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Bomb kills Rupert soldier

Soldiers slain
Five U.S. troops, including Pfc. Cleston C. Raney of Rupert, died when a bomb exploded under their vehicle in Habbaniyah, Iraq.

Bomb kills five soldiers

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

Family hopes for 'drastic changes' so no more die
The Times-News and The Associated Press

RUPERT—The family of a Rupert soldier killed in Iraq this week reacted Friday with a mixture of sadness, pride and anger. Folks in his hometown, even those who didn't know him, voiced some of the same sentiments upon hearing about the death of U.S. Army Pfc. Cleston C. Raney.

What a terrible waste that this young man's life is gone," said Judy Wright of Rupert. "I support the war, but how sad it is that he is gone. I feel bad for his family. I feel bad for our country for losing him, and I feel bad for the Iraqis for having to put up with this mess."

Raney, 26, and four other soldiers from the Army's 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan., were in Habbaniyah, Iraq, when a bomb exploded Wednesday under their M-113, an armored personnel carrier. It was the deadliest day for the Army base, which has lost 35 soldiers since the war began.

Raney, a 2001 Burley High School graduate, was remembered by teachers as quiet and shy. Acting Principal Jeff Harrah said:

Raney's family said that when he decided to join the military, they tried to get him to reconsider or at least postpone his enlistment.

"But once we realized the strength of his convictions, the family put our own fears on the

back burner to support his sense of purpose" and "overwhelming need to make a difference 100 percent," they said in a statement released Friday morning through the Idaho National Guard.

Immediate family members did not release their names and said they would not accept interviews. Raney's aunt, Gloria Trivitt of Rupert, released the statement on their behalf.

"Ours is a time of mixed emotions. First and foremost, pride. Always pride for our boy's courage, honor and a belief in a level of duty we may never comprehend," the family said.

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Students involved in extracurricular activities at Jerome High School are subject to random drug tests, including baseball pitcher Andrew Adley, right, Preston Hills, center, and Jed Seamons, who are watching a deeply hit ball during a recent game. Some supporters of student drug testing want to reward any student who has clean test results with college scholarship money.

Drug-test scholarship advocates regroup

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—About half of the student body at Twin Falls High School is subject to random drug testing.

That's because anyone involved in an extracurricular activity at TFHS is required to submit to the testing. That amounts to 700 students out of the 1,442 enrolled. Once a week 10 out of those 700 get pulled out of class to produce urine samples.

Twin Falls is one of 12 high schools statewide that require all students involved in all extracurriculars to sign onto a drug testing program. Those activities include classes such as debate, band and choir, in addition to athletics and after-school clubs. Six of those 12 school districts with such comprehensive programs are from Magic Valley, also including Jerome, Murtaugh, Buhl, Hagerman and Gooding.

Twenty-seven of Idaho's 114 school districts require testing of athletes.

John Hathaway, director of the regional Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office in Twin Falls, has an idea encouraging more schools throughout the state to do drug testing. He wants to see state scholarships awarded to students who have proven records of passing drug tests through high school.

"I'd like to see every school have an effective program that controls the drugs in their schools," Hathaway said.

Hathaway worked with Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, to propose legislation during the 2004 Legislature that would have offered up to \$1,000 in state money for college for each student passing drug tests.

Students would have had to maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester along with submitting to the drug testing. They would have to prove they had abstained from tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Some state colleges and universities, including the College of Southern Idaho, offered to match the \$1,000.

The bill passed the House in a 62-5 vote near the end of the session.

But though there was virtually no debate on the House floor

over the bill, Block could not get a hearing in the Senate Education Committee.

Never mind, both Block and Hathaway say. The bill will be back next year.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, chairman of the education committee, gave a number of reasons for the lack of attention to the last-minute bill. For one, the University of Idaho and Boise State University did not back the legislation. One reason is there could be a problem in keeping track of the students, Schroeder noted. Once at the college level, students would no longer have to produce urine samples, but if they received a conviction for underage drinking or for drug use,

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Jobs surge by 308,000 in March

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—After months of dismal job growth, the nation's employers dusted off their help-wanted signs in March and added workers at the quickest pace in four years, swelling payrolls by 308,000.

Even so, the unemployment rate inched up a tenth of a point to 5.7 percent as more people were encouraged to start looking for work again but failed to find jobs.

The Labor Department said Friday.

On Wall Street, investors pushed stocks higher after release of the report, which showed widespread hiring in industries across the economy. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 97 points for the day to 10,470.53. The Nasdaq added 42 points to close at 2,057.17.

President Bush, whose re-election could depend in large part on the strength of the jobs market, quickly embraced the new figures.

"The policies are working,"

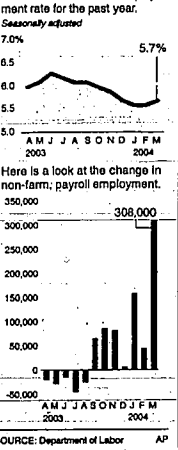


President Bush discusses jobs and the economy Friday at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center in Huntington, W.Va.

Bush said on his seventh visit to West Virginia, a battleground state he hopes to win again in November's election. He was there promoting his "Jobs for the 21st Century" training program.

Folks consistently show that jobs and the economy are the top concerns for voters, and a majority favor Democrat John Kerry on those issues.

Unemployment



Governor signs smoke ban

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE—Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Friday signed a bill banning smoking in nearly all buildings open to the public.

In completed action on the 394 bills approved during the legislative session, the governor also vetoed two tax breaks for alternative energy production that some said would have helped Magic Valley dairymen build anaerobic manure digesters.

And as expected, Kempthorne vetoed a measure pushed by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, to force special branding and radio-frequency tags on Canadian cattle.

The governor embraced without question the ban on smoking in most places with public access. Restaurants, retail stores, sports facilities, child care centers and other places will join government buildings as smoke-free beginning July 1.

"There has been much discussion this legislative session about the implications of this legislation on personal freedoms and private property," Kempthorne said in a letter to lawmakers.

He said the new law "maintains the delicate balance between the necessity of govern-

ment to protect the health of the non-smoking public and children and those businesses that believe that accommodation for smokers is an appropriate part of their economic livelihood."

Critics claim it will impose a significant economic hardship on many bar-restauration operations because it requires separate entrances and air-filtering systems for the bar if smoking is permitted.

But Kempthorne rejected that argument, maintaining that many businesses have voluntarily already gone smokeless, reflecting consumer desires in a free market.

The tax break vetoed, among six issued by Kempthorne on Friday, appeared to contradict the incentive package for economic development he put together this year. It included continuation of several similar multi-million-dollar tax breaks for business as well as a labor-backed tax credit for creating new jobs that at least match the current state wage and include benefits.

Kempthorne, a champion of tax breaks for business since he

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Other options?

Members of the city's Urban Renewal Agency will meet with Twin Falls County commissioners Monday to discuss ideas for finding space for county offices.

The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. inside the Twin Falls City Hall conference room at 321 Second Ave. E.

T.F. County building buy falls through

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It looks like county commissioners are back to square one in finding a place to consolidate and expand county offices.

First Federal Savings and Loan wouldn't negotiate on its requirement that the county seek judicial confirmation before going through with a \$3.1 million loan to buy the former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Avenue.

The bank wants judicial review. Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff said Friday. "As we had in our motion, we did not want to go to judicial review, so I think things might fall through."

Commissioners in January signed an agreement with Utah-based Stock Building Supply West on the purchase of the 1.5-acre Anderson Lumber building and property located on Eastland Avenue. The commissioners wanted to move county government offices there. Stock Building Supply West had agreed to shave \$1.8 million off the county's purchase of the \$5 million property, and commissioners expected the final cost would be between \$3.1 million and \$3.2 million. But the agreement was contingent on the county securing a "lease-to-buy" loan.

First Federal wanted the county to seek judicial confirmation that the purchase is an

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Periods of clouds and very mild temperatures. Highs in the middle 60s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, calm and mild. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny, breezy at times and warm. Highs near 70.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Mild temperatures, clouds and showers are expected over the next few days. Even a thunderstorm is not out of the question. Snow will only remain to the highest peaks.

BOISE - Periods of clouds and warm temperatures are expected through the weekend. There will be a chance for showers and thunderstorms at times, especially during the afternoon hours.
NORTHERN UTAH - Cloudy and overcast weather is expected over the next several days. Temperatures will be seasonably mild.

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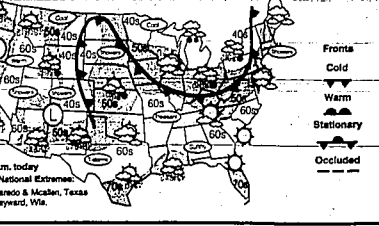
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Soldier

Continued from A1. Family members said they were angry at the situation and knew they would never get acceptable answers, but mostly felt sorrow over Raney's death.
'It has left a deep heartache that makes it difficult to swallow or even breathe. Cleston was a quiet, respectful young man not yet old enough to buy his first beer or to put a coin in his first slot machine if that would have been his inclination, yet he was old enough to vote and to give his life for the numerous freedoms each of us as Americans take for granted each day,' they said.

one who carried the hopes of his generation," Kemphorne said in a prepared statement. "Cleston is the only one I believed in, and he died in pursuit of freedom not only for Iraqi citizens, but for every American."
Bob Cameron of Rupert, who served in the Army National Guard for 23 years, said he regrets the American servicemen and women in Iraq as heroes.
'They are fighting to preserve our freedom," Cameron said. "This is not an ordinary thing these men and women are doing. They set a tremendous example."
He offered his condolences to the family.
'It's a tragic loss," he said. "I know he will be missed by his family."
But having been in the service, he said he understands the reasons.
'Thats why we join - to protect our country," Cameron said. "This young man was over there doing his duty."
In addition, he said they hope for an end-to-American soldier deaths.
'Our hope now in the wake of our pain and devastation is that some drastic changes come soon so that not even one more American family have to experience the loss and desperate sadness that Cleston's untimely death has left with us. Our lives are forever changed," they said.

The Defense Department identified the other four soldiers as 1st Lt. Doyle M. Hufschler, 25, of Aberdeen, Wash.; Spc. Sean R. Mitchell, 24, of Youngsville, Pa.; Spc. Michael G. Karr Jr., 23, of San Antonio, Texas; and Pvt. Brandon L. Davis, 20, of Cumberland, Md.
A letter from members of the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division.

Scholarship

Continued from A1. they would lose whatever money was not yet spent.
Twin Falls High School student Archie Walker said, the bill came to him during the last three days of the session after he had already been instructed by Senate leadership to shut down the committee.
Walker said he arrived in the Senate just as the session's toughest political wrangling had begun. The House wouldn't pass charter school legislation put forth by the Senate ed committee, so he arrived in the Senate just as the session's toughest political wrangling had begun.
'Interestingly, one of Magic Valley's most legendary crusaders against addiction, Archie Walker, is against the legislation. Walker, who started the Walker Center - an addiction treatment center in Gooding - said he is in favor of drug testing only if done in a high school is drug tested.
'Drug testing as it now occurs is discrimination," Walker said.
In addition, Walker said he doesn't like the idea of paying people to behave as they should.
'Pretty soon they will come to expect it," Walker said.
Twin Falls High School student Bobby McKeever agrees with Walker about the scholarship angle to getting kids to abstain.
'So they're bribing us now," McKeever said.
Christopher Steen, a 17-year-old junior, said "I'm in band, and I think it's a good thing." He said it helps it purifies out of the school. He said he noticed a few people drop out of band when the drug testing started.

Schools that test for drugs

- Idaho school districts with random drug testing for only students in athletics: Plummer/Worley, Blackfoot, Shelley, Horseshoe Bend, Bonanza, Parma, Preston, Fremont, Bliss, Grangeville, Lapwai, Fullerton, Kimberly, Hansen, Castelford, Cascade.
Schools with random drug testing for students in all extracurricular activities: Bear Lake, Burley, Idaho Falls, Hagerman, Jerome, Madision, Homedale, Twin Falls, Buhl, Murtiough, Cascade.
Kids and drugs: Average age kids start drinking in Idaho: 12.9; High-graduates who report having drunk alcohol: 63 percent.
High schoolers who report binge drinking five or more times in one sitting in last 30 days: one in three.
Teen smokers are three times more likely to use alcohol, eight times more likely to use marijuana, 22 times more likely to use cocaine.
Teens hooked after using methamphetamine three times: 95 percent.
Teens smoking marijuana in the eight-county Magic Valley region: one in five.
Amount of money spent in Idaho, each day, in corrections: \$487,000.
Increased youth and adults in corrections system involved with drugs and alcohol: 85 percent.
Children in foster care in Idaho: 1,200, with 85 percent of the cases drug or alcohol-related.
Source: John Hathaway, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Smoking

Continued from A1. took office in 1999, said the state simply could not afford the price tag - \$4 million in the coming year and \$6 million a year after that.
'With the challenges the state will have in funding basic public services over the course of the next two years, and despite the laudable purpose intended to be served by these separate pieces of legislation, we simply cannot afford this additional incentive at the current time," Kemphorne wrote in his veto message.
The House Agriculture Committee Chairman Doug Jones of, Filer said the vetoes were "unfortunate, because they would have been the final pieces needed to make anaerobic digesters financially feasible."
Anaerobic digesters use animal waste to produce methane gas, which is burned to drive electrical generators.
'It would have resolved a variety of issues, including dairy odors and electricity generation," Jones said.
One bill provided tax credits of up to 6 percent for the cost of a power generating project meeting nonpolluting standards. The other offered a tax credit of a half-cent per kilowatt hour on the electricity eventually generated.
Skeptics warned that the laws were not drawn tightly enough to prevent state subsidies for huge new hydroelectric projects that would severely disrupt the river ecology.
And even supporters recognized the severe economic problems facing the state after the election.
Kemphorne had earlier approved legislation making permanent the investment tax credits on research and development.

ment work and extension of broadband communications technology.
He has also signed legislation rewarding employers for new jobs paying at least \$15.50 an hour and offers access to health insurance and full deductibility of the annual premiums for long-term health care insurance. Up to this year, only half the premium could be deducted.
Newcomb expected Kemphorne's veto of the Canadian cattle ID bill, which resulted from the Washington state dairy cow found to have spongiform encephalopathy, a mad cow disease, in December. Newcomb reasoned that if all Canadian cows had a "C" brand on the neck and radio-frequency tags in their ears identifying where they had been born, future investigations would be easier to conduct.
Kemphorne wrote that he appreciated the intent of the measure, but it was too much too soon.
'Imposing these requirements on imported cattle from Canada, when it appears that our livestock producers might not be able to meet similar standards here at home, premature in light of federal efforts to address health concerns already under way," the governor wrote.

Building
Continued from A1. Ordinary and necessary" expense.
Is it possible the bank will change its mind?
'It's probably not likely," said Jason Meyerhoeffer of First Federal. "It's very central to the whole thing."
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CORRECTIONS

Jerome sheriff Jim Weaver is 63 years old
Sundays newspaper gave the incorrect age for Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver. He is 63.
The Times-News regrets the error.

FBI warns of bus, train plots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trains and buses in major U.S. cities may be targeted this summer by terrorists using bombs hidden in bags or luggage, federal counterterrorism officials have told law enforcement and transportation officials in a nationwide bulletin.

FBI and Homeland Security Department officials said they had received uncorroborated intelligence reports about a plot by extremists to target commercial transportation systems. The bulletin, issued late Thursday, mentioned no specific cities or dates and did not elaborate on the source of the information.

A senior federal law enforcement official, speaking Friday on condition of anonymity, said the intelligence, coupled with the deadly March 11 commuter train attacks in Madrid in which bombs went off inside backpacks, has increased the level of wariness about a similar attack in the United States.

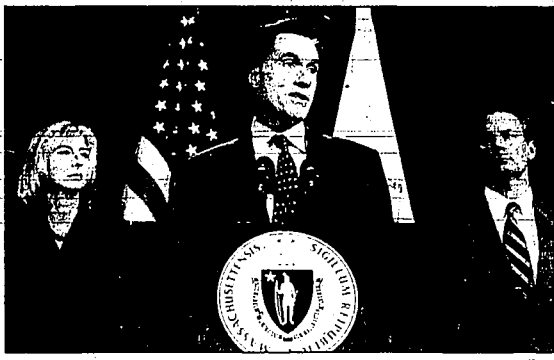
Amtrak spokesman Dan Siesel said the company stepped up security after the Madrid bombings, including checks of bomb-sniffing dogs, although the company's trains have received no specific or credible threats. "It should not be considered unusual that the FBI should issue this kind of bulletin in the wake of what occurred in Madrid last month," Amtrak said in a statement.

Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrkasse said information in the bulletin was being shared via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System to ensure proper security measures are implemented around the country.

Officials said the message was sent mainly out of an abundance of caution, and the threat — deemed "somewhat credible" by one official — was not causing undue alarm throughout the government.

The nation's color-coded terror alert level remains at yellow, or elevated. It was last raised to orange, or high, on Dec. 21 amid suspicions about terror attacks using commercial aircraft. The level returned to yellow on Jan. 10.

Passengers could see changes



Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, center, addresses the media about warnings of increased terror threats to major cities this summer while Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, left, and Public Safety Secretary Edward Flynn stand by at the Massachusetts statehouse, in Boston, Friday.

because of the bulletin. Federal officials are encouraging local transit agencies to conduct random passenger inspections and security sweeps of stations and, to increase public announcements encouraging people to report unattended baggage or suspicious behavior.

Lynn Brown, spokeswoman for Greyhound Lines Inc., said at its Dallas headquarters that the bus company tells employees to be extra vigilant when such alerts are circulated. She said, however, that the sort of passenger inspection methods used by airports are impractical at the company's 3,600 locations, with 18,000 departures daily.

Intelligence indicates a plot might involve bombs made of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and diesel fuel, similar to the explosive concealed in a rental truck that blew up an Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

Both items are easily available around the country. These improvised bombs would then be concealed in luggage and carry-on bags, such as backpacks or duffel bags, and placed either aboard buses or trains or in transportation stations, according to the gov-

ernment warning. A viable explosive could be concealed in luggage, it says. Al-Qaida and other terror groups have demonstrated the intent and capability of attacking public transportation systems using a variety of bombs, the bulletin says.

Attacks in Israel, Greece, Turkey, Spain and elsewhere have used suicide bombers or triggered bombs with timers and cell phones.

Between 1997 and 2000, more than 195 terror attacks occurred on transit systems worldwide, according to congressional investigators.

In Spain on Friday, police found a bomb connected to a detonator with a 450-foot cable under tracks of a high-speed railway between Madrid and Seville.

Disposal experts disarmed the bomb. British authorities arrested nine people this week on suspicion of having links to a possible terror plot that involved 1,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate. It is unclear whether that alleged plot involved a public transit attack.

More than 9 billion trips are

taken each year on the U.S. public transportation system, with 32 million trips every weekday — about 16 times the number of trips taken on airlines, according to the American Public Transit Association.

The association estimates that \$8 billion is needed to upgrade and modernize U.S. transit systems to meet security needs. The Transportation Security Administration dedicated only \$10 million for passenger rail and public transit security in the current year's budget, according to the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Failure to invest in the security of passenger rail and public transit could leave these critical systems vulnerable to terrorist attack," the committee's Democrats wrote in a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. "Making these systems as safe as they can be from terrorist attack must be a high priority."

After the Madrid bombings, the Homeland Security Department announced a series of security initiatives, but no major new funding plans were proposed.

The next few weeks to discuss whether anything could have been done to prevent the attacks.

Scott McClellan, spokesman for President Bush, said Friday that the administration had released all relevant documents. "If the commission wants to go back and verify that some documents are duplicative or non-responsive to their requests, then we are more than happy to work with the commission so that they can do so," he said.

Bush grants panel access to documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration gave the federal panel reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks access Friday to thousands of classified counterterrorism documents from the Clinton administration.

Bush officials granted the Sept. 11 commission's request to review the material after a court order from federal judge Robert L. Taylor to President Clinton said the administration failed to turn over all of Clinton's records to the panel.

The commission's lawyers will begin reviewing the materi-

al Monday and should know within a day and a half if additional documents should be released, said commission spokesman Al Palombino.

The panel isn't making pre-judgments until then, he said. "There's a lot of paper flying around," Feilzenberg said. "We'll know quickly if there are materials we should have or if they are duplicates."

Lindsey said Thursday that the commission isn't getting a full picture of Clinton's terrorism policies because the Bush administration had only for-

warded 25 percent of the 11,000 records it wanted to provide the panel.

While presidential records are sealed by law for five years after a president leaves office, an exception was made to allow early access for the Sept. 11 panel.

But the National Security Council and Bush administration attorneys released only a fraction, Lindsey said.

Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore are scheduled to meet privately with the 10-member commission in

the next few weeks to discuss whether anything could have been done to prevent the attacks.

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U.S. will require fingerprints from more foreign visitors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A program requiring fingerprinting and photographed before entering the United States is being expanded to include millions of travelers from some of America's staunch allies, officials said Friday.

The move affects citizens in 27 countries — including Britain, Japan and Australia — who had been allowed to travel without visas for up to 90 days. Officials said the change was prompted in part by concerns that terrorists might try to exploit those exemptions.

While foreign governments expressed understanding of the U.S. travel organization worried the new restrictions could limit trips to America just as the number of foreign visitors was returning to the levels of before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The changes in the US-VISIT program will take effect by Sept. 30. Travelers from the 27 countries will be fingerprinted and photographed each time they enter the United States through any of 115 international airports and 14 seaports. The program will be expanded to border crossings later.

Citizens from those countries who won't be going through the consulate interviews and background checks that people from other nations must do to obtain visas.

There are no changes in unique rules covering visits by citizens from Australia, France, Germany, Iceland, Ire-

land, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Bush administration made the move after determining most of the so-called "visa-waiver countries" won't meet an October deadline to have biometric passports, said Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security. Such passports include fingerprint and iris identification features that make the documents virtually impossible to counterfeit.

U.S. passports haven't been upgraded with those features yet, either.

Hutchinson said the change will enhance security while ensuring that law-abiding visitors are not subjected to lengthy secondary screenings at the border.

But he also said the decision was based on intelligence that "terrorists would look to programs such as the visa-waiver program to exploit because of fewer security checks."

The US-VISIT program was passed by Congress in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. In January, the government began fingerprinting and photographing visitors from nations other than the visa-waiver countries.

Marines limit information about attacks on troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing troop protection measures, the Marine Corps operating in Fallujah and elsewhere in the volatile Sunni Triangle of central Iraq is restricting the information it releases about insurgent attacks that kill Marines.

On Friday, for example, a statement from the Marines' base camp outside Fallujah said a Marine had been killed the day before as a result of enemy action in Anbar province. In a break from the practice of other U.S. forces in Iraq, the Marines gave no details.

The Army and the Pentagon, in their news releases announcing service members' deaths in Iraq, typically offer a brief characterization — of the — hostile action, such as mortar fire, roadside bomb or other type of attack. They usually cite the town where it happened: the

Marines do not. "Troc protection measures preclude the release of any information that could aid enemy personnel in assessing the effectiveness or lack thereof with regard to their tactics, techniques and procedures," the Marine statement from the Fallujah base camp said. "The release of more details about the incident could place our Marines and sailors at greater risk."

The Marines are operating in some of the most dangerous parts of Iraq, and they have had at least 12 of their men killed since they arrived in March to replace the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, including the death Thursday. In line with standard military practice, the Marines have not publicly released that name, pending notification of relatives.

Civilian fitness guru dies in Iraq

Fallujah attacks claim lives of three other Americans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After serving 12 years in the Navy, Scott Helvenston started a career as a fitness instructor and worked as trainer and stunt man — for — such — movies as "Face/Off" and "G.I. Jane."

He helped prepare actress Demi Moore for her role as the first woman to join the Navy SEALs in "G.I. Jane," and appeared on two reality series: "Man vs. Beast" and "Combat Missions."

But after years out of the service, friends said they weren't surprised to learn the former SEAL had left the comfort of his life in California behind him and headed for Iraq.

"That's what, in a time of need, true American warriors like Scott would do," "Combat Missions" producer Mark Burnett said Thursday.

Helvenston, 38, was among four American civilian contractors killed in Fallujah, Iraq, in an ambush on Wednesday, their charred bodies mutilated and dragged through the streets. The contractors were working for Blackwater Security Consulting when their vehicle was hit by rocket-propelled grenades.

Two of the other victims have been identified as Jerko "Jerry" Zovko, 32, and Michael Teague, 38.

Zovko always wanted to save the world, his mother said. He joined the Army at 19 and spoke five languages fluently — English, Croatian, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.

"Jerry was a man with a principle, an idea," his mother,

Danica "Donna" Zovko said in Willoughby, Ohio. "He loved people. He wanted the world to be without borders, for everybody to be free and safe."

Mrs. Zovko said she and her husband, Tom, suspected their son was one of the dead late Wednesday evening because he had been working in Iraq. Their fears were confirmed early Thursday.

"He was the most self-motivated person," Zovko's brother Tom told ABC's "Good Morning America." "He grew up a skinny, little guy but wanted to be big, and he became big. He had desire and motivation and never gave up."

Teague was a 12-year Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, Panama and Grenada, said his wife, Rhonda Teague. She said he received a bronze star for his service in Afghanistan.

R-h-o-n-d-a Teague called her husband a "proud father, soldier and American."

I, his son Brandon and his friends and family will miss him without measure," her statement said.

Teague of Clarksville, Tenn., had worked in the security business since he left the Army six years ago, and joined Blackwater Security two months ago, WTVF-TV of Nashville reported.

A friend, Sgt. John Ratliff, told CBS' "The Early Show" that Teague "told me to promise to take care of his wife and his son ... He knew it was rough over there."

"In my opinion, Mike was caught in a situation to where he couldn't do anything for himself or his counterparts," Ratliff said. He said he knew his friend "would have done anything in his power to save himself and the other three if it had been possible."

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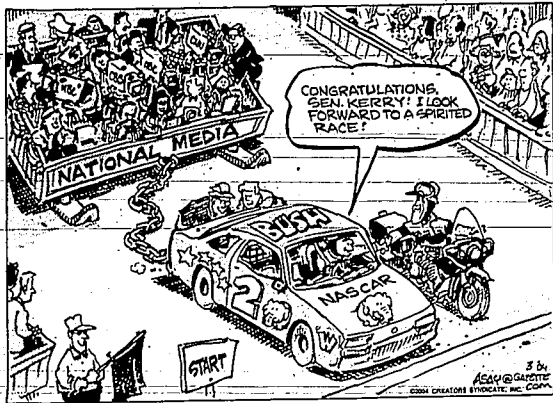
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The liberal and conservative divide over the media outlets

Conservatives are from Mars and liberals are from Venus. Honestly, because they are culturally and dogmatically opposed, they both feel aggrieved by the media.

LLEWELLYN KING

What makes conservatives so mad is they believe that mainstream newspapers and television are biased against them. What makes liberals so mad is the domination of talk radio by right-wing commentators and the ascendancy of Fox News.

More interesting than the charges traded are the cultural preferences of martians and venusians. Martians clearly have affinity for radio. They are assaulted or stimulated by Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and countless many imitators. They have nearly given up the fight over newspapers.

Avowedly politically conservative newspapers, like The Washington Times and the New York Sun, have failed to penetrate very far in their markets. The Washington Post is not threatened by The Washington Times, and The New York Times is scarcely aware of The New York Sun.

Radio is another matter. Conservative radio belongs to the conservatives in content and audience, and it is probably unassailable. But assailed it is — albeit in a rather quibotic way.

On March 31, "Air America Radio" went on the air in four markets: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It is planned to be liberal talk radio, liberal satire, with the occasional old-fashioned discussion group.

The name on the marquee is Al Franken, the former "Saturday Night Live" comedian, who has found a niche in bashing conservatives. He is Ann Coulter's counterpart.

Traditional talk radio is syndicated, but Air America is trying for network — all liberal, all-the-time. It is both ambitious and improbable. Rather than penetrating the market with specific programs, Air America is trying to do something quite different. And the only way it can do it is to buy broadcast time from weak stations broadcasting to minority communities.

This, says Adam Clayton Powell III, is an liberal act to begin with. He castigated the plan on the Washington PBS program "Evening Exchange." So, the project has begun with controversy among liberals because a word has been broadcast. Liberals have been saying for a long time that they needed to find an alternative to the dial to Limbaugh. But they seem to be planning something much more expensive and less likely to succeed than if they had developed individual programs in syndication.

There is no doubt that Franken can find an audience; he has with his books. So, it is surprising that investors in Air America did not put their money behind a daily syndicated Franken rather than going for something much grander being aired on bought time to select audiences. It is a mystery, and we shall see.

My guess is that Franken and some other individuals, like Liz Winstead, may find an audience and even a loyal following. But who wants 16 hours a day of unremittant political diatribe. Even Limbaugh failed in television and has had to withdraw to radio.

Where the liberals do seem to be gaining — and substantially — is on the Internet. Howard Dean proved the power of the liberal Internet community. And it is on the Internet that one of the truly liberal U.S. publications, Salon.com, has established itself with millions of hits, making it a major daily contender.

Stuart Stevens, consulting producer of TV's "K-Street," has cleverly illustrated the difference between conservatives and liberals, and their respective attitudes to the media. He says that the difference between liberals and conservatives over the vexing media issue is that most liberals would like to be journalists, and most conservatives would never dream of it.

There, I think, is the cultural divide that informs political attitudes to journalism. And somewhere in the cultural divide is the Republican support for right-wing journals of opinion such as The Weekly Standard, The National Review, The American Spectator, Human Events, Insight and National Spotlight as well as hundreds of talk shows.

So, good luck, Air America Radio, but you may not be producing the product liberals feel deprived of — they favor different media. Finally, the martians, true-blue critics of the allegedly liberal mainstream media, conveniently forget that the powerful spokesmen for their cause. People like Cal Thomas, George Will, Charles Krauthammer are known to us all because they are carried on the op-ed pages of these, or, liberal newspapers.

Llewellyn King is chairman and CEO of the King Publishing Co., publishers of White House Weekly and Energy Daily.

LETTER

Don't bash Democrats for GOP's failures

When I first submitted this letter I used the term "nuts." Not in reference to the writer of the disparaging remarks about Democrats but in reference to her ideas. I'm sure the original of the term, Gen. Maculiffe, was doing the same.

As a veteran of both the Coast Guard and the Marine Corps, I can assure you that I am just as patriotic as any dyed-in-the-wool Republican. And yes, the Democrats did do a darn good job in Korea. My own uncle, who is a staunch Democrat, fought and was wounded in Korea. Never has he made any kind of statement that it was any one particular political party that advocated the war one way or another. He simply did his job as did so many of our brave fighting men

and women — just as they do now without any kind of disparagement toward the Bush administration.

The Democrats did not start a war with Iraq as a personal vendetta. Our illustrious commander-in-chief, however, did not hesitate to do so. You see, he has no sons or daughters in harm's way. I don't mean to disparage Mr. Bush. But he is, after all, a Republican.

As a Democrat, I also take issue with your statement that Democrats hate people keeping our own money. The Democrats are not the ones that frittered away a budget surplus and spent this country into a multi-trillion dollar debt. You can thank Mr. Bush and your Republican Congress for that. The Democrats also did not want taking away most of your Social Security benefits and then rewriting a bill to

make it seem as if you're getting the greatest thing since sliced bread with the "new Medicare bill." The Democrats do not want to kvotow to anyone. However, as a member of the United Nations, it is unjustified to simply ignore their mandate and proceed on our own.

I just wanted to set you straight on Democrats. We love this country and all that it stands for just as much as Republicans. We just hate to see it torn down by the present administration and lose any and all the credibility that it had with our friends and former allies. As I said, this letter wouldn't make it to print because it does not contain any of the self-servant, anti-Democratic anti-education Republican rhetoric this newspaper will allow to be published.

MICHAEL F. GLANDERS
Jerome

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



Rape case prosecution missed key facts

In order to correct Grant Loeb's version of my testimony before the House Judiciary and Rules Committee on March 9, a meeting where he was neither present nor represented, I submit my actual statement.

"I am the grandmother of Toby LaPray, at present an inmate of the Twin Falls County Jail. I represent the family of Toby LaPray. As you vote on the bill to redefine statutory rape, please consider the consequences and stigma that following branded a rapist, a convicted felon-sex offender, for a lifetime. The rights that are lost, maybe for a life-time. The right to vote or run for office, to own a gun, to hunt game, to work or even be where minors are present — at a school, ball games or the Christmas program at a young sister's school, church services."

"I do not condone casual sex acts, but consensual sex does happen between young lovers committed to a future together. It is not fair to the human element involved in the decision to charge or not to charge, must not be left to the discretion of an over-zealous member of a prosecuting attorney's office looking for a whipping boy or to prove a point. Thank you."

The probation violation my grandson is currently serving a year in jail for is being unable to pay for ordered child molester meetings at \$250 per month and polygraphs at \$250 ordered ad infinitum (a source of income that will be lost to those who profit from court-ordered programs when the bill passes).

The "child" in this case being a 17-year-old girlfriend of more than 5 years. The relationship ended and the parents were herded into filing rape charges.

It's time to leave the dunking pond-handman's tree mentality behind, as it was stated in court at Toby's first hearing "Toby hasn't done anything that a lot of 16-year-olds haven't done, he just got caught." The definition by Prosecuting Attorney Loeb's of "these boys being a man to society and must be kept off the streets" is cruel, but as Mr. Loeb is ensconced in perpetuity in the role of Twin Falls County prosecutor, inevitably, all will remain status quo.

AUDREY VON LINDERN
Hagerman

Sharing resources can help improve education

I was impressed with the number of people who attended the county meeting in Richfield to discuss the sharing of resources between the schools of Lincoln County. I was also pleased with the number of people involved who were there. Even though I know that they are not interested in participating in this endeavor, they at least went and listened, and I hope they continue. If for no other reason than to purely informational purposes.

One thing that bothered me during this meeting was how the discussion always came back to the consolidation of the schools. When my husband and I started attending these meetings, it was with the clear understanding that it was about sharing resources — whether on a large scale or on a minimal one, never about consolidating the schools. A lot of the facts and figures, plus the general discussion seemed to be directed at total school consolidation, and I think people were getting a false perception of what was truly the point of the meeting.

I would also like to agree with the comments that Mike Telford and Jerry Helmerding made "urging cooperation" between the schools. Hearing these comments from students of Dietrich gave me a glimmer of hope. I think it is very important, and it would be wonderful to see the three

LETTERS

Other ethnic inferences saw similar injustices

Thanks to Friscilla Wegars, Ph.D., for confirming that there were thousands of Germans and Italians interned.

The difference in totals between those of Ralph Willis and Dr. Wegars' source can pretty much be explained by pointing out that the figure of 16,653 for Japanese includes 5,889 U.S. citizens who, late in the war, renounced their citizenship and were reclassified as enemy aliens and placed under control associated with internment.

These folks were members of or were influenced by pro-Japanese organizations that regularly participated in Japanese-style military drills, worshipped the emperor and celebrated Pearl Harbor Day with elaborate ceremonies at the Tule Lake Segregation Center. Most significant was that they formally petitioned the U.S. government to be allowed to return to Japan for the express purpose of fighting against America.

John L. Burling, in responding to these petitions for the attorney general, said, "Yet in time of war these young men, who were born in this country, but they are a disgrace and a shame to their brother Japanese-Americans..."

One can only imagine the problems that would have resulted had a few thousand fanatics been running loose along the west coast while the United States was taking tens of thousands of casualties in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. By the way, all these folks still living in 1989 were paid \$20,000 and given an apology by our government.

When a German U.S. citizen living next to the Japanese at Crystal City went to court to seek the same redress, he was opposed by Japanese-Americans. Had he been the other way around, there would have been cries of meism.

There are those who think our government handled things poorly. But having spent more than three years in a Japanese concentration camps in the Philippines, I can assure you the Japanese army would have handled things much differently.

Those interested in reading primary documentation regarding the evacuation may do so at www.kadenpressinc.com/smithsonian, where my son and I have posted a critique of the Smithsonian exhibit that resulted in changes to that exhibit.

LEE ALLEN
Provo, Utah
(Editor's note: Lee Allen is a retired Army lieutenant colonel, with a background in intelligence, and publisher of "Magic The Untold Story of U.S. Intelligence and the Evacuation of Japanese-Residents from the West Coast During World War II" by David D. Lowman, former special assistant to the director, National Security Agency.)

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Letters

towns joining together for a common cause — the welfare of our children.

However, in Dietrich, I hear comments like "We do not want anything to do with Shoshone or Richfield," and "If you don't like things the way they are, then pack your stuff and move out." These comments are not only mean-spirited and hurtful but very discouraging, and any hopes I had about "cooperation" are dashed.

If the day does come that there is one school board for the county, I hope on the board will do their best for the kids throughout the district. I don't think that we give people in our communities enough credit. If I think that they couldn't handle a seat on the school board responsibly and fairly.

No matter what your opinion is about resource sharing, I think that all of the parents of Lincoln County have one thing in common — we love our children and want the best for them. No matter how all of this plays out, that will never change.

SHIRLEY G. BINGHAM
Dietrich

Facts tell other story of relocation hearings

Mr. Yasuo G. Tokita of Las Vegas, Nev., wrote a letter which appeared in your newspaper on March 15. He indicated that Mr. Kent Hale's earlier letter "was off the mark" with regard to the war time necessity of evacuating Japanese.

Mr. Tokita wrote rather proudly that, as a result of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, he received reparations and a letter of apology, "one of (his) most precious mementos." Mr. Tokita should not hold that letter so dearly, considering that the commission was a nothing but a carefully orchestrated and biased farce from beginning to end.

Consider that of the nine commission members, six were biased in favor of reparations. Ishmail Gromoff and William Marunt, relocatees themselves, sat in judgment of their own cases. Arthur Goldberg and Joan Bernstein made sympathetic, pro-reparation statements publicly before hearings even began. Arthur Fleming had worked closely with the JACL (he was a keynote speaker at its Portland convention in the '70s). Robert Drinan was a co-sponsor of the bill establishing the commission.

Consider that notices of when and where hearings were to be held were not made known to the general, non-Japanese public. Consider that witnesses who gave testimony were not sworn to tell the truth. Consider that witnesses who were pro-reparation were carefully coached in their testimony in "mock hearings" beforehand. Consider that witnesses against reparations were harassed and "drowned out" by foot-stomping Japanese claque, that the commission members themselves ridiculed and badgered these same witnesses.

Consider that not one historian was asked to testify before the commission, that intelligence reports and position papers contrary to reparations were deliberately ignored. Consider that as a result of the above, the United States Department of Justice objected strongly to the findings of the commission.

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Clerics condemn mutilation

Muslim leaders denounce treatment of slain Americans; Soldier, Marine die

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Muslim clerics on Friday condemned the mutilation of the bodies of four U.S. civilians — but not their slayings — and the military announced the combat deaths of two more Americans.

There was no sign of any U.S. military activity in the Fallujah area to suggest retaliatory action was imminent, U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer has said those who killed the four civilians and burned their bodies "will not go unpunished."

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb killed one American soldier and wounded another Friday, the military said. And a U.S. Marine died as a result of hostile action a day earlier in Anbar province, of which Fallujah is the most populous city.

Those people were killed Friday outside the northern city of Kirkuk when a bomb they were planting exploded prematurely, police said. The target was the town hall in Riyadh, 16 miles west of Kirkuk.

Fallujah, Sheik Fawzi Nameq addressed 600 worshippers at a mosque opposite the mayor's office, not far from the scene of Wednesday's deadly ambush of the American civilians.

"Islam does not condone the mutilation of the bodies of the dead," the cleric said.

"Why do you want to bring destruction to our city? Why do you want to bring humiliation to the faith? My brothers, wisdom is required here," said Nameq, who did not pass a judgment on the killings.

His sermon conformed with a directive issued by senior Fallujah clerics asking mosque imams to denounce the mutilation.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy chief of U.S. military operations in Iraq, said condemning the mutilations but not the killings was not enough.

"While the condemnation of the mutilation was helpful, that is only a partial answer," Kimmitt said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "Murder of innocents should be condemned."

Kimmitt pledged to hunt down those who carried out the killings, but said clashes could be avoided if Fallujah officials make arrests.

The charred remains of the Americans were dragged through the streets after insurgents ambushed their vehicles. Two bodies were hung from a ravine and people beat them with shoes and a pole. Iraqi police later recovered the bodies.

Wednesday's gruesome events, and the likelihood of a U.S. military response, brought to the surface months of pent-up resentment against the American occupation.

"Islam bans what was done to the bodies, but the Americans are as brutal as the youths who burned and mutilated the bodies," said Mahdi Ahmed Saleh, a religious scholar, principal, who now runs a small grocery store. "They have done so much to us and they have humiliated us so often."

Saleh, like most men in Fallujah, singled out raids on homes as the most troubling U.S. military practice.

"Look at this wide and long street," he said. "Do you see any women? So, if we don't let them out on the street, can you imagine how we feel when American soldiers barge in and see them in their sleeping gowns?"

Fallujah is in the conservative Sunni Arab heartland, an area where anti-U.S. resistance is strongest — and where Saddam Hussein found many recruits for his elite army units and feared security agencies.

City residents say their suffering under occupation has been compounded by their loss of power in the post-Saddam po-



Iraqi Shiite men perform Friday prayers near the CPA, Coalition Provisional Authority, headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday.

litical order. The Shiite majority and the large Kurdish community now are the two dominant forces in Iraq.

A poll of Iraqis showed 71 percent of those questioned in Anbar province find attacks on coalition forces acceptable. Only 17 percent of Iraqis elsewhere shared that view. The poll, conducted in February by Oxford Research International, had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Local officials have said a concrete improvement is needed in Fallujah.

"We were hoping to see one large project that we can point to and say the Americans have done something for us, like a bridge, or a hospital," Brig. About Farhan al-Issawi, the po-

lice chief, said late last month. "If American promises remain to be ink on paper, there will be no trust."

The U.S. military says it had spent at least \$40 million on development projects in Anbar province over the past year.

"The American military says there must be security first and then we can have reconstruction," said Hussein Ali, a former air force engineer who is a member of Fallujah's U.S.-backed governing council. "We keep telling them that if there is no reconstruction, there will be no security."

Many Fallujah residents — about 500,000 people live in the city and surrounding villages — appear supportive, or at least tolerant, of the insurgents.

Link to bin Laden

Confessed terrorists say church bombings, attacks in Bali were inspired by al-Qaida

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Admitting they were part of an Islamic terrorist group, four jailed Malaysians said Friday that a string of attacks against churches and other targets in Southeast Asia including bombings in Bali that killed 202 people — was inspired by Osama bin Laden.

The claims, made in televised interviews, supported assertions that the Jemaah Islamiyah group is tied into al-Qaida. But comments by the suspects were denied by the accused leader of Jemaah Islamiyah and drew fire from human rights groups that warned the confessions may have been coerced.

Jemaah Islamiyah is thought to have been behind Christmas Eve church bombings in nine Indonesian cities in 2000 that killed 19 people, the nightclub blasts on the resort island of Bali and an August 2003 car bomb at a Jakarta hotel that killed 12 people.

Mohamed Nasir Abbas, one of the four men interviewed by Malaysia's TV3, said the bombings were inspired by al-Qaida edicts, known as fatwas, attributed to bin Laden.

"People who believed in the fatwa carried out bombings," Nasir said. "Therefore they bombed churches. The bombing in Bali was based on a policy to take revenge against America."

According to the edict, Muslims were told to kill Americans wherever they are, irrespective of whether they are armed or not, whether they are soldiers or civilians or women, elderly people or children," Nasir said.

Another detainee, Amran Mansor, identified himself as a Jemaah Islamiyah fund-raiser and said he had transported explosives to Pekan Baru, the site of one of the church bombings.

Nasir and the other three men interviewed said they received military training in Afghanistan. They now renounce Jemaah Islamiyah, they

said, because it killed Muslims and other innocent people.

They are being held in Indonesia on terror-related suspicions but it remains unclear whether authorities will press charges and how long they will be held.

"The likelihood that they may have been tortured and coerced into making false statements or confessions under interrogation is high," said Steve Binham, head of a Malaysian human rights group devoted to improving prisoner conditions.

In the interview, Nasir identified Abu Bakar Bashir, an Indonesian Muslim cleric, as a mentor — Islamiyah's spiritual leader and said that Bashir and a man known as Hamball passed along bin Laden's wishes.

Bashir, who is being held in a Jakarta jail but is set to be released at the end of the month, despite U.S. pressure to keep him in custody, denies being in the group's leader.

In a telephone interview from jail, Bashir told The Associated Press he suspected the latest claims against him were coerced by Indonesian and Malaysian officials eager to please the United States.

"Both the Indonesian and Malaysian police are working for American interests," Bashir said. "Now the United States is trying to arrange for my arrest to be extended."

Indonesian police chief Gen. Dwi Bachdar said authorities were gathering evidence to determine whether charges could be filed against Bashir.

Nasir said he took orders from Bashir as head of Jemaah Islamiyah's cell covering the islands of Borneo, Mindanao and parts of Sulawesi.

Woman pleads guilty in hoax

LEBANON, Ind. (AP) — A woman who pulled a cruel hoax on a couple by claiming to be their long-lost daughter pleaded guilty but mentally ill Friday and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Donna Walker, 36, also was ordered to undergo any mental health treatment recommended by authorities.

Last summer, Walker telephoned the family of Shannon Sherrill — who was 6 when she vanished in 1986 while playing hide-and-seek outside her Indiana home — and claimed to be a now grown-up Shannon.

She continued the ruse for days, calling not only Shannon's family but police and the news media, sometimes pretending to be other people.

The family soon learned it was a hoax, and Shannon's father broke down in tears during a news conference.

Walker pleaded guilty but mentally ill to attempted identity deception and false reporting.

Police discredit student's account of kidnapping

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Police strongly suggested Friday that a college student's tale of being kidnapped at knifepoint was a hoax, saying she researched places to hide and bought rope and duct tape to make it look like an abduction.

"We do not believe there is a suspect at large, period," Assistant Police Chief Noble Wray said.

Surveillance video showed University of Wisconsin sophomore Audrey Sella, 20, walking out of her apartment early Saturday wearing only sweatpants. She was found Wednesday in a marsh about two miles away — cold and dehydrated but otherwise unharmed.

Wray said police had videotape showing Sella buying duct tape, rope and cold medicine, all items she had claimed her abductor used to restrain her. She also used her computer to search Web sites for

information about Madison parks and the extended weather forecast, Wray said.

Wray said the check of her computer also indicated someone had used it during the four days Sella was missing, and at least two witnesses said they had seen her walking freely in the city during that time.

Sella had also reported an unexplained attack in early February, telling police that someone struck her from behind and knocked her unconscious. Sella said she was then moved about a block from where she was attacked, authorities said.

Wray disclosed Friday that Sella had changed her story about the supposed abduction. She said she was abducted by a knife-wielding man — but from somewhere else in the city, not from her apartment.

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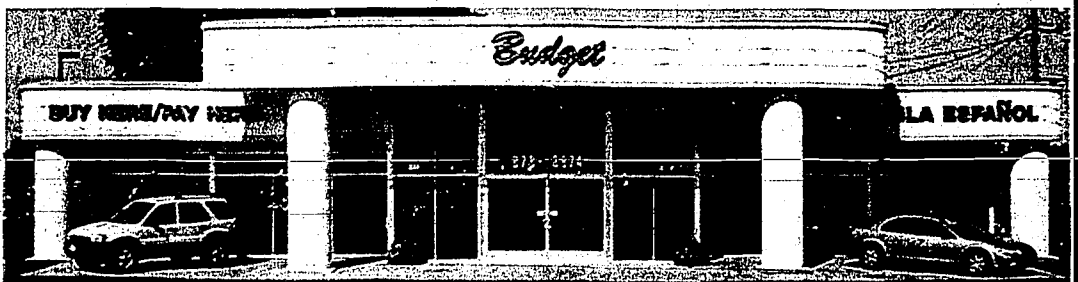
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Coming Sunday

The Times-News announces its picks for the area's all-region boys and girls basketball teams.

MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College baseball
CSI - at College of Eastern Utah, noon
High school baseball
Jerome at Bishop Kelly, 2, 11 a.m.
Twin Falls at Idaho Falls, 2, McDermitt Park, 12:30 p.m.
Mountain Home at Minico, 2, 1 p.m.
High school softball
Twin Falls at Bishop Kelly, 2, 1 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Nampa Christian, 3 p.m.
Jerome at American Falls, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

T.F. Cal Ripken begins today

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Cal Ripken season starts today at 10 a.m. in Harmon Park. This week's regular-season schedule appears on YourSports, Page B-4. The weekly schedule will appear regularly in YourSports.

Cove-Pepsi Best Ball tourney starts today

TWIN FALLS - The weather looks good, making it a promising weekend at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course for the annual Cove-Pepsi Best Ball tournament this Saturday and Sunday.

Of the 76 men's teams, the favorites in the championship flight include: Todd Jones-Alan Stutzman, Jeff Burnham-Carl Slavov, Walter Litenberg-Jeff Wong of Sun Valley, Gordon Barry-Ted Black, Kevin Packard-Larry Amen, James Ray-Bob Roberts, Kevin Jones-Chris Meyerhoeffer, and the duo of Wes Starlin and Gary Burkett. The women's championship flight contenders include the duo of Chris Sterling and Marguerite Astorquia and Garden Valley entrants Wilma Thode-Lynn Cooper, Lori Are Torres-Cass Herbst, and Teri Day and Nancy Lute. All contestants will enjoy a barbecue at 6 p.m. provided by The Cove and Pepsi.

Pomerelle Spring Fling opens at noon

ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain Resort will hold its 2004 Spring Fling event this Saturday at noon. There will be a skier/boarder competition with trophies and medallions for the top three places in each division, along with races on the contortial rope tow for those ages six and under.

A release waiver signed by a parent is required for competitors under the age of 18 and there is a \$5 entry fee and \$5 bib deposit. Prize drawings will also be held through the day.

Babe Ruth baseball signups start today

JEROME - The Babe Ruth league for players ages 13-15 will hold registration April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the rec district offices and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on April 6. The fee is \$65 for the season, which runs May 1 through June 25. If enough players register, there will be separate 13- and 14-15-year-old leagues. Traveling teams will be selected from each league to compete in tournaments during June and July. For more information on the leagues, call Larry or Debbie Bess at 324-2205 or Mike McDonald at 324-4588 or Lelzi Parker at 324-4681.

Compiled from staff reports

Tossing the distance

46 FEET, 7.5 INCHES

Filer's Silvester comes on strong at meet

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

DECLO - Friday's Brad Matthews Invitational in Declo, was more track meet than one afternoon could handle. The nine-team meet crept into the night as the lights around the Declo High School track lit up to reveal the action.

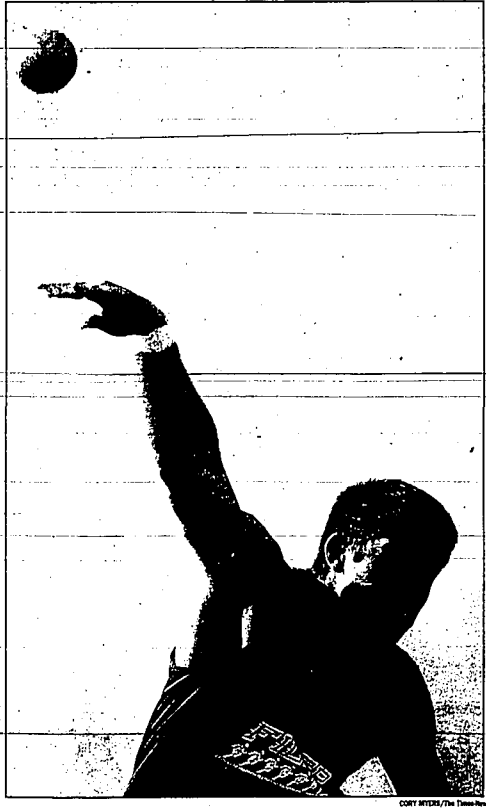
Filer's Brad Silvester made a strong showing as part of the first-place Wildcats squad that finished with 118.5 points to best out second-place Kimberly by half a point. Silvester competed in the shot put, discus, 300-meter hurdles, and 4x400 meter relay, taking gold in three of the events and silver in the discus.

"It was a good day," Silvester said. "My running was stronger than the last meet." Silvester threw what was by far the longest discus throw in his preliminary round with a 149-foot-8 inch toss. But the junior had to leave the competition to run the 300-meter hurdles. Tired from the run and out of rhythm, Silvester threw a 127-7.25 toss, bested by Wendell's T.J. King's 135-7 throw.

"The wind was a big factor in that," Silvester said.

Silvester capped the evening off along with teammates Cody Ehrmanntraut, Cole Blitzenburg, and Casey Dalney with a first-place run of 3:41.5 in the 4x400 relay. "It's a big win for us," Silvester said. "We lost a lot of major people, but we have a lot of people stepping up."

The Kimberly Bulldogs dominated the sprints, taking first through fourth place in the 100 meters and first and second in the 200-meter dash. Senior Ricky Zdrovick took



Filer's Brad Silvester competes in the finals of the shot put during the Brad Matthews Invitational track meet in Declo Friday. Silvester won the event with a toss of 46 feet, 7.5 inches.

the gold for the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.3 seconds, while Curtis Giles finished the 200 in 22.8.

Hornets came away with the team title with a score of 109 points to best Filer, 101. The Hornets were strong in the relays and field

Please see SILVESTER, Page B2

A SURPRISING VICTORY

Minico grabs win at invitational

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

JEROME - The Minico boys golf team has been solid this season.

Still, a win at the prestigious Outback Steakhouse/Dale Mowrer Jerome Invitational on Friday came as a bit of a surprise to the Spartans after defeating powerful Eagle and Capital squads by four strokes to clinch the team title at the Jerome Country Club.

"We really didn't" asked Minico, senior Richard Creason when told his team had won the Class 5A title. "Really!"

"It's a real surprise. We knew we had a pretty good team, but we knew there were lots of other good teams here." Creason was a large reason why the Spartans came out on top at the par-72 course. He shot a 70 and teammates Michael Konrad, Zach Sanford and Justin Studer also shot in the 70s as Minico (295) held off Eagle and Capital (Boise), both of which finished at 299. Mountain View (302) placed fourth while Twin Falls and Nampa tied for fifth at 303.

Capital's Brad Tensen shot the best round of the day, a 66. "We've been trying to tell the kids that they don't know how good they can really be," Minico coach Kelly Arritt said. "They're working on it and trying to get some confidence. We're thrilled. We're happy for these kids be-

cause they've been working hard and they deserve it."

In 4A action, Bishop Kelly of Boise dominated the field with a 300. Century (311) finished second, followed by Madison (Rexburg) with a 317. Burley and Valluvie in Caldwell tied for fourth at 319.

The strong field gave all the golfers a feel for what play will be like later in the season during district, and maybe even state, competition.

"It gives you a good look at where you stand, but then you have to remember that you're on your own course," said Jerome's Costa Paulos, who carded a 72.

The competition was tough, but the back nine at the Jerome Country Club proved to be an equally-tough opponent.

"Everyone likes the back nine," Paulos said. "The front nine is just like any other course. But everyone likes the back nine. It's a lot more challenging, too."

Kimberly, led by Zach Abele's 79, claimed the team title in Class 2A/3A competition at the 93 Golf Ranch, just outside of Jerome. Wendell won a tiebreaker with Shelley to finish second after both teams shot 340. Buhl (356) was fourth, Glenns Ferry (358) fifth, Filer (362) sixth and Declo (365) seventh.

"A lot of par-4s are really long so you have to hit a really good second shot," Paulos said. Please see MINICO, Page B2



Jerome senior Ryan Mandis chips on to the ninth green during his round at the Outback Steakhouse/Dale Mowrer Jerome Invitational high school golf tournament at Jerome Country Club Friday. A total of 42 teams competed at the club and 93 Golf Ranch.

14-year-old Freddy readies for first game

Soccer star will become youngest athlete in major U.S. league since 1887

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Freddy Adu's calm and polished demeanor might just give way to a few 14-year-old butterflies come Saturday afternoon. "I wouldn't be surprised if all the nerves hit me at that point," Adu said.

Adu makes his much-anticipated regular season debut Saturday when D.C. United host the San Jose Earthquakes

on opening day of the MLS season. Whether he starts or plays as a substitute, he'll become the youngest athlete in a major American league since 1887.

It's the only regular season game on ABC's schedule. Viewers will be treated to a new soft drink commercial featuring Adu and Pele, the Brazilian legend to whom Adu is often compared. The league is even offering fans a chance to win the actual jersey Adu will wear in the game.

But is Freddy ready? Nervous aside, he certainly looked impressive in United's games against lower-division opponents in the recent Carolina Challenge Cup.

In three games, Adu scored one goal, set up a free-kick goal and drew a penalty-kick foul that wasn't converted. Even coach Peter Nowak, who had promised to bring the teenager along slowly by promising Adu a lot of minutes early in the season.

"Freddy's going to play different parts of the field," Nowak said. "He is dangerous. He can come back, be on the wing, on the right, on the left, middle. We give him freedom. He's a good finisher."

Adu can already maneuver the ball as well as many veteran pros, but his youth, size and \$500,000 salary - no doubt - make him a target. He took some brutal fouls while leading the United States in scoring at the under-17 world championships in Finland last year.



Game Previews

Getting tough

Georgia Tech prepares for Oklahoma State's physical style of play

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Jarrett Jack just sat there, listening to yet another lecture about Oklahoma State's toughness. The Cowboys are so rugged, he was told, they once worked out in football helmets and shoulder pads.

NCAA men's Final Four

TV: 4 p.m., CBS

The high-scoring Georgia Tech shooter had heard enough. "I remember one day in practice we did singular drills," he said. "We did it without any protection."

While Duke and Connecticut shaped up as a first-flowing game between glamour programs, the first semifinal Saturday at the Final Four looked like something entirely different.

Despite a couple of top guards on both teams - Luke and B.J. Elder for Tech and Tony Allen and John Lucas for Oklahoma State - this one might tilt on a stray elbow here and a little shove there.

"They're physical and strong," Tech coach Paul Hewitt said Friday. "They're the type of team when you try to make a cut, they're going to knock you off your ruttle a little bit."

"We can't take a bump and all of a sudden start staggering around," he said. "Told about his team's reputation, Allen shook his head. He even seemed a bit offended. Sort of."

"They got it wrong," he said. "We don't hang around." The second-seeded Cowboys Please see OSU, Page B2

Connecticut vs. Duke Centers may settle matchup

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Bill Walton. Reggie Miller. Shaquille O'Neal. They should be smiling Saturday.

The pure center, the position that has slowly - some say sadly - become something of a relic in college basketball over the last decade or so, is back in the limelight.

Emeka Okafor of Connecticut and Shaedon Williams of Duke are post-up big men of the old-school variety. They'll be banging away in the paint when the blue Devils meet the Huskies in the national semifinals. Many people believe the winner of that game will be playing for the championship. "But don't call them centers," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Call them players."

There was a time when being called a "center" was hardly considered an insult, and when domination in the middle almost always translated into excellence.

Walton played what is largely regarded as the best game in college history, going 21-for-22 for 44 points in UCLA's 1973 Please see CENTERS, Page B2

SPORTS

CSI baseball sweeps CEU

Local sports

PRICE, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho scratched out two tough road wins in scenic West Athletic Center baseball play Friday, 2-0 and 7-6, over the College of Eastern Utah.

Brandon Christiansen won a Game 1 pitcher's duel with Kyle Tark, striking out two and walking one in top of the first.

It was a well-placed game that, both sides," said assistant coach Boomer Walker.

CSI scored the winning run when Mitch Stachowsky was hit by a pitch with two outs already on the board.

CSI made it 2-0 after Eric Cantoni singled off the mound.

In Game 2, Cantoni and Van Elderen came up with big hits.

Cantoni led off the third with a triple, scoring on an RBI single by Aakhus to make it 1-0.

The wind was blowing straight in from left and it cleared the fence by six feet.

Walker said, "It wasn't for the wind he would have hit it 450. He hit it forever, man."

CSI struck 3-0 lead for awhile thanks to a great diving catch by Alexander Theodore in left field.

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Local sports

Mountain Home 7, Glens Ferry 4. Mountain Home 11, Glens Ferry 2.

GLENS FERRY - The Glens Ferry Lady Pilots lost a doubleheader to the Mountain Home varsity 7-4 and 11-2 Friday to fall to 1-0 on the season.

The Pilots held a 2-0 lead going into the top of the fifth inning, where they surrendered 11 runs.

The Pilots committed four errors in the inning, including two dropped by balls.

Mountain Home's Ali Hillman hit two doubles in the sweep and earned the win in Game 1.

Glens Ferry plays at Nampa Christian today.

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Local sports

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Pierce attempted a career-high 23 free throws, making 16 of them. And Marcus Banks with just missed a team record for steals. He had seven, two fewer than the mark shared by Pierce and Larry Bird.

Jiri Welsch and Ricky Davis each added 15 points for Boston. Jason Richardson led Golden State with 25 points and 11 rebounds.

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Local sports

while attacking second in the 110 hurdles. Junior Matthew Schenk won the triple jump.

CSU made it 2-0 after Eric Cantoni singled off the mound.

In Game 2, Cantoni and Van Elderen came up with big hits.

Cantoni led off the third with a triple, scoring on an RBI single by Aakhus to make it 1-0.

The wind was blowing straight in from left and it cleared the fence by six feet.

Walker said, "It wasn't for the wind he would have hit it 450. He hit it forever, man."

CSI struck 3-0 lead for awhile thanks to a great diving catch by Alexander Theodore in left field.

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Levi Shumway and a sacrifice fly by Aakhus to score four runs.

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GLENS FERRY - The Glens Ferry Lady Pilots lost a doubleheader to the Mountain Home varsity 7-4 and 11-2 Friday to fall to 1-0 on the season.

The Pilots held a 2-0 lead going into the top of the fifth inning, where they surrendered 11 runs.

The Pilots committed four errors in the inning, including two dropped by balls.

Mountain Home's Ali Hillman hit two doubles in the sweep and earned the win in Game 1.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Golden West

- What: Utah Symphony and Opera will present Donizetti's "Don Pasquale."
- Where: Community School Theater, Sun Valley.
- When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday
- How much: Tickets, which are \$35 for reserved seats and \$25 for general admission, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or by phoning 726-2220.



Reminiscing

- What: Little River Band will do two shows in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 10 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Whodunit?

- What: The R.A.T. Players, formerly the Friends of the College of Southern Idaho Players, will present Dale Laughlin's "A Death or Two in the Family: From the Files of Frank Hodge, Private Eye."
- Where: Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- When: 8 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door. The Lamphouse Theatre is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Local filmmaker

- What: Western State College for the Performing Arts will screen Wes Malvini's film "Fear in the Freezer" as a fund-raiser.
- Where: Schubert Theater, 204 Main St., Gooding.
- When: 7 p.m. today.
- How much: Admission is by donation.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	76%	73%
Gifford Basin	90%	82%
Salmon	78%	74%
Oakley	81%	69%
Big Wood	73%	69%
Little Wood	64%	63%
Henry Fork/Teton	89%	88%
Big Lost	78%	71%
Little Lost	78%	71%

As of April 2

A comparison of basin snowpack, as of April 2, with 1999 and 2003 levels.

Judge won't overturn findings

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

BOISE — A federal district judge has refused to reopen a lawsuit against Jerome County over a fatal 2001 shooting. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge this week upheld a magistrate's findings that the county sheriff's department acted reasonably before and during the ill-fated drug raid in Eden. Drug suspect George Timothy Williams was slain in the gunfight with sheriff's deputies, which also left two deputies dead. His family's lawyer had formally objected to U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams' February findings in the family's lawsuit, but Lodge refused to overturn the magistrate's recommendation.

The Williams family can still appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The family's lawyer, Pat Brown of Twin Falls, had raised issues including how the county acquired the search warrant, how the deputies conducted the raid, and an allegation that a high-ranking county officer had delivered the fatal gunshot after the suspect was incapacitated. Lodge rejected all of Brown's arguments.

"With 20/20 hindsight it can be said that things could have been planned differently," Lodge wrote. "However, there were no independent constitutional violations that created the situation. The Court finds the Sheriff's Department committed no reckless or intentional acts and that their actions were (sic) reasonable considering all of the facts and circumstances surrounding the execution of the search warrant." The Williams family had sued Jerome County as well as Sheriff Jim Weaver and Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts. Brown contended that Judge Williams — who's unrelated to Tim Williams — misconstrued and misapplied the law and facts of the case.

The lawsuit should have been allowed to proceed to a jury trial, Brown's court filing said. But Lodge agreed with Judge Williams that none of the sheriff's department's actions violated Tim Williams' constitutional rights. Weaver and Roberts helped plan and execute the raid on Tim Williams' home after obtaining a search warrant for illegal drugs. A gunfight broke out during the raid, killing

Williams, 47, and Cpls. James Moulson, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23. Only a small amount of marijuana was found. The judge argued that while the deputies' use of deadly force might have been reasonable after Williams aimed a gun at them, the sheriff's department recklessly created the situation that led to the shooting. Roberts, whose name is now Jocelyne Nunnally, said Friday she and Weaver welcomed Lodge's ruling. "We expected it," she said. "We know that we didn't do anything wrong."

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TRAINING DAY



Twin Falls Fire Department engineer Tony Jardine, left, and firefighter Rod Dixon rescue a mannequin during an Idaho Emergency Services training exercise Friday in Twin Falls. The simulation of a chlorine and anhydrous ammonia spill was part of a hazardous material technician course for members of the Twin Falls fire and police departments.

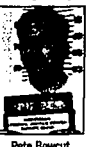
Burley man gets longer sentence

Bowcut pleads guilty to federal charge stemming from Internet porn ring

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Burley resident Pete Bowcut pleaded guilty Friday morning to a federal charge of conspiracy to sexually exploit children and agreed to serve 17 years in prison on the conviction. Deputy U.S. Attorney John Conklin said Bowcut entered his plea early Friday in U.S. District Court and agreed to the government's "extensive factual basis," in which Bowcut admitted he had sexually exploited children. Bowcut also agreed to sharing those photos on the Internet.

Bowcut was one of 20 people in the United States and Europe indicted Aug. 2, 2002, as part of an Internet child pornography ring following a nine-month investigation by the U.S. Customs Service. Bowcut, already sentenced to a prison term of 30 years to life on related state convictions in Idaho, faced a maximum federal sentence of 20 years in prison, Conklin said. But Bowcut agreed to the 17 years in exchange for cooperating with federal officials as they continue investigating the case. If Bowcut cooperates, his federal sentence could be reduced by not more than four and a half years. Conklin said his cooperation requires that Bowcut participate in additional investigations and that Bowcut testify at trials of other people charged in connection with the child pornography ring. Bowcut is scheduled to be sentenced in Fresno July 12.



Pete Bowcut

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Traffic stop yields drug bust

Officers discover marijuana, amphetamines in man's car

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Multiple baggies of marijuana and amphetamines were uncovered during a traffic stop in Twin Falls, officials say. Phillip Duane Fieger, 43, of Twin Falls was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Thursday on three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Fieger was driving a white

Mazda Navajo north on Blue Lakes Boulevard South around 4 p.m. Wednesday when a police officer noticed that tinting on the passenger side of the vehicle appeared darker than the allowable percentage, according to an affidavit written by officer Jand Webb of the Twin Falls Police Department. After Webb made the stop, another officer arrived at the scene with a police dog. Due to indications made by the dog, officers searched the vehicle for drugs.

Between the passenger seat and the center console, officers found a small wooden case. Inside were three small plastic baggies with a clear crystal substance, weighing 1.2 grams, 3.2 grams and 7.7 grams; a small baggie with a white substance believed to be a cutting agent used in separating methamphetamine to be sold; a small baggie with 28 small green tablets, later identified as 80 milligrams each of Oxycotin, a narcotic; a hypodermic syringe; and a small, unused

glass pipe. Further searching of the vehicle uncovered a Thermo with six bags of marijuana, weighing about 50 grams. The Thermo was affixed with magnets and attached to the metal frame of the seat so as to be hidden from view, the affidavit said. Authorities also located a small digital scale with marijuana residue on it. Fieger's preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 9. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Pedestrian remains in serious condition after accident

TWIN FALLS — A pedestrian who was hit by a car Tuesday was still listed in serious condition Friday morning. James Stephens, 59, of Twin Falls was crossing Addison Avenue West around 8:30 p.m. Sasa Cjetkovic, 23, of Twin Falls and a passenger were traveling east in a 2002 Pontiac Grand Am in the left lane. Cvetkovic attempted to make a lane change when Stephens crossed the car's path, colliding with the vehicle in the right lane, according to a Twin Falls Police Department report. Stephens was transported by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Magic Valley In brief

The Community School in Sun Valley placed third in Class C. Competition classes are based on the schools' enrollment sizes. About 260 students from 80 Idaho high schools participated in the tournament this year, making it the largest tournament among the 66 Energy Department-sponsored regional competitions in the United States and Virgin Islands. Many of the Idaho teams began practicing as early as last November to prepare for preliminary regional tournaments leading up to the state competition.

Identification or their Red Cross blood donor cards. For an appointment or more information, call 734-4566.

Planning an Easter egg hunt? Tell us about it

TWIN FALLS — On April 9, *The Times-News* will publish a roundup of Easter egg hunts and related events scheduled for Easter weekend. If your organization is planning an Easter egg hunt and would like it included in the roundup, send the information to Steve Crump, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83401, or e-mail it to scrump@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Hospital offers class on weight loss, obesity

TWIN FALLS — Obesity is one of the most-reported risk factors of heart disease in south-central Idaho and across the nation, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. To help women and men work toward healthy weight loss, Magic Valley Regional will offer an adult weight loss class from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays April 7 through June 9 inside the lower level conference room of Magic Valley Regional's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. The class will be taught by Heather Shaw, a registered and licensed dietitian and certified adult weight loss consultant with Magic Valley Regional. Topics will include proper diet and exercise techniques and support from others in the class. The cost of the 10-week course is \$50, and registration is required. To sign up, call 737-2166.

Kimberly, Jerome schools win Science Bowl honors

TWIN FALLS — Liberty Christian Academy of Jerome and Kimberly High School won the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Scholastic Tournament state championships in their classes and will participate in the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl in May in Washington, D.C. The state championships will be broadcast, beginning at 5 p.m. today on Idaho Public Television.

Red Cross plans blood drive in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive next week at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Hours for the drive are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors are required to bring photo

Twin Falls prepares for pressurized irrigation

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls will fill and prepare the pressurized irrigation systems for seasonal use in the next week. Subdivisions that are connected to pressurized irrigation water within the city will be able to turn on their sprinkler systems on April 10, according to a press release from the city. Anyone who is not sure

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Keith Horn
Age: 30
Description: 6-foot-1, 205 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes.
Wanted for: Probation violation.
Original charges: Four felony warrants for issuing a check without funds; one felony warrant for forgery.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Borenes'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.



— compiled from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Suspect recants killing executive

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A day after confessing he killed a Utah couple, a 20-year-old handyman recanted and said that two other Brazilians committed the crime after he showed them how to get into the couple's condominium.

The handyman, Joelcio Concelos dos Santos, was placed into Brazil's witness protection program after making the statement to police and human rights officials, said Rio state security secretary Anthony Garotinho.

"These people, he says, were the real authors of this crime and he only collaborated with them, giving them the tool for the assassination and information of where the victims would be found," Garotinho said.

Dos Santos said he received \$13,800 for providing the information to the men who "blatantly" snatched the executive Todd Staheli, 39, and his wife, Michelle, 36, on Nov. 30 when they slept in their high-security home, Garotinho said.

Dos Santos gave the men's names to authorities and said they were from Rio, said Garotinho, who declined to provide the names and said police were searching for the men.

"We are on the way of solving this case," he told reporters. "All

indications point at him (dos Santos), but he is now trying to involve other people. Now will see if the implication of those other two people is true."

The handyman made the statement after a judge determined police did not present enough evidence that dos Santos committed the crime. The judge declined to charge dos Santos with the killings.

Dos Santos worked for a neighbor of the Stahelis, and told authorities that he provided the crowbar to the men who killed the couple.

His calm confession to being the sole killer at a news conference, giving his arrest Thursday raised doubts after he said his motive was to punish Staheli for referring to him with a racial slur in fluent Portuguese, but Staheli's relatives in the U.S. spoke of him as the executive who spoke little or no Portuguese after arriving in Brazil less than four months before the killings.

Earlier Friday, police led dos Santos through a reenactment of the killing of Staheli and his wife at the luxury condominium complex where they lived with their four children. But many people involved with the case said the confession wasn't enough to convince them that dos Santos was the killer.

Students release steelhead into river

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — With a small splash and a happy squeal, 9-year-old Andres Foral released "Nemo" — a fry steelhead — into the American River Friday, wishing him well on his journey to the ocean.

Toni, a fourth grade student at Hazel Strutch Elementary, was among 450 Sacramento area students who released more than 700 young steelhead and salmon as part of a program by California Fly Fishers Unlimited.

The group supplies the aquariums, trains the teachers and gets wild salmon and steelhead fish eggs from the Department of Fish and Game.

The children raise the inch-long fish, called fry, in the classroom for about eight weeks, then release them into the American River.

Nemo, named after the lead clown fish in the animated movie "Finding Nemo," was suspiciously sluggish and didn't go far when released. But many of this year's crop of fish darted off as they hit the water to the delight of students.

"Man, those things are quick," said Alex Larson, 8, a third-grade student at Cameron Ranch Elementary School in Carmichael.

Larson said he'll miss having the fish in the classroom. "We like to watch them swim around."

The fly fishing organization has been sponsoring the program since 1990, said member

John Durand. It has grown from a handful of classrooms to more than 150 teachers who are now trained to care for the eggs.

The program teaches students and their teachers about the life cycle of the fish, water conservation and pollution, said John Taylor, conservation program director for California Fly Fishers Unlimited.

Each classroom gets about 35 eggs to put in the cold-water aquarium. In the fall, they get salmon, and in the spring, they get both salmon and steelhead trout.

"As far as we can tell, all of ours survived," said Jan French, a third-grade teacher at Cameron Ranch. "One got sick, but we put it in the refrigerator overnight and he survived."

He said that many fish survive is a rarity and that's also part of the lesson, said Vince Jacobs, treasurer of the fly fishers group.

"One teacher lost all her fish last week," he said. "Most of these fish won't live. The kids know that."

"Still, the students get attached to their wards," he said.

"They name the fish," he said. "Some of them cry when they release them."

Unlike many of her classmates, 3-year-old Jazmin Frazer called her fish "Nemo."

"We just called them all fry," said the Cameron Ranch third grader.

She said goodbye to the fish in her plastic cup, then poured it into the river.



Fourth grader Ruby Ochoa, 10, gets help releasing a fingerling steelhead trout into the American River from Russell Heckley, Friday, at Goethe Park in Rancho Cordova, Calif. Ochoa and her class from Fairview Elementary School, of Galt, joined more than 20 from the area in releasing the young fish as part of a program by California Fly Fishers Unlimited. The group supplies the aquariums, trains the teachers and provides wild salmon and steelhead fish eggs.

SERVICES

- Leola H. Pace Bryant Badger of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church (Kasmussen Funeral Home).
- Francis G. Washburn of Williamsburg, Mass., memorial service at 2 p.m. today at St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Elm St., Northampton, Mass. (Czelusniak Funeral Home).
- Myrtle Jane Stanley of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today in the Twin Falls Cemetery. (White Mortuary).
- Margaret Ellen Canfield McBride, funeral at noon today at the Springdale Ward, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 499 E. 200 S., Burley, Idaho (Accent Funeral Home, Meridian).
- Russell William Black of Jerome, funeral at 1:30 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary).
- Elmer Gene Urie of Eden, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.
- A. Hauert of Rupert, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Fireplace Room, 1224 Eighth St.
- Col. Dale F. P. Rank, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Ketchum Cemetery with military rights by the Air Force Honor Guard and Ketchum American Legion Post (Wood River Chapel).
- Dorothy L. Pulsifer of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.
- Robert Steele Adams Jr. of Paul, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Elks Lodge with military rites following.
- Margaret Louise Greer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. Thursday 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).
- Oris Donald Cryder service of remembrance and witness to the resurrection at 11 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

- Dorothy Miracle**
BIRTH - Dorothy Miracle, 82, formerly of Buhl, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, in Placerville, Calif.
A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at West End Cemetery, Buhl. (Farmer Funeral Chapel).
- Oma D. Baker**
RICHFIELD - Oma D. Baker, 75, of Richfield, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in Shoshone.
Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at the Richfield Cemetery.
Family and friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.
- Burdette 'Burt' Hirsch**
TWIN FALLS - Burdette "Burt" Hirsch, 49, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at his home.
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.
- Reid J. Newby**
Reid J. Newby, 78, of Lakeside, Ore., formerly of Shoshone, Idaho, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Lakeside.
Arrangements will be made by Nelsons Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, Ore.

U.S., British Columbia officials attempt a softwood agreement

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — British Columbia and the United States are trying to negotiate a separate softwood lumber agreement for this province alone, U.S. Commerce Undersecretary Grant Aldonas said here Friday.

Aldonas made the comments Thursday after endorsing the forest policy changes undertaken by the provincial government. He made a field trip to remote forestry operations on Vancouver Island, where British Columbia officials walked him through the details of the province's timber sales program.

Under the new program, data from timber auction prices are used to set stumpage rates on government timber sales, a drastic departure from the old system, where the province set revenue targets.

Aldonas brought Commerce Department officials with him, including a member of the U.S. negotiating team.

Canadian International Trade Minister Jim Peterson has been informed of the new British Columbia initiative. While he was in Vancouver on Wednesday, Aldonas met privately with B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell and provincial Forests Minister Mike de Jong.

British Columbia officials are planning a return trip to Idaho with U.S. forest industry representatives, where they will share information on the differences between timber sales programs in both regions, said Don Wright, British Columbia's chief softwood negotiator.

"We are both interested in finding a solution. We are going to give it a try," Wright said.

Because there have been so many starts in the 2-year-old attempt by Canada and the United States to reach a settlement, Wright said he could not say whether a province-only agreement would be any more successful.

While most U.S. timber is harvested from private land at market prices, in Canada the government owns 90 percent of timberlands and charges fees — called stumpage — for logging. The fee is based on the cost of maintaining and restoring the forest.

U.S. timber companies contend that Canada's stumpage fees are artificially low and amount to subsidies that allow Canadian mills to sell wood below market value.

In 2002, the United States imported nearly \$6 billion of softwood lumber from Canada — about a third of the American market. Softwood lumber, from pine, spruce and other trees, is a key product in home construction.

Last month, the World Trade Organization sided with Canada, ruling that some of the U.S. duties on Canadian lumber were illegal under international rules. The U.S. government has the right to appeal.

Congressmen question agency's hiring of PR firm to tout logging

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Two Democratic congressmen have asked for an investigation of whether the U.S. Forest Service illegally hired a public relations firm to promote its plan to triple logging in 11.5 million acres of Sierra Nevada national forests.

Rep. Rick Rahall of West Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the House Resources Committee, and Rep. Jay Inslee of Washington, senior Democrat on its forests subcommittee, noted the contract echoes a similar pact involving the same senior Forest Service officials that was canceled five years ago.

The most recent contract also appears to violate a federal law that says "appropriated funds may not be used to pay a publicity expert unless specifically appropriated for that purpose," the congressmen said in a letter Tuesday to Agriculture Department Inspector General Phyllis Kaitera. The letter is part of the Agriculture Department.

The Associated Press reported the potential violations in the similar contracts a week ago.

"We urge you to investigate the legality of using taxpayer dollars on the Sierra Nevada contract in light of the clear prohibition in the U.S. Code," Rahall and Inslee wrote.

Inslee, chief of the Forest Service's California region, defended the \$90,000 contract with OneWorld Communications Inc. of San Francisco in an AP interview last week.

The Forest Service is using the firm's "Forests with a Future" campaign to promote increased Sierra logging as necessary to avoid catastrophic wildfires of the sort experienced in Southern California last fall.

Blackwell said agency lawyers and contracting experts advised him the law bars federal agencies only from "self-aggrandizing" PR campaigns at taxpayer expense, while the Sierra campaign promotes wildlife prevention.

The congressman noted that Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth and Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey, who oversees forest policy, also de-

fended the Sierra Nevada contract before a House Resources subcommittee, but neither "pointed to an appropriation authorizing the expenditure," Inslee and Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo., at the time criticized "using taxpayer money to spin the public."

Fong has not yet responded to the congressmen's request, said a Resources Committee spokesman.

The official objective listed by the Forest Service for the current contract is to "create a favorable public atmosphere" for a Sierra decision that environmental groups contend increases logging and limits wildlife protections under the guise of preventing forest fires.

Blackwell and his deputy were also involved in a canceled \$600,000 PR contract five years ago that was intended to persuade reporters 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.

OBITUARIES

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Ora I. Beus - Gooding

Ora I. Beus, age 93, of Gooding, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Ora was born Oct. 11, 1910, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to James and Harriet Jones Beus. Ora lived her entire life in the Twin Falls and Gooding area. She devoted her early adult years to making a home for her wid-

owed father and her younger sister and brother.

She is survived by a brother, Ariel Beus; two nieces, Dorothy Beus Clark and Sharon Beus Kerr; four grandnieces and grandnephews; a great-grandniece and a great-grandnephew.

Ora was preceded in death

by her parents; a brother, Fred; and a sister, Minnie.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at Demary's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Michael Gregor officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at the chapel.

Dorothy Leota Pulsifer - Twin Falls

Dorothy Leota Pulsifer, 59, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday afternoon on March 31, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

She was born Dorothy Leota Kerley, the youngest of seven children.

Dorothy was preceded in death by all her siblings and

both parents.

She is survived by her only son, Michael Pulsifer of Twin Falls; one granddaughter, Jessica Williams of Layden, Wash.; two grandsons, Colby and Jon Michael Pulsifer, both of Twin Falls; one brother in law, Art Herb Hoover of Twin Falls; and a sister-in-law,

Sylvia Garramore of Salton, Del.; along with several loving nieces and nephews.

After many years of ill health, Dorothy has finally found peace.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Memories

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DINNER TIME



Three-day-old bald eagle chick Ele is fed by the hands of animal keeper Rachel Orlando Friday, at the San Francisco Zoo Avian Conservation Center in San Francisco. Hatched from DDT-contaminated eggs retrieved from wild nests on Santa Catalina Island, these chicks would probably have perished due to the egg shell associated with DDT contamination. The chicks will be placed back into wild nests next week where adult parents will raise them. Since 1991, the San Francisco Zoo's Bald Eagle Recovery Project has released 70 bald eagles on Santa Catalina Island and Santa Cruz Island, contributing to the recovery of this species in these areas.

Shootout

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Brown couldn't be reached for comment Friday, but earlier in the week he declined to say whether the Williams family would appeal a potential ruling against them by Lodge.

Here's a summary of some of the issues considered by the judges:

• Search warrant - The warrant for the raid was based upon the statements of confidential informant Mary Ann Taylor, who was living with Williams at the time.

Taylor has testified that in planning the raid, Weaver and Roberts told her that they were looking for information about a serious drug dealer with a criminal background, and they showed her a picture of a neighbor of Williams.

She responded that Williams was the "wrong man." Brown wrote that Weaver and Roberts also were told that Williams was armed and would likely come to the door with a gun, because he had been attacked and stalked by Taylor's former boyfriend.

"With absolute, intentional disregard for these facts from their confidential informant, (Weaver and Roberts) obtained a warrant without disclosing he was the wrong guy and misinformed their entry team that Williams was mean, had a history of violent crime, and had a gun, not to protect himself in his home from a stalker, but for drug transactions outside the home," Brown wrote.

Lodge however agreed with defense lawyers that while Williams wasn't the person about whom Weaver and Roberts initially asked, Taylor did say Williams kept large unknocked doors to his garage. Inside the garage was marijuana and was selling.

Brown was distorting the meaning of the statement made by Taylor, that Weaver and Roberts had the wrong man, wrote Boise attorney Martin Hendrickson, who represents Jerome County and Weaver through the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program.

"In her deposition, Mary Ann Taylor specifically states that she saw the marijuana in the home and was giving truthful information to the officers about drugs in Tim Williams' residence," Lodge wrote.

• Entering the garage - Moulson, Anderson, Weaver and Roberts entered Williams' house by first going through an unlocked door to his garage. Inside the garage was a door to the actual residence.

Roberts testified that deputies twice pounded on the interior door and yelled, "Sheriff's department." When there was no response, Moulson kicked in the door.

Brown argued that the deputies were required by law to first knock on the door to Williams' garage. Hendrickson called that argument "nonsensical," because of the outer door's distance from the living quarters.

By knocking at the inner door, the officers gave Williams "with the best opportunity to hear them and to comply with their

commands," Hendrickson wrote.

Lodge wrote that because Taylor was living with Williams, officers were reasonable to believe that she had the authority to allow them into the garage. "Even if the officers did not have valid consent to enter the garage, considering the totality of the circumstances, including the layout of the home, the officers were reasonable in believing they could wait to knock and announce at the second door, leading from the garage into the living area of the residence," Lodge wrote.

• Timing - In a deposition, Roberts said she estimated that "maybe 10 seconds" from the time the officers entered the garage until shooting began. Based upon that information, Brown argued that they either didn't knock and announce their presence at the inner door or didn't wait long enough before forcing the door open. He suggested that only three seconds elapsed from the time they reached the inner door until shooting began.

"After encountering a locked door between the garage and the hallway, two officers dressed in SWAT gear, without reasonable identification on the front of their attire, misinformed that Williams was a violent criminal, kick open a door and begin firing on Williams because he is approaching the door with a gun," Brown wrote.

"... [The shooting] happened because (Weaver and Roberts) knowingly planned and implemented a no-knock entry, surprising an unsuspecting Williams as the team breaches a door inside his home, putting the team and Williams within a few feet of one another. Everyone is armed and no one knows who the other really is."

Hendrickson wrote that there was overwhelming evidence that the deputies knocked and announced twice and paused before forcing open the inner door. He also wrote that the three-second estimate was "patently unreasonable."

Roberts' estimate of "maybe 10 seconds" was a result of being "badgered" in her deposition to guess how long it was, Hendrickson wrote. "It is clear from ... Roberts' deposition that she was unable to provide the exact amount of time that had elapsed down to the precise second at various stages of the incident," Hendrickson wrote. "(The Williams family) have taken a portion of one statement made by Roberts and have concocted a scenario that is completely at odds with all of the evidence in the record ..."

Lodge agreed that almost all the evidence indicated the period was longer than three seconds, but more importantly, he wrote that all the evidence showed that the officers did knock and announce their presence.

"... (A) short amount of time may have occurred between the forcible entrance to the residence and the knock and announce, but the knock and announce did occur," Lodge

wrote. "Given the totality of the circumstances, the set up of the house, Mary Ann Taylor's participation, the belief drugs and weapons were in the home, and that clearly a knock and announce occurred, the Court finds no Fourth Amendment violation regarding the entrance to the residence."

• Roberts' conduct - Brown maintained his argument that there was evidence that, after Williams retreated to his bedroom and lay in bed, he was shot while lying on the floor. Roberts stood over him and shot him. He noted that casings from Roberts' gun were found in the bathroom and master bedroom, and that former Jerome County Deputy Rose Vaughn testified in a deposition that Roberts had told her she had fired at Williams in the bedroom.

Judge Williams had found that the evidence showed otherwise, saying the shell casings found in the hallway, were kicked into the room, Roberts says she never actually entered the house, but rather fired from the doorway.

"... [The] Magistrate manufactured the story about how it was possible someone kicked a casing into the hallway, the casing somehow made a left-hand turn, and then it was kicked at least once again to get it into the master bedroom," Brown wrote. "While such a scenario is fine to imagine, there is no evidence that anyone kicked the shell casings."

Hendrickson and the attorney for Roberts, Kirlan Naylor of Boise, wrote that Judge Williams properly determined that Vaughn's testimony was surprising and confusing. Other, more likely explanations for how the shell casings came to rest where they did.

In addition, Hendrickson wrote that even if Roberts had entered the house and shot Williams, it would not have constituted excessive force. Relating her conversation with Roberts, Vaughn had said she understood that Roberts shot Williams after seeing him reload his weapon and point it toward Taylor, who was in the bedroom closet.

"Based on Roberts' alleged statement, as related by Vaughn, it would be obvious that Williams, while possibly immobile, was still in possession and control of his firearm and in fact appeared to be attempting to reload and fire upon Taylor," Hendrickson wrote. "Having just killed two Jerome County deputies, any law enforcement officer in that position would legitimately consider Williams to be a threat so long as he possessed the .44 magnum handgun and was able to aim it."

Lodge agreed. "The Court cannot infer from (Vaughn's) deposition that at the time Roberts shot, Tim Williams he was unarmed and helpless," the judge wrote. "In fact, the opposite conclusion must be drawn from this deposition testimony that he was armed at the time and previously had shot two officers."

Cassia planners want to streamline permit process

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BURLEY - Changes are coming in the permit process used by the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commission members Thursday agreed to begin receiving applicants for special-use permits to submit all written evidence with the initial applications before public hearings on the applications would be scheduled. Opposition materials would need to be submitted seven days before the public hearings.

Planning commission members will use the new regulations to be in place in about five weeks, to handle the expected spring arrival of applications.

Requiring materials to be submitted earlier would allow planning commission members time to study the materials before hearings, Cassia County

Administrator Kerry McMurray said.

"I think it will help us immensely," planning commission Chairman Vaughn Cook said.

The idea for the deadlines came from a workshop attended by Cook and McMurray where they studied procedures used by other counties around the state. Much of the commission's meeting was devoted to review of these procedures in an effort to streamline the hearing process.

Depending on circumstances, commission members may still allow additional material to be submitted at hearings, Cook said.

Based on information from the workshop, commission members decided that the ordinance regarding city impact areas needs to be reconsidered. Impact areas, or buffer zones, are the areas into which cities are expected to grow in the

future. "We need to update where we're at," McMurray said, "and renegotiate agreements with each of the cities."

McMurray suggested the ordinance be more thorough to deal specifically with each city. Commission members also reviewed state requirements for a county comprehensive plan. State guidelines require that commission members analyze 14 factors including school facilities, hazardous areas, transportation, recreation and housing.

"The comprehensive plan ensures that all issues are analyzed in the event of a challenge," McMurray said.

"We want to do things the right way. We want to follow the law."

Commission members agreed to discuss the guidelines at the April 15 meeting.

'Don't call it criminal' - defense says Qwest sacrificed executives

DENVER (AP) - Attorneys for four former Qwest executives criticized the company and prosecutors in closing arguments Friday, saying the men were being sacrificed to protect a house of cards.

Higher-ups in a case as fragile as a house of cards. "These four dedicated gentlemen who were trying to make a transaction work. Call it misguided, call it ignorant, but don't call it criminal,"

Defense attorneys wrapped up their arguments Friday. Deliberations will begin Monday. Graham, John Walker, Thomas Hall and Bryan Treadwell were accused of improperly booking nearly \$34 million in revenue in 2001 as part of a \$100 million deal to link Arizona's public schools to the Internet. Prosecutors say they tried to book the revenue for equipment that wasn't purchased yet and then lied to auditors and regulators about it.

"It is the first criminal case stemming from investigations that prompted former Qwest chief executive Joseph Nacchio to quit in 2002 and ultimately led the company to renege \$2.5 billion in revenue from its books. Sears and Jeff Springer, Hall's attorney, both said the defendants were offered up as sacrifices by Qwest to protect the company and higher executives from prosecution. Sears said executives were under high pressure to meet revenue targets pushed to high levels by Nacchio.

"Who was driving this bus?" Sears asked.

Springer suggested the government's case was "a house of cards" put together by overzealous prosecutors.

"I just did nothing wrong here and the evidence shows it, Springer said. "The only way it doesn't is if you twist and turn things."

Treadway's attorney, Steve Cowen, said his client was kept in the dark on details and could not have been a member of the alleged conspiracy. "Treadway told auditors what he knew and warned Qwest officials, including other defendants, that there could be problems with the deal, but they ignored his advice, Cowen said.

"The test is whether he misled the auditors and committed securities fraud," Cowen

said. "This is prosecution by innuendo and by pickpocketing words" in e-mails and other communications.

He said the government misinterpreted evidence to build a case against Treadway. Prosecutors, however, say all four men knew or should have known details about the deal when they approved it. Assistant U.S. Attorney William Taylor said documents were drawn up to fool corporate accountants, outside auditors and the FBI.

In his rebuttal just before the case was submitted to the jury, lead prosecutor William Leone asked jurors to rely on their common sense.

"This is not all the evidence. Do you do all of that for a silly little immaterial, insignificant transaction? Would you? No," Leone said. "Your common sense tells you that busy people don't waste their time on silly little transactions."

Each defendant faces 11 charges, including fraud and conspiracy, and could spend years in prison if convicted.

Graham was a senior vice president of financial planning and chief financial officer of Qwest's global business unit. Walker and Hall were both sales executives within the unit, and Treadway was a Qwest controller.

Mormons prepare for celebration

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Millions of Mormons worldwide will celebrate their faith this weekend during the 174th semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Church leaders will also privilege the faithful with talks aimed at renewing their religious commitment.

"We always view General Conference as a time for learning, to be reminded of the fundamental teachings and doctrines of the church,"

spokesman Dale Bills said. "It's also a time to hear the word of God as expressed by those whom we see as the servants of God," he said.

Church leaders, including 93-year-old church President Gordon B. Hinckley, will address the faithful.

"There is no message or theme," Bills said. "The leadership of the church assigns speakers and lets them go where the inspiration leads them."

Mormons who didn't get one of the 105,000 tickets to personally attend a session in the 21,000-seat church Conference Center in downtown Salt Lake City will not be left out.

Four of the five general sessions will be piped to other locations in Temple Square, and they will be broadcast live on television and on radio in Salt Lake City.

Mormons who do not have tickets are encouraged to listen or watch the conference at their homes.

Bowcut

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He'll remain in jail in California at least until that sentencing.

He will then be returned to Idaho to serve his time in the state penitentiary.

He's been in jail in California since December 2002, awaiting the outcome of the federal case. It had been scheduled for trial April 20.

The federal sentence will be served once Bowcut completes his state sentence, Conklin said. "His sentences are consecutive, not concurrent, meaning Bowcut will be in prison at least 42 1/2 years, and possibly 47 years or until he dies."

"We truly appreciate the assistance provided by the local authorities in Burley," Conklin said. "The work they did helped federal prosecutors work this case."

At the time of the 2002 indictments, Commissioner of Customs Robert Bonner said the ring of pedophiles had sexually molested children and distributed child pornography via the Internet. Bonner said 45 children were involved in the ring.

He was accused of receiving photos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct and of transmitting photos of children engaged in sex acts. According to the federal indictment, the Internet exchange occurred between August 2000 and Jan. 26, 2002.

Bowcut was sentenced in October 2002 to the term of 30 years to life in the Idaho State Penitentiary by then-5th District Judge Roger Burdick, who is now a member of the Idaho Supreme Court. Bowcut pleaded guilty to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16.

In exchange for Bowcut's guilty pleas, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus dismissed 11 other charges of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16, two counts of sexual exploitation of children and 13 counts of sexual abuse.

Bowcut has appealed his state sentence, claiming it is excessive. The state Supreme Court hasn't acted on the appeal.

Barrus called the cases against Bowcut "a tragedy."

"This whole thing is a tragedy. It's a tragedy that those kids had to go through what they had to go through and that Pete let the guy get ruined. And it's a tragedy for Pete's family," Barrus said.

"There are no winners. The prosecutors aren't the winners, the state isn't the winner. Everybody is a loser" in a case such as this, Barrus said.

Nonetheless, Barrus was firm in his position that the public must be informed about such incidents and said prosecutors and police must "send a message that we won't tolerate this happening to our children."

"We're glad it's over," Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hilgans said Friday.

Hilgans' officers investigated the case resulting in Bowcut's conviction in 5th District Court and assisted in the federal investigation.

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Staff at Pocatello hospital gets unpaid days off to sop up red ink

POCATELLO (AP) — Pocatello Medical Center is requiring nearly 600 employees take an extra day off without pay every two weeks to help eliminate a budget deficit. Hospital spokeswoman Crista Madsen-Smith said the usual winter decline in demand for surgical services combined with an earlier than usual end to the flu season and an unexplained drop in physical and occupational therapy and cancer treatment...

Officials choose site for Lewis and Clark sculpture

LEWISTON (AP) — A Lewis and Clark sculpture to be created by artist Maya Lin will be displayed in a park on a Snake River island instead of at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers. Board members with the Washington Confluence Project this week decided against using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers site for a Lewis and Clark interpretive center because of financial and maintenance yard uncertainties.

Coming Wednesday ...

Outdoor living

Our 2004 gardening guide takes you outside — to plant flowers and vegetables, build a deck, spruce up your landscape and more.

California reconsiders nation's only bio-pet ban

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California regulators voted Thursday to reconsider the nation's only ban on biotech household pets after one commissioner said he was lobbied by his wife, a household aquarium owner who wants to buy the outwaded fluorescent fish.

On the Net

Yorktown Technologies: www.glofish.com The Center for Food Safety: http://www.cfs.fda.gov/foodsafety

anemone gene. Natural zebra fish are black and silver, but the gene turns them red and makes them glow under fluorescent black lights. Commissioners voted 3-1 to seek an updated recommendation from the Department of Fish and Game on whether the fish are dangerous, and to hold public hearings before making a final decision.

Commissioner Jim Kellogg changed his mind after his wife, Lynn, "ripped me apart, because she's an aquarium fish owner and challenged me on why GloFish would be harmful to the state of California." A new commissioner also cast a vote in favor of reconsidering the ban; commission chairman Michael Flores has consistently supported an exemption.

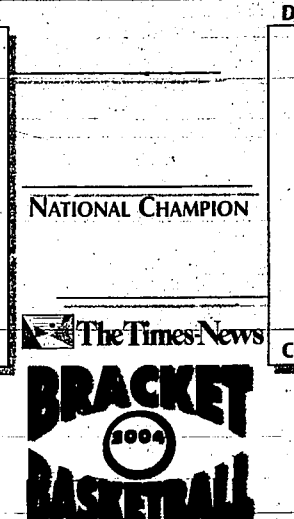
human viruses and as well as antibiotic-resistant bacteria. They want government regulation on the grounds the hidden genes might pose health risks if the biotech fish are released into natural waterways and consumed by other fish that eventually are eaten by humans.

The Center for Technology Assessment and Center for Food Safety sued the federal government in January, alleging the benign fluorescing gene was inserted using other genes derived from animal and

Bracket table for the left side of the 2004 NCAA Basketball tournament. Includes teams like Kentucky, Washington, UAB, Providence, Pacific, Kansas, Illinois-Chicago, Boston College, Utah, Georgia Tech, Northern Iowa, Michigan State, Nevada, Gonzaga, Valparaiso, St. Joseph's, Liberty, Texas Tech, Charlotte, Florida, Manhattan, Wake Forest, Va Common, Wisconsin, Richmond, Pittsburgh, Central FL, South Carolina, Eastern WA, Oklahoma State.

Bracket table for the right side of the 2004 NCAA Basketball tournament. Includes teams like Duke, Seton Hall, Illinois, Cincinnati, North Carolina, Texas, Xavier, Mississippi St., Stanford, Alabama, Syracuse, Maryland, Vanderbilt, N. Carolina St., DePaul, Connecticut, Vermont, Alabama St., Arizona, Murray St., E. Tennessee St., N. Carolina, Air Force, Princeton, Louisville, Missouri St., Monmouth, Texas Tech, St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's, Wake Forest, Oklahoma St., E. Rutherford, Pittsburg, OK State, Memphis, OK State.

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THE EAGLE EYE



Bald eagles perch atop pilings of the poor man's float Thursday in Petersburg, Alaska, waiting to feast on the herring or small cod that swim below. Large quantities of eagles begin to frequent the harbor areas as herring season winds down and the salmon season winds down and the salmon season approaches.

Atheist group challenges prayer in Utah city council meetings

ALPINE Utah (AP) — Visitors to this small town at the base of the Wasatch often mistake city hall for a church. And perception meets reality when City Council members open their meetings with prayer — a tradition that has propelled Alpine and rural towns like it into a debate over the role of religion in government.

"We ask you, Father, to bless us so we can make wise decisions during this time," prayed Councilman Hunt Willoughby one recent evening, as all heads bowed.

The prayer was short and simple. And possibly illegal, some say.

Prayer in City Council meetings has recently come under fire due to an emerging effort among the nonreligious to make themselves heard. Citing fears of expensive litigation, many cities have abandoned the long-held tradition. Others have defiantly fought back, claiming they're being unfairly harassed by a vocal minority.

But the issue has raised questions over how to remain prayer in public meetings without violating state law.

"When small town Utah says, 'we've always had prayer, we're going to continue to have prayer,' ... it sounds like another lawsuit," said Brian Barnard, a civil rights attorney who has argued two lawsuits over prayer in

council meetings before the Utah Supreme Court.

Alpine is located about 30 minutes south of Salt Lake City, headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. God and government routinely mix in Utah, a state whose population and Legislature are dominated by followers of the Mormon faith.

Prayer during opening ceremonies is legal, the state high court ruled in 1993, provided the opportunity to deliver the prayer is available to all. All religions or philosophies, no matter how repugnant to the mainstream, must be welcomed.

Ten years later, the issue was revisited after the city of Murray rejected a man's request to offer a prayer, a portion of which read, "We pray that you prevent self-righteous politicians from mistaking the name-of-God-in-conducting government meetings." The court ruled that cities may not deny anyone the right to participate because of the content of their message.

Atheists say they are frustrated that the high court rulings never trickled down to Utah's smaller cities and towns. Julian Hatch, a director of a group called Utah Atheists, said "inconsistent directives" over prayer in some cities allow government to subtly discourage nonconformists from participating.

"Is this what is going to have to happen, that we have to sue 140 cities in Utah before everyone gets it?" he asked.

Prayer at public meetings is legal.

The problem for cities is the uncertainty over what must be done to make prayer nondiscriminatory and available to all.

Utah Atheists would like to see city councils do away with prayer altogether or, failing that, have a written policy in place "to avoid problems of application and free content."

David Church, an attorney who represents the city of Alpine and the Utah League of Cities and Towns, suggested in a recent newsletter that cities decide "whether prayer adds enough to your meetings to justify the effort."

According to Church, cities should have a formal written policy and should not rely exclusively on council members to lead prayers.

A system in which letters are mailed out periodically to churches and civic groups inviting them to participate would probably be upheld, if challenged in court, he wrote.

In most parts of small-town Utah, finding people with views that diverge from the mainstream is a struggle.

Still, cities may not be off the hook if someone can prove that the same religion or philosophy is continually favored.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

By The Associated Press

Vetoed by Governor

- HB760 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides investment tax credit for renewable energy investments in wind power, solar, and other technologies.
- HB761 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides an income tax credit of one-half cent per kilowatt for electric energy generated by specific renewable sources.
- HB807 (Ways and Means) — Reduces the membership in the Idaho Beef Council to seven members and expands its powers to include public relations.
- HB816 (Ways and Means) — Establishes an identification system for cattle that come to Idaho from Canada.
- SB1269 (Local Government) — Authorizes installation of light rail tracks on certain state highways.
- HB544 (Environmental Affairs) — Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to appoint watershed advisory groups.

Signed by Governor

- SB1283 (State Affairs) — Restricts smoking in public places.
- HB728 (Education) — Expands technological competency requirements for certified public



- school employees.
- HB590 (Judiciary and Rules) — Limits the civil liability of food manufacturers or retailers based on obesity claims.
- HB631 (Education) — Requires boards of trustee of community college districts to cooperate with locally elected officials.
- HB646 (State Affairs) — Establishes that the Idaho Health Facilities Authority has the power to make mortgage loans and other unsecured loans.
- HB693 (State Affairs) — Requires anatomical gift statements to include information about whether the organ may be retrieved by a for-profit entity.
- HB712 (State Affairs) — Designates the peregrine falcon as the official state raptor.
- HB770 (Appropriations) — Clarifies that the authority of the Idaho Athletic Commission is responsible for the oversight of professional boxing, wrestling and similar events.

- HB801 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$9.4 million to the State Board of Education for 2004-2005 operations.
- HB828 (Revenue and Tax) — Reduces surplus line insurance from 2.75 percent in 2004-2006 to 1.5 percent in 2007.
- HB947 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$190,000 to the Education Department to finance school busing audits.
- SB1317 (Health and Welfare) — Clarifies the jurisdiction of licensed emergency medical service agencies.
- SB1347 (Education) — Sets up reimbursement schedule for transportation costs for charter public schools in their first year of operation.
- SB1361 (Education) — Requires charter school applications to include copy of bylaws.
- SB1363 (Education) — Requires approved written contracts for employees of charter public schools.
- SB1389 (Judiciary and Rules) — Rewrites the state's Residential Mortgage Practices Act.
- SB1411 (Judiciary and Rules) — Revises exemption provisions for worker's compensation records, under the public records law.
- SB1445 (Finance) — Allocates \$1.1 billion for 2004-2006 operations of the Medicaid program.

Team talks about controlling thirsty tamarisk

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Salt cedars helped fuel back-to-back wildfires in Albuquerque's wooded Rio Grande bottomland last summer, bringing home the impact of invasive species and the need of invasive species in the Southwest.

State Forester Dutch Blazer said the fires, which forced the evacuation of hundreds of homes on both sides of the river, have forced New Mexico and other Southwestern states to focus on salt cedar, a nonnative tree also known as tamarisk.

"As a result of that, not only will the wildfire problem be addressed, but also the whole issue of this invasive species and trying to improve the riparian habitats around the major river systems around the state," Blazer said Friday during a conference dedicated to the pesky tree.

Team Tamarisk — comprising about 400 federal, state and local government officials, representatives of other groups

and private landowners from 19 states — met for three days to determine the best way to eradicate or control the water-guzzling tree.

Salt cedar, which can drink up to 200 gallons of water a day, has been found along 1.5 million acres in the Southwest.

Those at the conference talked about a coordination effort that will allow officials to work across jurisdictional boundaries, such as state lines or on federal or public land, said Scott Cameron, a deputy assistant interior secretary.

Working together to get rid of tamarisk will make states more effective, he said.

"New Mexico and Colorado may do a great job inside their own borders on tamarisk, but if tamarisk trees in Wyoming keep on sending seeds south, then ultimately New Mexico and Colorado will fail," Cameron said.

Thomas Stohlgren, science

program director of the National Institute of Invasive Species Science in Fort Collins, Colo., said technology is a new aspect in the fight against tamarisk.

He said the U.S. Geological Survey is using mapping and forecasting services to better predict what areas in the Southwest need the most attention.

The institute is working on a map of hotspots that will soon be available online. Stohlgren said the map will help control the spread of invasive plants and prevent new invasions.

Team Tamarisk is also working on a set of guiding principles that will give agencies a direction to follow when working on local programs.

Debbie Hughes, executive director for the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, said some likely principles will include re-establishing native vegetation and creating public and private partnerships.

Search teams look for missing snowboarders

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The Utah County Sheriff's office will continue its search for the two snowboarders missing since a late December avalanche and presumed dead.

The Sheriff's office said recovery efforts are continuing through the weekend and will include dogs and search teams using probe poles.

The avalanche buried five snowboarders as they climbed the chute Dec. 26, and two escaped.

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Gas thefts rise as fuel prices go up

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Law enforcement agencies in several Idaho counties say reports of fuel theft are going up — right along with the price of gasoline.

So far this year, 51 gas thefts have been reported in Idaho Falls. That's more than twice as many during the same time last year.

Ada County Sheriff's officials also say gas thefts are increasing.

The statewide average in Idaho on Friday was \$1.83 a gallon for regular unleaded, about 8 cents higher than the national average of \$1.75 cents and hovering near the state's all-time high.

"Stealing gas is just like stealing merchandise from a store," said Scott Johnson, district manager for Common Cents in Idaho Falls. "It's a constant problem we have to deal with."

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WORLD

Bigger NATO reassures Russia

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Flags of seven new NATO members from former communist Europe rose at a ceremony here Friday, marking the biggest expansion in its 55-year history.

However, Russia expressed doubt whether a bigger NATO would improve Europe's stability, and the alliance here, a foreign minister called for "structures" in which no one would feel excluded.

The emotional ceremony began with a military band playing the national anthems of the newcomers — Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Latvia and Estonia.

Afterward, foreign ministers of the seven nations joined their counterparts from the 19 other members, including Secretary of State Colin Powell, for a ceremony on challenges facing the alliance — including Afghanistan, arms control and the fight against terrorism.



President of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies Valer Dorneanu, Romanian President Ion Iliescu, Premier Adrian Nastase, former President Emil Constantinescu and Head of the Romanian Orthodox church Patriarch Teoctist, background from left to right, applaud as Romanian soldiers march during the ceremony to mark Romania's accession into NATO in Bucharest, Friday.

The seven newcomers officially joined the alliance Monday during a ceremony in Washington hosted by President Bush. The foreign ministers' meeting here marked their accession into policy-making within the alliance.

NATO's expansion will be followed in a month by the European Union's absorption of 10 new members — twin moves that represent the end of decades of Cold War division in Europe.

"Next we can feel secure," Latvian President Valdis Kiselecsis said in Riga, his country's capital. "It gives us a sense that we're not just recovered our sovereignty, but that we can be assured of preserving it for our children and grandchildren."

Bulgaria, once among the Soviet Union's staunchest allies, declared Friday a national holiday. Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania celebrated with parades. City buses in Estonia flew NATO flags.

Estonian Foreign Minister Kristina Ojuland said that watching his nation's flag rise at NATO headquarters was "one of those moments you remember for the rest of your life."

Russia, however, has expressed concern over the eastward expansion of its Cold War foe. Former Soviet allies Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary, joined the alliance in 1999.

The Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania were part of the Soviet Union before it ceased to exist on Jan. 1, 1992.

President Vladimir Putin said Russia does not fear NATO expansion.

But he said the alliance's eastward march won't improve international security.

"Today's threats are such that the expansion of NATO will not remove them," Putin said in Moscow after meeting with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Mindful of Moscow's concerns, NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said the alliance was determined to "elevate NATO-Russia relations to a new quality."

After the ceremonies, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with the NATO ministers. He told reporters later that it was "high time to start developing structures that would leave no one feeling excluded."

Officials said Lavrov received assurances that the Baltic states and Slovenia, once part of communist Yugoslavia, would abide by a Cold War-era European weapons treaty.

In another bid to ease Russian concerns, NATO repeated a pledge to "provide political assurances of restraint" — diplomatic jargon that the United States and its allies will not deploy large numbers of tanks, planes and troops in the Baltic region.

The new members, notably Romania and Bulgaria, have been more supportive of U.S. policies in Iraq than other members such as France, Germany and Belgium which opposed the war.

That could enhance support for an expanded NATO role in Iraq.

However, Powell said a decision would not be made before Washington transfers power to an Iraqi government at the end of June.

NATO diplomats say the alliance could take command of a sector in Iraq or train the Iraqi military.

"Countries that have suffered under communist dictatorship have not only a strategic interest but also the moral obligation to assist this nation which has suffered a similar or worse dictatorship," Romanian Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana said in Iraq.

But German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer ruled out any German participation in an Iraq force, saying NATO's top priority was bringing stability to Afghanistan.

The NATO ministers endorsed plans to expand the alliance's peacekeeping mission beyond the Afghan capital and send several hundred soldiers to five northern cities by late June.

Rival Palestinians unite against Israel

Shifting alliances challenge Israeli plans to stem attacks

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Three years ago, members of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah political movement created the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades to compete with Hamas — in effect, to see which organization's armed wing could send the most suicide bombers against Israel and win the most support among Palestinians.

Today the former rivals have forged alliances, a shift that is complicating Israeli efforts to thwart major attacks and blurring the ideological lines between nationalist and religious factions, according to Palestinian militants, analysts and senior Israeli military officials.

Gen. Yisrael Ziv, the Israeli military chief of operations, said in an interview at his Tel Aviv office.

"One organization has the money, another has the guy that knows the area — the best guide; the third has the best suicide bomber."

"We found, we do best when we work together," said a street leader of the al-Aqsa group in the Jabalya refugee camp north of Gaza City.

The 27-year-old shop owner spoke on condition that he be identified by only his last name, Abu Mishal, because he feared being targeted by Israeli forces.

In a strike that several Israeli officials described as stunning in its audacity and planning, Hamas, al-Aqsa and Islamic Jihad attacked an Israeli military checkpoint on March 8 at the Erez border crossing between Gaza and Israel using jeeps disguised to look like Israeli military vehicles.

Two Palestinian policemen, two al-Aqsa gunmen and one each from Hamas and Islamic Jihad were killed in the incident.

"This operation is part of the continuing joint operations," the three groups said in a combined communique posted on the Hamas Web site soon after the attack.

"It is emphasizing the path of resistance and unity,"



Yasser Arafat

Police find bomb under tracks

MADRID, Spain — Police found a bomb Friday under the tracks of Spain's bullet train line between Madrid and Seville, the interior minister said less than a month after a deadly commuter rail attack that killed 191 people.

Bomb-disposal experts alerted by a railway employee found 22-24 pounds of explosives about 40 miles south of Madrid, Interior Minister Angel Acebes said.

The explosives were connected to a detonator with a 450-foot cable, the minister told a news conference.

Acebes said it was not clear who was behind the bombing. The national news agency Efe quoted police sources as saying preliminary analysis suggested the explosives might be a Spanish brand called Goma 2 Eco, the same used in the March 11 terrorist bombings in Madrid.

The tracks are used by Spain's Ave trains, which can reach speeds of 186 mph.

Friday was a busy travel day in Spain, with trains and highways full of people leaving home for Easter vacation, but the state rail company RENFE said no train was close to the bomb when it was found.

Bomb disposal experts disarmed the bomb, reports said.

Police storm disputed Jerusalem holy site

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Israeli police in riot gear stormed a disputed holy site Friday, firing tear gas, stun grenades and plastic bullets to disperse Muslim worshippers throwing stones and shoes at them.

After the initial clashes, thousands of Palestinians barricaded themselves in two mosques in the hilly compound for about two hours, before police agreed to let them leave without threat of arrest.

More than 20 Palestinians were hurt and at least nine arrested in the most violent confrontations at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, since the outbreak of Israel-Palestinian fighting in September 2000.

Hours earlier, U.S. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said in published interviews that Pal-

FIRST SWIM



Belgrade Zoo's latest addition, a 3-day-old, as yet un-named, baby hippopotamus, swims alongside his mother, Julka, in balmy spring weather Friday in Belgrade Zoo.

stinian leader Yasser Arafat and Lebanese guerrilla chief Hassan Nasrallah could become targets for assassination, Sharon's threats were the most explicit yet against his arch foes.

Uzbek authorities call on residents to be vigilant

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Uzbek security forces searched the capital and countryside Friday for at least eight suspects in a series of attacks and explosions this week, while state-backed religious leaders said the militants were evil and should be "eliminated."

The country's top prosecutor said at least 47 people have died — 33 alleged terrorists, 10 police and four civilians including three young children. Another 35 people were injured, including 24 police.

A high-ranking Interior Ministry official told The Associated Press the bloodshed was linked to alleged terrorists who have sought refuge along the lawless Afghan-Pakistan border.

That area has been the scene of recent offensives by Pakistani troops who last month said they wounded the political leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Tahir Yuldashev.

The IMU has been blamed for February 1999 attacks that killed at least 16 in Tashkent, where officials say similar explosives were

used to those in this week's violence.

First Kurdish language courses open in Turkey

BATMAN, Turkey — For the first time ever, teacher Abdurrahman Ozer, 52, writes the letters "q," "w," and "x" on a blackboard.

The letters don't exist in Turkish. They belong to Ozer's mother tongue, Kurdish, a language spoken by millions in Turkey but until now outlawed in the classroom.

Ozer is one of two teachers who on Thursday began teaching the first legal Kurdish language courses in Turkey.

Not surprisingly, most of his students are adults who never learned to read and write their language, which was forbidden even to speak for many years.

The courses — offered at a private language school in this city in the predominantly Kurdish southeast — were made possible by a series of reforms Turkey adopted to strengthen its chances of joining the European Union.

Turkey, with a population of 70 million, is home to 12 million ethnic Kurds.

For many, being able to take courses in their language marks a milestone in their long struggle for greater rights.

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Unemployment drops from '03

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

A look at local



Magie Valley's seasonally adjusted unemployment rates

County	March '04	Feb. '04	March '03
Blaine	2.4%	3.6%	4.1%
Camas	5.3	6.1	6.7
Cassia	6.7	7.1	8.0
Gooding	3.4	3.4	3.5
Jerome	4.0	4.0	4.0
Latah	5.5	5.2	5.6
Minidoka	8.5	8.6	7.4
Twin Falls	3.9	4.1	4.3

Source: Idaho Department of Labor forecasts

TWIN FALLS — March unemployment rates in nearly every county in south-central Idaho dropped from the previous month and remained below year-ago levels, the Idaho Department of Labor said Friday.

The two-county jobs rate for Minidoka and Cassia counties decreased three-tenths of a percent to reach 7.6 percent in March — but up six-tenths of a point from a year ago. The combined rate for Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties dropped two-tenths of a point from February to 3.8 percent — down three-tenths of a point from February 2003.

The arrival of spring meant increased activity — and employment — in the construction and agriculture sectors, said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's labor economist for Magic Valley. The spring weather also means increased retail sales and homeowning has led the stores to stock up on landscaping and spring cleaning supplies.

Unemployment figures for Mini-Cassia remained higher than elsewhere in Magic Valley due to J.R. Simplot Co.'s October 2003 plant closure in Hoyburn, Rogers said.

But a "bottoming-out" has occurred in terms of unemployment in Mini-Cassia. Rogers said unemployment figures should only improve. Simplot's donation of the former Hoyburn plant to the city of Burley

is a positive sign for future employment in the area, he said. "Trends are nudging upward," Rogers said.

Meanwhile, Jerome, Twin Falls, Blaine and Gooding counties were at or below 4 percent unemployment in March.

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Idaho jobs set record pace

The Associated Press

BOISE — Another 2,600 workers found jobs in Idaho last month, pushing total employment to its eighth straight monthly record, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The steady expansion may finally be convincing some experts that the economy is swinging upward although they remain skeptical about the pace of the recovery.

What analysts said were job opportunities across many sectors of the economy reduced the state's unemployment rate another two-tenths of a point to 4.6 percent in March, the lowest rate since January 2001.

"I think we really are recovering some," private economist Don Reading said. "There are some jobs coming back, but

you're not sure where and how much."

The March jobless rate was a full percentage point below the year-earlier level with employment just short of 670,000. At the same time, the number of Idaho workers off the job dipped below 33,000 to its lowest level in three years.

The national rate went in the other direction, rising a tenth of a point to 5.7 percent. But the job picture was much the same in Idaho as it was nationally — hiring was done across a broad spectrum of the economy.

But Idaho AFE-CIO President Dave Whaley is much more skeptical about the economic turnaround than Reading. Whaley remains convinced that the expanded employment is in

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Nominate a local business for honor

TWIN FALLS — Nominations of outstanding businesses are being accepted for Integrity Counts.

Integrity Counts is a program of the Better Business Bureau, open to all businesses in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon which:

- Have been in business at least three years.
- Exemplify high ethical behavior toward customers, suppliers, users, shareholders, employees and the communities in which they do business;
- Reflect a commitment to integrity in their marketing, advertising, communication and sales practices;
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- Comply with all legal business requirements for their industry; and
- Meet their financial and contractual obligations.

Businesses may be nominated in five categories: (1) independent contractor, self-employed, up to two employees; (2) less than 20 employees; (3) 21-99 employees; (4) 100-plus employees; or (5) nonprofit.

To nominate a business, send the business name, full address, phone number, owner's name, e-mail address if available, and a letter of recommendation for nominating the business to Integrity Counts, in care of Better Business Bureau, 4355 Emerald, Suite 290, Boise, ID 83706. The nominating person's name, address, phone number and relationship to the business must be included.

Information may be faxed to 342-5116. Nominations also may be made online at www.assbb.org.
Deadline is April 14.

Law changes employer tax requirements

TWIN FALLS — Employers no longer need to file a quarterly Idaho Income Tax Withholding Return, Form 950, according to a new law passed by the 2004 Idaho Legislature.

The law, effective as of Jan. 1, 2004, will reduce the number of returns employers file and the Idaho State Tax Commission processes by more than 100,000 annually.

Employers can find information about the withholding filing requirement changes at the tax commission's Web site at www.2state.id.us/tax. Click on the "Withholding News" button. The link also leads to a withholding payments record which helps employers keep track of their income tax withholding payments.

Employers with questions about the changes can call the tax commission toll free at 1-800-327-4560.

The commission will mail an updated Idaho Income Tax Withholding Booklet by June to the 52,000 employers affected by the legislation.

Union Pacific struggles with crew shortage

OMAHA, Neb. — Union Pacific Corp. is declining some business as it struggles with a train crew shortage that has its system near capacity.

For one month beginning Monday, United Parcel Service will put packages on trucks that normally would run express rail routes once a week each way from Los Angeles to New York, Dallas and Memphis.

"They explained they had been having some consolidation problems," said Norman Barka, a spokesman for UPS. They need to get a handle on them quickly."

Union Pacific will pay the added costs of drivers, gasoline and other expenses of putting those items on trucks, Barka said.

The express routes are a minor part of UPS business with Union Pacific, and it is important that the railroad get any problem corrected before it becomes across the railroad's system, Barka said.

The vast majority of our volume is running on their regular trains," Barka said.

Union Pacific is the nation's largest railroad, stretching across Idaho and 22 other states.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Snowboarding growth rate slows

The Associated Press

DENVER — Snowboarders are expected to account for more than 31 percent of total skier visits this season, an all-time high. But industry observers see a slowing in the snowboarding growth rate.

Snowboarding grew 21 percent from 1999-2000 season to the 2000-01 season, but it dropped to 11.2 percent growth from the 2001-02 season to the 2002-03 season.

This season, the number of visits logged by snowboarders is predicted to have climbed only about 5 percent, said Nolan Rossall, whose Boulder-based RRC Associates compiles annual reports analyzing statistical trends at the nation's resorts.

He said that growth rate, while down, will still push snowboarding to more than 31 percent of all visits to the nation's ski hills this season.

"It is still pretty solid growth. It will be higher than growth in skier visits. But it's certainly not at the rates we saw 10 years ago," said Rossall, who predicts snowboarding visits will peak at 35 percent of all visits logged on American ski hills.

Through the 1990s, resort operators relied on snowboarders to offset a decade of flat or declining skier visits.

"The ski operators aren't worried about the slower snowboarder growth."

"We all knew snowboarding was leveling off, and we've been preparing for it. What is fascinating, though, is skiing and its resiliency," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association in suburban LakeWOOD.

While the percentage of skiers has steadily dropped from 19.9 percent of all skier visits during the 1996-97 season to 70.5 percent last season, the numbers remain strong.

For example, 1.6 million more skiers took to the slopes in the 2002-03 season than skied in the 2001-02 season.

Retail sales of snowboarding equipment also has slowed. It has grown 4 percent or less for each of the past three years, according to annual surveys by SnowSports Industries America, a trade group.

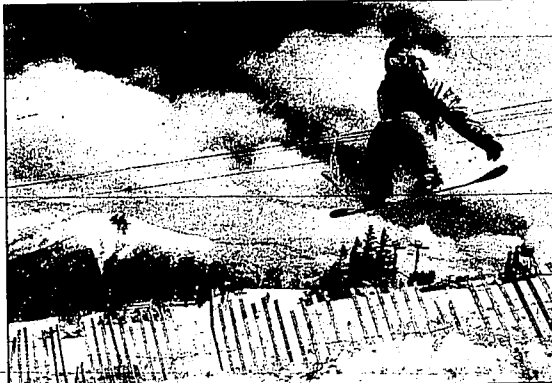
That compares with 30 percent development without unorthodox traffic studies, environmental reviews and public hearings.

"The stakes in Ingleswood are the highest they have ever been anywhere," said Madeline Janis-Aparicio, executive director of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, a community organization that is trying to rally residents against the initiative.

"They want to throw out all the 'local planning' laws and make themselves a little Wal-Mart city."

In Ingleswood, Los Angeles and elsewhere, many labor and community groups are opposed to the non-union Wal-Mart stores because they say they depress wages, drive out existing businesses, create traffic problems and actually reduce the total number of jobs in the surrounding area.

Wal-Mart officials say they are only trying to give consumers what they want: low prices, jobs



A snowboarder clears a snow fence near the top of the Excelsior lift Nov. 4 at Copper Mountain in Colorado. Snowboarders are expected to account for more than 31 percent of total skier visits over the 2003-2004 winter season, an all-time high.

to 40 percent annual increases in snowboard gear sales in the late 1990s.

Sales of alpine ski equipment, according to the SIA, have climbed in the past two seasons, marking the first increases in several years.

The new wave of skiers is armed with twin tip, telemark, mid-fat and shaped skis. Twin tip skis allow skiers to ride in terrain parks, the traditional stomping ground of snowboarders.

"You are kind of limited with what you can do on a snowboard," said Willie Bonstedt, a 22-year-old Keystone local who traded his snowboard for a pair of twin-tip skis several seasons ago. "Everything comes a little more naturally on skis. I've been seeing a lot of people switching over to skis."

Fat skis have opened once-dominant powder fields to less-than-expert skiers.

Mid-fat skis, which are the top-selling design in today's ski market, have made skiing less strenuous, providing older skiers a chance to stay on their skis a few more years. Short skis provide a new form of on-mountain play for skiers.

"Yes, snowboarding is still growing, but we are seeing a shift in focus to just snowboarding to an all-around aggressive lifestyle focus that now includes skiing," said Derek Johnson, who co-founded Aspen's D&E Snowboard Shop in 1993. "I personally switched over to skiing a few years ago but went back to snowboarding. There are more and more kids moving into the twin-tip ski scene and everyone is hanging out together. That old animosity is long gone."

Bill Jensen, chief operating officer at Wal Mountain, has seen snowboarding numbers plateau in the past three seasons.

"We are seeing, in our terrain parks, a very much 50-50 mix of skiers and snowboarders," said Jensen, who also oversees operations for all five Val Resorts-owned ski hills. "It ebbs and flows. But it definitely has plateaued."

Annual surveys by the National Sporting Goods Association have detected a growing number of snowboarders older than 35.

"The baby boomers are just figuring out that it's popular

for young people and sales tax revenue for cash-strapped cities."

"It's important that Ingleswood consumers have the same shopping that many of the neighboring communities have had for years," said Wal-Mart spokesman Peter Kanelos.

"Wal-Mart and our customers are tired of being bullied by the unions," he added. "If the unions and the local politicians they put in office want to attack Wal-Mart, they can rest assured that we'll fight back."

In the city of Los Angeles, where officials are putting the finishing touches on an ordinance that would effectively prohibit the Supercenters in much of the city limits, political and labor leaders say they are watching Ingleswood closely for clues to the kind of fight the company may wage against them.

Los Angeles Councilmen Eric Garcetti and Ed Reyes introduced a motion more than a

year ago that would prohibit stores with more than 100,000 square feet that devote more than 10 percent of their inventory to non-taxable food and drugs in areas of the city designated as economic development corridors, which cover about 60 percent of the city. A Supercenter can run 200,000 square feet.

The proposal still must go before Los Angeles' Planning Commission and the council could vote on it as soon as this summer. Mayor James K. Hahn has said he supports the idea.

Garcetti said the ordinance is necessary to "maintain small businesses and protect decent pay."

But some local leaders take issue with blanket prohibitions against Wal-Mart Superstores.

Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard C. Parks has opposed Garcetti and Reyes' ordinance. A traditional Wal-Mart

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Pier 1 hopes more new ads, more turnover will help earnings

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports is banking on new advertising campaigns with television star Thom Filicia and more frequent turnover in its seasonal collections to revive earnings this year after a disappointing fiscal fourth quarter.

Pier 1, which has a 14.6% stake in the store, said net income in the three months ended Feb. 28 fell to \$48.3 million, or 53 cents a share, from \$54 million, or 57 cents a year earlier.

New stores helped lift total revenue by 6 percent to \$583.3 million. But same-store sales, excluding stores opened within the past year, dropped 2.7 percent.

The quarter, which included a charge of 62 cents a share for California labor lawsuit settlement, capped a difficult year for Pier 1.

Annual profit declined 8.8 percent, and the drop in same-store sales was the first in more than a year, said Steve Fink, chairman and Chief Executive Marvin Girouard said the new Filicia commercials, which began airing in mid-March to replace a three-year campaign with actress Kirstie Alley, will be a key to re-energizing with consumers.

He also reiterated the chain's plan to carry six seasonal merchandise assortments this year instead of the usual four.

As a result, profits are expected to pick up, though perhaps not as much as Wall Street expected. Pier 1 forecast earnings of 21 cents to 24 cents a share for the fiscal first quarter and \$1.44, to \$1.52 a share for the year.

It was expected to earn 23 cents for the quarter and \$1.50 for the year, based on the average estimates of analysts pulled by Zacks Investment Research.

"They're being fairly conservative, but based upon their record here for the last 12 months or so, you could see why they would be," said analyst Bill Baldwin at Baldwin Anthony Securities in Dallas. "It was a tough go for them."

Girouard acknowledged that the decision to ramp up the offering of seasonal assortments would be considered risky by many retailers, because the items would require steep price cuts if consumers failed to respond.

But Girouard said the strategy is prudent for Pier 1.

"Our customers expect to see a constant changing mix of merchandise," he said.

Girouard also said that a fresh examination of real estate data and population trends indicate that the company may be able to expand beyond its goal of 1,500 stores in North America.

Pier 1 ended its fiscal year with 1,083 stores in the United States and Canada. It also operates in Mexico and the United Kingdom.

This year, the company will open 115 to 120 Pier 1 locations, and it will relocate or close 40 stores.

The company's Gargokidis children's apparel division plans to add 15 to 20 stores and will close two locations.

MONEY

Strong jobs report gives stocks a boost

NEW YORK (AP) — Pleased with a better-than-expected jobs report, investors sent stock prices higher...

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The unemployment rate, however, rose to 5.7 percent in March from 5.6 percent in February...

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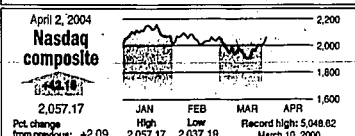
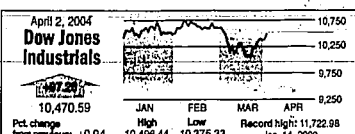
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China's SSE Composite rose 0.1 percent to 1,149.45.

India's Nifty rose 0.1 percent to 3,149.45.

Corruption trial ends in mistrial

NEW YORK (AP) — With the jury close to reaching a verdict, a judge declared a mistrial in the grand-larceny case against two former Tyco executives.

Judge Michael Obus aborted the trial after six months and 11 days of tumultuous deliberations, citing intense pressure on the juror.

A gap ripped across the courtroom after the judge made the announcement, and several jurors looked chagrined.

"It is certainly a shame that this has to be done at this time," the judge told jurors.

Prosecutors said they would quickly seek a retrial against former Tyco International chief executive L. Dennis Kozlowski and former chief financial officer Mark Swartz.

The two executives were accused of looting the company of \$600 million and could have gotten up to 30 years in prison.

Kozlowski, 57, and Swartz, 43, appeared shaken-faced after the mistrial was declared.

The five largest counties in those three years boasted 14,000 more jobs last month than a year earlier.

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Idaho

Continued from D1 low-paying jobs which cannot support a family.

"These are service sector and restaurants, and you have to have three or four of those to make a living," Whaley said.

"Those jobs are available, and quality paying jobs are not. We're losing them."

The most recent figures show Idaho with one of the highest instances of multiple job holders at 39 percent less.

An analysis released earlier this year by the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., found Idaho trailed relatively high-paying jobs in 2002 and 2003 for jobs that on average paid 39 percent less.

Still, March was the 15th month in a row that Idaho's unemployment rate has run below the national rate, but Reading said strong job expansion is still some time off.

"The recession forced businesses to try to be more productive with fewer people," he said, "and now that we're coming out of the recession they're dealing with that, and

It'll take a longer time to pick up employment."

The Labor Department found 18 of Idaho's 44 counties had jobless rates of 6 percent or higher last month, even though there were 17,000 more people working than in March 2003.

Fourteen counties reported fewer jobs now than a year ago, but they were more than offset by strong growth in southwest, southern and northern Idaho.

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The surprise agreement was accompanied by an announcement by Sun that it is cutting 3,300 jobs and that its net loss for the fiscal third quarter will be wider than expected.

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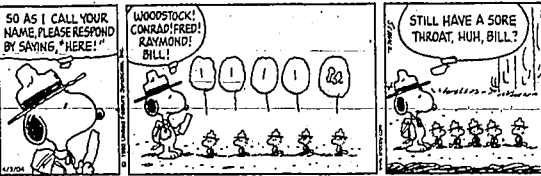
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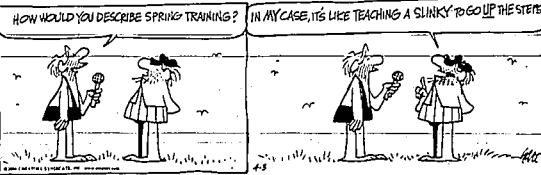
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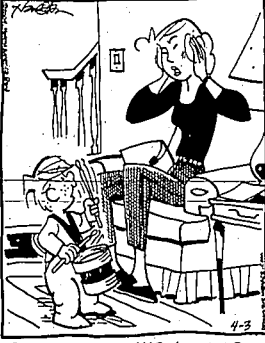
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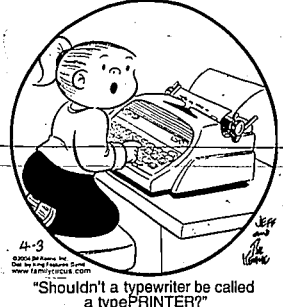
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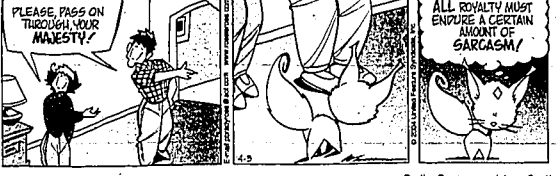
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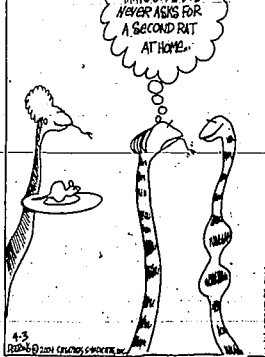
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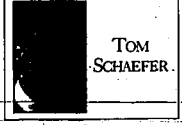
By Art Sansom & Chip



Tenebrae recalls cries of Christ

The church was usually semi-dark when my parents, sisters and I arrived for the Good Friday service. Tenebrae, which means darkness, is a centuries-old Christian service that recalls the last three hours of Jesus' life. It will be observed Friday in countless churches around the world. It often includes dramatic readings from the Scriptures, sorrowful hymns, extinguishing of candles. In the end, worshippers sit in darkness.

As a youngster, I was always struck by the sights and sounds that punctuate the service. I still am. Darkness has that kind of power. In childhood, most of us were afraid to sleep alone in the dark. Even as adults, we still can fear the darkness. We happily walk the streets in our neighborhood in daylight, but let the light disappear and we're uneasy. But darkness has a more existential significance. It portends eternal nothingness. In the darkest moments of our solitude - when we feel isolated or abandoned - we come face to face with an undeniable truth: We are going to die.



TOM SCHAEFFER.

That's why the Tenebrae service is so impressive. It recalls the cries of Christ from the cross - "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" - and stirs up deep fears within us. The words of Jesus are from Psalm 22, a powerful lament from a person on the threshold of death. They're raw, shouted to the heavens: "O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer, and at night, but find no rest." Darkness and death. Each of us can empathize with the psalmist's plight.

Religions offer different interpretations of the end of human existence. Self-help books offer directions to ease fears. Yet, each of us approaches the abyss on different paths, in different circumstances, with different attitudes. Philosophers and philosophers wall at death or treat it as a welcome guest. Dylan Thomas urges us: "Do not go gentle into that good night." The ancient Roman philosopher Seneca reminds us that our lives are completed in our deaths.

The Scriptures, especially the New Testament, see death as an enemy, a power that destroys relationships in family and community - and ultimately with God. That's why the sufferer in Psalm 22 is despairing and desperate for help. For him, help comes.

The last part of the psalm is a shout of thanks for deliverance. He has survived and been saved. He will join in a banquet of thanksgiving. His story will be told to future generations, who will remember the greatness of God.

I thought of that psalm when my friend Bill Harper died. A strong faith in the One who had been good to him throughout his life was undeniable. Family, friends and members of his congregation testified to the greatness of God in Bill's life. But what was also inescapable was the knowledge that his death severed relationships and created immense heartache, as will ours.

Only the most naive think of death as a natural and uncomplicated transition to a higher plain or merely a peaceful sleep. It may be that, but it's more. Death breaks into life and severs the cord that connects us to others.

I don't know how you cope with death, but I cope by facing death head on - in the loss, the experience and in the rituals that call to mind what death truly is. By reminding myself that I am not in control of life, I do not allow myself to be at an appropriate time or in an acceptable manner. By throwing myself on the mercy of the One who does have power over life and death, who ultimately will hear my God-forsaken cry.

Only then, after Tenebrae, will Easter come. And the light of the world will shine.

Tom Schaeffer writes about religion for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

SOWING 'SEEDS'



Left to right, producer/writer Jason Houser, singer Matthew West and producer/writer Kerry Greenberg take a break from work in a Nashville, Tenn., sound studio. Houser, from Twin Falls, co-wrote the Matthew West song 'Worn'.

Local grad makes Nashville music

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

When Jason Houser left Twin Falls, he packed along his dream of climbing the Christian music charts. Fifteen years later, he's signing the praises of the life he has chosen.

Raised in a Christian home, Houser caught the music bug at Twin Falls High School. Inspired by then-choir instructor Richard Smack, he sang in the school's choir and Madrigals, and set his sights south after finishing high school.

He graduated from high school in 1988 and earned his degree in music/business at Nashville's Belmont University. Soon after, he went to work in Nashville, signing recording artists to publicity deals. He scored big with Darryl Worley, who wrote the number-one song "Have You Forgotten?" Most recently, he teamed up with Kerry Greenberg to co-produce an album for contemporary Christian artist Matthew West.

"Happy" on the Universal South label, is selling well in both secular and Christian stores, Houser is happy to report.

Now Houser is beginning work with Christian artist Joy Williams, who's nominated for Female Vocalist of the Year at

Where to buy

Seeds CDs, priced at \$13 each, are available at Prudential Video Homes and Properties, 1615 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Or visit lifelway.com/familychristian-bookstore.com. For more information, call Kathy Olsen at 733-5336.

this year's Dove Awards. The festivities are scheduled to take place in Nashville on April 28.

"I've never been to the Dove Awards," Houser said in a March 17 phone interview, "but I will probably go this year."

The people Houser has encountered in the Christian music business are great people, he added, "very sincere."

In Twin Falls, Houser attended the First Baptist Church. In Nashville, he and his family attend a non-denominational church. That family would be wife Heidi, a nurse practitioner, and sons Benjamin, 5, and Brandon, 2, with a baby girl due this month.

Houser is 33 now. Both of his parents, Cindy Collins, and John Houser, still live in Twin Falls, as do Heidi's mom and dad, Doug and Mary



Jason Houser's wife, Heidi, is also from Twin Falls. Sons Benjamin, 5, and Brandon, 2, will soon welcome a baby sister, due this month.

Lou Howard.

In his "spare time," Houser does some songwriting. And he's currently working on a project called Seeds, which grew out of some music he did for his church's Vacation Bible School.

"I'm really excited about Seeds," said Houser, who

characterized the music on the two CDs as contemporary in style, similar to a youth praise band. "It's about planting the seeds of God's Word in young hearts, and it's word-for-word NIV Scripture."

The CDs come with flash cards for Sunday School teachers and parents.

'Left Behind' authors wrap up series

By Helen T. Gray
The Kansas City Star

The authors of the hugely successful "Left Behind" series are a little sad these days, but not because they don't expect their latest book to be as big as the others. It's because this is the final book in the series.

The concluding novel, "Glorious Appearing," appeared on bookshelves Tuesday. It is the 12th and last installment of the series of Christian prophecy novels that began in 1995 and has sold nearly 60 million copies.

"It's been a fantastic ride, above anything I dreamed of," said Tim LaHaye, a noted author and minister who drew up the idea for a novel about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Jerry Jenkins, also a best-selling author before co-writing the "Left Behind" series, said he approached the final book with great trepidation about how to do justice to "the greatest story that'll ever happen in the history of the cosmos."

The "Left Behind" series takes the reader on an action-packed ride through the seven-year period called the tribulation, recounting the harrowing experiences of a small band of people who were left behind after the rapture, an event in which Christians suddenly disappear before the end of the world. Ever since the rapture, the people in the novels have become believers and are fighting to stay alive as they engage the Antichrist and his followers, who rule the world.

The books have not only been Christian best sellers, but also the last five books have reached No. 1 on all major best-seller lists, including The New York Times. Tyndale House Publishers is already anticipating "Glorious Appearing" will be another blockbuster.

Jenkins said he thinks the crossover success of the series into the general market is related to a hunger for God in society.

LaHaye had hoped the movie based on "Left Behind" would have had the impact that "The Passion of the Christ" is having. However, that project fell short of the quality LaHayes expected and what he said the movie producers had promised. He is suing the producers.

LaHaye said the strongest message in the series is "that Jesus Christ is going to come back to this earth, and all those who have put their faith in him personally will be taken up, and the others will be left behind." He said he and Jenkins first of all wanted to lead people to Christ and bring glory to God.

Jehovah's Witnesses face key molestation charges

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - They're an all-volunteer organization with little money, and could only muster two dozen attendees to their first national meeting last weekend. But a group called silentlambs has gained visibility in its campaign to change the sexual abuse policies of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Founder William Bowen claims rules of the Witnesses protect child molesters. The Witnesses insist they are committed to doing everything their faith allows to prevent abuse.

The whole situation highlights the fact that, while the clergy sex abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church has dominated headlines, the past two years, smaller American religious bodies are dealing with variations on the same problem.

The Hare Krishnas, with 100,000 devotees in the United States and Canada, are working on a settlement with 540 students who claim they were abused in boarding schools while their parents were practicing the faith by chanting and begging in a trial scheduled to open Monday in Marshall, Texas. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America agencies, including an Ohio seminary, are charged with negligence in ordaining a pastor who molested 14 boys. And the upcoming Presbyterian Church (USA) assembly will discuss rules to tighten handling of abuse allegations after a case in which a missionary molested 18 girls.



William Bowen, former leader of a Kentucky congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, speaks with Kimberlee Norris, an attorney for Fort Worth whose firm represents 47 alleged abuse victims in civil cases against Jehovah's Witnesses organizations and individuals. In Nashville, Tenn., they were attending a national caucus of abuse victims held by a group Bowen founded called silentlambs.

Brooklyn, N.Y., commands an obedient flock, formidable finances and a corps of trial-hardened attorneys.

Bowen founded silentlambs three years ago after he quit as an elder in Druffville, Ky., saying Watchtower took no action against an alleged molester. He charged that the group's rules created a "pedophile paradise." The central issue is the Witnesses' policy of first bringing

accusations of any sin to local elders. If an accused person denies the charge, two credible witnesses are required to establish guilt - due to literal application of such Bible verses as Deuteronomy 19:15 ("Only on the evidence of two witnesses, or of three witnesses, shall a charge be sustained").

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doubts secular courts will demand this. But getting two witnesses in a molested case "just goes off the scale of improbability," Bowen says. And if two witnesses are lacking, the accused is deemed innocent, charges remain confidential and - silentlambs says - parents who want others are subject to disfellowshipping for slander.

Disfellowshipping is an extreme penalty that means a total cutoff of relationships by family members, friends and business associates who are Witnesses.

Former Witness Heather Berry, of Claremont, N.H., said when she was molested by her father, a "ministerial servant" in the congregation, local elders told her mother "to pray more and Jehovah would take care of it." Others at the Nashville meeting of silentlambs had similar stories.

Bowen insists all allegations should be referred immediately to police. Official Watchtower policy states that victims have the right to file secular charges, and that elders report allegations to police where state laws require this.

In 2002, a Fort Worth attorney named Kimberlee Norris began working full-time on Witnesses litigation. She has filed suits for 47 alleged victims in California, Nevada, Oregon and Texas, with 20 more cases in the pipeline. She says Witnesses policy will change only when "the cost is too much, in the court of law or in the court of public opinion."

RELIGION

Study shows religion has become a tonic for teens

By Laura Sesslers Stepp
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Here's a crazy idea: After all our ambitious child-rearing with Montessori toys, Suzuki piano lessons, conflict-avoidance classes, 4 a.m. swim practices, SAT prep classes, driver education and summer flights to study folk music in the Republic of Georgia, we might have done as well (and saved a lot of money) by just sending our kids to church, temple or mosque.

Last year, a commission convened by Dartmouth Medical School studied years of research on kids and concluded that young people who are religious are better off in significant ways than their secular peers. They are less likely than nonbelievers to smoke and drink and more likely to eat well, less likely to commit crimes and more likely to wear seat belts; less likely to be depressed and more likely to be satisfied with their families and school.

Religion has a unique net effect on adolescents above and beyond factors like race, parental education and family income, says Brad Wilcox, a University of Virginia sociologist. Poor children who are religious do better than poor children who are not religious, he adds — and in some cases better than nonreligious middle-class children.

Meanwhile, a social groundswell may be underway, as a larger proportion of teenagers than a decade ago say religion is important. In 2001, about three out of five teenagers said religion was "pretty

important" or "very important" to them — a significant increase, according to Child Trends, which analyzes federal data. The biggest jump occurred not among poor and unambitious teen-agers — the stereotypical believers — but among young achievers who anticipated finishing four years of college.

Such teenagers have helped make a hit out of "Joan of Arcadia," a CBS show about a 15-year-old who talks to God. They've sustained a decade-long growth in the number of high school Bible clubs to about 15,000. They are swelling the enrollment at Christian colleges at three times the rate of other degree-granting schools.

The study commission included people from the Institute for American Values, along with professors and researchers from Harvard and UCLA medical schools and experts on child-rearing such as T. Berry Brazelton. They concluded that religious congregations benefit teen-agers by affirming who they are, expanding a lot from them and giving them opportunities to show what they can do. The same could be said of clubs, sports teams and other youth organizations (such as the YMCA, which helped fund the study). But what sets religious groups apart is that they promote a "direct personal relationship with the Divine."

Adolescents, said the Dartmouth group, are "hard-wired" to connect to people and God. The data suggested religion or spirituality may influence young people's brain circuits, reducing their levels of the stress hormone cortisol.

Church grows through kids

By Laura Sesslers Stepp
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On Sundays you can find 100 or more young people hanging out at Glen Mar United Methodist Church, an Elliott City, Md., congregation that doubled its membership in the 1990s and again in the 1990s and now counts 1,500 active members.

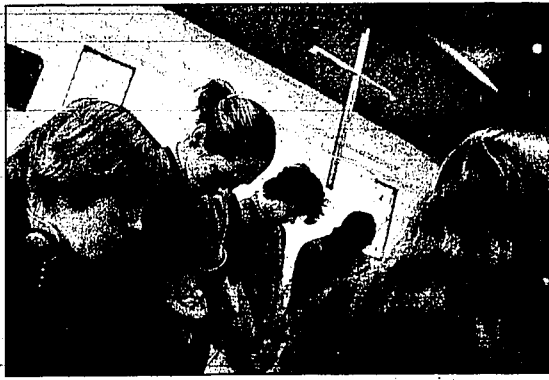
Senior pastor Anders Lunt realized long ago that the way to grow a church was to attract baby boomers and the way to attract boomers was through their kids. The church youth program took off six years ago when its first full-time youth director, D.C. Veale, was hired.

Veale calls on about 30 adult volunteers to lead a youth choir, handbell choir and rock band, a video tech team, plays and scavenger hunts, Bible groups, community "service" projects and mission trips. Youths also play major parts in more traditional worship, including Sunday school, reading Scripture and, three times a year, preaching sermons so popular that listeners spill out into the front hall.

Veale drops by soccer games, wedding matches and school plays. Several years ago, he noticed that a quiet middle-school boy named Andrew Flanigan had been absent for a while, so he invited him to go on a trip. Andrew, now a high school senior, once had a stutter and learning problems.

"Everyone made fun of me," he says. "Everyone."

Then one afternoon he came home to hear his mother in the bathroom, sobbing. His father



Above, from left, Erin and Jessica Owens, Andrew Flanigan and Roban Prabhakar pray before practice for their Christian rock band, Second Chance, in Elliott City, Md. A social groundswell may be underway, as a larger proportion of teens than a decade ago say religion is important. Left, 'I'd be long gone if it weren't for this church,' says Andrew Flanigan, a high school senior from Laurel, Md. 'The love I felt coming out of everyone was amazing. The hurt went away for a while.'



had walked out. Andrew's grades tanked. His mother, who had been taking him and his younger sister to Glen Mar

stopped for a year. (The number one reason kids say they go to church is because their parents take them.)

"I'd be long gone if it weren't for this church," Andrew says now. He remembers the night he returned to the youth group. Several people said, "Hey, you're back!" He says the love he felt coming out of everyone was

amazing — and the hurt went away for a while.

At his mother's insistence, Andrew took confirmation classes — and there the full force of the Christian story, including the resurrection of Jesus, hit him.

His D's became C's and B's. He made up his year of lost credits in summer school.

RELIGION LETTER

You cannot separate church from state

This concerns the "separation of church and state" — which cannot be done! When Christians pray "The Lord's Prayer," they ask for "his kingdom to come to earth and 'his will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Dr. Wesley A. Swift, a very intelligent, gifted minister who has passed away, explained it this way: "A kingdom is made up of three essences of creation: nation, church and throne — nation being the household and the peoples of faith of which the kingdom is made; throne being the seat of the administration; and church being the spiritual center of that kingdom — keeping the

people in contact with the word of God and under the pattern of its instruction. We feel that the kingdom on earth will include all the states within our Christian nation, as it was established by our forefathers. So, let us be about the Lord's business of saving this wonderful country from all the 'wicked' that are besetting it."

God bless America!
JANE OSBORNE
Hagerman

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less, including signature, address and phone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Gospel Opry presents Leroy Blankenship

TWIN FALLS — Leroy Blankenship will perform at 7 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 Locust St. N.

Blankenship is a nationally known singer, songwriter and author of children's books. His albums include "Tougher Than Nails," "The Shepherd's Hand" and "The Lion's Roar." His children's books include "Papa Ob-long," "Someone Bigger Than I" and "Pocketful of Rubles."

Admission is free; the community is invited. For more information, call 733-5345.

The King's Witnesses plan concerts Sunday

HANSEN — The King's Witnesses will present concerts at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E.

A potluck meal will be served at 1 p.m. for those attending the morning service. All are invited.

First Presbyterian Church announces Easter service

BURLEY — The First Presbyterian Church announced special Easter services.

Phyllis Tinchner from Nampa will participate at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The Rev. John Rakestraw will speak on "Christ Asks for a Verdict." Following a potluck, Tinchner will hold a workshop and present a solo handbell concert at 7 p.m.

A Maundy Thursday Palestinian dinner, with music and meditation, is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

An Easter celebration service at 10:45 a.m. April 11 will include music. Rakestraw will speak on "He Is Here, but He Is Bigger."

The public is invited. For more information, call 678-5131.

Rupert Methodist church plans Easter activities

RUPERT — The Rupert United Methodist Church, 665 11 St., an-

nounced special Easter activities.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, with worship at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Keith Wise will speak and the Chancel Choir, directed by Stan Bruns, will perform.

The last Lenten Luncheon will be at noon Tuesday. The St. Nicholas Catholic Church mime group will perform.

A Holy Thursday service, with scriptures, music, communion and hand-washing is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the sanctuary.

A prayer vigil is set for 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the Stained Glass hallway. To participate from home, call 436-3354.

A Bunny Brunch and Easter egg hunt for children is set for 10 a.m. April 10 in the fellowship hall.

A sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. April 11 in the Stained Glass hallway. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 10:50 a.m. Wise will speak, and the Chancel Choir will perform.

Michael Kennedy will speak at Hollister church

HOLLISTER — Michael Kennedy of Idaho Falls will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

The morning will feature the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering and the "Giving Out of Palms." A dedication for the Junket stained glass window will be held.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Agape Easter luncheon includes Pauline Davis

GOODING — Pauline Davis, formerly of Hagerman will speak on "Celebrating" at the Agape non-denominational Easter luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Gooding Basque Center on South Main Street. Nancy Adams will provide music and Shante Dupinn will host a Christian book

table. Davis and her husband, Jim, served as pastors in Hagerman for years.

Cost for the luncheon is \$6. Reservations are required. Call Carolyn Herzinger at 934-5700 by Sunday.

First Christian Church plans after-school program

TWIN FALLS — An after-school program for children in first through fifth grades is being held Wednesdays at the gym at First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

"Faith Weaver Friends" features faith journals, Bible dramas, service projects, games, music, crafts and snacks. Children are invited to arrive immediately after school and stay until 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 733-2209.

Workshop considers faith and domestic violence

TWIN FALLS — A "Domestic Violence and Faith" workshop for clergy and lay church leaders will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 at St. Edward's parish hall, 260 Seventh Ave. E.

Nancy Edwards, executive director of Safe Place Ministries, will present a biblical perspective on abuse; understanding and responding to domestic violence, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse; and involvement plans for churches.

Edwards is a psychiatric registered nurse.

The event is coordinated by the Southern Deansery Lay Pastoral Council, La Posada Ministry, Twin Falls — Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities of Idaho.

Cost is \$20, which includes the resource manual and lunch. Registration deadline is April 12. Registration may be sent to La Posada Ministry, P.O. Box 1962, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

For more information, call Sister-RoseMary at 734-8700.

Girl receives Young Womanhood Recognition

BURLEY — Celeste Robbins received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award.

She wrote a story for a third-grader at Mountain View Elementary School, created a personal health and fitness program for a friend and painted in her grandmother's home and sewed. She is a sophomore at Burley High School, where she is sophomore class secretary and in track, junior varsity basketball and varsity soccer.

She is the daughter of Gary and Karen Robbins of Burley and is in Pella LDS 2nd Ward.

LDS Church plans Know Your Religion lectures

Know Your Religion lectures sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held at two Magic Valley-area churches this week.

Ted Bair, an instructor at the LDS Institute in Ogden, Utah, will speak Friday at the Filer Stake Center, 841 W. Midway, and April 10 at the Hood Chapel on Broadford Road and Cedar Street on "Behold, I Am God: The Nature of God."

Both programs are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ages 14 and up are invited and encouraged to bring their scriptures. No tape recorders please. Admission is \$5 or by season ticket.

The Times-News welcomes letters of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSIONARIES

Two young men from the Magic Valley area have returned from serving missionaries. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Kyle Peterson



Adrian Molina

gram. He is in the Acequia 3rd Spanish Branch. He plans to continue his education.

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United Methodist church members demand changes after pastor's acquittal

WILMORE, Ky. (AP) — United Methodistists who oppose ordaining gay clerics feel a jury in a church trial ignored the denomination's law by acquitting a lesbian pastor and want church leaders to take action at an upcoming national meeting.

Good News, which represents evangelical Methodists, is asking for a review by the Judicial Council in the case of the Rev. Karen Dammann, in March, a jury of 13 Methodist pastors acquitted Dammann of violating a church ban on ordaining "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." The Washington state pastor had informed church leaders that she was in a committed relationship with a woman.

A retired bishop testified for the defense that the ban on ordaining gays was "part of the church's social principles, not church law, and could therefore only be considered a guideline."

Good News, based in Wilmore, called the decision "a disturbing example of jury nul-

lification," in which jurors refused to acknowledge established law in reaching a verdict.

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Believers, skeptics debate faith healing

By Bob Ivry
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Something was wrong with Lorice Greer's unborn baby.

She was devastated, but she knew what to do. She prayed. Oh please, God, don't let it be so. Lorice prayed with her husband, Wayne. They prayed with Wayne's mother, Lorlene. They prayed with their pastor. They prayed with the entire congregation of the Greater Faith of the Abundance Church in Paterson, N.J.

Can prayer heal? Ask Lorice Greer and she'll flip through her Bible till she arrives at John 14:14: "If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do."

At a time when medicine offers ever more awe-inspiring remedies, 30 percent of Americans say prayer was responsible for healing their illnesses, according to a Gallup Poll. Eight in 10 believe God works miracles.

In one study, three-quarters of breast cancer patients reported asking God to help rid their bodies of disease. Prayer is so effective that doctors who don't use it may be guilty of malpractice, says Dr. Larry Dossey, author of "Healing Words: The Power of Prayer and the Practice of Medicine." In fact, medical schools across the nation now teach students to treat "holistic" patients, their bodies and their souls.

Research has shown that prayer can relieve stress and stress-related ailments. The act of praying — Catholics saying the rosary, Jews rocking in fervent prayer, Buddhists breathing "om" — can reduce blood pressure, lower the heart rate and bestow a feeling of well-being, scientists agree. But results of other studies are more contro-

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versal, particularly those concerning whether praying for someone else can heal.

Still, Lorlene Greer believes. As music plays on a recent Sunday morning at her church, her healthy baby dozes in her arms. Doctors said Josiah would have Down syndrome. But he was born perfect.

Skeptics say talk of medical miracles is snake oil. In a case like that of baby Josiah, Greer, they would say it's likely the doctor made an incorrect diagnosis. "They point out the many people who are prayed over but die, and the many people who make spectacular recoveries without the benefit of prayer."

They cite the research of Carl Sagan, the late scientist who found that the frequency of unexpected cancer remissions more than explained the number of "miraculous" cures. They quote George Bernard Shaw, the early 20th century Nobel Prize-winning playwright. Upon seeing piles of crutches discar-

ed by lame pilgrims healed at the Lourdes Cathedral, Shaw asked, "Where are all the wooden legs? Why would God restore the ability to walk, but not restore lost limbs?"

The question is whether the hand of God is actually intervening or whether patients get better because, as in the placebo effect, they simply believe that touch will cure them. "It doesn't matter," says Dr. Herbert Benson, president of the Harvard Mind/Body Medical Institute. Belief makes the healing possible.

Scientific studies of prayer and healing often spark more questions than they answer. The recent finding that churchgoers live longer "doesn't tell you anything about faith," says Dr. Christina Puchalski, of the George Washington University Institute for Spirituality & Health. "Some people go to church because someone nags them into it."

Research has also found that pet owners who live with other people and participate in clubs recover faster from surgery. Social contact, not religion, may be doing the healing, Puchalski suggests.

Religion gives purpose and meaning to people's lives, explains Dr. Harold Koenig, of the Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health at Duke University Medical Center. "It brings people together to support and care for one another."

Increasingly, employees and patients are demanding that hospitals be more attentive to spirituality.

"It's not good for any institution to be seen as anti-religious," says Kathleen M. Joyce, a Duke University religion professor. "You might feel medicine has

become increasingly technological and anti-soul," but the truth is religion has been more deeply fixed in the medical infrastructure than it ever was."

The American Medical Association has no official stand on whether doctors should pray with patients. One expert estimates that nine doctors out of 10, if ever asked by a patient to pray with them, would summon a chaplain.

"Patients are at an unfair advantage if physicians wanted to pray with them," says Dr. Joseph Bernstein, a Hackensack Internist. Patients, too, have reservations. According to Gallup, only 6 percent of Americans have ever prayed with their doctors. "It's a little creepy," says Joseph Chuman, of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County. "I would wonder about a doctor's training if he felt he had to fall back on prayer."

But growing numbers of doctors do pray. Sometimes they pray with their patients, but more often they pray for their patients. Dr. Harold Javetz, a Passaic, N.J., pulmonary specialist, says better ways to treat a patient are to put your hand on his head during the time he devotes each day to prayer.

And many nurses see prayer as an integral part of their jobs. Says Dr. Anne-Marie Klein, a nursing professor at the Temple University College of Health Professions.

At Teaneck, N.J.'s Holy Name Hospital, nurse Janice Myers often asks patients, "Do you mind if I say a little prayer for you?"

"I pray for encouragement," she says. "I don't feel I can pray for miracles. God hasn't called me to do that yet, but he's given me the gift to encourage people."



Seminary praying during Ash Wednesday Mass on Feb. 25 at Sao Paulo's Cathedral in Brazil. For the first time in 800 years, Brazil's Roman Catholic Church is fighting for its turf.

Brazil's Catholic Church fights against materialism

By Tom Murphy
The Associated Press

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — For the first time in 500 years, Brazil's Roman Catholic Church is fighting for its turf. Materialism is one rival, an energized evangelical movement another. But the worst enemy is an increasingly indifferent population.

Something happened over the past decade and, yes, it worries us, says Bishop Odilo Scherer, secretary-general of Brazil's Catholic Bishops Conference. What happened, according to the Brazilian Census Bureau, was a major decline in the percentage of Catholics in Brazil's population — which fell from 84 percent in 1991 to 74 percent in 2000.

While Brazil, with 178 million inhabitants, is nominally still the world's largest Catholic country, its fervor can be less than overwhelming. A 2001 survey by The Religion and Social Studies Center found that only a third of declared Catholics in Brazilian cities practiced their religion. The survey also detected the kind of tensions familiar to the American church. More than 70 percent of Brazilian Catholics disagreed with the church's position against contraception, while 63 percent favored divorce as an option for troubled couples.

Says theologian Fernando Altamery, of the Catholic University of Sao Paulo, "The Catholic Church is not giving people what they want. For those who want hope, excitement or, in some cases, wealth, the evangelical movement was made to order."

Evangelical Protestants grew from 9 percent of Brazil's population in 1991 to 15 percent in 2000, says the census bureau. "People are troubled in today's world by drugs, divorce, violence and alcohol, but when they go to the Catholic Church for help, they get to us, they get a sense of community," says Jose Luiz Lopes, a pastor for the

Assembly of God, Brazil's largest evangelical church, with some 8 million members. Faith healing, speaking in tongues and, in some cases, frank appeals to God for personal wealth lend an excitement absent from Catholic rites.

But religion in Brazil has always been a garment loosely worn. Many Catholics dabble in other religions, especially Umbanda, a cult that includes contact with the dead. Still, Catholicism was the state religion from 1500 until a plebiscite was declared in 1989. Even in the 20th century, it was largely unchallenged.

So how does such an entrenched institution fight back? New blood.

In January, Pope John Paul II accepted resignations of three powerful cardinals, two age 79 and one age 80, and replaced them with bishops in their 40s and 50s.

New practices also help. Catholic "charismatics," for example, seek the same direct experience of the Holy Spirit as many evangelicals. And pop star priest Marcelo Rossi has released his records and uses the theatrical methods of Protestant evangelicals when he celebrates Mass.

Protest animates Brazilian Catholics, too. Even in the 17th century, Antonio Vieira, a Jesuit who trekked hundreds of miles to preach to Indians in the Amazon, thundered against colonial-era slavery. More recently, Catholic "Progressives" have battled for land reform and called priestly celibacy "outdated."

Today, the conference is doctrinally conservative — but "socially aware," Altamery says. An Cardinal Claudio Hummes, head of the country's largest archdiocese at Sao Paulo, breathes confidence.

"The Brazilian church is more united than in decades, when tensions are up (17,000 priests against 14,000 a decade ago)," he said. "We are showing to all baptized Brazilians, that we are the way home."

BYU helps produce Syriac DVD

PROVO, Utah (AP) — In collaboration with the Vatican Library and the Assyrian Church of the East, Brigham Young University is producing a DVD of 33 Syriac Christian manuscripts, some going back to the fifth century. "It's a dream," said Bishop Mar Bawai Soro of the Assyrian Church of the East at BYU Wednesday. Soro approached BYU, founded and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1997 after he read about the institute's creation of a digital database of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

"I think it was God's hand bringing us together," said Soro, who is based in San Jose, Calif. "This DVD will let us see how primitive Mesopotamian Syriac Christians thought about various issues, because that style of thinking is probably closest to the way the Lord himself thought."

The collection includes works of Eastern Christian writers such as Jacob of Serugh, Ephrem the poet, and Isaac of Syria. Most of the manuscripts are from a collection the Vatican purchased in the 18th century from an Egyptian monastery. For centuries, Syriac Christians

were denied access to the manuscripts.

The Vatican Library allowed BYU scholars to record images of the manuscripts to produce the digital library.

"The actual benefit is that our people will see this patrimony, its heritage, put in the best medium, so that their kids, their teenagers, can look at their tradition with pride and joy, and be able to learn themselves and share with the world," Soro said.

Ephrem's fourth-century writings were copied in the early sixth century and then purchased by Moses of Nisibis for the Egyptian Monastery of the Syrians between 900 and 1000. The dry, warm desert air preserved the manuscripts until emissaries from the Vatican Library obtained them.

Kristian Heal, research associate for the BYU Institute for the Study and Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts, said some in Vatican circles initially were reluctant to work with Mormon scholars.

"Fortunately, over a period of time a number of friendships and important relationships were established," Heal said.

Various publishers offer Easter books for kids

The Dallas Morning News

"Easter," by Fiona French (Signet Press, 24 pages, \$15.95)

This tale is straight from the Bible — literally. The author has borrowed text from the Revised Standard Version to tell the Easter story. As moving as the familiar words are, the spectacular illustrations are the real focus of this volume. Done in the style of stained glass windows — inspired, according to French, by the great illustrators of England — they depict New Testament scenes, beginning with Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem and ending with the Ascension. No small child, seated

in one's lap, could help but be captivated by the radiant drawings, which fill each page to its edges.

—Bruce Tomasso

"The Legend of the Donkey's Cross," by Denise Prasek Woods and Dana Prasek McKelvin (Selah Publishing Group, 31 pages, \$12.99)

Why does the donkey have a cross-shaped marking on its back? Legend says the beast that bore Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday also witnessed the Crucifixion. The shadow of the cross left a mark on all donkeys thereafter. Texas authors and sisters Denise Prasek Woods and

Dana Prasek McKelvin cast the legend with Brady, a donkey with self-esteem issues. Brady lives on a green-pastured, picket-fenced farm in what looks like America's heartland — until a man in biblical clothing turns up and takes him to Jesus. Brady bears a suspicious resemblance to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and in the end, like his Christmas counterpart, discovers that he's special after all.

—Mary A. Jacobs

"Tell Me the Easter Story," Toni Walker (Concordia Publishing, 20 pages, \$4.99)

Christmas is easy to explain to toddlers — they understand ba-

bles, manger animals and gifts. Easter is more difficult — death and Resurrection are heavy topics, even for many adults. This board book pulls the most basic moments of the Easter story and explains them with recognizable analogies. One page shows Mary, mother of Jesus, weeping as he hangs on the cross. The facing page shows a gentle storm. The text: "And the rain coming down." A few pages later, Mary Magdalene finds an angel standing before the empty tomb, and a young child finds an Easter basket. "What a fun surprise!" Walker's illustrations are elegant and engaging.

—Tyna Damm

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Group hosts exchange

Eastern Star order entertains about 100

JEROME - The Jerome Chapter Order of the Eastern Star hosted the annual Nevada in Idaho Exchange at the Sawtooth Inn and Conference Center.

Almost 100 members from throughout Idaho and Nevada attended the Feb. 21 event.

The afternoon meeting began with a welcome to Jerome by Past Matron Jody Dyck, followed by the members joining in a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduced and welcomed were Worthy Grand Matron Darla Redman from Albion and Acting Worthy Grand Patron Dave Call from Salmon.

From Nevada was Worthy Grand Matron Barbara Billington from Carson City and Worthy Grand Patron Jerry Evans from Las Vegas.

Others dignitaries introduced and welcomed were two general grand chapter committee members, 13 past grand matrons and patrons, seven



Participating members included, from left, Acting Worthy Grand Patron of Idaho Dave Call; Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho Darla Redman; Past Grand Matron of Idaho Glenadean Keister; Past Grand Matron of Nevada Hazelmia Tipton; and Worthy Grand Patron of Nevada Jerry Evans; and Worthy Grand Matron of Nevada Barbara Billington.

Nevada grand officers, 11 Idaho grand officers, seven grand representatives, 15 worthy matrons and worthy patrons and 11 golden stars.

The grand officers of Nevada and Idaho each put on a humorous skit.

The Star of the West Chapter of Wendell also put on a skit and other humorous readings were presented by members.

The meeting was adjourned to set up for the evening banquet.

The South of the Border banquet with a Mexican theme had 87 members in attendance.

Remarks and welcomes were made by Darla Redman and the worthy grand matron and patron of Nevada responded.

Special members introduced were Past Grand Matrons Glenadean Keister of Idaho and Hazelmia Tipton of Nevada.

They were the organizers of this annual meeting 31 years ago. Both talked about their pleasure that the tradition of exchange meetings in alternating states is still being observed yearly.

The evening entertainment included performances by Taml Nejezchleba and Lisa Jansen, both All-State soloists with the Jerome High School Choralliers.

In appreciation, the members presented a donation to the Choralliers' travel fund.

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Electric wheelchair - Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of an electric wheelchair for a woman suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. A washer is needed for a single mother. Call 734-8041.

Drivers - Volunteers age 55 and older are needed in the Buhl, Jerome, Rupert and Burley areas to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping. Drivers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-4764 or Kilty at 878-0725.

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs 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. Training is offered in April. Call 735-8546.

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing for men, women and children, and blankets and bikes. Drop off items between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Refugee Center, 1525 Addison Ave. E. The center is closed from noon to 1 p.m. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Federated Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

SHIBA - Volunteers are needed for the SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) office. Knowledge of computers, basic software programs and familiarity with the Internet is needed. Duties will be printing and mailing correspondence. Volunteers can work in the office mornings or in their home. For more information, call Tamara Stricker or Renee Chariton at 736-4713 Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Household items - Household items are needed by Hospice Visions. Crock pots, roasters, cake pans, small desks or tables are needed for the Hospice Home. Donations are tax deductible. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

SEUSS TIME

Elizabeth Dohren and Sadie Robinson celebrate Dr. Seuss' day in the hallway at Shoshone Elementary.



Nick Wallace and Josh Armstrong check out a Dr. Seuss character during the writer's birthday celebration.



Minico crowns student

RUPEIT - Presented by yearbook staff members, the fifth annual Miss Minico High School contest was held recently in the school auditorium.

Brandi Thain was named Miss MHS 2004 and received a \$500 scholarship. Carissa Cameron and Kourtney Staker were first and second runners up and received scholarships. The scholarship money come from donations and contestant sponsors.

Other titles include: Melissa Merrill, Miss Originality; Amanda Titus, Miss Personality; Brittney Musselman, Miss So-Cialable; Jazz Pebehy, Miss Photogenic; Sandra Peck, Miss Charisma; Amber Jensen, Miss Fitness; Magdalena Leon, Miss Beautiful Hair; Renee Jesse, Miss Spirit; Bethany Eskelsen, Miss Elegance; and Jessica Carrillo, Miss Intellect and Miss Congeniality. Each girl received a gift donated by area businesses.

The judges were John Evans Jr., Richard and Shauna Reynolds; Natalie Thompson, Dan Lloyd and Lori Davila.



Contestants for the 2004 Miss MHS contest were, from left, front: Melissa Merrill, Kourtney Staker, Brittney Musselman and Jazz Pebehy; center: Carissa Cameron, Sandra Peck, Magdalena Leon and Jessica Carrillo; back: Bethany Eskelsen, Brandi Thain, Amber Jensen, Amanda Titus and Renee Jesse

Mindiloka Memorial Hospital emergency medical technicians escorted the girls for the evening gown competition. Escorts included Salvador Salazar, Scott Hauert, Justin Jensen, Bart Hansen, Roger Davis, James

Sievers and Bart Koyte. The emcees were Raymundo and David Pena. The Minico Dance Force, Minico Drum Line, Minico's Reflections and Soft Touch performed. The annual event is a fund-

raiser for the yearbook. Ticket sales help the group with expenses for its spring trip. This year they will visit Dallas, Texas, to tour the Taylor Publishing Plant where the yearbook is published.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bliss Flower, Garden members trade plants

BLISS - The Bliss Flower and Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ruth Stevens' home with co-hostess Thomasene McCleary.

There will be a plant exchange and members will make live plant favors for a Gooding nursing home.

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPEIT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for March 30 were:

North/south, first, Howard and Mary Tucker; second, John Anglin and Clarence Newirth; third, Ella Annett and Lola Moorman; and fourth, Suzie Evans and Marie Price.

East/west: first, Dee and Jane Keicher; second, Lila Buman and Marion Snow; third, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver; and fourth, Steve Sams and Margie Manning.

Ageless Senior center invites public to dinner

KIMBERLY - Everyone is invited to the Ageless Senior Center's fund-raiser roast beef dinner from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday in the center at 310 Main N. in Kimberly.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call 423-4338.

Burley Music Club holds board meeting

BURLEY - The Burley Music Club will hold its monthly board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Burley City Library, 1300 Miller Ave. in Burley.

HANSEN - The Hansen Public Library, 120 Maple Way, has added several new adult non-fiction books to its collection.

American Legion sponsors Wendell boys

CALDWELL - The Wendell American Legion Post 41 will sponsor Wendell High School students Tyson Schoessler and Jack Vanderhulst to attend Gem Boys State at Albion College of Idaho, Caldwell, in June.

The legion paid the \$250 attendance fees for the boys. The purpose of the program is teach students how the political system works.

Chef Martin cooks up some crab at local store

TWIN FALLS - Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W., will have Chef Kurt Martin of the Snake River Grill in Hagerman teach the finer points and various techniques of cooking crab.

The class will be held from 7-9 p.m. April 14. The cost is \$35. For more information, call 733-5477.

West Magic Lake Rec Club hosts cook-off

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation club will host a men's cook-off with dishes registered at 5:30 p.m. April 10 at the lower level of the Burden West Resort, 560 West Magic Road, No. 20 in West Magic.

Awards for first, second and third place dishes will be given.

Square Dance Club holds Easter potluck

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold an Easter potluck and square dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Legion Hall on Lincoln Street.

Participants should bring a potluck dish to share. The club will furnish meat and rolls and there will be a "Share the Bunny Pot."

All square dances are invited. For more information, call Vern Young at 734-4647.

Scout Extreme Venture crew meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Scouts Extreme Venture Crew 65 will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the First Chris-

dan Church, 601 Shoshone Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Males and females ages 14-20 interested in outdoor adventure activities are invited to attend.

The group is being formed to follow the Venture Program's Ranger Award, which is designed to challenge teens in the outdoors and provide a path for outdoors skills training.

Members will work on core requirements in first aid, communications, cooking, emergency preparations, land navigation, leave no trace, wilderness survival and conservation.

For more information, call Terry Halbert at 543-6048.

Buhl Community Center offers yoga class

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education Center is offering "Recreative and Regenerative Yoga" starting Wednesday for five weeks from 4-5 p.m. each Wednesday at the Popplewell Elementary gym, 200 N. Sixth.

The fee is \$10 and the instructor is Bill Chisholm. Students should wear loose clothing and bring a mat. For more information, call 543-6553.

People for Pets group meets next week

TWIN FALLS - People for Pets - Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. will have a public meeting

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BURLEY, Springdale
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TWIN FALLS
Very nice upper end condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1226 sq. ft., open floor plan, vaulted ceiling, patio, view of courtyard, underground parking, central vac, security entry. Western Real Estate Group. Call 208-733-8277.

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\$9800 yearly income. ERIK ANDERSEN 420-0128. Bentley Realty.

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two duplexes, great 5 bdrm, 2 bath, \$1800 mo. 1230,000. Call 208-733-8506.

616 COUNTRY HOME

BUHL '91 Neshua dbl.
wide, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, good cond, must be seen. \$200,000. Call 208-543-8889.

GOODING '87 Buddy,
10x65 ft., with slide-out, new carpet, \$4500/offers. Call 731-0103.

615 COUNTRY HOME

1616 Addison Ave.
East. This beautiful, professional 1600 sq. ft. office space is available. For more information, contact Bonny Rose at 539-0795 or Mac Meyer at 734-7930.

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BOISE '84 Skyline
27x45 must see. \$18,000. 362-8008.

BUHL retirement park.
3 bdrm, 2 bath, neat and clean. \$69,000. Call 208-258-8500.

FILER Great home
2000 model can be moved. 4 bdrm 2 bath, 2 sided fireplace, master bath w/walker tub 2 sinks, and separate shower. Vinyl siding, gas range, dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator. Almost 2000 sq. ft. \$34,900. Call 208-520-1871.

GOODING 4 bdrm.,
2 bath, extra hardwood floors, gas heat, \$550. 539-0805.

HAGENB 1994 Chrysl.
14x86 2 bdrm., 1 bath, with deck, priced to sell. \$18,995. Call 539-0586 or 423-4268.

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2 bath, single level, wood stove, 2 car garage & shop, no drugg, avail now \$495,000. security dep 423-8882.

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BLISS Cp. 3 bdrm.
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BUHL 3 bdrm., 2 bath
mobile homes, no pets, long term, \$600 + dep. 543-8342.

BUHL 2 bdrm., fenced,
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bath, country home. No pets/smoking. Call 208-543-8889.

FILER Clean large
country home, no smoking/pets. \$600+ \$450 dep. Water & garage. Call 733-4059.

FILER N. of Curry,
farm house, 4 bdrm., 1 bath, no indoor pets, \$950/month + \$680 dep. Preference. Call 208-543-8889.

GOODING 2 bdrm 1
bath, \$400 dep, \$475 mo. No smoking/drugs. Call 208-543-8889.

GOODING 3 bdrm.,
bonus room, gas heat, \$500 + dep. Call 208-527-6523 or 539-2127.

GOODING 4 bdrm.,
2 bath, extra hardwood floors, gas heat, \$550. 539-0805.

HAGENB Blue
Spruce Mobile Park, 2 bdrm., single level, \$495. 0r 2 bdrm. double wide \$580. 324-7844 or 308-0121.

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FILER 2 bdrm. \$450/
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ing! 2 car lot, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, cost \$95,000 new home has vaulted ceiling with great open floor plan. Master bedroom has own bath. Super Good Central Only \$69,800. Call 208-520-1871. Realtors Welcome.

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home. T.P. 1 bdrm. \$476-\$526 + dep. \$200. OK 976-285-1922.

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2 bath mobile home, no pets, long term, \$476-\$526 + dep. \$200. OK 976-285-1922.

JEROME Avail. 477
3 bdrm, 2 bath, new carpet, vinyl, new range, refrigerator, gas heat, \$625 + dep. \$25 rent credit avail. 734-7655, 734-8458, 420-3850 ask for Dave.

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JEROME Clean 3 bdrm.,
1 bath, fenced back yard, 6x16 storage. No smoking/pets. \$225 + deposit. Avail. now. Call 733-8844.

JEROME 2 bath, nice
3 bdrm, 2 bath, nice, private party, 324-800 24 hour recorded msg.

MURTAUGH 3 bdrm.
2 bath, no smoking, \$400 + \$250 dep. 338-5347 or 422-8520.

RUPERT 3 bdrm 2 car
garage on 5 acres. 206-312-4500/876-9160.

RUPERT 508 Harwick
Crt. Shap. 1.5 bath, \$800 or ask. 733-1859

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TWIN FALLS small, clean quiet apt. 1 bdrm, 1 bath, AC, 25. No pets/smoking. 324-4409 oves/wknds.

604 UHURUSHEG ARTS DUPLEXES

GOODING Clean nice 1 bdrm unita, for low income. 62 and older or disabled. Westside Court Apts 934-4886. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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JEROME 2 bdrm. water, pet, \$375. 2 bdrm. utility pd, furnished \$500. 2 bdrm. utility pd \$540. New 2 bdrm. duplex \$495. Call Tri Co. Prop. Mgmt. 324-2734 www.trico.net

JEROME 3 bdrm. 1.5 bath, appls. includes, central air, gas heat, W/D hook up. \$595/mo. + dep. 418-5374.

JEROME duplex. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, quiet neighborhood, all appls. W/D hook up, AC, fireplace, garage. No pets. \$500 + dep. Call 208-643-8113.

JEROME Links Apts. 2 bdrms./1.5 bath. All appliances, W/D hook ups AC, storage. Now accepting applications. Call 208-643-8113.

JEROME Nice 2 bed room townhouse all appliances, no smoking. No pets. \$495. Call 324-3213 ext 100.

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JEROME Sunny, modern 1 bdrm. Apt. #15. No pets/smoking. 324-4409 oves/wknds.

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PAUL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, W/D hookups, D.W. No smoking/pets. \$400/month + \$200 dep. 212-202-9145.

RUPERT Available New 2 bdrm. townhouse, apartments. W/D hookups, rental assistance available. Equal Housing Opportunity. Colonial Townhomes. Call 208-439-0429.

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WENDELL Minerat Apts. Near 3 bedroom, fenced back yard, washer & dryer, dishwasher, stove & heat & air. \$500/month + deposit. 638-2314.

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LOST Red Bone Coon Hound, 6 year old male, leather collar, injured on left hind quarter under tail. Little Girl farm, last seen on 3/21, south of Twin Falls. Please call 308-7560.

LOST 3/18 between Castlewood & Hagerman, dog w/white & black patches. Brown eye patch. Med. size, "patches" lost. REWARD. 801-891-2016.

LOST Red Heeler, 1 yr old female, Wendell area. please call 731-5447.

LOST Pig in the vicinity of Magic Valley Hospital and Rock Creek Canyon. If found please call 732-1894.

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LOST Chihuahua in Paul area, male, 1 year old, brown, approx. 5 lbs. Reward offered. 208-438-5538

LOST Cunion, light chest color, lost Wed. between Mr. Brown & Lincoln school. If found call 739-6253 or 431-3975

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OVER \$80,000 Beautiful manufactured home & shop in Wendell. 3 bedroom/2 bath, priced at \$85,000. Call Dan Sabo 324-2019 or Barry Buckell 320-1864. #110225 - Wendell

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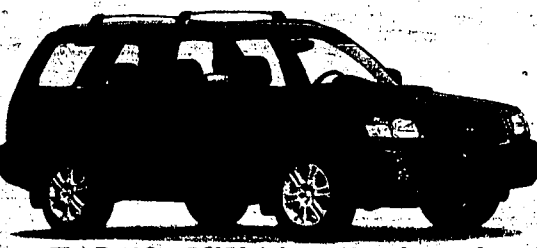
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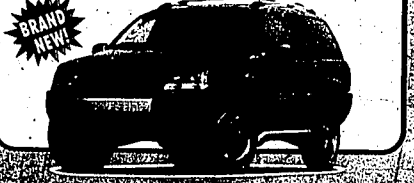
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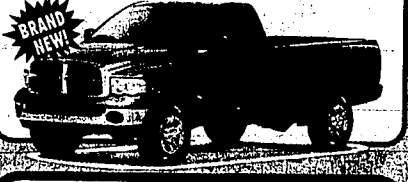
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