I agree with her that someday the Bible will be used to rest our hand upon to take the oath of office for incoming presidents but instead they will be true to their God and their people instead of a book.

TONY PRATER
Twin Falls

now and November you take it. This is just what the Magic Valley needs — fresh new ideas on solving issues important to all of us.

BILL SHROPSHIRE
Twin Falls

Deputies embarrass Jerome by killing cow

We write this letter to inform you of an incident that occurred in Jerome County just a few weeks ago.

A cow (lean with calf had gotten out on Highway 93, south of Interstate 84 on the west side of the road. Some county deputies were sent to deal with the animal.

They were not able to make contact with the man who runs cows in that pasture. So they attempted to call the brand owner (a man from Challis). They were not able to make any contact. The deputies called their superior and asked what to do.

The superior told them to "shoot" the cow, and they did. This cow was shot numerous times (sound familiar?) and each time the animal tried to get up it was shot again until it died. At this point, they called the Jerome brand inspector, who was at the 4-11 weigh-in, and informed him of the cow's presence on the highway.

The inspector asked if the animal was any danger and they said "no." The inspector told them he would be out as soon as possible. The deputies then told him they had shot the cow. When the brand inspector arrived, however, he found the pregnant animal lying dead next to the fence (away from traffic and endangering nothing). When asked why they shot the cow, their response was "because our superior told us to."

The inspector was extremely upset because there was a gate near the location where the cow laid, but the deputies stated they had made no attempt to put the cow in.

The inspector told the deputies that he had a trailer and horse and could have put the cow in the trailer or the

pasture, if they had just given him time to get there.

The next day, the Twin Falls inspector told the Idaho State Police that the state would not be responsible for the cow. This is the county had elected to shoot the cow.

Jerome County taxpayers, the owner of this pregnant cow was paid from your tax dollars for this unnecessary shooting. I hope the Humane Society and the Humane Settlement of Bull, Sadies, because of their falls, and Lloyd and Rosena Baysinger and Jamie and Audrey Hayes, all of Jerome.

DAVE AND SHIRLEY BELL
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Dave and Shirley Bell submitted this letter, which was also signed by Joe and Lenora Turner of Bull, Sadies, because of their falls, and Lloyd and Rosena Baysinger and Jamie and Audrey Hayes, all of Jerome.)

New laws unfairly push smokers out the door

I'm getting so fed up on this non-smoking crap, I was a hostess for years in Jackpot. Tons of people at the door. As a table would get cleaned off, I tell them and ask smoking or non. Well, guess what, a non-smoker would take that table in smoking just so they could get in and let the smoker wait until another table came up. You non-smokers have your place to set in a restaurant, so why push us out? I bet if someone opened up a smoker's restaurant and the table lawsuit would be filed on the spot wanting a non-smoking space.

Stop and look and ask what you breathe in every time we all go outside. So all you smokers should write me and tell what's on your mind! Why should we all be pushed out the door? Some people like a glass of wine or a drink before and after dinner. Not good for the liver. That's what they

enjoy as I enjoy a smoke. So let's all enjoy life as we choose.

JUDY BARNARD
Buhl

Documents refute the arguments of Japanese

I have read with interest the letters flying back and forth with regard to the wartime relocation of Japanese.

It is apparent that Greg Rogers is not aware that those relocated were enemy-alien Japanese and their dual-citizenship offspring.

Neither is he aware that not all Japanese were relocated, only those who could not or would not move away from the west coast war zone.

Those Japanese residing in-land in Oregon and Washington or in any other continental state were exempt from EO9068. And do not forget that the evacuees were free to leave the relocation centers almost immediately.

Jeff Greathouse resorts to loaded language when he speaks of "stripping" Japanese of property, of "forcing" them into "internment" camps.

No Japanese were stripped of anything. No Japanese were forced to relocate, none were residents of internment camps.

Abundant contemporaneous documentation, as well as many later publications, soundly refute the contentions of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Greathouse — oddly enough, some published by the Japanese-American Citizen League itself.

SUZANNE BRUSH
Pleasanton, Calif.

Precautionary relocation was safer in war time

As a World War II veteran, I'd like to set the record straight with regard to the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from west coast military zones after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Japanese nationals and Japanese-Americans (U.S. citizens) were evacuated from the west coast military zones as a

precautionary measure because of pre-war espionage activities among them confirmed by military intelligence and Japanese government messages intercepted and decoded by U.S. cryptanalysts.

Two-thirds of the adults moved to relocation camps such as Minidoka were Japanese nationals, enemy aliens subject to detention under long-standing law. More than 60 percent of the American-born were minor children. Of the minority of adults who were U.S. citizens, virtually all were also dual citizens, holding Japanese citizenship as well.

Residents of the relocation centers who passed loyalty screening could leave for outside employment or schooling in the East. More than 30,000 Japanese nationals and Japanese-Americans did so, more than 4,000 to attend colleges.

There was no confiscation of homes and property from those evacuated. Personal property which could not be carried to a relocation camp was stored in a bonded warehouse at government expense. Other property and leasehold interests were managed by the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank acting as fiduciary for the evacuees.

Despite sincere government efforts, some individual losses

could not be avoided. However, after the war, Congress passed the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 with more than 26,000 claims being satisfactorily settled, some for sums up to \$100,000, with 15 of 97 claims being made to the U.S. Court of Claims.

The charge that persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated because of "racism" is ludicrous.

We were at war with the Japanese Empire, not the Oriental race. If "race" had been the motivation, others of Asian descent would also have been evacuated.

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the evacuation, summing up the reasons for it in these words from the 1944 decision in *Korematsu v. United States*:

"There was evidence of disloyalty on the part of some; the military authorities considered that the need for action was great, and time was short. We cannot — by availing ourselves of the calm perspective of hindsight — now say that at that time these actions were unjustified."

These words are as true today as they were when written 60 years ago.

WILLIAM J. HOPWOOD,
CDR (SNR) (RET.)
Milati, Fla.

M.V. voters should get to know candidate

To the Magic Valley residents:

I just have to share the great news.

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I hope if you have the opportunity to meet her personally

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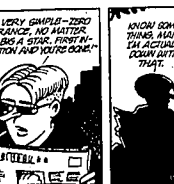
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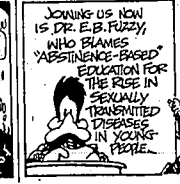
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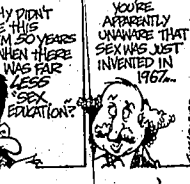
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Pakistan denounces al-Qaida statement; protests increase

By Pamela Constable
The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—The Pakistani government on Friday denounced a taped statement apparently made by a senior al-Qaida figure urging the country's army and population to revolt, and officials insisted they would continue the military operations that have stirred anger in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal areas.

"We condemn this statement in the strongest possible terms. It is a clear and deliberate attempt at dividing the Pakistan army and the people," said Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, the minister of information. "Those who claim to be defending Islam are actually working against it."

Meanwhile, a coalition of Islamic extremist parties that is formally allied with Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, staged protests in five cities, calling the president a traitor to Islam and demanding a halt to the army operations in the South-West Frontier Province that have killed nearly 100 people in the past two weeks.

"Musharraf, you are killing innocent children and women, but do not forget that a bullet can also kill you," warned one Islamic cleric at a rally in which 4,000 men in Rawalpindi, a major city 35 miles from the capital.

The protest was peaceful, but demonstrators burned and kicked effigies of Musharraf, the chief of Pakistan's army and carried posters calling him a dog and a traitor. Musharraf, who survived two assassination attempts within 11 days in December, has since moved more



Thousands of Pakistanis rally in the street in Rawalpindi Friday against the Pakistani government, President Pervez Musharraf, and their on-going military operations against al-Qaida near Wana along the Afghanistan border.

aggressively against Islamic radicals.

The Arab satellite television network al-Jazeera broadcast a portion of an audio tape Thursday that purported to feature the voice of Ayman Zawahiri, the Egyptian Islamic militant who is a top aide to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. On Friday a CIA official in Washington said analysis of the recording indicated the voice likely was Zawahiri's, news services reported.

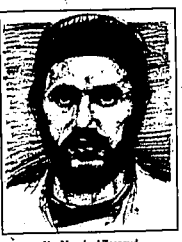
The tape accused the Musharraf government of bowing to American pressure, betraying the "Islamic mission" in Afghanistan and putting the Pakistani army in a "miserable state" by forcing it to fight fellow Muslims from the border tribes.

Instead, the 11-day operation in South Waziristan by more than 5,000 army and tribal area troops has resulted in no known high-level terrorists being captured. Nearly 100 soldiers, militants and civilians have died, and 14 Pakistani troops or police have been taken hostage.

Some opponents of Musharraf have charged that the Waziristan operation was hastily arranged to please U.S. officials when Secretary of State Colin Powell visited here last week. The Bush administration has repeatedly praised Musharraf for carrying out the raids, and it has rewarded his government by dropping economic sanctions imposed after his clear ties in 1998 and a military coup in 1999.

Al-Qaida terror suspect might have been behind bombings in Madrid

MADRID, Spain (AP)—Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian linked to al-Qaida and suspected of heading a terrorist network in Iraq, is now believed to have been the brains behind the deadly Madrid railway attacks, a French investigator told The Associated Press on Friday. Investigator Jean-Charles Brisard said Spanish officials told him some suspects held in the March 11 attacks were in contact with al-Zarqawi as recently as a month or two before the bombings, which killed 190 people and wounded more than 1,800.



Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, suspected of heading terrorist network

"They believe today he was the mastermind," Brisard, who is probing the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, said in a telephone interview from Geneva, Switzerland.

The Spanish Interior Ministry declined to comment on his assertions. "The investigation is at a critical stage," a ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Brisard's comments came as the probe spread to Germany, a key staging ground for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

German police raided an apartment in Darmstadt where a Moroccan suspect arrested Wednesday in the Madrid train bombings stayed briefly last year.

The 28-year-old man is suspected of membership in a foreign terrorist organization, prosecutors said.

But German officials said they had no evidence that the Madrid attacks were planned or prepared in Germany.

Morocco, the native country of

prepared by Spanish Judge Baltasar Garzon, who is investigating an alleged al-Qaida cell in Spain. Garzon says the cell's alleged leader and other members helped prepare the Sept. 11 attacks.

Suspicion in the Madrid bombing has fallen on an Islamic extremist group from Morocco. The lead suspect, a Moroccan named Jamal Zouqan, was described last year by Garzon as a follower of Iyad Yarkas, the alleged leader of the Spanish al-Qaida cell. The description appeared in an indictment returned in September against Yarkas, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and 33 other terror suspects.

The French investigator said the Garzon dossier showed that from 1996 to 2001, the Spanish al-Qaida cell's alleged financier, Muhammad Gabib Kalaje Zouaydi, wired \$100,000 to an operative in Denmark named Abu Khalet, who produced some 30 fake passports for al-Zarqawi and people close to him.

The passports were completed in late 2002 but it is not clear if al-Zarqawi received them, Brisard said.

U.S. officials blame al-Zarqawi for the March 2 bombings in London that killed at least 181 Shiite Muslims. Ansar al-Islam, the group to which al-Zarqawi is linked, has often attacked Iraqi targets — Shiite pilgrims or Iraqi police — with the aim of sowing discord and perhaps civil war. Al-Zarqawi is also believed to have been behind the 2002 killing of Laurence Foley, a U.S. diplomat in Jordan.

U.S., Chad hits extremists hard

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Algerian band of Islamic extremists possibly linked to the al-Qaida terror network suffered a "very significant military defeat" when attacked two weeks ago by Chad's army and a general responsible for U.S. military interests in North Africa, said Friday.

Marine Corps Gen. James Jones, commander of U.S. European Command, said the fight against the Salafist Group for Call and Combat.

The Chadian government said after the battle that its army had killed 43 terrorists.

Although U.S. troops were not involved in the battle, Jones said American forces have been cooperating with Chad and other Saharan countries in ways

that have made their militaries more effective.

"We've been able to be of assistance to them, to show them where these people (militants) are because of our unique means of finding these types of things, these types of goings-on in the vast desert," he said.

Jones appeared to be referring to U.S. satellite surveillance of the region and use of reconnaissance aircraft such as the Navy's P-3 Orion, which helped track the Algerian group two weeks ago.

The Chadian attack "resulted in a very, very significant military defeat for this organization," which Jones said is aligned, at least philosophically, with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. "Their moral

force is the United States," the general said.

"It's that kind of teamwork that we're seeking to develop to preclude the spread of those kinds of groups in ungoverned areas of Africa," he said.

Separate from the Chadian operation, U.S. Green Berets have been training troops elsewhere in sub-Saharan Africa, including the Sahel and Mauritania. Jones said he is interested in developing closer military relations with more African countries as part of the global war on terror.

"The teachings of radical groups find very receptive ears in economically depressed areas of Africa, Jones said, and I think we should be concerned about that."

Soldier

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Then, on April 13, he was with comrades in a crowded area south of Baghdad when assassins shot at the soldiers and threw grenades. Turner treated 16 of the soldiers during the attack even though he had shrapnel wounds in both legs and was shot at least twice in the limbs.

"He is a bona fide hero. He saved two lives without question," said Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, who awarded Turner the Silver Star, the third highest award given for actions in combat.

After returning to Fort Campbell, Turner says, he felt guilty for leaving his comrades behind. He also had flashbacks and anxiety.

Turner said Army psychiatrists diagnosed him with acute stress disorder and post-traumatic stress. He was set to get out of the Army on a medical discharge, he said.

Last summer, things got worse for Turner. His grandfather died and he was having problems with his ex-wife, the mother of his 2-year-old son.

Everything was too much to handle, and he stopped showing up for duty and was declared AWOL from the Army.

Drinking one night, he contemplated suicide and cut his wrist, but changed his mind and treated the wound himself. And drunk at a party, he said, he snatched a cigar that he said he didn't know was stuffed with marijuana.

Sull, a friend persuaded him to go back to the Army. Given an Army drug test — standard after a soldier goes AWOL — he tested positive for marijuana. Though he wishes things had turned out differently, he said that given his state of mind, he's not sure he wouldn't go AWOL again in the same circumstances. "It was all really just too much for one person to handle and come out OK all the time."

Turner's mother, Barbara Turner, of Indianapolis, said the Army should have given her son an honorable discharge.

Sgt. Kelly Tyler, a public affairs officer at Fort Campbell, said the Army weighs all aspects of a soldier's conduct when determining the type of discharge.

Turner said he has stopped heavy drinking, gotten a part-time job as a medical aide and he is hoping to begin taking classes at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

He thinks he would like to be a psychiatrist, even though he has a long way to go ahead of him. After all he has been through, he said he now would like to help people with their own mental problems.

"I kind of understand," he said.

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James Varley looks back at Twin Falls' first baseball team.



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

66 It just killed me to watch. I don't care how you think the game is being officiated, you have to keep playing.

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- Pistons coach Larry Brown, whose team lost 84-75 to San Antonio

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Golf: Canyon Springs Amateur, 9 a.m.
College baseball: Southern Nevada at CSI, 21 Noon
High school baseball: Jerome at Payette-Tourney, Minico at Buck's Bag Invite, Boise vs. Skyview and Nampa, Nampa Christian JV at Glenns Ferry, 2, 11 a.m.
High school softball: Minico at Boise invite, 2.
High school rodeo: District Six, Eldon Evans Expo Center, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Clear Lake ladies season begins

TWIN FALLS - The Clear Lake ladies golf season begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1 with a nine-hole scramble followed by a no-host luncheon and spring business meeting.

O'Leary Junior High boosters will meet

TWIN FALLS - The O'Leary Junior High Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 12 in Room B-13.

Buhl Youth Baseball registration starts

BUHL - Registration for Buhl Youth baseball begins Tuesday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Buhl Elementary School and continues at the same time and location on Thursday April 8.

Burley men's league opener is April 3

BURLEY - The Burley Golf Course men's league season opener is Saturday, April 3 starting with a meeting at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10. The \$10 entry fee includes lunch after the four-man scramble.

Scramble tournament at Rupert CC is today

RUPERT - The Rupert Country Club will host a five-person scramble tournament today. Teams may make their own tee times between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Eagles split double dip



College of Southern Idaho first baseman Sean VanElderens, 27, stretches to reach the ball as Southern Nevada's Sean Havens safely reaches first base during the Golden Eagles' 4-1 loss to the Coyotes at Walker Field Friday.

CSI wins second game with CCSN

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Nice recovery. After letting the first game of a doubleheader slip away to the top-ranked Community College of Southern Nevada 4-1, the College of Southern Idaho baseball team sent a message to the defending national champions that their stay in Twin Falls would be no cakewalk.

The Eagles moved to 17-12-1 overall and 7-7 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference while CCSN is now 20-9-1, 12-2 SWAC entering today's noon doubleheader, also on the CSI campus.

The Eagles got a boost from the bottom of their lineup in the second game, scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

formance from sophomore Chris Toto, who earned the win. Toto threw four and one-third innings, giving up no runs while striking out three.

Kansas burns Blazers' press, 100-74



Kansas' Wayne Simien (23) is double-teamed by UAB's Mo Finley, left front, and Sidney Ball, back, during the first half of an NCAA regional semifinal Friday in St. Louis.

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Wayne Simien, Aaron Miles and Kansas put Alabama-Birmingham a through its own version of "40 Minutes of Hell."

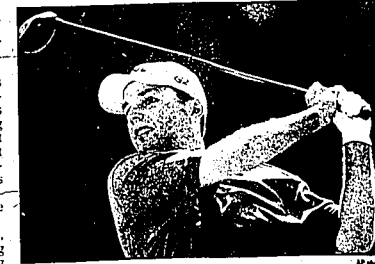
NCAA

iced against eight players this week to prepare for UAB's pressing defense, committed 17 turnovers and were forced into plenty of silly errors but offset that by beating the Blazers at their own chaotic game.

Tiger survives, Sutherland thrives at TPC

The Associated Press

PONTEVEDRA BEACH, Fla. - A 5-iron to 10 feet for eagle. A wedge to 10 feet for birdie.



Kevin Sutherland tees off on the ninth hole during the second round of the Players Championship, Friday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Just like that, Tiger Woods made it clear Friday in The Players Championship that he was more interested in winning men's golf's richest tournament than simply extending his consecutive cut streak to 120.

That left him two shots out of the lead. "Yesterday, he bumped down and out. He looked into us on the fourth tee and had gone eagle-birdie. He's just a freak."

The Associated Press

KEY HISCAYNE, Fla. - Re-splendid rather than rusty. Serena Williams looked like a costumed superhero and played pretty well, too.

Serena returns with easy win

The Associated Press

Serena's back, ending an eight-month layoff by easily advancing at the Nasdaq-100 Open with a 6-1, 6-0 victory Friday over qualifier Marta Marrero.



Serena Williams

Florida sun. Also in the mix is No. 4 Jennifer Capriati, who opened up by being Klara Koukalova 6-0, 6-1.

SPORTS

Twin Falls clubs Kuna and improves to 6-0

The Times-News

BOISE - Twin Falls out-slugged Kuna in a 17-8 win and came up with key hits in a 6-4 victory over Boise High Friday to improve to 6-0 on the young season.

Local baseball season. The Friday games were played at Storey Park in Boise. Nathan Robertson hit a grand slam in the seventh inning to cap an explosive offensive game by the Bruins against Kuna. Eight of the 16 hits were for extra bases including three by Brandon Christiansen and two doubles by Alex Hill.

Luke Hawkins added a double and triple while Todd Reichlin stroked a double.

"We played in a great ballpark," said Bruins coach Mike Federico. "There would have been five home runs easy at our place."

Chance Elam, Carl Ott and Tyson Traveller all-tened the mound. Ott got the win. Key hits were the difference in the 6-4 win over Boise High. Hill hit a triple off the base of the centerfield wall (400 feet) to rally the Bruins, who entered the fifth down 4-3. Hill's hit came with two strikes and one out on the board. Ott hit a sacrifice fly to score Hill, making it 6-4, Bruins. Matt Sherman went the distance for the win.

"They were gamers today," Federico said. "When we needed big hits or strikes we got them. (Saturday) will be a tougher day competition-wise. We'll need to come out and compete."

Twin Falls (6-0) plays Ontario, Ore. - at 1 p.m. - and Meridian 7 p.m. Saturday.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score, Innings. Twin Falls 6, Boise High 4. Includes batting order and pitching stats.

Twin Falls 6, Boise High 4. Twin Falls: 12-0-0-4-12. Boise High: 12-0-0-4-12. Pitching: Ott (W), Elam (H), Traveller (L), Sherman (S).



New Jersey Devils goalie Scott Clemmensen makes a first-period save against the Atlanta Thrashers on Friday in Atlanta.

Devils thrash Atlanta, 5-0

ATLANTA (AP) - Rookie Scott Clemmensen made 18 saves for the second road shut-out, and the New Jersey Devils moved closer to playoff form with a 5-0 victory over Atlanta on Friday night.

Blue Jackets 3, Mighty Ducks 1. COLUMBUS, Ohio - Fred Brathwaite made 43 saves, and rookie Nikolai Zherdev had a goal and an assist for Columbus.

Sharks 3, Coyotes 0. GLENDALE, Ariz. - Vesa Toskala had 30 saves for his first shutout in nearly a year, and the San Jose Sharks moved closer to winning the Pacific Division crown with a 3-0 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Friday night.

The Stanley Cup champion Devils, 1-2-1 in their last three games, moved within a point of fifth-place Ottawa and four points ahead of seventh-place Montreal in the Eastern Conference.

Edmonton 3, Kings 1. EDMONTON, Alberta - Petr Nedved scored his 300th career goal to help Edmonton beat Los Angeles.

San Jose 3, Coyotes 0. GLENDALE, Ariz. - Vesa Toskala had 30 saves for his first shutout in nearly a year, and the San Jose Sharks moved closer to winning the Pacific Division crown with a 3-0 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Friday night.

Minnesota, Harvard advance to title game

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - Krissy Wendell led Minnesota to the NCAA Women's Frozen Four title game Friday night, scoring three goals and adding an assist in a 5-1 victory over Dartmouth.

Wendell, a member of the 2002 U.S. Olympic team, has 35 goals this season for Minnesota (29-4-2).

Jody Horak made 21 saves, allowing only Krista Domrigh's game-winning goal. Dartmouth is 24-7-2.

NCAA

Continued from B1. style of play had worn down the heavily favored Wildcats. In the end, it was UAB that looked weary.

Marvin Lewis had 23 points and Will Byrnum made a huge leap with 65 seconds left to give the Yellow Jackets a 72-67 victory over Nevada on Friday night in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

Just fine. So are the Duke Blue Devils. Dragging himself off the floor time and time again, Duhot steered Duke into an all-too-familiar position - one win from the Final Four - with a 72-62 victory over Illinois in the Atlanta Regional semifinals Friday night.

Xavier 79, Texas 71

ATLANTA - Roman Sato scored 27 points and backcourt mate Lionel Chalmers added 14, helping the Musketeers beat Texas 79-71 in the semifinals of the Atlanta Regional on Friday night.

The 10th-seeded Wolf Pack knocked off Michigan State and routed Gonzaga to make the round of 16, and it seemed as if another upset was in the making early - especially with Georgia Tech forced to play without J.J. Elder.

The 6-foot-1 point guard dished out eight assists and kept sneaking inside for rebounds. He also spent part of the night guarding Illinois' top scorer, Deron Williams, who managed just seven points on 3-of-13 shooting.

Georgia Tech 72, Nevada 67

ST. LOUIS - Georgia Tech is so good it didn't even reach its leading scorer to need the re-

Heinger scored on a wild pitch by Jeff Jacobson in the fourth inning while Theodore made it 5-0 in the fifth after crossing home on a Heinger double.

Not bad for a guy who was playing without some ribs, a heavy bruise visible under his jersey. Duhot was hurt in the ACC championship game - when the Blue Devils looked vulnerable after a stunning collapse against Maryland.

CSI

Continued from B1. head coach Tim Chambers said. "But we called a slash. The middle was wide open but they had a guy standing there. Luck was on them that time."

Game 1. Southern Nevada 4, CSI 1. CSI starting pitcher Jacob Beard pitched seven innings, allowing just one earned run while scattering five hits to lead the Coyotes.

Top so fast. Top-seeded Duke pulled away from Illinois (29-6) to the second half and headed on to the regional final to meet No. 7 Xavier, which knocked off Texas 79-71 in the first game of the evening.

Golf

Continued from B1. 69 about the time Woods started his second round at 3 over and in a tie for 100th.

Game 2. Southern Nevada 4, Southern Idaho 1. CSI 1. CSI starting pitcher Jacob Beard pitched seven innings, allowing just one earned run while scattering five hits to lead the Coyotes.

Luol Deng led the Blue Devils with 18 points, while J.J. Redick added 17 and Shelden Williams 14.

Golf

Continued from B1. 69 about the time Woods started his second round at 3 over and in a tie for 100th. The cut was at 146, so Woods had two shots to spare.

Pepper shares top of Nabisco Championship. RANCHO MIRAMAGE, Calif. - Dottie Pepper shot a 2-under-70 in windy conditions for a share of the second-round lead with Jeon Young Lee in the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

as well, hitting it into the water for a double bogey on the final hole. Tim Horns was seriously damaged any chances she has of winning all four LPGA majors this year.

Sixers' playoff hopes remain alive

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - John Sabulunas had a career-high 22 points in leading Philadelphia to a 96-71 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday night, keeping the Sixers' once-fading playoff hopes alive.

Philadelphia 15, Nets 93. BOSTON - Paul Pierce scored 34 points to help the Boston Celtics take over eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Grizzlies 109, Rockets 86. MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Stromile Swift had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and the surging Memphis Grizzlies rode a big early lead to a victory.

injured All-Star Andrew Johnson. Cleveland lost its fourth in a row, while Philadelphia pulled within one game of the Cavaliers, who began the night with a half-game lead over Boston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Celtics 102, Nets 93. BOSTON - Paul Pierce scored 34 points to help the Boston Celtics take over eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Bucks 115, Bulls 105. CHICAGO - The Milwaukee Bucks remained in fifth place in the Eastern Conference and overcame an injury to Keith Van Horn to defeat Chicago behind 23 points from Joe Smith and 22 from Desmond Mason.

Pacers 107, Magic 92. ORLANDO, Fla. - Ron Artest scored a career-high 35 points as All-Stars Jermaine O'Neal and Tracy McGrady sat out.

Suns 99, Hornets 94. NEW ORLEANS - Amare Stoudemire scored 25 points while Shawn Marion had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Heat 119, Mavericks 118, OT. MIAMI - Rafer Alston's 3-point with 0.5 seconds left in overtime extended the Heat's winning streak to seven games.

Knicks 108, Raptors 101. NEW YORK - With three key players out with injuries, Stephen Marbury had 39 points and nine assists to lead Knicks past Toronto.

Hornets needed a 3-pointer to tie, but Wesley went for a leaper from near the foul line. It bounced off the rim to

ward the sideline, and Phoenix regained control with under two seconds left.

Pepper, the 1992 and 1999 winner, and Lee (69) were at 6-under-73, a stroke ahead of 17-year-old Anne Song (73), Karrie Webb (77) and Wendy Doolan (69). Teen sensation Michelle Wie (72) was three shots back. Sorenstam was nine strokes behind at 3 over.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

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BASEBALL

Spring Training
At 7:00 PM
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BASKETBALL

NBA
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Detroit Pistons, 10:00 AM
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Dallas Mavericks, 11:00 AM
Houston Rockets vs. Memphis Grizzlies, 11:00 AM
New York Knicks vs. Philadelphia 76ers, 11:30 AM
Chicago Bulls vs. San Diego Clippers, 7:00 PM
NBA TV: Phoenix Suns vs. Houston Rockets, 8:00 PM

NBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Miami Heat vs. Orlando Magic, 7:00 PM
Phoenix Suns vs. San Antonio Spurs, 8:00 PM
Dallas Mavericks vs. Utah Jazz, 9:00 PM
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Cleveland Cavaliers, 10:00 PM
Detroit Pistons vs. Boston Celtics, 11:00 PM

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York Knicks vs. Philadelphia 76ers, 7:00 PM
Boston Celtics vs. Miami Heat, 8:00 PM
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Detroit Pistons, 9:00 PM
Orlando Magic vs. Phoenix Suns, 10:00 PM
San Antonio Spurs vs. Dallas Mavericks, 11:00 PM

NBA

COLLEGE
Duke vs. North Carolina, 7:00 PM
Kentucky vs. Louisville, 8:00 PM
Ole Miss vs. Tennessee, 9:00 PM
Alabama vs. Auburn, 10:00 PM
Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma State, 11:00 PM

NBA

HOCKEY
Philadelphia Flyers vs. Washington Capitals, 7:00 PM
Boston Bruins vs. Tampa Bay Lightning, 8:00 PM
Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Islanders, 9:00 PM
Detroit Red Wings vs. Chicago Blackhawks, 10:00 PM
San Jose Sharks vs. Dallas Stars, 11:00 PM

BASEBALL

REGULAR SEASON
Arizona Diamondbacks vs. Colorado Rockies, 7:00 PM
Florida Marlins vs. St. Louis Cardinals, 8:00 PM
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Francisco Giants, 9:00 PM
Milwaukee Brewers vs. Cincinnati Reds, 10:00 PM
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SYDNEY, Australia — World record-holder Ian Thorpe likely lost a chance to defend his 400-meter freestyle title at the Athens Olympics after being disqualified in the Australian trials.

Thorpe fell off the starting blocks Saturday on the first day of the eight-day Australian trials. He said he heard a noise, disrupting his concentration.

Thorpe's appeal to Australian Swimming officials was later dismissed. Under Australia's strict qualification procedure, swimmers in each race must finish in the top 16 to qualify for the Olympics.

There was no immediate comment from the 21-year-old Thorpe on whether he might appeal the case to a higher jurisdiction.

Thorpe appeared to overbalance on the blocks and fell into the water before the official start of his heat. He then got out of the pool and returned to the blocks with the rest of the competitors.

Thorpe's manager, Dave Fluskas, said the Olympic world and Commonwealth champion heard a noise before he fell into the water.

Thorpe, who dominated the 400-meter freestyle swimming since becoming the youngest male world champion in 1995, was a walk-on but never got into a game. She transferred to New Mexico in 2002 and last year became the first woman to play football when kicked two extra points in a 72-8 win over Texas State-San Marcos.

The NCAA said the eligibility waiver, which was requested by New Mexico, was granted because she was unable to play for two years for medical reasons. She was out as a freshman in 1999 because of monoucleosis and missed the next season because of pneumonia in her throat and tonsils that required surgery.

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YOUR SCORES AND STATS

Wood River Gun Club keeps trapshooting lead

HAILEY - Wood River Gun Club and Caldwell Gun Club both shot 99 out of 100 targets during Week 8, allowing Wood River to keep its seven-sea...

BOWLING

Here are the scores compiled from the rivalry bowlers for the current week. BOWLAADROME TWIN FALLS MEN'S SERIES...

BOWLING

254, Corey Beck 234, Lynn Clark 242. MEN'S SERIES...

BOWLING

183, Jay Miller 192, Dave McCauley 190. SENIOR MEN'S SERIES...

BOWLING

LAKES SERIES, Joyce Park 551, Shara Nicks 528. RUTHIES...

BOWLING

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO - TUES.

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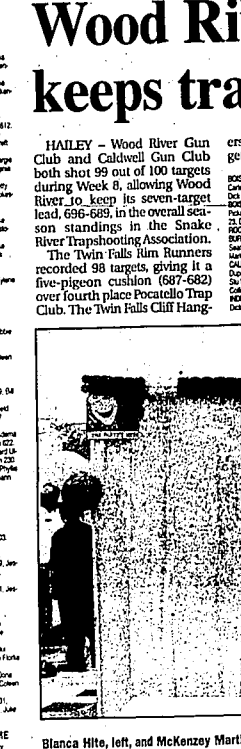
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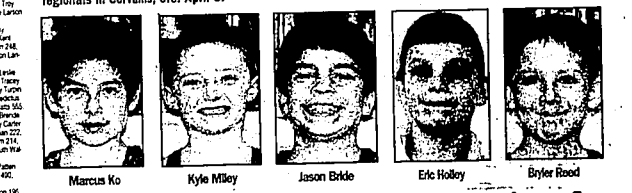
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Bianca Hite, left, and McKenzy Martinez pose on the medals stand after qualifying for USA Gymnastics nationals in Corvallis, Ore. April 3. Photos courtesy of TOM HOPLAND



M.V. gymnasts qualify for regionals

The Times-News. Boise - Bianca Hite, 14, took third place with a 34.20 points in the girls all-around at the divisionals in Boise last Friday. McKenzy Martinez, 9, took second in her age division with 36.15 points and earned an all-state award.

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Buhl - The list of winners are in for the Buhl Women's Bowling Association Annual City Tournament. Team - "Sunnybrook", Dina Tadlock, Robin Neumeier, Mylyn Rodig, Claudene Strickland finished first with 2,535. Second went to "Sunset", Dorothy Moon, Lois Tomlinson, Darla McCullaster, Connie Bernier at 2,487. Doubles Handicap: 1st Place: Carol Ruhter and CJ Ruhter 1,538. 2nd Place: Heidi Niska and Mylyn Rodig 1,509 and 3rd Place to Dina Tadlock and Claudene Strickland 1,257. Singles Handicap: 1st Place: Kay Reynolds 717, 2nd: Dina Tadlock 710, 3rd: Caryn Tipton 672, 4th: Lena Handy 666, 5th: Claudene Strickland 664 and 6th Place to Lois Tomlinson 659. All Events Handicap: 1st: Dina Tadlock 1,971, 2nd: Mylyn Rodig 1,959 and 3rd: CJ Ruhter 1,949. All Events Scratch: 1st Place: Debbie Granth 1,649, and 2nd Place: Connie Bernier 1,608. Congratulations to all. Ben Jacobsen who is 8 years old and bowling on the Lil Gants-League had an award

LET'S GO BOWLING Thema Tucker. winning day when he rolled duplicate score of 69.

down the lanes on the third day of her life. The only one we know that accomplished that feat earlier is her 4-year-old sister, Ariana. She rolled 69 balls in two 2 days old at the time. Dad and Mom, Jim and Sharlyn Bails, believe that bowling is a part of life and want their girls to get in on it as soon as possible. Ariana is currently bowling on Saturday morning. Keep 'em rolling, girls! Ladies, are you ready? The Idaho State Women's Annual Bowling Tournament starts Saturday and bumps every other girls!

bles at the Bowldrome, Twin Falls, and Team at Cedar Lanes, Piler. The Tournament runs for six very full week ends. If you failed to get your entry in, don't forget to sign up to substitute. Many subs are needed and if your name is not on the list you won't get called. Book your entry at the Bowldrome and Cedar Lanes to sign up. So... "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thema writes an article for YourSports. You can contact her at 733-8387, e-mail at trucker@magicvalley.com or fax (208) 733-3197.

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Nascar Fans

Beginning Friday, April 9, the Times-News will begin printing weekly Nascar coverage. Every Friday, this page will keep you updated with national and local (Magic Valley Speedway) coverage. If you would like to sponsor this page, call Tammy 735-3311 or Debi at 735-3291

YOUR WEEKEND



Closing night

What: The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will present Richard Adler and Jerry Ross' musical "Damn Yankees."
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: 7:30 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens, CSI students and children 12 and under.

Farndale ladies

What: Buhl's West End Players will present David McGilbray and Walter Zerk's "We Found Love and an Exquisite Set of Porcelain Figurines Aboard the SS Farndale Avenue" in dinner theater.
Where: Clear Lake Country Club, north of Buhl.
When: Tonight; dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30.
How much: Tickets, which are \$15.95, can be reserved by phoning 543-4849.



At the hop

What: ShaNaNa will perform two shows in Jackpot tonight.
Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
When: 8 and 10 p.m.
How much: Tickets, which are \$15, \$20 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Saturday night dance

What: The Roseland Band will play for a dance in Filer.
Where: Roseland Crystal Ballroom, 523 Main St.
When: 8-11 p.m. today.
How much: Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple.

'Plaid' all over

What: The Sun Valley Company will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid."
Where: Rojler Room, Sun Valley Resort.
When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % season pack. Lists watersheds like Upper Snake Basin, Salmon Falls, Selmon, Oakley, Big Wood, Little Wood, Henrys Fork/Teton, Big Lost, and Little Lost with their respective percentages.

WHO'S STEALING YOU?



Beve Bryant of the Better Business Bureau gives a presentation on how to prevent identity theft at the KMVT Community Room Friday. Identity theft cost Americans \$5 billion in out-of-pocket expenses for victims last year alone, experts say.

Experts warn about rising identity theft

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — With an armful of new school clothes for her son, Laura Miller approached the register at Old Navy last August. Realizing she could get a discount on the purchase if she applied for a store credit card, Miller filled out the application and waited for approval. She said, "You've been declined because your Social Security number doesn't match with your name," she recalled. "I said, That's impossible." Not only was it possible, it was just the beginning. Six months later, the Internal Revenue Service sent Miller a letter indicating she had not paid taxes on wages earned at jobs in South Carolina. Miller did not work with that state. The IRS sent me a letter telling me I owed \$2,880 because my taxes were not done properly," she said. "They just assumed I did all this work and didn't turn it in." Miller started hunting around, and her discoveries baffled her. The address and phone number of a woman claiming her Social Security number were linked to a dentist in South Carolina.

Keep your identity to yourself

- Some tips to prevent or deal with identity theft:
• Never provide or confirm personal information over the phone, unless you initiate the call.
• Have mail delivered to a locked mailbox.
• Mail outgoing bills and letters from a secure mail drop.
• Save all receipts and bank transaction slips, or shred them thoroughly.
• Shred credit card offers you get in the mail if you are going to throw them away.
• Check your credit report every year or two.

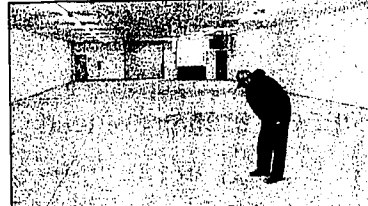
How to check your credit

- Experian (888) 397-3742
• Equifax (800) 685-1111
• TransUnion (800) 888-4213
Note: You may have to call another number to opt out of being put on mailing lists.

"No one is immune from this crime," she said. The Federal Trade Commission reported 493 identity theft complaints filed from Idaho last year. Many more probably go unreported, Bryant said. When people discover they have been victimized, it may be the start of a long process to set the record straight. "The individual is responsible for starting the process and following it through," she said. "Notify local police, get a hold of the three major credit bureaus so they can flag your accounts and get a hold of the companies the identity theft affected." Sometimes it will take a month to clear up, she said. Sometimes it will take years. Other criminals steal identity to run up credit cards and live a lifestyle they could otherwise not provide for themselves. In Miller's case, a detective told her, it was possible an illegal alien had acquired another identity to live and work in the United States. The suspect paid her credit card bills on time so as not to draw attention to herself, Miller surmised. "She hasn't messed up my credit, but she sure messed me up with the IRS," she said.

Finishing touches going on at fair building

The Times-News
BURLY — Fittingly, the last step in the construction of the new art building at the Cassia County Fairgrounds is painting. Members of the Burlay Lions Club will donate labor and materials to paint the floor of the new structure, soon. Once painted, the building will be ready for use. Built for about \$117,000 by Gary Jones Construction, the new building replaces the original art building that dated back to the late 1920s. Fair Manager Dean Draper said, it is the same size, but the fairgrounds shop will be moved, opening up an additional 25 feet of display space. Plans for construction originally included preserving the false front of the old building that was added during the 1990 centennial celebration, but the additional \$3,500 it would have cost meant the effort had to be abandoned, Draper said. The art building will now house the flower show, art and photography and school district exhibits. The old flower building will be converted into the fairgrounds' shop facility.



Cassia County Fair Manager Dean Draper examines the floor of the new fairgrounds art building that the Burlay Lions Club will paint as the final step of construction.

center at Christmas, but the center canceled so the deadline became more flexible. The fair booth receives \$65,000 in county money, which is about a third of its annual operating budget, Dean said. Revenues are generated by the fair itself as well as rental of fair facilities such as the art building for receptions, class reunions, craft shows and sporting events. Country band Blackhawk of Nashville, Tenn., will headline this summer's county fair. The band is scheduled to perform Aug. 17. The 94th annual Cassia County Fair is set for Aug. 16-21. Three nights of Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo action is planned this summer, along with two shows of hot air racing and a hypnotist performing three shows each day, among many other fair events. There's no admission charged for the fair.

Man gets life in prison for sex abuse of minor

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — A man who pleaded guilty to multiple counts of sexual misconduct with a juvenile girl will spend a minimum of 25 years in prison. Derrick Hughes, 56, pleaded guilty to five counts of rape, two counts of sexual battery, two counts of possession of sexually abusive materials, all felonies, and one misdemeanor count of disseminating material

harmful to minors. He had been indicted on 21 counts relating to the discovery of sexually explicit material in his home. District Judge John Hohnhorst followed the state's recommendation of life in prison with the possibility of parole in 25 years when issuing the sentence Friday. The relationship between Hughes and his victim began in the Internet, prosecutors say. "He told her he needed a

nanny for his kids," said Suzanne Craig, Twin Falls County deputy prosecuting attorney. "In the guise of getting prepared for that, she introduced him to her family. After the pair met, Hughes eventually insinuated himself into the girl's family and church, becoming a trusted member of their community. "He was able to manipulate her into conduct that was illegal ... and a lot of it," Craig said. Their relationship was uncov-

ered when people Hughes was living with found explicit pictures of the victim. They turned those photos over to police, Craig said. Upon further investigation, officials found hundreds of pictures of girls and women on the defendant's computer. Due to the extent of the crime and the likelihood of reoffense, prosecutors were pleased with the judge's ruling. "It's truly going to save other children in the community," Craig said.

Governor signs bill to boost economy

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Mini-Cassia and other Idaho communities got another economic development boost Friday afternoon, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said as he signed legislation in a ceremony at the former J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant. The governor signed a bill allowing county officials to establish intermodal commerce authorities, which can apply for specific grants. Those grants aren't available to cities and counties. Mini-Cassia Economic Development Director Bob Shepard said that an intermodal commerce authority is established and obtains ownership of property specifically "for the purposes of promoting

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statewide economic growth and commerce" related to shipping and storage, the entity would be allowed to collect property taxes, according to the new law. Rep. Scott E. Benson (R-Oakley) said any increased personal property taxes paid by a company located on property owned by an intermodal authority would be paid to the city or county that oversees the authority. This differs from taxes paid by businesses which develop in areas designated as urban renewal districts. In those cases, property taxes which have always been associated with the property are added to counties or cities where the land sits, but any increased property taxes generated because of improvements to the land are directed to the urban renewal agency and reinvested in the district. The issue is confusing in the case of the former Simplot plant, which has been donated to the city of Burley. Government entities don't pay property taxes on land they own in Idaho. Burley Mayor Jon Anderson said the bill probably won't have any effect on the Simplot land. "This came a little late and probably won't be of much use," Anderson said. Other people were more optimistic about possible benefits. "This is a bill to allow Idaho to join the modern world," Burley City Councilman Denny Curtis said. "It's expected that the bill will be Mini-Cassia, even if it's not practical for the former Simplot plant. "Many of us appreciate the things that are happening for rural Idaho," Albion Mayor Don Danner told the governor. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he and Bedke tried to get the bill passed last year in time for the Simplot donation, but they were unsuccessful. Newcomb said legislators heard support for the plan specifically related to projects in Lewiston and Pocatello. "The fact that Denny and others didn't wait for this bill is

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Jared Lee Heck
Age: 21
Description: 5-foot-10, 125 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes.
Wanted for: Probation violation.
Original charge: Felony possession of a controlled substance.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Heck's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.



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Scientists find imprint of dinosaur posterior in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Amid well preserved dinosaur footprints along what used to be the shores of a prehistoric lake in southern Utah, scientists have found the rare signs of a dinosaur's posterior. Two impressions, made about 200 million years ago when the dinosaur sat down, were found March 17 in St. George, in southwestern Utah, as scientists were investigating the area around a planned dinosaur museum. Despite the potential importance of the impressions, they may be destined for destruction. To build a structure to protect nearby dinosaur tracks, backhoes would trample the delicate new find in a few weeks, said paleontologist, St. George's city...

"We're pressed for time," he told The Salt Lake Tribune. "It's a little bit disappointing." It appears the 20-foot-long dinosaur, likely related to dilophosaurus, sat down, stood up, walked a few paces and sat down again before walking away. "We're working really hard to document this thing up and down, backward and forward," said James Kirkland, the state paleontologist. Scientists hope to remove the impressions intact, but some prints may be destroyed in the process, Milner said. Researchers have photographed and traced over the area and will create a latex impression of it, Milner said. Utah was a vast desert in the Jurassic era, when the impressions and other footprints were made, and the 100-mile-wide body of water was likely an oasis. Milner said the freshwater lake supported many species of fish, which could have served as dinosaur food. Martin Lockley, a geologist at the University of Colorado at Denver, saw the impressions last week and called them a significant find. "Traces of squatting dinosaurs are very rare," Lockley said. Information gleaned from these traces could offer new insights into dinosaur behavior. In August, St. George will open a \$1.2 million museum at the site of the tracks, where more dinosaur footprints will be uncovered in a climate-controlled environment, said Gary Sanders, the city's community arts and exhibitions administrator.

TREE TIME



Tristan French, 8, of Edmonds, left, plays a short, young tree as Madison Caley, 8, of Edmonds, center, makes like an average-sized stupid tree, and Christina Southland, 9, of Lynnwood, is a tall crazy tree during a 'Kids Love Improv', a class offered by Lynnwood Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department Thursday, in Lynnwood, Wash.

SERVICES

Gary Roy Kernin of Lewiston and formerly of the Magic Valley area, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Norman Hill Cemetery in Lewiston. Burton R. Mackey of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 W. 400 S., Burley, friends and family may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley). Lucille E. Ayers of Boise, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl). Dr. George E. Brown, celebration of life for family and friends at 12:30 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. A celebration of life will also be held at 1 p.m. April 3 at Red Rock

Christian Church in Boise. Rodney Delno Moreland of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Malad Gorge State Park (Farnsworth Mortuary). Cecil Dale Irving of Glenns Ferry, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glenns Ferry. (Summers Funeral Home, Mountain Home). Donald Leslie Robinson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road. Andrew J. Parks of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary. Ruth Camozzi of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Margaret Louise Greer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. April 8 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Emma Viola McCloud of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. April 10 at the Wendell Cemetery (Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home). Lloyd L. Campbell of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. April 10 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2628 Whispering Pine (Park's Funeral Home).

Rupert Chapel. Joyce Dolores Hill, 64, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements will be made by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. JEROME - Della Reeder, 84, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center LTCU in Jerome. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the Jerome First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rudy Butcher officiating. Services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Michael J. Montoya, 50, of Rupert, died Friday, March 26, 2004, in Ogden, Utah. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary.

Gay activist decides to leave Utah, citing conservative climate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - After battling for gay rights in Utah for nearly five years, the head of Salt Lake City's only gay and lesbian community center is leaving the state to work on public policy in the national arena. Paula Wolfe, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center of Utah, cited Utah's increasingly conservative political landscape as another reason for her resignation, announced Thursday. This year's legislative session was "one of the more vicious ones that I've seen," said Wolfe, who will leave the center April 5. Lawmakers this year not only banned gay marriage but also put that in the form of a constitutional amendment, to be decided by the state's voters in November. The legislature also opposed gay-negotiated parenting and denied hate-crimes legislation. Average Utah voters with more "centered viewpoints" need to get involved in the political process because the Legislature is being run by extremists, Wolfe said. Mike Picardi, chairman of the Stonewall Democrats, said Wolfe will be greatly missed, except by conservative lawmakers on the opposite end of the political spectrum. Gay rights "is challenging work, especially when you're in

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a community like Utah where the dominant religion is one of the strongest opponents of human gay rights," said Utah Progressive Network's Lorna Vogt. About 70 percent of the state's 2.2 million residents are nominally members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which strongly espouses traditional family values. Wolfe said she's "leaving the center in good shape." "I really feel the center is not seen as a bridge builder not only within factions in the gay community, but between the gay community and non-gay community," Wolfe said. Supporters of Wolfe point out that her resignation should not be seen as a defeat for gay rights nor a victory for conservative lawmakers. "This is motivating Paula to direct her efforts on a national level and make an impact on what's going on across the country," said Blythe Noble, Salt Lake City's minority affairs communications coordinator.

DEATH NOTICES

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Jury finds man guilty of killing three in desert

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A man accused of ordering three young women into the dark southern Nevada desert, then shooting each of them in the head, was convicted Friday of murder. The sole survivor of the shooting testified earlier in the week that Alfonso Blake fired at each woman twice after ordering them to get on their hands and knees. Kim Choy survived the March 2003 shooting in the first bullet ricochet off her rings as she waved her hands in front of her face. The jury convicted Blake, 34, of murdering Choy's 19-year-old sister, Sophiear, and Priscilla

Vari Dine, 23. He also was found guilty of attempted murder. Sentencing was scheduled for Monday. Blake faces the death penalty. Prosecutor Robert Daskas and Blake's lawyer, Peter Christians, declined to comment. Blake, also known as "Slinkey," had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Prosecutors described Blake as domineering and controlling, saying he was angry with the three women because they changed their minds about moving into his southwest Las Vegas home. Choy testified that on the night of the shootings, the three

women had gone to Blake's house on the edge of town to collect the belongings they had stored at his house. She said an argument escalated into a violent struggle that left her sister, Sophiear, and Blake with stab wounds. Blake then ordered the women into the nearby desert and shot them. The defense relied on a psychologist, who testified Blake had exhibited signs of anti-social and narcissistic behavior and borderline personality disorder. Dr. Louis Mottiaro told jurors he believed the shooting occurred during a brief psychotic episode prompted by the stabbing.

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James Middleton Bernsen - Boise

James Middleton Bernsen, lieutenant colonel USAF (retired), 82, passed away at Bridgeway Estates, Twin Falls, Idaho, on Tuesday, March 23, 2004. He had been a resident of Idaho most of his adult life. Jim was born on Nov. 21, 1921, in Charleston, S.C., and reared in Beaumont, Texas. He graduated from Lamar College in Beaumont before World War II. He flew B-24s over Germany and Italy and after the war he received a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Texas and the Colorado School of Mines. After graduating, he worked for Idaho Power and the U.S. Forest Service and being recruited for Korea by the U.S. Air Force where he proudly served for 29 years. He flew B47's, C-130's and served as a Titan-2 Strategic missile site commander in the office of the Inspector General,

as commander of Electronics intelligence squadrons in both Greece and Vietnam and finally on the communications staff at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. After retiring from the Air Force in 1976, Jim worked as a realtor in Hawaii and in Boise for United Realty where he worked side by side with his dear friend, Virginia Cafferty. Jim's love, support and sense of humor will forever be missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of five years, Elizabeth Jung, with whom he attended Beaumont High School in the 1930s. He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Marie Bernsen of Boise; and survived by his four children, Susan Cheatham (Wah), Marc Bernsen (Dorie), Rick Bernsen (Connie) and Kelli Rooney (Kevin); his seven grandchildren, Elizabeth Fleming, David Cheatham, Lee Rooney,

Jim, Laura, Lisa and Jeff Bernsen; and his sister, Caroline Bernsen of Beaumont, Texas. Jim's family would like to thank the administration and staff of Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho, for their care, respect and love for Jim these last 15 months. On March 23rd the United States of America lost another one of its war heroes, but to us he was "Jimmie," "Dad" and "Grandad." He was a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Boise for many years. A service will be held at 1 p.m. March 29 at that church. In lieu of flowers, donations to the St. Mark's building fund can be made to the church at 7503 Northview St., Boise, ID 83704. A viewing is planned between 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at Summers Funeral Homes, 1205 W. Bannock, Boise, Idaho.

Fred Hollis Shockey - Bliss

Fred Hollis Shockey, age 95, of Bliss, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, in Boise, Idaho. Fred was born July 27, 1908, in Galt, Mo., the son of Joseph and Alice Johnson Shockey. His was raised in Missouri and it was there that he later married Marie Weston on March 15, 1933. After their marriage, the couple resided in California for many years prior to moving to Bliss, Idaho, in 1974. For many of his working years Fred was employed as a

manufacturer in the aircraft industry. Survivors include his daughter, Janice (Lawrence) Brown of Sammamish, Wash.; grandchildren, Mike Shockey of Portland, Ore., Steve Shockey of Mountain Home, Idaho, James Brown of Logan, Utah, and Jill Calder of Snohomish, Wash.; great-grandchildren, Julie, Jim, Jason, Shannon, Crystal, Angela, James, Alexander, Dylan, Jackson and Shawnee; honorary great-grandchild-

ren, Rex, Charlie and Joanie; two great-great-grandchildren, Parker and Seth; and brother, Joseph Shockey of Trenton, Mo. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; son, James; granddaughter, Julia; three brothers; and two sisters. Graveside service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman, Idaho. Demary Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Students, teachers, go to Europe

CALDWELL (AP) - Three Idaho high school students and their teachers headed for eastern Europe on Friday to participate in a cultural exchange with students from the Balkan states. "I don't know what to think about what will be like," said Jesus Alberto Vasquez Jr., one of two Caldwell High School students on the trip. "I've heard it looks a little bit like Mexico." The other Idaho student is from Vallivue. The Idaho students will join students from 14 other schools across the country for the four-day School Connectivity Project in Ohrid, Macedonia, next week. Students from nine schools in Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Croatia, Herzegovina, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro will also attend. They will learn about each other, how they live and what all of them have in common. The Idaho students will make a presentation on life in Idaho and Western cowboy culture. Cultural music and a line dance lesson will be part of a look at traditions in the West.

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Canyon accident kills at least one late Friday

The Times-News

HAGERMAN — At least six people were involved in a one-vehicle accident late Friday on a rural canyon road that proved fatal for one of the passengers. Details were sketchy at press time, but a spokeswoman with the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center said two LifeFlight helicopters had been directed to the scene of Saylor Creek Road in the Bell Rapids area. Dee Silver, a SIRCOMM supervisor, said she had few details on the circumstances surrounding the accident. Emergency responders from a number of agencies had headed to the scene, she said. "We've got some real bad radio communications down there so it's almost impossible to hear them," Silver said.

Dispatch air traffic indicated two children apparently were involved, too, although their condition was unknown late Friday. Silver said she did not know the identity or gender of the person killed in the accident. One of the accident victims apparently used a cell phone to contact SIRCOMM. Silver said the person could not figure out where they were and the phone went dead. "Then they called a friend, who happened to be a Bull fireman," Silver said. "The firefighter then alerted the location of the accident to emergency dispatchers." At about 10:10 p.m. Friday, Silver said she knew that there were at least six accident victims, but she didn't rule out the possibility that there were more.



Idaho State Police recruits, from left to right, Matthew Sly, Jonathan Vance, Peter Sibus, Gary Bergen, Darron Gilbertson, Tony Janssen, Joseph Lake, Michael Fallier and Christopher Lenda are sworn in as Idaho State Police troopers on Friday at the Idaho State Capitol in Boise. The nine troopers, along with nine new ISP vehicles, will be stationed throughout the state.

BLM looks at permitting Bennett Hills outfitting and hunting guides

SHOSHONE — The Bureau of Land Management has received two official requests for outfitting and guiding big game hunters in the Bennett Hills area. So the BLM's Shoshone Field Office is soliciting a list of issues and related comments concerning outfitting and guiding hunters for mule deer, elk, antelope and upland birds in hunt Units 45 and 52. These units are primarily in the Bennett Hills, ranging from Mountain Home on the west to Highway 93 on the east, Highway 20 on the north to Highway 26 on the south. There are no outfitting or guides now permitted for hunting big game within these units. Written comments can be submitted until April 30. Following this comment period, the BLM will proceed with an environmental analysis relating to the outfitting and guiding requests.

Magic Valley in brief

For more information and a copy of the scoping document, call John Kurtz at 732-7296.

Agencies offer training on children disorders

TWIN FALLS — A "Families Matter" training workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17 at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office, 601 Pole Line Road. Admission is free. No child care will be available. "Families Matter" is a training opportunity for adults who work with or have children with severe emotional, mental or behavioral disorders. Participants will learn how to advocate for children with a severe emotional disorder, about rights and responsibilities, and how to integrate families in the

decision-making process. For more information or to register, call (800) 905-3436 or go to www.idfwh.org. The workshop is sponsored by the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and the Department of Health and Welfare.

Schubert Theater plans 'Magic Days' April 10

GOODING — The Schubert Theater will host "Schubert Magic Days" on April 10 at the theater, 402 Main St. Families are invited from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon featuring coloring and drawing contests, an Easter egg hunt, cookie decorating, face painting and more. Cost is \$3 per person. Evening entertainment begins at 7 p.m. with the Randy Roberts Band, "Cowboys," performing country music for the whole family.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. More than 50 prizes including dinners and gift certificates will be raffled at the end of the evening. Tickets are \$1 each. Schubert Magic Days is part of the summer series put on by WSC Productions. Proceeds will be used to buy camera gear for the film department at Western States College. For more information, call 733-7695 or visit the Web site, www.westernstatescollege.com.

T.F. resident celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS — Mary Nutting of Twin Falls was born March 15, 1924 and will celebrate her 80th birthday with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. The family requests no gifts. — compiled from staff reports

Crime database backers say circumventing the Utah Legislature caused many serious problems

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Those backing a nationwide terrorism and crime database known as MATRIX made a "big mistake" in circumventing the Utah Legislature, a state senator said Friday after Gov. Olene Walker officially ended the state's ties with the program. "There was never any legislative participation," said Sen. Michael Waddoups, explaining why the program suffered a sudden death this week. Walker on Friday said Utah would permanently withdraw from the Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange, the one-time nationwide effort combining government and commercially available databases on citizens and others to fight crime and terrorism. Walker's predecessor, former Gov. Mike Leavitt, had signed the state up for the program without consulting other elected officials. Leavitt, now the

director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, has refused to answer questions about the program since. Utah suspended participation in January, the day after Walker learned of the state's association. Then, earlier this month,

Wisconsin and New York dropped out of Matrix. "I understand law enforcement officials need to share information regarding criminal activity, but there are privacy and funding concerns I had to consider," Walker said. On Thursday, an oversight committee charged with reviewing the program recommended Utah withdraw from the program. The committee members, including Waddoups, said participation in MATRIX should be halted until adequate oversight could be established. The panel said the Utah Legislature should determine what "adequate oversight" should be, even though hearings are not scheduled to meet again until January. Waddoups suggested if MATRIX supporters wanted to revive Utah as a partner, they

should explain at a legislative hearing how it works, be funded, and how it would benefit the public. "With those things answered, I think they could get legislative buy-in," Waddoups said. Law enforcement has characterized MATRIX as a time-saving program that includes only public records available to anyone on the Internet, but critics worried about the ultra-fast datamining capabilities of the program. Matrix's software combines records submitted by the participating states with 20 billion database files held by a private Florida company called Seisint Inc., a private global information management and technology company. Seisint says its system can search and analyze 10.8 billion records in seconds.

Middleton approves levy

MIDDLETON (AP) — Middleton School District voters approved a \$2.5 million levy Thursday to buy property for a new high school and make improvements at existing schools. The district said more than 71 percent of the 800 votes cast were in favor of the 10-year levy which will cost property owners \$7.62 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The money will pay for projects across the district, including new carpet, asphalt,

windows and heating and cooling units. The levy will also fund the purchase of property for a new high school, though construction of the school itself will require funding through a separate bond election. "I'm excited. Every levy that we pass, I'm excited," said Superintendent Richard Bauscher. "Every one requires a tremendous amount of effort and money. I think it's a matter of getting people well-informed."

Voters approve new high school

LEWISTON (AP) — Lapwai School District voters overwhelmingly approved a \$3.9 million bond proposal to build a new high school. About 37 percent of voters named out Thursday, passing the levy with 79 percent approval. It will cost property owners \$2.67 for every \$1,000 of taxable property. Superintendent Harold Ott said, "This is the best turnout they've had in history." The bond will help replace the 63-year-old high school, and construction could begin in late summer, Ott said. The district has been

plagued with building problems, including inadequate heating and plumbing systems, leaking roofs, cramped classrooms and mold growing on ceilings and walls. Ott said the bond passed in part because of the efforts of a citizens' committee. "I have never seen a committee work this diligently," he said. "And they were extremely successful in getting over 150 new voters registered and we know that many of those were parents of our students. So that's why I think we got the great percentage. Our parents showed up and voted."

Book castigates Justice Dept. over nuclear weapons program

DENVER (AP) — Secret midnight burning of radioactive waste. An FBI spy flight with infrared cameras. An employee who claims she was intimidated by fellow workers for reporting safety violations. It sounds like something out of a paperback thriller. But the allegations are contained in a new book that says the Justice Department covered up environmental misconduct at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant near Denver more than a decade ago. Federal and state health officials say they are looking into the claims raised by the book, "The Ambushed Grand Jury."

How the Justice Department Covered Up Government Nuclear Waste. "How We Caught Them Red Handed." The book was written by Wes McKinley, the former of a grand jury that investigated activity at Rocky Flats, and attorney Caron Balkany. They said it is wrong the public or federal justice agency. "I am doing my patriotic duty," McKinley said. "These people are criminals." In addition to interviews with former plant workers and investigators, the authors relied on a journal McKinley kept during

Group sues again to stop relocation

BOISE (AP) — A group that has already lost a federal lawsuit to keep a monument to the Ten Commandments in a city park is taking its case to state court.

The Rev. Fred Phelps contended that under a court ruling in another case, a city that allows one religious park or on public grounds must allow monuments to other beliefs. Meanwhile the Keep the Commandments Coalition, which unsuccessfully sued the city to keep the monument in the park, has asked the city to drop its request that coalition pay the city's legal fees in the dispute. The city is seeking attorney fees totaling \$13,893, contending that the coalition's lawsuit was frivolous. Coalition spokeswoman Brandi Swindell spokes the decision to move the monument violates the Idaho Constitution by removing public property without due process.

Economy Study tests West's parks for pollution

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testimony to the can-do spirit of this community," Kempthorne said. "He also cautioned people that the bill might not help in developing the Stimplot plan. "I don't know yet we'll use this," Bob (Shepard) and the commissioners will decide that," Kempthorne said. "But if they need it, we won't be on the other side of the fence wishing we had it." The mood of the signing was light. Newcomb arrived about 15 minutes late, so the governor arranged to have people applaud as Newcomb entered while he said, "Well, that works things up," as though the event were over. Newcomb appeared to enjoy the joke.

JACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Scientists are packing blocks of snow from national parks throughout the West into freezers for testing to determine whether airborne pollutants have fouled national treasures that many people believe are unpolluted. "It's really sort of a mystery we're trying to solve," said Dixon Landers, the lead scientist in a research team working on the Western Airborne Contaminants Assessment Project. Landers and other scientists are trying to determine what toxic compounds and metals drop from the atmosphere into the parks, where they come from, and whether their concentrations are significant enough to worry about. Most of the sampling takes place at eight high-elevation or cold climate parks, including Mount Rainier and Olympic in Washington, Glacier in Montana, Rocky Mountain in Colorado, Sequoia in California and Denali in Alaska. The results should help determine whether long-term

monitoring is necessary, said Tamara Blett, a Denver-based National Park Service ecologist who coordinates the project. The study focuses on national parks in the West because earlier research focused on parks in the Midwest and East. "We really know nothing about the West. It's just a blank slate, especially for the persistent organic pollutants, such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and DDT," Blett said. PCBs were once used as coolants and lubricants in electrical transformers and capacitors. They are believed to be linked to disorders and cause learning disability in children. PCBs were banned in the United States in 1977, but they do not disintegrate over time. In all, the scientists are looking for 85 pollutants and 49 metals, including mercury. Scientists believe snowfall deposits most of the airborne pollution carried into the parks. But researchers also will analyze lake sediments, water, fish, lichen, willow bark and other

so-called indicators, most of which are common to all of the parks under study. Typically, researchers ski, snowshoe or snowmobile into remote park areas, often far from the nearest road. Recently a group led by U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Don Campbell skied into Olympic National Park and a few miles from Hurricane Ridge, dug a snow hole more than 9 feet deep. "We expect Olympic to be fairly clean because there are no major sources of pollution to the west for thousands of miles," Campbell said. Before taking a sample, team members recorded temperature, density and other physical characteristics of the snow, which they cut from a smooth wall at the back of the hole. They packed the snow in balls the size of frozen turkeys and hauled them to the nearest road. They squashed the wrapped snowballs into coolers, added dry ice and shipped the packages to Oregon.

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EPA: Silver Valley clean-up needs expansion

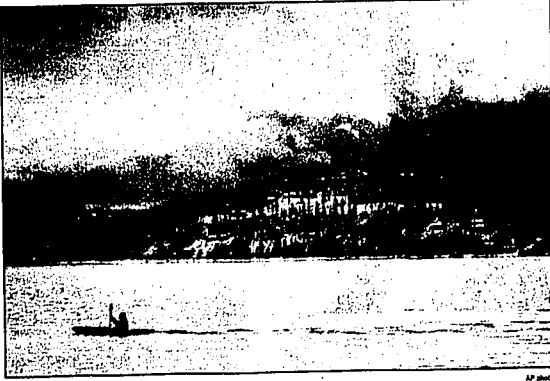
Some worry that could hamper economic health of Panhandle

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The cleanup of northern Idaho's Silver Valley, one of the nation's largest Superfund sites, has been well run and should be dramatically expanded into Washington state, according to a report by the inspector general of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The report was the result of political disputes in which many of Idaho's top politicians contended that cleaning up the valley should be declared completed so economic development efforts could proceed.

But the EPA's inspector general found that the agency's plan to first clean up the most polluted site — the former Bunker Hill smelter at Kellogg, Idaho — and then to expand the cleanup to cover an area from Wallace, Idaho, to Spokane, was sensible. "We concluded that EPA made a logical decision to first do cleanup work in the Bunker Hill Box and then later to study areas outside the box and pursue further cleanup work," the IG's report said.

A century of mining and smelting silver, lead and other metals left mountains of pollution in the Silver Valley, including wastes contaminated with arsenic, cadmium, lead



A kayaker passes over Idaho's Lake Coeur d'Alene Nov. 24. Many of Idaho's top politicians contend the controversial cleanup of Silver Valley, one of the nation's largest Superfund sites, should be declared over, claiming the Superfund designation has harmed the area's tourism industry, including the draw of the lake.

and zinc that are hazardous to health.

The EPA began cleanup work in 1983 inside a 21-square-mile area around the smelter.

Many of the pollutants were dumped directly into the Coeur d'Alene River, where they traveled into Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The Spokane River then carried some of these pollutants

into Washington.

Many residents of the area view the Superfund designation as a threat to the booming tourist industry of northern Idaho, and the state's most prominent political leaders have opposed expansion of the work.

At a 2001 meeting in Wallace, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

threatened to kick the EPA out of the state.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said the new report fails to reflect public opinion.

"Unfortunately, the report ignores much of local residents' concerns about the cleanup," Crapo said. "It also totally misses the mark in concluding EPA was justified in expanding its

Superfund area far outside the original Bunker Hill smelter area box."

Laura Skaer, head of the Northwest Mining Association in Spokane, said the new report "seems like a whitewash."

"I have never heard anyone in the Silver Valley say a good word about EPA and how they have handled this," Skaer said. "I can't think of one good reason for this cleanup to be expanded into Washington."

Mark McIntire, a spokesman for the EPA's Seattle office, which oversees the cleanup, said it was pleased by the findings.

"As far as we are concerned our process is open and available for inspection," McIntire said. "We are looking to make this cleanup a successful venture and make sure everything gets done as quickly as possible."

The new report by acting EPA ombudsman Paul McKeon contradicted former EPA ombudsman Robert Martin and his investigator, Hugh Kaufman, who once accused the EPA of acting like "jackbooted thugs" in Idaho. Martin and Kaufman contended the EPA should not dramatically expand the Superfund area.

Meanwhile, the National Academy of Sciences is preparing a major scientific review of the cleanup work. A hearing on that work is scheduled for April 15 in Wallace.

Tour group identifies suspects

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Members of a Guatemala tour group robbed by gunmen who killed an Ogden man have picked two suspects out of police lineups, relatives said.

Architect Brett Richards, 52, was shot to death when he went to the aid of the bus driver, who was struggling with the robbers.

Patty Allen of Ogden and Marcela Morely South Jordan returned to Guatemala on Wednesday and on Thursday they identified one man as being one of the robbers, family members said.

The relatives said they were told that the bus driver identified a second suspect as the man who shot him in the foot during the Jan. 7 robbery.

Richards' wife Becky said American Embassy officials advised her by phone Thursday evening of the lineup identifications.

"Pat and Marcela got on the line, and I was able to talk to them, too," she said. "They were glad that they were down there. ... I was happy at the news."

Richards said Allen was seated right behind where her husband was standing and trying to talk to the gunmen when the shooting occurred.

Utah town battles topless maid business

The Associated Press

A business owner says a northern Utah city is trying to sweep her topless maid business out of town.

The West Point City Council has revoked the home business license of Dee Dee Derian, saying she misused it by sometimes running the business on a cell phone outside of her home.

The license allowed her to do scheduling and bookkeeping for Black Rose Maids, her topless maid service that operates in three states.

"They'll do anything a normal maid or butler would do," she said. "It's just good, clean, safe fun."

"They aren't escorts," she said when describing their duties as light cleaning and serving at catered parties.

Derian, 44, accuses the city of discriminating against her because she's not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the dominant religion in Utah that espouses family values.

West Point officials say they are bound by law to prevent Derian from operating the business if it violates her license, and the decision had nothing to do with the nature of her business.

City Manager Rick David said the council has no option of renewing the license in January after Derian mentioned that she conducted some business outside of her home.

"It sets a dangerous precedent if we allow this to happen," he said. "We have lots and lots of home occupation licenses in our cities. Every one of them are looking at this."

Derian called the council's reasoning "absolutely absurd."

"They want to be able to come to my home 24 hours a day, seven days a week and pull me out of the bathtub," she said.

Since January, she has been operating without a license, and this month filed a lawsuit accusing the city of wrongfully failing to renew her license.

Derian received national attention in 2001 when her neighbors complained about her doing yard work in a bikini.

However, prosecutors declined to press charges after determining she hadn't actually done anything illegal.

Topless workers for Black Rose Maids operate from Provo to Ogden in Utah, and from Kingman, Ariz., to Blythe, Calif.

West Point, a town of about 6,200 residents, is 25 miles north of Salt Lake City.

Forest Service plan draws criticism

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A watchdog group says U.S. Forest Service officials who approved a \$90,000 public relations blitz backing plans to triple logging in 11 Sierra Nevada national forests proposed an even bigger PR campaign five years ago.

The officials who approved the Sierra Nevada campaign proposed a \$600,000 PR effort in 1999 seeking to persuade residents covering the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City to do positive stories about the role national forests play in providing recreation and protecting the environment.

The 1999 contract was

blocked by George Lennon, director of the Forest Service communications office in Washington, who told The Salt Lake Tribune at the time that "there was no explanation why these tasks were being contracted out when in my opinion we had the ability and talent to do all this in-house."

Andy Stahl of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, said both contracts would violate federal law prohibiting the hiring of outside publicity experts without specific congressional approval.

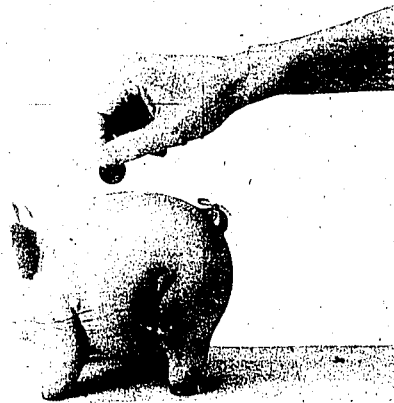
Regional Forester Jack Blackwell, who approved both contracts, said agency lawyers

and contracting experts advised him the Sierra project would pass muster because the law barred federal agencies only from "self-aggrandizing" PR campaigns at taxpayer expense.

He said the Sierra campaign promotes wildlife safety.

The official objective listed by the Forest Service is to "create a favorable public atmosphere for the decision" to revise the management plan for 11.5 million acres of Sierra national forest. Environmental groups are appealing the plan and threatening to sue, contending it increases logging and limits wildlife protections under the guise of preventing forest fires.

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Fiery crash closes Boston, N.Y. route

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — A section of Interstate 95, the main traffic artery between New York and Boston, could be shut down for at least two weeks following a fiery tanker truck wreck that melted a bridge.

"It's going to be a pain in the neck," Gov. John G. Rowland said after surveying the scene Friday.

State officials urged motorists, especially tractor-trailer drivers, to avoid I-95 and the Bridgeport area until the highway is fixed. One alternate route, the Merritt Parkway, is closed to commercial trucks because of low bridges.

The truck driver in Thursday's accident and a firefighter were treated for slight injuries.



Officials confer on a damaged section of Interstate 95 Friday in Bridgeport, Conn., where a tanker truck exploded Thursday night. The ensuing fire softened the steel support beams under the roadway.

State police said a car apparently forced the tanker truck into a concrete barrier on the southbound side of the interstate Thursday night. The truck carried 12,000 gallons of home heating oil, which fueled a huge blaze that sent a fireball dozens of feet into the air.

The fire damaged the steel support beams that carry both sides of I-95 over an avenue, causing the overpass, which was new, to sag several feet.

No one was seriously hurt. The driver of the car, Sarah Waddell of Derby, said Friday morning she was not injured but was still sorting out how she felt.

"I don't know, I'm just thinking it doesn't feel like I've been in an accident," Waddell said.

Northbound I-95 might reopen this weekend, Rowland said, but the southbound side of the bridge will have to be torn down, he said.

Instead of rebuilding the bridge, workers will close the street below and fill the space below with dirt; a temporary highway will then be built on top of that fill.

Rowland said he hoped the southbound highway could be reopened in two weeks, and estimated the cost of the temporary fix at \$3 million to \$4 million. He said the state will receive \$11.2 million in federal highway aid.

Bridgeport Fire Chief Michael Maglione estimated the fire burned at 1,800 to 2,000 degrees, several hundred degrees above where steel begins to weaken. Cars moving past the accident created a mist of heating oil in the air, which probably caused the fire, Maglione said.

I-95, a vital East Coast artery, is heavily congested in New England. Nearly 120,000 vehicles a day travel the span where the crash happened.

Testimony links bombing to fertilizer purchase

MCALLESTER, Okla. (AP) — A farmer's co-op manager testified at the Terry Nichols murder trial Friday that a man calling himself Mike Havens bought two tons of fertilizer in 1984 of the type used in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Prosecutors say Havens is one of Nichols' aliases. But Frederick Schlender Jr., who ran the co-op's branch in McPherson, Kan., testified that he could not identify Nichols as the buyer.

Schlender said the man identified himself as Havens when he bought the first ton of ammonium nitrate fertilizer in September 1984. A man using the same name purchased another 2,000 pounds the following month, Schlender said.

Three days after the bombing, FBI agents found a receipt for the first purchase, but the Havens name, in Nichols' home in Herington, Kan., about 40 miles from the co-op.

Ammonium nitrate fertilizer was a key ingredient in the homemade bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people.

Schlender said it was not the co-op's policy to ask for identification on fertilizer purchases.

He said the buyer was alone during the first purchase but had a second person with him during the second. He said he could not identify the second person. Authorities have said the second man was believed to be co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh.

In both purchases, Schlender said, the fertilizer was put in a red trailer made from the bed of an old pickup truck and pulled by a dark blue pickup with a white top over the bed.

The appearance Friday by Schlender, the 37th witness in the case, wrapped up the first week of testimony in Nichols' state trial.

Nichols is charged with 161 state first-degree murder charges for his role in the bombing. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

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I am now caring for my own mother, who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. The problem is Mel constantly makes snide, hateful, sarcastic remarks about her condition. Then he laughs like it's funny.

Why is he doing this? It's not a laughing matter. Please help.

—READY TO LEAVE

DEAR READY TO LEAVE: Why is he doing it? It could be ignorance about mental illness. It could also be selfishness, anger, frustration at having to share your attention—or maybe he's just childish and mean.

I consider you to be an unshrewd hero for what you are doing. You can locate a caregiver support group by contacting the National Family Caregivers Association at (800) 896-3650 or www.nfacares.org. Do it today.

DEAR ABBY: My 12-year-old daughter is in the sixth grade. She is well-liked and has a lot of friends.

We can't afford gifts for all of the birthday parties to which she is invited.

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DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

invited. I let her go to some, but we can barely pay our bills some months.

When I try to explain why she can't go, she gets upset. I've asked her not to say anything about our money troubles, but she says she can't lie to her friends about why she's not allowed to go to all the parties.

Abbey, how do my suggestions on how I can handle this situation when it comes up again?

—INVITED BUT CAN'T ALWAYS GO

DEAR INVITED: Please get together with your stepparent on this. Having money troubles is not a sign of bad character or a social disease, so please stop trying to sweep it under the rug. Gifts do not have to be expensive to be thoughtful. If your finances are tight, and you can't handle this situation when it comes up again, perhaps your daughter could create a gift for her friend.

DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker recently married for the third time. She remarried her first husband. The wedding was small and many of us received only announcements.

Are we obliged to send gifts? Some of us didn't know how to respond to "just an announcement."

—WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: There is no obligation to send a gift. However, a congratulatory card or a small token gift to show your support would be a lovely gesture.

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IF MARCH 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you may feel as though you have been stifled within a straitjacket and hemmed in on all sides.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): A spirit of adventure may compel you to try some unusual and different things this weekend.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Love is in the air, and a passionate attraction that has been on your mind could be safely followed up on today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's a good day to present your ideas or make decisions, and re-mantle - evertures could be understood.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): After a rough week, it is wonderful to relax with someone you care about and pursue more sensual delights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The weekend brings a more romantic aura, and while you may be distracted by sudden changes of plans by partners, you can safely pursue more affectionate avenues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It would be better to hold off on discussions of anything important with loved ones or business associates since your ability to convey convincing messages is off balance today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Now that you have breathed a large sigh of relief that the week is over, you can concentrate your energies on warm, loving inter-

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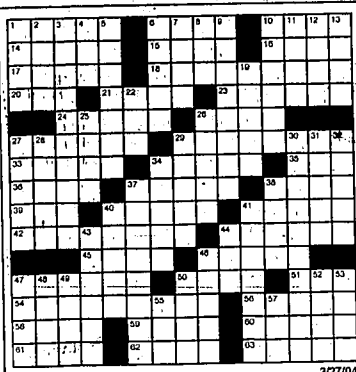
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): While you may be tempted to break away and spend time with new friends or unusual interests, it might be better to follow up on a tantalizing attraction that caught your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Partners could challenge your ability to adapt to change over the next few days, but good relationships will weld more tightly together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A more sociable atmosphere is coming into view. Financial reversals could occur if you change directions abruptly today, but you do have some solid luck on your side if you hold off until Sunday or Monday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be restless for excitement and may take foolhardy chances at the urging of friends. Keep an eye on that steady flame burning brightly in the back ground, that means true love and devotion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Freedom for freedom's sake and a sense of rebelliousness could overtake your common sense today or tomorrow.



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Criminal conversation can mean adultery

Q. What's "criminal conversation"?

A. Another legal term for adultery.

When a woman meets a man, the first thing she notices is how he dresses. But when a man meets a woman, the first thing he notices is her figure.

That was the widely-reported claim of psychologists massive study in 1984. But it goes back much further—to the old costume commandment: A truly beautiful dress must draw attention to the wearer rather than to herself.

Venetians in the 1400s set up pension funds to support their aging household servants. What eventually happened—to those monies is not clear. When pension funds disappear, the records do, too. I've read.

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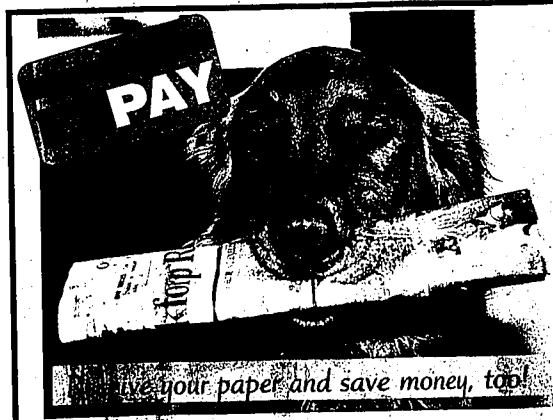


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History's saloon-hating hatcher lady charged forth to lead the country away from alcohol in the belief that her real name—Carry A. Nation—was pronounced. But the press kept misspelling it "Carrie." That infuriated her.

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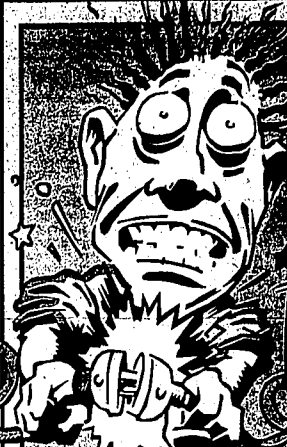
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Gooding home values

The average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in all of Gooding County rang in at \$126,674 for 2003. That's up 17 percent from the city's \$108,150 new-home average in 2002. But builders did not accelerate the county's rate of construction. Gooding County in 2003 issued permits for 47 new single-family homes, identical to the year before total.

Source: Wells Fargo's "Idaho Construction Report"

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sonic reports record food sales

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma-based Sonic Corp. reported record results for its second fiscal quarter, which ended Feb. 29.

The drive-in restaurant company — whose chain includes franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome — said net income increased 23 percent to \$9.8 million from \$8 million in the same period a year earlier.

Revenues increased 24 percent to \$111.6 million from \$90.4 million in the year-earlier period.

Net income for the first half of fiscal 2004 rose 21 percent to \$22.6 million from \$18.6 million, Sonic said.

Total revenues for the first six months increased 22 percent to \$230.3 million from \$188 million.

"Sonic is positioned to meet or exceed same-store sales growth in the 2 percent to 4 percent range during the second half of the fiscal year," said Clifford Hudson, Sonic's chairman and chief executive.

"The company also is raising its earnings guidance for the year by a penny and now expects earnings per share to increase to a range of \$1.50 to \$1.52 per diluted share — up 16 percent to 18 percent over fiscal 2003," he said.

Money tip: Beware of 529 savings fees

NEW YORK — Regulators have recently expressed concern about management fees for 529 plans, state education savings plans that have special tax benefits.

The fees can easily eat into a fund's return, making what appear to be healthy returns actually mediocre and effectively offsetting the plans' tax advantages.

Joseph Hurley, chief executive and founder of Savingforcollege.com, described several typical 529 fees.

One-time "enrollment" or "application" fees usually cost between \$25 and \$30, though some states charge up to \$90.

"Account maintenance" fees can cost about \$25 annually, though they can be waived for higher balances.

The fee to watch out for is what Hurley called "annual asset-based program management fee."

This is what the state agency charges to oversee the 529 plan, and it typically ranges from 10 to 70 basis points (0.1 to 0.7 percent of your investment), said Hurley.

Moreover, this may or may not include additional fees charged by the mutual fund that invests your money. This means fees can be higher.

Though these fees may appear small, they add up significantly over time.

To avoid these pitfalls, do your homework. CBS MarketWatch advises.

Dozens of 529 plans are available, and their fee structures are available from www.savingforcollege.com.

— compiled from wire reports

SALVAGING THE PAST



Timbers and wood recycled from older structures make up the exterior of a home in Bozeman, Mont., Nov. 17.

Old wood builds a new industry

The Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. — For decades, Harry Nichols used an old timber home on his Augusta ranch as a cow camp for his wranglers.

But over time, the elements took a toll on the cabin, and eventually Nichols abandoned it to Montana's harsh weather. It became a nuisance as it withered away.

"It was getting to be a hazard to cattle," the 81-year-old retired rancher said. "They could get in it, break through the windows and get hurt."

Instead of burning the home to the ground — a longtime method for ranchers to dispose of old buildings — Nichols hooked up with one of the many companies that specialize in salvaging old wood.

Hilton Hurn, a co-owner of Montana Rustic Wood Hub, gave Nichols \$4,000 for the house, hauled it away and rebuilt it into someone's cabin.

Nichols' story is just one of many.

The old-wood resale business has grown tremendously in Montana and elsewhere. More than a dozen companies that specialize in finding old barns, cabins and buildings and taking them apart to salvage the beams have sprung up over the past two decades in Montana.

"They comb the backroads in search of leaning shacks. They run ads in rural newspapers, offering cash for barns that have outlived their usefulness. And just as often, word-of-mouth lets ranchers know that those sagging buildings might be worth some money. As the years have gone by, people in the business have broadened

their reach to include any kind of wood building, whether in town or on the range.

Over the years, the increased demand for old wood caused by more people looking for it has driven up its value. Some of the original companies who pioneered the industry, such as Bozeman's On Site Management, now buy most of their wood from smaller brokers who do the legwork and deliver timbers ready for use.

"There was a feeding frenzy out there," said Mike Riley, general manager at OSM. "Guys would come in and want \$25,000 for a building that we wouldn't pay \$8,000 for."

Some of the companies put the buildings back together essentially as they were. Others, however, reutilize the wood, turning the weathered timbers from a shack into trim, flooring and siding for multimillion-dollar homes.

The industry's rise was fueled by the demand for the rustic look of wood with a century-old patina. That look was pioneered in the 1970s by Jonathan Foote, a Livingston architect.

Foote, who is now retired, saw that many of the old buildings sitting around ranches were made of some incredible wood beams, said Riley, who with Foote founded On Site Management. The company specializes in working with old wood in new construction.

"John was the first guy I knew who saw some old hand-hewn barn collapsing on the hillside and saw some real value there," Riley said. "It was certainly his passion that got everybody's attention in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado."

They cruised hundreds of



Workers for Montana Rustic Wood demolish a building in Livingston, Mont., Feb. 19. Wood from the building was destined to be recycled.

miles and knocked on scores of doors while cutting deals for buildings.

"When we first started, the ranchers would say, 'Oh just take it and clean up the area,'" Riley said.

But as the industry grew and the value of the wood rose, OSM made it policy to offer a minimum amount for every building. Riley said ranchers get together and talk, "and the last thing we want is for somebody to say, 'That guy screwed me.'"

The value of a building varies tremendously, depending on its condition and how many of the logs can be used, Riley said. It takes up to six buildings to salvage enough timbers to build a single new structure.

Riley said, they'll pay anywhere from \$3 to \$8 a foot for old wood.

OSM photographs a building before carefully disassembling it. The company keeps a photo-

graphic inventory of the buildings it has stored on its lot in Belgrade. Architects come in and look over the pictures and decide which building will suit their needs for a particular project.

Riley said OSM now buys much of its wood from brokers who show up with timbers that have been de-nailed and painstakingly labeled so they can be re-born.

The most important element of any building is a good set of corners, because the timbers, themselves can be cut to reshape the building. For example, a fireplace and chimney or windows can lengthen a side, which allows an architect to stretch a building.

And the corners reveal some of the best of Montana's scenic craftsmanship. The Scandinavian, German and Dutch immigrants who settled here brought their woodworking skills with them. They found the

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Tully's Coffee talks of growth

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — Tully's Coffee executives told shareholders the retooled company is poised for growth after a "breakout year."

But executives said they couldn't speculate on exactly what form that growth might take, despite persistent questions from some shareholders eager to cash in their decade-old investment.

At Tully's annual meeting at the Museum of Flight this week, Chief Executive Tony Gioia said the company has posted five straight quarterly sales increases at stores open at least a year, a key retail gauge known as same-store sales.

Since recording a \$25 million loss in 2001, Tully's — which has a Ketchum store — has pared down its store base from 114 to 95 and has added hundreds of grocery-store accounts.

The 12-year-old chain has never posted an annual profit, but its results are improving: It lost \$1.4 million in the first nine months of its current fiscal year, compared with a \$7 million loss at the same point a year ago.

And Tully's is operating on its cash flow, Gioia said, meaning more money is coming in than going out.

Tully's shares are not publicly traded, but the company still must file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission because it has more than 500 investors.

Some investors pressed Gioia and Chairman Tom O'Keefe for more details about this week's news that Tully's is talking with its Japanese licensee about a possible merger.

Others asked whether Tully's would join forces with another regional U.S. coffee chain, perhaps as a prelude to a public stock offering.

O'Keefe said the company is considering an array of options. "We just have to counterbalance the pressure of growing the business right, with growing it at the right time," O'Keefe said. "And we're awful ... close to having those two things come together right now."

George O'Keefe, a shareholder for 10 years, congratulated Gioia and O'Keefe for the progress but asked why Tully's same-store sales still lag those of cross-town rival Starbucks.

Tully's posted a 0.8 percent increase in same-store sales during its most recent quarter, compared with an 11 percent jump for Starbucks.

"I don't see same-store sales growing at the rate they should, although the pressure of growing it is big there," Phillips said.

Gioia said Tully's results are improving but conceded there still is work to do. "Is our work completed? No, absolutely not," Gioia said. "But we do have a lot of opportunities? Absolutely, yes."

Albertsons buys British stores

The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertsons Inc., the nation's second largest food and drug retailer, is increasing its presence in six New England states with the purchase of Shaw's Supermarkets.

British supermarket chain J. Sainsbury PLC said Friday it had agreed to sell its U.S. business to Albertsons for almost \$2.5 billion.

Albertsons will add 202 Shaw stores, giving it more than 2,500 stores in 37 states.

The Albertsons chain includes stores in Burlington, Vt. and Twin Falls.

"We are excited about welcoming Shaw's and their 30,000 associates to the Albertsons family of world-class grocery banners," said Larry Johnston, Albertsons president.

"The quality of Shaw's stores, the talent of its leadership team, the skills and energy of its associates, and its customer satisfaction ratings have impressed us."

Paul Gannon, Shaw's president, said the sale would benefit both companies.

"Our customers, associates and vendors should be assured we are working toward a seamless transition. This is a win-win for both companies," Gannon



Prudential Center Shaw's supermarket employee Janibel Padilla, right, helps a customer at a register counter Friday in Boston. British supermarket chain J. Sainsbury PLC said Friday it had agreed to sell its U.S. business, which includes the Shaw's supermarket chain, to grocery operator Albertsons Inc. for more than \$2.4 billion.

shares, debt and cash plus the assumption of approximately \$368 million in leases.

Sainsbury said it would return about a third of the proceeds from the sale to its

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Germans monitor crime with cellphones

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — Cellphone users are on the verge of becoming the world's largest crime-fighting force.

A Chicago software firm is installing a system in Germany so cellphone users there can receive crime alerts — much like Dick Tracy's CrimeStoppers — from the local police looking for help in locating lost children or stolen cars.

"This is one of the most critical factors in solving crimes," said Hank Bonde, chief executive of CenterPost Communications Inc., which is installing the system.

Our common solution instantly distributes detailed information regarding criminal activity to potentially thousands of people who can help monitor it at the street level and subsequently help reduce crime.

The system from CenterPost takes advantage of the booming popularity of short text messaging in Europe. Eventually, the software could expand to include images of suspects, like an electronic wanted poster, or even short video

clips.

Chicago officials are familiar with the new technology. Cortez Ittner, the city's chief of emergency management, is taking a wait-and-see approach before endorsing it.

"We'd like to see this technology mature a little," he said.

The city has contracted for a similar service from SBC Communications Inc. and a subcontractor, Intrado, based in Longmont, Colo. That service enables the city to make automated calls to wireline phones in selected locations with short messages.

The CenterPost system adopted by Germany's Federal Ministry of the Interior takes a different approach. Instead of relying on a customer being in a fixed location, the software can alert users via text messaging, voice messages or even by e-mail, said Eric Messersmith, CenterPost's marketing vice president.

CenterPost, which specializes in sending automated messages from banks, airlines and other businesses to their customers, believes that law enforcement could be a huge new market.

MONEY

Major loses steam on Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's rally lost momentum amid profit-taking Friday, leaving stocks narrowly lower but still allowing the Dow Jones industrial and Nasdaq composite index to reverse a two-week downward trend. Investors were initially reassured by the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, which rose to 95.8 in March from 94.4 in February, according to media reports on the index.

The rally could mean consumers may be willing to spend more, boosting the economy. A continued daily dose of strong economic reports and earnings could spark the buying Wall Street has been waiting for, according to a Banker's market analyst at Piper Jaffray. "The market looks like it wants to rally into earnings and throughout the earnings season, and we could be back to focusing on inherent fundamentals like earnings and valuation," he said. "It's not a day-to-day micro-reactive market that jumps on each little bit of news. If that news continues to be positive, we're in good shape."

engine topped 5.65, or 0.1 percent, to 102.1257, after a 170.59 point gain the previous session. Broad stock indicators were also modestly lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.13, or 0.1 percent, at 1,108.05, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.15, or 0.4 percent, to 1,960.02. Both indexes enjoyed major gains the previous day as well. For the week, the Dow declined 26.37, or 0.2 percent, and the Nasdaq rose 19.55, or 1.0 percent, while the S&P 500 lost 1.75, or 0.2 percent. The Dow and Nasdaq halted a steep two-week decline, due mostly to Thursday's gains, while the S&P 500 had its third straight losing week. The Commerce Department report on consumer income and spending, while not entirely positive, was still good enough to support Michigan's findings.

Consumer income was up 0.4 percent in February, up from the 0.3 percent rise reported in January and slightly better than economists expected. However, consumer spending rose 0.2 percent, down from the 0.5 percent gain in January. While less than Wall Street expected, consumer spending still managed to make gains, analysts said, showing that the recent economic troubles have not stopped consumers from making purchases. "The biggest coming indicator, however, is next week's payroll report, which analysts are hoping will be better than expected. "If we get any kind of upside surprise in the jobs report, this market's really going to take off," he said. "Until then, however, the stock markets will likely remain somewhat stagnant unless another major, unexpected world event occurs."

Plagued by fighting, Tyco jury sent home

NEW YORK (AP) — The judge in the grand-reef trial of two former Tyco executives tried to declare a mistrial Friday, but the jurors go home early for the weekend after they reported that they were at each other's throats. State Justice Michael Obus did not rule out the possibility of a mistrial later, though. "We'll see what happens on Monday," he told lawyers after sending the jurors home on Day 7 of their deliberations. Outside court attorney, defense attorney Stephen Kaufman said: "What did Tyco say? It ain't over till it's over." Friday, the jurors specified in a note that they were not a hung jury. But, they said, "We firmly believe that this jury's ability to communicate and deliberate with an open mind is irreparably compromised."

L. Dennis Kozlowski, 57, and former chief financial officer of the company, was accused of stealing \$500 million from the conglomerate. They could get up to 30 years in prison if convicted of the 32 counts against them. Kozlowski's \$6,000 shower curtain and \$2 million toy party on a Mediterranean island made him a symbol of end-of-the-millennium greed and excess on Wall Street. The defense argued that the two men earned every dime and that the board of directors and the company's auditors knew about the compensation and never objected. On Thursday, the jury sent notes saying that the atmosphere in the jury room had become "poisonous," with finger-pointing and heated words. At least one juror felt persecuted, the jury said. Defense attorneys asked for a mistrial three times over the two-day trial. The judge pushed for a mistrial was no surprise, since one of the notes indicated the majority of the jury favored a conviction. "One or more jurors ... refuse to recognize the right of at least one juror to have a good faith belief that the prosecution had not proved its case," the note said.

Airlines increase their fuel surcharges by \$5

The Dallas Morning News American Airlines and United Airlines also matched the price increases Friday. But three of the top six — Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and U.S. Airways — didn't announce any surcharge increase Friday. (Low-cost carriers typically opt out of this particular fuel price increase.) Rising fuel prices have presented a major challenge for financially strapped airlines.

Continental said every dollar of increase in crude oil prices jacked up its costs by \$38 million. Higher fuel prices could bring down Continental's reported earnings by \$450 million this year, its chairman and chief executive Gordon Bethune said at the company's annual shareholder meeting on March 12. A one-penny increase in jet fuel costs per gallon would typically push up the airline's costs by \$30 million, said spokesman Tim Wagner.

The price of crude oil has increased 25 percent over the last year. Oil for May delivery gained 22 cents Friday to \$35.73 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. "Airlines are trying to keep their head above water," said Adam Pilarski, senior vice president at Avitas Inc.

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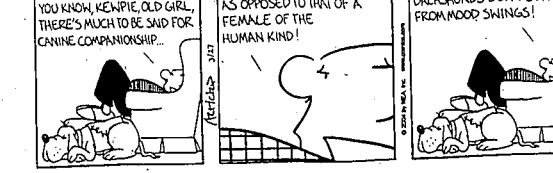
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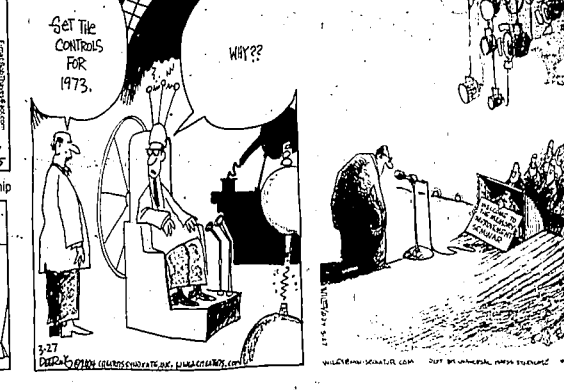


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Section E

New quest under way for the American Jesus

Jesus is the agenda. Not only in art, music, film, politics and fiction but also, as it turns out, in cultural studies. Even though the Library of Congress has approximately 17,000 books about Jesus (twice as many as the No. 2 topic, Shakespeare), scholars at finding new and interesting things to say. And not just those specialists who focus on Christian beginnings. Along with renewed quest to discover more about the historical first-century Jesus, there is a striking new interest in the various manifestations of Jesus in four centuries of American culture.



LEO SANDON

Two new books are worthy of note. The first is Stephen Prothero's *American Jesus: How the Son of God Became a National Icon* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003). The second is Richard Wightman Fox's *Jesus in America: A History* (Harper San Francisco, 2004). Harvard Divinity School theologian Harvey Cox is completing a book on contemporary images of Jesus.

Prothero, professor and chair of the religion department at Boston University, argues that the United States is a Jesus nation (though not necessarily a Christian one) because among those re-imagining Jesus have been those who are interpreting from outside the mainstream Christian box. American "free thinkers and Jews, Hindus and Buddhists ... have conspired to steal Jesus away from Christianity, freeing him up to be 'all things to all people.'" Prothero writes. He also notes that the authority of Jesus has been used not just to promote the Christian tradition but also to reform and even subvert it.

Prothero begins his account with Thomas Jefferson's attempt to recast the historical Jesus from first-century supernaturalism and to distinguish religion about Jesus from the religion of Jesus. He describes Jefferson's going "through the New Testament with surgical incision, until he had a clean text depicting Jesus as the 'enlightened sage' whose life and teachings were more to the point than any doctrine of his atoning death. He describes succeeding cultural incarnations of Jesus under the headings of "Sweet Savior," "Manly Redeemer" and "Superstar." His treatments of Jesus as Elder Brother in the Latter-day Saints community and as Black Moses in African-American religion are perhaps overdue. His account of Jesus as rabbi among American Jewish designations is informative and insightful.

Richard Fox, a University of Southern California professor, begins his discussion of the various incarnations of Jesus in American culture by analyzing the first encounters between Europeans and American Indians. His discussion of the Catholic-Protestant split in theology and piety during this period is incisive. He argues that the split constitutes "the central fault line in American incarnations of Jesus ever since the seventeenth century."

Fox's discussion of the Jesuits in New France, Franciscans in New Mexico and Puritans in New England as they seek to ensure that "the name of Jesus has been spoken" is profound. His discussion of post-Civil War Protestantism - He tells Me I Am His Own - is well done, as is his treatment of Jesus as celebrity. "For all you care this war could be Hollywood," Fox has written what is perhaps the tighter and more comprehensive study. He probes deeper. Pity that neither Prothero nor Fox published before Mel Gibson's portrayal of the Christ with Bavecheat's capacity to endure relentless torture.

Leo Sandon is distinguished teaching professor of religion and American studies at Florida State University.

THE Witch NEXT DOOR

“ Deep within the singer's soul
Something woke and stirred
Dimly he remembered
Things unseen, unheard

—Cynthia Chalmers, Le Faye

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Forget the black arts. Forget white magic. Cynthia Chalmers, Le Faye, is a pink witch - and proud of it. Chalmers plans to speak about her Wiccan religion at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship meetings in April and May. She's hoping to sweep away some misconceptions, without a broom in sight.

Take that good witch/bad witch jargon, for instance. Chalmers has heard it all. "When people find out I'm a witch, they always say, 'You're a white witch, aren't you? You only practice good magic, don't you?' Chalmers said. "Do I look black or white? Look at my skin. I'm pink - and I think that's a good color to symbolize universal love."

Chalmers doesn't look like the stereotypical witch at all. She looks more like somebody's mom. And the 58-year-old former bookkeeper/secretary lives in a nice blue and white house on a pretty Twin Falls cul-de-sac. No cauldrons. No cobwebs.

Chalmers' husband, Jon Hines, is a resident at Twin Falls Care Center. Her stepchildren are grown and scattered.

Her legal name is Cynthia Hines. "Chalmers" is her pen name. And "Le Faye," derived from "faerie," is a common Wiccan designation for a sorcerer. (Think Morgana. Le Faye, of Arthurian legend.)

To learn more:

Wicca in the Cynthian Tradition, with Cynthia Chalmers, Le Faye
WHEN: 10 a.m. April 4 and May 16 (two parts)
WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, at White's Mortuary Chapel, 712 Center Street W., Kimberly
MORE INFORMATION: 734-6552

Chalmers' sorcery is low-key, and her rituals would never make the cut in Hollywood.

Last week, for the equinox, she helped a group of 20 interested participants create a crystal portal - by turning a circle of small crystals in the dirt and focusing energy in that direction - to bring peace and healing to the earth. Another day, she performed a ritual with water, a feather, an oil lamp and incense - to balance the elements within the self.

She calls herself a pagan priestess, founder of the Cynthian Tradition of Wicca, named Cynthian because people who start Wicca sets usually attach their own names. The Nebraska-born Chalmers is the only official practitioner of "Cynthianism," because she prefers to avoid organization. Since moving from Reno, Nev., to Twin Falls eight years ago, she has practiced her religion solo: "I was initiated into Wicca at a ceremony in a coven; then I left the coven."



Wiccan high priestess Cynthia Chalmers, Le Faye, meditates with a wand in Rock Creek Park Wednesday morning in Twin Falls. Chalmers said 'most Wiccans believe we are one with nature,' and this is reflected in her practices.

She believes that all who have experienced oneness with nature - even followers of Jesus - can say they are Wiccans. Wicca is simply a connection with the divine, she contends, similar to Native American Shamanism. "Personally, I think we are all born Wiccan,"

she said. Traditionally, mainline churches have not agreed with Chalmers' concept of Wicca. Often, Christians respond by saying the difference is their Lord Jesus Christ, a dying and risen Savior who lived as an actual historical person in a real time and place. And Catholics

are strictly forbidden to practice magic or divination, even for good purposes. Some churches are more tolerant than others. According to its Web site, Iowa's Landover Baptist Church leads a movement against Wicca by placing moles in covens, chat rooms and

Wiccans - What they believe

1. Wicca, commonly referred to as "witchcraft," is a pagan religion containing traditions from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. New pagans, which include Wiccans, Druids, Shamans and Polytheists, practice earth religions of pre-Christian inspiration. There are approximately 200,000 pagans in the United States.
2. The religion is open to private interpretation and practice by the individual.
3. Two common precepts are that one must find the gods within and that everything one does in spell or ritual will come back to that person sevenfold. Cynthian Wiccans worship "the divine force that is inherent in all things, including ourselves, be it known as god, goddess, great spirit, all-soul or universal consciousness."
4. The only animosity Wiccans bear toward Christianity, or any other religion or life philosophy, is to the extent that its institutions have claimed to be the only way and have sought to deny freedom to others, and to suppress other ways of religious practice and belief. Pagans do not proselytize.
5. Fear of malevolent Satan-worshippers kindled the early modern witch-hunts. But Wiccans do not accept the concept of absolute evil, nor do they acknowledge any entity known as Satan or the Devil, as defined by Christian tradition.

—Source: formerly.com; religious.tourism.com; Crisis: Politics, Culture and the Church; Cynthia Chalmers, Le Faye

Church congregations embrace fair-trade coffee, other goods

By Carlyle Murphy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Sipping the right kind of coffee is now a sign of conscience for the Quakers who meet in North-west Washington, the congregants of Fairfax, Va., Presbyterian Church and the members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel, Md. In recent months, these faith communities all decided to take a small step for global justice by altering their social functions by serving only "fair-trade" coffee - coffee purchased from growers, mostly small farmers in developing countries, at a price calculated to help them work themselves out of poverty.

With concerns growing about globalized trade, faith groups across the country are creating a conscience for the work of artisans from around the world. Each fall, the Flor Memorial Church here in the Magic Valley sells Ten Thousand Villages crafts at its International Gift Sale.

world market's prevailing price. Rose Benz Ericson, a fair-trade activist in Rochester, N.Y., has noticed the increased interest of faith groups in recent years, especially since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. As "global forces move us to a more dangerous place, we can feel very helpless," Ericson said. "Fair trade is an audiate because we can each, individually and easily, contribute to global understanding (and support) of other cultures."



Katryna Gould of Washington D.C. shops at the Bethesda, Md., store of Ten Thousand Villages, a pioneer in fair-trade goods. It sells the work of artisans from around the world. Each fall, the Flor Memorial Church here in the Magic Valley sells Ten Thousand Villages crafts at its International Gift Sale.

Erbin Crowell, interfaith program director at Equal Exchange, said that company began reaching out to faith groups in 1996 in a pilot project with Baltimore-based Lutheran World Relief, the development and aid arm of several Lutheran denominations. Today, Equal Exchange has nine denominations. A 10th, the United Church of Christ, is to start participating by the end of this month.

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WHEN ONE RELIGION DOESN'T FIT,

Some choose interfaith spirituality

By Susan Hogan-Albach
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - She's been Christian, Hindu, Unitarian and more. Now, instead of following a single religion, Rene Shepley-Ragan embraces them all.

She calls her path "interfaith spirituality," an identification she shares with a small but emerging group of Americans. They customize their spirituality by picking and choosing practices from the world's religions - often without any particular attachment to doctrine.

Some pray to Allah and to Jesus. Chant like Shant and meditate like Buddhists. Others light Jewish menorahs and perform Native American sage rituals. Major holidays of most religions, from Passover to Christmas.

At least three interfaith seminars now operate in the New York City area alone. They teach the tenets of the world's reli-

gions and how to perform spiritual rituals, from Christian baptisms to Jewish weddings to New Age energy healings.

Followers call it "an integrative approach." They downplay the differences among religions to focus on common threads such as love and mercy. It's inconsequential to them, for example, that Christians teach

that Jesus was the Messiah, Muslims say he was a prophet and Jews say he was neither.

"In effect, it's a new religion," said John Lamoreaux, who teaches at Southern Methodist University. "There's Buddhism, and there's also Barnes & Noble Buddhism. A person can pick and choose from the world's tradition to create a spirituality that has little connection with historical reality."

New York's New Seminary says it has graduated more than 2,000 interfaith ministers since Please see SPIRITUALITY, Page E2

RELIGION

St. Edward aims to raise \$7.9 M

TWIN FALLS - The St. Edward the Confessor Capital "Building Together the Family of God Campaign" is under way with a goal of \$7.9 million. This is the cost of building the new St. Edward's church and school complex...

Local church news

Emily Dadds, 17, is a senior at Twin Falls High School where she is in Chamber Singers and JIVE. She was in All-Northwest Choir and is a State Vocal Solo finalist...

Bestock Family will perform at Burley center

BURLEY - The Bestock Family will perform a concert, open to the public, at 10 a.m. Sunday at Burley Christian Center and at 6 p.m. Sunday at Rupert First Assembly of God.

Rev. Van Nest will speak at Hollister Presbyterian

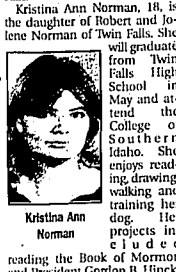
HOLLISTER - The Rev. Robert Van Nest will speak on "Acts of the Apostles" at 11 a.m. Sunday at Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

Choir will perform at Rock Creek Community

TWIN FALLS - The Rock Creek Community Choir will perform Sunday and Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "The Miracle Mile" at Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Granite Drive.

Jews for Jesus presents show at three churches

Jews for Jesus will present "Christ in the Passover," explaining the traditional Seder or Passover meal, at three area churches. Admission is free, and the public is invited.



Kristina Ann Norman

Reverend will speak on wisdom of Nasrudin

KIMBERLY - The Rev. Roger Otis Kahrt will speak on "The Mulla Nasrudin Meets Carl Jung" at Magic Valley's Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly Chapel of White Mortuary, 712 Center St. W.

Daybreak Trio will perform at gospel optry

TWIN FALLS - Daybreak Trio will perform at the Magic Valley Gospel Optry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 Locust St. N.

T.F. young women earn recognition awards

TWIN FALLS - Three young women in the Twin Falls LDS 15th Ward have earned Young Womanhood Recognition awards, which will be presented Sunday.

LDS missionaries - and war

Volunteers must be free of military obligations

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - What happens during war times when Mormons serving missions are also in the Army National Guard? Dr. Brad Hobbs, Twin Falls Idaho State President for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said the missionaries must be free of that obligation during their two-year missions.

After-school program holds registration

TWIN FALLS - "Faith Weaver Friends," an after-school program for children in first through sixth grades, is being held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the gym at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

LDS conference will be held April 3-4 in SLC

SALT LAKE CITY - The 174th Annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is set for April 3-4 at the Conference Center. Sessions are set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.

Evangelist will speak at Calgary Assembly

WHEEL - Evangelist Bill Buxday will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a "Jesus Christ and Miracles" at the Calgary Assembly of God in Popular and Fruitland. The event features old-fashioned singing, preaching, teaching, worship and nightly prayers for the sick.

Michael Otterson, director of LDS Media Relations in Salt Lake City, said for missionaries to be in active service, it's not an issue if they are on a mission.

"But if they were on a mission and they did have an obligation of deployment, then that would take priority and they would come home to serve that obligation," he said.

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And Catholic Relief Services, which provides emergency relief and development aid around the world, joined forces in November with Free Trade Exchange to promote fair-trade coffee.

Coffee is not the only fair-trade product attracting global groups' attention. SEHRV International, begun in 1949, partners with 27 denominations to sell fair-trade crafts from around the world.

The conference will be broadcast via the church's satellite system and can be viewed at any LDS Church with satellite equipment. It also will air locally on cable Channel 5 TV.

Spirituality

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It's founding by a priest, a rabbi, a minister and a swami in 1981. Some are hospital chaplains. Others lead the 100 new interfaith congregations that have sprung up nationally.

Missionary

Kern and Tara Peterson of Burley.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries published free. Send to Ellen Thurston, The Times-News, P.O. 83303, or Treva Tegan, The Times-News Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Witch

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Fansled, the local fellowship's publicist. "This is an opportunity for members to get to know their congregation and other curious people to hear more about a spiritual practice that few of us really understand."

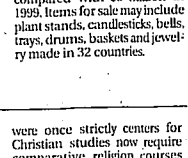
Chalmers thinks witches benefited from a spell of good PR when people were introduced to the good with the "Wizard of Oz" and when TV series "Bewitched" portrayed some witches as nice people.

Public outcry over portraits

Parishioners want photos of molester bishop removed from walls

By Duncan Mansfield The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Two years after the resignation of a Roman Catholic bishop in a sexual misconduct scandal, one of his former dioceses is still struggling with whether to remember him or take his photo out of church-owned buildings.



Principal Aurella Montgomery stands below a photograph of former Bishop Anthony J. O'Connell, upper right, that hangs with images of other clergy in a hallway at Knoxville's Holy Catholic High School.

While officials in the Knoxville Diocese say removing all traces of the Rev. Anthony J. O'Connell would be historically dishonest, other Catholics are outraged at the idea of giving him a place of honor.

Church leaders in this eastern Tennessee diocese of 51,000 "have not really bothered to take to the Catholic people. Wait a minute, this man molested children," said Susan Vance.

A former nun and teacher, Vance is working with two other women to have all images of O'Connell removed from church property, including a portrait at Knoxville Catholic High School.

made a stained glass window to erase a priest's name. O'Connell, now 65, became Knoxville's founding bishop in 1981. In 1993, he became bishop of Palm Beach, Fla. But in March 2002, he resigned after acknowledging he sexually abused a former student through the pretext of "experiential" counseling while rector in the 1970s at the now-closed St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Hirambl, Mo. He has been sued in two lawsuits suggesting at least four victims.

He could not be located for comment and his Chicago-based attorney did not return calls.

MAGIC VALLEY GOSPEL OPTRY presents DAYBREAK Saturday, March 27 • 7 p.m. Rev. Dan Duncan Dave & Bev Bennett David & Lawnie Kay Bolster Rachel Williams Darin Gere Caleb Collins The Gospel Optry Band No admission charge • Community invited First Assembly of God 189 Locust St. N. Twin Falls

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RELIGION

Spiritual directors help faithful

Leaders give guidance to assist in strengthening relationship with God

By Toni Weingarten The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Cell phones, pagers, e-mail, television and other distractions sometimes make it hard to pray or hear God's answer. Worship leaders are often too busy with administrative duties to help individuals deepen their personal connections to the holy. So some people are turning to spiritual directors to help them strengthen their relationship with God.

Spiritual directors hold other jobs and see only a few clients who usually pay a fee on a sliding scale. Unlike therapists, spiritual directors are not licensed, nor is their training standardized throughout the country.

In selecting a director, Liz Budd, 51, a woman, the head of Spiritual Directors International, recommends interviewing at least three candidates and asking some key questions:

- What is the person's training?
• To what spiritual tradition/faith do they belong?
• To what ethical guidelines do they adhere to?

Are they in spiritual direction themselves, and what kind of personal prayer life do they have?
Spiritual direction has existed in various

forms throughout the Christian tradition. There were 4th-century monks and nuns who guided medieval convent dwellers. In the 16th century, St. Ignatius wrote his "Spiritual Exercises," which became the basis of direction as offered within the Jesuit community. With Vatican II, the Catholic Church opened more involvement to lay people, including spiritual direction.

In 1989, 400 spiritual directors meeting in Burlingame, Calif., formed Spiritual Directors International. Today, based in Bellevue, Wash., the group has about 4,000 American members, almost 700 more worldwide, and lists about 200 training or retreat centers in 41 states.

The surge of interest in spiritual direction may seem dramatic, until seen in historical context, according to the Rev. Frederick Schmidt, of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. "One could rightly argue that the high level of religious affiliation of the 1950s and '60s was in some respects an anomaly in American history."

So what is spiritual direction? "It isn't about having visions or unusual phenomena," said Sister Thomas Bernard, the arch-

diochess of Los Angeles' Spirituality Center-north the Spiritual Growth Center, on the campus of Mount St. Mary's College. In the center's three-year program, about 25 students meet monthly for lectures on prayer, listening skills, spirituality and sexuality, multiculturalism and other topics.

Sam Magill, a Seattle executive coach, sought spiritual direction after feeling something lacking in his life.

"There's only so much of our meaning in life that can be directly satisfied by a job," said Magill. "The whole meaning question loomed larger and larger."

As a Magill began meeting for an hour each month with a spiritual director, a fellow Episcopalian. After a year, he said, he began to see how his faith could influence the way he did - and felt about - his coaching job: "I found myself serving and attending to other people's souls in the context of their work."

Sister Thomas says it isn't enough to be aware of God's presence - standing in line at the market, buying gas or interacting with family and co-workers. She says we must also reflect on such moments, and a spiritual companion can provide an extra ear, and soul, with which to discern these moments' import.

Leader hopes to avoid controversy

Head of Community of Christ aims to have productive debate on homosexuality in priesthood at conference

By Steve Brelsindene The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. - Say the words "church" and "homosexuality" in the same sentence, and all sorts of other words immediately come to mind. "Contentious." "Controversial." Perhaps even "schism."

If the head of the Community of Christ can avoid those problems by putting the topic on the back burner, he will. But first he has to see what 2,800 church delegates from around the world think of an idea to ban from the church's "priesthood" anyone actively involved in a homosexual relationship. The matter will be discussed when the delegates gather for the church's biennial World Conference - Saturday through April 4.

The cultural backlash we're seeing makes it more and more difficult to deal with this issue in the manner that I'd like to deal with it, and that is in the spirit of dialogue and learning and withholding decisions until we have a better understanding of the issue as it affects the life of the church," First President W. Grant McMurray said.

The Community of Christ broke with the Mormon church in 1860 and was known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints until 2001. All male and female church members are eligible for the priesthood, but church policy prohibits the ordination of gays and lesbians who are active in same-sex relationships. The church listed homosexuality among "sexual perversions" in a 1981 document. But a 1982 statement by the church's Standing High Council differentiates between homosexual orientation and homosexual practice.

McMurray on the issue of where he stands on his own ordaining practicing gays and lesbians. "We have to work that out together," he said. "We feel it is important for churches to address this issue, but we'd

rather not be driven by what's happening in the culture."

But an expert on churches that trace their history to Mormon church founder Joseph Smith Jr. said it's almost impossible for churches to operate independently of the larger culture.

"There has always been a clear and definite connection between church and culture, with some rejecting the culture and some embracing it," said Jan Shippy, president-elect of the John Whitmer Historical Association, which studies the history of the Community of Christ and other groups who didn't go west with the main body of Mormons in the mid-1800s.

The Episcopal Church, USA, and the worldwide Anglican Communion have been dealing with the fallout from the elevation of V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay man, to a bishop's post in New Hampshire. Some conservative congregations in the United States have cut contributions to the denomination's headquarters, and several national Anglican churches abroad - particularly in Africa - have cut ties with the American branch.

Last week in Washington state, a church jury acquitted a United Methodist pastor, the Rev. Karen Dammann, of a charge that she violated church law by living openly in a lesbian relationship.

With 250,000 members in 50 countries, the Community of Christ is far smaller than those denominations. Still, Shippy said, McMurray's cautious approach makes sense.

"In its social action, in its way of functioning in the world of 'American Christianity' the Community of Christ is much closer to the mainline than is the church in Salt Lake City," she said. "And this approach is more or less the standard approach for mainline Protestants. If you don't act, it leaves you time for serious reflection on an issue."

U.S. Muslims form anti-alcohol alliance

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) - American followers of Islam, which forbids all consumption of alcohol, are working with a veteran, Christian-based temperance group to fight against drinking.

The Islamic Society of North America, representing 300 Islamic organizations, last year joined the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, forming a partnership with 14 Christian groups. At the council's annual meeting in Plainfield, the Rev. Allen Rice of the Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems said "getting the attention of millions of Muslims in America is a powerful boost for us."

The council meeting issued 10 resolutions, including a call for reduction of alcohol in medications and opposition to TV ads that promote alcohol consumption by youths.

Methodist bishop finds change in Cuba

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - A United Methodist bishop has recently returned from a visit to Cuba said he saw proof that the communist government of Fidel Castro was easing restrictions on

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churches. Bishop Robert E. Fanning of North Alabama witnessed a mass baptism of 200 people while attending the Methodist Evangelism Leadership Summit in Havana. Cuban leaders were "very open to us, very appreciative of what we do in Cuba," said Fanning, vice chairman of the evangelism division of the World Methodist Council.

While Cuba became officially atheist in the years after the 1959 revolution that brought Castro to power, the government removed references to atheism in the constitution more than a decade ago and allowed religious believers to join the Communist Party. Castro's government had seized control of all church property when it took power, but the government has returned some Methodist holdings in recent years.

70-year-old widower gets ordained to priesthood

MASSILLON, Ohio (AP) - A 70-year-old widower with 10 children and nearly two dozen grandchildren has started a new career as a

Roman Catholic priest. Samuel Leonard was ordained last week in the Diocese of Youngstown. He will work in New Bedford, Mass., where his religious order, the Institute of the Incarnate Word, runs St. Kilian Church. He had considered entering the priesthood as a young man, but he fell in love and got married.

When his wife died, in 1998, he once again thought about becoming a priest, but thought the church would consider him too old to be a candidate. A friend told him about the religious order, which works out of Chevy Chase, Md., and they welcomed him despite his age.

Orthodox Confab leader plans visit

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Eastern Orthodox Christians has announced plans for an interfaith conference and endorsed a proposed U.N. resolution that would condemn anti-Semitism.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, during his visit to the United States, met March 15 with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Bartholomew told Annan the interfaith conference

would involve Christians, Muslims and Jews, and would be held next fall in Istanbul, Turkey, where the patriarch is based.

Bartholomew, who directly oversees ethnic Greek churches in the United States and several other countries, also met with leaders of the World Jewish Congress. The patriarch condemned religious fanaticism, terrorism and anti-Semitism and endorsed a proposed U.N. resolution to condemn anti-Semitism, said Eran Steinberg of the Jewish organization.

Belarusian Protestants appeal for change in law

MINSK, Belarus (AP) - Four Protestant churches in Belarus are asking the constitutional court of the former Soviet republic to repeal a law that forbids religious groups from worshipping in private homes. "The law has limited citizens' religious rights, it has set obstacles to activities of legally registered organizations and it imposed restrictions on religious freedoms," a statement from the churches said. Protestants have been harassed "simply because they study the Bible at home with their friends."



Diabetic surprise Sometimes, kids find they are Type 1 diabetes the hard way. Monday in The Times-News.

RELIGION IN MEDIA

The Dallas Morning News

CD "Volume & Density" Duvall (46 minutes, Asian Man Records)

With the exception of one song, Duvall's "Volume & Density" might be the least "Christian" Christian-rock record ever. But Duvall hails from a whole different world. Two members come from the Smoking Popes, a '90s power-pop band that managed to land songs on the "Clash" and "Tommy Boy" soundtracks before breaking up in 1998.

Duvall debuted three years later, named for actor Robert Duvall (an ode to singer-guitarist Josh Caterer's favorite film, "The Apostle"). "Volume & Density" is Duvall's first full CD, and it's a revelation. The essence of the Popes' sound remains - gorgeous, aggressive rock fronted by Caterer's disarmingly romantic vocals, with lyrics simple, honest and spirit-filled. Since Duvall isn't marketed as a Christian band, the CD might not be available at the usual outlets. But it's more than worth the search. -Michael E. Young

LETTER

When reading an article consider the author

If you had any questions about Larry B. Stammer's article on the "Passion," you need only to look who he works for - The Los Angeles Times. He says, "It's important to note that the gospel writers themselves are not believed to have been witnesses to the greatest story ever told." That's hogwash. Jesus spoke to John from the cross, so John was there. He says, "The Bible doesn't identify Jesus, tormentor as a priest." In Matthew 27:41 (NIV), it identifies some priests as his tormentors. There are other problems in Stammer's article.

I wouldn't consider Stammer as a wellspring of spiritual knowledge. I'd stick to the Bible. He is just another example of anti-Christian writers that abound today. KEN KUHLMAN Burley The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less. Include signature, address and phone number. Letters considered if below obscene or if bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

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LEARNING THE WAY

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Young women from Mini-Cassia high schools join for orientation of the 2004 America's Junior Miss program...

Breast cancer research group hosts fund-raisers

KETCHUM — The Expedition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research will host three fund-raising "adventures" for the summer season...

Mini-Cassia captain's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Heyburn Elementary School...

Cromble, "No Graves as Yet: A Novel of World War I" by Anne Perry...

The Expedition Inspiration Fund was founded in 1993 by breast cancer survivor and climber, Laura Evans...

For more information on the Mini-Cassia Relay for Life or other activities...

Basque association serves dinner for event

GOODING — The Gooding Basque Association will hold its monthly dinner from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center...

Hansen library places new books on shelves

HANSEN — The Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple W., recently placed several new books on its shelves...

M-C Relay For Life holds meeting, need teams

HEYBURN — The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Heyburn will hold a meeting...

Church Relay for Life team holds potato bar

RUPERT — The Grace Community Church Relay for Life team, which raises money for the American Cancer Society...

UI awards Presidential Scholarships

MOSCOW — More than 1,200 high school seniors and new transfer students from other colleges have received offers ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 in Presidential Scholarships at the University of Idaho...

Jorie D. Schorzman, Patten Erik Van and Michelle L. Viola. Burley: Linsey K. Abo, Casey J. Campbell, Kirsten E. Cummings and Teresa Moosman...

Derek C. Jansson, Benjamin R. Marshall, Megan E. Marshall and James S. Walker. Ketchum: Nathan L. Clark, Kimberly, Kelsey M. Bond...

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Electric wheelchair — Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of an electric wheelchair for a woman suffering from Multiple Sclerosis...

volunteers to be with patients or caregivers in the Rupert and Twin Falls offices. Volunteers for clerical duties are also needed in the Twin Falls office...

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

UI offers scholarships to Idaho's top seniors — Katie M. Gunderson of Heyburn and Amanda J. Howar of Twin Falls will be offered scholar awards from the University of Idaho...

During the tournament, the team took first place in its division. Members of the debate team include: Burley — Pete Delis, Mountain Home — Chester Anglin, John Davis, Fayette and Araceli Gomez...

Wood River Middle School students make honor roll — Miranda Williams, Shyls Williams and Britt Willows-Munn. Seventh grade: Kylie Anderson, Piper Andrews, Devan Anton, Betty Ayllon...

Jerome makes the effort in Boise

By Kevin Otzenberger Special to The Times-News BOISE — While the Jerome High School Academic Decathlon team wasn't quite able to advance through nationals this year, the competition was still a notable success for the whole of the group...



The Jerome High School Academic Decathlon team.

arship, sponsored by Affiliated Computer Services. "Competition was tough, but our students raised their scores in the testing areas of languages, lit, math, art, etc."

The theme will be "Exploring the Ancient World." The super quiz will be based on astronomy, language/literature will be focused on those subjects...

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Albertson debate team takes Championship

The Albertson College debate team has won its fifth Northwest Conference Division II Championship in as many years...

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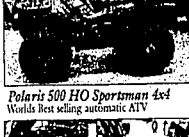
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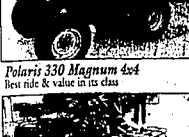
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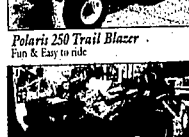
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