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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER
Today:
Partly cloudy, cooler and breezy.
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MAGIC VALLEY

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Artist unveils prototypes

Ceremony marks spot in City Park for project

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The trip from Boston to Twin Falls was supposed to be uneventful. But sculptor Ted Clausen learned a valuable lesson at Boston's Logan International Airport Saturday: Don't leave your scale models unattended.

Clausen was hired by the Magic Valley Arts Council to design two city art projects. He was on his way to Twin Falls for Monday's groundbreaking ceremony at City Park, when his prototypes were stolen - or maybe taken by airport security.

"I still don't know where they are," Clausen said Monday.

Clausen said he left his seat in the airport terminal to use the restroom. When he came back, his models were gone.

Clausen hastily built a replacement, and Monday's unveiling went on as planned.

City leaders and residents gathered at City Park to hear about the proposed project and to watch a ceremonial groundbreaking at the City Park project's site.



Above, artist Ted Clausen explains his Millennium sculpture at City Park on Monday afternoon. In the foreground, a model depicts the sculpture's ring of basalt boulders. Left, a bronze casting of a plow would be one feature of the City Park sculpture.

"This is something that has been needed for the cultural aspect of the city," Mayor Elaine Steele said at the ceremony. "There is a lot of support from city staff to do this type of sculpture."

The project consists of two sculptures, one for City Park and another for the Main Avenue and Shoshone Street intersection in front of Wells Fargo Bank.

The Main and Shoshone project would include a six-foot-high basalt rock with historical inscriptions and a life-size bronze casting of a horse harness, with sagebrush and trees on the side.

The City Park project would include four or five basalt stones, engraved with historical text. Water would seep from pores in the rocks. The project would also include a life-size bronze casting of a plow.

Money is still needed to get the project going.

The Maryland-based Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation gave the Magic Valley Arts Council a \$20,000 grant to help pay Clausen's \$35,000 fee.

The rest of Clausen's fee will have to be raised through an in-kind donation of lodging for his time in Twin Falls, said Donna Yule, the arts council's executive director.

Then comes the hard part: raising enough money to pay for the materials.

"Between \$80,000 and \$100,000 in cash is still needed," Yule said.

She said she is optimistic the money will be raised, even though the project has to be finished by the end of the year. That was part of the agreement with the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation to get the grant, Yule said.

It has to be finished in the year 2000. That's why it's called the Millennium Project," Yule said.

Clausen, who is living in Massachusetts, will begin living and working full-time in Twin Falls in June.

And if money isn't raised by that time? "Then we'll have to punt," Yule said.

Some Twin Falls residents who saw Monday's unveiling expressed approval of Clausen's plans.

"We were here and raised here in Twin Falls," Joan Allen of Twin Falls said. Her friend Mary Alice Florence by her side nod-



ding her head in agreement. "To us it's very appropriate."
Florence echoed Allen's thoughts. "I love the idea of the rocks and sagebrush," Florence said.

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Escapes 'beat the system,' sheriff says

By Brian Haynes
Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Under the cover of dusk, three men cut through a wire fence and crept along the jail roof.

They crossed a covered walkway to the judicial building near door and scampered down a tree, leaving behind the Twin Falls County jail and its three on-duty deputies.

Please see ESCAPEES, Page A2

Wanted trio

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office is searching for these three men, who escaped from the jail Saturday night. Anyone with information on their whereabouts can call police dispatch at 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387. Tips can be left anonymously, and up to a \$1,000 reward is available.



Kevin J. Scheer, Phillip C. Gleason, Randall D. McCubough.

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May Day marches erupt in violence

The Associated Press

LONDON - Anti-capitalist protesters clashed with police Monday in central London, tearing down the golden arches of a McDonald's and spray-painting a hammer and sickle on a statue of Winston Churchill in a May Day protest.

In Berlin, a march against "capitalism and imperialism" Monday night erupted into violence in the Kreuzberg neighborhood, a stronghold of leftist activism. More than 100 police officers were injured as they used water cannons, tear gas and nightsticks against a crowd of 10,000 anarchists. At least three dozen left-

Protests in U.S., Cuba - A2

ists were arrested.

Elsewhere in Europe, the workers who are usually commemorated on May Day took a back seat to the far right, as neo-Nazi rallies in German cities and nationalist parties held demonstrations in France.

The riots erupted in London when a group broke away from a peaceful demonstration held by protesters planting seeds in front of the Houses of Parliament.

Demonstrators threw stones and other objects near Prime Minister Tony Blair's official res-

idence at Downing Street, where a dozen officers in riot gear took up positions. The protesters then stormed a nearby branch of McDonald's, breaking windows, tearing down the large "M" sign and distributing food.

The demonstrators tried unsuccessfully to storm St. Martin's in the Field Church, daubed anti-war slogans on the Cenotaph war memorial and defaced a statue of Churchill by putting red paint on his mouth to look like blood and spraying the communist symbol on his jacket.

"The people responsible for the damage caused in London today are an absolute disgrace," Blair said.



French nationalists shout during the traditional May Day march of the National Front party Monday in Paris.

Richfield teens stay in lockup

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Two Richfield teenagers who have become the focus of community outrage will remain in juvenile detention - for now, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision pleased many people who traveled from Richfield to be in the courtroom audience of about 20.

"If they're released, Richfield is going to be pretty upset," said Marcie Paulson, who contends Archie Biegler and Justin Stewart barbecued and ate her cat.

Biegler, 16, and Stewart, 15, face juvenile charges of possessing two stolen World War II Japanese rifles that were taken from Marcie Paulson's husband, Alan.

Biegler was identified by parents at a recent School Board meeting as having made knife threats in school. A sworn statement by juvenile probation officer Becky Scott said he participated in "self mutilation, Satanism and teacher and student intimidation."

Richfield residents "expressed fear for themselves and property" if either teen is released, Scott wrote.

On Monday, the teens appeared in court dressed in identical navy blue sweatshirts and shackled at the waist and

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Pediatricians issue ADHD guidelines

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The American Academy of Pediatrics, on Monday issued its first guidelines for diagnosing attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, hoping to prevent merely rambunctious youngsters from being overmedicated while ensuring other children get the help they need.

Recent research shows dramatic increases in the use of drugs like Ritalin to treat children with ADHD, becoming more common or is being overused. Many experts worry that some doctors and parents are treating typical childhood misbehavior as an illness.

The academy, the nation's largest group of pediatricians, said it is unclear whether the disorder is being overdiagnosed, because there are such wide variations nationwide in how doctors define and treat it.

The academy said it believes the new guidelines will standardize the diagnosis and make it easier to identify which children really need help. Guidelines for treating ADHD are still being developed.

"We'd like to help us all (diagnose) more accurately," said Dr. James M. Perrin, an author of the guidelines and an associate pro-

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie High 60 Low: 35 Partly cloudy, cooler and breezy. Mostly clear tonight. Clouds increase tomorrow.

Treasure Valley High 77 Low: 48 Partly cloudy and cooler. Northwest winds to 20 mph. Mostly clear tonight.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High 67 Low: 36 Partly cloudy. Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Wednesday.

Eastern Idaho High 76 Low: 37 Partly cloudy and breezy. Southwest winds to 20 mph. Mostly clear tonight.

Northern Idaho High 61 Low: 45 Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the morning.

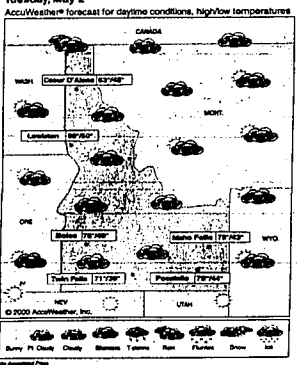
Northern Utah High 81 Low: 50 Partly cloudy. Mostly sunny tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern Nevada High 75 Low: 46 Partly cloudy. Mostly sunny tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

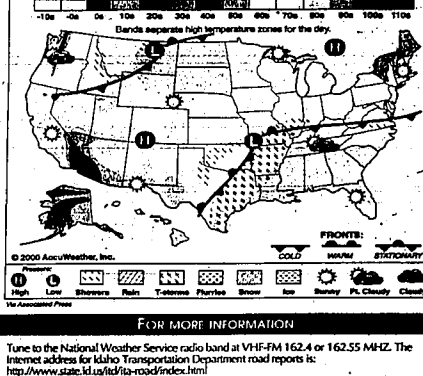
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday. High/Low forecasts for each day with weather icons.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns for Twin Falls and Idaho, showing high/low temperatures and precipitation.

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

UV Index: 6 (moderate). Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 8:39 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:31 a.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Rain and thunderstorms darkened parts of the nation's midsection on Monday. High pressure continued to dominate the weather across much of the eastern part of the nation.

Idaho High/Lows

Table listing high and low temperatures for various Idaho cities like Boise, Pocatello, and Twin Falls.

The Nation

Table listing high and low temperatures for various cities across the United States.

Portland police use force to try to break up protest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Firing beanbag rounds from shotguns, police in riot gear tried Monday to break up a downtown May Day protest by hundreds of people.

Castro leads throngs, calls for return of Elian

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro took an active role in May Day festivities for the first time in years Monday, marching in the parade and ending a speech with a call to Juan Miguel Gonzalez.

Circulation

Daniel Walock, circulation director. Circulation phone lines are open between 7 and 10 a.m. only.

Mail information

- Barley Rupert, Paul Oakley, Kevin Smith, James O'Leary, Jim Peterson, John Rogers, Daniel Walock, John Koerber, Mary Karna, Paul Karowka.

Diagnostic guidelines

The American Academy of Pediatrics' new guidelines for pediatricians and family physicians to use in diagnosis of attention deficit disorder.

ADHD

Continued from A1. ADHD can be chalked up to normal rambunctiousness and inattentiveness in preschoolers.

LOTTERY UPDATE. SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2000. POWERBALL 12 14 26 35 36. JACKPOT \$11,800,000.

Escapes

Continued from A1. After strong-arming keys from a woman at City Park, the men stole her car and haven't been seen since.

Richfield

Continued from A1. In separate hearings, their lawyers argued for their release on strict house arrest while the cases progress.

NATION

Time-Warner drops ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — In an escalating corporate dispute, ABC was blacked out in the homes of 3.5 million Time Warner cable customers around the country Monday — just as the “sweeps” period was beginning and Regis Philbin was about to quiz celebrities on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.”

Instead of ABC programming, Time Warner customers saw a message saying, “Disney has taken ABC away from you” on the channel that normally carries WABC-TV in New York.

Around the country, the only way many viewers could see ABC shows was the old-fashioned way — by disconnecting the cable and rigging up an antenna — or finding a friend with a satellite dish.

The Walt Disney Co., ABC’s

corporate parent, is fighting over how much money Time Warner must compensate Disney for the right to carry some of its cable channels.

The affected customers were in seven markets served by ABC-owned television stations. About 1.5 million were in the New York City area, 665,000 in Houston and 440,000 in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Smaller numbers of customers in the Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Toledo, Ohio, and Fresno, Calif., markets also lost service.

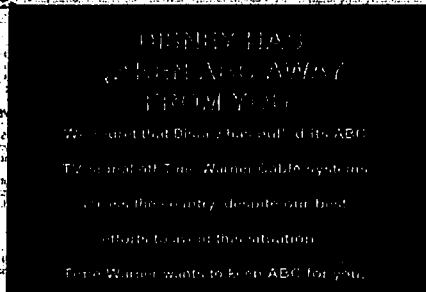
The blackout was particularly ill-timed for ABC, America’s top-rated broadcaster. Its most popular show, “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” began its first celebrity week Monday. Viewers who saw the opening night of the miniseries “Arabian Nights” on

Sunday risked missing the conclusion.

In the coming weeks, ABC is airing the Kentucky Derby, the Daytime Emmy Awards and virtually all of the season finales of its regular series.

Disney appealed for help from the Federal Communications Commission on Monday.

Each side angrily blamed the other for the blackout, and each said FCC law was on its side: Time Warner said it was against the law to carry a station without a transmission deal, while ABC said a cable operator cannot stop airing a broadcast station during a sweeps period.



A video image sends a message shows on Time-Warner cable in New York Monday. A quarrel over transmission fees between Time Warner Inc. and the Walt Disney Co. left 11 Disney-owned ABC stations without cable outlets.

Man pleads innocent to all charges

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A white man was charged with murder and hate crimes on Monday in the shooting deaths of a Jewish woman, an Indian man and two Asian men in a rampage that targeted minorities.

Richard Scott Baumhammers, who was arraigned Friday night in the killing of the shooting of a black man at a karate studio, pleaded innocent to all charges.

Baumhammers’ lawyer, William Diefenderfer, said that he’ll try to mount an insanity defense and seek to have Baumhammers moved to a mental hospital from jail. Meanwhile, about 450 friends and neighbors attended the funeral of one of the shooting victims, 63-year-old Anita “Nicki” Gordon, who lived next door to Baumhammers’ parents in the affluent Pittsburgh suburb of Mount Lebanon.

“There was no place in her for hate, there was no place for evil,” Rabbi Stephen Steinzel said at the funeral. “She opened her door last Friday and met violence and death.”

The shooting spree’s lone survivor, 25-year-old Sandeep Patel, who’s of Indian descent, remained hospitalized in critical condition Monday.

Treasury to pay off chunk of debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury, its coffers brimming because of budget surpluses, expects to pay off a record \$216 billion of the national debt this year, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said Monday.

“Lifting the burden of debt from our children and grandchildren is one of the most important investments in the future we can make,” said President Clinton, hailing the projection.

“This will be the third consecutive year of debt reduction, bringing the three-year total to \$355 billion,” Clinton said.

For all of fiscal year 1999, the government posted a record \$88.3 billion reduction in debt held by the public. In 1998, it

paid off \$51 billion.

For the second quarter of this year, Summers said the government expects to pay off \$185 billion of debt — a quarterly record — up from a previous estimate of \$152 billion made in January.

“These favorable results are in large part attributable to strong growth in revenues associated with a robust domestic economy” Summers said.

Summers’ announcement coincides with Treasury’s regularly scheduled briefing this week of its projected borrowing needs for the April-June quarter — traditionally a period in which big payoffs of government debt occur because of a flood of tax pay-

ments flowing to federal coffers.

The government can pay off debt through a combination of buying back older, high-yielding securities before they mature and reducing the amount of new debt issued.

In January, Treasury said it would like to buy back up to \$30 billion of debt this year. Summers said those plans haven’t changed.

So far this year, Treasury has bought back \$7 billion of outstanding 30-year Treasury bonds that carry higher yields than the current market yield on comparable securities. It paid sellers roughly \$1.8 billion in premiums to cash in early.

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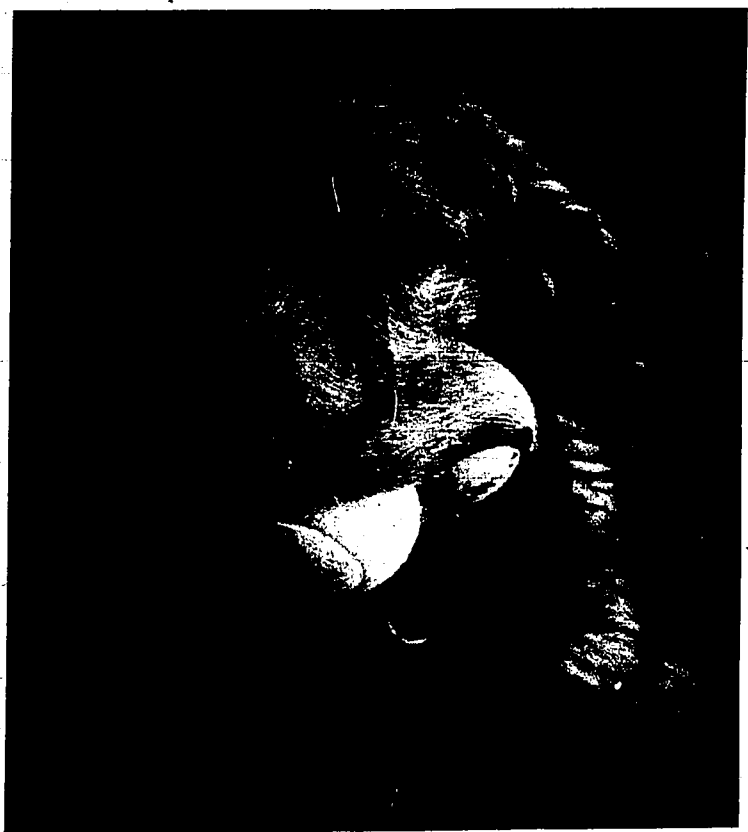
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NATION

Actors strike, demand bigger cut

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Actors who star in TV and radio commercials went on strike Monday, demanding a bigger cut from the booming cable market, in the first major Hollywood walkout in 12 years.

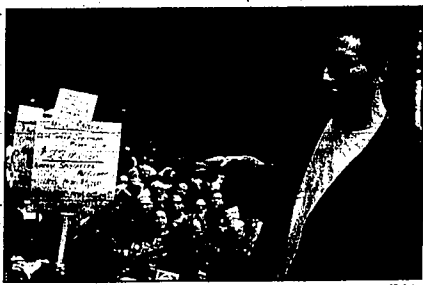
Chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, corporate greed has got to go," hundreds gathered in a Los Angeles park and marched past Wilshire Boulevard ad agencies. Several hundred striking actors also rallied in New York City.

The Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists, representing about 135,000 actors, authorized the strike.

Celebrities lent support to the commercial actors on both coasts. "Actors are the nicest people in the world, and they always give away the store," Richard Dreyfuss said at a rally in New York. "It's a hard job, but it's worth it."

The walkout centers on the pay structure for commercials.

TV commercials offer actors a minimum of \$478 for a day's work. Actors also get "pay-per-play" residuals of roughly \$50 to



Actor Billy Baldwin speaks at a Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) rally against proposed contract changes by the American Association of Advertising Agencies and the Association of National Advertisers Monday at Bryant Park in New York.

\$120 each time a spot airs on network television. When it comes to cable TV commercials, however, actors receive only a flat fee of \$1,000 or less for each 13-week run.

Study: Anger could lead to heart attack

DALLAS (AP) - People who are highly anger-prone are nearly three times more likely to have a heart attack, a study found.

The connection between anger and heart attacks held true even after researchers took into account other major risk factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking and obesity. "The implications of our study are that anger could potentially lead to heart attacks, especially among middle-aged men and women with normal blood pressure," said Janice Williams, an epidemiologist in Atlanta who led the study while at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The study adds to previous research showing a link between heart health and depression, hostility and other emotions.

Previous studies have shown that stress hormones constrict blood vessels and may trigger a blockage in the arteries.

The latest findings appear in Monday's issue of *Circulation*, a journal of the American Heart Association.

As part of the study, nearly 13,000 adults were followed for six years. All were interviewed before they had a heart attack. That minimized the possibility that their anger was produced by their heart trouble.

Dr. Robert Federici, a cardiologist with Lovelace Health System in Albuquerque, N.M., said the findings prove that emotions like anger and stress have a great deal to do with a person's risk of heart disease.

'The Fugitive's' attorney asks judge to throw out verdict

CLEVELAND (AP) - An attorney who argued that Dr. Sam Sheppard was wrongfully imprisoned for his wife's 1954 slaying says the jury was too hasty in rejecting his claim and the verdict should be thrown out.

Terry Gilbert filed a motion Monday asking Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Ross Ganssler to overturn the verdict and rule against the state or grant another

trial. The jury deliberated for three hours April 12 before unanimously rejecting the wrongful imprisonment charges brought by Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard.

The civil trial, involving more than 70 witnesses over 25 months, was the latest episode in the sensational murder case that inspired the movie and TV series "The Fugitive."

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Investigators focus on missing e-mails

WASHINGTON (AP) - A year before divulging a serious e-mail glitch, White House officials readied themselves to inform Congress and begin retrieving thousands of unarchived messages of possible interest to investigators. But they didn't follow through. The February 1999 memo, a set of talking points for testimony before congressional appropriators, laid out the history of the e-mail problem that has now become the focus of criminal

investigators. The memo disclosed that presidential aides had solicited a proposal on Oct. 20, 1998, from contractor Northrup Grumman to "recover the missing records" that weren't properly archived because of the glitch.

"The approximate cost for the system design is \$602,000," Karl H. Heisserer of the White House Office of Administration wrote.

Officials, however, waited until this year to begin retrieving the missing e-mails and reviewing

them to determine if they should have been handed over to law-makers and federal prosecutors who had subpoenaed documents in the Monica Lewinsky, political fund-raising and Whitewater investigations. White House officials blame a "disconnect" between their technicians, who diagnosed the e-mail problem, and their lawyers, who apparently did not understand that the glitch might affect pending subpoena requests.

Administration dismisses Bush's Soc. Sec. plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House Monday dismissed Gov. George W. Bush's plan for overhauling Social Security as too sketchy and set "in a world where budgets don't exist."

Bush is considering, proposing - as Republicans in Congress have - a plan through which workers could invest a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes in the stock market. Similarly, President Clinton proposed last year that the government generate new revenue for Social Security by investing some interest savings from debt reduction in the market.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Bush needed to provide more details on his proposal and "stop talking about campaign promises in a vacuum, in a world where budgets don't exist." He said the outline indicates that Bush's program could push Social Security toward insolvency rather than preserving it.

"If it is a plan that will take a certain percentage off of payroll taxes, then you will raise some solvency issues," Lockhart said. "You're going to come into some real fiscal problems when you combine that with the (tax cut) they've proposed."

He added that most Republican lawmakers "if you caught them in a candid moment," would admit they need more details from Bush. "The country should be anxious to see the details, rather than the outlines," Lockhart said.

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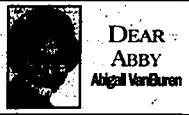
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MORNING BREAK

Mother's lesson in manners omits chapter on rudeness

DEAR ABBY: This letter is in response to the one written by "Determined in Dallas," who prides herself on courtesy and who is attempting to pass on similar traits to her 4-year-old son. When her son kindly holds the door open for a stranger, and that stranger neglects to say thank you, "Determined" feels it necessary to announce "loud enough for the offender to hear", "She should've thanked you, but her manners aren't as good as yours!"

The lesson that "Determined" is teaching her son is that it's OK to embarrass and correct total strangers when they don't follow your beliefs. This, in my opinion, is far more rude than not saying thank you. If "Determined" wants to reinforce the idea of thanking others, she'd do better to speak to her son privately and quietly. She could also teach him (and remind herself) that a truly kind person performs acts of kindness without



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

expecting thank-yous and applause.

NOT THANKED YET STILL COURTEOUS

DEAR NOT THANKED: You are not the only reader who took pen in hand to point out that the zealous mother might be sending her son the wrong message - and displaying rudeness in the bargain. While it would have been more tactful of her to direct her comments quietly to her son, I still believe that small children need positive reinforcement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from

"Determined in Dallas," the mother of the 4-year-old boy, brought back memories of my dear grandmother, Alice. While reading that letter, I thought you might scold her a bit about her reply to thoughtless strangers "... loudly enough for the offender to hear."

Personally, I think she did the right thing. I recall how my Alice would hold the door for people, and when they "forgot" to say thank you, undaunted, she would call out one of her cheery "You're welcome."

-ALEX KALINOWSKY, RIDGELAND, S.C.

As my husband says, what works for one gender should work for the other as well. Good manners should mean being thoughtful and considerate of others and open to giving or receiving an act of courtesy depending on the situation - not the gender.

-SALLY ROSLOFF, NORTHBRIDGE, CALIF.

DEAR SALLY: Your husband is absolutely right. And his philosophy is similar to that of manners maven Tish Baldridge, who sagely points out: "Manners embrace socially acceptable behavior ... but also more than that. They are an expression of how you treat others when you care about them, their self-esteem, and their feelings ... In a chaotic world, they can make order out of disorder and give you the power to bring pleasure into other people's lives."

Villages float on water

On the lakes of Kashmir are many houseboats. With boxed flower gardens anchored around them. And vegetable gardens, too. Some of the boat communities' port offices likewise are afloat. A maharajah around 1890 decreed no non-Kashmiri could buy land there. So the enterprising British established picturesque villages on water; and they survive.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

techniques of self-hypnosis can increase her bust measurements. Or so say some psychologists of the "mind over matter" school.

The first "belfry" was a war watch tower called a belfry before anyone ever hung a bell in it.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be cooperative, but do take chance on romance. Focus on cooperative efforts, romance, marriage, crown displace. Dreams will be realized.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Popularity increases and so does controversy. Don't be in thick of political, professional, social. Take notes, write reports, summarize dreams. Gemini represented.

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Democrat leaders ratify hiring of director

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Democratic Party leaders have ratified the hiring of a communications director, essentially endorsing how their chairman changed day-to-day operations at the expense of ousted Executive Director Marcia Pursley.

Chairman Brit Groom, former Lincoln County prosecutor, said a meeting of the party's executive committee on Saturday showed there was no real controversy over his March 28 firing of Pursley,

who had been the perennial minority party's executive director since June 1988.

"There was probably about a minute and a half of discussion about her termination. That wasn't even an issue," Groom said Monday from his Grangeville law office.

He said the discussion focused on the benefits of hiring Party Nence of Dietrich, former managing editor of the South Idaho Press in Burley, as communications

director at the same \$3,000-a-month salary Pursley received.

Pursley argued that while Groom had the authority to fire her, hiring a communications director and eliminating the job of executive director were policy decisions that bypassed the party's organizational process.

Groom, however, said the position of communications director was created in November 1988 but had been open since August 1999. So filling the job was not a

structural change, he said, and the decision not to hire a new executive director for now was more a budget than an organizational consideration.

That position might be filled in the future when money is available, he said, and the timing of Pursley's firing was dictated by the need to make the change quickly so the party's work was not disrupted in an election year.

Group seeks accountability for candidates, but skeptics remain

GRANGEVILLE (AP) - Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Brit Groom is one of nine candidates to sign a "Covenant" with Idaho Citizens for Honest and Responsible Government, a secretive group with what some consider dubious motives.

"It is more of a political pecking order than a real agreement for the people," said Scott Robinson of Riggins, an independ-

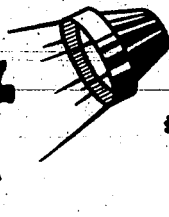
ent candidate for Idaho County sheriff who signed the group's covenant but since has distanced himself from it.

"I don't think it was representative as what it was. They use it to control candidates and leverage and do all sort of things that really aren't above board," said Robinson, a teacher and head football coach at Salmon River High School.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Film festival features many online movies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - This year's Philadelphia Festival of World Cinema isn't just a screening of movies from around the world. It's also a festival for short films from around the World Wide Web.

"Streaming Cinema," part of the "larger event that's a e d Thursday is being billed as the first U.S. film festival devoted to Internet movies.

It features screenings and discussions of films created to arrive over the Internet and have their premieres on your computer screen.

"People are watching these films sitting up straight in a chair with their nose up close to the computer screen as opposed to sitting in darkened movie theater or on the couch with their feet propped up," said Nora Barry, an interactive media specialist whose Web site, the Bit Screen, has showcased such work for the past two years. "It's just a totally different experience."

Barry regards such movies not as a novelty but as the birth of a new medium of expression, which offers new opportunities in areas such as interactivity but cannot be treated as if it were just another way of seeing a film.

Thanks to the Internet and its related technology, anyone with a computer can be a filmmaker.

Motion pictures designed for the Internet tend to be short, usually three minutes or so, since they take so long to download.

Court rules Net providers aren't liable for e-mail

Decision grants ISPs same protection as phone companies

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court left intact a ruling that says Internet service providers are not legally and financially liable when someone is defamed in e-mail communications or bulletin board messages.

The court, acting without

comment May 1, rejected an appeal stemming from several vulgar messages an impostor posted six years ago in the name of Alexander Lunney, then 15.

Lunney, a Bronxville, N.Y., high school student at the time, sued Prodigy Services Co. after the impostor opened Internet accounts under his name and sent a threatening, profane e-mail message to someone who notified police.

During the police investigation, Prodigy sent Lunney a letter saying it was terminating one

of the accounts "due to the transmission of obscene, abusive, threatening and sexually explicit material." The real Alexander Lunney, whose innocence in the episode was quickly established, never was a Prodigy customer.

He sued the service provider, which later found other accounts the impostor had opened in Lunney's name. On one of those accounts, vulgar bulletin board messages had been posted by the impostor.

Three New York state courts ruled that Lunney's lawsuit

against Prodigy must fail.

The New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest tribunal, said the service provider was not legally culpable for either the objectionable e-mail or the bulletin board message.

"Prodigy was not a publisher of the e-mail transmitted through its system by a third party," the state court ruled unanimously. "We are unwilling to deny Prodigy the common-law qualified privilege accorded to telephone and telegraph companies."

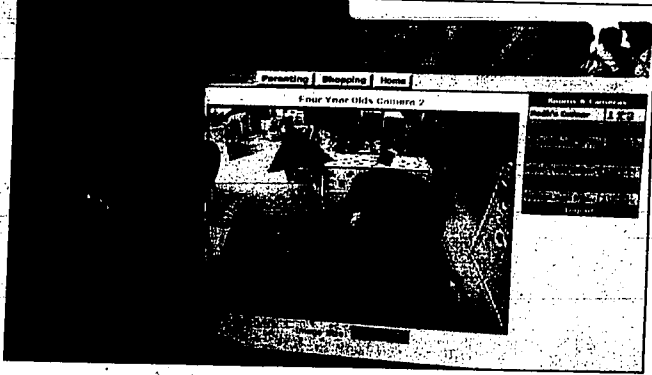
It added: "The public would not be well served by compelling

(an Internet service provider) to examine and screen millions of e-mail communications, on pain of liability for defamation."

The state court also said Prodigy could not be treated as publisher of the electronic bulletin board message.

In the appeal acted on May 1, lawyers for Lunney called the case "the most egregious of a series of Internet related liability cases that have developed an enlarging rule of law that totally immunizes non-carrier, proprietary online services from virtually any... liability."

BETTER THAN TAMAGOTCHI



Kimberly Sedlack touches the monitor showing the image of her 4-year-old daughter on the computer screen at the ChildTime Childrens Center of Tacoma, Wash. where her daughter is in daycare. Sedlack is part of a trend of parents using the Parent Watch Internet-linked video cameras to check up on her daughter while she is at work at the Boeing Co. in Seattle. For more information, visit the ParentWatch website at www.parentwatch.com

Online trading firms cease misleading ads

WASHINGTON - Fourteen online trading firms or individuals have agreed to stop making claims that the trading strategies and systems they sell can bring investors easy money with little risk, federal

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Users save money because voice provides a toll-free number to pick up messages. The catch is that at any time, voice users call in for their messages. They'll first hear an advertisement.

Computers in brief

reading than the military out of fear that potential enemies could use the system to target missiles.

At midnight, the United States will stop jamming the signal for civilian users, but can still selectively block the improved Global Positioning System over any given region at will, the Clinton administration said.

HP, Compaq, others to open online parts auction site

NEW YORK - Compaq Computer Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co. and 10 other high-tech companies said Monday they will speed up their already fast-moving supply chains by creating an Internet marketplace for electronics and computer components.

The exchange will let participants buy and sell chips, hard drives and other parts by listing them in online catalogs and through auctions. The companies said they expect the exchange to reduce their costs and inventories and allow them to deliver products faster.

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EDITORIAL

Forget dams and seek new options for saving salmon

Finally, for those who were paying attention last week, some sanity is beginning to enter the debate over declining salmon numbers in the Pacific Northwest. There simply isn't enough science to support a fish story, the National Marine Fisheries Service has concluded.

So, according to its regional director, it will recommend later this month that the four lower Snake River Dams be allowed to stand and deliver for the next five to 10 years.

That isn't terribly surprising, even though the news sent many environmentalists into a purple rage. Their party line is that the dams are primarily responsible for the decline of Snake River salmon - is an article of faith, not fact.

It's time, said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., to move on and look for other remedies.

That will be a politically unpopular search: Dam-breaching has become an appealing alibi simply because it's easy and cost-free - to environmentalists. No software writer in suburban Seattle or outfitter in Eugene is going to be out of a job if the grain barges stop plying the lower Snake.

But the dilemma gets stickier when the talk turns to curtailing commercial and Indian harvests.

Fish and Wildlife regional director Will Steidle says that if another solution isn't found within a decade, then the dams should go. Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency told the Army Corps of Engineers that the dams should be breached sooner,

rather than later. That simply isn't going to happen. Removing the dams would be Congress' call, and Congress is no more likely to do that in 2010 than it is today.

So what are we left with? Another five to 10 years of fingerprinting and endless environmental lawsuits?

How about some practical steps instead? Let's start with an end to baffling management practices such as clubbing excess hatchery fish so they won't spawn on their own with wild salmon.

The dirty little secret of Snake River salmon restoration is that we need to leave more fish in the water - and out of the holds of trawlers or the back of pickup trucks belonging to Northwest Native Americans.

In the meantime, consider this: The Idaho Fish and Game Commission last week voted to open a season on the hatchery segment of the spring chinook salmon run on the Snake River. There are an estimated 10,000 chinook in excess of the hatchery program's needs. Biologists are projecting a total run of nearly 30,000 salmon at Lower Granite Dam - one of the structures that environmentalists insist must go.

Most of those are hatchery, not wild, fish. But it's worth asking environmentalists how chinook salmon can be doing well enough to warrant a fishing season if the dams are such a plague.

Don't hold your breath waiting for an answer.

How can there be a fishing season for spring chinook salmon on the Snake River if the fish are in trouble?



The waste we have is safer than what's to come

The recent halting of the radioactive waste incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is good news for all Idahoans and our neighbors. In settling a lawsuit with the Snake River Alliance and several other environmental organizations, the Department of Energy agreed to forego pursuit of permit applications for the incinerator and to commission a "blue ribbon panel" to examine alternatives to incineration. In return, we agreed to drop any legal challenge to the remainder of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (a just waste compactor). It is surprising that our elected officials and editorial boards statewide do not support this decision, suggesting that burning radioactive waste is something they support. Incineration is the worst possible approach to treatment of radioactive waste because radioactive particles are dispersed rather than contained. The plutonium present in this waste is most dangerous when in a breathable form. Plutonium is a known cancer-causing agent in a dose as minute as a millionth of a gram.

So who could possibly back such an approach? The DOE says it is the only method recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency to deal with destruction of PCBs (also carcinogenic) present in the waste. The

READER COMMENT

Steve Hopkins

EPA, on the other hand, recognizing the danger, says it has never supported incineration of radioactive waste. Sounds like a situation ripe for an independent panel to assess, and that is just what our settlement calls for.

INEEL (using our tax dollars) is presently studying alternatives to incinerating mixed waste (radioactive and hazardous) and it would be a real boost to the lab if it could actually turn some of its basic research into usable technology. This kind of transition from research into technology takes time, which appears to be the concern of our elected officials.

Their concerns center strictly around meeting the timelines of 1995 settlement agreement between former Governor Batt, the DOE and the U.S. Navy, allowing shipments of high-level waste into Idaho for an indefinite time period in exchange for an assurance that most above-ground waste will leave by 2035.

What would happen if the AMWTF treatment timelines were not met and the waste has to stay a little longer? The answer is simple: Idaho's environment

would be better off. Under the terms of the agreement, all 65,000 cubic meters of this waste is to be shipped by 2018, with 15,000 drums to leave by 2003. However, nuclear waste is not all the same.

The waste slated for treatment is among the least threatening and most safely stored waste at the site. The waste that is allowed to come in as a result of this waste leaving is highly radioactive. It is the material that every nation possessing nuclear weapons and power plants is desperately trying to dispose of in a safe, long-term manner; it remains dangerously radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years.

In fact, one single shipment of high-level waste currently coming into Idaho contains approximately six times the radioactivity of all the waste that might pass through the facility and then might leave the state. If it doesn't go, under the terms of the agreement, Idaho has the power up to court and stop incoming high-level waste shipments.

This year alone, we can expect approximately 9,000 times as much radiation to enter the state as will leave. So why, in a relatively brief time, is the state the most radioactive garbage on earth when there is something that can be done about it? You might ask your elected officials.

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LETTERS

Wake the elephant

I am confused - has the Republican Party disbanded? I saw agents of the United States break down the door on a private residence, attack the people inside with verbal and physical violence, stick an automatic weapon in the face of a 6-year-old boy and his 120-pound friend. Has the Republican Party uttered a word? Is the disgraced old woman in charge of our justice department under arrest? Is the convicted liar and suspected racist in charge of our armed forces and administrative branch of government under investigation for violation of any number of constitutional procedures? No, all is silent from my party. We allow this jack-booted hunch to make a laughing stock of our Constitution and country. Who is watching this justice department as it attacks the company that is arguably responsible for more of the current prosperity than Congress, Clinton, Greenpan or any other entity? Are you distressed that untold trillions, yes trillions, of dollars are rung out of the economy by these attacks and the illogic of higher interest rates? Who speaks for America?
MIKE THOMAS
Jerome

sheriff's department? The sheriff's deputies have been strong backups how many times for the city police on crimes being carried out within the city's jurisdiction?

Use Sheriff Weaver's command, his officers are being brought up to good law enforcement practices on a daily basis. Today's law enforcement agencies, whether big-time city operations or small-country sheriff's departments, must stay on top of crime knowledge. It cannot and should not become a losing battle.

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Contesting Weaver, we have Bill Reid. He has been bouncing around in law enforcement as one of the "good old boys" for some 32 years. Stays awhile, then moves on. In 1998, he's taken on by Mayor Denny for Jerome city chief of police and is now ready to dump that job for a shot to play sheriff.

Bill brings with him a piece of dirty laundry that anyone running for a public office would shudder to think was hanging in their closet. In the records of the Jerome County clerk's office there is filed, "Notice of intent to file a tort claim," a civil lawsuit against Jerome County and its employee, Bill Reid, for violation of (one's) civil rights, including sexual harassment and sexual discrimination. Methinks sometime, someplace Good Old Bill might have been a naughty boy!

Also running for the sheriff's office is Wayne Childers and Jerry Martinez. Sorry, I do not have any comments to make on these two candidates.
CHARLIE HALLERAN
Jerome

Stick with Weaver

Incumbent Jim Weaver has given Jerome County three years-plus of excellent law enforcement, making Jerome County a safer place to live. With this body of officers, he has come down hard on the drug scene within the county. He introduced the use of drug dogs, which greatly increased the strength of "drug busting" within the county.

How much of the Jerome city crime and drug abuse was also covered by the

Politics is not church business

Zina D. Huntington must have been quite the young woman. With her legal husband standing as witness, she polyandrously married the found of Mormonism, Joseph Smith.

In 1844, Smith was killed by a mob that was literally up in arms over Mormonism's polygamous practices, politics and the destruction of the Nauvoo Expositor's press.

Shortly after Smith's death, Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball began to divorce up Smith's wives between them. On Sept. 17, 1844, with her husband once again standing as a witness, Zina married Brigham Young.

The LDS Church likes Zina so much that a residence hall for young women at Brigham Young University was named after her.

A descendant of Zina's with doctor's and Ph.D. degrees working in the research of mental health and living with her same-sex partner for 15 years had hoped to marry in Hawaii. However, Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the LDS Church, got to Hawaii before her.

In June, 1996, the Hawaiian Supreme Court denied the obviously flawed LDS petition to join the lawsuit against the possibility of legislation favoring same-sex marriages. The church then approached the Hawaiian attorney general's office with an offer of "additional legal manpower" to fight the issue.

In the latter part of July, President Hinckley went to Hawaii to meet with Honolulu's Catholic bishop, Francis X.

Letters

Dilorenzo. Their meeting took place on LDS Church property at Laie, and there they planned a strategy to defeat the same-sex marriage issue.

Mormons were called on special missions. They worked with local Mormons and called their group "Hana Fono." Even though denied, the fact is that furious from the church, "Hana Fono" was a dead give-away - it is Hawaiian for "Do What is Right," a loved Mormon hymn.

With hundreds of Mormons and scores of Catholics led by Mormon authorities flush with a half million Mormon dollars, gay people were soundly beaten.

I believe this politicking will come back to haunt us. When churches involve themselves in politics, especially those of another state (or country), they violate both law and ethics. Fair-minded people will sit up and take notice and denounce the activity. I denounce the political actions of my church's leaders.
JOHN WALSH
Burley

Six wrongs don't make a right

A few observations and opinions about the skateboarder incident at the Lynwood. I find it unbelievable that this has gotten so out of hand. Talk about wrong upon wrong.

First wrong, two young men who think the rules are for everyone else - not them. Second wrong, Gene Turley, who undoubtedly overreacted. Third wrong, the management of Lynwood Mall who refuses to stand behind those who they send out to enforce the rules. Fourth

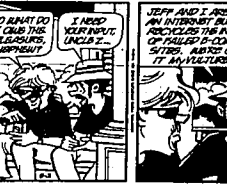
wrong, two mothers who see only dollar signs and their poor picked-on little darling. Fifth wrong, our city attorney who hasn't got sense enough to know when to prosecute and when not to. Sixth wrong, our City Council, who hasn't got any more sense than to give into terrorism, and make no mistake, that is what the Skate Nazis are using.

My suggestions: The skateboarders and Mr. Turley should make joint public apologies for their reprehensible actions. Second, the lawsuit and the prosecution should be dismissed with the instigating parties being required to pay all costs. The management of the Lynwood Mall should be changed to someone who will show more concern for the safety and property of their customers. Our city attorney should also be replaced and someone who, if they are going to prosecute, at least will prosecute everyone equally and not just some while allowing those who threaten to sue to walk. And our City Council should grow a backbone.

If anyone thinks that wasting tax dollars on a skatepark will stop or even slow this down, my plausible plan is still on the market. By the way, I was in favor of a park right up until the lawsuits were filed. Now I refuse to support it and will do everything I can to see to it that any councilman who voted to waste tax money on it is defeated at the next election.

Let's all boycott the Lynwood Mall until it shows us that it cares about our safety while we shop there. There isn't anything for sale there we can't buy elsewhere.
WAYNE FRANSDEN
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



By Bruce Tinsley



Don't deny free speech for anti-gay sentiments

The Supreme Court challenge to the Boy Scouts of America and its policy against membership in "homosexuals" and the new "civil union" law in Vermont are the latest in a string of advances by gay-rights advocates. They have managed to intimidate into silence many who don't agree with them.

The surest way to expose intolerance and bigotry is to oppose anything that (shall I use the phrase?) non-marital sexual practitioners want to do. Nothing homosexuals say or practice is objectively wrong for them or for society. Those who believe for whatever reason - moral, political, medical or social - that practicing sex of any kind, heterosexual or homosexual, outside of a committed marital bond between a man and a woman is wrong are acting themselves up for a barrage of criticism, even condemnation.

All the whinnying number of those who are not afraid to speak, even while rejecting hateful speech and violence against homosexuals, must not be muted. These come among the psychiatric, clerical, educational and political elites have been forced to change their views by the steady drumbeat of intimidation and bogus "evidence" is not sufficient reason for others to abandon an unchanging standard that promotes collective and individual welfare. Life by polling is a recipe for decay and decline.

Gay-rights activists refuse to debate a fundamental question: Can anyone change an attitude, a lifestyle, a form of behavior? Or are only homosexuals uniquely in that they have been programmed in a singular way? Is it possible for heterosexuals to be transformed from promiscuity to fidelity within a marriage? Is it possible to muster the moral courage to remain a virgin until married?

If answers to the last two questions about behavior are yes (and surely they are because many have done so successfully), why is it not possible for someone involved in homosexual activity to change? There is ample evidence that many do, but most media people for fear of attack refuse to report such stories.

The Clinton administration has formally designated AIDS a threat to our national security. It claims that AIDS could topple foreign governments, ignite ethnic wars and reverse decades of effort to promote free-market democracies overseas. AIDS is contracted almost exclusively



through sexual activity, usually of the kind we once called "illicit," before everything became "licit." While the administration seeks to change behavior when it comes to teen smoking and putting red-ger locks on guns, in the case of AIDS, it looks for ways to allow people to continue their behavior while avoiding its consequences, rather than suggesting they can change. Much of this has to do with the increasing influence of the gay-rights lobby.

Just mentioning the possibility of changing behavior is viewed as bigoted and discriminatory. People with views at least as deeply held as gay-rights advocates are now being censored and forced into conformity with the prevailing orthodoxy.

At Tufts University in Medford, Mass., the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship has been stripped of its right to be recognized as a campus student organization and deprived of its share of student fees because it believes that homosexual practice is against God's will. Because it follows what the Bible teaches, InterVarsity also says that some other forms of sexual and non-sexual behavior are wrong. So now God has been remade in the image of others, and it's conform or else.

It's the same at Vermont's Middlebury College where students, faculty and administrators are debating whether to require the Middlebury Christian Fellowship to allow homosexuals to hold leadership positions. Would they dictate the doctrines of any other group? If they did, they would negate the uniqueness of the groups. In other countries such forced indoctrination has been correctly labeled censorship and mind control.

Thousands of homosexuals marched in Washington last weekend in a campaign for marital and other rights. It looked like "an honor guard of sin," the words New York Times reviewer Barry Singer used to describe the musclemen and drag queens who flanked Mae West throughout her career.

Homosexuals should not be censored, but neither should those who oppose their point of view. That's called free speech.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

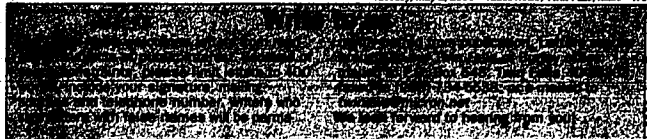
LETTER

Nice work, Ms. Reno

To Janet Reno:
You finally got the job done. But what took you so long? Any child who has lost his mother deserves to be with his father if the father wants him. Those predators in Miami have been using Elian for much too long as a political statement. I'm sure that Fidel Castro is using him for his own political statement, too, but his father loves him and wants to raise him in his own home. The picture of the reunion bears out that fact, as it does the fact that Elian loves his father. It must have been quite scary for him to be taken by strangers, but it was for just a short time and he was turned over to his father. It is up to the courts now, but in the meantime with his father is the best place for him.

The Miami relatives expect his father to let them visit him, but when they had him they didn't allow him to get anywhere near Elian. It seems only fair that they receive the same courtesy from him now that he is calling the shots.

I know that you are taking a lot of criticism, but I for one think you are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.
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Historical status still awaits cross

BOISE — The cross on Table Rock has made local history, but the city cannot grant it historic status because it is not in the city limits.

The council had to cancel a hearing set for Tuesday after determining the cross on its three-quarter-acre lot is part of Ada County even though it is surrounded by city land.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce hopes that designating the cross as a historic site would help immunize it from any future challenge. A prominent

Idaho in brief Chicago atheist questioned the legality of the cross last year, saying the land sale by the Idaho Land Board to the Jaycees in 1972 violated the Constitution's requirement for the separation of church and state.

The cross was built on state land in 1956. The land never was annexed into the city.

Idaho Falls amusement park may see its last year

IDAHO FALLS — The city stands to lose a 50-year-old landmark because the owner faces his last season in charge and city officials are not sure they want to take over.

Leo Larsen, 71, owns Funland, a small amusement park. But he is retiring and hopes he can reach an agreement with the City of Idaho Falls that will insure the amusement park is carried on.

Larsen owns the rides and equipment at Funland, and leases the land and the log buildings in Tautphaus Park from the city. Funland's original piece of equipment, the merry-go-round, is one of three still operating in Idaho.

City Parks and Recreation Director Dave Christiansen said he already has received several calls from people, all of them telling him to save Funland.

It is possible that someone could buy the business from Larsen and lease the land from the city the same way he does. Or the city might buy the business, then lease the entire operation.

Check system stops fugitive from purchasing firearms

COEUR D'ALENE — Officials are hailing the National Instant Check System for its part in helping to prevent a fugitive from buying firearms.

U.S. District Attorney Betty Richardson said Timothy Wayne Hampton, 29, of Coeur d'Alene, has pleaded guilty to a charge of one count of possession of a firearm by a fugitive.

The offense carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, as well as a maximum of three years' supervised release following imprisonment.

State loans Moscow money for sewage treatment plant

MOSCOW — The Division of Environmental Quality is granting a loan to the city to provide partial funding for a new wastewater treatment facility.

The City of Moscow will receive \$10 million for design and construction of activated sludge aeration basins with biological phosphorus removers.

The city will repay the loan at 4 percent interest in biannual installments over the next 20 years.

The Division of Environmental Quality is authorized by the Water Pollution Abatement Act to make loans from the Wastewater Treatment Facility Loan Account to help construct such facilities.

— compiled from wire reports

Biologists study to save desert frog

BOISE (AP) — In southwestern Idaho's arid Owyhee Mountains, the Columbia spotted frog clings to life in the tiny creeks and seeps.



The Columbia spotted frog from the Owyhee Mountains of southwestern Idaho could be in danger of becoming extinct.

Boise State University researchers are studying the amphibian in the hope that more information will keep it off the endangered species list. And since the real concentrations are on private land, some cattlemen have joined up to ensure both spotted frogs and livestock survive in the Owyhees. The Columbia is about three inches long and has a golden colored belly. It is found throughout the Great Basin. The Owyhee frogs are a subpopulation.

The make-or-buy issues are whether grazing harms the frogs and if they can move when drought or development alter the habitat.

"If the frogs can't withstand these problems, it doesn't look good," said master's student Janice Engle, who wrote the study plan. The U.S. Bureau of Land

Management asked Boise State to study the frog when it became apparent that it could be a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Also lending their support are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Herpetological Society. Student researchers found a good number of frogs,

mostly in the Mud Flat area near Grand View. Now Engle wants to know more.

"They undergo a fluctuating cycle, which can be explosive in wet years. We want to know if they're in recovery or not," she said.

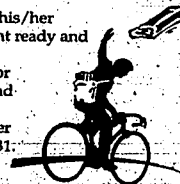
Engle has attached tiny "passive integrated transponders" or PIT tags on 1,900 frogs at 11 different sites. It's the same technology researchers are using with salmon in the Columbia Basin. It will give Engle the history of the frogs as she recaptures them. Her plans call for returning to each site every year for a decade to evaluate their progress.

With the bulk of the frogs on private land, those evaluations will be crucial, Boise State biology chairman Jim Munger said. The frogs congregate in springs where the water is a constant temperature or among the roots of streamside vegetation.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Vote takes place today on Blaine levy

HAILEY - Voters today will decide whether to approve the Blaine County School District's \$40 million plan to build new schools. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at elementary schools in Hailey, Bellevue and Ketchum and at Carey School. The school district needs 55 percent voter approval to pass the levy that would run for 10 years, collecting \$4 million annually. It would increase property taxes by \$100,000 assessed property value annually, but the district says this amount will decrease each year as county-wide property values increase. Projections show that taxpayers will pay \$46.87 per \$100,000 by the 10th year of the levy.

The plan would include the following:

- 1 million bus garage to be finished in 2000.
- \$19.6 million high school to be completed in 2003. The existing high school would be used by the district, at a higher education complex, and by the Blaine County Recreation District.
- \$5 million addition of a high school wing and remodeling to the Carey School to be completed in 2005.
- \$2.7 million to add 12 classrooms to Wood River Middle School to be finished in 2005.
- \$3.1 million new elementary school to be built on property the school district owns in south Hailey and finished in 2007.
- \$500,000 after-school, child care facility at Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum.
- \$500,000 in improvements at Bellevue Elementary.
- \$300,000 in improvements at Hailey Elementary.

Western Days 2000 gets closer as plans continue

TWIN FALLS - The Western Days 2000 countdown clock is ticking. A public meeting to discuss the upcoming June event will be 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Twin Falls City Council meeting chambers at City Hall.

The calendar of events will be completed and announcements regarding the carnival and newly sanctioned events will be made, a Western Days news release says. Organizations interested in fundraising opportunities before and during Western Days can contact Western Days Chairman Tony Barnes at 734-2844.

Jerome teen suffers head injury from four-wheeler

JEROME - A Jerome teen suffered head injuries after losing control of a four-wheeler Monday morning. The boy was driving an all-terrain vehicle on 400 S. 22nd at an unsafe speed, said Deputy Rodney Wolverton of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

"I think he was probably going too fast trying to beat the flow of traffic," Wolverton said. The vehicle veered off the road and the driver was thrown off. He was not wearing a helmet, and suffered head injuries in the accident. Paramedics took him to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment. Wolverton said ATV drivers must remember to obey all traffic laws and respect the limitations of off-road vehicles.

"People forget that ATVs don't have the higher speeds on the road as well as they handle off-road," he said.

Kimberly kindergarten registration begins today

KIMBERLY - Parents of kindergarten age children will need to bring documentation to register their children today. Children must be five years old before Sept. 1, 2000. Parents or guardians must bring an official certified copy of the child's birth certificate, the child's social security number and an up-to-date immunization record that includes five Diphtheria, four polio, three hepatitis B and one or two Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccinations. Children will not be allowed in the classroom until documentation is on file at the school. All children born after Nov. 22, 1991 are required to have three hepatitis B immunizations before registering for school. Immunizations will be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call 423-5118, Ext. 3037.

Compiled from staff reports

Proposal calls for resignation

Petition targets dairy chief for ouster

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Hard feelings over a cool reception to a grass-roots dairy proposal are fueling a petition to oust Lewie Ellers, Dairymen's Association chief Lewie Ellers, Ellers said Monday. But Buhl dairyman Jim Wiersma,

author of the proposal and one of the dairymen pushing the petition, said the petition accuses Ellers of "inability to respond to the needs and concerns of the majority of producers."

Wiersma contends he has a lot of support for Ellers' dismissal, and he expects 300 to 400 signatures. Ellers, the IDA's executive director, said

he takes direction from the dairy group's board, and it would also have to be the board's decision to fire him.

"It's no biggie. If they get enough names on the petition to change things, so be it," Ellers said. "I don't think they will. I'm not going to get upset about it, and I'm not going to hold it against Jim and Patry (Wiersma)."

Ellers said what does hurt is that he helped Wiersma get his plan down on paper, provided IDA money to fly Wiersma to Sacramento in April to present it to the Western States Dairy Trade Producers Association, and accompanied Wiersma for support.

"I've been more than fair with him, did Please see DAIRY, Page B3

SAYING FAREWELL



College of Southern Idaho professor Marilyn Blackburn wears a bow to the retirement party given to honor her and four colleagues. Blackburn has been at CSI since 1985 and is one of the last three original CSI professors.

AND THEN THERE WERE TWO

Original CSI nursing instructor, Marilyn Blackburn, retires

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The 14 original graduates of the College of Southern Idaho's practical nursing program, clad in white caps and uniforms, appear in a faded newspaper clipping on display at the college.

Every graduate in the class of 1966 was a mother. One graduate had as many as 10 children and seven grandchildren. Marilyn Blackburn, then 30, was their instructor.

Blackburn had started teaching when she was just 23, in

southern Idaho's practical nursing program at what then was Magic Valley Memorial Hospital. CSI opened in 1965 and brought the nursing program under its umbrella.

Today, at 63, Blackburn is one of the last three original faculty members remaining at the college. CSI has grown from a few buildings scattered throughout Twin Falls into a key community institution. But it still remains not only a school for recent high school graduates but also a resource for people who are resuming their education later in life.

Early to mid-30s is the average age of today's nursing student, Blackburn said Monday, before a retirement reception that honored Blackburn and other long-time employees Calvin Butler and Marilyn Butler, husband and wife math teachers; Paula Greene, technical division, program manager, and security director Darryl Cameron.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer described Blackburn as an instructor who sincerely cares about every student. She'll be missed by students, by the college, and as a

No. of veterans

Blackburn, one of three original faculty members still teaching at the College of Southern Idaho, retires this year. That leaves Fran Yanner, professor of communications and drama, and Marvin Stroppe, chairman of the Earth Science Department, as the remaining members of the original faculty.

personal friend, Meyerhoeffer

Please see RETIRE, Page B3

Love, loss at Dumping of Beets

The Don't Ask Me Decade

We're celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Steve Crump's "Don't Ask Me" column with favorites from each of the past 10 years. Remember to enter our Don't Ask Me Haiku Contest. The theme must be Idaho-rustic and the deadline is May 31. Send entries to Haiku Contest, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls ID



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warm. When I opened the door, it rang a little bell. At a table in the corner sat Brent. "Hello, Jake," she said, rising to kiss my cheek and squeeze my hand. "It's a long time since the Hotel Montana." "Hello Brent," I replied, sinking into a vinyl-covered chair at a table covered with oldfashioned "Where's Mike?" "Scotland for the golf," she said. "I got bored. Came here for the festival on a whim." "What festival?" I asked, lighting her expensive Moroccan cigarette. "The Festival of -- Sans Saccharine," she said. "Tomorrow is the Dumping of the Beets." I took a long pull on my Gaulois and blew smoke in her face. "Never heard of it," I said. "Started a few years ago," Brent said, holding back her ennuï by tracing the tips of her manicured nails across the checkerboard pat-

tern on the tablecloth. "There was an earthquake here that shook up a big sugar beet dump north of town. Holds 500 million tons. Every year, on the fourth Saturday of October, they roll all those beets down the hill and into town. Thousands of people, rich Europeans mostly, show up to try to outrun the beets. Some of them don't make it, Jake."

Brett looked away, biting her lower lip.

"Sounds like a bad business," I said, stubbing out my cigarette on a dirty pie plate and looking around for the waiter.

"But damned amusing," Brett said at last. "And think I'm in love with a beet-dumper."

Brett looked athen. "I hold nothing against beet-dumpers," I said

after a long silence. "As long as they're good tipppers and don't write bad fiction."

Brett looked up, her eyes anxious. "He's a good man, Jake. He runs a good beet dump. A strong beet-dumper."

"A clean, well-lit beet dump?" I wanted to know. Brett turned away again. The waiter came. I ordered absinthe, but they had none. Only flat Mountain Dew and maple syrup. I ordered the syrup.

"Jake, living in Europe has made you strange," Brett said at length, looking at the linoleum.

"And the war made me a bachelor," I said. "It doesn't matter. Let's have another drink."

When the waiter came back, I ordered another maple syrup, and then a third. I was beginning to feel tight.

"When do the beets roll," I asked finally.

"At dawn," Brett said, taking my hand again. "Jake, promise me you won't run with the beets. I couldn't bear it if you were hurt."

"I'll find a cheap motel and a bottle of Fundador and watch it from the balcony."

Brett snapped her cigarette case shut and rose to leave. "Arnold gets off work at the sugar factory at midnight," she said. "I must go."

I looked at the floor. "Brett," I said. "I've been a rotter."

Brett walked around the table and dropped slowly to her knees at my side.

"So, Jake," she said, looking full into my eyes for the first time since we'd met. "You're not a rotter. It's just the beets. It's been a warm October."

Brett smiled again, and then she was gone. I left a good tip.

Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Balloon makes I-15 emergency landing

SUNSET, Utah (AP) - A hot air balloon piloted by its craft-floater on Interstate 15 to avoid floating into military airspace as a result of a change in wind direction.

Sunset Police Sgt. Shawn Valdes said the pilot of the 65-foot-tall craft down in the median of I-15 without incident with the exception of a few close calls. There were no injuries.

"They floated just right in front of a semi," Valdes said of the balloon, which was carrying a handful of passengers. "There were a lot of skid marks on the freeway."

SERVICES

Wyonna Jensen Kruse of Salt Lake City, Utah, viewing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at Rasmussen Mortuary at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley (Wasatch Lawn Mortuary in Salt Lake City).

Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls). Delford V. Bills of Paul, service at 2 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church at 2100 Burton Ave.; friends may call from 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley).

Donald L. Kester of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the First Christian Church of Rupert; viewing one hour before services today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Eleanor Lillian Leinen of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m., Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary. -None-

Phyllis Jordan Baker of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley West LDS Stake Center at 2420 Park Avenue; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home at 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley).

Idea Culbertson of Twin Falls, service at 3 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Donna Marie Uscola of Paul, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service today at the funeral chapel.

Ruth Faye Ridinger of Dietrich, service at 11 a.m. today at the Dietrich LDS Church; family and friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Robert Hackworth of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome First and Third Ward LDS Church at 825 E. Ave. B (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Donna Marie Uscola of Paul, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call one hour before services today at the chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Asael E. Dilworth of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hansen LDS Ward at 222 Birch St. S. in Kimberly; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary Kimberly Chapel at 712 Center St. W. in Kimberly).

Noah Francis 'Fritz' Stowell SHOSHONE, Noah Francis 'Fritz' Stowell, 52, of Shoshone, died Monday, May 1, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Center in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Rupert.

Ellen E. Swisher of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds

Norma Parke MALTA - Norma Parke, 81, of Malta, died Monday, May 1, 2000,

Duane Toler GRANOLA HILLS, Calif., - Duane Toler, 77, of Granola Hills, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 29, 2000, at his home in Granola Hills, Calif. At his request, no services will be held.

HOSPITALS

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Vega and Louis Spevak, both of Burley.

Admits - Alicia Aldrich-and-baby-boy of Burley; and Laura - Rupert.

Dismissals - John F. Perrigo of Burley; Skylar Anderson of Heyburn; and Nancy Cobio and baby boy, of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

RICHFIELD

Beth Armstrong Both Armstrong, 94, of Richfield, Idaho, died Sunday, April 30, 2000, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Beth was born March 7, 1906, in Los Angeles, Calif., the daughter of James and Martha Elliott. She worked as a bookkeeper for Eagle Ford in Stockton, Calif., for many years, and was active in photography, dancing and hiking, including such places as Alaska, Hawaii and South America, as well as raising two children. Both married Forrest Armstrong in 1965 in Elko, Nev., and became a homemaker and farm hand. She was a member of Garnet Court #5, Order of the Amaranth, Richfield Chapter #72, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a 50-plus-year member of Marguerite Rebekah Lodge #99. She is survived by her husband Forrest of Twin Falls; a son, Glenn Thompson of Grassy, Calif.; a daughter, Ellen Gladden of San Diego, Calif.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Doris, and her brother Bob. Memorial graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at the Richfield Cemetery.

RUPERT

Helen Jeanette Balch Helen Jeanette Balch, 78-year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, April 24, 2000, in California while traveling home from wintering in Yuma, Arizona. Helen was born March 14, 1920, in Philomath, Oregon, to Dale S. Alcorn and Helen Epley Hoffman. She attended several different schools in Oregon, and California. She obtained her teaching degree and taught school in Oregon and Idaho. Jan married Robert L. Balch on June 4, 1952, in Reno, Nevada. Robert died in 1968 after coming from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Rupert, Idaho in 1953. She enjoyed golfing, traveling, tending her flowers, crafts and spending time with her friends and family. Bob and Jan spent their winters in Yuma, Arizona. Jan was a member of the United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, and enjoyed decorating for many church events. She also was active in the Eastern Star and affiliations. Daughter of the Nile and the Rupter Glee Association, Jan showed her compassion and love to anyone her entire life. A month before her death, she celebrated her 80th birthday with her family and a great number of friends. This party enabled her to know she was deeply loved in return. Jan is survived by her husband Robert of Rupert; one daughter, Sue (Richard) Nelson; two sons, Steve (Pam) Balch of Tigard, Oregon, and Brian (Meg) Balch of Spokane, Washington; granddaughters, Samantha and Ashley, and grandsons, Daniel and Jason. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, 2000, at the United Methodist Church in Rupert, Idaho, with Pastor Keith Wise officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary. Donations may be made to the United Methodist Church, Campus Crusade for Christ, 100 Sunport Lane, Orlando, FLA 32809-7875, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

January 18, 1925. He graduated from Delano High School in 1943. After serving in the United States Army and Coast Guard, Wayne returned to Delano in 1947 to farm with his father. He later married and married Anna Zannovich on June 16, 1951. In 1954, they moved to Earlimart, where he lived for 43 years. He retired from farming in 1985. Wayne took great pride in his community involvement. He served as a Director of the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District for 30 years, as a Trustee of the Earlimart School District for 10 years, as an Organizer and Director of the North Kern-South Tulare Hospital District for seven years, and as a Director of Calcut for two years. He was also an active member of the Active 20/30 Club, Earlimart Lions Club and the Delano Elks Lodge. After his family and friends, Wayne's greatest love was, gold and driving back roads to view the countryside. He was 75 of 36 years, Anna, and brothers Ben and Clarence preceded him in death. He leaves behind to remember him son Michael (Nancy) Turnipsed of Bakersfield; son David (Joanne) Turnipsed of Delano, daughter Marianne (Alan) Keathley of Bakersfield; daughter Andrea Turnipsed of Bakersfield; six grandchildren Amy, Jennifer, Alissa and Julianna Turnipsed, and David and Anna Keathley; brother Bill Turnipsed of Fresno; sisters-in-law Helen Turnipsed of Sacramento, and Mae Turnipsed of Elko, Nev.; brother-in-law (Margaret) Zannovich of Delano; sister-in-law Winnie (Jack) Pandolf of Delano; brother-in-law Jack (Audrey) Zannovich of Porterville, Calif.; and 14 nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Dan Dennis Turnipsed, Mark Turnipsed, Robert Turnipsed, Jim Pandolf, John D. Zannovich, Jon P. Zannovich, Andrew V. Zannovich and David Twiford. Honorary Pallbearers are Martin Zannovich, Jack G. Zannovich, Jack V. Pandolf, Dr. Stephen Pandolf, Jack J. Stokhan, Darroll Taylor and Sam Fortner. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Harpal Bhakta, Dr. Greg Williams, and the staffs of Bakersfield Heart Hospital and Memorial Hospital for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Wayne's name to the Delano District Skilled Nephew Ely Memorial Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of Delano Mortuary in Delano, Calif.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

Wayne O. Turnipsed Wayne O. Turnipsed, 75, passed away April 30, 2000, in Bakersfield, Calif. He was 75 years old and was born from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at Delano Mortuary in Delano, Calif. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in North Kern Cemetery in Delano. Wayne was born to Ben and Ruby Turnipsed in Twin Falls on

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Higher hunting, fishing fees effective Monday, test sportsmen's resistance

BOISE (AP) - With the political victory under their belts, state wildlife managers began the battle for sportsmen's pocketbooks on Monday as the across-the-board increase in hunting and fishing fees took effect. As they expected, more hunters and anglers than usual bought licenses and tags during March and April after it became obvious lawmakers would approve the package that will generate \$4.4 million a year in revenue for the financially beleaguered Fish and Game Department.

The question, department budget chief Steve Barton said, is whether customer resistance is likely to be greater than policy makers anticipated. "We should know that by Tuesday," Barton said. "But the folks I've talked to buying their licenses and tags were aware of the fee increase, some were angry, but their general comment was, 'Nobody likes to pay more but you've got to pay for the resource. There was no heart burn over it.'"

The extra cash is intended to reverse four years of contraction as the department trimmed millions of dollars from its operations to contend with declining demand by nonresidents for hunting tags that are among the most expensive in the West but account for a major part of the agency's revenue. "We've been hit but it took several years, the firing of former Director Steve Mealey, the rejection of a compromise fee hike a year ago and finally the appointment of a new majority on the seven-member Fish and Game Commission finally put aside the skepticism and began to see the results." While nearly every major sportsmen's organization was

Fee changes table with columns for License, Fee, and other categories. Includes items like Non-Resident License, Resident License, etc.

behind the hike, some, like Senate Finance Vice Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert, remain leery of the agency, contending there is still too much fat to justify boosting the prices hunters and fishermen have to pay. But most believe the new commission and new director, former Minnesota Natural Resource Director Rod Sanda, deserve a chance to get fish and wildlife management back on track. Barton conceded it will be some time before sportsmen begin to see the result of digging deeper in their pockets.

"The problems have been around for so long now that its going to take us a while to take care of them," he said. "Prevention and weed control will be under way again at the wildlife management areas this summer and fall, he said, and there will be more territories hired to conduct the creel census on cutthroat and reservoirs like it was in the early 1990s. "But the level of repairs necessary in our resident fish hatchery systems is significant, and it's going to take time, several years, to work through that," he said.

Hailey, Idaho Power work on agreement

HAILEY (AP) - Residents should see fewer above-ground power lines over the next few years, but at a price of higher electric bills. The City of Hailey and Idaho Power Co. are closer to reaching a new franchise agreement, six years after the last one was signed. The agreement would provide an incentive for the city and Idaho Power to work together to bury new and current power lines. The agreement also would add a 1.5 to 3-percent franchise fee on customers' electric bills. The Hailey City Council has yet to approve the agreement in its final form.

Dan Olmstead said Hailey could see an increase of about \$33,000 per year with the implementation franchise fee. The issue of the franchise fee has been debated for six years. The city council began discussing it after a previous franchise agreement with Idaho Power ended in 1994, following a long

conflict over franchise fees. "The power company for years felt - right or wrong - exempt from charging a franchise fee," Olmstead said last week. Mayor Brad Slemer said city officials rationalized that because utility companies use public right of way to make money, the city can collect a fee.

CAPPS AUCTION THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

Auction listing for CAPPS AUCTION on Thursday, May 4, 2000. Location: 4 miles north, 2 1/4 miles west of Gooding, Idaho. Sale Time: 11:00 AM. Lots include tractors, ground working equipment, and other miscellaneous items.

Foster child adoptions rise in Idaho

BOISE (AP) - A new report shows adoptions of Idaho foster children almost doubled last year - the fastest rate of increase in the nation. The North American Council on Adoptable Children said on Monday that 93 foster children were adopted in the state in 1999, up from 47 the year before. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Ross Mason said adoptions of foster children this year appear to be on track with the 1999 numbers. Mason said a change in federal law allowing quicker termination of parental rights over foster children helped most states expedite the adoption process last year, but none at a faster pace than Idaho. The report was issued on the eve of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proclaiming May Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Idaho. "This is a great reason to be proud of these numbers," Kempthorne said. "I'm thrilled to think of what we've accomplished in Idaho, but while we're celebrating it's important to remember that there is still a need for foster families. There are 1,200 children in foster care in Idaho on any given day, but only 800 foster families."

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MAGIC VALLEY

Dialing numbers: Minico students plan phone survey on bond issues

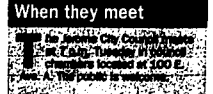
By Loraine Cawner Times-News Writer RUPERT - Minidoka County voters could be receiving phone calls from Minico High School students starting today.

\$15,000, Hallett said. The project is a great learning experience, teacher Ray Patterson said. Hallett had given students a list of issues that should be addressed if the district were to pursue a bond issue, Patterson said.

Students will ask about: • The most favored way of upgrading facilities. • Issues that will have the most impact on the last bond issue's outcome. • The best time of year for a bond election. • Additional comments from voters.

Jerome considers retirement village

JEROME - A public hearing will be held tonight to consider a request from Lutheran Care Investments Co. and Canyonside Christian School for a 33-plus-acre subdivision. Lutheran Care Village would be a retirement center. Canyonside will build a school on part of the land.



When they meet: A public hearing was held Tuesday night at the Jerome Community Center to discuss a retirement village and a school.

animal shelter-repairs, and a \$16,236 Gates Foundation Grant to the Jerome Municipal Library. • Approval of the purchase of six sets of firefighter turnout gear at a total cost of \$5,940.

Council shoots down Western Days request

By John T. Huddy Times-News Writer TWIN FALLS - The City Council shot down a request from Western Days leaders for a \$5,000 city donation Monday.

to the benefit of the community of Twin Falls," Barnes said in a letter to the council. "Historically we have not placed advertising within or outside the valley. We appreciate any assistance that could be provided toward promotional efforts."

be spent on Western Days costs, including security and waste collection expenses. Those costs are separate from the advertising costs. Western Days is June 2 to 4 at City Park.

Marvel aims at Cassia grazing land

The Times-News and The Associated Press BOISE - The Idaho Watersheds Project is contesting another 14,000 acres of state range where grazing leases are expiring.

Spring creeks. Livestock have trampled the springs and left manure in the water, and as a result water quality is bad in the springs, Marvel said.

Tugaw also was surprised by the news of Marvel's plans, because Tugaw's allotment is all dry ground. The Watersheds Project typically has focused on streams that have streams running through them, Tugaw said.

Cassia County boasts drop in crime rate

By Ruth Streeter Times-News Writer BURLEY - Crime in Cassia County is at its lowest in 10 years, and Burley officials expect the number to drop further.

with several Mini-Cassia burglaries are found guilty. Higness said he expects more arrests to be made.

The numbers are based on a population of 100,000 and are adjusted according to the population of the area. For 1999, Cassia County reported 3,856 offenses for every 100,000 people.

Ambulance

Continued from B1. company went over their proposals in turn before the board. Both touted the use of the Bell 407 helicopter, an upgrade of the aircraft now serving the region.

Regional physicians will have local control over which patients are taken to another facility and when. "A big selling point for us is that they will have control," Hutchens said.

Tanner said it seemed a little competition turned out to be a good thing. Both services require setting up a limited liability corporation with another hospital, Tanner said.

Burley men face charges in string of burglaries

By Ruth Streeter Times-News Writer BURLEY - Two Burley men were arraigned Monday on burglary charges in connection with five Mini-Cassia burglaries and a farm equipment theft.

investigation that began earlier in the week when Pena was arrested on a warrant on a possession of stolen property charge.

Hyburn's police departments landed the arrested burglar. The four agencies Friday executed five search warrants on five homes in Minidoka and Cassia counties, according to a Cassia County news release.

GOP

Continued from B1. "Ketchum's 'wine and cheese' Democrats." Clark said Blaine County's status as the core of Idaho's Democratic movement is largely due to the leadership of Ketchum Democrats Rep. Wendy Jaquet and Sen. Clint Smith, the minority leaders in the state Legislature.

Jaquet agreed that the Wood River Valley Democrats are likely to be conservative than their counterparts outside of Idaho, but she said the notion that social pressure keeps the Democrats aloof in Blaine County has no merit.

to his party last year to become the nucleus of the party's efforts there. "These are not people who are moderately Republican. They dug into their pockets and gave money," Clark said.

Dairy

Continued from B1. more than my share to help him along," Eilers said. "I can't figure out why he's playing this card so early in the game, except that he was really mad after last week's meeting."

Wiersma's proposal aims to boost milk prices by scaling back cheese production and managing herd size. Wiersma and other supporters of the plan presented it to the board of IDA and another Idaho dairy group last week, but leaders were unwilling to act on it at this time, Eilers said.

wise said he hadn't heard of the petition. "Unless I'm wrong, I'd be surprised if it goes anywhere - sounds like a personal thing," Andersen said.

Retire

Continued from B1. In 1971, the college expanded its health professions options from the one-year practical nursing degree to a two-year registered nursing program. Blackburn was among its original three faculty members.

of the college's Health and Human Services Department. "Marilyn loves people and nursing. She is the modern-day Florence Nightingale. Marilyn is patient and kind, and is a very good example of the nurse we all wish to be," Buettner said.

for a couple of years... I met my husband and have been here ever since. And it's home now," she said. Blackburn has served many roles in the nursing program, including the territory deputy chairwoman and student adviser, which she might continue part-time.

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Come what May Day

Child's simple act of love blossoms into family tradition

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - On May Day 1973, 4-year-old Marshall Hess carried a woven pink-and-red paper basket he made in nursery school across the street to his Jerome neighbors, Kenneth and Ruby Butler.

There, he innocently picked the Butlers' flowers, placing them into the basket he set near their door. Then, he pounded on the door, ran and hid behind a bush.

A surprised Ruby Butler didn't learn until later where the flowers came from.

"The Hesses had just moved there," the 84-year-old recalls. "They didn't have any flowers of their own."

Ever since that day, despite more than a quarter-century of life's challenges, Hess family members have delivered May Day surprises to the Butler home.

"After two or three years we couldn't stop," says Hess' mother, Barb Moon. "Sometimes, we use a vase instead of a basket."

"Kennedy and Ruby were like grandpa-ents," says Hess, now 31.

"I was in diapers when this started," adds his sister, Tracey Henry, now 26. "Grandma Ruby always reminds me of that."

One of Ruby Butler's most memorable May Days occurred the year she and her husband received two girls.

"The children's parents had divorced and the kids, who were with their father on May Day, brought a bouquet, and Moon brought flowers, also," she says. Butler thought the separation would

end the celebration.

The Hesses often scavenged flowers, like lilacs, from an alley or an empty lot. When Moon and the children left for a May Day weekend of camping, she had a florist deliver flowers with a card that said, "I bet you thought we forgot!"

"Barb is really a special person," Ruby Butler says, "her and the kids. They're more like my own family because we were so close when they lived here."

Kenneth Butler died in September 1991. In March 1992, Henry gave birth to her daughter, Sierra. The new mom and daughter were back home visiting that May Day. Sierra, in a car seat and holding a flower in her hand, was placed on Butler's doorstep, in addition to a bouquet.

"I took part of the flowers out to the cemetery," Butler recalls. "My husband enjoyed Marshall and Tracey both. He was a wonderful guy."

Hess' wife, Jackie and their children have joined in the May Day celebrations. He admits his mom has had to twist his arm at times to continue the tradition, but despite the demands of work and family, the flowers are still delivered.

Henry's son, Tevin Hess, born in 1997, also has been involved in the family gift, despite the child's affliction with a rare metabolic disorder. And she expects her husband, David will participate.

"I think every year they'll forget," Butler says, "but they don't. I do love them just like if they were my own family."

"At what point do you stop when you've been doing it so long?" Moon

end the celebration.

smiles. "I just can't imagine stopping."

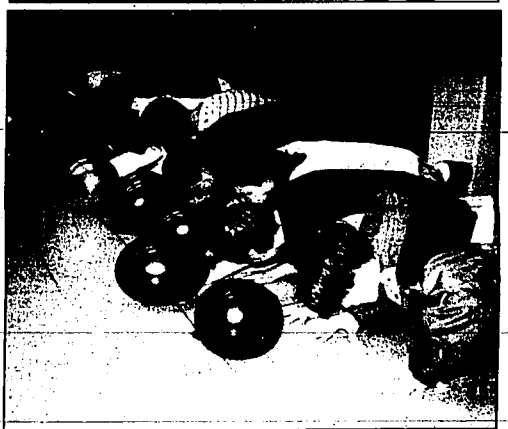


Photo courtesy Barb Hess and STEVE KOEHLER/The Times-News
Right, in 1994, Marshall Hess transfers May Day flowers from a basket to a vase at Ruby Butler's home. Hess delivered his first May Day basket as a 4-year-old in 1973. Ever since the family has kept up the tradition. Above, Hess poses with Butler, who thinks of Hess almost as family.



COLORFUL FUND-RAISER

Balloons, balloons and more balloons kept the Kimberly High School annual staff members busy filling 70 Valentine's Day orders of roses, carnations and candy. Students participated in the fund-raiser were Erin Kincaid, Andi Knight, Athena Oschner, Tiffany Barrett, Brenda Rarick, Andrea Johnson, Kayla Lundy, Melissa Hill, Corinne Bell, Melissa Berg and Amy Feldman.



Students compete in one event of the 'Balloon Olympics' at Burley Junior High School's second Renaissance academic pep assembly of the year. The seventh-grade first place team was Brandon Merritt, right, and Sheldon Mallory, second from right. The recent assembly honored hundreds of students for academic achievement.

College student wages war on smoking

By Roman Scott
Special to the Times-News

CALDWELL - One look at the door of Nick Lewis' dorm room at Albertson College of Idaho and you get a sense for his passion in life.

Posters and posters show his fervor for Tobacco Free Youth Advocates of Idaho, a statewide anti-smoking organization.

As head of the 400-member group, Lewis, a Twin Falls High School graduate, organizes activities, raises funds, lobbies senators and communicates the ideas of the group throughout the state. Members range in age from 14 to 20. The coalition goal is to reduce smoking among minors.

About three years ago, Lewis learned about the dangers of smoking in a class at Twin Falls High School and it inspired him to take action. His first step was to join the then-local group, Tobacco Free Youth Advocates.

Gradually, he worked his way into a leadership position by learning the politics of the organization, how to lobby politicians and funding strategies.

A biology and political science major who hopes to become a doctor, Lewis occasionally feels like he is fighting a losing battle.

"Sometimes, I have to keep reminding myself that what I am doing is important



Photo courtesy of Albertson College of Idaho
Nick Lewis, a Twin Falls High School graduate, has been waging war on smoking by young people. and is making a difference," he says. "If I forget that then I lose the faith that I had when I began."
His interest is personal as well as philosophical. After his grandfather, who was a smoker, suffered two strokes, the fam-

ly became more aware of efforts to fight the deadly disease.

Lewis decided he would take a hands-on approach and target children before they developed the habit.

"It's important that more people are educated on the negative aspects of smoking," he says.

In January, Lewis attended a conference in Denver organized by the American Cancer Society. He made a presentation about the work carried out by the Idaho group and appealed for funds to create a five-state coalition including Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Utah.

The American Cancer Association offered \$5,000 toward the \$30,000 he says is needed to implement the plan.

Lewis congratulates Albertson College for anti-smoking programs organized by resident assistants in the dorms. However, he worries about those students who start smoking before they step foot on campus.

"Those people who already began smoking before they came to college are probably already addicted and are much harder to help stop smoking than preventing those who don't smoke from starting," he says.

Roman Scott of Belfast, Northern Ireland, is a student at Albertson College and an intern in the Office of Communications.

Students receive recognition for job well done at school

BURLEY - Almost 350 students were rewarded for academic achievement during Burley Junior High School's second Renaissance academic pep assembly of the year.

Each session began with a welcome by Copmann, followed by music by the Totally Awesome Band, comprised of saxophones, drums, guitar and piano. The cheerleaders threw candy into the audience before performing a dance routine and cheer.

With a drum roll, Renaissance awards went to students who increased their grade-point average by at least .5 percent. Nine seventh-graders, eight eighth-graders and 10 ninth-graders earned the award.

Helping present the awards was Leroy Ramero from the Pepsi Company in Twin Falls, who provided money for T-shirts for the winning students.

Students earning all A's are eligible for the Renaissance gold card. Students earning a 3.5-3.99 GPA earn the silver (green) card and students earning a 3.0-3.49 GPA are entitled to a white (blue) card.

The cards provide discounts at 90 area businesses and the amount of the discount varies with the card with larger discounts going to students earning a 4.00 GPA. The card holders also receive academic incentives from the school.

The first Olympic contest was the "Balloon Push." Ten white-card students, whose names were drawn, pushed balloons with their heads over a finish line. The two winners were "crowned" and eligible for a final award presentation. Renaissance T-shirts, stickers and incentive cards were handed out following the game. There were 51 recipients in the seventh-grade, 42 in the eighth-grade and 37 in the ninth-grade. A scroll with the names of the students was unrolled from the top of the stage.

The "Balloon Stomp" was a contest for silver card holders, who received T-shirts. There were 38 recipients in the seventh-grade, 41 in the eighth-grade and 55 in the ninth-grade. A scroll with the names of these recipients was also unrolled.

The game for the gold cards holders was the "Balloon Shave," where students shaved whipped cream from an inflated balloon. Gold Cards and T-shirts were presented to 22 seventh-graders, 32 eighth-graders and 25 ninth-graders.

Another drawing was held to pick two more Gold Card holders for the final round. The 10 winners then pulled down a helium balloon by its string and popped it. A numbered paper inside gave them a choice of prizes including mugs, sport bottles, gift certificates, T-shirts, candy bars and compact discs. Prizes were donated by Pepsi, Pine Tree Sports, Donnelly's Sports, Bonanza Lanes, Subway, On Cue, Wal-Mart and the PTSO.

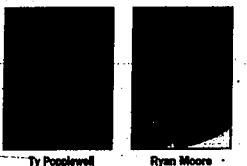
Buhl American Legion sends delegates to Boys State

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Two high school juniors will represent Buhl at the American Legion Gem State Boys State Conference on June 4-10 at Gowen Field in Boise.

The Buhl Rotary Club and school foundation are sponsoring the delegates.

Ty Poppellwell, the son of Lynn and Ted Poppellwell, is student body vice president, involved in student government and Key Club, band, and was president of the sophomore class last year. Poppellwell is a High O'Brien Youth Leadership ambassador as well as a University of Idaho Top Ten scholar and



Ty Poppellwell Ryan Moore
a music student. Involved in sports, particularly golf in which he excels, Poppellwell plans to enter college upon graduation with interests in math, law or health related fields. Ryan Moore, the son of Cindy and Tom Moore of Wendell, is active in track and football at Buhl High School and

About Boys State

Boys are selected based on outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their schools. The American Legion Auxiliary has a similar program, Girls State.

Source: American Legion
with the Boy Scouts of America. Membership in the Civil Air Patrol helps with its future plans, which includes a career with the United States Air Force, he says.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

E=MC=EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls named its March Einsteins. They are, left to right, bottom row: Angel Hernandez, Kevin Borsson, Tony Coellar, Skylar Warren, Colton Whittmore, Jacob Christensen, Ashley Johnston, Deaven Anderson, Christy Thirakul, Brandon Godin, Eric Saldívar, Chase Smith and Chaila Kay; second row: Keith Canoy, Richard Stockton, Scott Stone, Michael Stone, Martin Antrix, Mathew Bailey, Neil Parkinson, Cameron Brown, Joe Boun, Harley Trout, Cody Ottensberg and Halle Heck; third row: Jeffrey Peterson, Dakotah Cole, Julian Zuman, Lance Nielsen, Olivia Kisee, Erik O'Neill, Kami Stiles, Ashley Barboza, Luke Schutte, Jallo Lopez, Driena McCaran and Cash Reynolds; fourth row: Josh Cooper, Martin Maqueda and Michael Brown. Not pictured are Kellie McKellips, Shandra Holton, Katie Loya and Omer Halder.

UI Alumni Association honors students

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Alumni Association honored the top 10 percent of Idaho's high school juniors this spring.

More than 2,000 students from nearly every high school in Idaho will be honored. The UI established the Idaho Top Scholar Program in 1994 to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of Idaho high school juniors. Students who will be given awards rank in the top 10 percent of their class, based on academic records through the semester prior to the date of the awards program.

The program is jointly sponsored by US Bank and the UI Alumni Association.

Area students from the following schools were honored at an

April 27 ceremony at Twin Falls High School:

Buhl High School
Tyler Briles, Hartie Hlart; Kara Lively, Heather Machacek, Michael Phillips, John Poppowell, Tiffany Vanoroney, Erica Voorhees and Rebecca Ward.

Cascade High School
Nicholas Clark, Noelle Graybeal, Angela Sanderson and Jill Wiseman.

Hansen High School
Jarvis Fowers and Lee Scholl.

High School
Misha Egbert, Jeremy Funk, Amanda Moyes, Andrea Moyes and Ashley Ward.

High School
Lindsay Childers, Kristen Egan, Jessie Lassen, Carrie Lutzer, Erica Mejia, Stan Moore, Joshua Peterson, Skyler Richards and Stephanie Taylor.

Kimberly High School
Danton Bradshaw, Sean Egbert, Jeremy Eguisquina, Wesley Hopwood, Kacy Krieger, Heather Luff, Karissa Maier, Miranda Molyk, Aidan O'Donnell and Carly Schneider.

Twin Falls High School
Carmel Adrain, Eric Allan, Paige Allen, Valerie Ash, Levi Aspeyria, Brockney Borron, Carrie Butters, Kerl Coats, Nathan Evans, Bud Hafer, Abigail Harris, Vaughn Harris, Jennifer Hedberg, Erin Johnson, Adam Jussel, Lindsay Kevan, Holly Keyt, Sara King, Lynette Knopp, Lori Kraft, Jennifer Kroll, Andrea Lindberg, Erica Lovell, Ivan Lopez, Seth Merritt, Keri Mogensen, Brandon Nielsen, Katy Nielsen, Ashlee Pfeiffer, Scott Spriner, Jeff St. Clair, Kayle Steel, Allison Swan, Rachel Welch and Heidi Worthington.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St. Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce.
Thursday: Chicken fried steak.
Friday: Ham gravy over mashed potatoes.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastlund Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, carrot salad, bread, pineapple cake.
Wednesday: Beef and noodles, peas with onions, coleslaw, biscuits, pie.
Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, winter vegetable mix, apple salad, muffins, cherry dump cake.
Friday: Mexican dinner.
Monday: Cube steak with fried onions, potatoes and gravy, cob corn, coleslaw, bread, cobbler.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-year-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday, noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, cauliflower, watergate, salad, rice, peach cobbler.
Wednesday: Chicken malibu, fries, salad, vegetable, apple dessert.
Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, spinach, fruit, salad, rolls, cake; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.
Friday: Fish and chips, coleslaw, creamed peas, bread, fruit.
Monday: Ham and cheese casserole, beef, fruit, green salad, roll; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Wednesday: Swedish meat balls; beef, gravy, peas, Jell-O, bread and butter, applesauce.
Friday: Cube steak, paralled potatoes, corn, relish, fish, rolls gingerbread with raisin sauce, coffee, milk.
Monday: Spaghetti, green beans; cole slaw, garlic bread, peaches, coffee, coffee and milk.

Activities
Wednesday
Blood pressure check.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Sunday
Sunday dinner, noon to 2 p.m., baron of beef. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 children under age 12. The public is invited to attend.

SERVICE NEWS

Tucker wins soldier of the month honor twice in a row

Specialist William Tucker of Jackson, Nev. has won the Army 25th support battalion's "soldier of the month" board two months running.

He has also been named soldier of the quarter. Tucker will continue on to the soldier of the month board for the DISCOM

Larsen graduates from unit supply specialists training

Army Pvt. Christina J. Larsen has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The student was trained in

receipt, storage, issue and accountability of individual, organization and installation supplies and equipment and included training in maintenance of small arms.

Larsen is the daughter of Theresa A. Clarke of Mountain View, Wyo. and Robert J. Larsen of Buhl. In 1999, she graduated from Weber High School, North Ogden, Utah.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



O'Leary Junior High School honored March Students of the Month on April 13. Students were named in technology, fine arts, community or athletics and were selected by staff members at O'Leary for their outstanding accomplishments. The students are: left to right, back row: Chris Eberlein, Christian Rieth, Caleb Bratcher, Sierra Seaman, Tiffany Miller and Jani Fullmer; middle row: Scott McMurtry, London Jenks, Danielle Covington, Brandon Tagaw, Miranda Brown, Jessica Lupton, Sabrina Stone and Brian Steinkis; seated: Rachel Green, Tyson Tickner, Ripael Otander, Madison VanWagoner, Amanda Hingis and Graham Standley.

American Legion Auxiliary District Installs Officers

FILER - New Fifth District American Auxiliary officers were installed at a recent meeting.

They include: Phyllis Gerber of Twin Falls, president; Arlene Olson of Paul, vice-president; Helen Dombrowski of Twin Falls, chaplain; Leona Wallace of Twin Falls, historian; Vesta Roberts of Eden, sergeant at arms; and Nita McClain of Eden.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 plans meeting

TWIN FALLS - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 of Twin Falls will meet at noon Thursday at the Post-Home at 447 Seastrom St. in Twin Falls.

Members are asked to bring a sandwich to share. Dessert and beverages will be served.

Highlights include judging poppy posters from local schools and election of officers for the coming year.

Ferlic, organist, pro-tem; Becky Tucker, Adah; Terri Rowe; Ruth Marietta James, Esther; Betty Tucker, Martha; Ann Ridgely, Electa; Betty Newbury, warden; and Fran Rider, sentinel.

The installing officers for the ceremony are Maxine Machamerl, past grand matron with Bert Remaley, past grand patron assisting; the grand installing marshal is Mary Ramseyer, past grand matron; the grand installing musician is Donita Lancaster, past grand matron; and the grand installing chaplain is Betty Hawkins, past matron.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare building on Pole Line Road.

The HealthNet coalition is working to raise awareness to make the community a better place for youth and adults alike, through the promotion of Assets, a program which encourages certain aspects of life to help young people, such as supportive adults, organizers say.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend to provide input.

Call Melanie Shouse for more information at 423-5915.

Salvation Army presents gala dinner Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The advisory board of the Salvation Army in Twin Falls presents the second annual Heart to God, Hand to Others Gala Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

The event will raise money for the Salvation Army's weekend open gym program.

Tickets are available at the Salvation Army at 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Patrons have a choice of beef or chicken entrée, and tickets are \$25 per person. There also will be silent and live auctions.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at 733-8720.

Hagerman Methodist Church holds trout dinner

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman United Methodist Church will hold its annual trout dinner from 5-8 p.m. Friday at its location at 270 S. Salmon in Hagerman.

The dinner menu includes roll, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and a drink. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 6-12 and children under age 6 eat free.

For more information, call the church at 837-6608.

Dance pre-school invites parents, children to visit

TWIN FALLS - A visitor's day will be held at Mauldin's Dancing Pre-School at 361 Third Ave. N. on Wednesday.

Children, who will be age 4 this fall, and parents are invited to observe and participate in activities between 9-11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 733-1446 or 733-1147.

The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets this month

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the KMTV Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

For more information call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

South Central Child Care hosts 'Family Fun Day'

TWIN FALLS - South Central Child Care will host a Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at its location at 296 Falls Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Activities include projects to make and take home, a variety of age-appropriate games, and a petting zoo.

Free hot dogs, fruit and juice will be available.

South Central Child Care works with children up to 8 years of age, organizers say.

The public is invited to attend the event.

For more information, call Cindy Scott at 736-7649.

Order of the Eastern Star holds annual installation

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its annual open installation of officers at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Masonic Temple at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Officers for the 2000-2001 year include: Sue Remaley, worthy matron; Paul Remaley, worthy patron; Esther Ketterling, associate matron; Bert Remaley, associate patron; Willis Rider, secretary; Mawnoosen Hall, treasurer; Hazel Wilder, conductress; Dorothy Lundy, associate conductress; Ray Ketterling, chaplain; Earl Goodson, marshal; Kris

Snake River Astronomy holds monthly meeting

JEROME - The Snake River Astronomy Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the Jerome Public Library.

For more information, call Ryan Showers at 324-7606, or Patty Bryant at 324-2678 or e-mail pbryan@magicklink.com or srna@magicklink.com.

Idaho Waileys Unlimited has meeting first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Waileys Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets the first Tuesday of the every month at the Idaho Power building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Lila Rue at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

The Treasure Valley Chapter meets the first Thursday of the month at the Intermountain Outdoor Sports Building in Meridian. Call Doug Schleis at 322-1147.

Home Depot offers free home improvement clinics

TWIN FALLS - The Home Depot store at 1650 Pole Line Road in Twin Falls will offer free home improvement clinics each week in May.

A clinic titled "How to Take Care of Your Lawn" is at 7 p.m. Mondays. "How to Install Ceiling

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets

TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register for a class, call Home Depot at 737-0731.

HealthNet Coalition meets today, public welcome

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition is meeting at 2:30 p.m. today at the

Perioritis support groups gathers third Tuesday

BUHL - A perioritis support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl.

For more information call

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Experts will analyze Twin Falls economy

TWIN FALLS—Clouds or continued sunshine? A trio of economic experts is expected in Twin Falls this week to give locals a rundown on the Federal Reserve system and forecast the financial weather.

The Twin Falls Area of Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Reserve's San Francisco district will put on an economic outlook conference Friday at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, and anyone is welcome.

The lineup:
• Economist Joe Mattrey, a research officer in banking and regional studies for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, will discuss recent developments in Western states and the national economy.

• Andrea P. Wolcott, vice president in charge at the San Francisco bank's Salt Lake City branch, will discuss the role and functions of the Federal Reserve and how it relates to the economy.

• John Church, an independent economist from Boise, will cover Magic Valley economic and population trends.

• Introducing the three will be Barbara L. Wilson, chairwoman of the board of the bank's Salt Lake City branch and the Idaho and regional vice president of U.S. West.

Admission to the 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. event — which will serve as the chamber's monthly First Friday breakfast meeting — will cost \$15 for chamber members and others alike. Make reservations immediately at 733-3974.

Two local students win ShopKo scholarships

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Two Magic Valley students were winners when ShopKo Stores Inc. announced the names of 400 students receiving ShopKo Scholarships for 2000-01.

More than 4,500 students from 19 states where ShopKo has stores applied for the scholarships, said the retailer, which has a Twin Falls store.

This year's ShopKo Scholars include Emily Swensen of Paul and Ryan Urle of Hagerman, the company said.

"We award these scholarships each year to very special students who believe in their communities and themselves. These hard-working high school and college students have academic records, work histories and a dedication to community service that set them apart," said William Podany, ShopKo's chief executive officer.

The ShopKo Scholar program is administered by Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., a scholarship management firm in St. Peter, Minn.

Compiled from staff reports

Idaho job growth rate reaches 3.5%

The Associated Press

BOISE — The state's economy, like the nation's, continues to surprise observers by creating jobs more quickly than anyone expected, officials say.

A new Idaho Economic Forecast, issued by the state Division of Financial Management, indicates nonfarm employment grew by 3.5 percent during 1999 — significantly faster than the 2.7 percent estimated at the end of the year.

"The economy has continued to outperform and puzzle economists with its incredible strength," said Mike Ferguson, Idaho's chief economist.

Job data, based on wage and salary reports rather than on sampling, show that "employment was growing at an accelerating rate over the course of the year," Ferguson said.

Quarterly data indicate job growth rose from 3.6 percent in the first quarter of 1999 to 4.4 percent in the fourth, and preliminary data for the first two months of 2000 paint a similar picture, with growth in the 4.5 percent range, according to Ferguson.

"Everyone involved in forecasting has been amazed at the underlying strength in Idaho's economy," Ferguson said.

For this year, the state now forecasts job growth of 3.4 percent — compared with its

December estimate of 2.1 percent for 2000. However, Ferguson noted that rising interest rates are likely to influence key sectors, such as construction, and the state foresees a gradual decline in new jobs during the year.

The preliminary outlook for 2001 is 2.1 percent.

John Church, a private economics consultant, said that statistically Idaho shows strong economic growth, but cautioned that areas outside the Treasure Valley have not shared in the wealth.

He noted that 11 of Idaho's 44 counties are declining in population, even though the state gained an estimated 1.7 percent last year, Church said declines in the state's

traditional industries and the increased impact of global markets "are producing an uneven distribution of economic activity across the state."

While manufacturing created more than 20,000 jobs in 1998-99, those gains have been to some extent offset by losses in natural-resource based industries, Church said.

The new Idaho data show a continued trend toward higher job growth in the service-producing sector. Church said the numbers reflect a rapid rise in call centers and business services, including functions that may formerly have been classified as manufacturing before they were outsourced.

Western business



Ignazio A. Vella, left, and Gary Edwards of Rogue Gold Cheese Co., show some of their products in their Grants Pass, Ore., store. Vella and Edwards are revitalizing the business, one of the few hand-crafted cheese factories left in Oregon.

Heir of cheese-making giant to carry on business

The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — As the heir of 65 years of cheese-making history in the Rogue Valley, Ignazio "Ig" Vella couldn't let his family's legacy end with his father, Thomas.

The elder Vella owned and operated Rogue Gold Cheese in Grants Pass and the Rogue River Valley Creamery in Central Point up until his death at age 100 in October 1998.

And now Ig Vella and his partner, Gary Edwards, are revitalizing the business, one of the few hand-crafted cheese factories left in Oregon.

Vella said a \$200,000 upgrade of the Central Point-based creamery, which produces Oregon Blue Vein Cheese and Rogue Gold Cheese and once made cheese for the famed Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City, is 75 percent complete.

Vella's father built the creamery in 1937, experimenting with blue-cheese masters in Roquefort, France. "He made the building like a cave," Vella said.

The building, a Quonset hut, is designed to maintain the same temperatures as the caves in Roquefort, because blue cheese,

which gets its blue color and flavor from a mold known as Penicillium roqueforti, must have constant temperatures.

In addition to increasing the sale of Rogue Gold Cheese and Oregon Blue Vein Cheese, Edwards said the company is promoting holiday packages with assorted cheeses, crackers and sausages.

Their cheese retail stores are also stocking a wider variety. The market is there, as more people travel and are introduced to cheeses from around the world, Edwards said.

For example, the Grants Pass store carries Gruyere — a Swiss-style cheese for fondue — and the only American-made Limburger. In all, the store offers between 70 and 80 different cheeses at any one time.

Also, Edwards said he and Vella are looking into buying immature cheeses wholesale and aging them at the Rogue Gold site.

Once they're aged to perfection by a cheese steward, or "affinage," the cheeses can be sold at a higher price.

"We're taking a calculated risk that we can develop a market that exists now and will expand," Vella said.

Since 1980 Vella has operated

his father's original cheese factory, Vella Cheese, which was started in 1931 in Sonoma, Calif.

After his father's death, Vella, now 72, and Edwards bought out Vella's three sisters to rebuild the Rogue River Valley Creamery business. "This is part of the family history," Vella said. "We decided to deal with the family and buy it."

Edwards, 40, added: "I was the only one crazy enough to go along with it."

Edwards lived next door to Vella's father in Sonoma for years and, when the elder Vella died, decided to join in a partnership with the younger Vella.

"The business has been on life support," Edwards said. "We've already turned it around, and it's not a negative cash flow anymore."

Vella, who's been in and out of Central Point and Medford since the 1930s, said there were 35 cheese factories in the Rogue Valley back in the days when the local dairy industry was at its peak.

Vella's father built the Rogue River Valley Creamery in 1935 on the advice of his brother.

News of Adolf Hitler's war machine in the 1930s led the brothers to believe there'd be a

vast market for cheese.

"They knew imports would be cut off and there was an opportunity for America to put together a real cheese industry on the West Coast," Vella said.

"And it did blossom. During the war, Central Point sent 5 million pounds of cheese to fill government orders in one year."

Vella, who began building cheese boxes at the age of seven, learned the business "through osmosis."

He said his father used to pull him out of elementary school for a day of vocational training from time to time.

"I sat in the offices of Kraft Foods while my father discussed business with J.L. Kraft," Vella said. "My father quizzed me all his way home on what happened and had me repeat the things that were said."

When Vella turned 63, his father told him why he did it. "He said, 'Because I didn't trust my English. I had to see if I missed anything,'" Vella said.

The experience made a lasting impression on Vella. "Through osmosis, those conversations gave me a good grounding in the cheese business, even though I didn't know it at the time."

Pyramid scheme takes teen for \$2,000

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — Chalk this one up to a lesson learned — the hard way.

An Asotin, Wash., teenager lost most of her savings in a "gifting" scheme that swept through the region earlier this year. But Tami Shaw, who lost \$2,000 in the Pit Stop pyramid scheme, says the experience taught her lessons she will never forget.

Scam or not?

"If you're approached about joining a club but aren't sure whether it's an illegal gifting club, contact the Better Business Bureau at 1-800-218-1001."

"I was stupid. I learned not to be so impulsive, and greed gets you in trouble." Shaw, 19, was not the only one who got caught up in the excitement of making some fast money. People from Colfax to Grangeville jumped on board the Pit Stop, Family and Friends and the Money Exchange when the three similar schemes hit this area.

But the popularity of the "gifting" programs quickly dissipated once the Idaho attorney general and local police officers began spreading the message the schemes are considered illegal pyramids, and participants could face felony charges.

Michele Butts, Idaho deputy attorney general, said several lawsuits filed against individuals in southern Idaho who participated in the Pit Stop have been settled, and details should be finalized next week.

In a pyramid scheme, people receive money by recruiting others into the program rather than from the sale of goods or services. The Pit Stop pyramid is structured around a race car track theme. Individuals who make a "gift" of \$2,000 are on the "pit crew" level. If eight more people sign up, the pit crew moves up to the "mechanic" level. When another eight people are recruited, the original participants move to the "pace car" level. The goal is to reach the last level of "lead driver."

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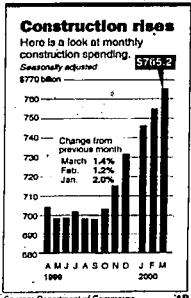
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MONEY

Construction spending rises

WASHINGTON (AP) - Spending on construction, led by big government projects, rose 1.4 percent in March, the third straight monthly increase...



Here is a look at monthly construction spending. Seasonally adjusted \$750 billion. Source: Department of Commerce

rates five times by a quarter-pie to slow the speeding economy and keep inflation under control. Given the outlook for strong continuing growth...

Even with an upswing in interest rates, robust construction and housing activity helped fuel the economy's strong growth last year. Today's report suggested that higher interest rates still haven't significantly dampened activity in this sector.

Spending on big government projects posted the biggest gain in March, rising 2.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$178.4 billion after posting a 3.8 percent decline in February.

Increased spending on highways and streets, schools and housing in March more than offset decreased spending on hospitals, industrial buildings and military facilities.

The construction report also showed that spending on all non-residential, or commercial building, grew 1.4 percent to a rate of \$201.2 billion.

Since June 30, the Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates three times...

Six Northwest utilities mull joint venture

SEATTLE (AP) - Six power companies in the Northwest are in talks to create a joint venture combining all of their power transmission assets...

Avista Corp. of Spokane, Montana Power Co., Portland General Electric Co. and two Nevada-based companies owned by Sierra Pacific Resources of Reno...

The final deal could be announced as early as next week, the newspaper reported.

Microsoft makes partial recovery on strong technology stock trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors brushed off worries about Microsoft's future Monday, sending its shares higher and fueling a rally in technology stocks that spread to the broader market.

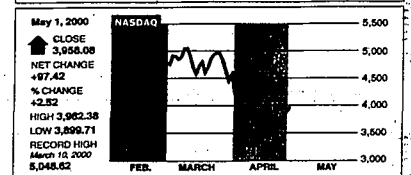
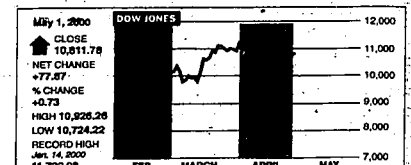
The Dow Jones industrial average rose 77.87 to 10,811.78 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 97.42 to 3,958.08.

Microsoft rose 3 1/16 to 73 7/16 in the first session since the Justice Department asked a federal court to divide the company in two to satisfy an antitrust suit.

The proposal was widely expected, and many investors determined that the possibility of a breakup had already taken its toll on Microsoft stock.

Whether split up, or not, the sum of the parts are worth about \$125 to \$35 a share, said analyst Stanley J. Miroff...

Technology companies that compete with Microsoft were mostly higher. Red Hat, a seller of the Linux operating system, rose 2 1/16 to 27 7/8 and VA...



Linux rose 18 7/16 to 60 1/16. Investors also resumed seeking bargains among the technology stocks that were pounded in a wave of sell-offs in mid-April.

Packard rose 4 to 139, leading the Dow. Outside the technology sector, merger activity stimulated trading. Kennel Sundown, a maker of nutritional supplements and health products, rose 4 3/16 to 23 7/16 after Dutch specialty foods company Unichip agreed to acquire it for \$24 a share.

Technology has taken back market leadership with a vengeance, said Joseph V. Battipaglia, chief investment strategist with Grant & Co. in New York. 'We washed out the market in April, and now investors are looking for stocks with strong earnings growth. That means tech stocks.'

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View from the top must look good

On April 22, 1984, a squirrel scampered across the track at Franklin Field before about 30,000 fans at the annual Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

It was quick, very quick. So were the winners in front of me. So fast, in fact, that this writer, then a half-decent quarter-miler, was neither able to catch the runners nor the vermin. But a third-place finish in that heat of the high school mile relay, a Penn Relays medal and my first sub-50 quarter - 49.9 - to be exact - need only be the positive memory.

That and some other guy named Willie Gault running the high hurdles for the University of South Carolina. Sixteen years later, Penn, as it is simply known, continues to draw a crowd in excess of 30,000 people. Did you happen to catch any of the action over the weekend? Neither did I. It wasn't on TV.

So here are a few highlights:

- Michael Johnson anchored the winning men's Olympic Development 4x400-meter relay in 43.70 seconds. Also running on the team, which placed 2-5-5-6, were Angelo Taylor, Antonio Pedigrew and Tyree Washington.
- Marion Jones anchored the victorious women's 4x100-meter relay, which included Chrystal Gates, Torri Edwards and Inger Miller, and crossed the finish line in 42.33.
- Jamaica College, a high school in Kingston, won the 4x400 in 3:11.52.
- Yes, but John Muir's foursome, that included the irrepressible Sultan McCullough and Obie Moore, still have the meet record of 3:07.72.
- St. Jago, also of Jamaica, took the girls' gold in the 4x400, going 3:42.37, well off the Vere Tech (Jamaica) meet record of 3:37.77.
- Take a look at those high school times. The top team from the states was Camden, which finished fifth in 3:24.71, and the leading girls' foursome from the states was Eleanor Roosevelt High, which placed third in 3:44.92.

So, the question is: How does this compare with Idaho in this event? Looking at the top times from the 1999 state meet, Twin Falls' boys had the fastest overall time, clocking a 3:24.19, and Jerome led the girls going 4:00.00.

Am I comparing apples and oranges? Perhaps, but considering the Idaho track season hardly encompasses three months, and the schools mentioned above train year-round, I'd say Idaho's boys and girls are holding their own pretty well. And consider some of the highlights from last week:

- Seniors Jason Webb of Declo and Ben Adams of Boise went over 44 feet in the triple jump at the Wood River Invitational. Too bad they won't face each other at state.
- Wood River senior Todd Christensen went 531 in the shot put - three feet better than last year's A-2 state champ.
- Rafi River's boys and girls - the defending state team champs - placed third at the opening meet, outdistancing a competitive Hagerman squad and Carey, respectively. The Darrington-Freestone connection is a formidable foe again. Look for both teams on the infield the afternoon of May 20.
- The Jerome boys and girls won their own tri-meet over Blaney and Minico rather handsily. In fact, the Tigers took home a championship banner the week before at the Buli Rotary. Invitational for having the highest combined team score.

And the winner is...
Roger Moore of Twin Falls, who correctly identified Twin Falls' Andy Lyda and John Ruprecht as having finished one-two to clinch the 1999 team title at the state track meet.

This week's question: Where was the 1948 state meet held, and why?

Win Cappello, a freelance teacher and former track coach, is the sports editor for The Times-News. He can be reached at cappello@magicvalley.com.

Bruin golfers take first at Burley competition

Ericson, Hedberg lead long list of medalists.

The Times-News

BURLEY - Both of the Twin Falls Bruins' golf teams dominated the greens Monday at Burley. The Bruin boys' 296 helped them win the meet by 10 points over Burley (306), Minico (323) and Jerome (327).

Local sports

The Lady Bruins (361) outdistanced the Lady Spartans (422) and the Lady Tigers (442). The Lady Bobcats did not compile a team score.

"We played pretty well today," said Twin Falls coach Paul Stover. "It was a nice day out, the weather was perfect."

Boys' medalists for Twin Falls were Brett Kleinkopf, who led all golfers with a one-under par 71, Michael Ericson (73), and Brian Keith (74). Girls' medalists were Jennifer Hedberg (79), Monica Venn (88), and Jenni Robinson (91).

The Bruins will travel to Burley May 9 for the Region III Tournament that will determine which teams and individuals will go to state May 15-20.

Baseball
Glenns Ferry 7, Rimrock 3
GLENN'S FERRY - The Glenns

Ferry Pilots batted the Rimrock Raiders and came out with a 7-3 non-conference win Monday.

Pitching was the name of the game for the Pilots. Juan Gutierrez led Glenns Ferry in the first five innings, striking out eight. Ryan Simons relieved Gutierrez in the sixth to strike out five more in the remaining two innings of the game.

"We played pretty well today," Please see LOCALS, Page D2

Hornets feel Philly's sting

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Aaron McKie shrugged off what might have been the best game of his career. His teammates and coaches won't let him forget it anytime soon.

McKie, starting in place of the injured Eric Snow, hit four consecutive 3-pointers and scored 13 straight points midway through the fourth quarter as the Philadelphia 76ers beat Charlotte 105-99 Monday night to win their first-round series 3-1.

"They were giving me looks throughout the game and I had it in my mind that I was going to take the shots if they were there," McKie said. "I just got in a groove. I just wanted my team to win."

Philadelphia plays the winner of the Milwaukee-Indiana series in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Milwaukee won 100-87 Monday night to even the series 2-2 and Game 5 is Thursday night. Game 1 of the second-round series is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

McKie had career playoff highs with 25 points and six assists. The four 3-pointers tied McKie's career high in any game. Allen Iverson, playing with a chip fracture in his right ankle and an inflamed right elbow, scored 25. Substitute Matt Geiger scored 17 and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Bucks 100, Pacers 87

MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee Bucks are going back to Indiana with a chance to advance in the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

Ray Allen scored 20 points before taking a blow to the head and reserve Scott Williams added 20 as the hot-shooting Bucks routed the Indiana Pacers 100-87 Monday night in Game 4 of their best-of-five series.

Game 5 is Thursday night at Conscio Fieldhouse, where the Bucks already have won twice this season.

Milwaukee is hoping to become the third NBA team to upset a

Please see NBA, Page D2



Eddie Jones of the Charlotte Hornets struggles to drive past Philadelphia 76ers Aaron McKie, left, and George Lynch during the first half in Philadelphia Monday.

Rodney Rogers gets the Sixth Man award

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Rodney Rogers, foured by years of losing with the Los Angeles Clippers, capped his season of renewal Monday as the overwhelming choice for the NBA's Sixth Man Award.

The Phoenix Suns' forward led 104 of a possible 121 votes from a panel of sports writers and sportscasters. "It's sort of like Shaq for MVP," Suns coach Scott Skiles said, referring to the quiet O'Neal's expected runaway with that award. "I almost feel like, how could anybody vote for anyone else?"



Rodney Rogers

90.8 percent of the votes for the award when he was with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1992-93. "He's had big games when we needed big games. He hit shots

when we needed big shots," Skiles said. "He's done that for us all year long."

Four unhappy seasons with the Clippers left Rogers embittered and disillusioned, attitudes that vanished once he joined the Suns.

"All I wanted to do was come in and be a winner and not lose all the time," Rogers said. "I'd been losing my whole career." Rogers, who signed a free-agent contract with Phoenix for the \$2 million exception allowed over the salary cap, averaged 13.8 points and 5.5 rebounds in 27.9 minutes per game for the Suns.

The best-of-7 forward was a threat inside and outside. He was fourth in the NBA in 3-point field goal percentage at 43%.

The Suns were 35-11 in games in which Rogers scored at least 13 points.

"Everybody wants to start but everybody can't start," Rogers said. "My main thing always has been if you're in there when the game is on the line, that's more important than starting, when you can help your team win ball games."

Rogers is the third Suns player to win the award, joining Danny Manning in 1998 and Eddie Johnson in 1989.

Devils continue to stand between Maple Leafs, cup

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - If the Toronto Maple Leafs have hopes of ending their 33-year Stanley Cup drought, they better find a way to start beating Martin Brodeur and the New Jersey Devils soon.

Brodeur withstood Toronto's best period of the series and went on to stop 22 shots in leaving the Devils with a 3-0 victory over the Maple Leafs on Monday night. Jason Arnott, Scott Gomez, Patrick Elias, Petr Sykora and Alexander Mogilya scored as the Devils took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semi-

NHL playoffs

final series. Elias also had two assists as New Jersey dominated for the third straight game.

New Jersey could easily have a 3-0 lead if Curtis Joseph hadn't stolen the opening game with a 3-2 save performance in a 2-1 Toronto victory. The Maple Leafs, who generated only a couple of scoring chances in the opening two games at home, had seven outstanding chances in the opening 20 minutes with Brodeur stopping odd-man rushes by Wendel Clark, Igor

Korolev and Dmitri Khristich and some good close-in chances by Sergei Berezin and Adam Mair.

Red Wings 3, Avalanche 1

DETROIT - The Detroit Red Wings turned to their Russian connection for new life in their second-round playoff series with the Colorado Avalanche.

The Red Wings got goals from Igor Larionov and Sergei Fedorov on Monday night over the Avs, who eliminated Detroit in the Western Conference semifinals last season.

Brendan Shanahan also scored for the Red Wings who lost the

first two games of the series in Denver.

The best-of-seven series continues with Game 4 on Wednesday night at Joe Louis Arena. Game 5 will be Friday night in Denver.

The first three goals came on power plays and Shanahan scored into an empty net with 40 seconds remaining.

The Red Wings, who had looked a tad old and a step slow during the first two games against the high-flying Avs, looked more like a team bent on reclaiming the Stanley Cup championship Sunday during the first period. Detroit outshot the Avs 36-23.

Judge rules against using Lewis' past during trial

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Three previous assault charges against NFL star Ray Lewis cannot be used against him in his murder trial but evidence taken from his home can, a judge ruled Monday.

The assault charges against the Baltimore Ravens' linebacker, all of which were dropped, stem from cases in 1994 and 1995 in Miami, and in December 1995 in Baltimore. In all three,

Lewis was accused of hitting a woman. Prosecutors argued that the cases should be admitted because they demonstrate Lewis' "intent, bent of mind and course of behavior" when faced with a dispute.

But defense lawyers Ed Garland and Don Samuel said the assault charges, which Lewis denies, are not relevant. The judge agreed, ruling that they were not similar enough to the charges Lewis now faces.

"It's the same argument of, 'If he did it before, he'll do it again,'" Judge Alice Bonner said.

Lewis and co-defendants Joseph Sweeting and Reginald Oakley are accused of stabbing two men to death after a Super Bowl party in Atlanta on Jan. 30.

Lewis maintains he was a peacemaker during the street fight in which Jacinth Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, were killed. Lewis is free on \$1 million bond.

In another ruling, the judge denied a defense request to keep evidence seized at Lewis' Baltimore home out of the trial, which is expected to begin May 15.

Samuel said police did not have probable cause to look for evidence there because Lewis had not been home since the slayings.

He also argued the search warrants were broad. It allowed police to take any photographs showing people and any documents with names, phone numbers and addresses.

Prosecutors said police searched Lewis' home because most of his things, including clothes he was wearing the night of the killings, were gone from his Atlanta hotel room by the time police arrived.

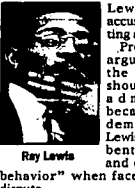
Also, police suspected that Oakley or other members of Lewis' entourage might have returned to Lewis' home. Bonner denied a request by Bruce Harvey, lawyer for Oakley, to hold a news conference despite a gag order.

Harvey argued that prosecutors and Lewis' lawyers had made their cases public, so he should have that opportunity, too.

In denying the request, Bonner reminded all parties that they need to ensure that prospective jurors aren't tainted by information released outside of the trial.

On another matter, Bonner was expected to rule soon on a request from Garland for a separate trial for Lewis.

In his request April 17, Garland wrote that a joint trial would not be fair and that some evidence might be admissible against one defendant but not against another.



Ray Lewis

SPORTS

Which Sonics team will show up against the Jazz?

SEATTLE (AP) - It's a perpetual game-day mystery for Seattle SuperSonics coach Paul Westphal. Which Sonics team will show up - the good guys or the bad guys?

The bad guys are the ones who came out lifeless for two first-round playoff pastings by the Utah Jazz last week. The good guys rode in command from the start of an 89-78 home victory that warded off a sweep and forced Wednesday's Game 4 at Key Arena.

"This team has been up and down all year," Westphal said after an intense, refereed practice Monday afternoon. "We can beat anybody, and we can lose to anybody. Let's just hope the good guys come out Wednesday and we can beat Utah," he said.

The Jazz, back in Salt Lake City to prepare for the game, said they expect the Sonics were going to roll over in Game 3. "We didn't do a lot of things, and they did everything," power forward Karl Malone told The

Deseret News. Malone scored 30 points to be the same, following a dominating 50-point effort in Game 1.

"I just wanted it more; they got it," forward Bryon Russell said of the loss.

The victory came at "desperation time, and Wednesday's going to be the same," Sonics power forward Vin Baker said.

Key for Seattle will be the play of young Rashard Lewis and a re-energized Ruben Patterson, who made minimal contributions in Games 1 and 2 but gave his teammates a lift off the bench in Game 3 with 13 points and crucial hustle plays.

Lewis, 20, a 6-10 forward who hits the zone consistently enough for Westphal to plug him in at guard on occasion, poses a matchup problem for Utah. "What me and Rashard did the game at the same time, that's a real advantage for us," said Patterson, a 6-foot-6 small forward.

"I mean, who are they going to put (6-foot-4 Jeff) Hornum on? They can't put him on, and they darned sure can't put him on Rashard."

LETTERS

Hall's attempt at humor fails

I just read the article on the sports page in Monday's (April 24) Times-News by Kevin Hall about the people who attend and race at Magic Valley Speedway. The coverage now given to Magic Valley Speedway is better than ever, but I feel that this article's attempt at humor sheds a bad light on the competitors and fans that has little or no basis.

I first attended Magic Valley Speedway in 1986 as a fan and liked the form of entertainment enough that I became a competitor. The time I spent driving a race car was some of the most enjoyable times of my life, and the people I competed against were friends to this day. I know from firsthand experience that people who race are dedicated people pursuing a hobby little different from any other hobby. The class that a person competes in may differ in the dollars and time it takes to compete, but the dedication required is the same. The very idea of putting down someone that cannot afford or does not have the time to race in the top class escapes my understanding. I have competed with doctors, bankers, business owners, attorneys, mayors, engineers and blue collar workers at the Speedway, and I say thank you for the diversity.

Fans do come in all shapes and sizes with different tastes in cars. In addition to the outlandish forms of transportation Kevin described, you will also find luxury cars, new sport utility vehicles, family sedans and a

few sports cars in the parking lot. A Dale Earnhardt shirt, yes, I own just one also. I have yet, however, to see someone at the Speedway with no shirt and body paint or a chicken head as we have all seen on TV at other sporting events.

I now work full time at the Speedway and have experienced racing as a fan, competitor and employee, and I am proud to be part of this great family sport called NASCAR.

LYNN BAIRD
Twin Falls

Column stepped over the line

Regarding Sideline View, "Renegades, rednecks and retirees of racing," published Monday, April 24, by Kevin Hall:

Through another man's eyes: When I go to the Magic Valley Speedway as I have every race night for the last 10 years, I, like Kevin Hall, see a lot of people. Racers, race crews, race fans, officials and employees fill the stands and the pit area. In all the time I've spent at the speedway, these are the only people I've ever seen. I have noticed they come in all ranges of ages and show many different ways of expressing themselves, but to me, they're all race fans and that is something I'm proud to have in common with each and every one of them.

I can honestly say I've never needed binoculars at a race track the size of the Magic Valley Speedway so I have no clue why

someone would need a rifle scope to see something on a small racetrack. As for the Halloween goop the women wear to the track, I wouldn't know - it's too cold at the speedway to race in October so I've never spent Halloween there. From Kevin Hall's description of the people at the racetrack, he must have been there for a Halloween party that I wasn't invited to last October and just decided to tell us about it. And if Kevin thinks all it takes to build a thunder stock is to knock out the glass and add some duct tape, maybe he needs to hang out with some of these guys and see the time and effort it takes to race in any division at the speedway.

Unfortunately, I don't think that opportunity will ever be offered after the insults he will allow to make in your newspaper. I think The Times-News should impose the same rules on its staff as it does the letters to the editor. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, as will material expressing racial, ethnic or religious bigotry. Especially the part about bad taste!

The Magic Valley Speedway is a great place to spend your Saturday night with your friends and family members of all ages. NASCAR has worked very hard to make the sport of auto racing a family sport, and at Magic Valley Speedway, you will find great family fun for the entire family.

RANDY J. KERR
Twin Falls

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AL BOX SCORE: Detroit 10, Cleveland 4. Detroit: 10, Cleveland: 4. Detroit: 10, Cleveland: 4.

NL STANDINGS

NL STANDINGS: New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Atlanta Braves, Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

NL STANDINGS

NL STANDINGS: St. Louis Cardinals, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates.

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Hey, hey, hey! What are you forgetting, Homer?"

MLB PLAYERS' BATTERS ORDER

MLB PLAYERS' BATTERS ORDER: Detroit: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Cleveland: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

MLB PLAYERS' BATTERS ORDER

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

ON THE AIR TELEVISION: Stanley Cup Playoff, semifinal. ESPN 5 p.m. NBA Playoff, Best-of-5 Game 6. TNT 6 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE: High school golf. Glens Ferry, Shoshone, Oakley, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer at T.F. Municipal Golf Course, 1 p.m.

High school baseball

High school baseball: Kimberly at Filer, 3:30 p.m. Woodbury at Wood River, 4 p.m.

High school softball

High school softball: Kimberly at Filer, 3:30 p.m. Woodbury at Wood River, 4 p.m.

High school track

High school track: Conference at Minico, 4 p.m. Blackfoot at Jerome, 4 p.m.

High school tennis

High school tennis: Twin Falls at Ketchikan/Sun Valley, 4 p.m. Highland at Barley, 4 p.m.

TENNIS

TENNIS: WTA Tour Money Leaders. Through April 30. Lindsay Davenport, Serena Williams, Venus Williams.

ATP Money Leaders

ATP Money Leaders: Through April 30. Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi.

NFL STANDINGS

NFL STANDINGS: Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Falcons.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

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NBA STANDINGS

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



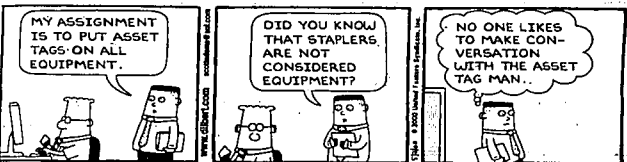
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



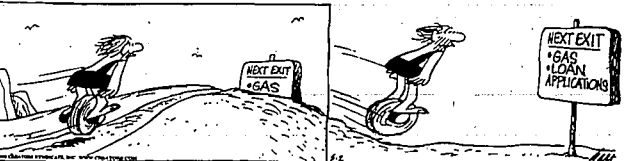
Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis

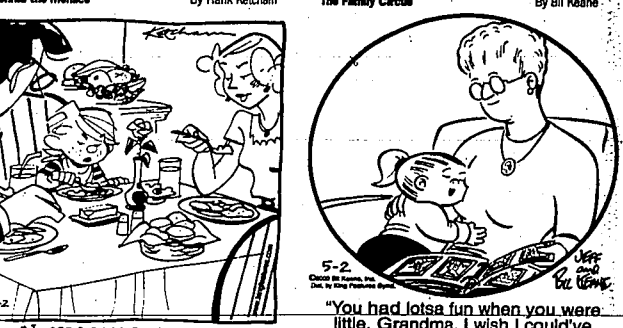


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



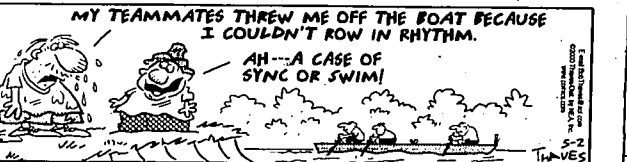
Luann

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

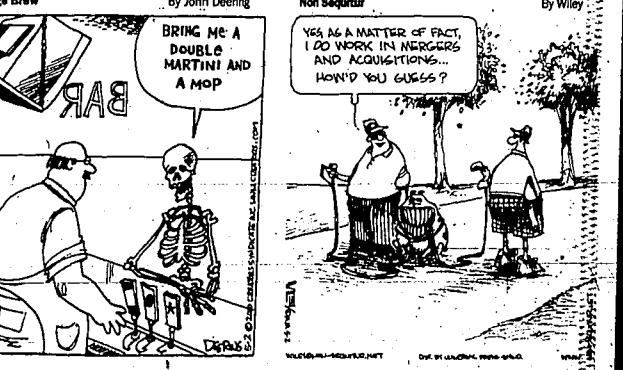


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

