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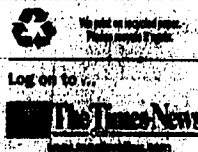
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Privacy at risk?



Helen Quale, right, looks over a notice of privacy practices before picking up prescriptions for her son and mother from Sav-Mor Drug pharmacist Karen Henry Thursday in Twin Falls. New laws recently went into effect aimed at protecting the privacy of patients.

Critics say new law won't protect health information

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you've been to your health care provider or picked up a prescription in the past several weeks, chances are you've been handed a pamphlet to read and been asked to sign a piece of paper.

By signing that document you're saying you've been informed about the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

One of the purposes of the federal law was to provide patients with access to their medical records and give them more control over how their personal health information is used and disclosed, according to the U.S. Department of Human Services Office of Civil Rights, which spearheaded the law and is now in charge of enforcing it.

But some critics of the law say it won't protect a person's personal health information at all, and in fact will make it accessible to even more eyes, including those of law enforcement, researchers and the federal government.

"It is a lie," said Dr. Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons based in Tucson, Ariz. "It's fraudulent. It pretends to protect privacy while that's not its purpose or effect. HIPAA is the biggest change to hit medicine since Medicare. It's a whole new industry."

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 was first proposed with the simple objective to ensure people had health insurance coverage after

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What Is the Privacy Rule?

• The Privacy Rule is a federal regulation governing administrative steps, policies and procedures to safeguard individuals' personal health information.

• The Privacy Rule is designed to empower patients by guaranteeing them access to their medical records, giving them more control over how their private health information is used and disclosed, and providing a clear avenue of recourse if their medical privacy is compromised.

• President Bush approved the regulations on April 12, 2002. The official effective date of the regulations was April 14, 2003.

Covered entities, including hospitals and physicians, had until April 14, 2003, to comply. Small health plans have until April 14, 2004, to comply.

• Health care providers may disclose health information to people or organizations they hire to perform functions on their behalf, such as legal or accounting services. These "business associates" would not be permitted, under contractual obligation with the covered entity, to use or disclose protected health information in ways that would not be permitted of the covered entity itself.

• The rule defines "protected health information" as health information that identifies an

individual and is maintained or exchanged electronically or in hard copy. If the information has any components that could be used to identify a person, it would be protected. The protection would stay with the information as long as the information is in the hands of a covered entity or a business associate. The protections apply to individually identifiable information in any form, electronic or non-electronic. The paper progeny of electronic information is covered — the information would not lose its protections simply because it is printed out of a computer — and oral communications are also covered.

• Pursuant to the HIPAA law, this rule will preempt state laws that are in conflict with the regulatory requirements with exceptions for certain public health functions and related activities. Stronger state laws such as those covering mental health, HIV infection and AIDS information continue to apply.

• Non-compliance can result in civil fines up to \$100 per violation. Wrongfully disclosing health information can result in up to \$250,000 in fines and up to 10 years in prison.

Source: Pamphlet given to Rite Aid Pharmacy customers

THE WORD ON THE STREETS

T.F. council will lead discussion on street names

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

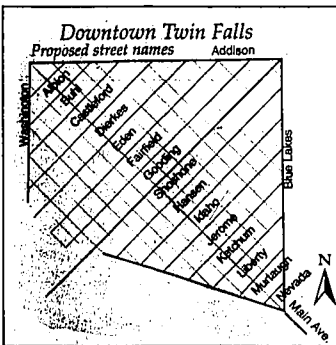
TWIN FALLS — One of the decisions of the century could be made tonight.

After hearing the public's opinions during an open forum, the Twin Falls City Council might take a final vote on what new names to hang on streets in the city's downtown and Old Towne quadrants.

The brainchild of members of the Old Towne Business Improvement District, the proposal aims to make navigation around the original townsite simpler. It's also hoped the new street names can be put in place in time to be part of Twin Falls' centennial celebration next year.

The Old Towne BID initially submitted a list including the names of people and families who played key roles in the city's formative years.

The City Council endorsed the idea of changing the street names, but decided the original list was too controversial.



Council members recently finished a new list, which includes the names of places that have been important to the area's growth and economy. It's that list that will be up for discussion.

Councilman Howard Allen, who helped draw up the new list, said he's been hearing a lot of comments about it.

"I got stopped everywhere I go by people wanting to talk about it," he said. "Most of them I talk to are in favor of the names that

have been chosen."

There have been a few dissenting opinions as well, he said.

"I've gotten one phone call from a person who said they want the names changed, but doesn't like either the old or new list."

In other business, the council will hold the third — and final — public hearing regarding a proposed zoning change that would require centralized water and sewer systems for all new subdivisions.

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Feeling the impact

City, county officials will discuss area surrounding T.F.

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Simply put they said it's about time to talk about it.

Twin Falls city and county officials haven't in more than a decade sat down for a serious discussion about the "area of impact" that extends for about a half-mile to a mile or more around the city.

"This is something that we've been planning to do since I've been here," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff, who took office in 2000. "We've just now getting to it."

In the simplest terms, the area of impact is a sort of "buffer zone" between city and county borders — where the rules of both governments might apply. It also might include areas the city expects to eventually annex.

A meeting to discuss the area of impact has been tentatively set for May 14, said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney. The exact time and place of that meeting hadn't been set as of last week, he said. Courtney said he planned to attend the meeting, along with Mayor Lance Clow, City Council members, the Twin Falls County commissioners, and planning and zoning officials from both governments.

The issue has also come into sharper focus lately because of a recent court case involving the area of impact around the city of Eagle, said commissioner Tom Mikesell. In that case, the city was being sued for supposedly oversteering its powers in the area of impact.

A common gripe from residents in the area of impact is that they are taxed by the city without representation, since they can't vote in city elections, Mikesell said.

Even so, the city and county of Twin Falls aren't and probably won't be at odds over the issue, city and county officials said.

"We're just going to try to reward our agreement over it and make it more applicable to today's standards," Mikesell said.

There might be redrawing of the area's borders, but what form that might take wasn't yet clear, Courtney said.

"It might need to be extended in some areas and thought in or better in others," Mikesell said.

One area the city might like to see extended is on the east side of the Twin Falls, said city planning and zoning director Mark Olson.

"We might want to extend it from 3200 to 3300 East out there," he said. "We already have sewer and water lines within a half-mile of that development line."

Special session could be in store for Idaho Legislature

By Bob Fick
Associated Press writer

BOISE — They limited financial awards to people claiming products or business deals harmed them.

They restricted labor union financing of political activity.

They regulated payday loan operations.

They kept the state's death penalty law from being thrown out by the courts.

They cleared the way for a billion dollar resort in north-central Idaho.

They furthered state management of wolves and imposed new regulations on field burning.

They expanded subsidized health insurance coverage to the working poor.

They raised the cigarette and sales taxes and approved a \$2 billion general tax budget that would maintain essential services for another year but do little else.

And when the Idaho Legislature adjourned on its record 118th day Saturday, it had not done the job.

Continued erosion of an already weak economy appeared to guarantee that lawmakers will be recalled in late summer or fall to resume the confrontation between the republican majority and GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne over how to keep the budget in the black.

"I don't see how there's any way to avoid it," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said.

"It was not lost on several lawmakers that that war was successfully waged in Iraq faster than they could solve the budget crisis."

"It should have been even faster," said GOP Sen. Laird Noh, a Kimberly rancher and one of the few legislators who was also in office during the last crisis in 1993.

"Our situation is not as bad as other states," Noh had a governor with a well-thought-out plan. A citizen's commission was behind it. The three top economists on Idaho supported it, and look what happened," Noh said. "We have nobody to blame but ourselves."

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Sen. Laird Noh

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies with only a slight chance for a few sprinkles of rain. Highs in the 50s.

Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the 30s to near 40.

Tomorrow: Warmer, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s to near 60.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds, only a slight chance for a small passing rain shower. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s to near 40.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs near 60.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 53 Low 37	57/35	61/38	59/37	65/34	

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The first full week of May will start out rather dry, but with only a slight chance for a very isolated shower in the forecast, conditions are expected to be mostly dry with mostly sunny skies.

Today Highs 54 to 59 / Lows 32 to 38

BOISE
We will see a break in the moisture over the next couple of days, but not a break from the rather cool temperatures. Expect partly cloudy conditions Tuesday through Thursday for rain by Wednesday.

Today Highs/Lows 54 to 59 / 32 to 38

NORTHERN UTAH

It should be a rather quiet start to the week with gradually clearing skies and temperatures in the 50s to the lower 60s.

Today Highs/Lows 54 to 59 / 32 to 38

Yosemite State Park
Yesterday's State Park weather: High 54, Low 32. Conditions: Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, c-cloudy.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 50 Yesterday's Low: 30 Normal High/Low: 66/38 Record High: 86 in 1986 Record Low: 23 in 1964	Month's to Date: 0.26" Avg. Month to Date: 0.14" Water Year to Date: 6.4" Avg. Water Year to Date: 7.32"	Yesterday's High: 100% Yesterday's Low: 65% Today's Forecast Low: 21% A week's run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	5 p.m. Yesterday: 30.2 in Today: 30.1 in Tuesday: 30.0 in Wednesday: 29.9 in Thursday: 29.8 in Friday: 29.7 in	Sunrise: 6:37 AM Sunset: 8:43 PM Sunrise: 6:38 AM Sunset: 8:44 PM Sunrise: 6:39 AM Sunset: 8:45 PM Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM	Tree: Elm, Birch, Cedar, Maple, Alder, Willow, etc. Grass: 200-400 Weed: 100-200 Mold: 10-20 Spores: 10-20

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Pope proclaims five new saints

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Showing unusual energy, Pope John Paul II proclaimed five new saints Sunday before a crowd of 1 million people as he urged Spaniards to remain faithful to the Roman Catholic Church.

Facing the vast crowd spread out in the form of a cross, John Paul spoke in a strong and clear voice in the main event of his week-long visit to Spain.

"Don't break with your Christian roots," the frail 82-year-old pope said during a three-hour Mass, taking up a theme he has sounded across an increasingly secular Europe.

The Spanish royal family and most members of the government attended the service, with the vast congregation filling four boulevards intersecting at Madrid's central Plaza de Colon, where a white altar was erected.

The pope sat in a special hydraulic chair on wheels that allows him to celebrate Mass without getting up. He suffers from the symptoms of Parkinson's disease — shuffling, tremor and a trembling hand — and crumpling hip and knee ailments.

John Paul used the chair in St. Peter's Basilica, but it was the first time the Vatican brought it on a foreign trip.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Sunday that "if everything goes as expected," John Paul will visit Mongolia in August and the Vatican is hoping to arrange a historic stopover in Russia en route.

It would be the first papal visit to Russia ever.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	55/35	58/38	60/40
Burley	55/35	58/38	60/40
Idaho Falls	55/35	58/38	60/40
Jerome	55/35	58/38	60/40
Laurel	55/35	58/38	60/40
Shoshone	55/35	58/38	60/40
Twin Falls	55/35	58/38	60/40
Wendover	55/35	58/38	60/40
Yellowstone	55/35	58/38	60/40

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Alaska	55/35	58/38	60/40
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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Calgary	55/35	58/38	60/40
Edmonton	55/35	58/38	60/40
Halifax	55/35	58/38	60/40
Montreal	55/35	58/38	60/40
Ottawa	55/35	58/38	60/40
Quebec	55/35	58/38	60/40
Regina	55/35	58/38	60/40
Saskatoon	55/35	58/38	60/40
Vancouver	55/35	58/38	60/40
Winnipeg	55/35	58/38	60/40

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The higher the index the more bullish the market.

NYSE: 10,000
NASDAQ: 2,000
DOW JONES: 10,000

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NATION

Capsule lands far off course

Space mission ends dramatically

ASTANA, Kazakhstan (AP) — A Russian capsule safely returned two astronauts and a cosmonaut from the international space station on Sunday, but the landing, nearly 300 miles off target, triggered a nerve-racking two-hour search in the steppes of central Asia.

The three men were finally spotted in the vast, brown, barren stretch of Kazakhstan by a recovery plane and waved to show they were fine. Helicopters arrived for them an hour or two later.

"I was just happy we were down, that everything was safe," astronaut Kenneth Bowersox told The Associated Press while flying back to cosmonaut headquarters at Star City outside Moscow. "It was the most beautiful dirt I've ever seen."

It was a dramatic end to a 5.5-month space station mission for Bowersox, who served as the commander, astronaut Donald Pettit and cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin.

Because it was the first manned space landing since the Columbia disaster and the first touchdown by NASA astronauts in a foreign spacecraft in a foreign land, tension was running high. It shot up when nothing was heard from the crew following its last radio call 16 minutes before touchdown. By coincidence, that was the same time communication ceased with the Columbia astronauts over Texas on Feb. 1.

What kept NASA officials from becoming too frightened was the



Astronauts Kenneth Bowersox, left, Donald Pettit, center, and Russian cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin speak aboard a plane heading to Moscow on Sunday.

fact that the Soyuz crew had just reported the main parachute opened normally and the most brutal part of atmospheric re-entry was over. Columbia was ripped apart after the scorching heat of re-entry penetrated its damaged left wing; all seven astronauts were killed.

Because of that accident and the indefinite grounding of NASA's shuttle fleet, the space station residents had no choice but to return on the Soyuz, that had been docked as a lifeboat for six months. They rocketed into orbit last November aboard Endeavour and were supposed to return on Atlantis in March.

Bowersox, Pettit and Budarin knew during re-entry that they were coming in steep and faced high gravity forces, or G loads. When they saw the computer indi-

cate they would miss their landing target, "our eyes kind of went like this," Bowersox said, pretending to widen his eyes with his hands.

"But honestly it wasn't frightening," he said. "It was just, 'I'll call it an interesting test flight experience.'"

This latest Soyuz model had never descended from orbit before—until Sunday.

The spacemen experienced more than 8 G's on the way down, twice the usual amount, but were not injured. A half-hour after landing, they popped open the hatch and crawled out of the capsule, which had dragged 40 feet and ended up on its side, its antennas smashed into the ground. Pettit had a bad case of motion sickness, common among astronauts returning from their first spaceflight, especially a long one.

Key FBI witness made, then retracted allegations about lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prominent FBI science witness told federal investigators that his lab colleagues had performed shoddy work in the Timothy McVeigh case, then abruptly retracted several statements before appearing as a prosecution witness at trial, a transcript shows.

FBI explosives expert Steven Burmeister, who since has risen to the FBI lab's chief of scientific analysis, initiated a meeting Dec. 19, 1996, with the Justice Department inspector general to whom he made the original allegations 18 months earlier.

"There are several statements in the interview I would like to

clarify or correct," Burmeister told the investigators in a taped interview. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the transcript.

After receiving a Miranda warning about his constitutional rights, Burmeister proceeded for 68 pages of the transcript to correct or retract earlier statements he made that colleagues who worked on the bombing evidence did not use proper techniques or were unqualified to do some of the tests they performed.

"I'm not sure why I would have said that," Burmeister said at one point when retracting an earlier statement that a knife with possible explosive residue should not have been swabbed at the lab.

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Most antiquities are found intact in Iraqi museum

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD — The vast majority of the Iraqi trove of antiquities feared stolen or broken have been found intact in the National Museum in Baghdad, according to American investigators who compiled an inventory over the weekend of the ransacked galleries.

A total of 38 pieces, not tens of thousands, are now believed to be missing. Among them is a single display of Babylonian cuneiform tablets that accounts for nine missing items.

The single most valuable missing piece is the Vase of Warka, a

white limestone bowl dating from 3000 B.C.

The inventory, compiled by a military and civilian team headed by Marine Col. Matthew Bogdanos, refutes reports that Iraq's renowned treasures of civilization—as many as 170,000 individual artifacts—had been scattered or lost during the U.S.-led

war against Iraq. It also raises questions about why any of the artifacts went missing.

The looting may have occurred April 10-12, two days after museum officials fled the grounds amid a battle in which Fedayeen Saddam gunners entered the complex and began firing on advancing U.S. tanks.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Through May 17

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 5:00PM
Household • Tools • Antiques
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KLAAS AUCTION BARN
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FRI-SAT, MAY 9-10, 7:00PM
Magic Valley Mule Roundup, Flier
SAF-SUN, MAY 10-11, 1:00PM
Mule & Horse Sale, Flier
Ad: Ag Valley 5-3, Times-News 5-7
GEORGE SILVER AUCTIONS
324-4166

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 9:00AM
Public Auto Auction, Eagle
Updated Listings & Photos on Website
Times-News Ad: 5-8
MUSICK & SONS AUCTIONS
www.musickauction.com

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 11:00AM
Don & Doris Ashenbady, Buhl
Machinery • Household
Vehicles • Miscellaneous
Times-News Ad: 5-8
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
www.mastersauction.com

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 11:00AM
Ridgeway Fly Shop Liquid, Coeur d'Alene
Fishing & Fly Tying Equipment
Office Equipment • Miscellaneous
Times-News Ad: 5-8
JMA AUCTIONS
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MONDAY, MAY 12, 1:00PM
Diane Stevenson, Jerome
Household • Tools
Times-News Ad: 5-10
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
www.mastersauction.com

SAT, MAY 17, 11:00AM, POT
Bakley Ranch Auction • Pine Valley, NV
Donna & Hilda Bakley • Equipment
Antiques • Old Wagons • Collectibles
Times-News Ad: 5-15
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
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Hershey Track Meet

An event for all Magic Valley boys and girls ages 9-14
(Proof of age required such as birth certificate.)

May 10, 2003 • 9 am

Twin Falls High School

Registration: 8-9 am • No fee

Events Include:

Standing long jump	Softball throw
4x100 meter relay	50 meter dash
100 meter dash	200 meter dash
400 meter dash	800 meter run
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THE VALLEYPick up a Western
Days application

TWIN FALLS - Applications to participate in any of this year's Twin Falls Western Days events are now available.

The annual celebration will be held May 30 and 31, and June 1. Applications for any event may be picked up at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, Franklin Building Supply in Twin Falls or *The Times-News*. Here is a preliminary schedule:

A carnival in the Twin Falls County Courthouse parking lot May 29-31 and June 1.

• Western Days Queen competition May 30.

• Kick-off ceremony May 30.

• Western Days Music Jambooree with Muzzy Braun as the headliner May 30 and 31 and June 1.

• Hot Air Balloon Fest, early morning of May 31.

• Breakfasts by Kiwanis and the Masonic Lodge May 31.

• Franklin Building Supply Western Days Golf Tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course, May 31.

• Western Days half marathon/run, May 31.

• Parade registration and Western Days Parade, May 30.

• Canyon Park Little Buckaroo Rodeo on May 31 in the outdoor arena at CSI. Children ages 14 and under may participate.

For more information, call any Western Days board member or chairwoman Janet Goffin, 735-3254; visit the Web site at westerndays.magicvalley.com; or call the Western Days Info Line at 735-0166.

Democrats will meet,
plan social event tonight

TWIN FALLS - Planning for a major social event this summer will highlight tonight's monthly meeting of the Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E. The event, tentatively scheduled for July 12 in Centennial Waterfront Park, will be open to everyone, said John Radford, committee chairman.

"Even though this is an off-election year, we can't lessen our efforts to strengthen Democratic party solidarity in Idaho," Radford said. "The gains made in the state legislature last fall were significant and the intra-party bickering among majority members of the current record-length legislative session gives us reason to believe we'll win the next elections. But we have to work hard now to establish the solidarity we'll need next year."

The monthly committee meetings are open to all Democrats. For more information, call Radford at 735-4096.

Twin Falls blood drive
will take place this week

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive this week at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Hours for the blood drive are 1 to 7 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For an appointment, call 734-4566.

Twin Falls hospital looks
for qualified shuttle drivers

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has plans to add a parking lot shuttle service in June and it's looking for qualified volunteer drivers.

The shuttle service will use a golf cart that volunteers will drive around the parking lots during peak hours, according to a hospital news release.

The cart will pick up patients and visitors from the parking area on the Addison Avenue campus and shuttle them to the most convenient entrance for their particular needs. The shuttle will also be available to return them to their vehicle when they leave.

Initial plans call for operating the shuttle service from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, the times when parking spaces are most limited on the Addison Avenue campus. Volunteers are needed to drive the cart during these times. Scheduling is flexible and with enough volunteers, the time commitment should be minimal, the news release said.

Volunteers must be physically fit, customer-oriented, and familiar with the operation of a golf cart. Training and orientation will be offered for qualified candidates. For more information about this or other volunteer opportunities, call Loraine Devey at 737-2006.

Compiled from staff reports

T.F. '311' center goes full-time

Implications for
SIRCOMM
remain vague

By Mark Holzn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If there's a cat stuck in your tree, dial "311." If there's a cat burglar lurking behind the tree, dial "911."

That's the basic philosophy behind the City Information Center in the Twin Falls Police Department. Last week, the center went into around-the-clock operation. If need be, the center could quickly be converted into a full-blown emergency dispatch center, said Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore.

But whether that will ever happen - or what implication the city's moves might have for the future of a regional 911 dispatch center - wasn't clear Friday.

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■ Places

- The City Information Center - or CIC - is located in the Twin Falls police station and has been online for about a year. It went on around-the-clock service this week.
- The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center - SIRCOMM - is housed in its own building in Jerome. Since 1996, it has handled all emergency and emergency agency-related calls in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties.

■ The numbers

- The CIC serves only residents inside the city limits of Twin Falls.
- SIRCOMM serves residents of all four counties.
- If you're a Twin Falls resident and call "311" or 735-7200, your call will go to the CIC.
- If you dial "911" from Twin Falls or anywhere else in the four-county area, your call goes to SIRCOMM.

■ What they're for

- "311" is intended for non-emergency calls

The 101 on '911' and '311'

only from Twin Falls residents only. Reasons for calling "311" can include:

- Reporting crimes after the fact.
- Reporting nuisance animals.
- Reporting lingering neighborhood issues or suspicious activities.
- Seeking emergency service from the city water department - such as for sewer problems, broken lines or emergency shut-off.
- To report that streetlights are out or traffic signals are malfunctioning.

• "911" is intended only for emergencies that need immediate response from law enforcement, firefighters or ambulance crews - such things as crimes or violent fights in progress, automobile accidents with serious injuries or house fires.

■ Full-time work

The CIC began around-the-clock operation at midnight Wednesday. It had previously operated only 12 hours a day. During the first 24 hours of full-time operation, community service officers in the CIC:

- Took 118 calls.
- Handled 27 walk-in cases.

- Did 47 "office assists" - providing such things as record checks and phone numbers for patrol officers on duty.
- Filed 10 crime reports.

■ More help

To meet the new workload, the Twin Falls Police Department will hire three new full-time and three new part-time community service officers.

• CSOs are civilians who work for the police department in several areas, such as crime scene investigation and service calls. They don't carry weapons other than pepper spray and do not have arrest powers.

• Full-time "level one" CSOs - authorized to work only in the call center - earn a starting monthly salary of \$1,942.

• Until the new CSOs are hired, those from other areas - such as misdemeanor investigations - have been temporarily pulled from their regular duties to help cover the call center.

Sources: Twin Falls Police Department, city of Twin Falls

THE 'GREAT COMMONER'



William Jennings Bryan speaking at Hotel Perrine in 1907. Ira Perrine is seated to Bryan's immediate left, then Robert McCollum, a close business associate of Perrine, and George Fraser of the Twin Falls News, a Republican who seems to have lost interest in the speech.

Photo courtesy of TWIN FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

I.B. Perrine becomes friends with William Jennings Bryan

In our county historical museum there hangs a piece of rough wood with this little verse inscribed on it:

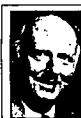
*Shoshone Falls, a work divine
Present an awe-inspiring view,
And teach that God is great.*

But, from our trip to Ranch Perrine,

*We learn what human hands can do.
Would we could imitate.*

The words are those of William Jennings Bryan, written in the year 1897, when he and Ira Burton Perrine began a warm friendship.

He's not planning potatoes. Nebraska Democrat had been chosen as his party's president.



TALES OF THE TRACT
James Varley



1, and it was his famous "Cross of Gold" speech, made at the party's convention, that won

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Bryan and 'Buffalo Bill' Cody argue over who is the better showman.

Photo courtesy of JAMES VARLEY

M-C farmers diversify, begin to think about long-term changes

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - For nearly his entire life, Marry Rochford has worked as a potato contract farmer. But not this year.

Rochford rented out the land where he used to plant potatoes. He's not planting potatoes.

Rochford grew potatoes for the J.R. Simplot Co. for 15 years. This year he planted beans, grains and alfalfa hay, and for a share of the profits he's taking care of the potatoes planted on the land he rented to another farmer.

"It's not like a \$5 contract like I'm used to," Rochford said. Potato growers all over the valley are re-evaluating their crops as potato contracts dwindle from

McCain Foods USA and Lamb Weston and all but disappear from Simplot. Many are moving to sugar beets, alfalfa or malt barley.

It's a chance for farmers to be more economical, said grower Randeel Martin. More farmers are buying used equipment, rather than new. It's like shopping at any store, Martin said, and heading to the sale racks instead of looking full-price items.

"If it's not on sale, I don't buy it," Martin said with a laugh. Another part of the potato business being evaluated is volume, Martin said. Potato growers have consistently grown more potatoes than they have contracts to sell.

"We need to get the supply in line with demand."

But Martin thinks potato growers remain optimistic about the crop's future.

"They are trying to hang on," Rochford said.

Martin isn't affected personally by reduced Simplot contracts; he grows for McCain and Lamb Weston. Those companies have reduced contracts too, Martin said.

Many farmers are changing from growing potatoes to sugar beets or malt barley.

"A lot of them aren't growing sugar beets. They are getting out of the business," Martin said - not the farming business entirely, but definitely out of potatoes.

Duane Grant, who farms north of Rupert, said he'll continue farming.

"We won't get out. It's our business. We have a tremendous investment in agriculture," Grant said.

He has been farming since 1980 - "too long," he quipped. Changes in agriculture similar to the Simplot closure have occurred, but never with a core commodity like potatoes, Grant said.

He remembered Del Monte in Burley closing 10 or 12 years ago when growers made adjustments. The plant processed green peas, mostly, and some sweet corn and other vegetables.

"That market was simply gone," Grant said. With the loss of Simplot contracts and cutbacks in McCain contracts, Grant reduced his potato

to crop by about 300 acres and found several smaller markets for some potatoes.

"What we couldn't find a good market for, we simply didn't plant," Grant said.

To compensate for the lost potatoes, Grant increased his malt barley acreage - from less than 1,000 acres to 3,500 acres. Growers make less money per acre from malt barley than from potatoes, but there is less risk involved, Grant said. Both are profitable, but malt barley takes more units to make a living.

Changing crops often means changing equipment, Martin said, and the money invested in potato equipment can be a loss to farmers.

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Economic
development
efforts take
many forms
after closure

By Shelley Rideout
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A year ago there was much talk that the best way to deal with the impending closure of the J.R. Simplot potato processing plant in Heyburn was to rally the community - through town meetings and task forces designed to bring people together.

No large-scale meeting effort or longstanding task forces came to fruition. But some smaller efforts did take seed, some of which are showing results today.

The volunteer group Families at Play wasn't formed in response to the Simplot plant closing, but that group recognized the need to rally the community around a positive project and is doing so. Families at Play members have gathered more than \$56,000 to build a new playground in Burley later this month. One of their rallying cries has been the need to unite behind something positive.

And strides were taken in the economic development arena.

The Mini-Cassia Development Commission and the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce affiliated with the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and Business Plus III.

Perhaps some of the urgency to form committees was alleviated by the timing changes in the Simplot layoff process. Regional

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Simplot
The Heyburn plant closureA year after the
announcement

- Today
- Farmers look for alternatives.
- Economic development gets focus.

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Acequia City Council, 8 p.m.
Acequia Automotive, 20602 F St.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 103 S. Main.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.
Hatley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., hallway.
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1404 Overland Ave.
Filer City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County

Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., hallway.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive.
Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., Burley.
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Belleuve City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.

Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake.
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Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

Friday

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This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Today

One Stop Shop training for CSI employees, 3 p.m., Taylor 256.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 104.
Magic Valley Soccer League games, 7 p.m., every Monday-Thursday, 5 p.m. every Friday-Sunday, CSI soccer field (through Sept. 20).

Tuesday

South Central District Health supervisor training workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science.
"Mingle in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest.
Baptist Campus Ministries weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shields 104.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
ACT automotive exam, 7 to 11:30 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.
Student annual art show (through June 1), Jean B. King gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science (free admission).

Wednesday

South Central District Health supervisor training workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science.
Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator exams, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor 276.
Outside Barnyard Bunch 4-H meeting, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen

CSI TODAY

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Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.

Thursday

CSI Nursing Skills Fair, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aspen 140 and 143.
CSI Trade and Industry Day, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium, Canyon and Desert buildings.
CSI Students in Recovery weekly meeting, noon, Shields 109.
CSI Student Honors recital, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Shields 118.
CSI Alliance Club weekly meeting, 3 p.m., Shields 112.
Northwest Nazarene University information meeting on graduate classes, 3 to 6 p.m., Shields 108 and 110.
CSI Charity: Anywhere Foundation meeting, 3:30 p.m., Meyerherf 218.
Annual CSI faculty and staff picnic and awards, 5 p.m., Expo park.
Silver Sage Grotto cave exploration meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.
ACT automotive exam, 7 to 11:30 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.
CSI Chi Alpha club weekly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Taylor 256.

Friday

Small Business Development Center government procurement workshop, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,

Taylor 277.
CSI Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, noon, Shields 114.
Music Fest 2003 scholarship auditions, 3:30 p.m., Fine Arts classrooms.
CSI Equine Awards Night, 7 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.
Huggie Bears: Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Deseret 113.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Spring Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Saturday

National Traffic Safety Institute class, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 103.
Certified Nursing Assistant written test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 195.
United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145.
Silver Sage Carl Scott's Mother-Daughter Walk, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., CSI Fitness Trail.
Jazz master class with Steve Barnes, 10:30 a.m., Fine Arts 121.
"Through the Eyes of Hubble," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Mystery of the Missing Seasons," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

Magic Valley Choral Mother's Day Pops Concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
Kathy Day student piano recital, 7 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

SERVICES

Claude Paul Smith of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

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

Betty Wickel of Albion, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Albion Ward LDS Chapel; burial will follow at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Arthur Walter Pufahl of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Dwight Dudley Sedorwick of King Hill, memorial service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenns Ferry; inurnment will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery (Summers

Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home).
Ione Daniels Harmsen of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Wendell, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Mary A. Koll of Albuquerque, N.M., and formerly of Wendell,

graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Milt Butler of Mackay and formerly of Gooding, memorial service and life celebration at 11 a.m. May 16 at the LDS Church, 1228 Main St., Gooding; celebration of life will be held Saturday afternoon on Main Street in Mackay.

Charles 'Lyle' Smith of Nampa, died Saturday at his home Saturday, May 3, 2003.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cloverdale Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Mabel H. Watson of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at the home of her daughter.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

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DEATH NOTICES

Lewis H. Burgess of Burley, died Sunday, May 4, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Harold F. Klaas of Jerome, died Saturday May 3, 2003, at his home.

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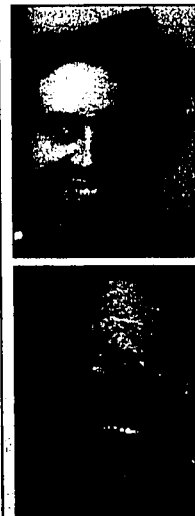
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RUPERT



Wayne R. Crystal
Wayne R. Crystal, 79, of Rupert, died Saturday, May 3, 2003, at the Vista Care Center in Rupert, Idaho.
Wayne was born July 2, 1923, in Rigby, Idaho, to David Raymond and Ivy Jensen Crystal. He was the seventh child in his family of 10 children. He was raised on the

family farm, where he learned how to farm and loved being a farmer. He attended high school in Ucon, Idaho, graduating from Ucon High in 1941. While in school he sang in the choir and was a quartet. He played football, baseball, and was on the track and tumbling teams. Wayne loved horses and loved having them around his whole life. While he was growing up he learned how to train them. He also loved dogs and he made sure that his kids had one at home during the time they were growing up.
Wayne joined the Army in 1941. He served as a Sergeant in the 65th Service Squadron and was stationed in New Guinea during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945. After returning home he married Ardith Randall; they were later divorced. To this union, six children were born: Julie LaRae, Danny, Susan, Ken and JoAnn. Wayne and Ardith taught their children how to work and how to fish. He instilled the love of fishing into his children and grandchildren. His most enjoyable times were spent with his family and working hard. He married Virginia Graf in 1972. They were married just a short time, when she died in an auto accident.
He farmed in the area for several years. After he left farming he worked in a potato warehouse, on a ranch and then for the City of Minidoka. There he worked as the city's maintenance person for seven years, before retiring because of health problems. He loved his job and the people of Minidoka.
Wayne was a very caring and loving person and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.
He is survived by his children: Julie (Darold) Staker, Rupert, ID; Dan (Jennifer) Crystal, Kimberly, ID; Susan (Tom) Haynes, Rupert, ID; Ken (Shari) Crystal, Shelley, ID; and JoAnn Conner, Filer, ID. His

brothers Floyd (Millie) Crystal, Garfield, ID, and Rod (Roba) Crystal, Hayburn, ID. His sister Elaine (Carl) Hoggan, Hamor, ID, 18 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his daughter Lane Maxwell; his parents, David and Ivy; six brothers: Jorold, Zay, Lynn, Rex, Gail and Don; two great-grandchildren: Avery and Carver Nelsen; and his second wife, Virginia Graf.
Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 6th Street. A viewing for family and friends will be held Monday, from 6 to 8 in the evening at the mortuary.
Graveside services will be held 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Grant Cemetery, Grant, Idaho, with Military Graveside Rites.

BUHL

Arthur Walter Pufahl
Arthur Walter Pufahl, 90, of Buhl, died Saturday May 3, 2003, at Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

He was born Dec. 17, 1912, at Corvallis, Oregon, to Julius and Anna Knochenmus Pufahl. His family moved to Buhl in 1914. Art was in the Army during WW II from 1942 to 1945. In 1948 he married Anna Bergland at Pipe Lake, Wisconsin. She died in 1990. He farmed in the Buhl area, was caretaker at West End Cemetery for 6 years, and worked at Rangens. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.
He is survived by nieces, nephews, and sisters and brothers-in-law.
A graveside service will be conducted at the West End Cemetery on Tuesday, May 6, at 11 a.m. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel on Monday from 1-7 p.m.

America at war

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

Matthew Emory Robinson
• Age: 31.
• Local family: Parents, E.S. "Robbie" and Mary Robinson of Twin Falls.

• Service: Army Reserves.
• Rank, assignment: 1st Lieutenant, Combat Support Transportation Co. Unit 419.

• Task: Supply fuel for military equipment.

• Additional information: He left April 21 for Kuwait and will be going into Iraq from there.

Mike Sabosook
• Age: 21.
• Hometown: Twin Falls.

• Local family: Parents, Neil Sabosook of Twin Falls and Theresa Luckham of Castleford.

• Service, date of enlistment: Navy, June 2000.

• Rank, assignment: Petty Officer 2nd class, USS Nimble.

• Task: Guided missile fire control in the Persian Gulf.

—Compiled by Arnie Thompson
For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Shari Barnes at 733-3259 or e-mail sharibarnes@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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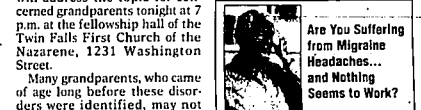
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Grandparents support group meets

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Grandparents who are raising grandchildren that show signs of abandonment, abuse or attachment disorders are encouraged to attend a support group meeting this evening.
Jane Krumm, a local therapist and former school counselor, will address the topic for concerned grandparents tonight at 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington Street.
Many grandparents, who came of age before these disorders were identified, may not even be aware that such disorders exist, said Page Geske of the Office on Aging.
In an increasing trend, more grandparents are returning to the role of parent. Such takeovers are necessary when the children's parents can no longer fulfill the role of parent either because of imprisonment, drug use or other circumstances. In turn, many of these children suffer from abandonment issues or Attention Deficit Disorder, leaving the grandparents at a loss as to how handle such behavior.



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Judge dismisses ex-sheriff, commissioners from suit

BURLEY - Former Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal, current Cassia County Commissioners Dennis Crane and Paul Christensen and former Commissioner Shirley Danner were dismissed from a civil lawsuit filed by a former sheriff's deputy.

Fifth District Judge John Melanson signed an order of dismissal March 21 in the lawsuit filed by Joyce Green.

Green also sued Cassia County, and that part of the lawsuit continues.

Two trial dates have been scheduled, either Sept. 22, 2003, or April 12, 2004.

Green filed the lawsuit a year ago alleging she was fired because of gender discrimination.

She worked as a sheriff's deputy from July 1977 until August 2000.

Glenns Ferry council will consider RV park application

GLENN'S FERRY - The City Council will review a conditional

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al-use permit application from the Trail Break Recreational Vehicle Park.

A public hearing for the permit will be held at 7 p.m. May 13 at the Glenns Ferry City Hall, 110 E. Second Ave.

The Trail Break RV Park is hoping to expand the use of its recreational vehicle park to include additional area bordering Elmore Street to the east and Old U.S. Highway 30 to the south.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing to provide input about the proposed expansion.

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. May 13. A copy of the conditional-use permit application will be on file at the Glenns Ferry City Hall.

For more information, call Christine Phernett at 366-7418.

- compiled from staff reports

Prosecutors drop drug charges against Burley man

By Shelley Kidenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Charges against a Burley man accused of making methamphetamine in his house and trafficking the drug were dismissed Friday.

Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway signed an order of dismissal of the charges without prejudice for Kurt Blaine Higgins, at the request of Deputy Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Blaine Cannon. Cannon filed a motion to dismiss in magistrate court in Cassia County on Wednesday.

A preliminary hearing for Higgins had been scheduled for Friday. He was charged with drug trafficking and drug possession. Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barnes said his office was at the point of conducting the preliminary hearing or dismissing the charges and opted to dismiss. But, Barnes said, the case against Higgins isn't going away. Barnes and Cannon have been working with the U.S. Attorney's Office, and attorneys in that Boise office

have said they are interested in pursuing a case against Higgins. That case, agency is better prepared to handle the drug trafficking side of the case, Barnes said. If federal charges aren't filed, because the case was dismissed without prejudice, Barnes said he said he will do so.

Higgins was arrested Feb. 13 at his home on 13th Street. Officers entered Higgins' house with a search warrant and found methamphetamine along with ingredients and equipment commonly used to make methamphetamine.

The search of Higgins' house became a public event of sorts because police barricaded the street and a hazardous materials team spent many hours at the house processing the materials used to make the illegal drug.

A charge of grand theft by possession filed in February against Higgins has also been dropped. He was accused of taking three guns from his girlfriend, who lived in the same house with him.

Farmers

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Grant plans to use his equipment on his reduced potato acreage; he bought one new combine to help speed the small barley harvest.

Raising potatoes to sell on the open market is an option, Rochford said, but one he elected not to take.

"The risk is so enormous, I wasn't willing to take that risk," Rochford said. "You can plant and hope."

Martin said Idaho is the swing state - other states get stable contracts.

If more potatoes are needed, Idaho gets contracts. When the potatoes aren't needed, the contracts aren't executed.

"We're the state that takes the ups and downs," Martin said.

Two things make Grant nervous about the future of farming, he said. One is a lingering soft potato market and continuing disadvantages in trade with Canada. The second is a struggling dairy industry.

"Neither one of those are good for the valley," Grant said.

Dairies are large consumers of alfalfa and straw, Grant said. If dairies struggle, that could trickle down and increase financial stress

on farms. A struggling dairy industry could have as much impact as the Simplot plant closure, Grant anticipates a coming change in land values. Even if land can sustain a potato crop, the property isn't worth as much if the new landowner can't sell potatoes and has to put the land to another use.

Fewer potato contracts mean farmers must diversify their crops, Martin said, which is perhaps a blessing.

Some growers have the philosophy of "grow one or two things and grow them well," Grant said; others try to diversify, as he has. He grows potatoes, beets, silage corn for dairies, wheat, alfalfa and dry beans.

Rochford acknowledges it might be time to think about getting out of farming, but it's a huge thing to think about for someone who has farmed since 1982.

"It depends on the prices of my other crops," Rochford said. Big farms of 1,000-plus acres are becoming dominant. Rochford owns and rents a total of 500 acres between owning and renting.

Things were changing even before the Simplot decision, however, Rochford said.

"You could see the changes coming."

Economic

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Labor Economist Greg Rogers said. Fewer people were affected in the first round of layoffs than was first thought.

Mini-Cassia is in a good position when it comes to prospective employers, Rogers said, because the labor pool is good.

"We're just waiting for it to happen. We can provide the workers," he said.

And the community has spent this past year positioning itself to be ready for businesses looking to relocate or expand. Mini-Cassia Economic Development Coordinator Medchelle McFarland said.

McFarland is working on two new business leads and eight expansion projects.

The importance of those expansion projects shouldn't be overlooked, she said.

"We're growing our own. The economy might be bad, but our local businesses are doing well."

Now local leaders must tell that story to business owners to attract them to Mini-Cassia, she said. SIEDO leads that effort.

At least one chamber member still thinks some task force or steering committee should have been formed and maybe still should at this point.

Last year Randy Golay was on the chamber board when the Simplot announcement occurred. He suggested then that committees be formed to plan strategy for the coming years.

Golay isn't a chamber board member any more, but he is still concerned about the potential effects of the plant closure.

He said a key factor is to develop a common goal for the community. Without that, Golay asks, "How are we ever going to decide where we'll go or what we'll do?"

"It may sound corny to people, but goals work," he said. "You need a plan, or you can't change things. We all know we want something to happen, but we don't know what to do."

Rogers and McFarland remind people that economic development is never a quick process.

"Economic development takes a lot of time. People get impatient and forget that," Rogers said.

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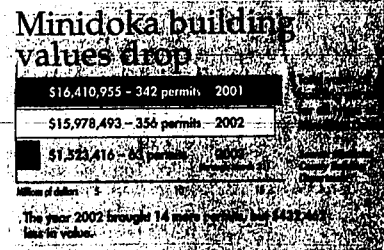
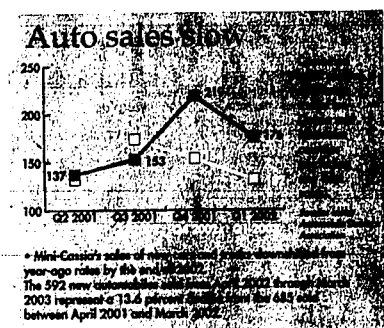
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The city of Twin Falls recently paid \$50,000 toward its share of the budget for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. The city still owes more than \$157,000 to SIRCOMM and could face litigation if it doesn't pay, according to a letter sent last month to city officials by Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey. Tousey also serves as SIRCOMM's director.

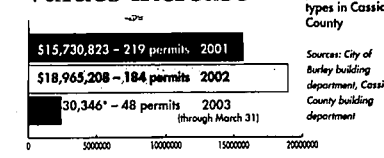
During a meeting on the matter Wednesday, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said the City Council had allocated another \$150,000 for SIRCOMM this fiscal year. But no more payments had yet been authorized by the council, he said.

The situation remained the same Friday, Clow said, and there had been no further discussion on the matter among the council or other city officials. It wasn't known when the council might next take action on the SIRCOMM payments, he said.

Tousey said Wednesday suing



Cassia building values increase



The city of Burley did not report valuations for 2003, but eight permits from the city are included in the number of permits.

the city might still be a possibility. He was out of town Friday and could not be reached for comment.

SIRCOMM's attorney - Republican Rep. Leon Smith of Twin Falls - said on Wednesday he was still busy with the Idaho Legislature.

It would take time to dig through SIRCOMM's documents to pinpoint exactly what, if any, recourse the center can take against the city over the bill, Smith said.

It's also not clear if the city might eventually push to break totally away from SIRCOMM and turn the City Information Center into a full-blown dispatch station, Clow said.

And it would take research to find out what consequences the city might face if it decides to try breaking out of its contracts as a member of SIRCOMM, Smith said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Twin Falls Police Department was busy

picking three full-time and three part-time community service officers to cover the new shifts at the call center, DeVore said. About 80 people had applied for the jobs.

If the order comes down from City Hall to turn the information center into a 911 dispatch center, DeVore said his staff can handle it.

"We have three CSOs now who are certified to act as dispatchers," DeVore said. "In the group of applicants, we have a number of certified dispatchers, including some who have worked for SIRCOMM."

With a good core of qualified dispatchers, it would take the department only a few weeks at most to train enough people for 24-hour emergency dispatch service, he said.

Even so, DeVore said he doesn't think that's imminent.

"It's something that may be out in the distance, or it might not happen at all," he said.

History

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him the nomination.

The handsome, vigorous Bryan was surely the most compelling orator of his time, and when he spoke at the convention, his marvelous, baritone voice soared, unamplified, to the farthest recesses of the assembly hall.

In extolling free silver coinage he spoke disdainfully of "organized wealth," and of the hardships on debtors that a gold standard would cause. He concluded his oration with a promise that working men would answer the demand for a gold standard by saying to the wealthy, "You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns; you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold."

"Boy Bryan" thus became one of the youngest men ever to run for the presidency. In the ensuing campaign, he worked tirelessly, traveling through 27 states, and speaking up to 25 times a day. But despite this effort, William McKinley won the election decisively.

The following summer, Bryan presided over a "Trans-Mississippi Congress" at Salt Lake City. It was there that Idaho's U.S. Sen. Fred Dubois (a Silver Republican who later turned Democrat) introduced him to Larraine. An invitation to visit the Blue Lakes was extended and, a few days later on July 24, 1897, Bryan and his family arrived at Shoshone on the morning train.

The "great commoner," as he was known, had received 78 percent of Idahoans' votes for president, so his arrival drew a large crowd of local families, as well as many from the Wood River country, who had come down on the branch railroad the previous evening.

The guests were served breakfast at Matt McFall's New Columbia Hotel and then went to the Shoshone Pavilion where, through horse fire, many speeches. Bryan addressed the crowd. Afterward, Perrine escorted his visitors across the desolate plain to the falls, and thence to the Blue Lakes, in a six-horse coach driven by "Captain" Charles Haynes, a former stage driver for the Overland Mail Company. Perrine and his guest hit it off right from the start. They were both the same age, 37, from the Midwest, and were hard-working and optimistic men.

No doubt, Bryan was fed plenty of fried trout and fresh fruit, and he may have been taken on a moonlight visit to Perrine's melon patch. He probably was taken in a boat upriver to see the "Natural Fiers" (Pillars Falls), and the eagle nests so common in the canyon those days.

In any event, Bryan was totally delighted and refreshed by the visit. He remarked that Perrine's ranch - "as green as a Nebraska farm in June" - demonstrated the possibilities of irrigation and testified to Perrine's intelligence and industry.

The views were entrancing - the great spring issuing from the side of the hill, the stream rushing down through a series of falls to the river and, perched at the top, the Blue Lakes - so clear that one could see the trout rise



Bryan gazes wistfully at the White House in an 1899 political cartoon.

The 'monkey' trial

In July 1925, the deeply religious William Jennings Bryan helped prosecute John Scopes, a Tennessee teacher who had purportedly broken that state's law prohibiting the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution in public schools.

The "monkey" trial attracted worldwide attention, the press portraying Bryan as a "pious punch drunk warrior" who was clearly no intellectual match for the famous defense counsel, Clarence Darrow. Scopes was found guilty at the request of Darrow, who wanted the case to be heard in the state Supreme Court. That body later reversed the conviction on a legal technicality.

The days after the trial ended, Bryan died quietly in his sleep, exhausted by his busy life and weakened by diabetes and a recent automobile accident. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery beneath the inscription, "He Kept the Faith."

from the rocky bottom to take a fisherman's bait.

In 1900, after Bryan once again lost the presidential election to McKinley, he founded and edited a weekly newspaper, The Commoner. In it, he began championing a wide range of progressive reforms: workman's compensation, an eight-hour work day, government regulation of railroads and utilities, and women's suffrage, just to name a few.

On Sept. 14, 1907, nearly 10 years after his first visit, Bryan and his wife came once again to the lakes as guests of the Perrines. By then Twin Falls had sprung into being and had its own railroad and depot, where the Bryans were warmly

received by a large delegation and the city band. On his drive to the canyon, Bryan was amazed to see the prosperous new town and the farms, sitting in the midst of what had previously been only range land.

As before, Bryan enjoyed his stay immensely. He fished a lot and sat in the orchards working on a book he was writing. He explored the area and built three rock monuments on a cliff overlooking the Perrine home. He also visited the new north side tract, which was about to be thrown open to entry, and he arranged to buy 40 acres adjoining the Jerome town site.

On the final day of his visit, Sept. 20, before catching the evening train, Bryan delivered a speech from the veranda of the Hotel Perrine.

The weather was beautiful, and every square foot of the spacious hotel court was occupied, as were the surrounding streets.

Bryan was introduced by Senator Dubois - by then a card-carrying Democrat. In a lengthy speech, Bryan praised Perrine for helping turn the desert into a garden and making homes for thousands of people. Wealth drawn from Mother Earth, he said, was legitimate wealth, unlike that gained by exploitation of the public.

The following year, 1908, Bryan ran once again for president and was once again defeated, this time by William Taft. He thus became the only man ever to run for the office three times without winning.

Twin Falls resident James Varley recently wrote the book "Steamboats, Shoshoni, Scoundrel and Such," a compilation of historical stories of Idaho, Nevada and California.



MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“We made a mistake. We meant to regard this event as tongue-in-cheek, but really did not think it through thoroughly.”

—Quad City River Bandits president Kevin W. Krause, after canceling “Larry Eustachy’s Iowa State Night at the Ballpark,” which would include cheap beer and a kissing booth

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who said “You can learn a little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat?”

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball
Glenns Ferry at Wood River JV, 4 p.m.
- Buhl at Wood River, 4 p.m.
- High school softball
Glenns Ferry at Twin Falls JV, 4:30 p.m.
- High school golf
Boise Invitational, at Shadow Valley, 3 p.m.
- at 93 Golf Ranch, Jerome, noon

IN BRIEF

Gooding ladies golf group meets soon

GOODING — The Gooding Ladies Golf Association is holding its season-opening scramble on Wednesday, May 7 at Gooding Country Club. Play commences with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. with lunch and a meeting to follow. There will also be a women’s twilight league meeting on Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. For more information, call the pro shop at 934-9977.

Minidoka County schools hold physicals

RUPERT — Athletic physicals will be administered for all incoming classes in the Minidoka County School District on Tuesday for girls and Wednesday for boys. Examinations will be conducted from 5:30-7:30 p.m. both nights at Mini-Cassia Occupational Health at 1218 Ninth St., Suite No. 13. Cost is \$10 or must have an appropriate signature on any community service coupons. Filled out forms must be picked up in advance at area schools.

Minico athletics orientation set for today

RUPERT — The Minico athletic department is holding an orientation Monday that is mandatory for all incoming freshmen who would like to participate in athletics next year. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be discussion on eligibility, paperwork, schedules, drug testing and physicals. Contact Tim Perrigot at 436-4721 if unable to attend for unavoidable circumstances.

Burley booster club will meet tonight

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club is holding a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the school’s conference room. It is important that all parents interested in the direction of Burley athletics attend the meeting since plans are being made for next year. Call 677-4345 or 678-3044 with any questions.

Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Hall of Fame pitcher Christy Mathewson.

Stomach pull stops Venus

Strained stomach muscle could hamper French Open chances

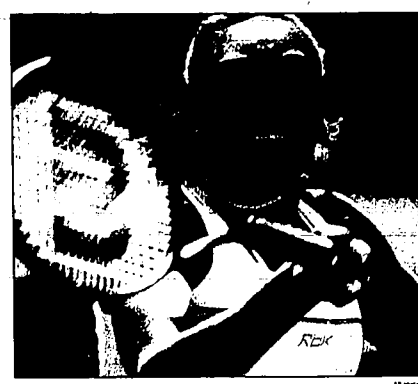
The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Venus Williams sat in the changeover chair, a hand on her stomach. The pain of a strained muscle forced her to quit during the third set of the J&S Cup final against Amelie Mauresmo on Sunday, leaving Williams’ status for the French Open in doubt. Mauresmo, who lost all five previous matches against Williams, led the championship match at the clay-court tournament 6-7 (6), 6-0, 3-0 when play was stopped. “The injury isn’t good,”

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Williams said. “They’ve told me that an abdominal strain needs more time to heal than a regular strain, so I have to take advice and see how I’m doing.” The French Open, the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay, starts in three weeks. Williams reached the final there for the first time last year, losing to her sister Serena. Even if she can play at Roland Garros, her preparation certainly will be hampered. Williams already had pulled out of the May 12-18 Italian Open, saying she didn’t want to play too much leading up to the French Open, which begins May 26. Now she might have to withdraw from the German Open this

week. Williams, who has won four major titles, was hurt in the first set Sunday but didn’t realize right away how badly. “I thought it was a stomach ache,” she said. “When I have an injury in the middle of a match I just don’t believe it’s happening to me. When I come back to reality I know I have to re-evaluate the situation and try and get some help.” Williams left the court for treatment after the second set. When she returned, she looked in real pain while falling behind 3-0 in the third set. When her 13th double-fault made the score 30-40 in the next game, she stopped. For Mauresmo, the J&S Cup represents her ninth career title and first of the season. “It’s a weird way to win,” Mauresmo said.



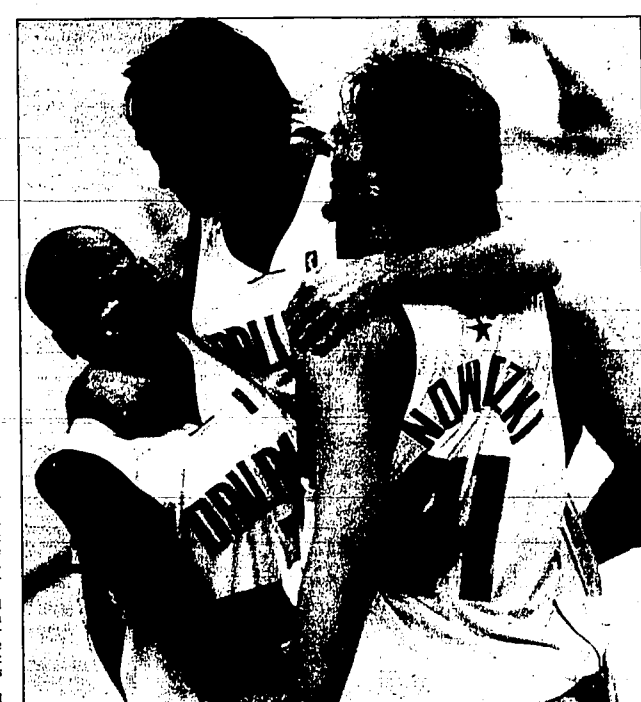
Venus Williams returns a serve against Amelie Mauresmo Sunday in the Warsaw Open finale. A pulled stomach muscle may sideline her for awhile.

Dallas denies Blazers

Portland falls short of historic NBA playoffs comeback

The Associated Press

DALLAS — With the Dallas Mavericks on the brink of an epic meltdown, Dirk Nowitzki went to the gym and worked on his shot. Not Nick Van Exel. He was too ashamed to leave his house. “I went home and pulled down the blinds,” Van Exel said. “I didn’t want to be seen. It’s an embarrassing feeling to be up 3-0 and then lose three in a row. But this morning, we couldn’t wait.” Nowitzki’s fine-tuned jumper produced 31 points and Van Exel added 26, sending Dallas past Portland 107-95 Sunday, finally eliminating the Trail Blazers after three failed attempts. The Mavericks avoided a spot in NBA infamy by showing the tenacity they’d been lacking since winning Game 3. They drove the lane, banged for rebounds and prevented Portland from loading up on easy baskets. The Blazers, who seemed to have the upper hand after man-handling Dallas in Game 6, ran out of answers in the fourth quarter. They failed to score a basket in the final 3:08, while the Mavericks made 13 of 17 shots in the period, including four 3-pointers.



Mavericks point guard Steve Nash jumps into the arms of Nick Van Exel and Dirk Nowitzki after the Mavericks won Game 7 against Portland Sunday to advance to the second round of the NBA playoffs against Sacramento.

The star was Nowitzki, who had four points and no rebounds in the 22-point loss in Game 6. After concentrating on rebounds the first half and scoring only eight points, he began looking for his shot during crunch time. It was there, too, as he scored seven straight points starting with 2:52 left that put Dallas ahead for good. The capper was a 3-pointer that made it 100-94, drawing a roar from the crowd of 20,281 that was as much joy as relief. Nowitzki celebrated by throwing up his arms, hugging Van Exel then catching Steve Nash as

he leaped toward them. The Blazers slumped shoulders and blank faces indicated they were out of comebacks. “We knew our energy wasn’t

there in the last three games and that’s where we had to pick it up,” said Nowitzki, who had 11 rebounds. “We had to be more physical in the paint and rebound

the ball.” Now they’ll have to try doing it all over again in the second round against the Sacramento Kings. Game 1 is Tuesday night.

Flesch gets first tour career win

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Steve Flesch won for the first time in his career Sunday, capping an impressive comeback with a 35-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole at the HP Classic of New Orleans. Flesch, who began the day seven shots behind leader Scott Verplank, shot a final-round 65 to finish tied with Bob Estes at 21-under 267. Verplank held a two-stroke lead with four holes to play, but bogeyed 16 and double-bogeyed 18 to finish a 2-over 74. He ended up third at 19-under. Flesch joined Mike Weir as the only left-handers to win on tour this year. Weir has won three times, including the Masters last month. Both Estes and Flesch hit solid tee shots to start the playoff hole, the challenging 471-yard, par-4 18th, which yielded few birdies in the final round. They reached the green comfortably in two. Flesch’s ball was just a few feet from Estes’ and about five feet farther from the hole. The winning putt rolled steady, straight and fast, and when it dropped Flesch leaped into the air and pumped his fist over his head, taking a victory lap around the green. Estes’ chance to extend the playoff never



Steve Flesch reacts to his winning putt Sunday

Buhl HS students plan spring cleaning

The Times-News

BUHL — It’s the ultimate in spring cleaning. But instead of light dusting, there will be heavy lifting — of the barbell kind. Buhl High School students involved in body development and weight lifting classes will stage the first-ever Buhl Spring Clean-A-Thon Monday at the middle school gymnasium. Over 150 students involved in the fund-raiser will attempt maximum lifts in the clean, which consists of picking up a barbell and swinging it up to the chest, all in one motion. The weightlifter then sets both feet under the weight to stabilize it. Weight lifting instructor and Buhl football coach Gary Krumm said the event is to promote the classes and to raise funds for the self-supported weight room,

Local spots

which is located in the basement of the middle school. “It’s one of the most used facilities in the district,” Krumm said. “We’ve taken some pride in keeping it nice. With the cuts school districts are facing, this is about the only way we can keep our weight room in great shape.” Krumm, along with teacher Stacy Wilson, said students have been busy signing up sponsors, who can contribute by the pound or in set amounts. The public is encouraged to attend the event, which runs from 6-9 p.m. A concession stand will serve beverages and snacks. Students from all classes will participate. Current school record-keepers

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SPORTS

Oakland's Zito blanks Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Zito outduelled Roger Clemens in a marquee matchup of the last two AL Cy Young winners, blanking baseball's top-scoring team for eight innings and pitching the Oakland Athletics over the New York Yankees 2-0 Sunday.

A day earlier, Athletics first baseman Scott Hatteberg playfully called it a meeting of "Cy Young vs. Cy Old." Hatteberg helped decide the outcome, too, hitting a solo home run on Clemens' sixth pitch of the game.

That turned out to be the only run Zito (5-2) needed to deny Clemens his 29th career victory. Featuring a big-bending curve ball, the left-hander held the Yankees to four hits and kept their crowd of 45,426 awfully quiet.



Oakland won for the eighth time in 10 games. By taking two of three, the Athletics became the first team to win a series against the Yankees this season. Miguel Tejada added an RBI single, and Keith Foulke got three outs for his eighth save in 10 tries.

The 40-year-old Clemens (4-2), a six-time Cy Young winner, allowed just four hits in seven innings.

Twins 9, Red Sox 4

BOSTON — Matthew LeCroy had three RBIs and Minnesota overcame a four-run deficit to beat Boston.

Trailing 4-0, the Twins tied it in the sixth, then went ahead with five runs in the seventh.

Corey Koskie began Minnesota's comeback with an RBI double off Tim Lincecum. LeCroy followed with an RBI single, Todd Sears with a sacrifice fly and Michael Cuddyer with a game-tying triple.

Minnesota's first three batters reached to load the bases in the seventh, with Mike Timlin (3-1) making a throwing error on Cristian Guzman's one-out sacrifice. LeCroy's two-run single put the Twins ahead 6-4. Tom Prince added a two-run double.

Blue Jays 8, Angels 2

TORONTO — Carlos Delgado hit a three-run double and Toronto completed a three-game sweep.

The Blue Jays, who have won four straight overall, swept the Angels in a three-game series for the first time since June 15-17, 1999.

Mark Hendrickson (2-4) and Kelvin Escobar combined on a four-hitter, and Toronto held the defending World Series champions to just four runs in three games. Anaheim's Tim Salmon went 0-for-4, ending his 20-game hitting streak.

Indians 3, Rangers 1

CLEVELAND — C.C. Sabathia (1-2) won for the first time in 2003, starting this season, allowing four hits and an unearned run in eight innings. Danyal Baez finished with a hitless ninth for his fifth save.

The Indians had been 0-6 in Sabathia's first three seasons.

Tigers 7, Devil Rays 3

DETROIT — Carlos Pena hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the sixth inning and Detroit won for only the fourth time in 29 games this season.

The Tigers set a season high for runs, snapped a six-game losing streak and avoided the worst 29-game start in major league history.



Oakland's Scott Hatteberg starts running after hitting a solo home run off New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens as Yankees catcher John Flaherty and umpire Larry Poncinio look on during the first inning Sunday in New York.

ry. Baltimore of the American Association opened 3-25 in 1882.

Royals 4, Orioles 0

BALTIMORE — Mike Delfino homered, and Chris George and two relievers combined on a seven-hitter as Kansas City beat Baltimore.

The Royals had only four hits, but still mustered enough offense to win the series finale. Kansas City won two of three after going 0-7 against Baltimore last year.

Carlos Febles hit a two-run double with two outs in the ninth.

Mariners 5, White Sox 1, 6 innings

CHICAGO — Ichiro Suzuki made a great throw to cut off an early run and hit one of three Seattle homers Sunday night as the Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 5-1 in a game shortened by rain.

Seattle completed its first three-game sweep in Chicago since 1978 behind the pitching of Ed Marte and three RBIs from Edgar Martinez, who also homered.

The Mariners had little trouble against Bartolo Colon (2-3), who gave up nine hits and lost his third straight start. The White Sox have dropped 10 of their last 14 and fallen to third place in the AL Central, prompting manager Jerry Manuel to answer questions about his job security before the game.

National League

Cardinals 6, Expos 2

ST. LOUIS — Matt Morris pitched a six-hitter and Scott Rolen hit a two-run homer Sunday as the St. Louis Cardinals wrapped up a perfect six-game homestand with a 6-2 victory over the Montreal Expos.

The NL Central leaders have a season-best seven-game winning streak, starting with a 20-inning victory a week ago at Florida.

The Cardinals won 49-16 during the homestand with three game sweeps of the Expos and New York Mets. Morris (3-2) struck out six and walked two in his 10th career complete game and second this season. Javier Vazquez (3-2) allowed five runs and six hits in six innings.

Mets 5, Brewers 3

MILWAUKEE — Cliff Floyd hit

a grand slam off Matt Kinney (2-2) in the sixth, and Al Leiter (4-1) allowed three runs and four hits in six innings. He hasn't lost to Milwaukee since June 27, 1994, while with Toronto.

Armando Benitez got four outs for his ninth save in 13 chances, throwing a called third strike past Geoff Jenkins with a runner on to end the eighth.

Richie Sexson hit his 10th homer, a first-inning drive off the center-field scoreboard estimated 440 feet.

Astros 5, Marlins 2

HOUSTON — Morgan Ensberg broke a 2-2 tie with a squeeze bunt off Tim Lincecum (1-1) that drove in Brad Ausmus in a three-run eighth as Houston completed a three-game sweep.

Brad Lidge (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth, striking out two, and Billy Wagner pitched a one-hit ninth for his sixth save in seven chances. Juan Pierre was 4-for-4 for the Marlins, and Richard Hidalgo was 3-for-3 with a homer for the Astros.

Cubs 5, Rockies 4

CHICAGO — Alex Gonzalez homered off Steve Reed (2-1) in the 10th inning. Ramon Martinez hit a solo homer, and Hee Seop Choi drove in a pair of runs for Chicago, 3-0, in extra-innings. Preston Wilson doubled three times and drove in a pair of runs for Colorado, and starter Jason Jennings matched his career high with nine strikeouts.

Joe Borowski (1-0) pitched a hitless inning for the win on his 32nd birthday. Colorado has lost four of five overall, and seven of eight on the road.

Dodgers 3, Pirates 2

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Brown (3-1) beat Pittsburgh for the fourth straight time, allowing four hits in eight innings and walking none for the second consecutive start.

Eric Gagne finished for his 10th save as many chances, allowing an RBI groundout to Aramis Ramirez — the first run off Gagne in 16 1/3 innings this season.

Cesar Izturis drove in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning single off Jeff D'Amico (2-3), who gave up three runs — two earned — and five hits in seven innings.

Giants 6, Reds 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Edgardo Alfonzo homered and drove in four runs, and Kirk Rueter extended his dominance of Cincinnati.

Rueter (3-1) gave up one run and four hits in six innings, improving to 10-1 lifetime against the Reds. The Giants kept up their best start in 30 years despite winning for just the third time in eight games.

Rich Aurilia matched a career high with four hits for San Francisco.

The Reds failed in their attempt to win a fourth straight series for the first time in two years. Cincinnati lost for the third time in 11 games.

Ryan Dempster (1-2), starting for the first time on three days' rest, allowed five runs on five hits and five walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Phillies 3, Padres 1

SAN DIEGO — Randy Wolf pitched into the seventh inning, reached base twice and scored once as Philadelphia beat the pumblers Padres.

Wolf (4-2) and four relievers combined on a three-hitter. The Phillies had just five hits, one of them a double by Wolf.

Padres right-hander Adam Eaton (1-3) left after five innings with a strained right groin, the second straight Padres starter to be forced out with an injury. On Saturday night, Brian Lawrence left after six innings with pain in his right elbow.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 4, 11 innings

PHOENIX — Rafael Furcal's foul pop led to two runs in the 11th inning, and Atlanta beat Arizona.

With the bases loaded, one out and the score tied at 4, Furcal popped up behind first base. Mark Grace and second baseman Junior Spivey grazed each other as Grace made the catch.

Darren Bragg tagged and scored from third on the sacrifice fly, and Grace's wild throw home bounced into the Arizona dugout for an error that allowed Vinny Castilla to score from second.

Marcelo Giles added an RBI single to make it 7-4.

John Smoltz pitched the 11th for his major league-best 12th save.

Major League Baseball

All Times EDT AMERICAN LEAGUE												
		East Division				Central Division				West Division		
		W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int		
New York	23	8	742		-5.5	L2-	10-6	13-3	0-0			
Boston	20	11	545	3-64		L-1	11-4	9-7	0-0			
Baltimore	16	14	533	6.5-2-4		L-1	8-8	8-8	0-0			
Toronto	14	18	438	9.5-4-3		W-4	8-10	0-8	0-0			
Tampa Bay	12	19	387	11-7-1		L-1	8-8	1-1	0-0			

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Gr	Home	Away	Int			
Kansas City	19	9	.679	-	2-4-8	W-1	10-0	9-9	0-0			
Minnesota	15	15	.500	5	6-4	W-1	6-7	9-8	0-0			
Chicago	15	18	.484	5.5	3-7	L-3	10-9	5-7	0-0			
Cleveland	9	21	.300	11	2-8	W-1	5-10	4-11	0-0			
Detroit	4	25	.138	15.5	2-8	W-1	2-12	2-13	0-0			

All Times EDT AMERICAN LEAGUE													
		East Division		Central Division		West Division		L10		Str		Home	
		W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	Opp	W	L
Seattle	20	11	845	3-4	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Oakland	19	12	580	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5
Texas	14	17	452	6	2-5	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Anaheim	13	17	433	6-5	4-6	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	Diff	Diff	Diff
Atlanta	20	11	.645	-	2-8-2	W-1	10-8	10-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Philadelphia	19	13	.594	1.5	6-4	W-2	10-8	9-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Montreal	18	13	.581	2	2-6-4	1-3	10-8	8-7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Florida	15	18	.455	6	3-7	1-3	9-8	6-12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

New York	13	18	.419	7	2-6	W-1	6-7	5-11	0-0
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Inter
St. Louis	17	12	.586	-	8-2	W-7	10-4	7-8	0-0
Chicago	18	13	.581	-	5-5	W-1	10-6	7-7	0-0
Houston	14	16	.467	3.5	4-6	W-3	9-7	6-9	0-0
Pittsburgh	14	18	.437	3.5	4-6	L-2	4-11	10-5	0-0
Cincinnati	13	18	.419	5	2-6-4	L-2	7-8	6-10	0-0
Milwaukee	10	21	.323	8	2-8	L-1	5-11	5-10	0-0

All Times EDT AMERICAN LEAGUE													
		East Division		Central Division		West Division		L10		Str		Home	
		W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	W	L
San Francisco	21	9	700	—	—	2-5	5-1	W-2	10-5	11-4	0-0	0-0	0-0
Colorado	16	15	516	5-5	4-6	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	5-11	0-0	0-0
Los Angeles	18	16	500	6	2-7	3-7	W-1	9-7	7-9	7-9	0-0	0-0	0-0
Arizona	13	19	406	9	5-5	1-1	1-1	7-10	6-9	6-9	0-0	0-0	0-0
San Diego	11	20	355	10-5	2-7	1-2	6-10	5-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Games

Toronto 8, Anaheim 2
Detroit 7, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 0

Cleveland 3, Texas 1
Oakland 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
Minnesota 9, Boston 4

Seattle 5, Chicago White Sox 1, 5 innings, rain

Monday's Games

Detroit (Cornejo 1-2) at Baltimore (Johnson 4-0), 5:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lowe 3-2) at Kansas City (May 0-1), 6:05 p.m.

OTHER VIEWS

Kempthorne caves in to education cutback scam

The Lewiston (Idaho) Morning Tribune

Two years ago, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne warned legislators that the nation was headed into an economic slump, and proposed temporary tax cuts to return a temporary budget surplus to Idaho taxpayers. Legislators ignored the warning, and passed \$100 million in permanent tax cuts.

Kempthorne caved and signed those cuts into law. The state is still trying to dig out from the revenue shortfall those tax cuts might have caused, but certainly made worse. That shortfall has dragged many state services - including public education - down to a point where their viability is in question.

So this year, Kempthorne warned legislators that public education, from kindergarten through the university level, was headed backward, and demanded that the cutting stop and money be found to stop the slide. And thus far through a legislative session of record length, he has stood his ground.

Until now. House leaders, frustrated by the governor's insistence on properly funded schools, have latched onto a scam created by a freshman member, Oakley Republican Scott Bedke, to weaken public school support for next year and future years. It appears legislators will pass it.

And Kempthorne, once again, appears to be caving. Brian Whitlock, the gover-

nor's chief of staff, says Kempthorne accepts the spending levels and the changes in policies in Bedke's legislation.

Those spending levels represent a retreat from Kempthorne's previous insistence on a \$943 million public school budget, no matter how many mirrors they are reflected from. And those policies - many of which were heard and disposed of in the appropriate committees earlier this session - represent a withdrawal of state government from its role in financing public schools.

From teacher pay to schoolbuses, the legislation puts caps on the amount of support going from the state to local school districts.

That means local property tax payers would be left to make up the difference. It also ends the state's payment of 25 percent of local property levies, freezing the dollar amount of the Republicans' 1995 property tax relief legislation, which again will result in higher property taxes.

If Kempthorne goes along with this last-minute revision of Idaho's entire public school support system, in other words, he will be swapping weaker schools for higher property taxes.

That's quite a bargain, and there's no question who the winners will be.

They will be the legislative leaders who helped create the revenue shortfall in 2001 when they made a patsy of Dirk Kempthorne - for the first time.

Americas need to take a tough stand on Cuba

With the war in Iraq over and the road map to peace in the Middle East delivered, there's plenty of opportunity for America to gloat. It shouldn't. Not when our own hemisphere is in such turmoil. Where's the road map for the Americas?

As Secretary of State Colin Powell noted this week at the Council of the Americas conference, Latin America's deepening poverty, coupled with political setbacks, challenges the most ardent defender of democracy and capitalism in the region.

MYRIAM MARQUEZ

"We told them that democracy would work," Powell told business leaders. "If we collectively do not deliver, then democracy has no meaning, the free-market system has no meaning."

Deep debt levels plague Latin America, particularly Argentina, once an economic powerhouse that survived right-wing generals only to now find itself poorer in a global economy and bitter about U.S.-backed economic plans that never delivered prosperity.

With oil-rich Venezuela in the midst of a political and economic meltdown, Colombia's people terrorized by leftist narco-traffickers and right-wing paramilitaries, Central America still struggling with democracy, and Cuba suffering through its 44th year of a communist dictatorship, the region's challenges are immense.

Latin America was supposed to be George W. Bush's job numero uno. Bush was working with Mexico's Vicente Fox to create a massive American trade zone that would rival the European Union's and lift all boats, as the Republicans like to say. But the terrorist attacks on America forced a reshuffling of U.S. priorities. And, as the first



elected president of an opposing party, Fox's political problems at home have turned a once dynamic free-market leader into an apologist for the likes of Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, whose leftist strong-arm rule has quashed any notion that he's a democracy lover.

Cuba remains at the epicenter of the political chaos, having recently killed by firing squad three hijackers of a ferry and imprisoned 78 dissidents, including dozens of independent journalists. In the face of such repression, even European communists and Latin American intellectuals have woken up to Cuba's reality, some calling for a trade embargo against the island while the dissidents are set free. No one with half a brain is buying the Cuban regime's line that the dissidents are a made-

in-USA plot to destroy the revolution.

Unfortunately there seem to be a few leaders in Latin America with less than half a brain when it comes to Cuba. Just this week, Cuba's communist regime hailed as a big victory keeping its seat on the United Nations' human-rights panel. Headed by Libya, the panel has become a pathetic excuse for totalitarian regimes to grandstand. Yet not one Latin American diplomat raised a fuss about Cuba's continued participation in that forum.

Powell says the United States is retreating its policies toward Cuba. There's talk the U.S. embargo will once again be tightened. Great - just what Castro intended, another hard-line U.S. policy he will manipulate.

Here's what Castro wouldn't expect: a tough, principled stand by Latin America and the European Union to put their money behind their human-rights rhetoric. They have argued for years that trading with Cuba would help open that society. Now that Castro has called their bluff and tightened the noose on his people, the only thing left that hasn't been tried is the big stick of economic sanctions.

Not because Tio Sam says so. But simply because it's the moral thing to do, the right thing to do, and, when all is said and done, the only road map that can lead Cuba's desperate people to freedom.

Myriam Marquez is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.

LETTERS

Endless session hands taxpayer a bigger bill

I'll tell you what I think about the never-ending legislative session in Boise. It's a joke! Instead of getting the budget taken care of at the beginning of the session, they waited until later, hoping by some miracle the problem would go away. Well, it didn't, and now it has cost us taxpayers an extra \$600,000 and counting because of their inability to make a decision.

Maybe they could have repealed the tax cut of 2001, added a few "sin" taxes on alcohol and smokes and been home by now.

Now all the Idaho voters that voted for these incompetents are going to pay and extra amount of sales tax.

Please think about this in the next election.

DEXTER JONES

Jerome

Dispatch workers serve on through the stress

Amid all of the hubbub and controversy with the "powers that be" surrounding SIRCOMM, there is still one very important fact that needs to be addressed.

The people that are doing the actual work at SIRCOMM of answering phones, dispatching ambulances, fire departments and law enforcement officers and reassuring and assisting the callers are doing a wonderful job.

They are still highly trained and dedicated individuals doing a very stressful but fulfilling and rewarding job.

The public must not let problems with administration deter

them from making those lifesaving calls or from having the confidence that their concerns will be addressed and handled with the greatest efficiency.

Great job, dispatch, and keep up the good work. I only hope that if I or any part of my family ever needs to call 911 that you will all still be there to handle our calls.

Thank you again for a job well done.

GLORIA FALCONBURG

Jerome

(Editor's note: Gloria Falconburg is the former operations manager of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.)

Changing addresses will be no easy breeze

As snowbirds, we were shocked to find our phone number had been given to someone else.

We had service only to call out, no one could call us at the number we had had for 30 years. The new owners of our number, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Ortiz of Jerome, were more than nice about helping us get our old number back.

By the time we could change the number on all our bank records, doctors, business accounts, friends and family, we would be dead - probably! Two weeks is short compared to the problems you'll have from the post office if you change the names of the streets in Twin Falls.

Jean Nutsch said it well. If you really want to honor our pioneers, leave it the way they had it!

Haven't you ever heard of, "If it's not broke, don't fix it?" For those wanting to name

new streets, my suggestion is that the next subdivision be named "Pioneer" and the streets named after the men or towns that you want.

SUZANNE ENGELBRECH

Jerome

State should examine health and welfare expenses

Now the legislators are pondering how to balance the budget.

I have a suggestion - they should have looked into Health and Welfare's expenses. They cut some expenses in wrong areas such as dental care for people who can't afford medicine. They only will pay for extractions, not fixing the teeth or filling the cavities. They wouldn't pay for the dentures that they force people to accept extractions of their teeth.

They are very happy to pay for cochlear implants to "fix" the deaf people, which cost each child a cool \$40,000. This is not a good expense at all. And yes, I am deaf, and yes, I am against cochlear implants and I am for those people who need their teeth intact and that is a health reason that they need them to eat with.

JANETTE LANCASTER

Twin Falls

Don't blame teachers for tax increase

I have seen and talked to a lot

of people since the increase in sales tax was made a law, and it appears that the majority of people blame the increase on teacher salaries. The people that say this are oblivious to anything in reality!

My wife is a teacher and by no means makes tons of money. No teacher makes close to what our elected officials and our wonderful Republican governor makes. Dirk Kempthorne and his tax-and-spend Republicans are the ones responsible for this, not teachers! Wake up!

Now if all these lawmakers want to tax "sins," so to speak, why don't they tax "holiness" as well and start taxing the biggest business in the United States: Religion.

I firmly believe that churches should be taxed at about 23 percent.

After all, that is what I am taxed out of my paycheck. And doesn't the Christian Right Wing support the Republican Party who has raised sales tax? So why should they object to taxing churches? Face it, religion is a money-making operation like anything else. Might help our little state out of debt so Dirk can spend more.

Well, now that I have had my say, I will go back to my plush small little apartment I share with my overpaid wife. I think I hear the limo pulling up now.

KEVIN COON

Twin Falls

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SCHOOL DAYS

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Lessons focus on fire safety

By Sandra Wiscaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Castleford Elementary School students "stopped, dropped and rolled," climbed through windows, and called 911 in a hands-on fire safety presentation by the Castleford Fire Department.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade students learned about the equipment on the truck.

Inside the mobile safety training unit provided by the Filer Fire Department and Magic Valley SafeKids Coalition, which works to prevent child injury, topics included the importance of smoke detectors, and in the case of fires, the importance of feeling doors for heat before opening them.

Students were encouraged to discuss a fire escape plan with their family, and designate a meeting place outside their home. Youngsters also were told they should never go back into the house, but go to a neighbor's house to call the fire department.

Each student had the opportunity to climb out a window, and use a "special" telephone to dial 911. The call required the student to inform the dispatcher about the type of emergency and give their address.

Treats and fire safety coloring books were provided for the students, who also posed for a photo in front of the fire truck.

The program was conducted by Assistant Fire Chief Seth Christensen, Castleford Fire Commissioner Andres Medina and firefighters Kenny Christensen, Gilbert Pryor and Dwonn Schmidt. It is an annual community service project of the department.



Jordan Mora climbs down a ladder, assisted by Assistant Fire Chief Seth Christensen, as Ashley Brito watches from inside the "burning house," during a fire safety presentation at Castleford Elementary School.

Dietrich Elementary School celebrates Hispanic heritage

DIETRICH SCHOOL NEWS
Charlene Fenelon

April 30 by teaching about Hispanic heritage, singing and dancing, and enjoying some delicious cake and ice cream.

Congratulations to Dietrich schools for taking initiative in exploring diversity!

Charlene Fenelon is a paraeducator at Dietrich School.

Two Community School seniors win National Merit Scholarships

SUN VALLEY - Hannes Thum and Anika Van Eaton, seniors at The Community School, have successfully made it through the final round of the National Merit Scholarship competition to become winners of two \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships. They were chosen from a pool of about 15,000 finalists. They will receive the full amount of the scholarship when they enter college. Hannes will attend Dartmouth, and Anika will attend Cornell.

Every finalist was considered for a merit scholarship award by a selection committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors. Considered were their academic record, scores from two standardized tests, contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay describing interests and goals; and a recommendation written

by a high school official. Winners are judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The competition for Merit Scholarship awards began when more than 1.4 million juniors took the PSAT test, which serves as an initial screen of program entrants. Highest scoring participants in each state were named semifinalists. Approximately 90 percent of the semifinalists met the academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level, from which Merit Scholarship winners are chosen.

Two Community School juniors also have qualified for next year's National Merit Scholarship Program. Brennan Rego and Samantha Jones are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants. Semifinalists will be named in September.



Anika van Eaton and Hannes Thum, seniors at The Community School, made it through the final round of the National Merit Scholarship competition.

PAUL ELEMENTARY OLE!



Fourth-graders at Paul Elementary School perform a Spanish dance in full costume for other students at the school. A Cinco de Mayo program will be presented at 6 p.m. Monday at the school. In addition to the program, dinner will be served and door prizes will be given away. There is no charge to attend, and the public is invited.

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SCHOOL NEWS

M-C Occupational Health offers athletic physicals

RUPERT - Athletic physicals will be offered for Minidoka County junior and senior high school students who plan to participate in a sport or athletic organization in the coming school year.

Physicals will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for girls and Wednesday for boys at Mini-Cassia Occupational Health, 1218 Ninth St., Suite 13 in Rupert.

Students need to bring the physical form completely filled out and signed by a parent. Forms can be picked up from the school athletics director or coach.

Forms will not be available at Occupational Health.

The cost is \$10. Students may do community service in lieu of payment. Community service coupons also are available from the school athletics director or coach.

For more information, call Tammy or Sara at 436-0481.

T.F. School District presents 2003 Orchestra Night

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School District will present the 2003 Orchestra Night at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Performing will be the elementary after-school orchestra, Strings Alive, directed by Angie

Fillmore; the combined Robert Stuart and O'Leary Junior Highs intermediate and advanced orchestras; and the Twin Falls High School Orchestra. They will perform a wide variety of music demonstrating the musical and instrumental skills they have been working on this year.

The high school orchestra will be joined by wind players from the band to perform Mozart and Haydn selections. Savanna Seaman, violin, and Angela Miller, viola, will perform the Sinfonia Concertante by Mozart. Adults cost \$2 and children/students are free. For more information, call Kevin Howard at 733-4452.

Jerome High School Tiger Team gathers for pizza

TWIN FALLS - The Jerome High School Tiger Team will gather for pizza and fun at 7 p.m. May 12 at Certe's Brick-Oven Cookery, 502 Second Ave. S. The cost is \$2 for paid Tiger Team members and \$5 for everyone else.

The theme is Hawaiian, and participants can dress up for prizes. There also will be karaoke and door prizes.

Check with Mrs. Swan if you're interested in helping decorate, advertise or obtaining door prizes.

Filer student wins local legion post contest

FILER - Filer High School senior Bonnie Richards won the Filer American Legion Post No. 47 oratorical contest in February.

The competition involved a 10-minute oration on a section of the Constitution.

Richards also competed in the district oratorical contest.

Her parents are Ed and Debbie Richards. She won a \$50 Savings Bond.



Bonnie Richards

BYU-Idaho Chamber Orchestra performs

TWIN FALLS - The Brigham Young University-Idaho Music Department and Twin Falls High School Orchestra will present the acclaimed Chamber Orchestra. This concert is part of a two-week tour in Montana, Idaho and Washington. The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the John Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School. A donation of \$3 for adults is suggested, and students are free.

The Chamber Orchestra will perform several pieces from a variety of eras and styles.

Under the direction of Ted Ashton, the orchestra is comprised of 28 string and wind musicians from all parts of the United States. Members are selected through a rigorous audition process, and represent some of the most exceptional musicians at BYU-Idaho, organizers say.

Hansen High School presents 'The Wizard of Oz'

HANSEN - "The Wizard of Oz" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Hansen High School Gymnasium.

Thursday is a dinner show with a dinner starting at 6 p.m. Curtain time is at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner show are \$8 and \$6 for seniors and students. Friday and Saturday show admission is \$3 with \$2 for students and seniors.

Tickets can be purchased from any cast member, Hansen school offices, or regular show tickets can be purchased at the door.

Dinner show tickets must be purchased by Monday.

Burley High School lists new cheerleaders

BURLEY - The 2003-2004

Burley High School cheerleaders are: seniors, Liz Belliston, Brianna Call, Danielle Yoshida, Chelsea Mitchell, Alex Rodriguez and Mandy Beck and juniors, Jill Olsen, Taryn Smith and Amanda Geary.

Jerome High School crowns royalty for the prom

JEROME - Jerome High School announced its prom royalty.

They are Queen Koelle Woodbury and King Charlie Harding.

Prom Princess was Megan Marshall and Prince was Zack



Jerome High School Prom Queen Koelle Woodbury and King Charlie Harding

Flemming. Head of the prom committee was Junior President Kayla Earle.

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Neighbor of former Smart suspect considers lawsuit against city

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The neighbor of a man once considered a top suspect in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping is considering a lawsuit against the city.

In a notice of claim filed Friday, Pete Romero says he was "baselessly and maliciously

investigated and interrogated" after Elizabeth was taken from her bedroom in the early hours of June 5.

The city has 90 days to respond to Romero's letter.

In the documents, Romero said he lived next door to Richard Ricci, whom police called a "top

potential suspect" during the investigation. Ricci, who died in August of a cerebral hemorrhage while in prison on a parole violation, was never charged in the Smart case and always maintained his innocence.

While interrogating Ricci, "investigators knowingly used

intimidation, physical force, threats of physical force . . . to corruptly persuade (Romero) into revealing knowledge that (he) allegedly possessed concerning Elizabeth Smart's disappearance when he did not," Romero's attorney, Bruce Oliver, said in the notice of claim.

fire they lit."

But Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, who took the brunt of the criticism aimed at budget writers, argued that the financial plan was viable.

"While we were not successful in every attempt we made," he said, "I feel we made great progress and will fight another day."

It prompted protests from the most senior members of the state Senate and predictions that Republicans will lose legislative seats in the next election because of the way they have chosen to handle the financial crisis.

"When they get home," Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow said, "these people will find out what kind of

was blown apart on day 116 when his administration reported that April tax collections were \$21 million less than expected. It compounded the earlier shortfalls into a cumulative cash deficit of \$38 million — more than can be overcome before the spending year ends on June 30.

Just to get to that point, which has become the launching pad for dealing with another huge deficit, relations between the House and Senate were damaged.

"They were less badly frayed between the moderates and conservatives in the Republican Party."

And legislative procedures were stretched so far in dealing with the fiscal crisis that moderate Republicans in the Senate are ready to formally reverse the power grab made during the final weeks of the session by the budget committee.

In addition to allocating cash to state programs, the committee took it on itself to rewrite major education policies in ways that the committees responsible for those issues had already rejected.

Session

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Kempthorne refused to commit to a special session, saying only that he could not rule one out.

But it was his refusal to sway from his promise to protect education and essential services from further budget cuts that contributed to the length of the session.

"We're really at a fine line already," the governor said Saturday evening.

So, with the new deficit of more than \$50 million looming and his promise not to deal with budget problems unilaterally any more, Newcomb had no qualms about seeing as inevitable a special session and a renewal of the tug-of-war between conservative lawmakers wanting more cuts and the governor refusing to accept them.

Kempthorne and legislative leaders in both parties maneuvered over 115 days to finally put together a financial plan that appeared to meet Kempthorne's refusal to cut spending for education and essential services and the Republican demand to limit any tax increase as much as possible.

It was a major victory for Kempthorne, who stunned his party in January by proposing higher taxes to avoid deeper cuts — a plan that some said would pass over their dead bodies. They continue to criticize the approach, but now it is the law.

"This was a defining legislative session," Kempthorne said. "Acknowledging the worse financial situation since World War II, we met the challenge. We stepped forward rather than punt to the Legislature."

Legislative leaders agreed that Kempthorne's newfound leadership was critical in securing a budget without deep cuts and also lengthened the session. Republicans, especially conservatives, expected to be able to run over the governor with their own strategies as they had on a number of occasions during his first term.

"A lot of people thought he'd fold his cards, but he didn't," the speaker said. "That was a major misread."

But the pressure Kempthorne exerted to secure his budget plan

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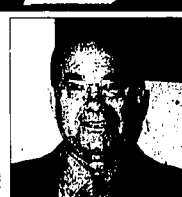
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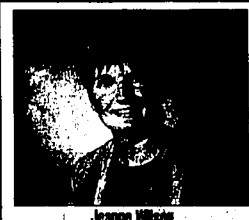
Optometrist Relocates Practice

Dr. Frederick Prins, independent Doctor of Optometry, is relocating his practice to Ann's Eyewear Boutique.
Dr. Frederick Prins received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Redlands in Redlands, California and his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Los Angeles College of Optometry, now known as the Southern California College of Optometry. He practiced in Ontario, California for seven years before moving to Wendell, Idaho. After one year in Wendell, he moved to the San Diego area to practice optometry. Five years later the family returned to Wendell to take over the family dairy. Upon the sale of the dairy, he resumed the practice of optometry. He has been with Vista Optical since 1988.
Prins is married with five children and ten grandchildren.

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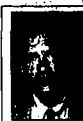
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On to the next enemy of state: The fire ant

Almost the first thing that happened to me when I moved to South Florida was that I got attacked by a fire ant. This was my own stupid fault: I sat on my lawn.

I thought this was safe because I had come from Pennsylvania, where lawns are harmless ecosystems consisting of 93 percent crabgrass (my lawn was, anyway); 6 percent real grass; and 1 percent cute little critters such as worms, ladybugs and industrious worker ants who scurry around carrying objects that are 800 times their own weight. (They don't use these objects; they just carry them around. That's how industrious they are.)



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Your South Florida lawn, on the other hand, is a seething mass of predatory carnivorous organisms, including land crabs, alligators, snakes ranging in thickness from "knitting needle" to "thigh of Anna Nicole Smith," lizards the size of small dogs, and giant hairy spiders that appear to have recently eaten small dogs, and are now wearing their pelts as trophies.

But the scariest South Florida lawn-dweller is the fire ant, a quarter-inch-long insect that can easily defeat a full-grown human in hand-to-hand combat. That's what happened to me. I sat on my lawn, put my hands down and YOW a fire ant - let's call him Arnie - injected me with his Special Recipe fire-ant venom, and then watched, with a merry twinkle in each of his 5,684 eyes, as I leaped up and danced wildly around, brushing uselessly at my hand, which felt as though I had stuck it into a toaster-oven set on "pizza." I'm sure the other ants had a hearty laugh when Arnie got back to the colony and communicated this story by releasing humor pheromones. ("This mornin puts his hand down! Yes! On the lawn! Ha ha! Must be from Pennsylvania.")

That happened 17 years ago, and my hand just recently finished healing. So I am not a fan of fire ants. This is why I was excited when I read a story by Jennifer Maloney in the Miami Herald about a U.S. Department of Agriculture program, right in my neighborhood, to combat fire ants by releasing a dangerous little creature called the decapitating phorid fly. This is an amazing fly that kills fire ants via a method that, if insects wrote horror novels, would have been dreamed up by the fire-ant Stephen King.

What happens is, the female phorid fly swoops in on a fire ant and, in less than a tenth of a second, injects an egg into the ant's midsection. When the egg hatches, the maggot crawls up inside the ant; and - here is the good part - eats the entire contents of the ant's head. This poses a serious medical problem for the ant, which, after walking around for a couple of weeks with its insides being eaten, has its head actually fall off. At that point it becomes a contestant on "The Bachelorette."

No, seriously, at that point the ant is deceased. Meanwhile, inside the detached head, the maggot turns into a fly, and when it's ready, crawls out and goes looking for more ants.

You can see an amazing video of phorid flies in action at <http://www.cmae.saa.usda.gov/vf/ant/news1.htm>. The video, which has a sound track of wild, jungle-style drum music, shows female flies zipping around fire ants like tiny fighter planes, giving the ants fits. The video also shows how, when a fly isn't fast enough, it gets turned into Purina Ant Chow.

On a recent Friday I went to watch University of Florida Extension Agent Adrian Hunsberger, and Miami-Dade County biologist Ruben Mendez release phorid flies on the grounds of Baptist Hospital in

FEAR OBESITY



LOIS SHELTON/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Experts say that while it's understandable to be concerned about the threat of terrorism, people shouldn't neglect a healthy lifestyle that staves off more common risks to our health.

Terror is a far-flung threat by comparison to common health risks

The Hartford (Conn.) Courant

The world around us grows warmer and greener - apparently unaware of the orange-coded threat level. But we know. The news on cable is bad. Planet Earth feels like a scarier place. In such a world, does it even make sense to engage in the usual healthy rites of spring?

Maybe we should skip the bike ride and the Brussels sprouts and just stick up on duct tape and Cipso.

Such a response "is not statistically smart, but it's completely understandable," says David Ropeik, director of risk communication at the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, which is part of the Harvard School of Public Health. Ropeik also is author of "Risk: A Practical Guide for Deciding What's Really Safe and What's Really Dangerous in the World Around You."

Ropeik says the part of our brain that responds to risk is older in evolutionary terms than that part that reasons. Our response to perceived threats is emotional and intuitive.

"We are hardwired to fear first and think and reason second," he says. Our fear is fed by uncertainty, a lack of personal control over the threats and increased awareness of the supposed danger, he says.

"The more aware we are, the more afraid we are," he says.

"... naturally one is concerned about the potential for a terrorist attack at home, but I think one needs to keep that in perspective"

- Dr. Bruce Liang, University of Connecticut Health Center

As the Harvard center's Web site makes clear, heart disease is a much greater threat than anthrax. The annual risk of dying from heart disease is one in 397. It's one in 56,424,800 for anthrax.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, says Dr. Bruce Liang, director of cardiology at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington. He says that while he feels he needs to be on the alert for terrorism, he believes the

chances he will be the victim of a terrorist-related incident are small.

The way to deal with this major, tangible threat of heart disease, he says, is to maintain a healthy lifestyle, to quit smoking and to get cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes under control.

"I think, certainly, in the current climate, naturally one is concerned about the potential for a terrorist attack at home," he says. "But I think one needs to keep that in perspective."

Dr. David L. Katz, associate clinical professor of public health and medicine at Yale School of Medicine and director of the Yale Prevention Research Center, agrees, noting that obesity kills between 300,000 and 400,000 Americans a year.

"Imagine how catastrophic it would be if a bioterrorist attack killed 300,000," he says. "I am not suggesting

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Short skirts for work? Think again

Night Rider Newspapers

You see them everywhere: big floral prints, backless shoes, rock chic metallics, low-cut pants and high-cropped skirts. You can't miss them in the fashion magazines and stores this spring.

But do you head out for work every day in peasant blouses, mules, silver belts and thigh-high girly-girl dresses? Unless you work for MTV, an art gallery or a hip creative department for an advertising agency, don't even think about it.

The question becomes this: How do you look modern, up-to-date, youthful and professional all at once?

Appropriateness and moderation are keys.

"I cannot believe how short the skirts are on the New York streets," says an Indignant Susan Bixler, an Atlanta-based image consultant. Bixler is author of "Five Steps to Professional Presence: How to Project Confidence, Competence and Credibility at Work."

The working woman, she says, has to "sit back and decide what she wants to be." If she uses words such as "credible," "appropriate" and "professional," she goes one route. If it is "sexy, fun and outrageous," she takes another.

Please see ATTITUDE, Page B2.



Weight Watchers spokeswoman Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, speaks to employees and management of the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa, last month. In a world of bare-all, head-turning fashion, workplace dress should remain professional.

New patterns greet the coming season

A new season seems to inspire us to try new patterns, from both the major companies and private designers.

For instance: In Vogue No. 7717, a Today's Fit style by Sandra Betzina, there are four easy-going pieces - a bias-cut tunic, a capri pant, tee top and double layer skirt. With lots of interesting details, it's available in multiple sizes for \$18.95 at local stores.

Michigan's Janet Pray has just produced a Women's Classic Sport Shirt pattern for the Islander Sewing System. In sizes 4 through 22, the design is traditional, but the construction features methods used in the garment industry. There's also a Classic Dress Shirt for men in sizes M to 4XL. Each is \$19.95. Call (248) 889-3111, in Highland, to order.

Oregon designer Kayla Kennington offers three unusual patterns in her Modular Designs for Couture Artwear line. The Cross Over Top is a simple drapery jacket (No. 425), while the Panel Top and Vest (No. 918) and the Angel Top (No. 1226) are made with rectangular pieces sewn together. These work best in soft silk or rayon fabric. Patterns are \$12 to \$17. Click on www.kayla-kennington.com to order.



SEWING
Barbara Gash

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If you like classic designs with superb instructions, try separates by Canadian sewing expert Cecilia Podolac.

Her two latest patterns are the loose-fitting Fearless Casual Jacket (No. 104) and the slim, tailored Fearless Pants (No. 105). The jacket includes sizes XS to XXL, while the pants are sizes 2 to 24. Patterns are \$20 each, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling, from Material Things. Call (604) 469-6953 for a descriptive brochure.

If you're willing to wait a bit, all of these patterns will also be available at the American Sewing Expo, Sept. 19-21, in Novi.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Send your sewing questions to the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, MI 48231, or e-mail compuscw@aol.com. Letters can not be answered personally.

HEALTH & FASHION

Yoga has been a boom 30 years in the making

By Richard Seven
The Times-News

Old-timers remember how, back in a day, sitting on a throw rug was a luxury. The road to self-discovery was more to be a spartan, unswept trip. When Marie Svoboda began teaching yoga in Seattle in 1969, hippies represented a healthy portion of her students. Between imparting the meaning behind the stretches and breathing she would bark at the students with what they fondly called "Marie-isms" like, "Don't sit there like a plumb!" Svoboda is believed to be the first person to put yoga under the "Y" in the Seattle Yellow Pages. Eventually, her clientele included opera singers, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist and a nuclear scientist. But there were never any frills.

Oh, how progress marches on. Look around; it's yoga, yoga.

Attitude

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That's important, especially because women still get paid less than men for equivalent jobs.

"When we buy into diminishing our credibility, we're part of the problem and not the solution," Bixler says.

Certainly the workplace has changed in the last two years. Jobs are lost. The dot-coms are gone. People are trying to appear focused. They want to keep their jobs. And businesses have begun reversing the dress code away from business-casual and back to more traditional corporate attire. Even on dress-down days, images are shifting away from khakis and loafers to a polished facade. "We're talking about dressing for survival in a big world," says Kim Johnson Gross, co-author of the *Chic Simple series* how-to book "Dress Smart: Wardrobes That Win in the New Workplace."

"Fashion is really inappropriate when you are in the corporate culture," Gross says. "Unless you are in the fashion industry - and most people are not in that industry - it is inappropriate."

Perhaps most important, she adds, "Clothes should not talk louder than you do."

Gross and partner Jeff Stone have developed a series of books, starting in the mid-1990s, on the concept of classics that have a long shelf life. They are not so conservative that they ignore such trend-driven items as leather garments (mixed with other high-quality fabrics) and denim skirts (add a tailored fabric jacket) for dress-down moments.

But as for basics, the suit is still the core of the professional

Barry

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Kendall. To start the procedure, Ruben stuck a shovel into a fire ant mound and turned over a bunch of dirt. Immediately, fire ants charged out and began scurrying angrily around.

"They're looking for whoever disturbed their mound," said Adrian.

"HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DISTURBING YOUR MOUND," I shouted at the ants. "RUBEN DISTURBED YOUR MOUND. I AM HERE AS A JOURNALIST."

It's important to maintain your objectivity.

While the mound was swarming, Adrian opened a vial and released a bunch of phorid flies. The flies, which are almost invisible - little swooping specks - immediately went after the ants. At least the female flies did. Presumably the males, observing the Universal Guy Top Priority, tried to mate with the females.

Anyway, I think it's a terrific idea, using natural enemies to attack fire ants. To the Department of Agriculture, I say: Good work! To the female phorid flies, I say: You go, girls! And to any fire ants that happen to be crawling on this column, I say: REMEMBER, I DID NOT DISTURB YOUR MOUND.

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yoga all the time. Of all the videos and books that flow into this office, easily two-thirds are about some yoga strain, philosophy, target areas or gimmick.

Now we have yoga wear and special yoga walls and yoga spritzes and yoga music; yoga for kids and even for infants. There is Yoga for Gardening, Emotional Yoga, Power Yoga, Yoga for Transformation, Yoga for Weight Loss, Healing Yoga for Common Conditions. Then there is Yoga for Longevity, Yoga for Energy and Strength, Yoga for Strong Bones, Yoga for Stress Relief. Take advice from Yoga Home Journal or Living Yoga (taught by a supermodel). As I type this, a news release pops on my desk touting a Yoga style promising to burn 540 calories an hour.

Yoga has even crept onto the covers of all those fitness magazines that feature freakish, airbrushed people. It has nudged

alongside other, more familiar teaser headlines that scream Buns! Abs! Pecs! Yoga with an exclamation point! That's not right!

The Yoga Journal's circulation is soaring, and Advertising Age named it "top performer" for the last half of 2002. Its April cover features a striking picture of an instructor contorting like a circus performer. It's a sign of what the body-his body-can do, but it struck me as showing off. Strange for a selfless discipline.

In any case, an estimated 18 million people around the world participate at some level. A survey of 1,200 U.S. health clubs showed yoga is more popular than aerobics.

Aging baby boomers are at the crest of the wave. Celebrities such as Sting helped spur it by making yoga seem cool, and now it's drawing a younger crowd by promising more of a workout.

The yoga market, like almost all thriving markets, is diversifying and segmenting. Americans like to shop.

Still, it's hardly about fads. Laura Von-Brooks of Planet Earth Yoga Center in Seattle uses yoga to help cancer patients at Swedish Medical Center prepare for and recover from invasive treatment. She also teaches weekly classes for people with multiple sclerosis. She does it all quietly. "Some practitioners are hung up on fitting the person to the style," she says. "I try to fit the style to the person."

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Magic Valley Regional offers CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes will be offered from 4-8 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost for each class is \$25. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

'Baby and Me'
St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Developmental Milestones."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7252.

Stress management

Cassia Regional Medical Center will offer a light lunch and learning session at noon Tuesday in the Evergreen Room. Bill Southwick, director of mental health/medical care, will discuss the topic "Managing stress as we celebrate change."

The public is invited to help celebrate National Hospital Week with Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Cost of lunch is \$7.50.

Childbirth class

A childbirth class will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will discuss how to manage the discomforts and problems of pregnancy and will include information on safe exercise. Participants will be given a tour of the birth center.

For more information, call the medical center's birth center at 677-6500.

Learn infant care

Infant care class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education

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Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes and will include information on infant care and beginning parenting. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class, which will be taught by a registered nurse.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

About breastfeeding

Cassia Regional Medical Center will offer a breastfeeding class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the board room of the medical center in Burley.

The class will include discussion on the advantages and physiology of breastfeeding and common breastfeeding problems and solutions. The course will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Participants should bring a doll or stuffed animal.

Cost is \$20. For registration information, call 677-6500.

Adult childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through June 4, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and

children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free and preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Women's health seminar

A free women's health awareness seminar will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Filer Public Library.

The seminar will include information on balancing hormones naturally, the hidden dangers in cosmetics and skin care, and building a strong immune system. Information will be available for women who suffer with premenstrual syndrome, hot flashes, breast tenderness, uterine fibroids, osteoporosis, depression, endometriosis, migraines, fibromyalgia, infertility, heavy menstrual or severe cramps. Learn about toxins in the environment that can be contributing factors to these medical conditions.

Space is limited, so anyone interested in attending should preregister by calling Terri at 280-1878 or Pam at 420-4012.

Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes and is for anyone who has previously taken childbirth classes. Topics will include labor, breathing and coping skills. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Learn pediatric CPR

Magic Valley Lifeline will hold a pediatric (including child and adult) cardiopulmonary resuscitation course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA. The class will also include a first aid portion on choking, bleeding and shock.

The course meets the IJCP and daycare licensing requirements for Idaho.

Cost is \$30 per person. To register, call the YMCA at 733-4384 or call evenings at 733-3767.

Asthma health fair

The South Central Asthma Coalition will sponsor an asthma health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart in Burley.

The event will include free spirometry testing to determine how much air a person can exhale, and information on environmental asthma triggers (such as dust and smoke) and how to effectively manage triggers. Educational videos will be available for viewing.

For more information, call Karyn Goodale, South Central District Health asthma program coordinator, at 734-5900, Ext. 281.

Expanded immunization clinic hours

The Burley office of South Central District Health has added a new monthly immunization clinic that will allow patients to schedule appointments in advance.

The first clinic will be held from 1-4 p.m. May 14 and will continue the second Wednesday of each month at the same time. Only patients with scheduled appointments will be seen during this clinic.

Other clinics offered at the Burley site accommodate walk-in clients.

Regular clinics will be held from 9:11:30 a.m. every Monday, from 3-6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, and from 2-4 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. The office is located at 2311 Park Ave., Unit 4, Suite 4, Burley.

For more information or to schedule an immunization appointment, call the district health office in Burley at 678-8221.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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'Real World' star reaches out to depressed students

By Mike Morris
The Baltimore Sun

Cara Kahn's college days were filled with a supportive family, good grades, a steady boyfriend and an active social life.

"The why would she want to spend so much time sleeping?"

"I was depressed," said Kahn, who starred in MTV's reality-based "The Real World, Chicago." "I would sleep 12

hours a night, wake up, have three hours of cable watch TV and go to a four-hour nap.

"Everyone deals with depression differently," the aspiring actress said, "but for me it was getting a lot of sleep - just hiding from the world, literally pulling the covers over my head, curling up into a ball and just not wanting to face what was out there."

Kahn, 23, was diagnosed with depression during her sophomore

year in high school. After years of ups and downs, she is learning how to cope with an illness that affects an estimated 17 million American adults.

Using her celebrity status, Kahn hopes to educate and encourage college students suffering from depression by touring campuses nationwide as part of a campaign called GOAL - Go On And Live.

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Md., gathered earlier this month to hear her speak in the university's student union, along with local experts, on the subject of depression.

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we neglect defense against bioterrorism, but that we would be better off if (we were) more balanced in our perspective, our practice of prevention and our allocation of resources."

Being stressed out by fear is counterproductive, Harvard's Rokeach says. It can cause us to make unsafe choices, he says, and it actually suppresses the immune system, which can make us more susceptible to illness - from anthrax or anything else.

Dr. William B. White, professor of medicine and chief of hypertension and vascular diseases at the University of Connecticut, says that a colleague found a rise in cardiovascular complaints and related visits to hospital emergency rooms in New York in the month after Sept. 11, 2001.

"Anxiety increases the chances of having a heart problem," White says.

The antidote to this instinctive fear, Rokeach says, is to trust. "Get the facts to balance your

fears," he says. "Counterbalance your fears with information."

He recommends finding knowledgeable sources that aren't spinning the facts, although he admits that finding unbiased information can be a challenge.

While Liang doesn't dismiss terrorism, he tries to focus on

more serious and immediate health threats, which is why, at the age of 47, he takes his daily low-dose aspirin to help ward off a heart attack.

He's not nearly as conscientious about bioterrorism, he says. "I don't have a roll of duct tape in my house."

PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE PART I

By Ted L. Rea M.D., F.A.C.G.

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Jim Ponzo specializes in independent tours of Europe. A greater portion of his naval career was spent in various countries there. His expertise is putting together a personalized day by day vacation including transportation, hotels and sightseeing tips.

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Christi Green is our Disney specialist. She has completed the "College of Knowledge" courses through Disney, visited both Disneyland and Disney World, and has sailed a Disney cruise ship. Summer is coming. Time for that family vacation.

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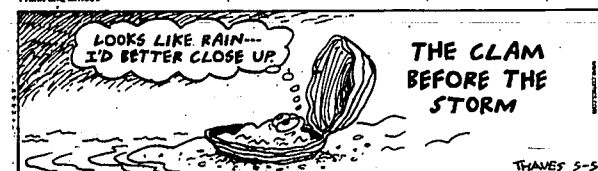
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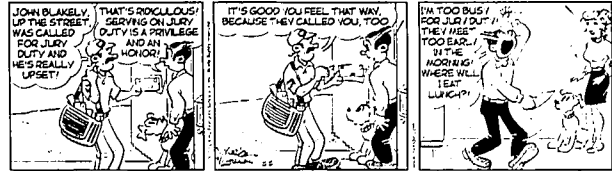
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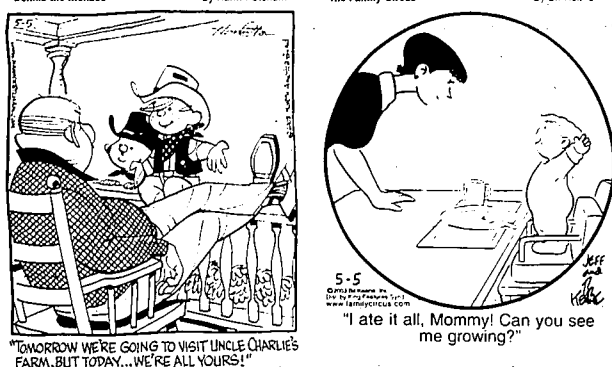


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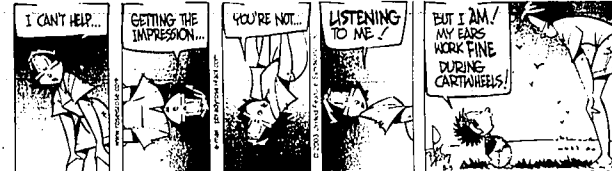
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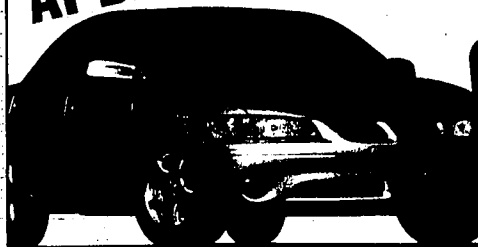
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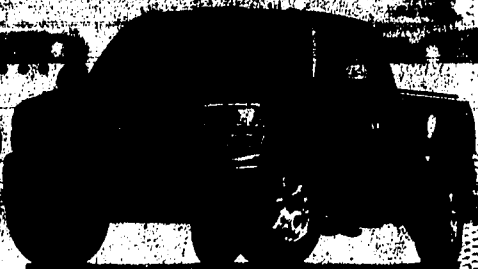
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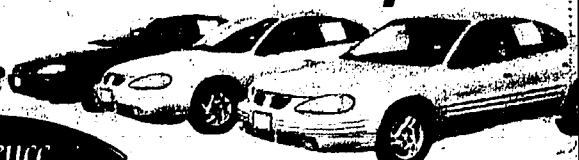


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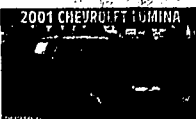
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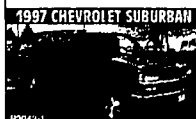
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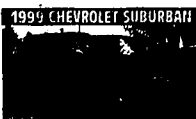
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