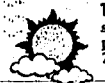


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Local soldier dies in Iraq

Former Glenns Ferry neighbors remember him as kind, helpful

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — He died much the same way he lived — quietly, bravely and doing something to help someone else.

Cpl. Richard P. Carl, 26, of King Hill, son of Richard and Karen Carl of Glenns Ferry, along with two other soldiers, died Friday when their UH-60 Black Hawk medical helicopter crashed in the Tigris River near Samarra, Iraq, during the rescue of an Iraqi child who'd been



wounded in an explosion.

Carl is also survived by his wife, Audrey, and two children — a 3-year-old girl and an 18-month-old boy.
"He was a real, real good boy," said Carl's aunt, Cherry Ash of

U.S. troops gather near the debris of a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter outside Samarra, central Iraq, May 10. The crash claimed the life of Cpl. Richard Carl of King Hill.

Glenns Ferry. "He was really good to his mother. He trimmed all her trees. He was a good daddy. He was just an all-around good boy."

The other two soldiers killed Please see SOLDIER, Page A2

American forces capture 'Dr. Germ'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S.-led forces have captured two more important Iraqis — the scientist known as "Dr. Germ" and a top leader in Saddam Hussein's armed forces.

Dr. Rihab Rashid Taha, a scientist who helped Iraq make weapons out of anthrax, surrendered over the weekend, said Maj. Brad Lowell of the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. Also in custody Monday was Ibrahim Ahmad Abd al Sattar

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District intends to tap reserves

By Robert Moyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Faced with smaller-than-expected funding, the Twin Falls School District intends to cover its shortfall with reserve money rather than cut positions.

The proposed \$41.5 million budget might not allow for the reinstatement of positions and programs cut last year, such as elementary orchestra. A handful of reading specialist positions, too, might be threatened if the district can't divert federal funds to cover the salaries.

"It's a pretty dismal outlook," Superintendent Terrell Donich told School Board members at Monday evening's meeting. "This next year looks pretty bad."

The district's tentative 2003-04 budget, which includes raises for both teachers and administrators, features \$600,000 more in expenditures than in revenue.

The district's reserve fund now rests at \$2.3 million, roughly enough for one month of operation.

Donich originally designed a budget featuring a \$300,000 shortfall. However, at the Idaho Department of Education's post-legislative information session Monday morning via teleconferencing at the College of Southern Idaho, educators learned that Idaho's public schools' budget took a blow.

Erosion of the state's endowment fund and a drop in business property values have reduced available money.

As superintendents created 2003-04 budgets last week, they did so expecting to receive around \$24,500 per classroom unit from the state, nearly the same as the 2002-03 school year.

That figure plummeted over the weekend as Tim Hill, the state department's chief financial officer, calculated that those two setbacks reduced the per-classroom unit funding to almost \$24,100, a \$1,400 difference.

"This just blew me away when I processed these numbers," Hill said in a video-conference hookup linking eight other locations with Boise. "Everything is kind of moving in the wrong direction."

The Twin Falls district, with its 334 classroom units, stands to lose around \$450,000 from those two factors.

The bear stock market pushed the value of the endowment fund down 6 percent since July. As such, support from the endowment for the 2003-04 school year is now expected to be \$6 million less than the \$17.8 million originally estimated, assuming the stock market holds steady over the next year.

That shortfall could narrow if the market begins rising again, Hill said, but he warned superintendents to use caution and write their new operating budgets with an eye on the lower figures.

Because Micron Technology fought for and received a \$400 million market value adjustment, the drop in property value means a \$1.2 million reduction for Idaho public education, adding to districts' woes.

While most of the bad news revolved around the next school year, Hill said districts might encounter financial difficulties

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Streets have new names



BRUCE SHULTZ/The Times-News

Kerry Pettingill said he is against renaming the streets downtown because the money could be better spent elsewhere. Pettingill owns Kinetic of Magic Valley and Vacuum Cleaners of Idaho, located on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Second Avenue East. Other downtown business owners, however, favored a name change, and the City Council approved the move Monday night.

Twin Falls council approves downtown proposal

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — During its second 100 years, Twin Falls will have a different set of street names in the original townsite.

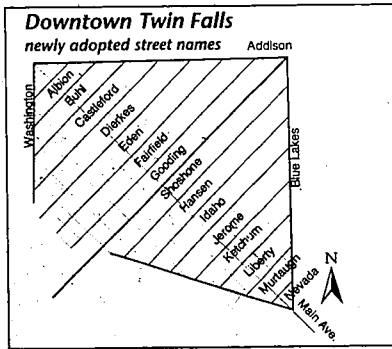
The City Council voted 5-2 on Monday to switch the names of streets in the original four quadrants of the city from numbers to names arranged in alphabetical order. For the most part, the 14 names come from familiar locations in Magic Valley.

The plan is to have everything made official by 2004, which is the celebration of Twin Falls' first 100 years.

The move will require some changes at the post office, and business and home owners will have to change stationery and business form addresses.

Kerry Pettingill, who owns a vacuum-cleaner and soft-water business on one of the streets that will be changed, doesn't like the old system, but he said he would rather cope than change.

"I think (the street numbers) have worked for a 100 years. They ought to leave them alone," he said.



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Though complaints like

Pettingill's have been commonplace since the 1908 City Council approved the system, changing the names didn't seem to be an

option until a city planning consultant suggested it in 2001. And the consultant repeated his comments Monday in a letter to the 2003 City Council.

"I have never seen a more confusing street/avenue naming system than yours," said Tom Hudson, a Moscow-based downtown revitalization consultant hired two years ago by the city and downtown businesses to help put the area back on its feet. He recommended the changes to make the place more customer-friendly.

"Anything you can do to attract and serve local, county, south-central Idaho and regional markets should be very seriously considered," Hudson said.

Mayor Lance Clow pointed out that house and business numbers will remain the same, as will the directions of the streets. For example, Dierkes Street will run through the north and west quadrants of the original townsite, so there will be a Dierkes Street

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Twin Falls School Board tables action on football coach's status



Mark Schaaf

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Saying they needed more information, Twin Falls School Board members tabled a decision Monday evening regarding high school teacher Mark Schaaf's status as head football coach.

In February, Schaaf was charged with drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident. The drunken driving charge was later dis-

missed after a judge determined police had improperly entered Schaaf's home.

Still, the School Board is allowed to weigh all evidence in determining whether Schaaf is fit to continue in his positions as driver's education coordinator as well as head football coach and softball assistant coach, school officials say.

Board members heard testimony from fellow coaches during an

hour-long closed session Monday night. But ultimately, the board decided more information was needed.

Thus, at the board's May 28 meeting Schaaf is to bring evidence of support among parents and participants in his coaching assignments. That meeting, too, will be closed to the public.

Schaaf was arrested Feb. 8 after a trail of evidence led a Twin Falls

police officer to his home, according to court documents. Officer David Anthony noted where a vehicle had struck a sign at the corner of Addison Avenue and Maurice Street, and continued eastbound across the grass, striking a power pole support cable and tree. After leaving a tire at the scene, the then-three-wheeled vehicle drove to Schaaf's residence, leaving behind fluids and markings on the road.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Lows in the middle 40s.

Tomorrow: Warm and mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 70s.

BURLEY/RUBEN FORECAST

Today: Warmer, mostly sunny and dry. Highs in the lower to middle 70s.

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BOISE FORECAST

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Conditions will be dry, mostly sunny and mild.

Today Highs 53 to 54. Tonight's Lows 23 to 28.

Warm and dry weather will continue through Thursday and conditions will be very nice for enjoying some time outside. Both high and low temperatures will be warmer than normal.

Today High/Lows 71 to 76 at 48th

NORTHERN UTAH

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Vietnam memorial adds names

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Colleen Joyce Pontes' child is old enough, she plans to tell the youngster about the grandfather who gave his life for his country. She'll talk about how he volunteered to serve in the Army and fight in Vietnam, about his Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars and the 60 missions during which he was dropped from a helicopter into combat.

And she can take her child to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and show off the grandfather's name, engraved in the black granite with more than 58,000 others.

"It's just going to be amazing," said Pontes, 31, of the Bronx, N.Y., who is eight months pregnant with her first child. "What a source of pride."

Pontes said she plans to name her child after her late father, Army Spc. Kevin John Joyce, whose name was one of six engraved into the memorial on Monday. Joyce, of Framingham, Mass., lost both his legs after



Brian Joyce, Watertown, Mass., traces the etching of his father's name at the Vietnam War Memorial on Monday in Washington.

being hit by shrapnel in July 1968. He died in February 1995. Names are added to the wall

each May, many of them veterans who died from Vietnam-related injuries years after

returning home. Since 1982, 296 names have been sandblasted into the wall, bringing the total to 58,235.

Pontes and her brother, Brian Joyce, 24, of Watertown, Mass., watched as their father's name was added. Then they used pencil and paper to make rubbings of the freshly minted name, which they planned to frame.

"All of his close friends after the war were other veterans," said Brian Joyce, who pushed to get his father's name added to the wall. "I can't imagine any other place he'd like to be. It means a lot to the family and a lot to him."

The others added on Monday: Air Force Staff Sgt. Donald Scott Carson of San Francisco, Army Master Sgt. Frank Luther Huddleston of Clarksville, Tenn., Army Spc. 1st Class Dwaine Urry McGriff of Cullman, Ala., Army Spc. James Mark Rogers of Waynesville, N.C., and Army Pfc. William Joseph Scannell of Forest Park, Ill.

Space-plane plans don't appear to satisfy demands

Night Rider News Service

WASHINGTON — Three months after the Columbia shuttle disaster, NASA is still trying to decide how to keep humans flying in space. Officials are weighing various options, ranging from building a fourth, replacement shuttle to bringing back a version of the Apollo spacecraft that carried astronauts to the moon three decades ago.

None of the proposals yet appear to satisfy the conflicting demands of safety, cost, timeliness and practicality. "I'm very disappointed," Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., the chairman of the House of Representatives' Space Subcommittee, said at a recent hearing on the space agency's dilemma.

Although no final decision has been made, NASA's tentative plan is to fix the remaining three shuttles so they can continue flying until at least 2015, while building a smaller, safer Orbital Space Plane to take over the task

of human flight by 2010.

Officials have yet to choose a design for such a plane, which could carry four people into orbit and back again. It might be winged, like the shuttle, or wingless, like the three-person Russian Soyuz spacecraft that now is Earth's only way to boost men and women into space.

The orbital plane is estimated to cost \$9 billion to \$13 billion just for development, and it wouldn't completely fill the need for a way to rescue the space station crew in an emergency, as it would carry only four members of a crew that could number as many as seven. The astronauts still would have to depend on the Soyuz, which docks at the station, if an emergency broke out.

Meanwhile, the remaining three shuttles will have to be modified to minimize the risk of another tragedy when and if they return to flight. Operating overlapping shuttles and space planes for a number of years would be a substantial expense.

Bush begins trip to campaign for cuts

BERNALILLO, N.M. (AP) — Convinced that persistent persuasion is the way to sway the Senate, President Bush renewed his efforts to tell their lawmakers to support his plan. The unemployment rate hit 6 percent, Bush said. "That should serve as a warning signal for the reluctant members of the United States Congress that we need to hear the voices of those who are looking for work."

Bush's stop at a factory in primarily blue-collar Bernalillo, just outside Albuquerque, began a two-day swing through three states to promote his tax-cut proposal.

Woman implicated in sons' deaths spends day crying

TYLER, Texas — A woman accused of fatally beating two of her sons with rocks spent Mother's Day sobbing and muttering in a jail cell.

Deanna LaJone Laney, 38, remained on a suicide watch Monday at Smith County Jail,

Nation in brief

where she was held in lieu of \$3 million bond on capital murder and aggravated assault charges. Laney is accused of killing Joshua Laney, 8, and Luke Laney, 6, and injuring their 14-month-old brother, Aaron. Aaron remained in critical condition early Monday at a Dallas hospital.

In a call to emergency workers early Saturday, Laney reported that she had just "bashed their heads in with a rock." Sheriff J.B. Smith said.

When they arrived at the home, sheriff's deputies found Joshua and Luke dead in the yard wearing only their underwear, large rocks on top of their bodies. Aaron was found in his crib with a pillow over his face, alive but bleeding.

Prosecutors drop fight to force surgery on girl

PONTIAC, Mich. — Prosecutors dropped their fight Monday to

override a family's wishes and order surgery for a 2-year-old girl with brain cancer.

With the girl's condition worsening, neurosurgeons no longer recommend surgery because of the tumor, location and size of the tumor, David Williams, an assistant county prosecutor, said at an Oakland County Family Court hearing.

Jala and Shaheda Hoque took their daughter Noshin to a doctor because her left eye wandered and she was having trouble moving her left arm and leg. Specialists found a tumor pressing against the girl's brain stem.

Doctors disagreed on whether surgery would help but agreed it was risky, and the Hoques turned to homeopathic practitioners in Canada.

After the family's pediatrician told the state Family Independence Agency, the agency got the prosecutor's office to intervene, seeking a court order to force the family to provide conventional medical care for Noshin.

— compiled from wire reports

Schools assure prayer is allowed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Threatened with the loss of federal money, the vast majority of the nation's schools have declared that they allow prayer wherever and whenever the Constitution permits. For the first time, federal law requires school districts to prove that they have no policy stifling court-protected prayer by students or teachers. Those that don't comply risk losing a share of elementary and secondary school money totaling \$23 billion.

Initial responses, due April 15, showed some states had dozens of schools out of compliance; other states failed to reply at all.

But leaders in those states say paperwork problems, not trouble over prayer policies, accounted for the delay. Most of the more than 15,000 school districts have since certified they follow the law, and federal officials seem content the states have shown good faith.

Generally, prayer is permitted provided it happens outside of class instruction and is not initiated by school officials, federal guidelines say. As examples, students may pray during recess and teachers may hold their own Bible study at lunch, but teachers may not lead their classes in prayer or try to persuade students to join religious activities.

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Explosions rock Riyadh on eve of Powell's visit

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Hours before a visit by the American secretary of state, attackers shot their way into three compounds housing Westerners and Saudis and set off car bombs. At least one person was killed and 60 were injured, hospital and security officials said.

U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Robert Jordan said, "We have unconfirmed reports of a couple of American deaths, but we do not have confirmation on those at this time."

In an interview with CNN he also said 40 of the injured were Americans.

The string of attacks occurred

in quick succession, capped by a fourth explosion early Tuesday outside the headquarters of a joint U.S.-Saudi owned company in Riyadh.

Jordan joined other U.S. and Saudi officials in saying that the al-Qaida terror network was suspected of being behind the bombings.

"It's (al-Qaida) certainly a prime suspect, I would say," Jordan said.

An official at the Abdul-Rahman Al-Mishari hospital said a man in his early 20s was killed in the blasts. His body, along with five people suffering minor injuries, was brought to the hospital. No further details

were provided.

A woman was in critical condition and four others were slightly injured at another hospital, officials said.

"We don't know how many are injured, but we received 50 and the number is growing," an official at the National Guard Hospital in Riyadh told The Associated Press by telephone, without identifying himself. "We're very busy, we are receiving a lot of casualties."

Smoke rose into the night sky from one of the attacked compounds, located in the Garnata neighborhood in eastern Riyadh, and a helicopter circled over

head, scanning the ground with a searchlight. Hundreds of anti-riot police and members of the elite National Guard were encircling the area and sealing it off as ambulances rushed in.

The compounds are upscale gated communities housing corporate executives and other professionals. About half of them are Westerners, mostly British, Italian and French but also some Americans, and the rest Saudis and other Arabs, a Saudi official said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell will go to Saudi Arabia today as scheduled, a U.S. official travelling with him said on condition of anonymity.

Arab leaders tell official of anger with Israel, U.S.

AMMAN, Jordan — U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell faced mounting disappointment and anger in the Arab world Monday over the United States' failure to win significant concessions from Israel on the new "road map" for Middle East peace.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher, visibly frustrated, demanded to know why Israel refused to publicly accept the ambitious blueprint to create a Palestinian state within three years.

"Accept" is not a difficult word to pronounce... It is important for both sides to indicate at least their intention to implement what is in the road map. The word 'accept' is not a dirty word," Maher said at a joint news conference with Powell.

"It seems to me a little strange that if you are willing to do things, you are not ready to say that you are willing to do that," he added. After he held talks with Israel and the Palestinians on Sunday, Powell's attempt to win support for the road map in the Arab world took him to Egypt and

World in brief

Jordan on Monday.

But his efforts began as Israel sealed off the Gaza Strip in a crackdown that further angered Arab officials — particularly a day after Israel pledged to make humanitarian gestures to ease the plight of Palestinians facing dire economic times.

Blast from truck bomb kills 41 people in Chechnya

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — A truck laden with explosives blew up Monday outside a government compound in Chechnya, reducing eight buildings to rubble and killing at least 41 people. Russia's president said the attack was aimed at derailing a political resolution of the 35-year-old war. Three suicide-bombers, including one woman, carried out the attack, Russian Deputy Prosecutor General Sergei Fridinsky told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

— compiled from wire reports

Germ

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Muhammad, armed forces chief of staff since 1999, Pentagon officials said without giving details of his capture.

He was No. 11 on a list issued last month of the 55 most wanted former members of Saddam's government, the jack of spades in a card deck issued to troops.

The two could know much about any unconventional weapons the government had, but it was far from certain what kind of information they would divulge to American interrogators. Other former senior leaders have largely denied under questioning that the country had programs for biological, nuclear or chemical weapons — the Bush administration rationale for waging the war.

Nearly two dozen of the top 55 are in custody, officials said.

U.N. weapons inspectors nicknamed Taha because the ran the Iraqi biological weapons facility where scientists worked with anthrax, botulinum toxin and aflatoxin. A microbiologist, Taha holds a doctorate from the University of East Anglia in Britain.

U.N. inspectors who searched Iraq for weapons of mass destruction in the 1990s paid Taha the dubious honor of making her one of the few Iraqis singled out by name in their final report. They said Taha's 1985 transfer from Baghdad University to an anthrax research site at the government's Al-Muthanna complex was linked to a resurgence of Iraq's research into biological weapons.

Taha is not on the list of the 55 most wanted, but among 200

Dr. Rihab Rashid Taha

Dr. Germ joins Missile Man in custody

The Iraqi scientist nicknamed "Dr. Germ" for her work in creating weapons-grade anthrax has been taken into custody by coalition forces, officials said Monday. Taha had been negotiating her surrender for days. Coalition forces raided her Baghdad home last month in search of her and her husband, Amer Rashid.

Position — Head of Iraq's biological weapons facility where scientists worked with anthrax, botulinum toxin and aflatoxin. **Education** — Doctorate from University of East Anglia, Britain **Family** — Husband, Amer Mohammed Rashid, also known as "Missile Man" because of his role in weapons delivery systems. He surrendered on April 28.

Source: Associated Press

Iraqis that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said are sought but who he did not publicly identify.

In a February interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., Taha said she "played a major role in Iraq's biological weapons program in the 1980s and 90s, but it was only for self-defense and not for use."

American forces had been trying to capture her and last month raided her Baghdad home, carrying away boxes of documents but not finding her or her husband.

Taha is married to Amer Rashid, who held top posts in Saddam's missile programs and was oil minister before the war. Rashid surrendered to U.S. forces April 28, 12 days after that Baghdad raid, and Taha had been negotiating her surrender over an undisclosed period, officials said Monday.

Rashid is the six of spades in

the deck of cards. The couple married in 1994 and has a young daughter.

Current and former inspectors who interviewed Taha in the mid-1990s described her as difficult and dour, and press reports said she once broke a chair in anger during U.N. questioning.

The Iraqis presented her as the head of the biological program, but inspectors suspected she may have been fronting for someone more senior.

Officials have captured a number of other former officials who they had hoped would give information on the unconventional weapons programs. Last week they reported the capture of Huda Salih Mahdi Ammash, along with Taha one of the rare women among Saddam's circle. Ammash was among the 55 most wanted and a woman officials believe played a key role in rebuilding Baghdad's biological

Latest developments

Key developments concerning Iraq:

- The man chosen to lead U.S. efforts to put postwar Iraq on track to democracy, L. Paul Bremer, said upon his arrival in the capital that his goal is to help Iraqis "regain control of their own destiny" after decades of rule by Saddam Hussein.

- Police in Baghdad packed guns, again for the first time since the war, as the capital faced a new type of lawlessness — arson, car thefts and kidnappings. U.S. authorities distributed sidearms among the 5,000 police who have reported for duty; police guarding important sites will have assault rifles.

- Some 300 Iraqi soldiers marched on the U.S. Army's main Baghdad base to demand back pay and a future in the new Iraq, joining a growing chorus of Iraqi civil servants hoping for a quick return to normalcy — including salaries — under the U.S. occupation.

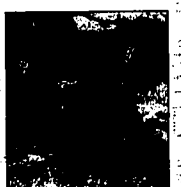
- Iraqis pulled bound and blindfolded bodies out of a newly discovered mass grave outside the southern city of Basra, excavating a site thought to contain the remains of up to 150 Shi'a Muslims killed by Saddam's

weapons capability in the 1990s.

Although the U.S.-led military coalition that defeated Saddam's army in April has mounted an extensive search for the suspected unconventional weapons, no weapons stockpile has been found.

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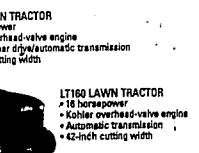
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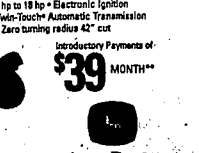
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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The moon is in your opposite sign, Libra. Are you living it up and having more fun than friends and co-workers? Your present attitude assures the path to success.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Recent plans may have to be revised as Mercury is in retrograde motion in your sign for another week. Double check your words and actions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make new plans. The harmonious lunar influences delight your heart as lovers and children are happy to spend time. Responsibility taken on in the past is now paying off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're basking in financial extravagance. Personal or love relationship may find you in the firing line. Don't become a victim of misadventure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Time to map out future career plans; business is favored. Element of deception exists.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Unexpected news from an organization involves communication and publicity skills. Confident and outgoing, you are in fine fettle with friends and family. Business negotiations make progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You

join a group that teaches you new tricks. You gain a more spiritual outlook. Good time to socialize.

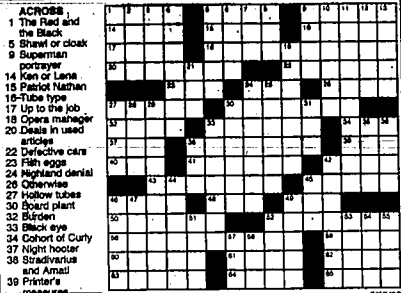
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Financial, legal and career matters prove lucrative and successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Restless mental energy and curiosity give rise to colorful experiences and distractions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): News is career-related. A new love affair or romance is in the making.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are under the spell of a new love; your thinking is deluded, and you could deceive yourself. Your heightened intuitive and psychic powers are on target and surprise close friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Positive outlook and creativity prove financially rewarding. You feel you're getting somewhere at last and close to break-through.



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EDITORIAL

Valley would gain little from higher-ed merger

Idaho's higher education system may need some changes. But a proposal to consolidate all the college and universities into one entity doesn't look like the best solution.

The education committee of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Blue Ribbon Task Force says it will recommend merging higher education under a single chancellor. Community colleges would be united and expanded into a "University of Idaho Community College," with campuses in Twin Falls, Coeur d'Alene, Nampa, Lewiston and Idaho Falls.

The proposal is intended to create efficiencies, that will save money for the state.

Get ready to buy a platinum bridge if you believe that one. Even if the state did hire one chancellor to oversee all schools, the existing college presidents would likely stay in place. The new central management also could grow into a behemoth bureaucracy. Any efficiencies from this venture would be dubious at best.

Furthermore, if the state puts community colleges under one leadership structure, local control at the College of Southern Idaho would become a thing of the past. The locally elected board would be dissolved. As CSI Foundation Executive Director Curtis Eaton has noted, this action would erode the school's ability to react nimbly to local needs.

Additionally, because local control would dissolve, local property tax support from Twin Falls and Jerome counties would also have to end. Funding would then come solely from the state. Does

the state want to overhaul that financial structure as well?

More importantly, a unified system does nothing to address the main higher ed problem in southern Idaho: a shortage of degree-granting programs.

Our view: A

consolidated system of Idaho colleges and universities wouldn't help southern Idaho.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Perhaps the vision for correcting this inequity will come from Robert Kustra, who was named last week as the new BSU president.

Kustra, 60, brings an extensive background in both academics and politics. In addition to serving as president at Eastern Kentucky University for three years, Kustra served 10 years in the Illinois Legislature and almost eight years as the state's lieutenant governor.

BSU is reasonably close to Twin Falls, and it has expanded its offerings here in recent years. But what this area needs most is a university center that houses bachelor's degree programs from various Idaho institutions.

Idaho's budget picture may prevent such a project in the immediate future. But we hope Kustra, along with the next president at U of I, will catch the vision of higher education needs for this part of the state.

In the meantime, a unified university for Idaho, in and of itself, won't bring that goal any closer to reality.

Bennett offends anti-gambling disciples

In our virtuous, moral times, few citizens are more virtuous than William Bennett. He is a professional moralist, a virtuoso of virtues, writing and editing 14 books, virtually all with "moral" and "virtue" in their titles.

Virtue has made him rich. Morals have made him millions of dollars.

More than eight million of which he gambled on slot machines and video poker in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. He was a preferred customer with \$200,000 lines of credit at several casinos.

KAREN HELLER

"Over 10 years, I'd say I've come out pretty close to even," the former Reagan education secretary told the Washington Monthly and Newsweek last week.

To paraphrase Bennett's favorite whipping boy, Bill Clinton, that depends on the definition of "pretty close."

Slot machines pay back some thing about 90 percent of the time, some as high as 95 percent, but the house always wins in gambling, especially with machines. Bennett, who would 28 states invest in a losing business?

Otherwise, while railing against everything from homosexuality to rap music to daytime talk shows, refrained from criticizing his favored pastime. However, his organization, Empower America, has condemned it.

It's ironic that Bennett, with his \$50,000 speaking fees, most likely fueled his habit with money paid by people morally opposed to gambling. It's ironic that he was not likely to become a millionaire from morality 10 years ago that he could gamble at this level. It's ironic and devious.

Gambling is often legal. Still, drinking and smoking, it is viewed by many as a vice, often an addiction. It's in the eye of the beholder.

Hypocrisy is another matter. "We should know that too much



It's ironic that Bennett, with his \$50,000 speaking fees, most likely fueled his habit with money paid by people morally opposed to gambling.

of anything, even a good thing, may prove to be our undoing. Bennett wrote in "The Book of Virtues," "We need to set definite boundaries on our appetites."

Only after the publications exposed Bennett's \$8 million habit, and pundits engaged in a generous helping of Schadenfreude, delighting in the millionaire moralist's slot habit, did Bennett come clean May 5, thereby saddening casino owners in

two time zones.

"It is true that I have gambled large sums of money. I have also complied with all laws on reporting wins and losses," he said in a terse statement. "Nevertheless, I have done too much gambling, and this is not an example I wish to set. Therefore, my gambling days are over."

Is \$8 million spent on anything other than charity ever a noble pursuit? Libertarians and free-market champions would argue that an individual can do what he pleases with his money, provided it is done legally and causes no harm. If someone wants to build a \$500-room house or purchase \$8 million worth of shoes, it is nobody's business but his own. But most of us find such expenditures unbecoming.

We live in a time of considerable excess, from the size of televisions to serving portions to vehicles that look as if they have been fed a steady diet of anabolic steroids. We have an excess of choices, from cable offerings to

Democratic presidential candidates to snack chips (which, incidentally, take up an entire aisle at a downtown Philadelphia Whole Foods Market). In entertainment, as Bennett repeatedly points out, excess has been amped in terms of language, violence and sex. Almost nothing astounds.

Yet we also live in a time of behavioral moderation and modification. We are quick to stigmatize vices. In the era of huge portions, we idealize hard bodies. We have stores crowded with stuff, yet vacation in excess Meccas like Vegas and Disney World, yet we seek Oprah-style clarity of purpose and spirituality that extols simplicity and purity over filthy lust. And we have markets with million-dollar gambling habits.

The irony is not simply in Bennett's do-as-I-say-not-as-I-did ways. It permeates our entire culture. We want it all, but in the simplest, purest, most virtuous way.

Karen Heller is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Radical Islamic clergy should tone down rhetoric

The National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) convened a meeting in Washington last week to urge their mostly conservative Christian leaders to tone down "dangerous" and "unhelpful" remarks about Islam. Concerns were raised over comments by the Revs. Franklin Graham, Pat Robertson and others that Islam is inherently "wicked" and violent. NAE leaders worry that such state-



Cal Thomas

ments could anger Muslim missionaries around the world. They proposed new guidelines for churches to follow in relating to Muslims.

Doesn't the NAE have it backward? The most incendiary language is not coming from Christian leaders in this country, but from Muslim clergy overseas and occasionally from Muslim pulpits and schools in the United States. There is no Christian or Jewish doctrine that mandates followers of those faiths to kill people who disagree with them and to make the state in which they reside subject to their interpretation of holy writ. In America, one may take God's name in vain without fear of temporal punishment, unlike in

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many Muslim countries where even perceived blasphemy can result in the death penalty. Ask Salman Rushdie, who remains the target of a fatwa calling for his assassination for writing "The Satanic Verses," a book that offended some Muslim leaders.

The NAE should be calling on members of the radical Islamic clergy to tone down their rhetoric. It should also be asking "moderate" Muslim clergy to isolate the extremists within their faith and to deprive them of legitimacy if they speak and act outside the will of mainstream Islamic doctrines.

As chronicled in this column over several years, invective against Christians, Jews and all other non-Muslims regarded as "infidels" rains down from Islamic pulpits throughout the world. The harsh rhetoric makes reference to Koranic justifications of violent means to religious ends. These include the takeover of not only the "West Bank," but all of Israel. Why

would such people negotiate with "infidel" diplomats who represent "the great Satan" and settle for less than they believe their God wants them to take it all?

Christianity and Judaism - at least as practiced in the West - believe in separation of church and state. While these faiths see the state as having been instituted by God, they do not universally view the state as a means by which God accomplishes His will. Islamic eschatology is somewhat different. Many Muslims believe the state is an arm of God that He uses to achieve His will. That includes, they believe, forcing those who do not believe to submit to those who do.

Many Muslims are taught that land once possessed by Islam - even if it was taken by force from others - remains holy Islamic territory. Such "lost lands" are to be restored to their "rightful rule." These doctrines suggest that not only is Israel in jeopardy but also large parts of Southern Europe, Spain and

North Africa, which were once dominated by Islam.

If these are no longer prevailing Islamic beliefs (as forceful dominance of the Middle East or any other part of the world was long ago rejected by Christians), then let leading Islamic clerics and theologians say so. They should initiate conferences to "tone down" the rhetoric coming from the mouths and writings of their fellow Muslims.

The NAE leaders make a classic Western mistake. They believe that what they say and do shapes the thinking and behavior of those who regard them as infidels. For centuries Christian missionaries have been martyred by religious and political terrorists. That risk goes with the job. They are not likely to be in less danger because of the rhetoric of certain American preachers.

Christians and Jews aren't declaring war on the world, and they are not hijacking airplanes to fly into buildings or blowing themselves up among civilians. Those who do claim their martyrdom is from Islam. The shoe is on the wrong foot.

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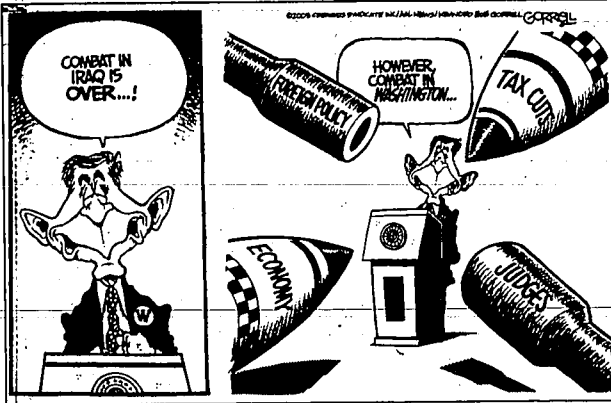


By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Dems aim for economic woes

Have you heard the news? More jobs have been lost during the first two years of President Bush's administration than under any president since Herbert Hoover. Haven't heard it? You will. It's one of the Democratic Party's new talking points.

ZEV CHAFETS

There's an esoteric, History Channel quality to the Bush-Hoover comparison. Hoover left the White House 70 years ago. His name evokes little emotion, or even recognition, among voters under 80. Average Americans, if they've heard of Hoover at all, probably think he invented the vacuum cleaner.

In fact, Hoover was the unlucky and inept fellow who presided over the first years of the Great Depression. Today's Democrats are trying hard to convince the public that an analogous economic crisis is upon us. So far, it's not working.

This week, the Gallup Organization published the results of an economic public opinion poll it conducted in late April. The survey's main finding is that Americans aren't forming broad lines quite yet.

Gallup did find that 56 percent of the public thinks the economy is in recession - high, but hardly Hooverian. More to the point, it is far better than Bush's father fared on the same question after the first Gulf War. Then, 88 percent of Americans told Gallup they thought the nation was in a recession.

That disparity is crucial. Today's Democrats are inspired by the fact that Bush lost his wartime popularity - and the 1992 election - because voters blamed him for hard economic times.

In 1991, not only did almost nine in 10 Americans say there was a recession, but almost 60 percent called it "serious" or "moderate" (as opposed to "mild," "no recession" or "no opinion"). Today, only 35 per-

cent regard the country as in a serious or moderately serious recession. Even more striking, 57 percent of Americans, asked about the business conditions in their communities, called them "good" or "very good." Obviously, many people who say there's a recession aren't experiencing it personally. Contrast this with 1991, when only 44 percent of Americans described the economic conditions in their communities in positive terms. This disparity is crucial, because people who pick candidates for financial reasons tend to vote their own pocketbooks, not those of their neighbors.

In 1991, with his overall job approval at 88 percent, President George Bush got favorable ratings for economic stewardship from just 37 percent. This Bush has a far lower (if still very high) overall rating of 70 percent. But 49 percent of the public approves of his economic job performance.

In Saturday's Democratic debate, Sen. John Edwards asked the Ronald Reagan question: Are you better off now than you were four years ago? Perhaps not, but the answer is not quite the rhetorical slam dunk the North Carolina senator and his fellow Democrats imagine. Sixty percent of the public told Gallup that they are as well off, or better off, than they were a year ago. Even more telling, almost two-thirds expect to be better off financially a year from now than they are today.

Everyone knows that polls are a snapshot. Eighteen months before the next election, surveys reliably predict nothing. On the other hand, the president of 1992, on which the Democrats are basing so much hope, was also a snapshot - and, like the employment figures of the Hoover administration, it is yielding into irrelevance. If the Democrats want to exploit what they see as Bush's economic vulnerabilities, they will have to bring their talking points into the 21st century.

Zev Chafets is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

LETTERS

Local government spends too much

On May 7, county officials said they'll have to find money somewhere. Well, I have a comment.

Why is money being spent needlessly? The street names do not need to be changed, do they?

Also, did the Main-Shoshone intersection really need a facelift?

Please quit spending money where it's not needed.
LUCY K. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Use street naming funds for centennial celebration
Just a few words concerning

the changing of the names of the streets in Twin Falls.

I am a real native of Twin Falls, having been born and raised here. Now don't get the idea I am against changing the street names because I really don't care! I just feel that the arguments don't make sense, saying that new people moving into Twin have an awful time with finding businesses or homes or getting around in Twin Falls.

Well, think about it! If any one of us moved to another city or town, we would have to ask around and find what we were looking for and learn our way around with new addresses and numbers, whether it be Boise, Idaho Falls, Buhl, Filer or New York!

I think the big issue we need to think about or consider is having to spend money that probably could be used for other things, including the centennial celebration.

Perhaps there could be some kind of vote or hearings and get more people to voice their opinions.

I know majority rules, and if most of the people think it would be beneficial to Twin Falls and think this would be a wise move, so be it.

I really am not one of the "old fogies" that do not like changes. I really don't care if this is what everybody wants. There are lots of streets in Twin Falls I can't find.

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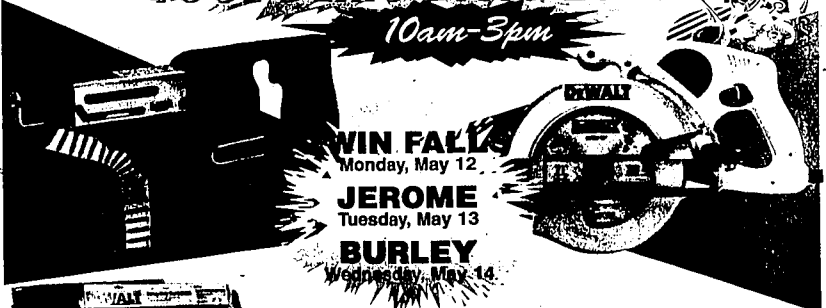


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MORNING BREAK

Teen should reconsider reasons behind big prom-night plans.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend "Adam" and I are high school seniors. We have been serious for only three months, but we've been dating for more than a year. He is sexually experienced, but I am not—I'm still the "Big V."

On prom night, I want Adam to be my "first," but because I have been disappointed in the past, I don't want to be left heartbroken. I love Adam with all my heart—he's all I want in a guy. But I feel torn about what to do. Should I go ahead and "seize the day"? Or should I make him wait? Please help!

—TEEN GIRL IN THE GAMBLING STATE

DEAR TEEN GIRL: Your boyfriend may be a wonderful person, but to lose your virginity simply to celebrate prom night is not a mature decision. Sex carries with it responsibilities—and can result in unplanned "surprises," as the following letter shows. Read on.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I was an A student in high school and was accepted into both Cornell and Stanford. I had a brilliant future in front of me on a silver platter—then I had a baby. I did not get pregnant on purpose. I had my first because I could not bring myself to get an abortion or give up my baby. It has not been an easy road.

I married my baby's father, even though he was only one month out of high school, and I dropped out of my first year of college. The first 10 years of our marriage were spent struggling to make ends meet. He worked, making \$6.25 an hour as a waiter's apprentice. I waited tables at night, sometimes until 2 or 3 a.m., then I would get up at 6 a.m. to feed the baby. There was no money to go out with friends or for new clothes, and we lived in a tiny house in a bad neighborhood. Lack of money caused most of our marital problems.

As I grew as much as I loved my baby, I also resented him because my dreams were put on permanent hold and I had to live the way I did. I spent days, weeks and months crying hours at a time in despair. This was not the life I had envisioned. In the seven years that followed, I had two more sons. My youngest was the only child I was emotionally prepared for.

I am now 42. My oldest is 12, and yes, I am still married to my husband. People think we are the perfect family, but I am not sure it was worth the price we have paid. Our first two sons never knew their mom or dad during the years when it counted most. The marriage nearly crumbled. We both had fears and verbally abused each other. It took more than 100 hours of expensive counseling to fix our family.

L.M. Boyd, the crossword and Horoscope are on Page A-5.



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15 years down the road. I urge all young people reading this to get an education—not just in college, but life experience as well. Youth doesn't last forever. You will no longer

have a chance to be young and free once you have children. Don't try to beat the odds. The pain left in the wake of your mistake lands squarely in your kids' laps.

—TELLING THE TRUTH IN TOLEDO

DEAR TELLING THE TRUTH: You have made an important point. It takes consistency and emotional maturity to

be an effective parent. If the mother or father is still emotionally immature, as well-intended as that person may be, he or she does not have the tools to be the parent that every child deserves.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fish and Game OKs doe hunting reduction

BOISE - Doe permits will be harder for deer hunters to come by in the Bennett Hills and Smoky Mountains this fall.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission on Monday approved a reduction in the number of doe permits from 2,750 to 1,450 in portions of five hunting units.

The change results from a substantial reduction in the number of deer counted this spring in the hills and mountains surrounding the Camas Prairie.

The availability of doe permits generally reflects a herd's overall strength.

Biologists spotted only 5,419 male deer in their spring survey of the Bennett Hills and the Smoky Mountains, the Department of Fish and Game reported. That is 23 percent lower than last year, when the count reached 7,003.

Fish and Game says the reduced hunting levels are proposed to help prevent further population declines while still permitting liberal antlerless hunting opportunities for sportsmen.

Proposed permit numbers are similar to 1995-99 levels when the Bennett Hills area suffered from low fawn survival rates, Fish and Game says.

Women organize group for families of troops

BUHL - Two women have started a support group for the families and friends of people serving their country in the Middle East.

Velma Hopkins and Debbie Van Casteren are working companions at Kings in Buhl and found that talking to each other about the fear and anguish that goes with a loved one far away in the service has comforted them some.

Van Casteren's son, Josh, is serving in Iraq with the Marine Corps.

While friends and families of servicemen and women are waiting for their safe return, the women decided to invite people to get together and help one another.

The group plans to meet each Saturday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Buhl at Broadway and Poplar streets to offer any assistance to families and friends who have the same concern.

Helping one another by talking, helping with jobs around the home, giving support to other children in the families or just making new friends in a time of need are some of the topics Hopkins and Van Casteren said they found helpful in common.

Anyone with questions can call Van Casteren at 543-5468 or Hopkins at 543-5308.

Agency plans to renew fly fishing guide permits

KETCHUM - The Ketchum Ranger District is seeking to renew two 5-year permits for providing guided walk-and-wade fly fishing instruction on the Sawtooth National Forest.

Silver Creek Outfitters and has applied for renewal of its existing special-use permit to operate in portions of Big Wood, Warm Springs and Trail Creek drainages and the South Fork of the Boise River. Silver Creek Outfitters' permit is catch-and-release, walk-and-wade fly fishing and instruction.

Bill Mason Outfitters also has applied for renewal of its existing special-use permit to operate in portions of Big Wood, Warm Springs, Trail Creek and Little Wood River drainages. The emphasis of Bill Mason Outfitters is catch-and-release; walk-and-wade fly fishing and instruction, in addition to guided day hiking and overnight backpacking fly-fishing.

Structures or reserved sites will not be permitted on public lands for both Silver Creek and Bill Mason Outfitters. Both outfitters promote the wise use of public resources and educating their clients in practicing "leave no trace" ethics.

Those who wish to comment on permit renewals may do so by writing to Chuck Lovely, Recreation Specialist, Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, ID 83340, or by delivering comments to the district office at Sun Valley/Boise Community Center, 1000 N. 2nd St., by June 5.

Compiled from staff reports

Board mulls foundation governance

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Physicians are an integral part of the decision making at Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings, Mont.

Nicholas Wolter, chief executive officer at Deaconess, Monday gave the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital Board a rundown on the not-for-profit, community-governed, 272-bed trauma hospital in Billings and its foundation-based model of governance. Deaconess is also the region's largest multispecialty group practice.

The organization is structured as a medical foundation, similar to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and Cleveland Clinic in

Community forum

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will hold a forum to give the community an update on the hospital's facility planning process and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the shape of health care for the future.

The forum will be held from 8:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in the hospital's Education Center located north of the hospital at 650 Addison Ave. W. For more information, call 737-2955.

Cleveland, Ohio. A multispecialty physician group practice is at the core of the foundation model. Organizational leadership is created through a partnership with physicians and business managers.

"They're (physicians) made to feel they're active participants in every decision the board makes," Wolter said.

The community-owned organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of community members.

Monday's discussion was part of a joint effort between Hospital Board members and Twin Falls County commissioners to educate themselves on how other hospitals - both nonprofit and for-profit - operate.

The Deaconess campus in Billings' medical corridor includes Billings Clinic,

Deaconess Hospital, Psychiatric Center, Welch Heart Center, Occupational Health & Wellness, Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and the DBC Foundation. The Billings Clinic Heights, Billings Clinic West and Aspen Meadows Retirement community are located in the Billings city limits, off the main campus.

Not only do two physicians serve on the 10-member Deaconess board, which includes an assortment of people from the community, but the hospital's operating council is composed of physicians.

"Physician leadership is a requirement at all levels of the organization," Wolter said. Bringing physicians and administrators

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THE CLEANUP CREW



COURTESY/The Times-News

Judge Charles Brumbach, left, and Sandy Zimmerman plant a young tree, the state flower, in the Rock Creek Parkway on Saturday. The planting of 200 trees and shrubs was part of a continuing effort to beautify the 1.6-mile section of Rock Creek Canyon in Twin Falls.

Rock Creek Brigade makes progress

By Rachel Hartgen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Six years ago, the Rock Creek Parkway was overgrown with weeds, trees and grass along with piles of litter including tires, automobiles, shopping carts and cement slabs.

Wanting to clean the area up, the city officials asked several people if they would be willing to take charge of keeping the area clean.

In response, the Rock Creek Brigade was formed. The result is a beautiful, scenic area of

Want to help?

More volunteers are always needed for the Rock Creek Brigade.

If you're interested, call Dennis Bowyer, director of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, at 738-2285; or Beth Sigler, Rock Creek Brigade member, at 734-7819.

Twin Falls

"Things needed to take place that the city didn't have the time or manpower to do, so service groups started doing the original volunteering. As that progressed,

the city decided they needed a dedicated group," said Rock Creek Brigade member John Pohlman.

Brigade members, along with more than 80 volunteers from various organizations, grabbed shovels and took to planting 200 trees and shrubs Saturday along the 1.6-mile stretch known as the Rock Creek Parkway between the Singing Bridge and Addison Avenue. It was just another step in the six-year process of beautifying the area.

"Over the years we've put in sprinkler systems, park benches,

picnic tables, planted grass, created trails, trimmed bushes, and cleaned up the underbrush and mess," brigade member David Mead said. "This weekend we planted 200 native trees, wild-rose bushes, and continued to clean up the area."

The city of Twin Falls bought the land along Rock Creek in 1976 with funding from the federal government to develop community parks. At that time, the Rock Creek Parkway was covered with houses and cattle. When both were removed, the area quickly

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Boys and Girls Club offers program in Buhl

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - As the school year is winding down, many parents are faced with finding people to keep an eye on their children during the summer.

The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley might be a new solution for folks in Buhl.

A special summer program in Buhl will begin on June 9 at Popplewell Elementary School and will offer a variety of sports and activities for children ages 6-18.

"The Boys and Girls Club summer program will be the best thing to ever happen to Buhl kids," said Jennifer Twiss, a working mother. "When I was a single mother, my kids participated in the Twin Falls club, and I drove them to and from the club every day during the summer, even though I lived and worked in Buhl."

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There are scholarships available for the summer program; they can be discussed at enrollment time.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fish and Game OKs doe hunting reduction

BOISE - Doe permits will be harder for deer hunters to come by in the Bennett Hills and Smoky Mountains this fall.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission on Monday approved a reduction in the number of doe permits from 2,750 to 1,450 in portions of five hunting units.

The change results from a sub-annual reduction in the number of doe deer counted this spring in the hills and mountains surrounding the Camas Prairie.

The availability of doe permits generally reflects a herd's overall health.

Biologists spotted only 5,419 mule deer in their spring survey of the Bennett Hills and the Smoky Mountains, the Department of Fish and Game reported. That is 23 percent lower than last year, when the count topped 7,003.

Fish and Game says the reduced hunting levels are proposed to help prevent further population declines while still permitting liberal antlerless hunting opportunities for sportsmen.

Proposed permit numbers are similar to 1995-99 levels when the Bennett Hills area suffered from low fawn survival rates, Fish and Game says.

Women organize group for families of troops

BUHL - Two women have started a support group for the families and friends of people serving their country in the Middle East.

Velma Hopkins and Debbie Van Casteren are working companions at Kings in Buhl and found that talking to each other about the fear and anguish that goes with a loved one far away in the service has comforted them some.

Van Casteren's son, Josh, is serving in Iraq with the Marine Corps.

While friends and families of servicemen and women are waiting for their safe return, the women decided to invite one another together and help one another.

The group plans to meet each Saturday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Buhl at Broadway and Poplar streets to offer any assistance to families and friends who have the same concerns.

Helping one another by talking, helping with jobs around the home, giving support to other children in the families or just making new friends in a time of need are some of the topics Hopkins and Van Casteren said they found helpful in common.

Anyone with questions can call Van Casteren at 543-5458 or Hopkins at 543-5308.

Agency plans to renew fly fishing guide permits

KETCHUM - The Ketchum Ranger District is seeking to renew its special-use permits providing guided walk-and-wade fly fishing instruction on the Sawtooth National Forest.

Silver Creek Outfitters and has applied for renewal of its existing special-use permit to operate in portions of the Big Wood, Warm Springs and Trail Creek drainages and the South Fork of the Boise River. Silver Creek Outfitters' permit is a catch-and-release, walk-and-wade fly fishing and instruction.

Bill Mason Outfitters also has applied for renewal of its existing special-use permit to operate in portions of Big Wood, Warm Springs, Trail Creek and the South Fork of the Boise River drainages. The emphasis of Bill Mason Outfitters is catch-and-release, walk-and-wade fly fishing and instruction, in addition to guided day hiking and overnight backcountry fly fishing.

Structures or reserved sites will not be permitted on public lands in both Silver Creek and Bill Mason Outfitters. Both outfitters are to promote wise use of public resources and educating their clients in practicing "leave no trace" ethics.

Those who wish to comment on the permit renewal must do so by May 15. Comments should be sent to Chuck Lovell, Recreation Specialist, Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, 83340, or by delivering comments to the district office at 200 Valley Creek and comments will be received by June 5.

Compiled from staff reports

Board mulls foundation governance

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Physicians are an integral part of the decision making at Deaconess Billings Clinic in Billings, Mont.

Nicholas Wolter, chief executive officer at Deaconess, Monday gave the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital Board a rundown on the not-for-profit, community-governed, 272-bed trauma hospital in Billings and its foundation-based model of governance. Deaconess is also the region's largest multispecialty group practice.

The organization is structured as a medical foundation, similar to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and Cleveland Clinic in

Community forum

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will hold a forum to give the community an update on the hospital's facility planning process and to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the shape of health care for the future.

The forum will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in the hospital's Education Center located north of the hospital at 650 Addison Ave. W. For more information, call 737-2955.

Cleveland, Ohio. A multispecialty physician group practice is at the core of the founda-

tion model. Organizational leadership is created through a partnership with physicians and business managers.

"They're (physicians) made to feel they're active participants in every decision the board makes," Wolter said.

The community-owned organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors made up of community members.

Monday's discussion was part of a joint effort between Hospital Board members and Twin Falls County commissioners to educate themselves on how other hospitals - both nonprofit and for-profit - operate.

The Deaconess campus in Billings' medical corridor includes Billings Clinic,

Deaconess Hospital, Psychiatric Center, Welch-Heart-Center, Occupational Health & Wellness, Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and the DBC Foundation. The Billings Clinic Heights, Billings Clinic West and Aspen Meadows Retirement Community are located in the Billings city limits, off the main campus.

Not only do two physicians serve on the 10-member Deaconess board, which includes an assortment of people from the community, but the hospital's operating council is composed of physicians.

"Physician leadership is a requirement at all levels of the organization," Wolter said.

Bringing physicians and administrators

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THE CLEANUP CREW



Judge Charles Brumbach, left, and Sandy Zimmernan plant a sycamore, the state flower, in the Rock Creek Parkway on Saturday. The planting of 200 trees and shrubs was part of a continuing effort to beautify the 1.8-mile section of Rock Creek Canyon in Twin Falls.

Rock Creek Brigade makes progress

By Rachel Hartzen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Six years ago, the Rock Creek Parkway was overgrown with weeds, trees and grass along with piles of litter including tires, automobiles, shopping carts and cement slabs.

Wanting to clean the area up, the city officials asked several people if they would be willing to take charge of keeping the area clean.

In response, the Rock Creek Brigade was formed. The result is a beautiful, scenic area of

Want to help?
More volunteers are always needed for the Rock Creek Brigade.

If you're interested, call Dennis Bowyer, director of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, at 736-2285; or Beth Sigler, Rock Creek Brigade member, at 734-7619.

Twin Falls.

"Things needed to take place that the city didn't have the time or manpower to do, so service groups started doing the original volunteering. As that progressed,

the city decided they needed a dedicated group," said Rock Creek Brigade member John Pohlman.

Brigade members, along with more than 80 volunteers from various organizations, grabbed shovels and took to planting 200 trees and shrubs Saturday along the 1.8-mile stretch known as the Rock Creek Parkway between the Singing Bridge and Addison Avenue. It was just another step in the six-year process of beautifying the area.

"Over the years we've put in sprinkler systems, park benches,

picnic tables, planted grass, created trails, trimmed bushes, and cleaned up the underbrush and messes," brigade member Davis Mead said. "This weekend we planted 200 native trees, wild rose bushes, and continued to clean up the area."

The city of Twin Falls bought the land along Rock Creek in 1976 with funding from the federal government to develop community parks. At that time, the Rock Creek Parkway was covered with houses and cattle. When both were removed, the area quickly

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Boys and Girls Club offers program in Buhl

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - As the school year is winding down, many parents are faced with finding people to keep an eye on their children during the summer.

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club membership entitles a child to visit the Twin Falls club and participate in activities during the summer and school year and receive a T-shirt bearing the Boys and Girls Club logo.

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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.



Steven Graham

- Age: 22.
- Hometown: Buhl.
- Local family: Mother, Karen Mitmer.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, October 1999.
- Rank, assignment: Lance corporal, 2nd Marine Expedition Battalion, Kuwait.
- Additional information: Deployed in January.

-Compiled by Amie Thompson

Kirk Weimert

- Age: 42.
- Local family: Father, Ron Weimert of Buhl.
- Service, date of enlistment: Idaho Air National Guard, 1981.
- Rank, assignment: Master sergeant, maintenance supervisor, just returned from Kuwait and Iraq.
- Task: Avionics maintenance for A-10 Warthog fighter bombers.
- Additional information: In January he went to Kuwait for temporary duty, but was activated to full time after a couple of weeks.

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Military Messages." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Time-News Clerk Sharlene Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharlene@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

Ex-mayor pleads innocent

BOISE (AP) — Former Mayor Brent Coles pleaded innocent on Monday to five felony charges stemming from allegedly inappropriate trips taken at taxpayer expense while he was in office.

Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville set Coles' trial for Nov. 4, the day Boise votes for a new mayor.

Coles sat calmly next to his attorney, Mark Manweiler, during the 15-minute hearing in which Neville outlined the charges, their maximum sentences and Coles' rights.

As his wife and son watched from the audience, Coles responded only briefly when asked if he understood what had been said.

A grand jury indicted Coles last week on one count of fraud and four counts of misuse of public funds.

The charges involved trips he took between New York City and Rochester, N.Y., last November and in late 1999, and a trip which he authorized for two aides to Rochester on Oct. 4, 2000.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicalvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Colleen Mae Thomas Hodkins Griffith

Colleen Mae Thomas Hodkins Griffith, 76, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born March 20, 1927, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Herman and Arlinda Brothers Thomas. She was married and attended schools in Twin Falls. She married Edwin E. Hodkins on March 5, 1950, in Elko, NV, and to this union 4 children were born: Andrew Eric Hodkins, William Edwin Hodkins, Scott Ellis Hodkins, and Carla Marie Rumlitt. She stayed at home with the children for a time, and then became an active partner in the family business, Hodkins Oil. Mr. Hodkins died on Feb. 2, 1977, and she later married Robert "Bob" Griffith in 1980. Mr. Griffith died in 1994. Colleen enjoyed traveling, and was a snow bird for a number of years, enjoyed playing pinocle, and the joys of her life were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Betty (Joyce) Hodkins and Carla (Gary) Rumlitt, 1 sister, Zelma Staley of Sacramento, CA, 6 grandchildren, Christy Hodkins of Scottsdale, AZ, Billie Jean Hall of Meridian, ID, Tina Langdon of Boise, ID, Chad Hodkins of Colorado Springs, CO, Jeremy Rumlitt of Filer, ID, and Shawn Hodkins in the military in Germany, and by 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her two husbands who she preceded in death by 2 sons, Ardy and Scott, 4 brothers, Clifford Thomas, Ernie Thomas, Ed Thomas, and Jack Thomas, and 4 sisters, Icie Malone, Marcela Snow, Bonnie Garley and Jean Shirley.

Funeral services for Colleen will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2003, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, with Rev Jim Sommer officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6-7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS



Debra Lynn Thomas

1953-2003

On May 10, 2003, Debra left us to be with her Heavenly Father at the age of 49. She fought a courageous battle with cancer.

To Family and Friends:

Though my life on this earth was not as long as I would have liked it to be, I have had a wonderful life. A family full of love and support, three wonderful children, good friends and a job that I loved. So please do not cry for me. Instead, say a prayer for my family and friends. For they need your help now. For I am no longer in pain. For my Lord and Savior has taken me home.

Love, Debbie

Our hearts are hurting right now for we did not want to lose Deb. But we know that she has gone to a beautiful place. And with Deb's loving soul and artistic ways it will be over more beautiful with her there.

Debra leaves behind three daughters, Debra, Melanie and Melissa Baldwin, her best friend and mother, Evelyn Good, and stepfather, Fred Good, sister Caroline Wall and brother-in-law, Wes Wall; and many special friends and relatives that helped her through life's ups and downs. Debra is now with her father, Dick Kawans, and her grandparents.

She will be missed, but our memories of her will be with us for eternity.

Memorial Services for Deb will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 4 p.m. at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E. Twin Falls, with Pastor Greg Fadness officiating. Afterwards, there will be a reception at her sister, Caroline's home, 690 Centro Ct. in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Debra's wishes, if friends desired, were to give to her church building fund, The Lighthouse Christian Fellowship.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

BURLEY



Judith Ann Palmer

Judith Ann Palmer, 49-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born July 13, 1953, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Adolph and Patricia Jane Howard Korb. She grew up and attended schools in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1971. She was a member of Job's Daughters. Judy attended the College of Southern Idaho, where she received an Associates Degree in Accounting and a Bachelors Degree in Bookkeeping. She married Philip Ray Palmer on September 28, 1986, in Twin Falls.

She had worked as a cashier at Smiths Food King for twenty-five years. Judy loved shopping at Walmart and her dog, Suzy. She also loved cats. She enjoyed yard crafts, embroidery work, crocheting, camping and hiking.

Survivors include her husband, Philip, her mother, Pat Korb, a son, Brad (Amanda) Korb, two grandchildren, Elizabeth Korb and Caleb Korb, a brother, Randy Korb, two sisters, Margaret Korb, all of Burley, and Sue Reeves of Pocatello.

She was preceded in death by her father, and a sister, Betty Lou Beckham.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley, with Pastor Mike Dorman officiating. Burial will be in the Gern Memorial Gardens in Burley.

Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. The family suggests memorials be given to the American Diabetes Association, 1111 South Orchard Street, Suite 2224, Boise, ID 83705.

MILES CITY, MONT.

Patricia Joanne Kohnopp

Patricia Joanne Kohnopp, age 50, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at her home in Miles City.

Patricia was born on May 12, 1952, in Florence, Arizona, the daughter of Frank and Joanne (Adair) Wootan. She attended schools in Arizona and in Oregon. She married Leslie Glenn Kohnopp on August 9, 1975, in Elko, Nevada. They lived in Filer, Idaho, until 1988 when they moved to Savage, Montana. While in Savage, Les worked construction throughout the area until the past two years when they have lived in Miles City.

Patricia loved horses and being outdoors.

Patricia is survived by her hus-

band, Leslie Kohnopp of Miles City, MT; her parents: Frank and Joanne Wootan of Fallon, MT; a son, Timothy Morgan, and his wife Tammy of Sidney, MT; five brothers, Michael E. Wootan of Glendive, MT, Tim Wootan of Bolt, MT, Kelly Wootan of Prescott, AZ, Ray Wootan of Fallon, MT, and Casey Wootan of Fairfield, MT; and four grandchildren, Jacqueline Kohnopp, Tristian Kohnopp, Kaitlyn Kohnopp and Morgan Kohnopp.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Peggy Ruth Hultman, in 2001.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the Glendive Hospice.

HANSEN



Juanita Kiechler Perrine

In Loving Memory of Juanita Kiechler Perrine, 62, of Hansen, who died in her parents on May 10, 2003.

She was born November 16, 1940, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Anne Stanley and Andrew Kiechler. She was the second child of three children. Her father was in construction so the family moved often to be near him when he worked in different states. They moved to Victoria, Texas. There, Juanita met and married Joseph Ellis on August 8, 1956. Her parents moved to Elko, Nevada, and Joe followed in 1957. They had three children. They later divorced. She then met and married Robert J. Perrine, December 15, 1971, in Elko. They moved to Burley, Hansen and Ogden before returning to Hansen, making it their final residence. She had been a cook and waitress in her earlier years. She was a loving housewife and mother. She loved to tell the grandchildren stories about her life and the things she had done. She enjoyed traveling, camping, reading, playing games and spending quality time with her family. She loved to collect dolls and beads. She also loved to move her furniture around, which tended to make life very interesting and amusing for her family. Robert never knew, when he walked in her door, where his chair would be next.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Robert of Hansen; daughter, Marianne (Zane) Yokum of Twin Falls, Natalie (Frank) Wood of Lancaster, S.C., Jody Bliss and her fiancé (Mick Squires) of Hansen; grandchildren, Warren (Melissa) Yokum, Trina (William) Wood, Larissa (Jamie) Adams of Twin Falls, and Tesha Bliss and Domi Bliss of Hansen; great-grandchildren, Annie Adams and William Wood of Twin Falls, and a new one on the way. Also surviving are a brother, Harold Kiechler of Las Vegas, NV, and a sister, Elaine (Robert) Dunning of Sparks, NV, nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Memorial Services for Juanita will be held Friday, May 16, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, with Pastor Dale Maltzer officiating. Interment will follow services at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, ID. Friends may call Thursday, May 15, 2003 from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

God made the sun. He made the sky. He made the trees, & the birds that fly. He made the flowers. He made the light. He made the stars that shine at night. God made the rain. He made the dew. And He made dear mothers and grandmothers, too. Special loving ones like you! God truly blessed our family when He made you.

You're truly loved and will be missed.

Winter wheat production rises

BOISE (AP) — With exports expected to rise this year and prices running well over \$3 a bushel, Idaho winter wheat growers are looking at a 3 percent increase in this year's harvest.

Based on May 1 field surveys, the Agriculture Department on Monday estimated 2003 winter wheat production at 56.1 million bushels, or 79 bushels an acre.

While up from the past two years, the increase pales in comparison to the 37 percent boost in production winter growers nationally expect.

The government estimated the crop nationwide at 1.56 billion bushels, up 37 percent from last year as acreage rose and yields improved to nearly 43

bushels an acre.

U.S. wheat exports, which were soft a year ago, are projected to be up 1 percent this year to 950 million bushels because Russia and Ukraine likely will export less of their crops.

Foreign competitors such as Argentina, Australia and Canada also should increase wheat production while the European Union will likely see a decline, according to federal projections.

The Agriculture Department estimated that about 50,000 acres of the 760,000 planted to winter wheat last fall were abandoned over the winter, a typical reduction reflecting an unusual amount of winterkill.

Still the acreage is well below average for the state in the 1990s, although the yield is about average, matching last year's and six bushels higher than the anemic 73 bushels an acre posted in 2001.

The harvest estimate for spring wheat will not be out until June 30. But at an average yield over the last decade, the 520,000 acres farmers say they are planting should produce about 37.3 million bushels.

Combined, that would produce a total crop of under 95 million bushels, which would be the third straight harvest of less than 100 million bushels, after nine straight over the 100-million mark.

Seattle starts homeland security drills

SEATTLE (AP) — A flash from a "dirty" bomb sent a plume of radioactivity across the city Monday — but it was only a test, the start of a five-day national terrorism exercise for hundreds of emergency workers.

The mock explosion, the first event in the drill, occurred in a car in industrial south Seattle. The staged scene, covering several acres, featured smashed cars and buses, ruined buildings, scattered debris and spot fires.

Immediately after the blast, people portraying some of the 150 "victims" stumbled amid the wreckage as emergency vehicles converged on the scene. Some of the pretend victims screamed, adding to the chaotic atmosphere.

"Our first responders, I think, did an outstanding job today," Mayor Greg Nickels said. "Things went about the way we thought they would."

He and King County Executive Ron Sims said developments over the course of the day required some tough decision-making, such as whether to declare a state of emergency, whether to suspend public transportation, whether to continue trials in the King County Courthouse and how to determine the range of the plume of radioactivity and alert those in affected areas.

Nickels said he spoke twice Monday with U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, and once with U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

Once all the data are analyzed and the decisions have been reviewed, the local leaders said, they'll determine what lessons were learned in the exercise.

Other events in the weeklong

drill organized by the Ridge's agency were taking place in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, including the staging of a mock bioterrorist attack, an incident at Midway Airport and a raid on a terrorist lair.

The officials will be real, but the emergencies are fake.

Seattle Deputy Police Chief Clark Kimmer said the exercise here went well, with some aspects, including the communication system linking various agencies, working better than expected.

"What I have observed so far is a very exemplary response: we are functioning as we should be," he said.

In Seattle's scenario, 150 people were "injured" in the explosion, and 92 were taken to area hospitals. Twenty people were being sought in the rubble and two were reported killed.

Small school district feels financial crunch

THOMAS (AP) — State restrictions on support for public schools in the past two years have administrators, teachers, parents and property owners facing difficult decisions across Idaho.

The most immediate comes Tuesday in eastern Idaho's Snake River School District.

Voters are being asked to approve a two-year, \$375,000 supplemental property tax levy to keep most of the district's remaining extracurricular pro-

grams running.

Voters overwhelmingly rejected a \$300,000 levy a year ago, and the school board closed Pingree Elementary School, cut some junior high school sports and eliminated several academic programs.

Parents raised enough cash to keep soccer, softball and baseball alive.

"There's a concern because the stakes are pretty high, and these are hard economic times," Superintendent Pat Mortensen

said. "This levy will determine the direction that our school district will go."

Last year's reduction in state support and hold-the-line budgets for this year and next — combined with modest enrollment declines — put the district in the same kind of financial bind faced by others statewide.

In a district where 80 percent of students participate in extracurricular programs, cash from the levy would restore music, drama and athletics.

SERVICES

Norma Ann Savage of Elko, Nev., graveside service at 2 p.m. today in Gooding.

Vickie N. Kent of Richfield, died Tuesday at the LDS Church in Richfield; friends may call from 12:30-1:30 p.m. today at the church; burial will be in the Richfield Cemetery (Webb Funeral Home, Preston).

Joseph Andreas Gillett of Declo, service at noon today at the Declo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main; burial will follow at Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 11-11:45 a.m. today at the stake center (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

June Stevens of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Main Street in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Gwendolyn May Stewart Ball and Wynne Clinton Ball of Shelton, Wash., memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Constance J. (Hill) Leiser of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ronald A. Hokin, formerly of Twin Falls and Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; general viewing will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday; burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Virgil Wayne Thompson of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Bible Church, 610 Yakima, Filer (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Madora Mechum of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Hazelton 2nd Ward Chapel; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Virgil Perry Payne (P.H.) Hanchey of Jerome, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Reynolds.

Twin Falls.

Mill Butler of Mackay and formerly of Gooding, memorial service and life celebration at 11 a.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 1228 Main St., Gooding.

Florence Willemarrck Hansen of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca, Minn.; visitation will be one hour before the service at the church in Milaca (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Gus Eklund of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. June 1 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Frank Goodwin

BURLEY — John Franklin Goodwin, 93, of Burley died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

At his request, no formal service will be held.

Cremation has taken place with Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Leon R. Mai

BURLEY — Leon Russell Mai (Tooter), 61, of Burley died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Basin Cemetery.

with military rites under the direction of local veterans.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday and before the service Saturday at Rasmussen-Funeral Home.

Betty Lee Finney

BURL — Betty Lee Finney of Burl died Friday, May 9, 2003. The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Burl.

Keith L. Sligar

KIMBERLY — Keith L. Sligar, 65, of Kimberly died Monday, May 12, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Magistrate will retire in October

By Shelley Ridemour
Times-News writer

BURLEY – A magistrate judge who barely survived a retention vote in November will retire later this year.

Judge Roy Holloway will retire Oct. 31, and 5th Judicial District court personnel are seeking applicants for a new magistrate court judge in Cassia County.

Holloway, who was appointed to the bench in 1976, was retained to his judge's position in the November general election. He received support to stay in office from slightly less than 51 percent of the people who voted. Some 2,891 people voted for him to stay in office, and 2,812 voters were opposed to him staying on the bench. Magistrate judges face retention votes every four years. They must be approved by a simple majority of those casting ballots.

Shortly before the Nov. 5 election, a group dubbed the Committee to Vote No to Retain Holloway, Magistrate Judge, surfaced. Spokesmen for that committee last November said they were generally dissatisfied with Holloway's performance on the bench.

In a survey of Magic Valley attorneys who were asked to grade judges up for retention in November, Holloway scored the lowest of the seven judges in the poll. He earned an overall grade of 2.68, compared with a 3.98 grade for the highest-ranking judge in that poll, Michael Crabtree. A 4.0 would have been a perfect score.

Holloway couldn't be reached for comment Monday. But before the November election, he told *The Times-News* that the fact that he had drawn some critics didn't surprise him.

"I've been doing this for a long time, and my experience has

been that the longer you're on the bench as a magistrate, the lower your percentages are," he said. "You've had far more people in front of you that leave dissatisfied. In a civil case, you're lucky to have either party before you leave satisfied."

The trial court administrator's office will officially announce the vacancy Friday. At that time, all Idaho attorneys are mailed a notice of the vacancy and invited to apply. In order to be considered for a judge's post, attorneys must be licensed to practice in Idaho, must be at least 30, have practiced for at least five years and be Idaho residents. Once appointed to the bench, the judge must live in the county where he or she is assigned.

Applications for the position are due back to 5th District Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright by June 13.

A magistrate judge in Idaho is paid \$90,718 a year.

A tentative meeting for the magistrate commission is scheduled for Aug. 1. That group decides which applicants to interview. The commission includes county commissioners, mayors, attorneys and residents who live in the 5th Judicial District. Mini-Cassia representatives are Burley Mayor Jon Anderson, Declo Mayor Jay Darrington, Cassia County Commissioner Dennis Crane and Minidoka County Commissioner Dave Teeter.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. in the Cassia County Sheriff's Office in Burley.

Interviews with judge candidates are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 5. Those interviews are open to the public and are scheduled to occur in the council chambers at Burley City Hall.

It's expected the commission will appoint a new judge that same day. The new judge would take office in early November.

Go-cart track idea heads to planners

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT – The planning and zoning process is likely the next hurdle for a go-cart track at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

While commissioners said they aren't opposed to the track, Zoning Administrator Paul Aston said the track needs a special use permit.

Ray Jarvis, neighbor of the proposed track site, said he has concerns with noise.

All neighbors within a half-mile will be notified of the planning and zoning hearing, Aston said, and have a chance to speak.

Jarvis said he'll check with neighbors to see what they think about the proposed track.

"I may be the only that's concerned about it," Jarvis said.

Steve Noriuchi, the man wanting to build the track, has flagged the area where the track would be built. The flags make a box that is actually bigger than the track would be.

Noriuchi said he would be happy to meet with neighbors and answer any questions if they are concerned.

A "sound check" was held earlier to let neighbors hear the carts. Jarvis, who has been the most vocal neighbor with concerns about noise, was out of town at the time. Noriuchi said he would be happy to hold another sound check for Jarvis

and the county Planning and Zoning Commission, which will need to approve the special use permit.

"The only thing I'm concerned about is the noise – that's all," Jarvis said.

Jarvis invited commissioners to come and listen while motorcycles run on the motocross track which is also located on the fairgrounds. Noriuchi said the carts are quieter than the motorcycles.

If the track were in the position it was originally planned, Jarvis would have no complaints, he said. The track would be farther away from his house.

Parking was a concern with the original location, between the cell towers and the horse track. Parking in the area fills up during Fourth of July events because there are fairgrounds overlap, said Fairgrounds Manager Steve Roberts.

The Fair Board approved the location of the track at its last meeting, said Commissioner Marvin Bingham.

Noriuchi said he wants to run the carts mostly on Saturdays between 3 and 7 p.m.

The issue will probably come before the Planning and Zoning Commission in June, Aston said.

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Cassia County will seek annex bids again

By Lorraine Cavenner
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY – Cassia County commissioners decided Monday to again seek bids to remodel the courthouse annex, which will become the county assessor's office.

The three bids for the remodeling project were rejected Monday. County commissioners seemed prepared to award a contract to Walton Inc. last month when Myron Wilson approached them with concerns about the bid process. Wilson submitted the low bid – \$86,656 – for the project, but he didn't include a performance bond, as was required in the bid specifications. He said he left the bond out because of a lack of information about the project from the county. Walton Inc. submitted the next low bid of \$107,840.

Commissioners detailed what they want included in the bid specifications in the next go-round in order to be fair and clear to all contractors.

"We want to make sure we are going to get what we need," Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said.

Consultant Jay Christensen, of Christensen Engineering in Declo, is working with commissioners on the annex project.

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Day-care operator drops her expansion appeal

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT – A day-care center operator has dropped plans to expand in a residential neighborhood near Paul. An appeal by Kristina Rogers and Sunnyslope Child Care near Paul won't be heard because Rogers withdrew her appeal application, Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said. A letter said the business was planning to relocate.

Rogers had applied for a special-use permit to use her home as a day-care facility for more than four children and to expand the current facility with a 28-by-48-foot addition. The county Planning and Zoning Commission denied the permit application in a 3-1 vote. Many neighbors had voiced opposition about allowing the day care in their residential neighborhood.

Other commission business included:

• **Smallpox** – Commissioners heard South Central District Health's plan if a smallpox outbreak were to occur.

The virus was eradicated in 1980, said Wendy Lane, epidemiologist with the health district. If an outbreak occurred today, Lane said, 182,000 people in the eight-county health district would need vaccinated in four days. Four clinics would be set up – one each in Mini-Cassia, Blaine County, Twin Falls and

the northside such as Jerome or Gooding.

Gooding would run 24 hours per day and need many types of people – from the vaccinators to security and traffic control, Lane said. Many civic groups have said they would provide volunteers.

No one is being forced to take the vaccination at this point, Lane noted, and there are conditions under which people should not have the vaccine.

Presentation will focus on history of photography

The Times-News

GOODING – A presentation on the history of photography in the 19th century will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave.

An emphasis will be placed on how early photography was the precursor to other technologies in today's culture. Photographic processes made in Idaho's early mining and logging communities and current photographic conservation issues concerning protection of 19th century photographic artifacts will be discussed. Time

will be allowed for answering participants' wish to bring to the event.

The speaker is DiAnne Everlygreen, a graduate of the Certificate Program in Photographic Preservation and Archive Practices at the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film.

The event is sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council, Gooding County Historical Society and Silver X Photographic Conservation.

Admission is free. The public is invited.

Cassia County church, school leader dies at age of 93

By Lorraine Cavenner
Times-News correspondent

DECLO – A longtime LDS Church leader who helped shape Cassia County schools died on Friday.

Joseph Andreas Gillett, 93, was remembered fondly by many.

One of the things his son, Dan Gillett, remembers about his father is his education during the Depression and had to earn his way through school," Dan Gillett said.

Joseph Gillett earned part of his college money by showing a

herd of Holstein show cows in Pendleton, Ore.

"He couldn't afford the train fare and rode in the cattle car with the cattle," said Dan Gillett, who is the Cassia County School District curriculum director.

Neighbors had voiced opposition about allowing the day care in their residential neighborhood.

Other commission business included:

1932 with degrees in agriculture and entomology.

The elder Gillett became an entomologist and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture controlling leafhoppers and grasshoppers.

"He wanted to go into the service, but they told him he was more valuable providing food for troops than as a soldier," Dan Gillett said.

After the war, Joseph Gillett was living in Denver but moved back to Declo because he thought it was a better place to raise his family.

Joseph Gillett will also be remembered for his wit. Some

of his brothers added an "e" to the end of the family's last name.

"Dad said he didn't have the money to have it spelled with an 'e,'" Dan Gillett said. Jokes about the family name having an "e" or not always came up at family gatherings.

One of the most significant contributions Joseph Gillett made to the community was his involvement with the LDC Church, Dan Gillett said.

Joseph Gillett was the Albion bishop for many years. He was also the first Deshaide resident and served in that capacity until he was 70.

Hospital

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together in the decision-making process "it's the players on the same page," Wolter said. Physicians are also employees. From the physicians to the housekeepers, "there's a sense of being on the same team," he said.

One of the reasons for Deaconess' success is an active foundation, which has done an excellent job of fund-raising and has sought out grants to build such things as a research facility, Wolter said.

The Deaconess Billings Clinic Foundation, a 501(c)(3) community-owned not-for-profit charitable organization, is governed by an 18-member board of directors made up of individuals from the regional

community and health care organizations. The foundation manages more than 70 funds to support Deaconess Billings Clinic and health care initiatives throughout the community, according to the hospital's Web site.

Magic Valley Regional leaders previously have pushed to convert the county-owned hospital to a "community-based" nonprofit organization.

At the same time, county commissioners in 2001 appointed an advisory committee to establish criteria for lease proposals from for-profit and nonprofit organizations interested in operating Magic Valley Regional. Those efforts were put on hold after Magic Valley Regional bought

the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital last year. Hospital Board members and county commissioners agreed to revisit the issue of governance this year by hearing from the chief executive officers of nonprofit and for-profit hospitals.

Other Hospital Board business included:

- **Chief of staff** – Board Chairman Vesta Maughan welcomed Dr. James Retmiller back as the hospital's active chief of staff. Retmiller resumed his chief of staff duties May 1 after a leave of absence.
- **"I'm very much glad to be back," Retmiller said.**
- Retmiller was acquitted of a charge of aggravated assault last

month in connection with an August shooting incident in Twin Falls.

- **Safety** – The board approved a policy that allows the hospital's Medical Center Safety Committee, through its chairman, to take corrective action when any hazardous condition or security threat might exist.
- **Privileges** – The board approved lists of qualifications for clinical privileges in dentistry, psychiatry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, internal medicine, gastroenterology/endoscopy and cardiology.

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Brigade

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became unknown.

The Rock Creek Brigade is a core group of 10 people from all ages and walks of life, according to Mead. However, the brigade relies heavily on volunteers from the community.

"The ongoing cleanup couldn't have been possible without the summer group," Pohlman said. "People must walk down into the park, so vehicles are allowed except when maintenance work is being done."

"The park is a rustic park. This (park) you cannot drive down to. You just walk down," Mead said. "We want to keep it rustic."

The Rock Creek Brigade has created different trails leading down into the canyon. The main

trailhead is located off Blaine Street.

The 1.6 miles of the Rock Creek Parkway is divided into tenths of a mile for which more than 15 businesses have each committed to a certain tenth of a mile. The businesses provide monetary contributions as well as volunteers, Pohlman said.

Over the years, a variety of service groups and organizations have turned out to help beautify the area. Church groups, Boy Scouts, the juvenile detention center and local schools are among the many who have contributed their time and efforts.

"The secret to this whole thing is the vast majority of the human work has been voluntary," Mead said.

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\$49,127.55 he stole. That was part of the plea agreement his attorney reached with Barrus.

In March, Pehrson, 47, pleaded guilty to one count of grand theft by unauthorized control in exchange for Barrus dropping five other counts of the same charge.

Pehrson was accused of stealing money from the school district by writing unauthorized checks, making unauthorized withdrawals on school district bank accounts and using school district credit cards for personal expenditures. The thefts occurred between April 1997 and May 2002 when Pehrson was working as the director of finance and operations for the

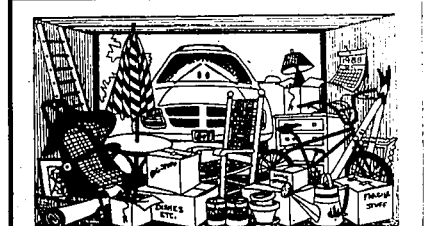
school district.

Pehrson had access to the district's accounts, but all uses of the accounts were to approved, Chesley earlier told police.

Pehrson resigned from his job with the school district on July 16, 2002.

The investigation which led to the criminal charges began in August 2002 after Chesley said school officials had found irregularities in the district's financial records.

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TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Justin L. Parker, 14, 2433 Highway 30, Fili, minor in possession of tobacco, public defender appointed, pleaded innocent.

Jason E. Helle, 22, 220 Van Buren, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, public defender denied, pleaded innocent.

Karen A. Horrocks, 4195 Fifth, Fili, invalid driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Joshua David Rosner, 19, P.O. Box 405, Ketchum, battery; public defender denied; pleaded innocent.

Darin Smith, 26, 229 Sixth St. N., Twin Falls, battery, domestic violence, malicious injury to property; public defender denied; pleaded innocent.

Juan Manuel Garcia-Verdiale, 59, and N. 295 W., Jerome, first-degree kidnapping, lewd conduct with a minor child under 16; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$50,000 bond.

Gregory Lee Small, 48, 1600 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Alex. Morillo, 18, 176 Monroe, Twin Falls, petty theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.

Freel Croft, 24, 1701 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, unlawful entry; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.

Jason D. Cuats, 23, 3949 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, burglary; public defender



appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16. Grand theft; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$50,000 bond.

Kara Hymas-Young, 22, 3085 S. 1700 E., Wendell, possession of a controlled substance through fraud; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16.

Steven James Pilew, 23, 512 North St., Fili, driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Hugo Mendez-Lopez, 26, 4791 River Road, Buhl, driving under the influence, attempting to elude an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Gail Marie Carter, 47, 111 Bell St., Twin Falls, grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$5,000 bond.

Hugo Mendez-Lopez, driving a vehicle without the owner's consent; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Timothy J. O'Callaghan, 41, P.O. Box 363, Bellevue, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Scott Glenn Pufahl, 27, 369 Polk, Twin Falls, invalid driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Eldon C. Meyer, 31, 330 Second Ave.

N. Twin Falls, walking, unlawful entry; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,000 bond.

Betty Jean Chapman, 58, P.O. Box 713, Twin Falls, driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Dallas G. Huesch, 32, 4104 N. 2300 E., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$5,000 bond.

James Franklin Sabrey, 25, 1828 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, drug trafficking; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$1,500 bond.

Justin L. Canine, 23, 348 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, injury to a child; private counsel hired; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16.

Patricia Lorraine Hanne, 36, 542 Middleton, Haezel, misuse of public money; private counsel hired; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$5,000 bond.

Rafael Landeros-Castaneda, 19, 510 Broadway, Buhl, driving under the influence, failure to provide a driver's license, resisting or obstructing officers; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond.

Patricia Lorraine Hanne, 36, address not listed; injury to a child; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.

Anjanette J. Howell, 31, P.O. Box 264, Kimberly, possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for May 16, \$1,500 bond.

Antonio R. Choire, 28, 457 Braken St. N., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,000 bond.

The Times-News

GOODING—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
John Manuel Sabido, 19, 412 E. 16th St., Jerome, driving without privileges, misdemeanor hearing May 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentencings
Dustin Truman Vincent, 24, 2050 E. 1500 S., Gooding, battery/domestic violence, misdemeanor hearing, \$500 fine, \$350 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

David Perez-Valladares, 30, 100 W. 426 S., Jerome, driving under the influence, 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$75 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Betsy D. Hunt, 48, 4525 N. 1100 E., Buhl, malicious injury to property, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Christina J. Parks, 21, 734 California St., Gooding, two counts battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil filings
Risk Management Alternatives vs. Haezel Jean Lopez, seeking \$1,799.18, plus interest; \$100 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts

ed guilty, \$88.50 court costs, five years' probation, 90 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

Marco A. Torres, 29, one count misdemeanor injury to a child, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, one count domestic violence battery causing traumatic injury, plea of guilty, \$68.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, three years' probation, three years' determinate probation, time suspended, District Judge John M. Melancon.

Juvenile sentencings
Joe Juarez, 17, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Veronica Lopez, 17, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Alberto V. Paz, 15, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Roman Gabriel Castaneda, 16, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Richard L. Gibson, 19, grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, five years' probation, 90 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

Anthony Espinoza, 31, excessive misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months' probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, two days credit, treatment program; one count open container violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge R. C. Holloway.

Felony sentencings
Barcelo R. Martinez, 38, one count theft by receiving stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, \$63.50 court costs, three years' probation, 30 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

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MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

ROBERT—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals
Samuel Juarez, 20, one count battery, one count minor larceny at a liquor license premises; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jonnie Carter, 38, driving without privileges; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Natalie J. Martinez, 28, resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Matthew Michael Hawley, 36, excessive speeding, maximum speed limit, amended to excessive misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$60.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

A. Ruiz, 28, placing articles on private property; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Misdemeanor sentencings
Justin G. Munoz, 21, one count invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months' probation, 120 days in jail, 117 days suspended, three days credit, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Yvette Rin, 21, one count invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, two days in jail, two days suspended, three counts contempt of court, two counts dismissed, one count pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge J. C. Holloway.

Missoua Lann Rush, 29, one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months' probation, 120 days in jail, 117 days suspended, three days credit, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Matthew D. Cole, 18, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$90.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs, six months' probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Ryan B. Wilson, 25, one count felony domestic violence causing traumatic injury, dismissed; one count misdemeanor domestic violence, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 180 days in jail, 172 days suspended, one count possession of a controlled substance, dismissed, one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rita Castro, 21, one count failure to pay driver's license on person, dismissed, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$93.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Maria Mendez, 26, conspiracy of court, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Jose Mario Pemanan, 20, one count possession of a controlled substance, found guilty, 24 days in jail, 24 days credited, one count invalid driver's license, dismissed, one count carrying a concealed weapon without license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Don Jose Vega, 22, trespassing, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

David Chavez, 22, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 90 days in jail, 90 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Alejandro V. Flores, 22, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, six months' probation, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, two days credit, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Charles R. Jennings, 48, reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, two days credit, treatment program; one count open container violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Abel Martin Trevino, 24, driving on restricted access, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Juan C. Benitez, 19, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Driving under the influence sentencings
Zachery Lee Furd, 18, one count possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, pleaded guilty, \$35.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, two counts misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 12 months' probation, 120 days in jail, 117 days suspended, three days credit, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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David Chavez, 22, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 90 days in jail, 90 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Charles R. Jennings, 48, reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 60 days in jail, 58 days suspended, two days credit, treatment program; one count open container violation, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Abel Martin Trevino, 24, driving on restricted access, pleaded guilty, \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Juan C. Benitez, 19, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Driving under the influence sentencings
Zachery Lee Furd, 18, one count possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, pleaded guilty, \$35.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, two counts misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, 12 months' probation, 120 days in jail, 117 days suspended, three days credit, two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Matthew D. Cole, 18, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$90.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs, six months' probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Ryan B. Wilson, 25, one count felony domestic violence causing traumatic injury, dismissed; one count misdemeanor domestic violence, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' probation, 180 days in jail, 172 days suspended, one count possession of a controlled substance, dismissed, one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rita Castro, 21, one count failure to pay driver's license on person, dismissed, one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine, \$93.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Maria Mendez, 26, conspiracy of court, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

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GOODING COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

GOODING—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
John Manuel Sabido, 19, 412 E. 16th St., Jerome, driving without privileges, misdemeanor hearing May 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentencings
Dustin Truman Vincent, 24, 2050 E. 1500 S., Gooding, battery/domestic violence, misdemeanor hearing, \$500 fine, \$350 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

David Perez-Valladares, 30, 100 W. 426 S., Jerome, driving under the influence, 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$75 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Betsy D. Hunt, 48, 4525 N. 1100 E., Buhl, malicious injury to property, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Christina J. Parks, 21, 734 California St., Gooding, two counts battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil filings
Risk Management Alternatives vs. Haezel Jean Lopez, seeking \$1,799.18, plus interest; \$100 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts

ed guilty, \$88.50 court costs, five years' probation, 90 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

Marco A. Torres, 29, one count misdemeanor injury to a child, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, one count domestic violence battery causing traumatic injury, plea of guilty, \$68.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, three years' probation, three years' determinate probation, time suspended, District Judge John M. Melancon.

Juvenile sentencings
Joe Juarez, 17, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Veronica Lopez, 17, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Alberto V. Paz, 15, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Roman Gabriel Castaneda, 16, invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Richard L. Gibson, 19, grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, five years' probation, 90 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

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Felony sentencings
Barcelo R. Martinez, 38, one count theft by receiving stolen property, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, \$63.50 court costs, three years' probation, 30 days in jail, two years' determinate probation, five years' indeterminate probation, time credited, penitentiary time suspended, work release; District Judge John M. Melancon.

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Diabert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



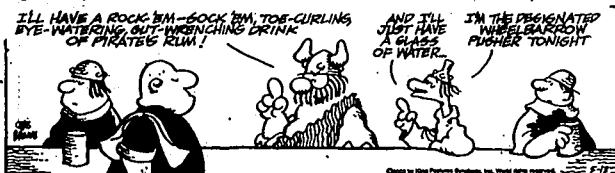
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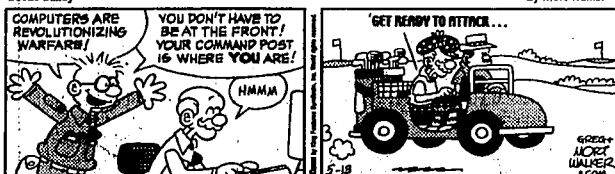
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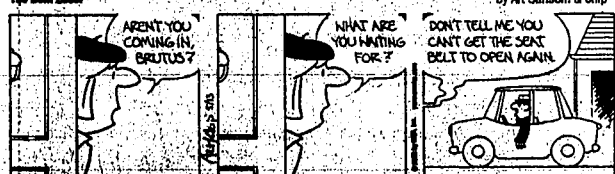
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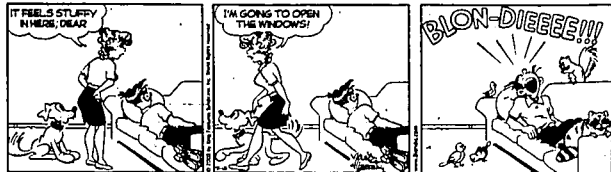
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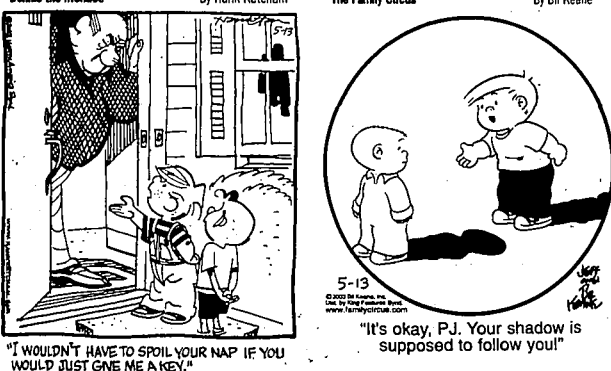


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The Family Circus

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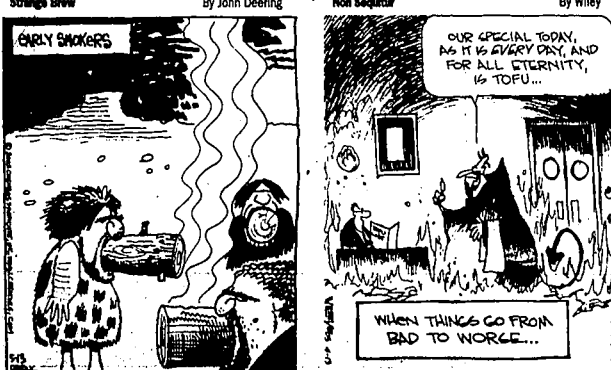


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Putting babies on backs doesn't lead to problems, new study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Putting babies to bed on their backs to help prevent sudden infant death syndrome does not lead to other health problems such as stuffy noses and spitting up, a study found.

The findings should help reassure parents and persuade others to get their babies off their bellies, researchers said. Their

study was published Monday in May's Archives of Pediatrics.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended since 1992 that babies be put to sleep on their backs. But some parents have resisted, in part because of fear their youngsters might throw up and choke on their vomit. Also, many believe that babies sleep better

on their stomachs.

The study of 3,733 infants found that those who slept on their backs had no more non-SIDS health problems than babies who slept on their bellies. Researchers looked at conditions including spitting up, fever, trouble sleeping and respiratory problems.

"Nothing was worse. In fact, some things were better," said

one of the researchers, Dr. Carl Hunt of the federal National Center on Sleep Disorders Research in Bethesda, Md.

Some symptoms, such as fever at one month and stuffy nose at six months, were less common in babies who slept on their backs. Ear infections also appeared to be less common.

The research was based pri-

marily on interviews with parents between 1995 and 1998 in Massachusetts and Ohio.

"It clearly supports that fact that supine sleeping is the right way to go, the right recommendation to go for otherwise normal children," said Dr. Stephen Sheldon, director of the Sleep Medicine Center at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

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Sojourners reach end of road

Club calls it quits after 30 years of meetings

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - After meeting for 30 years, the Sojourners club has come to an end.

Dorothy Miller, president of the group, helped organize the club in the beginning. It was an outgrowth of the Welcome Wagon Club, and originally formed for people who were no longer newcomers, but still wanted to get acquainted with each other.

The group had a luncheon once a month with a speaker, played pinochle and bridge, and had a bowling group.

"It was a wonderful way to get acquainted," says Miller, who moved to Twin Falls from New York in 1970.

Miller says that in the early 1970s there was an influx of 30-

something in Twin Falls. The club formed in 1973.

"When I got into the Welcome Wagon, that's when I started meeting friends," Miller says. "We were all new, right around the same age, children the same age. We just had a wonderful time."

"We loved it because it was a way to get together with people that you might not see until the next meeting," member Doll Smith says. "It was a fun time."

"I think it was a wonderful experience," member Mary Lee Pfeifferle adds. "It was 33 years of making wonderful friendships. It was a very nice group of people."

Members' dues have gone to the community via contributions to the Valley House homeless shelter, Idaho Youth Ranch and Volunteers Against Violence, to name a few. Now, the money

remaining in the treasury after the club's end will go to the senior center.

Miller says the group became stagnant because the influx of people stopped.

"We just came to the conclusion that we didn't need this anymore," Miller says. "I guess we just outgrew it."

It also came to the point that people didn't want to be officers anymore, so they decided to put an end to the club, she says.

"It used to be the social life and now people have other things that are their social life," Smith says.

The only thing the group is eliminating is the monthly luncheon. The group will still meet for bridge and pinochle, she says.

Miller adds that she will miss seeing some of the people in the group. Currently, there are 60 members. Most of the people that



Sojourners club members were, from left to right, Jan Bylund, Elaine Bowen, Doll Smith, Polly Mulliner, Virginia Eldredge and Edna Egner.

Photo courtesy of Sojourners Club

came to Twin Falls about the same time, are still in the group, and still friends.

"It was a wonderful club," Pfeifferle says. "I will miss it. But I think it was time (to end it)."

"It was a wonderful social connection," Miller says. "And we're still connected."

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Aiden Isidro Silva Cortes, son of Kelly Silva of Filer, was born Wednesday, April 23, 2003.

Gracy Vargas, daughter of Linda Lee Limon of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 24, 2003.

Tharden Laroy Lott, son of Kianna Jean and Keith James Lott of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Corbin Leon Bedke, son of Melissa Fawn and Jeffrey Herschel Bedke of Oakley, was born Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Brimley Marie Iverson, daughter of Desiree Marie and Mark Wayne Iverson of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 5, 2003.

Christine Rylee Scheer, daughter of Carina Lynn and Steven Wayne Scheer of Wendell, was born Monday, May 5, 2003.

Marlon Serrano, son of Marie Isabel and Martin Serrano of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 5, 2003.

To announce a birth
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More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

Jacob Ramirez, son of Celia and Jerri Montes of Hailey, was born Friday, April 25, 2003.

Isaias Azarel Gutierrez, son of Natasha and Juan Gutierrez of Bellevue, was born Friday, April 25, 2003.

Crosby Christian Boe, daughter of Wendell and Erik Boe of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

Phillip Nils Huss, son of Christine and Phillip Huss III of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

Kelly Jo Stowell, daughter of Mandy Moore and Joseph Stowell of Shoshone, was born Wednesday, April 30, 2003.

Home births

Halle Madigann Bailey, daughter of Elizabeth and Francis Bailey of Jerome, was born Friday, April 11, 2003.

Kyler Lotus Levine, daughter of Jerri Levine of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 29, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Elizabeth Tracy Poque, daughter of Chauncey and Michael Poque of Hailey, was born Thursday, April 24, 2003.

MR. BHS



Photo courtesy of L&L Hair Works

The Mr. BHS pageant, sponsored by the Burley High School Business Professionals of America, was a success raising more than \$3,000. Half of the proceeds were donated to Special Olympics with the remaining half used by the business club to attend a national competition. Front from left are Josh Meline, first runner-up; Jed Thomas, Mr. BHS; Jared Jones, talent winner; and Ryan Bailey, best sports wear. Back from left are Wayne Christensen, Mr. Personality; Phil Whipple, Matt Hope, Blair Gochmour, Nick Barker, Adam Martin and Cole Nelson, second runner-up.

Jerome celebrates Day of the Child

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Children in Jerome helped the world bring a new holiday into existence on April 30 at the Jerome Public Library.

On March 20, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had signed legislation making Idaho the first state in the nation to have an official Children's Day, and naming April 30 as the Day of the Child.

Children's librarian Mary Vogel told the gathered children and parents at a celebration of the new holiday that all people feel stress, adults and children, alike. Books help relieve their stress by allowing the reader to enter the world of the book, whether it is the world of Harry Potter, Hobbits or Winnie the Pooh.

The Day of the Child is a way of recognizing children as important members of the family and of society as a whole, and a way



Rosalee Gomez and Vanessa Mendoza read stories to children at the Day of the Child celebration at the Jerome Public Library on April 30.

DIXIE THOMAS REALE/The Times-News

of recognizing kids as people too.

The children enjoyed a story hour with stories read by middle school students in Tammy Rasmussen's English as a second

language class.

After story hour, the children made maracas and watched El Sol, a dance troupe from the Jerome Middle School perform outdoors.



Above, this was a first-time experience in rappelling for many Scouts.

Left, Cub Scout Joseph Tanner, the son of Alan and LeAnn Tanner of Rupert, gets a lift from Henry Baker's boom truck. Baker volunteered his truck for the annual Scout-O-Rama held recently at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.



Left, a team of leaders took on the Varsity/Venture Challenge at the Scout-O-Rama. Pictured are Karl Searle, Jon Searle, Kevan Bessire and Jeremy Hodges. They finished third place over all.

Photo courtesy of DEB ROUNDT

Scouts experience adventure

BURLEY - A barrel-bull ride and rappelling tower were some of the activities for Scouts at the annual Scout-O-Rama held recently at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

A highlight for the older scouts was the Venture Challenge, where Venture teams from the Mini-Cassia area pitted their strength and endurance in bike, swimming and running races, organizers say. Fred Dayley was

in charge of this event.

Results of the Venture Challenge are:

First place, Venture team 52, sponsored by LDS church Rupert 2nd Ward.

Second place, Venture team 49, sponsored by LDS church Rupert 5th Ward.

Third place, Venture team 52, sponsored by LDS church Rupert 2nd Ward's second team.

Fourth place, Venture team 51, sponsored by LDS church Rupert

6th Ward.

Results of the Varsity Challenge are:

First place, Varsity team 51, sponsored by the LDS church Rupert 6th Ward.

Second place, Varsity team 120, sponsored by the LDS church Burley 10th Ward.

A campfire program included Scout songs, the Indian Fire lighting ceremony and entertainment by Christine Handy's Cloggers.

Killing spyware

Removers come to the rescue

By Arick Jeddman
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—A few weeks ago, my computer got hijacked. Every time I booted up, I was greeted with free "scratch and win" game code.

I felt like a loser for letting it happen—even worse for failing to figure out how to turn them off.

"Spyware" removers came to the rescue. The advertising and data-collecting programs I sought to exile are, often called "spyware," "adware" or "malware." They sneak onto your computer in myriad ways.

Install a free file-sharing program like Kazaa, and you'll wind up with a few. Just browsing some Web sites, particularly using Internet Explorer with security settings set to low, will sometimes give you more.

Many of these programs can't be easily removed using the "add/remove programs" feature on Windows.

That's where the spyware removers come in. They scan your system for known advertising software and help remove any they find. Programmers keep tabs on the latest threats and continually make updates available for free download.

A word of caution, though: You may have to force free music if you want to get rid of all your advertising software. Removing ad programs can disable the file-sharing application on which it piggybacks—or violate license terms.

Unfortunately, these spyware removers tell you little about which of the files they are excising are truly necessary for a specific program to work.

Spyware sneaks into systems

Every week, thousands of computer users download and install free software. Unbeknownst to the user, some of this software also installs third-party tools or "spyware" that can do unexpected things to their computers.



Downloading free software or even visiting certain Web sites allows spyware to install itself undetected.

Most spyware programs subject users to pop-up advertisements. More sophisticated programs collect and send user's information back to software manufacturers or marketing companies.

Spyware cannot be easily removed by using the "add/remove programs" feature in Windows. Special software can scan the computer and assist in detecting and deleting spyware.

SOURCES: Associated Press; Congressional Research Service

AP

I tried a half-dozen spyware eradicators and found three worthy of further consideration: Ad-aware from Lavasoft; Spybot Search and Destroy from ViepM Software; and Spyware Eliminator from Aluria Software.

My top choice is Spybot because it's fast and it's free. Donations are accepted but, unlike shareware, not required after a free trial period. A German programmer and two friends keep it going with the help of "spyware" submissions from volunteers around the world.

A scan typically takes less than 10 minutes, compared with an hour or more for the others. Even so, on a computer I'd been using online for three years without a rigorous spyware scan, Spybot found 162 suspect programs, data files, folders and registry items—

compared with 166 by Ad-aware and 147 by Spyware Eliminator.

Spybot does have a few faults, including its removal of items even after I clicked "no" when prompted. It also treated a ritual product as suspect because of a copyright dispute. Such matters should be left to the courts, not to software.

But overall, I found Spybot a useful product that is fast enough to run often. Spybot automatically removed most of the items it found and checks again after your computer reboots to kill any left-over items.

Spybot even gives you a detailed description about each item, so you can decide whether to keep it—as long as you uncheck a box before getting to that buggy prompt.

Spybot alone, however, didn't complete the job, as I discovered

by running Ad-aware afterward. Ad-aware, free for the personal edition and up to \$39.95 for premium versions, found 42 items that Spybot didn't properly eradicate.

But because scans take so long, I recommend using Ad-aware as a supplement maybe once a month while using Spybot weekly.

Ad-aware was as detailed as Spybot in revealing why an item made the list. It caught WeatherBug, software I had installed for weather reports. I decided to keep the folder and five files related to WeatherBug and removed the rest.

Next up was Spyware Eliminator. The scan is free, but the removal tools cost \$29.95. It found seven items that Ad-aware and Spybot did not. The money buys you more protection, though Spybot and Ad-aware did a decent job for free.

I also tried a fourth, the \$29 BPS Spyware Remover from Bullet Proof Soft. I had rejected this one earlier because it treats too many files as suspect, failing to distinguish advertising files from useful data cookies—which browsers need to remember your passwords. It found a handful of unneeded files that the other three removers did not.

None seemed to do anything about the advertisement for Memory Blaster software that sneaked onto my system tray. I'm sure I can keep trying out other spyware removers to find even more files, but at some point, I have to decide that enough is enough.

To keep spyware from sneaking onto your machine in the first place, the premium versions of Ad-aware come with Ad-aware Spybot also has a built-in prevention tool. They help some, but don't block everything.

So I'm resigned to having to use these removers regularly and treating them like pop-ups and junk e-mail—an unavoidable element of the ever-less user-friendly Internet.

Windows 95 software works with XP wizard

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q&A

Q. I want to install the Microsoft Windows XP operating system to replace the outdated Microsoft Windows 95 I use. It's hard to ascertain the effect of this change on the many applications for Windows 95 I have and on the files I have stored.

A. Will many or all of the applications have to be replaced with later versions designed for XP? What will happen to my files? I have the system components necessary to accommodate XP, according to Microsoft's Web site, but I don't necessarily want to start over building a system.

Any suggestions?

Donald and Connie Richworth

A. Just about anybody you might ask about this, except perhaps the Microsoft folks who made that lame claim that Windows XP will run on systems built for Windows 95, will tell you it's better to stick with 95 until you acquire new hardware with XP installed.

Even if the Windows XP operating system would run on older systems with far slower processors, underpowered graphics cards and less efficient memory chips, the exciting story that one buys XP for mostly will not run. Even workday software like the new Microsoft Word XP is packed with memory-draining and processor-pushing elements that require hot, new equipment.

That said, if you decided that you have, indeed, supercharged that Windows 95 machine to the point it can handle Windows XP, you will be glad to know that Windows XP comes with a compatibility wizard that will advise when you try to run a Windows 95-only program after XP is installed on an older machine.

This wizard lets you change key settings to make certain that the majority of software you ran on Windows 95 will work on XP-equipped machines. The wizard works by changing essential settings like screen resolution and memory allocation to accommodate Windows 95-level software.

I certainly admire you for sticking to that machine all of these years, but my instincts are to either keep on trucking with the Windows 95 you know so

well or else go for new hardware.

Products like PC Relocator are available to transfer software and files kept on an older machine onto a new XP howler with a minimum of fuss. You can find more information at www.eisenworld.com.

Q. Upon looking closely at the Add/Remove list for software installed on my Windows 98 computer, I find that I no longer have MSIE 5.50 in the list. Thus I can't use the IE Repair/Uninstall/Restore options that I used before.

I've run IE5Setup.exe several times, but that doesn't restore the option in the Add/Remove listing. Is there any way to get MSIE listed or reinstalled in the Add/Remove panel so I can use the functions, or is this an "enhancement" by Microsoft?

John G. Boles, San Jose, Calif.

A. The way to uninstall and reinstall components of the Windows operating system are different from those for all other software that, as you note, are stored in an Add/Remove control panel.

So click on Start and Settings and Control Panel in Windows 98, and then open that Add/Remove routine once more. Look closely at the tabs at the top, and you will find there is an entirely different area for Windows itself. Open the Windows Setup tab, and you will find commands that let you install and remove such components as the notepad and calculator and also the Internet features, including the Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browser.

Click the Internet icon and put check marks alongside everything that comes up, and the computer will recall the MSIE software from an archive kept in a special folder and reinstall it.

Even then, of course, you will not see it listed in the Add/Remove list, but you can rest assured that you're equipped with the browser in its pristine condition.

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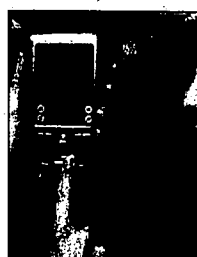
By Jon Fortt
Knight Ridder News Service

With its hidden camera and MP3 playback capabilities, the \$300 Palm Zire 71 is the most exciting handheld device I've seen from Palm in a long time.

Yes, that's saying a lot, since there have been some good ones from Palm, starting with the original Palm Pilot, then the sleek Palm V, then the Zire, which came out last year in time for the holidays. Folks at Palm might quote L. L. Cool J., who once said, "Don't call it a comeback; I've been here for years."

I'll call it a comeback, though. Because for the most part, Palm hasn't impressed me with its latest gadgets.

I've had this image of Palm in a rut, just cranking out safe products with moderately better features, doomed to be overshadowed by the latest Clie handheld from Sony. Even the very successful P100 Zire, while nice, was safe: stripped down features, made on the cheap. I thought Palm was more interested in not screwing up, than in building



Associated Press reporter Rachel Konrad, hands showing, demonstrates the Palm Zire 71's built-in digital camera feature by taking a photograph of fellow AP reporter Maria-Belen Moran last month in San Francisco.

something truly groundbreaking. Happily, gadget-lovers, I was wrong.

Here are the things you should know about the Zire 71, right off the bat: It has a fashionable design, built-in digital VGA-quality camera for e-mail quality pictures, 16 megabytes of memory, brilliant 320 by 320 pixel color screen, a clever new built-in joystick, an SD memory slot and it plays MP3s and video.

I don't know why they call it Zire 71. It's only the second Zire, so technically it should be Zire 2. But Zire 71 sounds much more advanced, I guess. For the techies out there, it also has the new Palm OS 5, and runs on an ARM-based Texas Instruments OMAP processor.

For all that, the \$300 price tag is surprisingly low. I'm going to wait a few months and hope the price drops a little, and then I'll probably replace my old Palm Vx with one of these.

For the first time in—well, maybe years—a company is giving consumers what I'd call a compelling reason to pay for a \$300 device. My mom, who is getting along quite nicely with a Handspring Vicer Deluxe, asked what's so special about the Zire 71. When I showed her the cam-

era, MP3 and video playback, she said, "Wow. That is a lot."

Perhaps the best part is, the price of the technology in any given handheld seems to be dropping by half every two years or so. At that rate, a device like the Zire 71 will cost \$150 in a couple of years—and by then, memory will be cheap enough that we'll be able to watch TV shows and full-length movies on it.

This is the first product from Palm that shows the company's engineers can play in the same league with Sony. It also shows that the China-based strategy of Palm's operations team is paying off, as the company is finding affordable components and putting them together without passing many of the costs to us.

The most brilliant feature on the Zire 71 is the camera. Palm made a great choice here. Sure, the camera isn't great—there's no flash, and there's a one-second delay between pressing the shutter button and taking the picture. But it works well enough, it's cheap, and Palm has included software that makes it easy to customize the photo and sync it to a computer.

News, weather and traffic—on your watch

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Microsoft Corp. is using a twist on some old technology—FM radio waves—to deliver instant messages, headlines and traffic updates to a new generation of gadgets that will fit on your wrist or keychain.

The software company has big pending plans for its latest family of products, expected to go on sale in months, and some technology experts who have seen early prototypes are impressed. But Microsoft enters a wireless market crowded with pagers, hand-

held computers and cellular phones, and it still is signing contracts with companies that will provide information for the devices.

Microsoft envisions consumers using tiny liquid crystal display (LCD) screens on a high-tech watch, for example, to check for continually updated information at a glance, such as stock prices, weather forecasts or traffic tips. "delivered in such a way that you only access the information when you care about it," said Chris Schneider, a Microsoft product manager.

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When South hears his partner show some values by rebidding two no-trump three clubs would be a second negative here, then cuebidding four diamonds, he jumps to five no-trump as the Grand Slam Force, but stops in six hearts over the response denying a top heart honor.

On the spade 10 lead, South might back his table feel by cashing the hearts from the top and trying to find the diamond queen in the endgame. If he decides to follow the percentages though, he has to combine his red-suit chances efficiently. Best is to cash both top spades, then pass the diamond jack. If it loses, at least South has plenty of entries to dummy to play hearts to best advantage.

When East produces the diamond queen and returns a club, everything now hinges on the heart queen. Do you play the ace and king of hearts? Or cash the ace and then finesse? Or finesse at once and then repeat the finesse?

The immediate finesse is right, succeeding whenever East has the heart queen. Playing for the drop is far less attractive — that is why there is the saying "Eight ever, nine never." Meanwhile, taking a top heart at once before finessing prevents you from picking up a four-card suit to lead with East. Best play is to lead a low diamond to dummy's 10, pitch your club eight on the spade queen, finesse in hearts, and go back to the diamond ace to repeat the heart finesse.

NORTH ♠ 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ J 10 6 4 2

WEST ♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ 8 5 3 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ 7 5 3

EAST ♠ 7 4 2
♥ Q 9 7
♦ Q 9 7
♣ K 9

SOUTH ♠ A K
♥ A K J 10 6 4
♦ K J 6
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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES ♠ 5 3
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ J 10 6 4 2

South holds: ♠ J 7 4 2
♥ Q 9 7 5
♦ Q 9 7
♣ K 9

South West North East
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ANSWER: Bid two spades only.

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If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobby@bridgeinfo.org

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New York Daily News columnist Mike Lupica on ESPN's 'The Sports Reporters'

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament
Minico at Twin Falls, 4 p.m., championship
Pocatello at Idaho Falls, 4 p.m., loser out
4A District Four-Five Tournament
Burley-Jerome winner at Century, 4:30 p.m.
6A District Four Tournament
Buhl-Kimberly winner at World River, 5 p.m., championship No. 1

High school softball
5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament
At Twin Falls HS
Game 1: Minico vs. Skyline, 1 p.m.
Game 2: Minico-Skyline winner vs. Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
Game 3: Game 2 loser vs. Game 1 loser, 5 p.m., loser out
At Highland HS
Game 1: Pocatello vs. Idaho Falls, 1 p.m.
Game 2: Pocatello-Idaho Falls winner vs. Highland, 3 p.m.
Game 3: Game 2 loser vs. Game 1 loser, 5 p.m., loser out
4A Region Four-Five Tournament
At Century HS
Burley vs. Jerome, 4 p.m.
Burley-Jerome winner vs. Century, 6 p.m.
3A District Four Tournament
Kimberly-Filer winner at Wood River, 5 p.m., loser out

High school track and field
2A-1A District Four Meet, at ISDB, 2 p.m.
4A District Four Meet, at Jerome HS, 2:30 p.m.

High school golf
5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament at Highland GC, 8:30 a.m.
4A Region Four-Five Tournament at Burley GC, 10 a.m.
3A District Four Tournament, at Clear Lake CC, noon

IN BRIEF

Register to swim with Rupert Sharks

RUPERT - All girls and boys ages 5-18 in the Minicool area are welcome to register for the Rupert Sharks Swim Team at Rupert City Hall through Friday. The season will start June 2 with a parent's meeting May 20 at the Civic Gym. Practices will be at the Burley City Pool. Cost is \$38. For more information, contact Patty Knight at 436-9320, Chris Severson at 436-4953 or Jerry Anderson at 432-4599.

Sagebrush Swim League holds sign-ups

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Y Pool will hold an informational meeting May 21 for parents and kids interested in participating in the Sagebrush Swim League this summer. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the YPOC located at 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. Practice times, meet dates and other information will be discussed. The season starts June 9 and ends with the championships in Jackson, Nev., on Aug. 2. Cost for the entire summer is just \$60. Included with the price is a cap, swim trunks, meet entry fees, and coach. The league is open to swimmers ages 5-18 that can swim 25 yards doing the frontstroke and backstroke. For more information, call the league at 734-3336 or Debbie at 734-5428.

Bruins girls keep pace for state championship

Team gets good scores from top to bottom

By Jared Eborn
Special for The Times-News

POCATELLO - The quest for a fourth straight 5A golf championship appears to be on track for the Twin Falls girls team. But don't look to Bruins golfer Samantha Stanger for words of encouragement. "Not good, everything was bad," Stanger replied when asked how her round was

Monday at Highland Golf Course. "I just couldn't hit the ball."

Stanger shot an 89 - a respectable score that was good enough for the second best round of the day - but wasn't happy. The Idaho State recruit said her round started out poorly and didn't ever really improve.

"My driver was a little crazy," Stanger said. "So that was an extra stroke on every hole."

Stanger's 89 was just four strokes off Region III champ Ashley Baldwin's 85. Baldwin, a Skyline junior, came on strong down the back nine and earned the medalist honors.

The Bruins, however, were strong from top to bottom. Whitney Cleland pushed Stanger and Heidi Reitsma checked in at 91 and 92, respectively.

"I played really bad on the front nine, but pretty good on the back," Cleland said. "I guess it's good to finish on a good note."

The Bruins won the team competition by a hefty 53 strokes. Twin Falls score of 362 far outpaced that of runner-up and host Highland's 415. The Rams, though, will join Twin Falls on the same course next week at the 5A state championships. The familiarity of the Highland course

should come in handy for the Bruins girls. By the time the state tournament rolls around next Monday, the Bruins will have played at Highland at least three times in three weeks. Twin is planning a practice round Sunday before getting down to the business of defending their state title the next morning.

"I've played at all the extremes at this course this year," Cleland said. "I've played good. I've played bad and kind of normal. Hopefully it will be on the good side of state."

Not to be outdone by their female counterparts, the Twin Falls boys golf team will

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Nets close out Celtics

Boston forces double OT before bowing out

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The New Jersey Nets needed 10 extra minutes to avoid another game with the Boston Celtics.

Jason Kidd scored 29 points as the Nets completed a sweep of the Eastern Conference semifinal with a 110-101 win in double overtime Monday night.

They'll play in the Eastern Conference final for the second straight year against Detroit or Philadelphia. That series, tied 2-2, resumes Wednesday night.

New Jersey swept a best-of-seven series for the first time after being swept in seven of them, including last year's NBA Finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. It was only the third time Boston was swept, and the first in a seven-game series in 20 years.

The Celtics had a chance to win in the first overtime, but Paul Pierce missed a 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded with the score 97-97.

Richard Jefferson and Eric Williams traded baskets in the second overtime before Kerry Kittles' 3-pointer put the Nets ahead to stay, 102-99, with 3:56 to go. Williams' basket was Boston's only one of the second overtime as the Nets outscored the Celtics 13-4.

Kennyon Martin's layup made it 104-99 before Jefferson hit a free throw. After Williams missed a 3-pointer, his free throw made it 105-101 with 36 seconds to play.

Kidd was fouled and made both shots, and Williams missed a layup on the Celtics' final possession.

The Nets then held the ball before Kidd hit a 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded - a final farewell to the Boston fans who taunted him for more than a year.

He added 10 rebounds and nine assists, while Martin finished with 22 points and 10 rebounds. For Boston, Pierce had 27 points and 10 rebounds, while Tony Delk scored 23, a career playoff high.

Pierce led the Celtics' scoring in all four games, but their season ended one series short of last year, when they lost in the conference final to the Nets in six games.

Antoine Walker fouled out for the Celtics with 3:03 left in the first overtime after breaking out of his series-long slump. He averaged just 12 points and missed 35 of 52 shots in the first three games. On Monday, he had 20 points, nine rebounds and seven assists and went 8-for-15 from the field.

Boston lost another starter, center Tony Battie, who left with 5:59 left in the fourth quarter with a bruised right knee.

The game was close throughout, with the biggest lead through the first overtime Boston's 86-78 margin when Walker hit two free throws with 4:10 left in the fourth.

Trailing 75-69 early in the quarter, Boston went on a 12-1 run led by Williams' six points.



The Nets' Kennyon Martin dunks during the third quarter of Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Celtics Monday in Boston. The Nets won in double overtime to Boston.

Against a basket by Kidd, Delk sank a 3-pointer and Walker made two free throws.

Just 3.5 minutes later, the Nets had a one-point lead - even though they missed 16 of their first 20 shots of the second half.

They went on a 10-3 run to take a 90-89 lead before Williams sank a free throw. But he missed the second and Jefferson rebound-

ed with 16 seconds to play in the fourth quarter.

Delk poked the ball away from Kidd with 3 seconds left, forcing overtime.

The Nets led at halftime in each of the four games, but Monday's 50-49 edge was the smallest.

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Giguere leads Ducks to 2-0 win

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The Anaheim Mighty Ducks didn't need overtime to beat the Minnesota Wild, just an opportunistic penalty kill and another outstanding performance by their

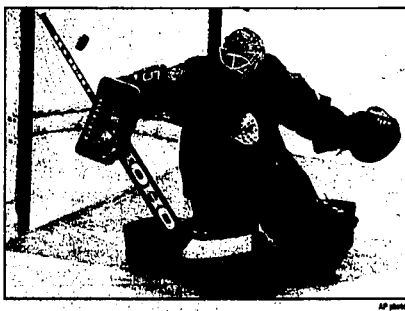
Playoffs untouchable goalie.

John Gibson was perfect again, and Kurt Sauer and Rob Niedermayer scored short-handed goals Monday night to lead the Mighty Ducks to a 2-0 victory over the Wild.

Anaheim, which won the opener 1-0 in double overtime, has a 2-0 lead in this unlikely Western Conference final matchup. It is their third straight series win this year that the Mighty Ducks have won the opening two games on the road. They are 6-1 away from home in the playoffs.

The series shifts to Anaheim for Game 3 on Wednesday.

If the Wild can't figure out a way to stop the puck, they may make 24 saves, then they



Anaheim goalie John Sebastian Giguere stops a shot against the Wild Monday in St. Paul, Minn. The Mighty Ducks won, 2-0.

won't play another home game in their surprisingly successful third season.

Maybe Minnesota is better off leaving town, since it dropped to

2-6 at Xcel Energy Center in the postseason. The Wild are 6-2 on the road.

Giguere - who made 24 saves - Please see NHL, Page D2

Marlins' McKeon feels like he's 45 again

By Steven Wine
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI - That leadoff kid is outstanding. The home run by the little guy at second base was a bonus. And what can you say about the job the guy at first base did - he was like a vacuum cleaner out there.

So said Jack McKeon after his debut as manager of the Florida Marlins.

Forgive McKeon for being a little fuzzy on details, such as the names of his players. He was home in Elon, N.C., enjoying life as a grandpa and couch potato when the Marlins called him last week seeking help.

Now, at 72, he's the oldest manager in the major leagues and third-oldest ever, behind Hall of Famers Connie Mack and Casey

Stengel. No one has ever taken a managerial job at such an advanced age.

But after two years out of the game, McKeon says he's ready to go to work with baseball's second-youngest team.

"Just being around these guys and in this job makes you feel like you're 45," he said, middle-aged suddenly sounding like adolescence.

The Marlins fired 61-year-old youngster Jeff Torborg late Saturday and found a replacement with a tad more experience. When McKeon managed his first game with Kansas City in 1973, 20 of Florida's 25 players were not yet born.

He walked in the clubhouse for the first time Sunday, and the young team wasn't quite sure what to make of the new, old

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Jack McKeon

Singh doesn't want Annika on PGA Tour

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Vijay Singh says Annika Sorenstam has no business playing in the Colonial next week and "I hope she misses the cut." On the odd chance he gets paired with her, he'll withdraw.

"Why? Because she doesn't belong out here," Singh said after his runner-up finish in the Wachovia Championship. "If I'm drawn with her, which I won't be, I won't play."

Singh knows he won't be playing in the same group as Sorenstam when she becomes the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour. His name will be drawn from a pool of PGA Tour winners when the pairings are made.

Still, his comments were the strongest yet about Sorenstam's decision to accept a sponsor's exemption to play in the Colonial. The last woman to play on the PGA Tour was Babe

Zaharias, who qualified for the 1945 Los Angeles Open.

Nick Price, the defying champion at Colonial, has said Sorenstam's presence "breeds of publicity." Scott Hoch, who once played with Sorenstam in a mixed-team tournament, said he wants to see her play well so people will realize "how much separation there is between us and the ladies' tour."

Still, most players have been cautious with their comments, not willing to predict a score and hopeful she plays well so it doesn't reflect poorly on the LPGA Tour.

Singh held nothing back in an interview with The Associated Press as he left the locker room at Quail Hollow last Sunday afternoon, saying the 32-year-old Swede should stick to her own tour.

"What is she going to prove by

playing? It's ridiculous," said Singh, a two-time major champion who is No. 7 in the world ranking. "She's the best woman golfer in the world, and I want to emphasize woman." We have our tour for men, and they have their tour. She's taking a spot from someone in the field."

The Colonial is an invitational with a limited field. Sorenstam received one of eight sponsor's exemptions.

In 1998, he played in an unofficial event called the "Super Tour" that matched the scorecards of nine professionals after playing 18 holes a day in four Asian cities. Laura Davies was invited to play, and finished 39 strokes behind Singh.

"Laura Davies is a long-ball hitter, but she still had to hit good irons," Singh said, "just different for ladies to play on the men's tour. It's like getting the Williams sister to play

against a man, and they're far better athletes than she (Sorenstam) is."

Sorenstam has become significantly stronger in the last two years as she has taken over women's golf. She won 13 times around the world last year, the most by a woman in nearly 40 years, and became the first woman to shoot 59.

She returned from Japan Monday, where she won the Nishikiri Cup by nine shots.

Sorenstam has been playing from the back tees to gear up for the Colonial, including a round with Tiger Woods in which she is said to have finished 10 strokes behind.

"Some people don't believe she should be out here — golfers and men in general," Hoch said. "Most golfers who play well, and what comes out of this is that she realizes she can't compete against the men."

Network boxing ratings are competitive so far

NEW YORK — Boxing's return to network television has generated competitive ratings and led to talks for more weeknight fights.

The second week of a three-week boxing trial on NBC received a 1.6 rating, up from the 1.4 rating of a week before and third among daytime sports on Saturday.

The fight card that featured prospect Francisco Nogado in a bloody knockout win over William Adamyan.

The boxing ranked behind a PGA Tour event, which got a 2.4 rating and 6 share, and the NHL playoff game between Anaheim and Minnesota, which drew a 2.0 and a 5 share.

But boxing, which returned to network television after a decade-long absence, beat out racing on CBS and the rain-delayed Indianapolis 500 qualifying.

"We're ecstatic. I'm walking on air," said Kathy Duva, president of Main Events, which sold NBC on the idea of a three-night package. "It's exceeding my most optimistic projections."

Network boxing ratings are competitive so far

Tuesday night's game at SBC Center.

The Western Conference best-of-seven semifinal is tied 2-2.

Jackson underwent an angioplasty Saturday to open his left anterior artery, which was over 90 percent blocked. He was released from Centinela Hospital Medical Center on Sunday morning but watched the Lakers' 99-95 victory over the Spurs on television.

Lakers; Fox undergoes surgery on injured foot

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers forward Rick Fox underwent surgery Monday to repair a torn tendon in his left foot.

Fox was sidelined for the remainder of the playoffs when he was injured April 27 in the first quarter of the Lakers' 102-97 victory over Minnesota in Game 4 of the teams' first-round playoff series.

Woods will not play at Colonial next week

DALLAS — Although tournament officials had hoped that Tiger Woods would join Annika Sorenstam in the Bank of America Colonial, Woods said Monday that he will not play next week's event in Fort Worth, Texas.

Woods also is not playing the EDS Byron Nelson Championship this week, leaving the Dallas-Fort Worth without a Woods appearance for the first time since 1999.

Woods' only Colonial appearance was in 1997, when he tied for fourth. Colonial officials had hoped he would return this year since the tournament does not conflict with the Deutsche Bank-SAP Open in Germany. Woods had told them recently that his chances of playing Colonial were 50-50.

Woods' decision means that for the first time since turning professional, Woods will play only twice between the Masters and U.S. Open. He has, always played at least three times in that period. But he told reporters Monday that he will play fewer events this season because of pre-season knee surgery.

Yankees' El Duque has surgery on right shoulder

SAN FRANCISCO — Montreal Expos pitcher Orlando Hernandez underwent surgery on his injured right shoulder Monday.

Hernandez, on the disabled list since being hit in the head by a pitch, was expected to be out at least three more months — though the Expos have not ruled out a return this season.

Compiled from wire reports

SCORES AND STATS

By Steve Moore

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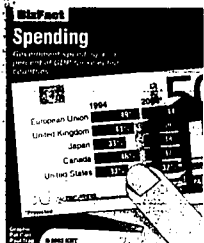
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Phil Baker assumes top job at Hecla

COEUR D'ALENE — Phil Baker has been named the new chief executive officer of Hecla Mining Co., succeeding Art Brown.

Baker, a former executive at Battle Mountain Gold Co., has worked for Hecla since 2001. Brown is retiring, but will remain chairman of Hecla's board of directors.

Hecla's long-term strategy is to focus on what it does best — high grade, underground mining. Baker told shareholders. He said it will take on mining projects which are too small for other companies to touch.

The company's recent success after years of hard times comes largely from its South American mines. Hecla produced record amounts of gold and silver in 2002, and enjoyed its first net income after 12 years of losses.

The company's La Camorra Mine in Venezuela, which produced nearly half of Hecla's revenue last year, is a good example, Baker said. Hecla hopes to double its gold production over the next five years, largely through new developments at the La Camorra mine, which produced more than 167,000 ounces of gold last year.

"We've become the largest gold company in Venezuela," Baker said.

Political turmoil in Venezuela has not affected the company's ability to do business there, he said. The mine continued to operate during a two-month strike by oil workers.

Hecla also has operations in Alaska and Mexico, as well as the Lucky Friday Mine in Idaho's Silver Valley.

South Central Idaho

Works! Board will meet

TWIN FALLS — The South Central Idaho Works! Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. today at the Magic Valley Job Service Office, 771 N. College Road.

The public is welcome.

Items on the agenda include a young offender program update; revision of outgoing members' appointment of a youth council chairman; reports on federal Workforce Investment Act allocations; incentive projects, youth yellow pages, new projects and programs; legislative changes; an update on the pending closure of R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn plant and other Mini-Cassia Valley activity; and a couple of workforce conference reports.

U-Haul parent firm re-examines reports

RENO, Nev. — Amerco — the parent of truck rental company U-Haul International which has dealers around Magic Valley — confirmed Monday that it has asked its new auditors to re-examine its 2001 and 2002 financial statements prepared by its previous auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Amerco also said it is cooperating with a Securities and Exchange Commission "fact-finding inquiry" regarding its financial statements.

In connection with the re-audit, JDO Seidman, the company's new auditor, has identified prior period adjustments related to insurance reserves at Reno-based Amerco and its subsidiary, Republic Western Insurance Co., as well as other insurance company-related adjustments, Amerco said in a statement.

Amerco said final adjustments and any resulting financial restatements will be reported in late June for the fiscal year that ends March 31, 2003.

An Amerco spokeswoman said the company would not comment beyond its news release.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Agency increases parking project

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — New parking spaces to be paved on a key Old Town site could make a bare spot of Shoshone Street frontage more attractive to potential employers.

Members of the city's Urban Renewal Agency voted Monday to expand their parking-lot plans on a portion of the old Twin Falls Feed & Ice site the agency owns in Old Town. They expect that decision to turn the remainder of the property, bordering Shoshone, into more marketable real estate for commercial development.

Urban Renewal approved spending an estimated \$90,102 to create 86 parking spaces and install curbs, gutters, sidewalk, street lights and landscaping where the for-

mer Feed & Ice burned down, a prime piece of the redeveloping district.

That will leave enough space on the agency-owned property for a building of 10,000 to 12,000 square feet along Shoshone, said Dave McAlindin, the city's economic development director.

City leaders hope that will be an attractive combination to draw new private investment.

Urban Renewal's original, smaller parking-lot plan was an incentive for a large business investment on adjacent property.

Twin Falls attorney Jeff Hepworth and his investing partners in the new Simpson & Co. LLC are transforming the former Gem State Paper & Supply warehouse into professional offices.

Simpson took ownership of the historic building at 161 Fifth Ave. S. in November

2001. Members are Hepworth, who owns the bottom floor; attorney Kenneth Pedersen, who owns the third floor; and accountant Daniel Deagle, financial planner Dan Karren and attorney Steven Peterson, who share the second floor.

Those professionals and the firms with which they practice hope to move in by mid-June, Hepworth has said. By the time renovation ends, investors expect the project's total price to stand at \$1.6 million.

In August 2000, Urban Renewal agreed to build 35 public parking spaces on a portion of the old Feed & Ice site after substantial completion of the Gem State Paper building's remodeling and restoration.

The building's former owners had requested that commitment, because Hepworth didn't want to close the purchase without assurances of adequate

parking nearby.

Hepworth and his investing partners recently asked for more spaces than the agency's original commitment, agency member Dave VanEngelen said Monday.

The agency Monday considered a 52-space estimate of \$55,768 and an 86-space estimate of \$90,102. It opted for the latter, to also provide parking for potential development of its Shoshone frontage.

Urban Renewal, however, must apply to the city's zoning board for a special-use permit, McAlindin said. If a hearing in early June results in permit approval, crews could complete the bulk of the work by about July 1, he said.

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FACTORY TOWNS FADE

Community colleges try to fill the gap

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PITTSBURGH — For the past 23 years, Larry Plowman fixed everything from electric arc furnaces to overhead cranes to assembly lines. Now he's learning how to break criminal cases using computers and the Internet.

Plowman is among a growing number of laid-off workers seeking a second career with the help of community colleges, schools that have evolved from their "junior colleges" beginnings into mainstays of America's work force.

"I started looking to see what other jobs I could do. Having a heavy industry and steel background, there wasn't much out there," said Plowman, 56, back in school after being laid off from his second manufacturing job in as many years in December.

Laid off from J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn potato-processing plant in the first shutdown phase, Belinda Naranjo attends the College of Southern Idaho with her eye on an accounting degree. Still at Simplot but facing the certainty of a layoff, Maria Rivera aims to go to CSI after the Heyburn plant closes to pursue a pharmacy career.

Many other displaced or soon-to-be-displaced Mini-Cassia workers are also turning to CSI for training.

The sour economy has sent more students to community colleges across the country. Some schools like Harrisburg Area Community College in Pennsylvania and Gloucester County College in New Jersey report double-digit enrollment



Ron Potocki Jr., center, talks with fellow students in his nursing class at the North East, Pa., campus of Mercyhurst College last month. Potocki is among a growing number of laid off workers in fading factory towns seeking a second career with the help of community colleges, which have grown from their 'junior college' beginnings to become the mainstays of America's work force.

increases. Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa., Des Moines Area Community College in Iowa and Lower Columbia Community College in Washington say enrollments are at an all-time high.

The surge is particularly apparent in industrial areas. Factories trimmed 95,000 jobs last month, the 33rd month of

declines that have cost 2.2 million workers their jobs.

"We've felt the ripple effect of the layoffs. This is the biggest layoff the area has seen in many years," said Sherree Unruh, vice president for academic and student affairs at Cowley County Community College in Kansas.

"It's driving more and more people to go back to school."

In Wichita, which bills itself the "Air Capital of Kansas," aircraft manufacturers have announced 12,000 layoffs, the consequences of a sharp drop in air travel. The job cuts have contributed to soaring enrollment at the community college, up 16 percent from last year at about 4,000 students.

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Farm will turn manure into fuel additive

The Associated Press

MILFORD, Utah — A business created by Circle Four Farms is ready to turn manure from millions of pigs into a clean-burning, renewable and moneymaking additive to diesel fuel.

Circle Four Farms, the nation's largest pig farm, raises 1 million pigs annually on 42,000 barren acres 17 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Garth Boyd, director of environmental technology for Smithfield Food, which owns Circle Four, said the manure from 25 sewer lagoons will be piped into one of four concentrators where 85 percent of the solids floating in the manure will be captured and then moved to an oxygen-free digester.

There, methane will be released from the solids by carbon-chewing bacteria stimulated by an environment kept at 95 degrees.

"We are accelerating what nature does normally," Boyd told The Salt Lake Tribune.

The project will be run by BEST Biofuel LLC, a company being created for that purpose and in which Smithfield is the primary partner.

The gaseous methane is then turned into liquid methanol

using a thermocatalytic reaction that heats the methane to 200 degrees.

The plan is to produce about 7,500 gallons of the liquid "biofuel," which will be shipped to another \$5 million facility at an undetermined site.

At the other location, the bio-fuel will be augmented with a variety of "yellow grease," which range from oils and fats from rendering plants or soybean and used cooking oil.

The final product — called B20 — will be added to petroleum-based diesel fuel at a blend of 1 part B20 to 4 parts petroleum-based diesel.

Boyd said Smithfield's development of the project is scheduled to coincide with deadlines for meeting new emissions standards for diesel fuels.

The new standards, mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency to go into effect in 2007, require sulfur emissions from diesel engines to drop from 500 parts per million currently allowed to just 15 ppm.

The additive burns more cleanly and with less friction on the engine than the sulfur-based lubricants now widely used.

Construction of the plant will be funded through Beaver County, which last week voted to

issue about \$15 million in industrial revenue bonds to be paid back with earnings from sales of the additive lubricant.

"The Utah operation will be the only facility of its kind in the country (using pig manure) as far as I know," Boyd said.

Boyd said the process to be used was developed at North Carolina State University, and the research funded largely by Smithfield.

He says B20 will be economically competitive with other forms of methane now derived from plants, especially if Congress passes a package of environmental tax credits proposed in new energy legislation to reward projects such as the one at Circle Four.

Brian Harris, the Beaver County administrator, said the company received the right to use the county's bond rating when state officials determined the project would address public health concerns about air and water quality by attempting to reduce stockpiles of manure left by hog production.

Harris said a New York banking firm has given Smithfield Food a line of credit equivalent to the amount of the bonds, keeping the county free of financial liabilities.

Doubts about credit cards? Check service agreements

Question: I have two credit card accounts for a business I own. These accounts appear on my personal credit report, even though they are the obligation of my company, not me personally. I use these accounts frequently for the mileage benefits they provide.

How can I protect myself from a lower credit score that results from having my business use a credit card for its purchases?

Answer: You might consider it business debt, but the credit card issuers apparently don't. That's why these accounts appear on your credit report.

If you have any doubt about whether the cards are being reported correctly to the credit bureaus, check the service agreement you got when you applied for the card. The paperwork probably will outline your personal obligation for this debt.

People who are issued credit cards by the companies they work for often face the same situation. The cards, even if only for business use, appear on their personal credit reports and can affect their credit scores.

The FICO credit scoring formula doesn't distinguish between

business and personal cards on an individual's credit report, said Craig Watts, spokesman for FICO creator Fair Isaac Corp. The formula also usually doesn't distinguish between balances that are paid down monthly and those that are paid off in full each month. So running up the balances, even if you pay them promptly, can hurt your personal credit score.

The most powerful way to protect or improve your score is to make sure you pay these and all your other bills on time. Don't leave this task to your billing department or anyone else in your company. Because late payments can hurt your score, you want to be absolutely sure the payments get made.

You also should avoid maxing out these, and other, cards. If

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