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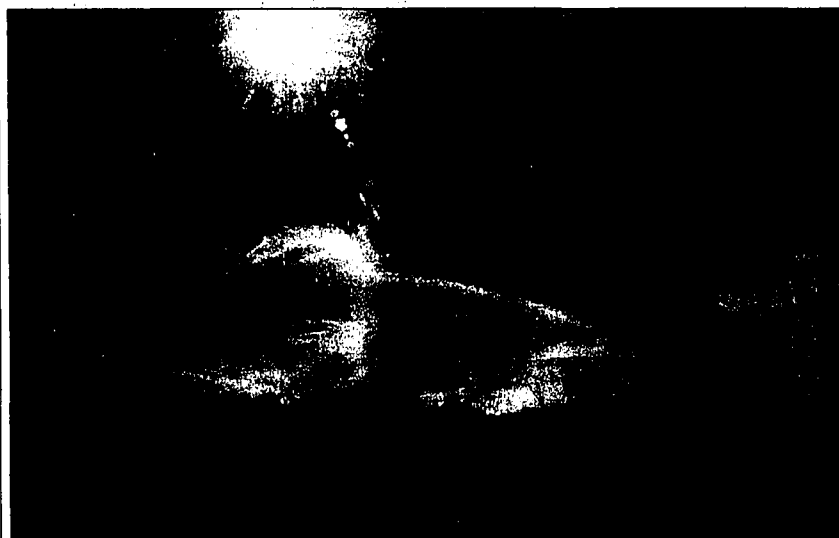


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BLM fire crews gear up



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Nick Mink completes a hose-laying drill during a training session for Bureau of Land Management firefighters just north of the Perrine Bridge on Wednesday. Crews were tested in all-terrain driving, hose laying and siphoning water into the trucks from a portable pond.

Spring rains provided plenty of potential fuel

By Rachel Hartgen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local Bureau of Land Management crews are busy preparing for what some say could be a dangerous fire season.

Rangeland turned green in recent weeks by ample spring moisture could quickly dry out and turn into fuel for range fires, officials say. When it becomes warmer, the new foliage could be hazardous - especially cheatgrass.

Temperatures and precipitation in the next few weeks will help determine the severity of the fire season, along with lightning and man-made causes, said Steven Loucks, BLM fire operations supervisor.

Federal land managers say Idaho can expect a normal to above-average fire season this year. Southern Idaho, with its drier, warmer temperatures, is much more vulnerable to fire this year than the more forested parts of central and northern Idaho, said Rick Ochow, national fire weather program manager at the National Interagency Fire Center.

Loucks said south-central Idaho BLM crews will be ready.

The sun shone brightly overhead Wednesday as 28 BLM firefighters completed an annual engine operator course off the highway north of the Perrine Bridge.

"Today they are learning how to operate expensive equipment on the fire line," Loucks said.



AP photo

Rick Ochow of the National Interagency Fire Center said Wednesday at Bureau of Land Management headquarters in Boise that southern Idaho rangelands will be more vulnerable this year than forested parts of the state.

"We practice here because on the fire line things get pretty exciting."

- George Rummele, BLM safety officer

"They are broadening their skills and knowledge."

The three-day course is geared toward returning firefighters who will eventually become supervisors. After completing the training, the firefighters will operate the dangerous equipment and lead rookie firefighters on the fire line this season, Engine Modular Leader Lynn Maple explained.

Across the West

Despite five years of drought, experts contend this fire season shouldn't be as bad as last year, when fires had already begun in the Southwest by April.

Wildland fire seasonal outlook
May 1 to Sept. 30, 2003
-- Above average
-- Below average



SOURCES: Associated Press, National Interagency Fire Center

"The supervisor role creates safety for crew members, vehicles and himself," Engine Leader Adam Leija said. "It's a lot of responsibility, and you have to work as a team."

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Senator reviews session

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Where do neighbors of large dairy proposals go for help now, since the 2003 Legislature cut them off from protesting the operations at the Idaho Department of Water Resources?

"Well, all I can tell them is to stay with it. Don't give up," says Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

"Eventually the public always wins," Noh said in a question-and-answer session at the Idaho Environmental Forum in Boise on Wednesday.

Noh, a lawmaker of 23 years who is the chairman of the Senate resource committee, had been asked to speak about recent changes to the "local public interest" phrase in Idaho water law.

The phrase has been in Idaho code for 25 years, but it was only last June that Water Resources actually took into account issues beyond water when considering protests. That occurred when 5th District Judge Barry Wood instructed Water Resources to make sure the proposal for a 6,600-cow dairy in Gooding County had adequate plans for ameliorating dairy odor before awarding a water right transfer.

Wood also instructed the department to consider the cumulative effect of adding 6,600 cows to the 66,000 cows already in the township right above the scenic Hagerman Valley.

Owners as well as protesters of that dairy responded to that rule.

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Challenger ousts T.F. School Board member

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In the lowest voter turnout in decades, challenger Ed Reeves ousted incumbent Mike McIntyre by one vote for a spot on the Twin Falls School Board.

"I feel great, excited. I'm ready, excited to get to work," Reeves said Wednesday.

Results were delayed a day when election officials became concerned at the close of the polls that a voter may have lived in another zone. After scrutinizing the ballots, officials confirmed that the individual in question didn't vote after all, resulting in a 21-20 victory for Reeves.

The election results will Please see SCHOOLS, Page A2

Controversial EPA chief resigns post, says she wants family time

Bush critics says she fought for environment

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - After a turbulent 2 1/2 years as head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Christie Whitman announced her resignation Wednesday, leaving behind a controversial record that is certain to become a serious issue in the emerging presidential campaign.

The former New Jersey governor said she told President Bush at the White House on Tuesday, "It is time to return to my home and husband in New Jersey, which I love just as you do your home state of Texas."

Bush called Whitman, 56, a Please see WHITMAN, Page A2



AP photo

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christie Whitman talks about her tenure Wednesday at the EPA in Washington.

House, Senate strike deal on \$350B tax cut

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - House and Senate tax writers struck agreement Wednesday on a \$350 billion package of tax cuts and spending, settling for less than half the tax reductions President Bush wants.

The deal abandons the president's proposal to eliminate taxes on dividends paid to shareholders, but it still ranks as the third largest tax cut in the nation's history. Bush planned to visit Capitol Hill on this morning, when lawmakers are to convene a formal conference ratifying their agreement.

House and Senate leaders want to complete work before Memorial Day, in time for the Treasury to start sending \$400 to 25 million households that qualify for an increased child tax credit.

Facing nearly unanimous opposition from Democrats, negotiators worked 11 day squeeze out a bare majority of votes in the narrowly split Senate.

Supporters will need the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Dick Cheney if wavering moderates decide to oppose the bill. Senate leaders count Democrats Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Zell Miller of Georgia as votes for the bill, but they lost the support of three Republicans - Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, John McCain of Arizona and Olympia Snowe of Maine.

Most Democrats have objected to the tax cut ever since Bush proposed the idea early this year. "It gives away billions to those who need it least and does very little for those who need it most," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

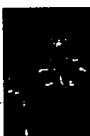
NATION

Purported al-Qaida leader urges attacks

Combined wire reports

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - In an audiotape broadcast Wednesday, a man identified as the deputy head of the al-Qaida network called on Muslims to attack Western facilities across the world, kill Western civilians and Jews, and "turn the ground beneath their feet into an inferno."

Broadcast by al-Jazeera television as the United States and Saudi Arabia braced for possible new attacks, the statement was attributed to Ayman al-Zawahiri, a physician who founded Egyptian Islamic Jihad, which merged with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.



Ayman al-Zawahiri

Meanwhile, Saudi police detained three suspected al-Qaida members who were plotting to hijack a plane, possibly to use in a suicide attack reminiscent of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, police officials and diplomats said Wednesday.

Saudi security officials said Wednesday that three detained Moroccans had been plotting to hijack a plane headed from the western Saudi port of Jiddah to Sudan. The officials did not say if there was a plot to use the plane as a missile, as al-Qaida did in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Later Wednesday, state television interrupted its broadcast to quote the interior minister, Prince Nayef, as saying the hijack report had "no basis in truth." Nayef, who is in charge of police, said only two Moroccans were arrested for unspecified "previous security issues" were arrested. U.S. officials have said that al-Qaida has been crippled by more

than 1 1/2 years of manhunts and military strikes. The tape appeared to be an effort by remaining members of the network to taunt the United States and its allies in the Arab world and to elicit support for new assaults.

The tape, which appeared to have been edited, has heavy background noise. A CIA spokesman said that intelligence technicians and analysts were scrutinizing the tape but that analysis is particularly difficult because of its poor quality. Also, there are "no nuggets that would give you a hint" whether it is indeed Zawahiri, the spokesman said.



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Bush takes on European critics

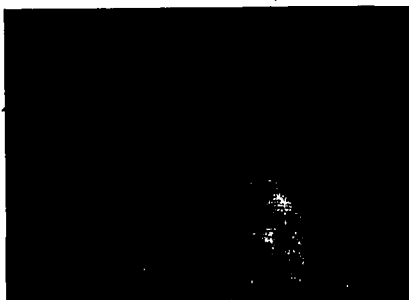
Says subsidies keep
Africans hungry

Combined wire reports

NEW LONDON, Conn. - President Bush Tuesday accused Europeans of perpetuating starvation in Africa by subsidizing agricultural exports and by objecting to the use of bio-engineered crops, raising another grievance with Europe at a time of already tense transatlantic relations.

The president, who embarked on a trip to the continent next week, leveled his accusations against European governments in a speech to graduates of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy here that was intended to showcase humanitarian efforts by his administration. For the first time raising the highly sensitive issue of Europeans' deep opposition to genetically altered foods, Bush said well-intentioned American efforts to reduce hunger in Africa have been thwarted by European policies.

"By widening the use of new high-yield bio-crops and unleashing the power of markets, we can dramatically increase agricultural productivity and feed more people across the continent," Bush said in a commencement



President Bush waits to deliver remarks at the 2003 president's dinner at the Washington Convention Center Wednesday in Washington.

address on the drizzly west bank of the Thames River. "Yet, our partners in Europe are impeding this effort. They have blocked all new bio-crops because of unfounded, unscientific fears."

Later in the day, Bush scrapped the traditional gala tuxedo for a business suit as he helped raise \$22 million for Republican Senate and House candidates, showing the GOP's

prospect at collecting cash despite the new campaign finance law's restrictions.

The Washington Convention Center event was the closest any political party has come to matching the record \$30 million-plus that Bush helped the Republican National Committee and the two congressional campaign organizations raise at each of two galas last spring.

Texas agency orders data destroyed following search

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A commander with the Texas Department of Public Safety ordered the destruction of all documents and photographs gathered in the search for the Democratic state legislators who fled to Oklahoma to block a congressional redistricting bill.

The order was issued via e-mail on May 14, a day before the Democrats ended their boycott and returned to Texas, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said.

Meanwhile, congressional Democrats on the House floor in Washington pushed for more information Wednesday from the Homeland Security Department on its role in the search.

The DPS issued a statement Wednesday saying it destroyed the records because federal regulations prohibit it from keeping intelligence information that is not part of a criminal case.

"This was not a criminal matter, so we could not legally maintain that information," the department said, adding that retaining the information could have subjected the DPS to a \$10,000 fine.

But state Rep. Kevin Bailey, the Democratic chairman of the House General Investigating Committee, said it appears that is true only for a federal investigation or an investigation funded by federal money. "This investigation to find us... should not have fallen under that criteria," Bailey said. He said the destruction "keeps people wondering: Is there something to hide?"

In Washington, some Democrats accused Republicans of using tax-supported, anti-terrorist agencies for political purposes.

"Misuse of federal law enforcement agencies for domestic political purposes. Sounds like Watergate in 1974 and Richard Nixon, doesn't it?" asked Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas. "The silence of Republican leadership and Majority Leader Tom DeLay on these abuses is deafening."

DeLay said he would not comment on "false accusations." Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Tuesday he would review a decision to withhold information about his agency's involvement.

Texas enacts tough anti-abortion law

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON - Texas approved one of the nation's most sweeping abortion "counseling" laws Wednesday, requiring doctors, among other things, to warn women that abortion might lead to breast cancer.

That correlation, however, does not exist, according to the American Cancer Society and federal government researchers, and critics say the law is a thinly veiled attempt to intimidate, frighten and shame women who are seeking an abortion.

Proponents argue that research into the alleged link between abortion and breast cancer remains inconclusive.

U.S. accuses Iran of giving al-Qaida aid

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration on Wednesday accused Iran of harboring al-Qaida members and said Iranian leaders had a responsibility to prevent terrorists from entering and operating in the country.

"There's no question but that there have been and are today senior al-Qaida leaders in Iran, and they are busy" plotting attacks, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

The impact on U.S. contacts with Iran, particularly a recent series of meetings in Geneva, was not clear. "We do find ways to communicate and we will continue to find ways to communicate with Iran on subjects that are important to us," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The meetings, part of an effort to ease friction between the two countries, focused on a range of issues, including postwar Iraq. The United States is attempting to deter Iran from trying to influence the formation of a new government in Baghdad.

U.S.: Some nuclear items missing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Some 20 percent of the known radioactive materials stored at Iraq's largest nuclear facility are unaccounted for, and U.S. nuclear experts have found radioactive patches on the ground where looters dumped oil barrels, believed to contain hazardous materials.

However, a senior commander said the great majority of the dangerous waste at the Tuwaitha nuclear complex was still secure and was not leaking radiation.

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British look into officer's behavior

LONDON (AP) — A senior British army officer is being investigated over allegations that he mistreated prisoners of war in Iraq, the Ministry of Defense said Wednesday.

Defense sources said the officer under investigation is Lt. Col. Tim Collins, who made headlines on the eve of battle with a stirring speech to his troops urging them to fight with honor. The allegations were made by U.S. troops attached to his 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Rangers, the sources said.

The army's Special Investigations Branch is probing allegations that Collins' treatment of prisoners of war and an Iraqi civilian leader may have violated the Geneva Conventions, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

The British Broadcasting Corp. Web site reported that Collins, who is on leave as he awaits a new army posting, said Wednesday he was confident his reputation would be upheld. Collins made no other public statement.

The Sun newspaper, which reported the allegations, said Collins had denied any wrongdoing. The paper said Collins allegedly punched, kicked and threatened prisoners to get information and fired shots at the ground to intimidate them, and that he allegedly hit the Iraqi leader with the butt of a pistol.

The Evening Standard newspaper said the complaints were made by U.S. reservists who came under Collins' command in Iraq. The newspaper quoted unidentified witnesses who said the American soldiers were angry about the severe discipline imposed on them by Collins, who is known for his blunt and direct leadership style.

He galvanized his troops on the eve of battle with a speech in Kuwait in which he urged them to do their duty while treating the enemy with respect.

"Wipe them out if that is what they choose. But if you are ferocious in battle remember to be magnanimous in victory," he said.

U.S. troops shoot and kill four in exchange outside Kabul embassy

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — In a rare confrontation between U.S. forces and their Afghan allies, U.S. Marines guarding the American Embassy in Kabul shot and killed four Afghan troops Wednesday with Afghan troops. Four Afghans were killed.

Afghan officials called the shooting "a misunderstanding," saying jittery Marines opened fire believing they'd come under attack. The U.S. Embassy said only that the loss of life was regrettable and an inquiry was under way.

The shooting came a day after the United States raised its terror



An Iraqi woman gestures Wednesday in side a makeshift morgue. She was in search of remains of her relatives, among bags containing bodies pulled from a mass grave near Karbala, Iraq. Within a 60-mile radius of this religious capital, more than 10,000 mass graves have been unearthed, many from a purge of Shites after a Persian Gulf war uprising in 1981. Thousands of the dead carried government identity cards with them when they were shot or blindfolded, some buried alive, witness reports said.

Security council votes today on U.S.-led force for Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States called for a vote today on a U.N. resolution to let the U.S.-led coalition run Iraq until it has a recognized government and to lift sanctions so the country's oil wealth can be used for reconstruction.

"We look forward to a vote tomorrow morning," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said Wednesday shortly after the final text was distributed. The Security Council is expected to approve the seven-page resolution, but whether it will get the support of all 15 members, as Secretary of State Colin Powell said he would like, remains to be seen.

"Our impression is that the

council members have welcomed this resolution and that it enjoys strong support, but I would hesitate to predict for you at this moment exactly what the precise vote count is going to be," Negroponte said.

The resolution's cosponsors — the United States, Britain and Spain — made more than 90 changes from the original draft introduced on May 9 to respond to concerns of other council members, said Negroponte's spokesman, Richard Grenell. "The text is final and we are asking delegations to stand and be counted."

Diplomats said the resolution was virtually certain to get 12 "yes" votes in the 15-member council.

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MASS GRAVE

U.S. postpones interim government for Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Creation of an interim government for occupied Iraq will have to wait until midsummer, the American civilian administrator said Wednesday.

L. Paul Bremer's comments came barely three weeks after the Americans set a timetable of early June for a new government.

"We're talking now like sometime in July to get a national conference put together," Bremer, head of the U.S.-led Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, told reporters while attending the opening of an Iraqi jail. "I don't think it will be in June."

Pressed further, Bremer replied, "Mid-July." U.S. officials' comments about the government had grown hazier in recent days, with Bremer saying the job would be difficult without first restoring security, getting basic services

back on line and paying people who have gone weeks with no salaries.

Those problems have taken a front seat in the 10 days since Bremer took over as the top American civilian in Iraq.

The new delay fueled skepticism many Iraqis already feel about U.S. intentions.

"Bremer's statement seems one in a series of untrue promises aimed to keep the situation as it is," said Hassan al-Thuri, an oil Ministry employee. "They don't want to see a government that would sooner or later demand that the U.S. occupy leave."

"Why this postponement?" said Yadhullah Jasi Ulla, a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. "This procrastination just means they're trying to form a government of parties that are in complete line with their own policies."



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EDITORIAL

Animal cruelty laws hold up in local case

The decision came from a judge, and not a jury. But now that a local court has ruled former dairyman Jack Tuls guilty of animal cruelty, the public should have no doubt about the effectiveness of state law to punish rogue livestock operators.

Fifth District Magistrate Randy Stoker ruled last week that Tuls, the former owner and operator of Dutch Touch Dairy south of Filer, demonstrated a reckless disregard for proper animal treatment when he allowed a cow to die a slow death last summer.

Stoker found Tuls guilty of one misdemeanor count of animal cruelty. He now faces a possible sentence of up to six months in jail and a fine between \$100 or \$5,000.

To those who followed the case closely, the verdict confirms the lengthy and comprehensive Department of Agriculture investigation of Dutch Touch dairy. The Ag Department concluded that the dairy mistreated sick and dying cattle, and improperly disposed of their carcasses in shallow graves.

The state agency, however, turned its information over to Twin Falls County for prosecution. There, the case focused on just one count of animal cruelty for mistreatment of one cow, instead of the extensive probe about numerous animals.

Basic logic supported the prosecution's facts. As Stoker noted, this type of conduct could not have gone unnoticed

by Tuls, who was the owner of the animal and the operation. Stoker said testimony in the case showed that the animal was lying outside the barn, on the ground without food or water, for approximately 48 hours. As the manager of the dairy, Tuls could not have been unaware of its plight.

The Tuls decision further proves that existing state laws can deliver a successful prosecution for this crime. When this case broke, legislators and politicians questioned whether animal cruelty statutes were potent enough to punish wanton and rogue livestock operators. It turns out they do.

This verdict also means lawmakers and government officials don't need to go overboard with more regulation. And Tuls should not be made into a case study for his entire industry. Many dairymen, farmers and livestock managers are also satisfied to see a guilty verdict in this case. They distanced themselves from the behavior, and had the verdict been otherwise, they too would have been embarrassed.

Now, the high-profile case moves into the sentencing stage, where Stoker should issue a punishment that fits this crime. Some jail time should be handed down, in addition to a fine. Tuls no longer operates the dairy; he sold it this spring to another dairyman. But his actions — or lack of action — in this case, should send a message that anyone who abuses livestock won't get away with it.

State bailout penalizes taxpayers

While many fiscal conservatives are applauding the Senate's passage of a \$350 billion tax reduction, the inclusion of a \$20 billion bailout to fiscally troubled states has caused some concern. This bailout unfairly penalizes taxpayers in states that have been fiscally disciplined. Furthermore, it creates bad incentives for elected officials. State legislators may propose even larger spending increases, knowing that if deficits occur, Congress will likely force taxpayers in other states to pick up the tab.

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However, the incentives created by the bailout do not necessarily have to be bad ones. Indeed, if the bailout is designed correctly, it might even be a force for good. Congress should use the leverage that comes with this bailout to impose fiscal discipline on the states. One way of doing this would be to require that states enact constitutional expenditure limits before receiving federal bailout funds.

These spending limits would go a long way in promoting fiscal rectitude. In fact, there is plenty of evidence that well designed expenditure limits can be effective. During the 1980s, tight expenditure limits in Washington and Colorado demonstrated considerable success at restraining spending growth and providing tax relief.

Furthermore, lenders often impose fiscal restrictions on individuals, companies or countries in debt. When the United States offers foreign aid, the grants and loans are often tied to monetary and fiscal policy reforms. Of course, long-term enforcement of these policy changes is difficult,



which is part of the reason most foreign-aid programs are unsuccessful.

However, the situation that the states are facing is less complicated. The states do not have to worry about currency stability or the rule of law. Instead, their fiscal problems stem from sharp spending increases. This is a straightforward problem that can be solved through well-designed expenditure limits.

Additionally, this approach might actually have a chance of succeeding politically. Forty-nine states have balanced budget amendments, which means that elected officials either have to hike taxes or enact painful bud-

get cuts to bring their books into balance. Needless to say, neither option is particularly appealing to most state legislators. Indeed, to avoid such politically difficult tradeoffs in the present, many legislators would likely be willing to abide by an expenditure limit in the future. This strategy might be especially effective in states that have term limits. Legislators in term-limited states will have to leave office in a few years because term limits will force them out. As a result, if they enact an expenditure limit, they will only have to put up with this limit until the term limits force them out.

In the end, it would be best if

the bailout is removed from the final tax bill. This way, governors and legislators would not get a free pass from Congress and would instead have to deal with the political fallout from their late-1990s spending spree. However, if a bailout is included in the final legislation, Congress should grant bailout funds only to those states that enact tight state expenditure limits. Such limits would curb spending growth, provide tax relief, and it is hoped prevent similar fiscal crises from happening in the future.

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Idaho emerges stronger after marathon session



READER COMMENT
Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

year by 24 days. Nationally, teachers have been asked to take on new responsibilities like janitorial duties and even driving buses, which detracts from their abilities to teach children. We haven't done that here. Idaho has provided education to continue the quality education. Do I wish it was more? Absolutely, but in these tough times, I think education has fared very well.

Importantly, other priorities I laid out in January also received more funding than last year.

In Health and Welfare, we maintained our commitment to our children, seniors and those who need medical attention. In corrections, we will not be releasing inmates early and we'll be protecting our communities. Higher education, the engine that will help drive our economy out of this downturn, also receives more funding.

We also moved forward with construction of classroom facilities on all college and university cam-

pus with approval of a measure to allow us to bond for these critical building projects. This will have an estimated \$188 million economic stimulus statewide.

Besides the budget, there were significant gains this session, including:

- Continued funding (\$2.6 million) for the Governor's Rural Initiative, which has funded economic development projects and created jobs in communities across Idaho;

- Legislation establishing the Idaho Student Information Management System, opening the door for a \$5 million grant from the Albion Foundation;

- A freeze on Unemployment Insurance Tax increases for two years;

- Tort reform, which will help create an environment that allows businesses to continue to invest and thrive in Idaho;

- Correcting a technical flaw in Idaho's death penalty statute;

- Signed legislation exempting mentally retarded persons from the death penalty as dictated by the U.S. Supreme Court;

- Robert R. Lee Promise Scholarships: Renamed the program after the late senator and restored full funding;

- Funding for establishment of the state's Veterans Cemetery;

- Signed a bill which moves the state closer to establishing an Amber Alert system;

- Landmark legislation establishing state management of wolf populations;

- Continued the commitment to resolving the field-burning issue in northern Idaho by signing a bill to expand the smoke management program;

- Signed legislation establishing the Health Insurance Access Card, which will help families and small businesses improve access to health insurance.

Four months ago, I laid out what we needed to do in order to move the state forward. I did something that wasn't easy for me to do that was recommended tax increases. The Legislature affirmed how difficult it was to raise taxes. It took a lot of time and there were some folks who showed courage and stepped forward and did it. We're providing for public safety, health and welfare of our citizens and education for our children. It was a successful session for the citizens of Idaho.

Dirk Kempthorne is the Republican governor of Idaho.

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Magic Valley voters will head to the polls in some counties next Tuesday, May 27, to decide on bond issue and supplemental levy elections. All letters to the editor on these issues must be turned in by noon today.

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Council members won't feel impact of new names

Well, I see the Twin Falls City Council did it. They paved the way for bigger and better things to happen to Twin Falls. Tourism will begin to flourish in unbelievable numbers, new businesses will now want to migrate to the heart of the city and produce untold wealth to the community — all because council members voted to rename the streets. Not only did they rename

the streets but they didn't include the name of one of the most important people who helped establish the town, Kimberly.

I.B. Perrine, according to TV news, persuaded Buhl and Kimberly to invest their money to help establish Twin. The map in the newspaper May 13, didn't mention Kimberly, only Ketchum. I guess you'll have to refresh some people's memories as to what extent Ketchum had in the beginning.

LETTER

Did you know, according to the phone directory, that none of the five council members who voted for new names live on any of the streets they are going to change?

That means that they won't have to go through the mess of changing checking, business cards, letterhead or whatever else may have to be changed. I guess they just wanted to show people they can do about anything they want whether the citizens like it or not, and what we read in the papers, there were

more folks against the change than were for it.

And what about this clown from Moscow, Tom Hudson, that is supposed to be some super-duper "revitalization consultant" expert? He says everything is very confusing here. Makes you wonder how and where he got his credentials. Sounds like he to me that the best three years of his life was in the fourth grade! Even people with a minimum education can figure Twin out if they give themselves

five minutes with the current map.

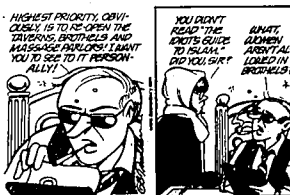
Now that changes are going to be made, we'll just have to wait and see if Twin can handle the influx of all the new people, be it tourists or businesses, that is going to trip up. If this trick doesn't work like it's planned, I'll bet they can come up with another dandy. They're probably waiting for another revelation as we read this.

KEITH OWENS
Kimberly

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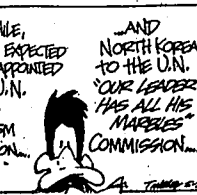
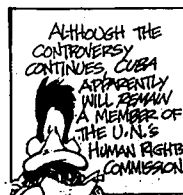
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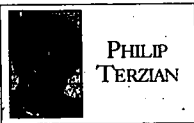


The pursuit of 'diversity' at the expense of quality courts disaster

By a happy coincidence I was settling in to read the latest installment of the Jayson Blair/New York Times catastrophe when a heavy parcel was dropped on my desk. It was from the publishing house of Simon and Schuster, and contained a copy of "The Fabulist," a novel by Stephen Glass. Why it was sent to me, I cannot say, but I will certainly read it with interest.

That is because, despite their obvious differences, Stephen Glass and Jayson Blair have much in common. Glass was a hot young writer at The New Republic who, it was discovered, had invented several dozen stories — in The New Republic and elsewhere — and was fired in 1998. He has since taken a law degree at Georgetown and, I assume, was paid a handsome advance by Simon and Schuster for "The Fabulist," an ill-disguised account of his life as a confidence man. Similarly, Jayson Blair is said to be entertaining six- and seven-figure offers to tell his story to some lucky publisher.

I leave it to readers to draw whatever moral they choose from these separate episodes.



PHILIP TERZIAN

As everyone must know, Jayson Blair is the 27-year-old former New York Times reporter who reportedly fabricated anecdotes and characters, purloined stories, repeatedly lied, misled and cheated his way to the famous national desk of The Times. When a Texas newspaper revealed that Blair had plagiarized one particular story, The Times was obliged to take a closer look at his background and record. It turns out that Blair never graduated from college, claimed to have filed stories from locations he never visited, and repeatedly invented details or stole anecdotes wholesale. His work had inspired a record number of corrections in The Times' news pages, and one editor had warned his colleagues (to no avail) in language of singular bluntness: "We have to stop Jayson from writing for The Times. Right now."

Critics of The Times have been quick to point out that Blair is black, and that the paper's managing editor, Gerald Boyd, who is also black, had nurtured and protected this newsroom sycophant, fending off criticism and threatening detractors. Despite indignant denials by Boyd and the executive editor, Howell Raines, as well as others in authority at The Times, it is obvious that Jayson Blair benefited from a racial double standard, and that Raines and Boyd would brook no dissent on the subject.

Such incompetence and errant behavior would never have been tolerated in a reporter of, say, Italian extraction. But the pursuit of "diversity" in America's newsrooms, at the expense of quality, makes disasters such as Jayson Blair inevitable. Indeed, Howell Raines has admitted as much: "I believe in aggressively providing hiring and career opportunities for minorities," he said the other day. "Does that mean I personally favored Jayson? Not conscious-

ly. But you have a right to ask if I, as a white man from Alabama... gave him one chance too many." Defenders of The Times point out that no racial element was present in the cases of Stephen Glass or other famous harpists: Mike Barnicle, formerly of The Boston Globe; Ruth Shalit, formerly of The New Republic; Jonathan Broder, formerly of the Chicago Tribune; Molly Ivins of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and so on. And they have a point. While it is undoubtedly true that Jayson Blair is a product of racial politics in journalism — and that "diversity" programs will benefit scoundrels like Blair — that is only part of the larger equation.

In truth, people like Glass, Blair, Broder, Ivins, Janet Cooke, formerly of The Washington Post, and Patricia Smith, formerly of The Boston Globe, are products of negligent editing as much as racial ideology. Take Glass, for instance. His stories were full of preposterous elements: Multiple rapes at a meeting of young conservative activists in Washington, a GOP conclave of the "First Church of George Herbert

Walker Christ."

When victims wrote to complain about Glass' inventions, or defend themselves against false accusations, The New Republic's editors (notably the late Michael Kelly) delighted in sending insulting rejoinders.

Some years ago, when I wrote to the Chicago Tribune about Jonathan Broder's serial plagiarism, the abuse of the Tribune's then-editor, James Squires, was directed at me, not his malignant employee.

In characteristic fashion, The Times devoted 7,500 words last week to examining Blair's treach-

ery in painstaking detail. But the cause of Jayson Blair is just as dangerous as the effect. Nowhere did The Times raise a question about the value of "diversity" at all costs, or ponder the refusal of senior editors to draw the obvious conclusion, or take appropriate action, from the evidence of Blair's misconduct. Any other institution — Arthur Andersen, say, or the Roman Catholic Church — so willfully blind would be harshly criticized. But not The New York Times.

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.

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Wastewater facility could lead to economic success

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is an association of approximately 500-plus members who represent a large cross section of business and commerce within the Mini-Cassia area. Funded by membership investments, the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce works for a healthy economic climate of good jobs, capital creation and honest, efficient government.

Our strength lies in the number and diversity of its membership. Because the chamber collectively embodies the vast experience of the many businesses and professionals of our membership, it has the knowledge and insight to identify issues of importance to the business community and the combined means to devise and implement strategies to address them.

The city of Burley wastewater treatment facility is one such issue, and the board of directors unanimously approves of the plan to build a new wastewater treatment facility for future prosperity.

The Mini-Cassia economy has suffered the last two years with an increase of business closures and industry relocations. Prospective businesses and major industrial companies have an interest in the Mini-Cassia area, but because of the antiquated and inadequate sewer system, these businesses have looked elsewhere. More than 1,700 needed and potential jobs were not developed because of this scenario.

The wastewater treatment facility will take approximately two years for completion. During the construction phase, 100 jobs will be created to build the facility

and, in turn, will create approximately \$6.4 million for the local economy. Spending within the community will increase, other jobs will be created and more money will be put back into the local economy. Even though the construction of this facility will be temporary, the long-range benefit will enhance our chances of attracting new industry, creating a brighter future for the Mini-Cassia area.

The city of Burley is in a dire situation. Mayor Anderson and the Burley City Council have determined that this project is an extreme high priority and Burley's economic growth depends on the passing of the Industrial Revenue Bond and the General Obligation Bond on May 27.

What will the city of Burley look like 10 years from now? Will

we be in a position to attract businesses and industries with a modern and up-to-date infrastructure system or will we appear backward and uninterested? We encourage Burley residents to look forward to a future of prosperity for the city of Burley as well as the Mini-Cassia area.

Vote yes on May 27. ROBERT HARRIS Burley

(Editors note: Robert Harris is the president of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He wrote this letter with Marvis Brice, first vice president; Jason Walker, second vice president; Carl Hanson, past president; and board members Annette Braggner, Robert Hawn, Mike Searle, Gary Bartolome, Ina DiGracia, Diane Neuman, Greg Osterhout and Larry Hansen.

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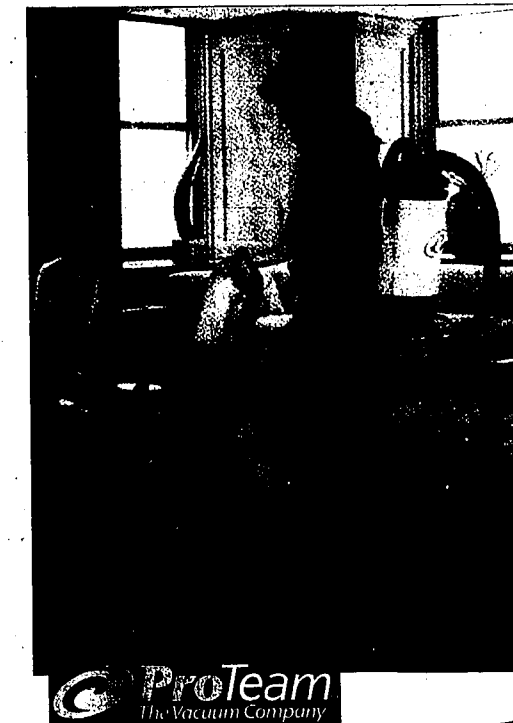
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Tobacco firms win ruling

MIAMI — A Florida appeals court on Wednesday threw out a record-setting \$145 billion verdict for thousands of Florida smokers against the tobacco industry, saying the case should not have been tried as a class-action lawsuit.

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The 3rd District Court of Appeals said the smokers could not group themselves together in a single lawsuit against the nation's five biggest cigarette makers because they didn't share enough common interests to sue as a group.

By eliminating class-action status, the three-judge appellate panel discarded the award a Miami-Dade County jury had given sick Florida smokers in 2000 following a two-year trial.

In addition to eliminating class-action status, the appeals court Wednesday agreed with the tobacco industry that the award would have violated state law by bankrupting the companies and called the trial plan unconstitutional.

Candidate spells out rural development plan

NEVADA, Iowa — Sen. John Edwards, a Democratic presidential hopeful with his eyes fastened on next winter's Iowa party caucuses, is proposing a \$1 billion effort to create special rural development zones and bolster high-speed Internet access in the countryside.

"Today in North Carolina, Iowa and across our country, in small towns and rural communities, our lifestyle and all the values it represents are under siege," Edwards said in a speech Wednesday.

The North Carolinian was outlining a package of incentives aimed at rural America — a program Edwards said is a natural for him because the geographic center of the United States is in rural America. That connection can give Edwards a boost in important early tests of strength like Iowa, but also could sell well in crucial rural and southern states that are important if Democrats are to have a chance to oust President Bush.

Senator accuses Bush of deception over Iraq

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Byrd says the Bush administration appeared to deceive the American people into launching an illegal, unprovoked attack on Saddam Hussein's government.

His remarks in the Senate floor Wednesday made for some of the toughest criticism of the Iraq war from Congress.

Referring to turmoil in postwar Iraq, Byrd, D-W.Va., said: "If the situation in Iraq is the result of liberation, we may have set the cause of freedom back 200 years."

Byrd's comments come at a time that Democrats are increasingly criticizing Bush's handling of the war's aftermath and the fight against terrorism.

Seventh man faces terror charge in upstate New York

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A seventh man was charged Wednesday with participating in a terrorist "sleeper" cell based in upstate New York by attending an al-Qaida training camp run by Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks.

An FBI criminal complaint charged Jaber Elbanchi, 36, with conspiring to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization.

Elbanchi is believed to be abroad, federal officials said.

He is from the Buffalo suburb of Lackawanna. Six other men — dubbed the "Lackawanna Six" — have already pleaded guilty in the case and are cooperating with authorities. Prosecutors said other arrests were possible.

— compiled from wire reports

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Washington state home-schooler wins geography bee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The competition went to a second tiebreaker before James Williams, a 14-year-old from Vancouver, Wash., claimed victory Wednesday in the 15th annual National Geographic Bee.

"I wasn't expecting this at all, it's really exciting," the soft-spoken James, oldest of six children, said after besting 55 finalists in

two days of competition. The deciding question: "Go, a state in southwestern India, was a possession of which country until 1961?"

Portugal was James' correct answer, netting a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime subscription to National Geographic and a week at SeaWorld and Busch Gardens Adventure Camp.

Dallas Simons, a 13-year-old student at Martin Luther King Magnet School in Nashville, Tenn., placed second and collected a \$15,000 college scholarship. Taking third, and a \$10,000 scholarship, was Sean Rao, 14, a student at St. Gabriel School in Hubertus, Wis.

It was the second straight year a home-schooler has won the bee.

Ann Williams, the winner's mother, said she and husband Craig had decided on home schooling before they had any children. "We wanted to make learning a lifestyle rather than something you have to do," she said. It allows the children to concentrate on areas they enjoy and the family isn't tied to a school schedule, she added.

James Williams competes Wednesday

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“If you’re in there just because you’re a girl and you can get in a race car and run circles, that’s not cool.”

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—Indy Racing League driver Sarah Fisher, who will make her fourth start in the Indianapolis 500 Sunday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball

5A State Tournament, at Wigle Field, Borah HS
Twin Falls vs. Centennial, 1 p.m.
Minico vs. Meridian, 7:15 p.m.
4A State Tournament, at Simplot Stadium, Albertson College, Caldwell
Jerome vs. Hillcrest, 1 p.m.
3A State Tournament, at Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore.
Wood River vs. Sugar-Salem, 4 p.m.
2A State Tournament, at Rodeo Park, Nampa
Glenns Ferry vs. Prairie, 4 p.m.

High school softball

5A State Tournament, at Coeur d'Alene HS
Twin Falls vs. Eagle, 6 p.m.
4A State Tournament, at Post Falls HS
Jerome vs. Madison, 4 p.m.
3A State Tournament, at Ward Park, Pocatello
Wood River vs. South Fremont, 3 p.m.
Buhl vs. Lakeland, 5 p.m.
2A State Tournament, at Homedale HS
High school track and field
State Championships, at Conco Stadium
Field events, all classes, 3 p.m.
1200 runs, 5A-4A, 4 p.m.
Running events, 5A-4A prelims, medley final, 5:15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Idaho junior rodeo comes to Gooding

GOODING — The first Idaho Junior Rodeo Series will be held June 5-7 in Gooding. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday.

The second rodeo of the series will be held July 23-25 in New Plymouth.

For entries or more information, call Fawn at 584-3225.

Firebird Raceway holds annual Fox Hunt

EAGLE — The 27th edition of the Firebird Raceway Fox Hunt hits the drag strip on Saturday and Sunday night in Eagle. Among the entries are jet dragsters, pro modifieds and one wheelstander.

All women receive free general admission with gates opening at 2 p.m. daily and pro racing starts at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$20 for men with a pit pass and children 6-12 get in for \$5.

Hamblin-Empey pocket \$2,000 for Hogan win

BLACKFOOT — Twin Falls Municipal pro Mike Hamblin partnered with Jim Empey of Challis to capture the Top Male Ben Hogan Pro-Stroke Shootout Tuesday at Blackfoot Golf Course.

Hamblin and Empey beat Todd Blinder and Adam Martend in the final playoff hole after both teams had tied at 19-under.

After 54 holes over two days, the two golf courses.

Phil Longhurst and John Peterson of Jerome Country Club won the senior division with a score of 211.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Baseball teams look to change history at state

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

Little has changed thus far in the area high school baseball scene from last year.

But all five local teams headed to the state baseball tournaments beginning today around the Treasure Valley have high hopes for different — and better — outcomes from their last trips to state.

Four of the five local teams are making repeat trips from a year ago. And each is hoping that last year's experience will reap dividends this year.

"I'm waiting for all this experience to pay off one of these days," Wood River coach Lars

Hovey said. "We still like our chances."

Wood River finished fourth a year ago at the Class 3A tournament at the Simplot Stadium, Albertson College, Caldwell. Jerome was third at the 2A tournament and Jerome won the 4A consolation championship.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls is looking to reverse a two-year trend of going two-and-out at the 5A tournament after winning the district championship, while that fifth local team, Minico, is the only team that didn't qualify for state

State baseball

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a year ago.

All five have good reasons to believe they will be bringing home a title.

Class 5A

It's a good problem to have, figuring out how to win at state with the top seed, but for the past two

years the Twin Falls Bruins haven't figured out how to do it.

"We're going to stop making excuses," Bruin coach Matt Rasmussen said. "We have to come ready to get the job done."

The Bruins will be coming off a nine-day layoff following their 9-8, come-from-behind victory over Minico in the Region Four-Five-Six championship game when they face Centennial at 1 p.m. today at Wigle Field at Borah High School in Boise.

"It's just going to give us an opportunity to rest up and scout tendencies of some of our oppo-

nents," Rasmussen said. "Too often, we've expected to come out a little flat the first couple of innings and then we fall behind early. That can't happen."

The top-seeded Bruins (23-3) also have to overcome a tough draw. Centennial is the second seed out of Boise's District Three while second-seeded Minico drew the Boise area's fourth seed — Meridian — due to a quick in bracketing. The Bruins also face a possible second-round date with powerhouse Lewiston, which comes in as the overwhelming favorite. Lewiston is 24-0 and has outscored its opponents 292-53 on the season as the Bengals seek their 10th state title.

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Foul trouble plagues Mavs

Spurs hit all 24 free throws in 119-106 win

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — First there was foul trouble for Dirk Nowitzki, and then he got hit with a technical foul. Next came serious foul trouble for Nowitzki, which was followed by the ejection of Don Nelson.

More technical fouls and ejections quickly followed in a game that seemed to be all but over by the time the tempestuous first half was over.

Dallas did manage to make a late push, but Tim Duncan's 32 points and the Spurs' early 24-for-24 free throw shooting were too much to overcome Wednesday night as San Antonio defeated the Mavericks 119-106 in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals.

The Spurs evened the series with Game 3 set for Friday at Dallas. Perhaps that will be the night that a low-key officiating crew is assigned to the game.

Following a Game 1 that featured 72 personal fouls and 98 free throws, notoriously hot tempered referee Joey Crawford called four technical fouls in the first 10:11.

Two of the techs came in rapid succession during a timeout when Nelson tried to engage Crawford in a staredown and did not heed his order to return to his bench.

Assistant coach Del Harris was tossed by Crawford late in the second quarter after he walked onto the court to protest a non-call against Duncan for playing illegal defense.

"Don (Nelson) walked up to Please see NBA, Page B2



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, left, and Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, of Germany, battle for a rebound in the fourth quarter in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals in San Antonio Wednesday. San Antonio won, 119-106.

Senators nab 2-1 win in OT

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Ottawa Senators were short on cash in the regular season. Now they're rich with momentum in the Eastern Conference finals.

Defenseman Chris Phillips scored 15:51 into overtime to lift the Senators to a 2-1 victory Wednesday night and force a Game 7 on Friday in Ottawa. It was the second straight game the Senators fought off elimination.

"Even when we were down 3-1, there was not one guy in our dressing room or organization that counted ourselves out," Phillips said.

Vaclav Varada was trying to hit the loose puck in front of Devils goalie Martin Brodeur, but all he was making contact with was the New Jersey goalie. Trailing the play, Phillips found the loose puck behind Varada and fired it into the net.

"It was just able to get in there and get a whack at it," Phillips said. "I didn't even realize it went in until the other guys started celebrating."

Patrick Lalime kept the Senators alive in the extra session by fighting off several New Jersey flurries. The biggest threat



Ottawa's Zdeno Chára, center, celebrates on the ice with teammates after the Senators defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in overtime to win Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals in East Rutherford, N.J., Wednesday. The series is now tied 3-3 and heads back to Ottawa for Game 7.

came from Brian Gionta, who was stopped on a 2-on-1 with Patrick Elias.

New Jersey, trying to reach the Stanley Cup finals for the third time in four years, has never lost a series in which it led 3-1. The Senators have never advanced this far in the playoffs in their 11-year history.

"We have to play one game. That's going to be the hardest

game," said forward Marian Hossa who assisted on both Ottawa goals. "We're going to be home and that's a good thing."

The West champion Anaheim Mighty Ducks haven't played since last Friday, but will face the winner on the road in Game 1 of the finals on Tuesday night.

"That's all we wanted to do, to have practice tomorrow," forward Bryan Smolinski said.

Sorenstam is already a big hit at Colonial

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Welcome to Annika's Alley.

Tradition-rich Colonial, where a bronze of five-time winner Ben Hogan greets everyone who passes through the front gates, turned into a massive cheering session Wednesday for Annika Sorenstam on the eve of her PGA Tour debut.

Despite a steady, sloppy rain that cut short a pro-am round, Sorenstam had to walk through a wall of spectators just to get to the first tee.

From there, the view was unlike anything she has ever seen. The 565-yard hole was a colorful outline of umbrellas from tee to green, and thousands of fans — about half of them women — called out her name as she walked by.

"This was tremendous," said Sorenstam, who was at least 1 over par through 10 holes when rain stopped the round. "All the

support I've gotten from everybody, to show up on a day like today is incredible."

This is new territory for Sorenstam, and not just because she is the first woman in 58 years to compete against men on the PGA Tour.

When the Bank of America Colonial begins Thursday, it will be the first time Sorenstam has ever played a tournament she is not expecting to win.

The question is, what kind of score will it take to be satisfied?

"If I shoot level par, I'm going to be so pleased," she said.

Even so, Sorenstam knows that won't be easy. The course known as Hogan's Alley is longer and tougher than any she has played in competition.

She also will be under more scrutiny than when she won the Tiger Woods made his pro debut in the 1996 Greater Milwaukee Open.

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The Colonial

On TV: Today, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. (USA)



Annika Sorenstam

SPORTS

Wendell, Filer may contend for team titles

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It is a tall order, but the Wendell girls and Filer boys could come back to the Magic Valley with some hard-

The three-day State Track and Field Championships begin Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bronco Stadium on the Boise State University campus with finals selected Friday and Saturday.

Twin Falls, Minico, Burley and some all get under way with the 200 run Thursday with preliminary events in track events and field events for all schools.

Friday brings finals for Class 5A and 4A teams at 5:30 p.m. followed by finals for all the small schools on Saturday starting at 9:30 a.m.

Twin Falls is expected to challenge defending champion Eagle for titles in both girls and boys teams.

Twin Falls finished second at regional meet on the boys side. As expected, Jerome to make some noise as well on the 4A side.

Class 3A

The Filer boys will look to repeat as team champions while a number of athletes from around the valley should contend for individual honors.

Filer will have to come through with major points in the relays to repeat as state boys team champion.

Salmon will be really tough, said Wendell head coach LaRell Patterson. "They are solid from top to bottom. They took second to us last year so they have the motivation to climb up the ladder."

Modicum is reportedly strong in the middle distances, giving them an area they could dominate and stockpile points.

Senior Preston Allen could be a big individual factor in the team. He has the best mark in the long jump in 3A this spring, and the third-best in the triple. Filer in a legit chance at a top 3 finish in the 200 dash and he could pile up points. He also runs a leg in the 4x200 relay.

"I think my chances are pretty good," Allen said. "There is no reason we can't win the 4x200."

The relays do look strong in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 events.

State track and field

"It all comes down to hand-offs," Patterson said. "We have to score in the top three for us to be competitive. The times are very close."

Levi Mecham is a contender in the 400 run while Andy Griffin should place in the low hurdles. Brad Sylvester is the Wildcats first state qualifier in the discus in sophomore. And again, it will likely come down to the relays. But Filer will have to find a way to compensate for the loss of sprinter Caleb Lammers, who was ruled ineligible for violating a team rule prior to the district meet a week ago.

Wood River's Dylan Welcome and Mike Simot should place in the middle distances. Declo's Trac Jones is a strong long distance runner.

For the Filer girls, senior Christina Brown will look to knock off defending champion Tasha Webb of Snake River in the long jump. Webb has a season best mark of 17 feet, 10 inches, while Brown has reached 17.8.

Brown likes competing in Bronco Stadium, where she says the springy board gives jumpers an extra push off the ground. That should help her while she expects three strong relay entrants and good sprinters to pile up some points.

"We've been working very hard," said the Idaho State track signee. "I'm pretty confident."

So is Patterson. "I'm excited about our relays," he said. "We have good kids going."

They include Angela Brown in the 800, Christina Brown in the 100, Rachel Jaynes on the 200 and Lindsay Hemke in the 400. Nikki Peterson, Shanna Roehn and Jennifer Mecham will compete in the relays.

Kimberly is not likely to compete for the team title with seven boys and one girl qualified.

The Bulldogs have a number of strong kids in the sprints and have entered a 4x200 relay team including Ricky Zdrov, Tyson Anderson, Curtis Giles and Jim Reeves. Reeves is also in the high jump while Camryn Allen is a long jumper. Blake Higley should contend in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.0 seconds while Chris Robbins will enter the 400 and 800 runs.

"Individually we should have

some placings," Mulberry said. "We've kept pace with Filer so we're optimistic."

The lone Bulldog girl is Rachel Bulcher, who should be competitive in the shot put, 800 run and the high jump. She will play volleyball for NAIA University of Montana-Western this fall.

Gooding's April Homan is a sure title contender in the mile and 2-mile runs while Declo's Melissa Webb is a competitive hurdler. Buhl's Abelee Espasza should place in the shot put and discus. Springa Stark could do well in the jumps for Wood River, which also has a good medley relay team.

Class 2A

Both the Wendell boys and girls teams have legit shots at state hardware, with the girls having the best chance with multi-event athletes such as sprinter Jaymie Goodbody leading the way.

The girls relay squads are also expected to pile up some points after wins at the district level.

"All three have a legitimate chance at winning," said girls coach Rob Campbell.

The rest of the squad looks to be solid at the right time.

"The girls stepped up. Just about everyone got a personal best this weekend," Campbell said.

That kind of effort may be needed against Firth, Grangeville and Nampa Christian.

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The Valley boys are led by Michael Grant in the middle distances. A young Glenns Ferry squad will look to gather experience for its few qualifiers.

Class 1A

The District 4 champion Raft River boys will rely on quality points instead of quantity in its bid for a state title, coach Jeremy Qualls said.

"It's tough to say who will be tough up there," Qualls said.

Quinn Harper will contend in the pole vault while Tyrell Thomas and Derek Barrett are strong in the field events. Joe Edwards and Adam Darrington are strong entrants in the 100 and 200 dashes and bolster a good 4x200 relay squad.

The Carey boys have some excellent individual qualifiers in Destry Simpson in the 400 and 800 runs. Shawn Hennefer should place high in the hurdles.

Oakley has a good short relay squad in Colt Robinson, Maverick Mitten, Ammon McBride and Taylor Gardner, judging from a district-best 45.80 seconds.

The top sprinters in the area include Jesse Lemons of Camas County, Drew Maves of Castelford and hurdler Matt Newkirk of Murtaugh.

For area girls, Oakley junior Ali Cranney will look to have a big weekend in the 100, 200 dashes and in the relays. A big individual performance at the 1A level, with so many points split up, could push an area team to the front of the pack.

Lacey Perkins of Murtaugh looks good in the hurdles and long jump. Carey's Ginger Bingham also shines in the 100 dash, 16.50 seconds, and the hurdles.

She won the 100 district title last year and is gunning for the school record of 15.9 seconds and state's 16.3.

Kirsey head coach Lane Kirsey is hopeful the Panthers can finish in the top 10 with good relay performances and Jesse Molyneux in the strength events.

In the distances, freshmen Kyli Astle of Shoshone and Melissa McEaden of Harpman are the top area entrants.

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There was a lot of pressure," she said. "But we knew we were going to win this game."

Defending state champion, Emmett (18-5), state runner-up Bishop Kelly (17-5), and third place Sandpoint are all favored at the tournament.

The Tigers open against District Six champion Madison at 4 p.m. MDT on Thursday at Post Falls High School.

If Jerome wins, it will face the winner of Sandpoint and Emmett.

"We have three or four lefty slappers and that puts a lot of pressure on your defense," Baumer said. "We expected to play them, but in a later round. But you have to beat everyone to win, or even do well at a tournament, so we'll just face them earlier."

"Randi is just a pitcher," Chapin said. "If we pass Eagle, we can pass anybody."

If Twin Falls is able to pass today's test, the Bruins will have to face the winner of Capital (15-9) and Coeur d'Alene (20-2), last year's state runner-up, in the semifinals.

"At state, it's a mountain to climb," he said. "The mountain just got a little bigger."

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Bruin softball players avoid suspensions

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—They were just having fun. What harm could come from helping out your brother's downspout team?

Plenty, as Twin Falls softball players Krista and Kara Gambrel discovered Wednesday.

The sisters narrowly avoided being ruled ineligible for the Class 5A State Softball Tournament after playing on their brother's adult coed softball team Monday night.

Twin Falls Principal Ben Allen said two students violated Rule 8-1.1 of the Idaho High School Activities Association. The rule says any student involved in a high school sport cannot participate in any same sport outside of the current high school season or at any non-sanctioned state event.

"If you're in cross country you can't run in a fun run or if you're in golf, you can't go in a tournament," Allen said.

But the student may play in a different sporting event.

The two girls showed up at a Bruins team barbecue Monday in Twin Falls uniforms, alerting head coach Nick Baumer to the possible rules infraction.

Baumer said he notified Allen and the school promptly "turned itself in" to IHSAA Director Bill Young Tuesday. Young said he immediately declared the two players ineligible for violating the rule of extra participation.

"The outside competition rule is

a rule in which you cannot compete on a team outside of your school team during any season," Young said. "I had to declare the girls ineligible."

Young told Allen that the school could appeal his ruling. Baumer said he, Allen, both girls and several parents sent off letters pleading to give the girls a second chance.

"It was an honest mistake on my part," Baumer said Wednesday by cellphone from Coeur d'Alene. "In my letter I stated they are good honest players and I believe they didn't know they weren't supposed to play."

Allen reiterated the point. "What we did is we said that the girls were unaware of the rule and we were at fault," he said.

By 4 p.m. Wednesday, word came down that the appeal was upheld by a majority vote of the IHSAA Board of Directors.

"Ben said they were cleared to play," Baumer said. "It was a relief."

Young said the board acted swiftly with the state tournament starting today.

"The board voted today to waive the rule under the circumstances that they were unaware of the rule and the school provided the documentation," Young said.

But Young added there would be a penalty as much as \$600 to the high school.

"The school will be facing a fine," Young said. "The amount will be determined by the Fourth District Board of Control."

Baseball

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To combat that lineup, the Twin Falls pitching staff - with sophomore Nick Carr, seniors Andy Coats and Steve Turner and a deep bullpen - will have to come out stronger than it has recently.

Where the Bruins are looking for more than respect, that is precisely what the Minico Spartans have already earned.

Even if the Spartans are lacking experience from last year, they come into the state tournament young, brash and brimming with confidence.

"Our goal all year has been to win it," said first-year coach Ben Frank, who was playing for Albertson College at this time a year ago. "I'm happy for the kids with what they've accomplished but our work isn't done."

It's no wonder the Spartans are confident after pummeling reigning state champion Idaho Falls-1 in the region's second-place game to earn their spot against Meridian in today's 7:15 p.m. matchup.

The Spartans (22-4) have a strong, but not overpowering pitching rotation - sophomore Cory Warburton, senior Nate Tracy and junior Brandon Colwell - and a lineup that is hitting on all cylinders.

Warburton leads the way for the Spartans at 7.0 on the mound and six home runs at the plate. Senior Cody Cole leads the team in batting while Warburton's homers have all come in the second half of the season.

Seniors Skyler Worthington and Gabe Frank give the hard-working Spartans four senior leaders in the lineup.

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Area softball teams open up at state tournaments

By Elly Garner
Times-News writer

Buhl and Wood River are the top two representatives from the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference to compete at the state softball tournament in the state capital.

The Indians, who defeated Wood River for the fourth time last Wednesday for the District Four championship, open against two-time reigning state champion Lakeview (20-4) and ace pitcher Leanne L. Platt. But Buhl isn't exactly looking for a state championship this year.

"We're not looking to win the state title, we're just hoping for a game or two and make some noise," said head coach Steve Orndorff. "We are looking for growth at state for our program, so we can get a strong senior team next year."

The Indians (20-4) will get it against the Hawks, who are favored to win again this year.

"We have to outpitch people to win. So, that's what we're working on," Orndorff said.

Whether the Indians can get any hits against Lakeview is the question. As a sophomore last year, Lakeview set the state tournament record with 38 strikeouts in 28 innings.

If the Indians are able to punch through, they will face the winner of Marsh Valley and Middleton. Last year, Middleton ended Buhl's season in the interdistrict playoff game 3-0 and return all but three of their starters.

Wood River (21-7) bounced back from its loss to Buhl to defeat Fruitland on Saturday for the interdistrict playoff berth to state. The Wolverines face South Fremont (16-9) in the first round.

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Baumer.

So instead of opening against Timberlake (21-6), whom the Bruins split with this season, Twin Falls will repeat their first round matchup from last year.

This time the Bruins are hoping for a different ending.

"They're more determined than ever," Baumer said. "We know what we have to do to beat Eagle or a team like Eagle, and now it's just a matter of doing it."

The Bruins counter with their own ace in Ruth Anna Spooner, who is 17-3 this season. And the close games Twin Falls won at district should have it prepared.

"The last regional games were definitely state-level games. And

Crawford said. "Del Harris came to my partner (Ted Bernhardt) at a timeout and said that he was going to get ejected, and to eject him on one (technical) which isn't unusual. There has been talk in the history of the NBA where a coach has walked up to a referee and said eject me. So we eject him."

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Glenns Ferry is taking the Prairie at 4 p.m. at Rodeo Park in Nampa.

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SPORTS

Women vs. men: Nothing new at Indy 500

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman makes her way into the field and faces scorn from some, cheers from others. About the only thing everyone agrees upon is she has virtually no chance to beat the guys.

It's the story of the week in golf.

It's just another day at the track in auto racing.

While Annika Sorenstam is making big news by playing against the men at the Colonial in Texas, Sarah Fisher is quietly going through her routine at Indianapolis.

On Sunday, the 22-year-old Indy Racing League star will make her fourth start in the Indianapolis 500. The only female driver in the 33-car field, Fisher's accomplishment is nothing new. Janet Guthrie broke the gender barrier at the Brickyard 25 years ago. Lyn St. James started the Indy 500 seven times in the 1990s.

"I don't think it's a landmark issue for us anymore," St. James said.

Unlike golf, women and racing have coexisted fairly peacefully for decades.

The common Sorenstam is creating this week was Guthrie's burden when she debuted at Indy in 1977. Much as Sorenstam is at the top of her game right now, back then, Guthrie was a well-established driver on the sports-car circuit.

Not that success made things any easier for either woman.

While Sorenstam is enduring the somewhat testy spotlight that comes with playing in a men's league, a quarter-century ago, Guthrie walked into a track that didn't even allow women in the garage until 1971. Like Sorenstam, Guthrie dealt with skeptics and critics.

This week, Sorenstam was at the center of a debate that Vijay Singh defined when he said Sorenstam "doesn't belong out here." The great debate of 1977 was whether speedway president Tony Hulman would start the race with the traditional call of, "Gentlemen, start your engines."

Jenkins hits three home runs in Brewers romp

MILWAUKEE — Geoff Jenkins honored in his first three at bats off Jake Peavy (4-3) as Milwaukee extended a winning streak to three for the first time this season.

Wayne Franklin (3-4) pitched a two-hitter for his first complete game.

White beat on an infield hit leading off the second, and pinch-hitter Ramon Vazquez singled to center leading off the ninth.

Jenkins hit a two-run homer in the first to put Milwaukee ahead, then hit solo homers in the fourth and sixth innings. He grounded back to reliever Luther Hackman in the seventh, and struck out against Mike Matthews in the eighth.

Reds 9, Braves 3

CINCINNATI — Austin Kearns' bases-loaded double completed a six-run fourth inning Wednesday night as the Cincinnati Reds rallied to beat the Atlanta Braves 9-3 and show their remarkable surge.

Adam Dunn later added a pinch three-run homer, his major league-leading 17th, as the Reds won for the 11th time in 15 games.

Pirates 5, Cubs 2

PITTSBURGH — Korry Lofton's aggressive baserunning led to Pittsburgh's first two runs and Jeff D'Amico made another strong start.

Jack Wilson and Brian Giles

Colonial

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She figures the circus following her every move is probably worth two or three strokes a round, a handicap she accepts.

"I'm not complaining," Sorenstam said. "It's something I've got to learn and deal with. It's tough. That's one of the reasons I'm here."

Sorenstam tees off at 8:58 a.m. with Dean Wilson and Aaron Barber on the 10th tee. She will be the first woman since Babe Zaharias in 1945 to play on a tour, and everyone is eager to find out how she scores and how she copes with all the attention.

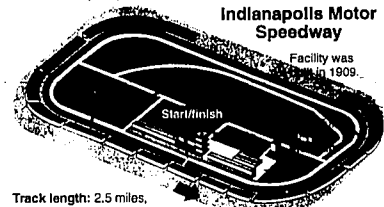
Jay Haas said Sorenstam's debut "might be bigger" than Woody's first pro event. "The word 'Woody' has been spread across the front page of the newspaper," Haas said. "But it's certainly different. Everyone was

87TH INDIANAPOLIS 500

Speed zone

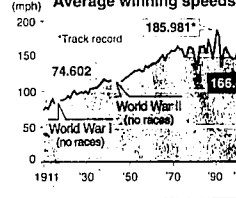
Two-time defending champion Helio Castroneves will be going for an unprecedented three in a row — from the pole. The average speed of this year's field is 227.125 mph, the third fastest field in history.

Indianapolis 500 • Sunday, May 25
Noon, ABC (EDT)



Track length: 2.5 miles,
9 degrees banking in turns
Race distance: 200 laps, 500 miles
Defending champion: Helio Castroneves
Qualifying track record: Arie Luyendyk,
236.986 mph, May 12, 1996 (four-lap avg.)
Race record: Arie Luyendyk,
185.981 mph, May 27, 1990

Average winning speeds



SOURCES: Associated Press, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Fast facts

► The track depth of an IRL IndyCar Series tire is 3/32 of an inch — slightly thicker than a credit card.

► An IndyCar accelerates from 0 to 100 mph in less than three seconds.

► The 3.5-liter, methanol-powered engines produce more than 675 horsepower, more than four times that of the average street car.

Ed DeGaspero/AP

He relented, instead announcing, "Those in the company of the first woman driver in the Indianapolis 500, start your engines."

"I was surprised by the commotion," said Guthrie, whose best finish in three races was third, in 1978. "Some of it I could laugh at, some of it made me mad. But the gratification came when the guys got used to driving against me and realized that I did the same things as they did."

For a number of reasons, it's a feeling Sorenstam will almost

surely never get.

While this is a diversion for Sorenstam — she can go back to dominating the LPGA Tour after this week — Fisher competes against men for a living. And while Sorenstam, who's listed at 500-1 to win this week, doesn't need to beat the guys to be successful, Fisher, a 75-1 longshot, eventually does.

"It's all about winning championships, winning races," Fisher said. "Everything else stems from that. You have to be competitive. If you're in there just because you're a girl and you can get in a race car and run circles, that's not cool."

While Fisher competes in what St. James calls a gender neutral sport because "the car doesn't know if you're a man or a woman," Sorenstam will compete on a men's course, played under conditions set up to challenge the best men in the world.

While Sorenstam has never had to beat men to make it in golf, Fisher has been racing against boys since she was 5.

"That's normal. That's life. That's all I know," she said.

Because of that, Fisher has only a vague sense that what she does might speak for her entire gender as much as it does for herself.

Sorenstam feels the same way. "I'm not here to prove anything to anybody. I'm just here to test myself," she said.

Guthrie and St. James said they thought that way too, until they stepped away from the competition.

"It took until people started telling me" what a big deal it was, Guthrie said. "Then, I felt I had a responsibility I had to live up to."



Milwaukee's Geoff Jenkins watches his third home run sail out of the park against the San Diego Padres Wednesday in Milwaukee.

homed in a span of five pitches in the sixth as Kerry Wood (4-2) faltered for the fourth straight start to win his 50th career game.

Mets 5, Phillies 4

NEW YORK — Tony Clark singled home the winning run in the ninth inning and the New York Mets ended the Phillies' three-

game winning streak.

Expos 7, Marlins 2

MONTREAL — Ron Calloway drove in two runs with one of Montreal's six doubles, rookie Claudio Vargas won his second straight double and the Expos sent the Florida Marlins to their fifth loss in a row.

Twins 4, Athletics 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dustan Mohr drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to spoil a strong start by Barry Zito and players kept their tempers in check as Minnesota beat Oakland.

Indians 4, Tigers 0

CLEVELAND — C.C. Sabathia pitched six innings before leaving with a strained left ankle, and the Cleveland Indians sent the Detroit Tigers to their ninth shutout loss.

Detroit lost its seventh straight. The Tigers are a major league-worst 9-35.

months ago.

She isn't trying to prove she can beat the boys. She isn't suggesting that the LPGA Tour, where she has won 43 times and four majors, is no longer a challenge. Sorenstam says one week on the PGA Tour will be enough to satisfy her curiosity.

She only wants to see how her game stacks up against the best in the world on a stage that makes her more nervous than she was at her wedding.

"I'm just going to do the best I can," she said. "And when I've got to work on, and I'll do that."

Sunday?

Sorenstam smiled.

"I'm very optimistic that I will leave Sunday, but we'll see what happens," she said. "If I play good, that's all that matters to me."

Major League Baseball

All Times EDT
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
New York	29	17	.630	-	3-7	W-1	11-10	16-7	0-0			
Boston	28	18	.609	1	5-5	L-1	10-10	18-10	0-0			
Toronto	23	24	.489	6.5	2-6	L-2	9-13	14-12	0-0			
Baltimore	19	25	.432	9	2-8	L-2	9-13	10-12	0-0			
Tampa Bay	18	27	.400	10.5	2-5	L-2	10-12	8-15	0-0			

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Minnesota	26	19	.576	-	2-7-3	W-1	13-7	13-9	0-0			
Kansas City	24	19	.558	1	2-6-4	L-1	13-10	11-12	0-0			
Chicago	22	24	.478	4.5	5-5	W-2	15-10	7-14	0-0			
Cleveland	17	28	.378	9	6-4	W-3	11-13	8-15	0-0			
Detroit	9	35	.205	18.5	2-8	L-7	3-17	6-18	0-0			

West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Seattle	29	15	.659	-	2-2	W-5	18-9	14-7	0-0			
Oakland	27	18	.602	2.5	5-5	L-1	17-8	10-12	0-0			
Anaheim	22	21	.512	6.5	2-6	W-1	13-9	9-12	0-0			
Texas	21	24	.467	8.5	6-4	W-5	12-12	9-12	0-0			

National League												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Atlanta	31	15	.674	-	2-3	L-2	15-7	16-8	0-0			
Montreal	29	17	.630	2	7-3	W-2	16-8	13-9	0-0			
Philadelphia	26	20	.565	5	2-5	L-1	13-9	13-11	0-0			
New York	26	20	.565	5	2-5	L-1	13-9	13-11	0-0			
Florida	19	28	.404	12.5	3-7	L-5	11-10	8-18	0-0			

Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
Chicago	25	20	.556	-	2-4	L-3	12-9	13-11	0-0			
St. Louis	23	21	.523	1.5	6-4	W-1	14-7	9-13	0-0			
Cincinnati	24	22	.522	1.5	6-4	W-3	15-9	9-13	0-0			
Houston	24	22	.522	1.5	2-6	L-1	14-10	10-12	0-0			
Pittsburgh	19	28	.404	8	2-5	W-1	7-18	12-10	0-0			
Milwaukee	18	29	.383	9.5	5-5	W-3	10-15	9-13	0-0			

West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int			
San Francisco	28	17	.622	-	3-7	W-1	12-10	16-7	0-0			
Los Angeles	25	20	.556	3	2-7-3	W-5	14-9	11-11	0-0			
Colorado	21	24	.467	7	2-5	L-1	15-7	6-17	0-0			
Arizona	21	25	.457	7.5	5-5	L-1	11-14	10-11	0-0			
San Diego	13	34	.277	16	1-9	L-6	7-16	6-18	0-0			

2nd game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Late Games

Anaheim 7, Baltimore 6
Oakland 4, Minnesota 1

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 4, Oakland 3
Cleveland 4, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Toronto 5
Kansas City at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (McClung 3-5) at Texas (Lewis 3-3), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 4-3) at Oakland (Halama 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
New York Yankees (Jeter 3-3) at Seattle (Machado 2-2), 2:35 p.m.
Detroit (Carmichael 3-3) at Cleveland (Belt 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hafstad 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-4), 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 4-2) at Anaheim (Riz 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Tuesday's Late Games

San Francisco 6, Arizona 5

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee 10, San Diego 0
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 3
San Francisco at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia (Padilla 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 2-1), 11:10 a.m.
Colorado (Cook 1-3) at Los Angeles (Daulton 3-3), 1:10 p.m.
Florida (Torre 0-2) at Montreal (L. Hernandez 2-2), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Benson 4-5), 5:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Reynolds 3-1) at Cincinnati (Dempster 1-3), 5:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Tomko 2-2) at Houston (Robertson 1-3), 6:05 p.m.

USA Network focuses on Sorenstam at Colonial

On Friday, USA will come on early to catch the beginning of Sorenstam's second round at the Colonial. The network will remain with her until she is finished, probably around 5:30 p.m.

"Every one of Annika's shots will be shown unless something happens that's beyond our control," said Lance Barrow, coordinating producer for CBS Sports, which will provide USA's coverage Thursday and Friday.

CBS has added an extra hour to its Saturday coverage, coming on the air at 1 p.m. It will feature bonus coverage if Sorenstam makes the cut, or taped highlights and analysis if she comes up short.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Industry sales

Here are county-by-county sales reports for all industries processed during April 1 through April 30. Total sales include both taxable and nontaxable.

County	Total sales	Taxable
Blaine	\$41,683,226	\$23,822,046
Camas	\$383,389	\$254,635
Camas	\$152,754	\$602,180
Gooding	\$5,196,770	\$939,471
Jerome	\$22,554,802	\$9,105,330
Lipson	\$855,898	\$359,088
Middlefork	\$23,099,589	\$3,308,084
Twin Falls	\$79,744,731	\$33,554,286
Valleywide	\$219,08 M	\$77.81M

Those exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho. Also, each monthly report reflects returns processed that month, and the Idaho State Tax Commission's speed of processing varies with its staff workload. So the tax commission cautions against comparing a single month's report with the year-ago one to spot sales trends.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

SkyWest will supply routes to Continental

ST. GEORGE, Utah - SkyWest Airlines has signed an agreement to supply Continental Airlines with additional routes to its Houston hub.

The connecting cities have not been announced.

"We have certainly strengthened SkyWest's stability with this new co-sharing agreement," said Ron Reber, SkyWest executive vice president and chief operating officer.

SkyWest spokesman Philip Gee said the partnership is an expansion opportunity for the St. George-based company, which operates as a carrier for Delta Connection and United Express. SkyWest's Delta Connection business includes flights between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City - the Twin Falls airport's only commercial service.

Gee said United Airline's recent financial troubles were not a specific factor in the agreement.

"It is an opportunity to diversify, so we're not putting all our eggs in one basket," he said.

The agreement is set to begin July 1.

While Delta and United are on "fee-for-departure" contracts, the agreement with Continental is "at risk," meaning SkyWest assumes all flight risks, but gains more autonomy in scheduling and ticket prices, Gee said.

HP cuts work force despite strong earnings

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Despite posting stronger-than-expected results in the second quarter, Hewlett-Packard Co. said this week it is cutting 3,500 more jobs to trim costs beyond the measures taken during its integration with Compaq Computer Corp.

The computer giant has already cut 16,000 jobs related to the merger, which was completed in May 2002, and another 1,300 positions are pending, mostly in Europe.

Now, with little evidence of a turnaround in technology spending, executives say HP must cut further to remain competitive.

"The actions we take from here on are primarily part of the ongoing process of managing our business rather than an integration exercise," said Carly Fiorina, HP's chief executive.

Chief Financial Officer Robert Wayman said the company had taken a charge to reduce its work force by 2,300 during the period. He said an additional 3,500 jobs would be cut in the second half of the year.

Wayman also said about 4,000 jobs will be added during the period.

Counting the hiring and layoffs, the company expects to have a total headcount of 137,800 employees by the end of the fourth quarter, compared with the combined HP-Compaq total of 153,500 workers before the merger.

Compiled from wire reports

Jeep Wrangler headlines August gathering

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Expect to see one Hot August Nite attendee this year drive off in a new Jeep Wrangler.

At the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction Aug. 14, the winner of the event's big-prize raffle gets the vehicle, worth over \$17,000.

Three second-place winners in that drawing will get a five-day Middle Fork float trip on the Snake River, worth \$3,500; a camping package that includes canoe, tent, sleeping bags and cooking equipment,

worth over \$1,000; and a \$1,500 queen-sized rustic log bed.

Chamber executive Kent Just said prize sponsors are Latham Motors, Cooper Norman, Costco Wholesale, Idaho Guide Service and Everton Mattress Factory Direct.

The chamber will kick off the marketing for its annual event at the city's Western Days celebration by displaying its roundup of big prizes, just said Wednesday.

Raffle tickets for the big Hot August Nite prizes will go on sale May 31 at Western Days at \$10 each, and anyone 18 or older is eligible to win.

Or folks can opt for a \$125 package that

includes 12 big-prize raffle tickets; two dinner tickets for the picnic (normally \$10 per person or \$7 per child under 12); and 50 raffle tickets (normally \$1 each) for smaller prizes.

Call the chamber at 733-3974 to order tickets or packages.

Hot August Nite's live auction will include 20 large packages, with the top attraction a trip for two to Ireland.

The chamber again this year will combine its member-to-member trade fair with Hot August Nite. For \$195, a chamber member can set up a table or booth to show off its products or services to picnic goers.

Each business with a table in the trade fair will raffle off an item or package worth at least \$100. The winning ticket for each prize will draw from a separate pot.

Remember those \$1 raffle tickets? Attendees who buy those tickets in the early-bird package or separately can drop them into whichever trade-fair raffle pots they please.

Each business in the trade fair gets a minute to talk about itself and announce the winner of its giveaway.

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THE DANCE OF A LIFETIME

Teens spend billions on senior prom

The Associated Press

WESTPORT, Conn. - Raquel Lucas is spending a small fortune on her senior prom.

Her dress cost \$250; her shoes were \$100; and there was \$60 for a bottle of Christian Dior's Jadore, her favorite perfume. A trip to the beauty salon will cost \$70, the limo is \$50 a person, and it will cost \$90 just to get in the door.

Lucas, 18, who attends Staples High School in Westport, expects to pay more than \$700 by the time the evening is over.

"We're going all out this year because it's our last prom," said Lucas, who got a part-time job at a clothing store to help pay for the event.

Proms are a huge business, estimated to bring in \$2.7 billion in revenue for purveyors of dresses, shoes, lingerie, cameras, film, beauty supplies and salon services. Teens also rent limousines and hotel rooms and plan after-prom parties requiring beach gear and swimsuits.

Almost 20 million students will attend proms this year, with the average 17-year-old spending \$638, or more than \$1,200 per couple, according to research by Conde Nast, which publishes Your Prom and Modern Bride magazine.

"It's definitely become a reliable, growing industry," said Wendy Liebmann, a retail analyst at WSL Strategic Retail. "And right now, it's booming."

Retailers are pouring millions of dollars into prom advertising. Magazines such as Your Prom, Seventeen magazine's prom issue, and YM magazine's special prom book attract millions of readers.

"The prom is recession-proof," said Antonia van der Meer, editor-in-chief of Your Prom, which is published every January. "Even with the war on terror and the war in Iraq, people go to the prom. It's a feel-good event, and right now people need to feel good."

"It's totally worth it!" said Lucas, who is still shopping and making final plans before the June 6 event. "How can you put a price tag on a lifetime of memories?"

The industry has grown significantly in the past three to five years in terms of importance, the size of the market, and the emphasis teens put on it, van der Meer said.

"It doesn't surprise me one bit

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Raquel Lucas tries on a dress as she shops for her prom Saturday in Stamford, Conn. Lucas is spending a small fortune on her senior prom. Her dress cost \$250; her shoes were \$100; and there was \$60 for a bottle of Christian Dior's Jadore, her favorite perfume.

Nurses can renew licenses online

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Renewing an Idaho nursing license is faster and easier with a new online service launched by the Idaho Board of Nursing, the board's executive director says.

The interactive service provides the Gem State's 17,000 nursing professionals with a license renewal option available 24 hours a day at www.state.id.us/ibn/, the board's Web site.

Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses can renew their licenses online by providing their license numbers and additional identifying information. The \$50 renewal fee and a \$4.50 online convenience fee can be paid using Visa or MasterCard through an interactive secure payment server.

"We expect a reduction in workload and costs because data from online renewals doesn't need to be entered manually into the state's licensing system," Sandra Evans, the board's executive director, said in a statement. "And since many nurses work irregular hours, our online system allows them to choose a convenient time and place to renew their licenses."

The entire renewal process takes less than 10 minutes, and nurses can print out receipts for the license renewals. Licenses are mailed within five working days.

Idaho nursing licenses are renewable every two years. This year's registered nurse renewal period extends from May to August.

ConAgra sells seafood business

Knightrider News Service

OMAHA, Neb. - Last year it was bye-bye to beef. Now Omaha's leading food company is bidding farewell to fish.

ConAgra Foods Inc. this week announced the sale of its Bumble Bee canned seafood business to a group of investors that includes Bumble Bee managers. The sale does not affect ConAgra's Louis Kemp seafood brand.

In Magic Valley, ConAgra has the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls and various other business operations around the valley.

Last year, ConAgra sold a majority stake in its fresh beef and pork operations as part of

the company's strategy of concentrating on packaged foods.

"If you look at this transaction, it's part of our continuing shift in our mix of brands," said ConAgra spokesman Chris Kirchner. "We're trying to focus on the higher-margin products." Bumble Bee's signature product, canned tuna, would seem to be the widely known product that ConAgra is seeking to concentrate on. But seafood products traditionally have had some of the lowest margins in grocery stores.

"Typically, seafood entities aren't the most profitable for large conglomerates like ConAgra," said Fiona Robinson, Please see SEAFOOD, Page B7

State guards property for T.F. residents

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Du Hector T. Rodriguez is a favor and tell him about this story.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for him, and for hundreds of other people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Twin Falls.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. The 15th installment of the Twin Falls list appears today, and the tax commission said the people and businesses it listed here own unclaimed property worth \$50 or more.

Watch for more Magic Valley names in coming weeks.

<p> What to do See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property, owners list? To claim your property, do one of these: • Call 1-800-972-7669, Ext. 7629 or Ext. 7627. • Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410. • Send e-mail to instant@idtax.state.id.us </p>	<p> Unclaimed Property Twin Falls What to do See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property, owners list? To claim your property, do one of these: • Call 1-800-972-7669, Ext. 7629 or Ext. 7627. • Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410. • Send e-mail to instant@idtax.state.id.us </p>
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MONEY

Stocks end mostly higher despite mixed assessment of economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street stumbled through an uneven session and closed mixed Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said he is unable to make a firm judgment about the health of the economy.

In testimony before Congress, Greenspan said economic signals remain mixed; his comments increased investors' caution following Tuesday's reports of mad cow disease in Canada and by the U.S. government raising the national terror alert level to "orange," indicating a high risk for attacks.

Shaking off an early loss of 60.15, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 25.07, or 0.3 percent, at 8,516.43. It was the Dow's first gain in four sessions, wiping out only part of a three-day loss of 221.78 points.

The broader market was mostly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.69, or 0.4 percent, to 924.12. In its fourth straight decline, the Nasdaq composite index dipped 1.22, or 0.1 percent, to 1,489.87.

Investors had been collecting profits in recent sessions from the market's huge earnings declines early in the week. The Standard & Poor's 500 index had lost more than 2 percent in the last three sessions.

Still, analysts are encouraged by signs of resilience in the market, including the most recent Street-reversed earlier declines Wednesday. Selling has also been

The strength in the market is still there.

We are looking at a market that still wants to go higher.

Peter Cardillo, president and chief strategist of Global Partner Securities Inc.

moderate advance from Monday's 185-point dip in the Dow. On Tuesday, amid upping news about mad cow disease and a greater risk of terrorism, the stock indexes posted extremely small losses and more stocks rose than fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

"The strength in the market is still there. We are looking at a market that still wants to go higher," said Peter Cardillo, president and chief strategist of Global Partner Securities Inc.

Meanwhile, other Wall Street observers predict the market will have trouble rallying further until there are new signs that the economy is rebounding and stocks are fairly priced.

"Lacking any clear evidence of a market bottom, any near-term rally is likely to be, in our opinion, short lived," said Richard A. Dickson, senior market strategist at Lowry's Research Reports in Palm Beach, Fla., in a report released Wednesday.

Among the market's winners, McDonald's rose 35 cents to \$17.30, recouping some of the \$1.21 it lost Tuesday on fears of mad cow disease. Lehman Brothers also upgraded the company to "overweight" from "equal-weight," downplaying the severity of a situation in Canada, where officials said a cow was diagnosed with mad cow disease. Canadian officials said the animal, slaughtered Jan. 31, did not enter the food chain and its herd has been isolated for testing.

Hewlett-Packard rose 89 cents to \$17.94, following reported gains Tuesday that beat analysts' expectations by 2 cents a share and confirmed Wall Street's estimates for the rest of the year.

But Cisco Systems declined 29 cents to \$15.70 after Deutsche Securities lowered its recommendation on the networker to "hold" from "buy."

Eaton Vance fell \$1.10 to \$29.10 after the mutual fund and investment company released second-quarter earnings that missed analysts' estimate by 3 cents a share.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners slightly more than 4 to 3. The NYSE Composite index was up 1.81 percent, while Tuesday's 1,901 billion shares, based Tuesday's 1,901 billion.

The Russell 2000 index, the barometer of smaller company stocks, rose 1.69, or 0.4 percent, to 410.73.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average finished Wednesday down 0.5 percent. In Europe, France's CAC-40 inched up 0.1 percent, while Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.9 percent and Germany's DAX index lost 0.4 percent.

Spammer testifies before Senate

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As a Senate committee sought answers Wednesday on how to curb the overwhelming surge of junk e-mail, one of the nation's most notorious spammers testified before just how hard his job would be.

Ronald Scelson, an eighth-grade dropout and self-taught computer programmer from Louisiana, riveted the Commerce Committee hearing room as he explained that he sends between 120 million and 180 million e-mails out every 12 hours.

He boasted that in 24 hours he could crack sophisticated software filters designed to block spam.

And he accused Internet providers of hypocrisy in claiming to want to protect their customers from unsolicited messages.

Large Internet companies span their own members, he said, while other network access providers have signed contracts allowing

known spammers to send out mass e-mailings to anti-spam tracking groups as the Cajun Spammer described how he easily acquires millions of e-mail addresses from publicly available member directories at America Online and other firms.

Moreover, he said, "the same people complaining about spam send e-mail" with solicitations for their own products and services. AOL spans its members," he said.

This prompted committee chairman Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to turn to Ted Leonsis, vice president of AOL.

"Mr. Leonsis, are you a spammer?" McCain asked.

Leonsis, who had testified minutes earlier about how AOL was blocking 2.4 billion pieces of spam per day, didn't answer directly.

"We let members opt-out of commercial messages sent by the company and affiliates, he said."

Prom

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that they spend so much money," said Cindy Freuborn, director of communications for Alfred Angelo, a leading prom and bridal dress maker. "The disposable income these kids have access to is mind-boggling."

Your Prom said that of its 5.2 million recruits, 55 percent have part-time jobs, earning them an average income of \$4,651 a year. Overall, teens spend \$172 billion in 2001, with nearly half going toward jewelry, jewelry and beauty products, according to Conde Nast research.

At prom time, many teens want to splurge, particularly on dresses. So companies like Alfred Angelo are able to charge \$250 to \$350 per dress at retail, and

designers like Jessica McClintock can charge even more.

"Budget restrictions just aren't a concern for prom consumers like they are at other times of the year," Liebmans said.

But Van der Meer, the Your Prom editor, said many teens do get a life lesson from shopping for their proms.

"They learn — in this microworld of prom — what things cost and how to budget," she said. "Whether you have a prom girl who has a lot of money to spend or a little, they're going to have to budget."

Department stores are often a destination when teens shop for dresses. While small businesses are also beneficiaries of the prom business, teens spend \$416

million a year for limousines, and \$172 million on flowers, Conde Nast found.

Robert Rivera, of Continental Limo service in Westport, said he will be driving many of Lucas' classmates to their prom, said he makes about \$40,000, or about 15 percent of his annual sales, during the prom season, which runs from late April through June.

This year, his entire fleet of cars is already booked for every weekend and most weekdays for proms.

"Every limo company looks forward to prom," he said. "We're relying on it this year. The recession has hit everyone around here. Companies are downsizing and laying off drivers. It helps us catch up on things."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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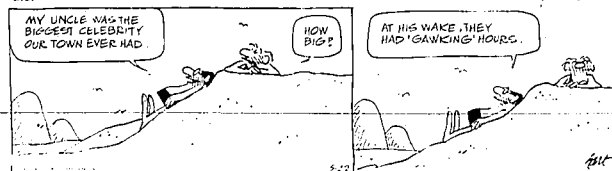
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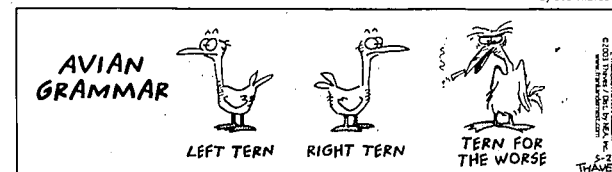
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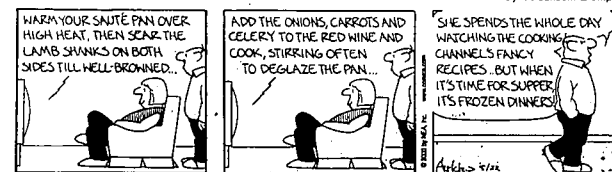
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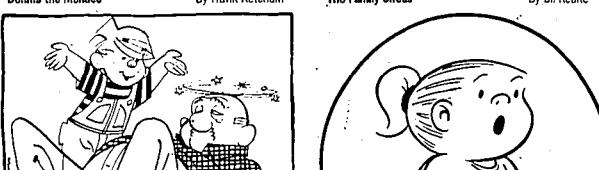
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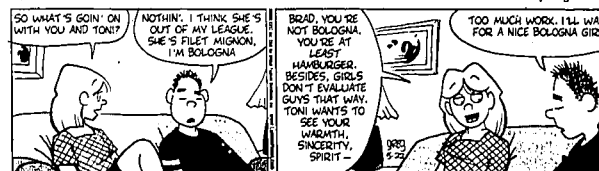
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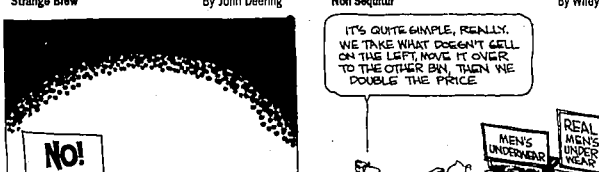
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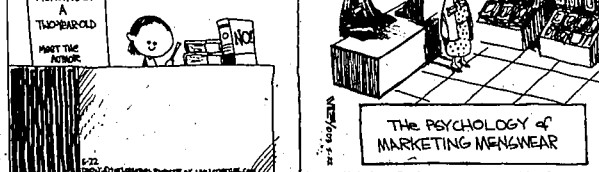
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho author William C. Anderson dies

BOISE - Idaho writer William C. Anderson, author of 20 books including one about Twin Falls serial killer Lyda Southern, died of heart failure Friday in California. He was 83.

His books include the 1994 novel, "Lady Bluebeard," based on the true story of the Twin Falls housewife believed to be the nation's first female serial killer. She spent almost 20 years in the Old Idaho Penitentiary for killing four of her spouses and a brother-in-law by feeding them meals laced with arsenic in the years during and after World War I.

Anderson was promoting a film version of the story at the time of his death.

A former Air Force pilot, Anderson also wrote "Bat-21," a book about an officer who was shot down behind enemy lines during the Vietnam War. He wrote the screenplay for the 1988 film version of "Bat-21," starring Gene Hackman and Danny Glover.

Anderson was born in La Junta, Colo., and grew up in Boise. He commanded B-24s in World War II, flew in the Berlin airlift and retired from the Air Force in 1964 at the Pentagon.

He and his wife, Dortha, left Boise in 1999 to be closer to family and Air Force friends in Fairfield, Calif.

A memorial service will be held there on June 27.

Deadline approaches for youth and adult workshop

RUPERT - A one-day workshop to help youths and adults work together as true partners will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 31 in the McGregor Center at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

The preregistration deadline is Friday.

The workshop is presented by the University of Idaho in partnership with the Rupert Kiwanis, the city of Rupert, Minidoka County, Mini-Cassia Health Net, the Minidoka County School District and Minidoka County 4-H.

The goal of building community, charting assets and creating change is to help everyone understand the need to work together in making decisions about programs and to develop strategies to work together in the community.

Teams made up of equal numbers of youth and adults are invited to participate. The Rupert event will be open to the eight counties in the region, including Cassia, Minidoka, Lincoln, Blaine, Jerome, Twin Falls, Gooding and Címas and is open to schools, youth groups, churches, civic organizations and anyone who wants to be involved in youth/adult partnerships.

The cost of the workshop is \$5 per person, and lunch will be provided. Registration information is available from the Minidoka County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office by calling 436-7184.

Firewood-cutting permits go on sale

TWIN FALLS - Firewood-cutting permits for the Minidoka and Fairfield ranger districts go on sale Friday.

Permits for the Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area will be available in June when the snow melts and roads dry out.

A basic permit costs \$20 to cut two cords of firewood for personal use.

Additional cords can be cut for \$10 a cord.

Permits are available at local Forest Service offices, Rock Creek General Store south of Hansen, Market 8, Baseline in Fairfield, Nitz's Store in Pine, Steve's Quick Service in Gooding and Johnny's Country Store north of Shoshone.

The Forest Service will offer free firewood in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin later in the summer. A mountain pine beetle infestation has killed trees, and the Forest Service wants to reduce wildfire hazards in the area.

Compiled from staff reports

Schedule panel faces challenges

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The concerns are many. The proposed high school schedule must reduce dropouts as well as offer greater opportunities for elective classes.

It must allow for remediation in a timely fashion as well as opportunities of academic acceleration for high achievers.

In addition, the schedule has to accommodate release-time for those involved in seminary classes. Regardless if such religious classes meet daily or every other day, more important is a schedule that will allow year-round seminary attendance.

In fact, that year-round continuity is desired for academic classes, too.

Most challenging of all, the schedule must be able to meet the demands of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

That was the first meeting Wednesday evening of the parent-teacher committee formed to create a new schedule for the Twin Falls High School.

Facilitated by professional consultant Mike Pepper, the two-hour event served first as a chance for everyone to meet one another, as well as a chance to dream of the ideal schedule.

All recognized that a perfect schedule doesn't exist and, as such, not all are going

to walk away from this committee with their needs met.

Yet, a sense of civility and an eagerness to cooperate appeared as a high priority for all present in the Obenchain Community Room.

Last month's outpouring of parent objections have since transformed into an eagerness to work together on a solution regardless of outcome.

The genesis of the schedule change began with an assignment for teachers last September to look at the current six-period day to determine whether it needed to be changed or if it already served the students well.

After several Friday meetings during the fall, the teachers concluded that the schedule was fine as it was.

But a challenge came - higher graduation requirements were brought up, with more classes in science and math at the fore. No longer would the six-period day be sufficient.

Tension was high at times in deciding the best scheduling alternative.

"It was a trying time in a lot of ways," said teacher Paul Stover. "We didn't want to be the bad guys."

Teachers underwent researching a variety of schedules, their concerns often the

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TAKING A STROLL



Ruth Bennett, foreground, and Jennifer Babbitt take a walk along the new 0.8-mile Magic Fitness Trail at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The new trail encircles the hospital and is open to the public and hospital employees.

Police step up underage drinking patrols

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - State and local law enforcement will be increasing patrols for underage drinkers in the coming weeks as high school graduations approach.

Several recent sting operations have also shown more retailers were selling alcohol to minors. During stings in Twin Falls and Jerome, teenagers from 17 to 19 years old were successful in purchasing alcohol 46 percent of the time.

"I was surprised the figure was so high," said Wayne Tousey, Twin Falls County sheriff. "But we always have a problem with retailers and irresponsible employees."

A coordinated campaign,

"Project Safe Graduation," is being launched statewide to deter drunk driving by underage teens.

Retail alcohol sales enforcement falls to the state, while underage drinking is the responsibility of all law enforcement, Tousey said. The sheriff's office has no specific programs to curb underage drinking, but deputies are on alert for violations.

"This is the time of year we see the greatest number of alcohol-involved accidents, particularly among young people," Idaho State Police spokesman Rick Ohnman said at a news conference Wednesday.

Lt. Bob Clements of the state Alcohol Beverage Control said officers who bust keg parties will track the keg to the purchasers.

If the buyer was an adult, the

agency will press misdemeanor charges carrying a \$300 fine and up to six months in jail. If it turns out a minor bought the keg, the retailer will face administrative sanctions, including fines and license suspension.

During recent sting operations in Boise, minors were able to purchase alcohol at stores, restaurants or bars 60 percent of the time, Clements said.

"We were rather dismayed with the findings that we saw," Ohnman said.

During recent stings at Lewiston stores and bars, minors were successful in purchasing alcohol 29 percent of the time.

"If we can get it down to 10 percent or less, then we'd be doing some good," Clements said.

The Twin Falls Police

Department is focusing on underage drinking this summer with its juvenile crime unit, said Sgt. Matt Hicks of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Three officers assigned to public schools during the school year will focus on underage drinking during the summer, Hicks said. The unit was planned before the state crackdown.

"Underage drinking isn't a significant problem, but we hear frequent complaints," Hicks said. "It definitely increases during the summer with complaints of parties, noise and erratic driving."

The Jerome Police Department is not involved in the state crackdown but supports the effort, said Police Chief Bill Reid.

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Centennial organizers reduce cost of bricks

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - While "\$100 for 100 years" would have been a memorable slogan, the centennial commission voted Wednesday to make the price of a centennial fund-raiser more affordable.

Though the sale of bricks is considered necessary to help pay for Twin Falls' 100-year celebration, there is equal value on the other side of the coin.

The celebration belongs to the people. And for a successful celebration to happen, more participation is what counts.

So at \$50 for each personalized, professionally engraved brick, the commission will be giving more people the opportunity to get involved in making the celebration a personal success.

"It's hitting with the community because it allows them to leave a legacy with their family at an affordable price," said Ken Edmunds, chairman of Twin Falls Centennial Commission Inc.

But it's still about money. The commission depends on corporate sponsorships to carry the bulk of the financial burden, and the personalized bricks

could make a major impact as a funding tool. Nonetheless, the commission has chosen a more accessible route for people participation.

"I've seen these types of brick projects - they create interest not only for those whose names are on the bricks, but those who come to visit," said commission Executive Director Bonnie Lezamin.

"How many times in your travels have you run across plaques, walls, etc., containing engraved bricks where it's just fun to search for someone you might know. And what a great legacy to leave for your family and for the generations to come."

Plans are to place the bricks in various areas on the trail from Shoshone Falls to Pillar Falls, connecting with the existing Snake River Canyon trail system.

In other business, the commission will have a booth at City Park for Western Days and plans to display the stagecoach owned by Jeanette Meyers.

While Meyers is not interested in selling the stagecoach, she is willing to let the commission put it on display for a historical

exhibit at different events over the next 18 months.

In an update, Edmunds and Lezamin met last week with representatives from Jazz in the Canyon, Western Days, Oktoberfest, Twin Falls Tonight and the Twin Falls County Fair to hand out grant request forms and to discuss the process of obtaining funding from the Centennial Commission.

New fund-raising merchandise with centennial logos are soon to be added to the centennial's list of wares, says board member Pat Harder.

Along with T-shirts, Polo shirts, sweatshirts, ceramic travel mugs, and baseball caps, the commission will also be offering gold bookmarks/Christmas ornaments, small decals, collector lapel pins, crystal paperweights, commemorative medals, and centennial wines complete with glassware.

While some of the new items will be available in the very near future, "all should be out in time for the fair," Harder said.

And more. Posters, priced at \$2 apiece - or three for \$5, are also available by calling Lezamin at 736-0800.

State looks at revising ethics code for teachers

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The code of ethics for teachers is undergoing revision, and educators are encouraged to participate in shaping the very clauses that hold them accountable.

Nearly three years in the making, the proposed code of ethics by the Professional Standards Commission of the Idaho Department of Education seeks to update the guidelines that hold educators to a level of professionalism.

Violation of any portion of the code of ethics can result in loss of a teaching certificate.

"This is one way teachers hold themselves accountable," said Keith Potter, investigator for the commission.

The state has already put forth some proposed changes - some of which clarify vaguely worded principles.

For example, as it stands now, teachers are held to the vague charge of protecting "the stu-

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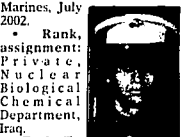
- **What:** Public hearing on proposed revisions to the teachers code of ethics.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho, Shields Building, Room 209.
- **When:** Tonight, 7-9.
- **Why:** Teachers are asked to participate in shaping the code of ethics they are bound by.

dent from conditions detrimental to learning or to physiological or psychological well-being."

The proposal breaks that provision into nine categories of unethical conduct, eliminating any possibility of misinterpreting the clause. As proposed, teachers could not commit any act of child abuse, act of harassment, take inappropriate pictures, use inappropriate language, and so on.

Not all vagueness would be eliminated, however.

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Steven Medina
Age 18.
Hometown: Buhl.
Local family: Parents, Estanislao "Steve" Medina Rosello and Patty Medina.
Service, date of enlistment: Marines, July 2002.
Rank, assignment: Private, Nuclear Biological Chemical Department, Iraq.
Task: To identify possible chemical weapons.
Additional information: Deployed in March.

Michael Frings
Age: 43.
Hometown: Jerome.
Local family: Parents, Leonard and Marge Frings.
Service, date of enlistment: Air Force Reserves.



Rank, assignment: Tech sergeant, load specialist, Saudi Arabia.
Team leader for loading and unloading C-17 aircraft.
Additional information: Deployed in February.
Compiled by Amie Thompson

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 Times-News clerk Sharissa Barnes at 735-3259 or sharibarnes@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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WELLS, NEV.



Kenneth J. Schoessler

Kenneth J. Schoessler, 54, of Wells, Nev., died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

He was born July 23, 1948, in Hager, ID, the son of Carl and Ruth Schoessler. He grew up and attended school in Bellevue, graduating from Hailey High in 1966. After high school he joined the United States Army, serving in Vietnam.

He married Margaret McGraw, and was blessed with a loving son, Christopher. They were later divorced in 1988. He married Kathy Lewis Stump, his love and best friend, on February 14, 1997. Kathy and Kenneth moved to Twin Falls as Ranch in O'Neil Basin, where he then began to live his dream.

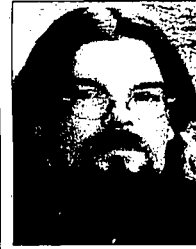
He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy, his children, Chris and his wife, Tina, Jo Hamilton, Krista Stump, Justin Stump, KJ Schoessler, grandchildren, Samantha Stump and Austin Schoessler, his mother, Ruth Schoessler, sister Helen (Rogers) Brown and sister-in-law, Lois Schoessler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl and brother, Robert Schoessler.

At Kenneth's request a gathering will be held at their Ranch on May 23, 2003, at noon to celebrate his life.

Expressions of sympathy can be addressed to the family at HC 62 Box 100, Wells, NV 89406. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 705 S. 4th Ave., Pocatello, ID.

TWIN FALLS



Joshua S. Davis

Joshua Samuel Davis, 26, of Twin Falls died suddenly Monday morning, May 19, 2003, by his home following an auto accident.

Joshua, who went by Josh, was born on November 14, 1976, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Tim and Shirley Davis. He attended and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1995. He then attended the College of Southern Idaho for two years. On March 14, 1998, Josh married April Adamson in Twin Falls, Idaho, they had two children, Ariana, 3, 1/2, and Breanna, 13 months. Josh worked in the construction industry from backhoe and concrete work to truck driving. He was currently employed at S&R Construction at the time of his death.

Josh was a member of the Kimberly Nazarene Church, and the Cowboy Action Shooting Club. He was a hobbyist, however, was playing with his daughters and working with wood.

Josh is survived by his wife, April and his two daughters, Ariana and Breanna; his parents, Tim and Shirley Davis of Kimberly, two sisters, Christina Davis of Kimberly and Michelle and Bruce Milwage of Fairbanks, Alaska, his in-laws, Toby and Donna Widale and Rocky and Kathy Adamson. He is also survived by his grandparents, Brian Davis, Robert Bowman and Barbara Parson.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Stephanie Davis and grandfather, Elmer Hatfield Davis. Funeral services for Josh will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2003, at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene, 3550 East 3750 North in Kimberly with Pastor Mike Seward officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may

call on Thursday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggest memorials be given in Josh's name to a trust fund that has been set up for his daughters, Ariana and Breanna at Farmers National Bank. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or may be dropped off at any branch of Farmers National Bank.

GOODING

Roberta Mae Rigdon

Roberta Mae Rigdon, age 83, of Gooding died Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Roberta was born January 20, 1920, in Jacksonville, Florida, the daughter of Camell and Nell Salas. She was raised in Jacksonville and it was there that she later married Insole M. Rigdon on August 18, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia McCarley of Wendell, Idaho, son, Roger Rigdon of Gooding, Idaho, brother Andrew Salas of Farmington, New York; granddaughter, Roberta Nell Rigdon of Charleston, South Carolina.

Gravestone services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at Warren Cemetery in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. She will be resting next to her loving husband, Insole.

Arrangements by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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and she would cook it, and along with the food came her stories and jokes that displayed her great sense of humor. She would make them laugh and she would laugh with them when they countered with their own jokes, mostly about her. Mom - Grandma - we will miss you and we feel sad, but we are also happy because your pain is over and you have joined your family members in heaven, where we all will be someday.

In lieu of flowers, Phyllis and the family suggest a donation to the Bronco Athletic Association for the student scholarships, 1310 University Dr., Boise, Idaho 83725 or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Aldon-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 23, 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Spring Garden section of Dry Creek Cemetery.

SALEM, ORE.

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Bernice Marie Maxson Simmons

Bernice Marie Maxson Simmons, 91, of Salem, Oregon, and former Hansen, ID resident passed away Saturday, May 17, 2003, in Salem, Oregon.

Bernice was born June 8, 1911, in Munda, Kansas, to Steven and Anna Peterson Maxson. She was the eldest of 10 children. She was raised in Munda, Kansas, and attended school and high school there. In 1934, she married the love of her life, Ralph J. Simmons. They were married for 64 years. In 1937 they moved to Idaho with their 7 year old daughter, Juanita, and everything they owned in the back of a Model A. They settled in Hansen, ID. A second daughter, Lois Ann, was born after they moved to Idaho. She always joked about being involved in the school system for 24 years and only having 2 children, throughout her life she had a variety of occupations. She worked as a farm wife's helper, ran a farm trucking service and owned and operated a grocery store and service station in Hansen with her husband. She worked at Newberry's in Twin Falls, Ore-Ida in Burley, and as a mail carrier. She retired as Postmaster in Hansen after many years in the postal service. In 1999 she moved to Salem, OR, to be with her daughter, Juanita. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Hansen, Kimberly and Salem. She also belonged to the Friends Club in Hansen, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and the Retired Postal Workers (NAPUS).

Bernice is survived by her daughters, Juanita (Hal) Reynolds, Salem, OR and Lois (Roger) White, Jerome, ID; six grandchildren, Alan (Tina) Reynolds, Newport, OR, Dawna (Jim) Hausman, Oregon City, OR, Mark (Sally) Reynolds, Phoenix, AZ, Robert (Rick) Steiner, Phoenix, AZ, Tracee McKim, Jerome, ID and Jeff (Sandy) White, Portland, OR; and thirteen great grandchildren, Josh (Jama), Jordan Reynolds, Rory, Jessie, Katie, Tyia Loyd, Jason, Shelby, Bethney Reynolds, Andrea, Brenna, Signe O'Halloran and Brandon Hausman. Also surviving are two sisters, Betty Hunt, Benton City, WA, and Fern Murdock, Mt. Baldy, CA; a sister-in-law, Lila Heiderich, Twin Falls, ID and brother-in-law, Al Rempel, all of Oregon, and several nieces and nephews.

She leaves behind the many friends she made in her almost 92 year journey here on earth. She will be greatly missed by all those lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph in 1993, and 7 brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2003, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park with Rev. Jerry Steele officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Thursday, May 22 from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to the Crossroads United Methodist Church Building Fund, 255 Madison East, Kimberly, ID 83341 or they may be left with the mortuary staff.

She loved to spend the summer weekends camping with Grandpa and Grandma Jones. Like all good grandmas she spoiled her grandchildren with her cooking. She was a great good cook. The grandchildren got to order what they wanted

and she would cook it, and along with the food came her stories and jokes that displayed her great sense of humor. She would make them laugh and she would laugh with them when they countered with their own jokes, mostly about her. Mom - Grandma - we will miss you and we feel sad, but we are also happy because your pain is over and you have joined your family members in heaven, where we all will be someday.

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Attorney general counters school ruling

LEWISTON (AP) — Attorney General Lawrence Wadsen continues to dispute a district judge's ruling that the state is responsible for school building safety.

Wadsen, who says very few Idaho schools are unsafe, feels a new state law will fix Idaho's school structure problems.

That new law, however, has already been challenged by a coalition of school districts using the courts to make the state come up with cash to finance school construction. The coalition calls it an attempt to undermine its 13-year-old legal case and a bid by the Legislature to escape its constitutional responsibility.

Wadsen has said if the new law



Lawrence Wadsen

is thrown out, he will challenge the ruling by 4th District Judge Deborah Bail that the Legislature is constitutionally mandated to provide safe schools for all students.

Wadsen said that pursuing school building safety through the courts takes the focus off the children.

His critics countered that the Legislature has just tried to shift to local property owners the financial responsibility that the

judge said belongs to the state. Idaho is the only state that provides no direct construction funding for schools and still requires a two-thirds majority of school districts to approve a bond.

Wadsen invoked provisions of the new law several weeks ago, rejecting all 114 school districts' file reports by May 30 on unsafe school conditions and how they will be eliminated. If the districts cannot afford the repairs, the new law allows judges to impose higher property taxes to pay the bill.

No districts have reported, and Wadsen does not believe there is much to report since at a hearing last year only eight districts showed evidence of unsafe conditions.

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BUHL



Lela Mable Jones

Lela Mable Jones, 86, of Buhl,

passed away Sunday, May 18, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

She was born on March 2, 1917, at Hansville, Utah, the daughter of John P. Rogers and Rhuby May (Warren) Rogers.

She married Floyd Franklin Jones on May 7, 1934 in Twin Falls. In 1952 they moved to the Buhl area. Falls Temple. They lived most of their married lives in Buhl farming in the Lucerne area and driving school buses. She earned her Licensed Practical Nurse degree in 1966 and worked at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, then as a nurse in the Buhl area until retirement. She loved flowers and gardening and enjoyed traveling with Floyd.

After his death in 1989, she continued to do gardening, crocheting and ceramics and loved to visit her children.

She is survived by three daugh-

ters, Melba Jo (John) Brower, Cherry (Daniel) Harris, Alysma (Wendell) Quinter, daughter-in-law Vonda Rowberry, three sisters, Melba (Bob) Cleveland, Mildred Richmond, Carol Joan (Curtis) Parker, brother-in-law Lloyd Jones (Floyd's twin), 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and 13 extended grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Johnny J. Jones, and her sister Mary Bottinggach.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 24, in the Buhl 1st Ward LDS Chapel with 1st Counselor Ryan Bowman conducting. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery, Buhl. Friends may call at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. 9th, Buhl on Friday May 23, from 1-7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the West End Senior Citizens Center, Buhl.

SERVICES

Sgt. Richard Paul Carl of Glens Ferry, service at 1 p.m. today at the Glens Ferry High School multi-purpose room; burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home).

Claude H. Evans of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Lloyd Franklin Kuykendall of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Olma L. Peters of Salmon and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Edna Martina Miller of Twin Falls and formerly of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Heyburn LDS 2nd Ward; burial will follow at the Valley View Cemetery in Malheur; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour before the service at the church.

Walter Leo Hosteen of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Sugar City LDS Stake Center, 315 E. Third South, Sugar City; burial will be at Platte Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour before the service at the church.

Burtis "Burt" K. McBride of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

William G. "Bill" Hellewell of Heyburn, service, at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn; burial will be in Riverside Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Leona Caroline Goltgraf Crafton of Buhl, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple; interment will follow at the West

End Cemetery; visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

William N. "Bill" Davis of Filer, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls; interment will follow the service (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).

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Hagerman approves full-day kindergarten

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News correspondent

HAGERMAN — In a special Tuesday night board meeting, Hagerman School Board members approved a full-day kindergarten program for 2003-04.

Parents of students entering kindergarten this fall will, however, be given the option of half-day attendance for their children.

"As a teacher I understood why we would move to an all-day kindergarten," said Victoria Owsley, Hagerman fourth-grade teacher. "But as a parent I was dragging my feet, doubting a 5-year-old could make it through a whole day of school."

Owsley visited Hansen's full-day program. The program covers core subjects during the morning. The afternoon curriculum includes music, physical education, art and pull-out time for students with special needs. There is a rest period scheduled each day immediately following noon recess.

"As a parent, now I would OK it," Owsley said. Emphasis on core subjects for half a day provides repetition in lessons, an important ingredient in teaching



Board members and staff of Hagerman School District.

"Everybody in the state of Idaho is falling further and further behind because students are not prepared to come into kindergarten or first-grade reading. Our vision is to provide full-day kindergarten to have those students reading at the end of the year. When they go into first grade, they will be up to grade level."

The projected kindergarten enrollment for 2003-04 is for at least 30 students. Board members approved hiring two teachers and splitting the students into two classrooms to be housed in the modular units located behind the elementary school. Owsley will move from fourth grade to one of the kindergarten teaching positions.

Other School Board business included:

- **Greenhouse** — The district will seek bids for a greenhouse to be located on property adjacent to the agricultural shop facility. Daniel Knaap, high school science teacher, will provide the specifications for the facility, constructed to provide a learning environment for aquaculture and horticulture.

"First of all, it would be a laboratory for the science and agri-

culture classes, Knapp said. "We definitely need an aquaculture program. We definitely need a horticulture program."

The greenhouse would provide students the opportunity for hands-on education. The facility would be run like a business with students learning management, production and marketing skills.

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Buhl prepares to work after new school vote

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — School District officials here expressed relief over the passage of Tuesday's \$9.65 million bond issue to build a new high school.

"We are greatly relieved that the process has come to satisfactory results," Superintendent Rick Hill said at Tuesday's board meeting.

Also this week the board approved the final reading of the dress code policy.

Board members suggest that students and parents read the policy carefully to meet the board's goal of having all students dress in a manner that is clean, neat and will not be a safety or health hazard to themselves or others and will not disrupt the educational process.

The policy applies to both the instructional day and student activities.

Other board business included:

- **Exchange students** — The board approved of three foreign exchange students for the new school term. Blanca Lammers and Franziska Rex of Germany and Javier Olarte of Columbia.

• **Resignations** — The board accepted four resignations: Wallace Pankratz, high school science teacher; Russ McGovern, elementary school custodian; James Bostock, elementary school computer instructor; and Donna Van Eldren, middle and high school attendance official.

• **Budget review** — A preliminary budget review was discussed and the board voted to accept a reduction in force policy to save money. The board said it may be necessary to reduce the number of staff to effectively meet the district's needs.

Some causes of the reductions could be loss of revenue, decreasing enrollment, curriculum change, increasing costs and legislation.

New grant funds will benefit Hagerman

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Additional grant dollars will add to an already downsized Hagerman downtown improvement project. The dollars, in the amount of \$33,000, are funded by a Department of Commerce Rural Block Grant.

The project was downsized when actual cost of buried utilities was higher than project estimates. The costs came to about \$54,000. Other project costs have amounted to about \$40,000.

Remaining funds from a \$50,000 Gem Community Implementation Grant and a \$220,000 Rural Community Block Grant amounted to \$125,322 for the construction phase of the project. Idaho Sand and Gravel was the lowest bidder on the project at \$128,560, about \$3,000 over available funds.

The city opted to revamp the project to make up the difference and provide a \$12,000 contingency fund. This fund would be used for additional excavation and fill, if needed, to stabilize the

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brakes within the city limits. The proposed ordinance would carry a \$50 fine for each infraction.

Mayor Tim Norwood suggested the proposal be put into ordinance form. The first reading will be heard Tuesday, June 3.

• **Support request** — The council approved Hagerman Rural Fire District Chief Tim Peterson's request for a letter from the council in support of the efforts of the local emergency service units. The letter will be part of an application by Peterson seeking grants.

Peterson is seeking dollars for a first responder cutter to be used in extrication from vehicles or buildings. Peterson will also apply for grant dollars to cover the cost of first responders' training classes. The goal is to train additional firefighters as emergency medical technicians.

• **Canceled tournaments** — Norwood announced that softball tournaments scheduled for this summer in the Hagerman Park have been canceled. Norwood indicated reasons for the cancellation were unclear.

Hansen school lunch prices rise

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — The cost of lunch in Hansen is going up.

The School Board accepted this week a recommendation from lunch room supervisor Lovelless to increase lunch prices by 10 cents.

The cost of lunch prices has not increased in five years. The cost will go up from \$1.15 to \$1.25 for elementary students, \$1.35 to \$1.45 for the upper grades, and adult tickets will be \$2.50.

The prices are below the state average of \$1.36 for elementary students and \$1.57 for the upper grades. Breakfast will be served free to all grades.

Under a Department of Agriculture program, lunch will also be served free to anyone under 18 at the school during summer school sessions.

Summer sessions will be June 9-26 for Idaho Reading Initiative students and July 21 to Aug. 7 for Title I, special education and migrant students. There will be a four-day pre-school program from June 9 a.m. until noon Aug. 11-14.

Other School Board business included:

• **Graduation** — Graduates of the class of 2006 will have to have six math credits instead of four. It is recommended students take two years of U.S. history instead of one.

• **Writing contest** — Blake Harris finished second in the Carl Haysen writing contest. Hansen elementary finished second overall in the fourth, fifth and sixth division. This contest involved all area schools.

• **Track team** — Track coaches Laurie Fischbach and Jim Lasso were named Fourth District track coaches of the year.

• **Award** — Danielle Van Dyk was awarded one of the 40 promise scholarships, category A, presented in the state.

• **Upcoming events** — Upcoming events include the appreciation luncheon for the PTO and volunteer members, Thursday, May 29 at the awards assembly for grades K-3 will be at 9:15 a.m.; grades 4-6 will be at 10:30 a.m. with a movie or bowling in the afternoon. On May 30 there will be the read-a-thon and 50-minute drawing at 9 a.m.; field day starts at 9:30 a.m. and the BBO at 11:30 a.m. with buses running their routes at 12:30 p.m.

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DID YOU ?



THE MINICO drama department will present the comedy 'Bullshot Crummond' at 7 p.m. Friday in the Minico High School auditorium, 300 W. Highway 25. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens or \$10 for a family. Left is Allison Coats as Rosemary Fenton and right is Stephen King as Bullshot Crummond.



Photo courtesy of Charity Anywhere Foundation

Twin Falls Senior Center receives \$5,000

TWIN FALLS - The Charity Anywhere Foundation Service Club at the College of Southern Idaho and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Department teamed up to help the Twin Falls Senior Center with a donation of \$5,000. Club President Neal Squires presented the check to Bob Humphries,

chairman of the board of the Senior Citizen Foundation; Bill Evans, construction manager; and Lois Mjdlon, director of volunteer welfare. Also representing the Charity Anywhere Foundation, a local service organization, were Gordon Carter, president of Charity Anywhere Foundation; and Clint Carter, foundation sec-

retary. The club has participated on several occasions in construction, painting and cleaning at the new senior building. A club member also applied for a grant from the LDS Humanitarian Department. Local church members, David Carter of Kimberly, reviewed the project, and recommended the support of the church.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Family acknowledges those who helped loss

Paul Reynold's family extends gratitude to all who expressed sympathy through prayers, flowers, cards, food and memorial tributes.

We were encouraged and strengthened by this community's love for Paul.

Special acknowledgment to the following: Magic Valley Printing; Mel Quale's Electronics; Barry Rental; Tato Munoz; St. Edward's Scout troop and choir; Father Robb Keller; Father John Koelsch; Deacon John McKinley; and to the Knights of Columbus.

Also thanks to Dave Cooper/Cooper Norman; The Times-News and Sandy Miller; Turi Club; One World Media; Pete Hillman; Magic Valley Regional Medical Center second floor staff; Dr. Kral; emergency room staff; Drs. Richard Cambareri, Barbara Anderson and Eugene Seville; staff at St. Luke's Cancer Center; and our family at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

You all have created memories to cherish.

We also thank First Federal Bank and employees for dedicating their tent at the Relay for Life in memory of Paul and allowing us to be a part of their team.

ROBERTA REYNOLDS
Twin Falls

Twin Falls family thanks quilt raffle organizers

We would like to give special thanks to Marie Nielsen and Joanne and Merrell Smith for making the beautiful quilt raffled on May 1, Sharon Hartman for her organizing abilities, and Kimberly Nurseries and Kelley Garden Center for displaying the quilt.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's support during Jack's recovery. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

ROBIN KIRBY
JACK KIRBY
CAITIE KIRBY
Twin Falls

Many merchants provide rewards for students

The Dietrich School District would like to thank the following merchants for sponsoring the Student of the Month program throughout the 2002-2003 school year:

McDonald's of the Magic Valley, Daisy's Old Time Confections, Movieland Video, Shoshone Valley Co-op Convenience Store, Sheer Excellence, Fingers and Toes, Magic Cuts, Wyant's Taco Bell and Manhattan Cafe and Magic Floral.

It is due to merchants and individuals, such as yourselves, caring enough to support the betterment of our youth through a motivational dedication to continuing educational achievement that our students push themselves that extra mile and strive to achieve a higher level of success in their academic studies.

Thank you for the support you have given to our students and school. You have provided us with the means to continue a program encouraging our students to reach higher, look beyond perceived limitations and feel the rush of a success that will continue to grow as they crush the restraints of failure beneath them.

CHARLENE FENELON
Dietrich High School
Dietrich

Many make the annual Twin Falls Car Show work

As chairman of the 27th annual

al Twin Falls Car Show this year, I would like to thank the following for their support this year:

Automotive Service Education Program and the Body Service Education Program instructors and the students, Judo Club instructor and students, our sponsors, the public and participants, College of Southern Idaho Expo Center staff, all Magic Valley Early Iron members.

All of these people have worked hard to make it possible for the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Club to give back to this community as the major part of the earnings are given to CSI to support the programs listed above.

Thank you all!
GREGORY PAOLI
Chairman
Twin Falls Car Show
Twin Falls

Golf team coach calls contributions awesome

All of us at Jerome High School wish to share our gratitude and respect for the support that Outback Steakhouse has given to the Jerome Golf Team. The Outback Steakhouse Jerome Invitational is the largest high school tournament in the state.

This year, Outback Steakhouse fed more than 300 golfers and coaches from all over Idaho.

This type of support by a local business is simply awesome. John Lockhart and his staff at Outback are both efficient and professional. The food was truly delicious. We hope that members of the community will continue to support Outback Steakhouse.

Thank you, Mr. Lockhart!
DALE MOWLER
Coach, Golf Team
Jerome High School
Jerome



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls School District

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls named its April Einsteins. They are, from left, top row: Kallie Belleu, Charles Marovich, Anthony Garcia, Zach Hill, Christopher Brown, Mltza Salazar, Steven Vansant and Emily Shepherd; middle row: Anthony Jeffers, Alvin Wolford, Katlyn Breeze, Brandon Godina and Dalon Hansan; bottom row: Stevie Hauskins, Megan Homolka, Isaac Smith, Zlatko Novakovic, Kyle Sitter, Alsha Nanthanong and Britanee Taylor; floor: Elizabeth Hadlock, Justin Sonneland, Thayne Sanborn, Daniel Cordier, K. Coy Collins and Dylan Valenzuela.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Bowyer named and Girls Club Youth of the Year

Alex Bowyer has been selected as the 2003 Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

Sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation and administered by Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the national program

recognizes exemplary character, superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service to Boys and Girls clubs and the community.

A seven-year member of the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls, Bowyer, 15, is a positive role model for today's young people, the organization reported.

He will compete against other

Boys and Girls Club young people for the Idaho state Youth of the Year title.

Five regional winners selected from among the state winners will compete for the national honor in Washington, D.C., where the National Youth of the Year will be installed by the president in a White House ceremony in September.

Cassia County 4-H holds candy-making classes

BURLEY - Tia Mullins will teach a mini-class on candy making from 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 3-23 at the Cassia County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office, 1013 W. 16th St. in Burley.

Young people will learn many candy-making skills and make treats such as fudge, popcorn balls, divinity, caramels and more. Class size is limited to a minimum of four and a maximum of six. The cost for registered 4-H members is \$25, which includes a thermomometer and other supplies they get to keep. Participants will need their own hair tie and apron.

Register at the Cassia County Extension office by May 27. For more information, call 878-9461.

Burley Curves team raises money for Relay for Life

BURLEY - The Curves Relay for Life team is having a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Curves in the Overland Shopping Center in Burley.

There also will be a raffle. Tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1. Raffle items include a floral arrangement, a baby afghan, quilt and more.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

For more information, call Teresa Bailey at 679-8289.

Filer student performs senior recital in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Ryan Jones, son of Ron and Carol Jones of

Filer, will present his senior recital at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

The recital will include selections in classical piano, classical vocal solos and musical theater. Jones studies piano with Georgia Blastock and voice with Serena Jenkins Clark.

Jones is graduating from Filer High School, and will attend Linfield College in the fall.

American Red Cross offers classes in First Aid, CPR

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross will offer classes in standard first aid, automated external defibrillator (AED) and adult, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation during June at the Sawtooth Branch office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B

in Twin Falls.

Adult CPR and AED will be offered from 6-10 p.m. June 16. Standard first aid, AED and adult, infant and child CPR will be offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 7 and June 21.

A review will be held at 6 p.m. June 4 and June 18.

First aid will be offered from 6-10 p.m. June 17.

For more information about the classes and the costs, call the American Red Cross at 733-6464.

Magic Valley Square Dance Club teaches how to class

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome.

Members whose last name begins with B-N should bring fin-

ger foods and help clean up after the dance.

For more information, call Galen at 733-9045.

Farm Bureau seeks recipes for community cookbook

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Farm Bureau will publish a cookbook and seeks recipes from the community. Recipes must be dropped off by Tuesday at the Farm Bureau office, 2732 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls or 592 Broadway St. in Buhl.

For more information, call Doris Pearson at 543-5017 or Kristy at 733-7212.

Kiwanis Club sponsors baccalaureate Sunday

FILER - The Spiritual Aims Committee of the Kiwanis Club of

Filer will sponsor the baccalaureate for the Filer High School seniors at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Filer High School cafeteria, 3915 N. Wilden Way.

John Roberts will speak, and seniors will provide entertainment and the program. The public is invited. The Filer Kiwanis meet at noon every Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, 318 Union in Filer. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Adan 'Don' Ramirez is a hard-working volunteer who is making a difference for thousands of people. He has traveled to Washington, D.C., and Boise to plead the cause of the needy.

Heyburn man makes a difference

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Adan "Don" Ramirez is a man who gives more than he gets.

Lucille Valdez, event organizer for ICAN (Idaho Community Action Network), says her organization couldn't manage without him.

"He does so much, I don't even know where to begin," Valdez said. "He puts in a lot of work, year after year. He's great ... He cares a lot for the community."

Because of Ramirez's work, along with other volunteers, contractors who hire farm workers must now pay minimum wage, and have new standards required of them. The workers also can file wage disputes if that standard is not met. Ramirez lobbied legislators for years to get that legislation passed.

"Most farmers were paying minimum wage, but there are always those few," he said.

Thanks to Ramirez, there were four food distribution programs started. Jerome, Burley, American Falls and Fort Hall had volunteer-driven food programs for the low income. American Falls and

Need more information on ICAN's food distribution program?

There is a \$1 per month prorated annual membership fee. Members attend two meetings per month, order food from a list, and are required to spend five hours per month volunteering. Members can order a box of food, a unit, for \$10. Each unit contains \$40 to \$70 worth of food. The program is open to anyone who can meet a low-income standard. For more information or an application, call the ICAN office at 678-1708.

Jerome have since closed for lack of volunteers. He hopes to open one in Twin Falls this year.

"As long as there are volunteers to run it, we don't interfere," said Ramirez. "They are self-governed."

This year, the issue was bonding.

"The people who took the crews to the fields needed to be bonded. Now the contractors must be bonded. If they make a deal for a certain wage, they can't change it," he said.

He also has lobbied for health care issues.

"The country is in a bad situation, trying to balance the budget by cutting back on services to the poor," Ramirez said.

He said he feels especially compassionate for the young single mother with children.

"How can we punish the children for the choice their parents have made?" he said.

Ramirez said that insurance companies need to be a part of the team, and a part of the solution, in addition to lawyers and doctors. He'd like to see changes made in the pharmaceutical manufacturer's system, too.

"People are in denial," Ramirez said. "They believe when they are not affected by the needs, they can call people lazy. Then they get laid off, and in three months they are evicted, their car repossessed, and they don't want to be connected with the poor because they don't want to be perceived as lazy, poorly educated, and so forth."

He knows about the people he helps. He was divorced in 1992. Because of court costs and other things, he was broke. Then he lost his job.

"I had to go ask for food stamps.

They gave me \$16. It was so little, and I was so ashamed that I had to ask for them. I was so embarrassed, I wanted to cry. I cannot get over it. But how do you tell some of these folks who want to take away what little there is? When I was young, I never thought I would need help," he said.

His focus is shifting to students. He wonders how to keep the immigrant students in school. Although he only attended school for three years, he has come to know the value of education, and is largely self-educated.

Sam Blair, a Boise-based ICAN community organizer, said he wishes there were more like him.

"He is most definitely needed," Blair said. "This organization runs off of what volunteers do. There are five staffers for 6,000 to 8,000 members in Idaho. It's the leadership of members like Adan, the experience that they bring."

"He has told me it is his life," Valdez said of Ramirez's volunteering. "He had a five-bypass surgery, and he is 70 years old. But within two months or less he was right back in the office."

Times-News correspondent Corren Hart can be reached at 436-1186.

S.V. arts center celebrates Mexican culture

SUN VALLEY — For two months this summer, the Sun Valley Center for the Arts presents a multifaceted celebration of Mexican culture. Through three art exhibitions, lectures on the food, art and history of Mexico, traditional craft classes, a community-wide fiesta, and a poetry residency, *Des Culturas* will offer the Wood River Valley a look at the cultural contributions of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans.

Mexican immigrants and Mexican-Americans are relatively new to Idaho's Wood River Valley. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 10.7 percent of Blaine County's population is of Hispanic origin. In the 1990 Census, it was 3 percent. Of the Wood River Valley's current Latino population, the majority are from Mexico.

While Spanish-speaking immigrants in the Wood River Valley are an important part of the local economy, the Anglo and Latino populations remain largely unfamiliar with each other, the center said. A number of years ago the center staff members began to discuss ways to help build a cultural bridge.

"This program is one of the most

For a list of events

Call the center at 726-9493 for a *Des Culturas* schedule. Materials are available in Spanish and English. Transportation will be provided from Bellevue and Hailey to selected events. Or visit its Web site: www.sunvalleycenter.org. The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is located at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

significant and exciting things to come out of the center. While we are bringing artists and lectures of international reputation, we have also focused a good deal of the programs around our local community. This is a chance for an intimate introduction and conversation that could enhance all of our lives," said Kristin Poole, center artistic director.

Highlights of the event follow:
Fiesta del Sol, June 21, Forest Service Park, Ketchum

A day-long outdoor fiesta will include mariachi bands, folk dancers, traditional crafts, food and beverages. Free of charge.

A month-long writing residency with poet Rigoberto Gonzalez for elementary and middle school stu-

dents will take place in Hailey. Traditional Mexican craft classes on papel picado, pinatas and copans, with instruction offered in English and Spanish, will be offered throughout June. In July, author Diana Kennedy offers cooking classes.

Lecture topics include Idaho's Mexican history with Boise State University professor Errol Jones and Idaho State History Museum's Kathy Hodges; and historical and contemporary Latino art history with Shirla Goldman from UCLA.

A documentary photography project records the lives of first generation Mexican-American young people and their families in the Wood River Valley by combining images by local photographer, Barbi Reed, with text and interviews by journalist Reed Lindsay.

Toltec Tula: Image and Myth printed by Alfredo Zales and published by the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum in Chicago includes 20 black and white linoleum prints portraying images of Quetzalcoatl, a powerful god in ancient Mexico mythology for whom Cortes was mistaken, and the rise and fall of the pre-Columbian city Tula.

Shoshone students attend symposium

SUN VALLEY — Several Magic Valley teens attended the Hispanic Youth Symposium held April 25-27 in Sun Valley.

The symposium is a great opportunity for Hispanic juniors and seniors to get college information, get involved in workshops, and meet other students from all over Idaho, reported Danielle Davis.

Shoshone School English as second language paraprofessional Davis also chaperoned Ismael Garcia and Yuliana Valencia, two Shoshone High School seniors who attended. Ismael came home with \$1,150 scholarship from Gem State Diversity, and Yuliana earned \$1,000 scholarship from Gem State Diversity.



Student Ismael Garcia, right, chaperone Danielle Davis and student Yuliana Valencia attended the Hispanic Youth Symposium April 25-27 in Sun Valley.

In addition to awarding scholarships, the symposium also brings in guest speakers.

Davis has been a chaperone for the symposium for three years. The symposium is sponsored by

the U.S. Energy Department, and is an annual event designed to encourage Hispanic teens to seek brighter futures for themselves and their families by staying in school.

Digame! (Tell me!)

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Pat Marcantonio

CSI starts evening computer classes; may offer them in Spanish

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is starting a new series of evening computer classes, and may offer them in Spanish if enough people are interested, said Oletha Faredes, evening computer class coordinator.

Classes start June 2, with the second session starting July 7.

The main advantage of evening classes is increased opportunities to obtain a better job, she said.

The classes are for anybody who can't take classes during the day because of a job, she said. But

she is bilingual and trying to reach the Spanish-speaking community.

Spanish-speaking people have called her, saying they are discouraged in seeking jobs because they don't have the required computer skills, she said.

If enough people are interested in a computer class in Spanish, CSI will arrange for that, she said. But books and computer information are in English, so students must have some English skills.

One of the courses offered also

will provide the training to prepare students for the computer skills assessment test, which is required of any student who obtains a degree at CSI.

Evening classes are held once or twice a week for a period of three hours. Classes last for five weeks during the fall and spring semesters, and summer classes last for two and a half weeks twice a week.

Summer semester offerings include "Introduction to Computers," "Introduction to

Spreadsheets," "Introduction to Database Management," "Introduction to Windows," "Introduction to Word Processing-Microsoft Word," "Troubleshooting Hardware for the PC" and "Introduction to QuickBooks."

The Idaho Migrant Council may provide funding to those who may need financial help, she said.

For more information and a full class schedule, call Faredes at 732-6441 or e-mail her oparedes@csi.edu.

Benefit Mexican rodeo will take place on Sunday

RUPERT — The Charro Association "El Herradero" is sponsoring a Mexican rodeo, "Charrreada," at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert.

The proceeds will go to Jose Rios of Cassia County and Manuel Larios of Twin Falls for medical costs and assistants. Rios and Larios were involved in farm accidents that left them disabled, organizers say.

The rodeo begins with a parade of the charros and their horses. A charrreada is a Mexican-style rodeo that is different from other rodeos. The Mexican cowboy or cowgirl is known as a charro or charra.

The charrreada finale and the most dangerous event is the *paseo de muerte*, otherwise known as the *paseo de la muerte*. In this event, three charros drive a wild mare, having nothing to hold on to but the horse's mane.

Participating will be local cowboys, as well those from Nampa and Refugio Larios at 312-3052 or 436-3052.



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The admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.

Youth group organizes No Tobacco Day event

NAMPA — Hispanic Teens are taking action to organize an event bringing awareness to National World No Tobacco Day. The event is called "Queda Down on Tobacco," and their goal is to educate their community on the hazards of smoking and dangers of tobacco, such as the fact that everyday 3,000 American young people start smoking, and one-third of them will die of a tobacco-related disease.

The event is organized by the Hispanic Tobacco Prevention Youth Group (TEENS) and sponsored by the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs and the Health and Welfare Bureau of Health Promotion.

The event will be held from 1-

5 p.m. May 31 at the Nampa Karcher Mall, 1809 Caldwell Blvd. in Nampa.

For more information, call Maria E. Padilla or Juan Saldana at the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs at (208) 334-3776.

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Chinese men seek small fish in a small pond on the outskirts of Beijing Wednesday. As the numbers of new SARS infections drop in Beijing residents are beginning to venture out and resume their normal lives after spending much of their time away from public places.



China's SARS numbers drop; fear eases

BEIJING (AP) — With numbers of new SARS cases dropping, China's capital prepared Wednesday to send some students back to class, as gridlock—and an increasing sense of normalcy—returned to Beijing's streets.

Amid the mostly positive news for China, the World Health Organization warned of the possibility of new outbreaks during China's rainy season as overloaded sewage systems overflow, possibly carrying the virus in feces, where it can survive for days.

"We see this as a potential threat, something to beware of," said spokesman Bob Dietz. "SARS could

rear up again."

But while numbers of new cases were dropping off elsewhere, Taiwan's outbreak remained severe with another 35 cases announced Wednesday. WHO extended its SARS travel warning to all of Taiwan, not just the capital Taipei, as Taiwanese health officials warned of a spike in cases in the island's south.

China's Health Ministry announced two new deaths from severe acute respiratory syndrome, both in Beijing, and 12 cases of infection — down sharply from the beginning of the month when the nation was reporting 150 new cases a day. The new figures bring the main-

land's death toll to 296 and the total number of infections to 5,249, the ministry said.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said the threat from SARS "had been stabilizing," but warned against "excessive optimism and letting down one's guard," the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"The situation of SARS prevention and treatment remains serious and the fight is still arduous," Wen was quoted as telling a meeting of the State Council, China's cabinet.

Beijing will begin readmitting students to classes today.

Dig uncovers more bodies at Stonehenge

LONDON (AP) — Archaeologists who last year unearthed the remains of a Bronze Age archer at Stonehenge said Wednesday they have found six more bodies near the mysterious ring of ancient monoliths.

The remains of four adults and two children were found about half-a-mile from that of the archer, dubbed "The King of Stonehenge" by Britain's tabloid press. Archaeologists said he came from Switzerland and may have been involved in building the monument.

Radiocarbon tests will be done to find out more precise dates for the burials but the group is believed to have lived around 2300 B.C., during the building of Stonehenge at Amesbury, 75 miles southwest of London, said Wessex Archaeology, which excavated the site.

The latest bones discovered are about the same age of those of the archer. "This new find is really unusual. It is exceptionally rare to find the remains of so many people in one grave like this in southern England," said Andrew Fitzpatrick of Wessex Archaeology. "The grave is fascinating because we are seeing the moment when Britain was moving from the Stone Age into the Bronze Age, around 2300 B.C."

World health group adopts anti-tobacco plan

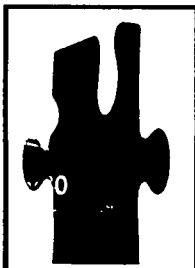
GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization adopted a sweeping anti-tobacco treaty Wednesday, aiming to control a product that kills one in two of its regular users and increasing numbers of children.

Still, the United States said it has made no decision about signing the pact, illustrating the real challenge of putting it into practice.

Crowing four years of negotiations, WHO's annual assembly erupted in thunderous applause as it unanimously adopted the accord providing for restrictions on tobacco advertising and sponsorship; tougher health warnings; limits on language like "low-tar" and "light"; and restrictions on public smoking.

The health agency hopes governments will be able to use the treaty to clamp down on promotional campaigns rampant in poor countries and to strip cigarettes of their glamorous image.

The treaty's impact now depends on the political will of individual countries to enforce it.



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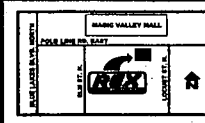
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Kristina Bingham

Kristina Bingham, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, basketball, Tiger Team, tennis and National Honor Society; honors and awards include Volleyball First Team All Magic Valley, Idaho Top Scholar, second place State After Dinner Speech, basketball All-Star Team and Girls State delegate; daughter of Dean and Debbie Bingham of Jerome.

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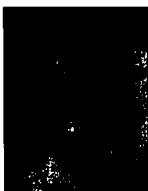
Priscilla M. Miller

Priscilla M. Miller, 3.982 GPA; daughter of David K. and Marieta T. Miller of Jerome.



David Ford

David Ford, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include tennis, High Schools That Work Committee, student government, Fly Fishing Club and Boy Scouts; honors and awards include National Honor Society, Idaho Top Scholar and Eagle Scout Award; son of Gordon and Elaine Ford of Jerome.



Jessica Hockenberry

Jessica Hockenberry, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include dance team, advanced speech, wrestling Mat Maids and Key Club; honors and awards include National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, Idaho Top Scholar, People to People Student Ambassador and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Jim and Betty Hockenberry of Jerome.



Holly Elizabeth Abbiss



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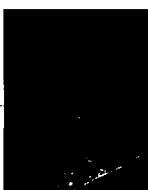


Beverly Kate Amo



Christopher Horgan

Christopher Horgan, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include band, golf, soccer, Academic Decathlon and Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Quiz Bowl Teams; honors and awards include first place University of Idaho EdTechQuest Web Site Design competition, United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award, Idaho Top Scholar, United Daughters of the American Revolution Distinguished Student and Who's Who Among American High School Students; son of John and Connie Horgan of Jerome.



Lora Kathryn Jessup

Lora Kathryn Jessup, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Envirothon, Octagon Club, working with St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit and with the First Baptist Church; honors and awards include National Honor Society and Idaho Top Scholar; daughter of Rex and Kathy Jessup of Jerome.



Amanda Lynn Appell



Anthony Luke Arellano



Rowdy D. Baker



David W. Bartholomew



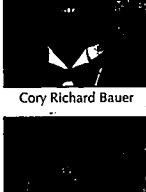
Kenzie Petterson

Kenzie Petterson, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include high school rodeo, Julie's Jazzworks Dance Team, varsity band, Key Club and 4-H; honors and awards include All-American Scholar, National Honor Roll Gold Elite, Idaho Top Scholar, four gold cup music awards and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Tim and Beckie Petterson of Jerome.



Katherine Rexroat

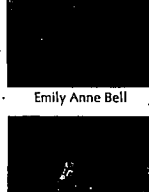
Katherine (Katie) Rexroat, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include cross country, track and field, advanced speech, Academic Decathlon and National Honor Society; honors and awards include University of Portland Presidential Scholarship, Idaho Top Scholar, National English Merit Award, cross country and track letters, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.



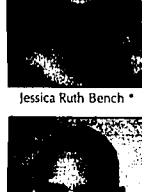
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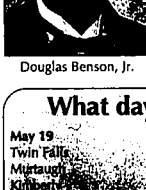
Katie Marie Thibault

Katie Marie Thibault, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include senior class vice president, National Honor Society vice president, Varsity J-Club president, basketball and volleyball; honors and awards include High School Christian Student/Athlete All-American Second Team, Wendy's National High School Heisman State Finalist, United Daughters of the American Revolution Distinguished Student, Outstanding Student of America and United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar; daughter of Greg and Alice Thibault of Jerome.



Hannah Woodell

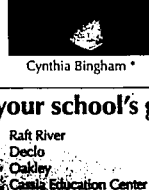
Hannah Woodell, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Civil Air Patrol, Jerome City Council student representative, soccer, wrestling Mat Maid and Academic Decathlon; honors and awards include National Youth Leadership Alumni Award, UCLA Summer Discovery Achievement Award, Idaho Top Scholar, National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of David and Lynn Woodell of Jerome.



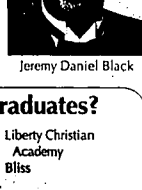
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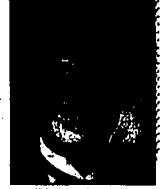
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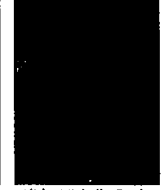
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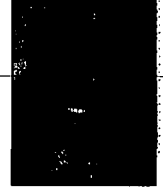
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Kiah Henson

Kiah Henson, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include youth group, National Honor Society president and vice president, sophomore class president and Drama Club; honors and awards include Kasiska Health Science/Idaho Promise Scholarship, Idaho Top Scholar, Outstanding Student of America Award and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Curtis and Mary Kay Henson of Wendell.



Mary Hilt

Mary Hilt, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society and church youth group; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Outstanding Student of America Award, Regent Scholarship from Gonzaga University, Wendy's Heisman Scholarship nominee and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Cecil and Ely Hilt of Wendell.



Natalie Hope

Natalie Hope, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, basketball, track, honor society, We the People State Constitutional Competition, church youth group and piano; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, National Honor Roll, Girls State delegate, United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar and Who's Who Among American High School Students.



Steven Koning

Steven Koning, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include football, basketball, golf, youth group and National Honor Society; honors and awards include Dordt College Presidential Scholarship, Idaho Top Scholar, President's Education Award, National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students; son of John and Sheryl Koning of Jerome.



Kayla Larson

Kayla Larson, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include National Honor Society vice president and treasurer and sophomore class president; honors and awards include Outstanding Graphic Design Student, Outstanding Professional/Technical Student and Idaho Top Scholar; daughter of Frank and Vicki Larson of Wendell.



Philip Matos

Philip Matos, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include soccer, track, student body government, Natural Helpers and Lunch Buddies; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Horatio Alger Association National Scholar Finalist, United Dairymen of Idaho Distinguished Student, Most Inspirational Student for soccer and wrestling and Constitutional Government Competition team winner; son of Agnello and Helen Matos of Wendell.



Ariane Michelle Vippeman

Ariane Michelle Vippeman, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include softball, National Honor Society, church youth group and Youth Action Council; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, National Honor Roll, AmeriCorps Scholarship and Who's Who Among American High School Students; daughter of Rick and Maude Vippeman of Wendell.

Salutatorian



Melissa Matos

Melissa Matos, 3.94 GPA; daughter of Hernani and Maria Matos of Wendell.



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Gooding High School Class of 2003



Valedictorians



Maisie L. Metcalf

Maisie L. Metcalf, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include basketball, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, Academic Decathlon and Envirothon; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Citizenship Award, Most Inspirational Athlete and Individual Scholastic Award; daughter of Ronnie and Denise Metcalf of Gooding.



Kristen M. Sabala

Kristen M. Sabala, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include student government, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, basketball and volleyball; honors and awards include Albertson College of Idaho Academic Scholarship, Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Idaho Top Scholar, student body president and scholar athlete; daughter of Mark and Holly Sabala of Gooding.

Salutatorian



Donald Van Kleeck

Donald Van Kleeck, 3.96 GPA; son of Lee and Connie Van Kleeck of Gooding.



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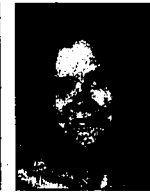
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Cody Turner



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Whitney Wines *



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Kyle Kukla
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Hagerman High School Class of 2003



Valedictorians



Kelly Luttmer

Kelly Luttmer, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, basketball, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America and student body council; honors and awards include Idaho State University Presidential Scholarship, Idaho Promise Scholarship, Idaho Top Scholar, President's Award for Educational Excellence, and student body and National Honor Society officer; daughter of Scott and Sandi Luttmer of Hagerman.



Cody Ravenscroft

Cody Ravenscroft, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Business Professionals of America, National Honor Society, basketball and student council; honors and awards include Idaho "Business" Week Junior Executive, DeVry University Presidential Scholarship, Boys State delegate, Idaho Top Scholar and Senior Network administrator; son of Allan and Julia Ravenscroft of Tuttle.

HHS

Graduation 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2003 in the Hagerman High School Gymnasium in Hagerman. Class members and their families are invited to attend. For more information, we refer to the school yearbook.

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Jeremy J. Potter

Jeremy J. Potter, 3.95 GPA; parents are Mark and Susan Potter of Hagerman.



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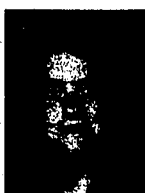
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Jarvis Cline

Jarvis Cline, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Scholastic Tournament and president of National Honor Society; honors and awards include National Merit Scholar, Idaho Math Exam Bronze Medal and first place at science fair; son of Joe Cline and Monah Ray of Bliss.



Salutatorians



Sundii Lane Brizendine

Sundii Lane Brizendine, 3.70 GPA; daughter of James and Jennette Brizendine of Bliss.



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Stacy Ann Goolsby, 3.70 GPA; daughter of Steve and Julie Goolsby of Bliss.



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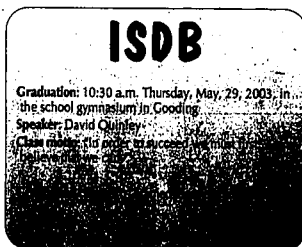
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Valedictorian



Ruth Anna Spooner

Ruth Anna Spooner, 4.0 GPA; clubs and activities include volleyball, softball, yearbook editor, senior class president and National Honor Society; honors and awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Discover Card Tribute Award state winner, 2002 Magic Valley All-Area first team pitcher for softball, ISDB track 100-meter dash record holder and Veterans of Foreign Wars regional essay winner; daughter of Gretchen Spooner of Twin Falls and the late David Spooner.



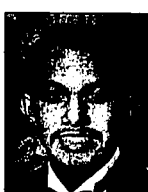
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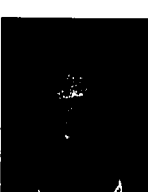
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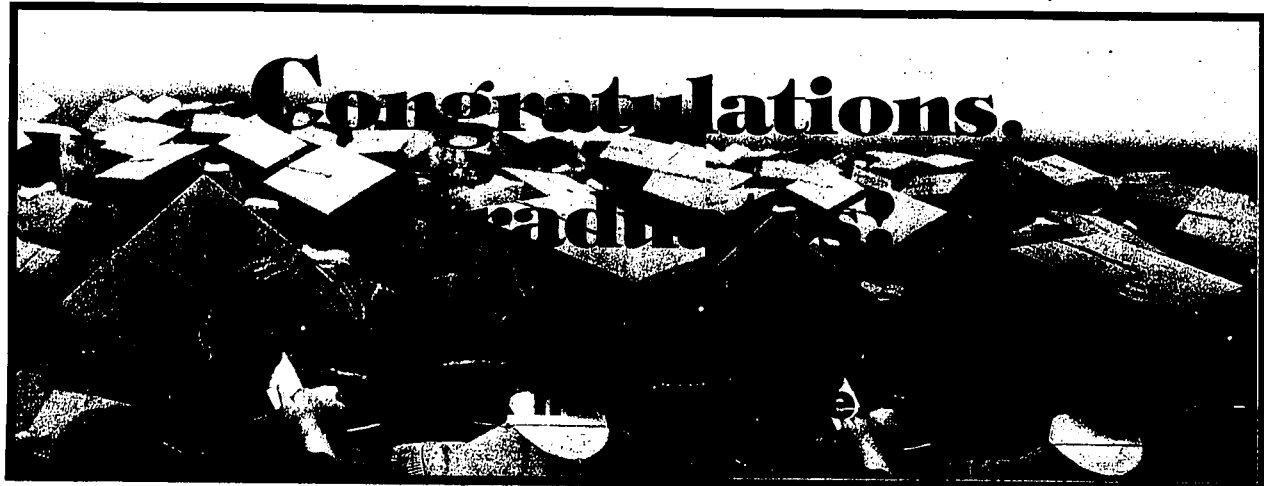


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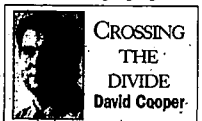
Section E

The great muskrat heist of '02

Any savvy angler will tell you, the key to getting your kids hooked on fishing is to catch a lot of fish. Once you can do that, the special of child versus fish will rival any professional wrestling match.

So it was with some desperate motivation that I kept returning to Dierkes Lake last summer, hoping to catch my 5-year-old addicted to worms, flies, cheese bait, lures, and most of all, the slick and slimy sensation of holding a fish in your hands.

Some mild success on the Big Wood and Warm Springs provided a spark. But a child's fishing confidence can quickly wane. So I decided he needed oodles of fish, and fast, if he was to have any chance of catching angling fever.



CROSSING
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David Cooper

It took a few weeks, and a few hooks stuck in sensitive body parts, but Taylor eventually caught on and started reeling in some fish. But I really can't take credit for his sudden fit of determination. If my son becomes a world class fisherman someday, I'll have to thank a crafty little muskrat that lives in the marshes of Dierkes Lake.

It was during a warm Saturday evening in July when Taylor's sixth sense for fishing began to bloom. That night, we saw bunches of rainbow trout jumping along the surface at Dierkes. The twilight sun along with the lake's silky green water blended perfectly, making visibility a cinch. The bigger trout had grown sufficiently since the spring planting. Now they were lurking even closer to the shore, just waiting for a juicy bite to come floating by.

With some help, Taylor was now able to cast a line far beyond the shallow pool of bluegills. And within about 10 minutes he had a couple 10-inch rainbows on the stringer, which sat loosely along the shoreline rocks.

Our attention turned to an elusive golden trout furrowing its way into deep water, when suddenly I felt the stringer start to slip under my legs.

At first I thought it was the two previously caught fish still moving in the water. But then we watched in disbelief as the stringer started floating away, then go down into the water.

Taylor started to yell, "My fish! My fish!" And just then we watched a pugnacious muskrat leap up onto the rocks. His jaws were clenched around one of our prized fish, dragging the other trout behind him on a string.

Once we realized what this slick scrounge was trying to do, our ire was raised. I stomped off after the varmint while Taylor shouted useless demands that he bring it back.

By then, the furry rat had decided against pulling on the whole stringer, and dislodged the one trout in his mouth. He tried to run, dropped the fish, picked it up, dropped it again, then gave up and scampered into the brush.

With one trout left, and one already partially eaten, we anchored the stringer into the dirt and continued our task of catching our limit.

It wasn't long before he returned to the water, paddling directly toward us, and obviously searching for the second serving he left behind. This time, I reacted quickly, and pulled our last fish out of the water. So with nothing left to pillage, he squirmed his way back down in the water.

"I'll admit my heart was pounding a little, but my son was as giddy as a chimp, laughing and taunting the beast from the deep that tried to take his fish away. We continued fishing for awhile, but everything else that day became anti-climatic.

A year later, the great Muskrat-Taylor heist of '02 became a milestone day in the family's fishing lore. Now my son expects to tag along on each and every trip to a fishing hole.

To him, catching the fish is just the start.

fishing's fickle factors

Weather, water can mean difference between boom, bust

By James J. Krunich
Times-News correspondent

Success during opening day and the first few weeks of the fishing season is highly dependent upon weather conditions. Runoff from snow pack is always a major factor as is the temperature of the water. While runoff isn't a major factor for most lakes and reservoirs in the area, the same cannot be said for rivers and creeks.

Freestone streams such as the Big Wood will be high, probably off color and non-productive, since snowmelt is currently under way. Other streams, such as Billingsley Creek and Riley Creek in the Hagerman Valley, will be clear and ready for the opening day onslaught of anglers, since they are spring fed and don't have a melting snow pack as their direct source of water.

On some freestone streams where runoff isn't inching toward flood levels, fishermen may have some success if they locate sections of the flow where the current isn't substantial. Trout will be finning out of the main currents in an effort to conserve energy while zipping periodically into the edges of the main flow to grab nymphs that are passing by. Fishing behind islands, below downed timber and in side channels will place anglers in the correct locations.

Stream fishermen also should concentrate their efforts below dams for several reasons. First, the dam will lessen the current. Secondly, the water clarity should be slightly better since the dam slows the water speed, allowing suspended solids (silt, sand, etc.) to settle.

A factor that is significant for both lake and stream fishing is water temperature. If water temperature is too cool, the metabolisms of fish respond by slowing down. These slowed metabolisms may translate into anglers needing to place their flies or lures directly in front of a trout in order to elicit a strike.

On lakes or reservoirs, early season anglers often have their greatest successes in sheltered bays or against banks that are protected from the wind. The water temperature may be several degrees warmer in these sheltered areas, since the wind is minimal and doesn't constitute an additional cooling effect.

Lake and stream anglers should expect excellent success this spring, since most of these waters have already been stocked heavily by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Trout from commercial hatcheries. In addition to the multi-



Billingsley Creek in the Hagerman Valley should be a productive opening day location.

Area Waters

Fish Stocking Forecast for May (For catchable 9-inch to 12-inch fish)

South Fork Boise	2,000
Salmon Falls Creek	1,000
Scott Pond	300
Trapper Creek	1,500
Freedom Park Pond	400
Big Smokey Creek	500
Little Smokey Creek	500
Blair Trail Reservoir	1,500
Carmel Valley	300
Emerald Lake	1,000
Featherville Pond	2,000
Little Wood River	800
Rock Creek	
5th fork to 3rd fork	500
Mountain Home Reservoir	7,000
Oster Lake 1	2,000
Oster Lake 2	400
Oster Lake 3	300
Oster Lake 4	300
Riley Creek Pond	2,000

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Hagerman Hatchery

tudes of commercially raised hatchery rainbows. Fish and Game also has stocked numerous locations with catchable rainbows from 9 to 12 inches in length.

So what flies, lures or baits will work on opening day? Well, obviously that's a complex question that in the end only the fish can answer. But based on past histories and advice from anglers, here are a few suggestions.

In streams, fly fishermen



Jeff Taylor of Ketchum with a Silver Creek brook trout. Spring creeks such as Silver Creek, Billingsley Creek and Riley Creek, may have hatches, weather permitting.

should consider what is in or on the water. Historically, opening day hatches are limited - short-lived, dependent on air and water temperatures.

In lower elevations a few caddis might be emerging, so elk hair caddis should be in the fly

box. Blue-winged olives or baetsis also should appear if the temperatures cooperate. Beneath the surface, prince nymphs are a must for a early season venture since they have white wings that are visible in water that is slightly off color. Flashback pheasant

tail nymphs are also a good bet since they provide a "flash" while drifting downstream and are highly visible. Additional patterns such as San Juan worms, leeches and streamers also should be in the vest since these flies are effective in "no hatch" situations.

Lures such as spinners are always effective in either lakes or streams since the spinning blades reflect light (visibility factor) and also vibrate a factor that also attracts fish. Spoons are also effective in a variety of environments since they are also flashy and highly visible. Crankbaits of varying sizes are also deadly because of their natural-like movements that imitate anything from minnows to crayfish.

Bait fishermen are often at a distinct advantage during the opening of the season, since fish do have a sense of smell. Providing the guy or gal with the worm, power bait or other succulent morsel is positioned in an area where fish are present, even a trout with a slower metabolism should be able to slowly sniff its way to the angler's location.

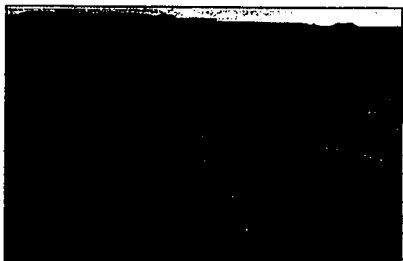
Opening day always appears as a big question mark when it comes to fishing. Weather conditions permitting, this could be a joyous beginning to a delightful season of fishing - but that depends on the weather, and the cooperation of the fish.

Low water reveals long-lost splendor in Utah

By Christopher Smart
The Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY - Adjust your life jacket, stow your gear, open up the throttle on your boat and in about an hour, if you can navigate to the mouth of Clear Creek, you will find yourself within one of the Southwest's most impressive redrock wonders: Cathedral in the Desert. Carved in a tributary of the Escalante River, the cathedral stands in 100 feet of Lake Powell's cold blue water. But thanks to five winters of sparse snowfall throughout the Colorado River drainage, Powell is now only half full, revealing aspects of nature's sandstone handiwork hidden for 25 years.

Through millennia, the Escalante River and its tributaries have cut deep, narrow canyons as they snaked through southern Utah. As a result to the Colorado River. Characterized by an alcove hundreds of feet high that bulges much wider at its base than where Clear Creek forged its original ribbonlike channel "high above," the Cathedral in the Desert inspires



The view from the Hite Overlook on May 10, 2003, near Hite, Utah, shows the lower water levels in the Colorado River runs through large deposits of sediment on its way to the current level of Lake Powell. Thanks to five winters of sparse snowfall throughout the Colorado River drainage, Powell is now only half full, revealing aspects of nature's sandstone handiwork hidden for 25 years.

awe. Entering the formation provides a "sense of spirituality, a sacred oneness with nature," explains Richard Ingebreten, founder and president of the Glen Canyon Institute.

But at the reservoir's high

point in the mid-1990s, most of the cathedral's recognizable features were covered, Ingebreten notes during a recent tour. "Boaters would come in here and have no clue what was beneath them."

Glen Canyon Institute's m

mate goal is to decommission Glen Canyon Dam and restore the Cathedral in the Desert and numerous other natural treasures now buried under Lake Powell.

Not far from the cathedral, at the confluence of Fifty Mile Creek and the Escalante River, Ingebreten kills the boat's engine beside what appears to be a rock wall near a gooseneck in the channel. The wall actually is Gregory Natural Bridge. But the opening under the 127-foot rock span is hidden just beneath the surface.

If the drought persists, more sandstone formations will emerge, Ingebreten says. "We'll come back next year and boat under it," he says, noting that six years ago vacationers plied houseboats over the apex of the span.

Critics of Ingebreten and the

drain-the-lake crowd say the proposal to empty the reservoir is crazy.

"It's just ridiculous," says Freddie Hancock, who owns Lake Powell Waterworld, a Page, Ariz., marina that sells powerboats and personal watercraft. "Lake Powell was created for recreation and to provide water for communities downstream."

Joan Nevills-Staye, director of the Page Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce, agrees. "It's a shortsighted and selfish viewpoint, especially during the drought and last year's power shortage in California."

But the Glen Canyon Institute guru likes to turn the tables on his critics. "The crazy thing is to store water in a desert where it evaporates. The crazy thing is to lose 800,000 to 1 million acre-feet

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Seeking solitude, adventure along Death Valley's back roads

By Susan Spano
Los Angeles Times

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. — Sometimes a person needs to hunker down in a place that dwarfs headlines and silences cell phones. You don't have to be a survivalist to understand that, though I did think about renting a Hummer to make me invincible on a recent trip to Death Valley National Park, about 300 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

I skipped all popular, easy-to-reach sights and drove some of the park's back roads to more remote beauty spots — Saline Valley warm springs, Eureka Dunes and Titus Canyon in the Grapevine Mountains.

Lined by ancient cracked pavement, gullies, gravel and washboard, these roads often require a four-wheel-drive vehicle with high clearance. But when I mentioned a Hummer to Corky Hays, chief of interpretation at the park, she laughed. "That's overkill," she said.

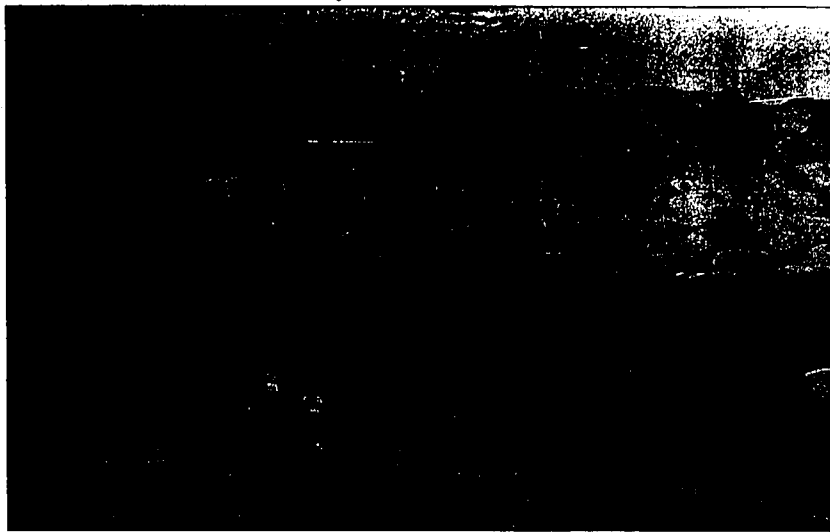
So I chose a four-wheel-drive Ford Explorer.

There are several ways to enter Death Valley, including California 190 from Death Valley Junction to the east. It's the most frequently used portal because the pass over the Funeral Mountains is just 3,000 feet, low enough so that an RV usually can handle it in the full heat of summer.

I came in from the south, on California 178, which yields to Emigrant Canyon Road inside the national park.

Along the way I glimpsed snow-capped Telescope Peak, at 11,049 feet the highest of the mountains surrounding Death Valley. It's just north of Tropic, a dilapidated mining and chemical processing town that sits on the bed of a dried up lake. Pretty soon the desert gave way to the Coso, Argus, Slate and Panamint mountain ranges.

I am drawn to Death Valley for its timeless quietude and edginess; it's one of the few places I know that manages to have both. The drive north, on partly unpaved Emigrant Canyon Road, with hardly another car in sight, was serenity itself. A side trip about seven miles east to Aguereberry Point in the high Panamints seemed like an adventure, even though a two-wheel drive passenger vehicle could probably handle the gravel and washboard road, at least in fair weather.



Tourists watch a sunset view of the mountains, looking west, from Zabriskie Point, Aug. 8, 1998, in Death Valley, Calif. Don't let the name fool you. Death Valley National Park is a place of vibrant colors, an ever-changing geology and varied life that beckons travelers from all over the world. At 3.4 million acres, Death Valley is the largest national park in the contiguous United States.

On the way there, I investigated Eureka Mine and watched over Death Valley from a hill. I sat there and thought about nothing, a restful state of mind that this place seems to encourage.

The road on to Furnace Creek Ranch took me past the Stovepipe Wells sand dunes and the Devil's Cornfield, where photographers converge at sunset.

Furnace Creek is a real desert oasis, watered by thermal springs in the mountains and bordered by a windbreak of bushy tamarisk trees. The thriving enclave has an 18-hole golf course, two restaurants, a general store, a stable for trail and hay rides, tennis courts, a campground, a museum and a swimming pool filled with clear spring water.

I started my second day at the Furnace Creek Interpretive Center, where visitors get information about what to see in the park, then took a trip to Titus Canyon. It's a 27-mile backcountry

About Death Valley

GETTING THERE: The main road in the park is Hwy. 190, which runs from the south. To reach the backcountry roads, you'll need a four-wheel drive vehicle. Because of the extreme heat, the road is closed to vehicles longer than 25 miles from July 1 to Oct. 1.

WHERE TO STAY: Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch Resort, P.O. Box 1, Death Valley, CA 92328; (800) 236-1930 or (760) 786-2345; fax (760) 786-2514; www.furnacecreekinn.com. The ranch is in the Furnace Creek valley, near the interpretive center and 18-hole golf course. It has 28 cabins, \$105 per night; 32

one-story motel units, \$155; and 164 one-story motels, \$132. The historic Mesquite Inn is on a hillside just south of the Furnace Creek, with starting view of the valley. The 66 rooms are priced depending on view: \$240 to \$250 through May 30; \$360 to \$425 May 31-Oct. 9; \$240 to \$335 Oct. 10-Oct. 29; \$270 to \$355 at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Stovepipe Wells Village, P.O. Box 559, Death Valley, CA 92328, (760) 786-2387; fax (760) 786-2389. www.stovepipewells.com is a campground with restaurant and saloon near the sand dunes on State Route 190; doubles \$75 to \$95.

Panamint Springs Resort, P.O. Box 395, Panamint, CA 93556 (that's the mailing address; the resort is 48 miles east of Lone Pine on Route 190), (775) 482-7690, fax (775) 482-7682. www.deathvalley.com is in the Panamint Valley at the western edge

of the park. It has 14 motel rooms, \$85 to \$94; a cabin, \$139; and a restaurant and bar.

WHERE TO EAT: The restaurant at Furnace Creek Inn has a dress code (no jeans, shorts or T-shirts during peak dinner hours) and entrees from \$20 to \$30.

Furnace Creek Ranch has more modest options, including the 49er Cafe, Corkscrew Saloon and Wrangler Steakhouse, with full dinner prices ranging from \$20 to \$35.

The restaurant at Stovepipe Wells serves three meals a day, with dinner entrees such as steak and fish priced from \$10 to \$25.

Panamint Springs Resort has a bar and restaurant that serves large, satisfying entrees from \$10 to \$15.

TO LEARN MORE: Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328; (760) 786-3200, fax (760) 786-3283.

road from just outside the park's eastern boundary to the

floor of Death Valley. Near the start of the road, I

stopped in Rhyolite, once a town of about 10,000 that boomed with

the Bullfrog gold mine, but now just for tourists and ghosts.

There's an open-air museum created by Belgian artist Albert Szukalski along the road, where Modernist sculptures are scattered in the crevices, bizarrely juxtaposed with the moldering shells of Rhyolite's banks, stores and homes.

Then it was on to Titus Canyon. The drive starts with a straight shot across a spur of the Amargosa Valley, the desert basin to the east of Death Valley. Gradually it climbs an alluvial fan into the Grapevine Mountains, past shimmering metallic cliffs, old lava flows and high-perched hoodoos to 5,130-foot White Pass at the head of Titanother Canyon. Between White Pass and Red Pass, at 5,250 feet, a chain of shoulderless switchbacks makes the heart thump. Later, the road passes Leadfield, another abandoned mining town, and Klare Springs before entering the winding narrows of Titus Canyon.

It took about four hours to make the trip, stopping frequently to scramble around in the mountains. I was so pleased when I finished that I drove up to Ubehebe Crater, at the north side of the park, for sunset. This windy geologic nookmark 500 feet deep and a half-mile wide is surrounded by so much cinder and ash it seems as though the explosion that created the crater occurred just last month.

By now I was having a grand time driving around Death Valley. The next day, the two-mile gravel road to Darwin Falls, on the west flank of the Panamint Valley, seemed a breeze. I picked up when I got to the fern-banked waterfall, which, remarkably, flows year-round in the middle of the desert.

Truth be told, you don't have to brave the park's back roads to fully appreciate the views. To me, the route to Darwin Falls from Furnace Creek, west across Death Valley, over Towne Pass and down into the Panamint Valley — all paved, with frequent catches of radiator water — is about as good as desert scenery gets.

Now I know Death Valley better than I did before. It's a place that requires caution but not a Hummer. If it brings peace, that's good. If it makes you feel like a wimp, that might be good too. There are lots of things Death Valley can tell us that we ought to know.

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Man advises woman to not play games with pregnancy and beau

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Ready or Not" in Town & the 17-year-old who is contemplating tricking her boyfriend into fatherhood. Two years ago, I was the victim of such manipulation.

At the time, my girlfriend and I were both 30. We had been together just four months. She presumed such tactics would speed up our courtship and land her a husband. It backfired. Not only did she experience a painful miscarriage, but also the breakup of our relationship because of trust issues.

—CLOSE SHAVE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR CLOSE: You're right. Since she became pregnant on purpose, you were manipulated. That letter brought in hundreds of responses. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Ready or Not" needs to recognize the things she'll have to sacrifice if she gets pregnant. Does she go to parties? No more! Late nights with girlfriends? No more! Romantic dates with her boyfriend? That's over. She'll never do anything spontaneous again.

I love kids. Then I spent a week-end babysitting a 3-year-old and an infant. It was then I realized that couldn't even jump into a shower without planning it in

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

advance. As I anxiously struggled to listen to the baby monitor over the sound of the shower, I knew I wasn't ready.

I haven't even addressed the issue of money. Even if you have the best baby shower in the world, action over time still the day-to-day expenses - diapers, ointments, baby wipes, clothes, more diapers, food, bottles, toys, pacifiers, more diapers, and baby-proofing the house. She'll be doing all of it alone if she tries putting something over on her boyfriend.

—RENA IN LA

DEAR RENA: Thank you for a braiding dose of reality.

DEAR ABBY: Instead of getting pregnant, that girl should volunteer at a church day care, a homeless children's ward, a hospital shelter - or even some baby-sitting and earn a little money. She didn't say it, but she may be looking for a "quick fix" to get out of a bad home life. If she has a

child, she will just be replacing one bad situation with another. I had a friend who tried that. She ended up stuck at home with her baby - no husband, no boyfriend, no future and angry parents.

—BEEN THERE AND WAITED IN S.C.

DEAR WAITED: I, too, hope she finds someone to talk to - her school nurse, counselor or another trusted adult.

DEAR ABBY: I had a child when I was 17. I wasn't ready and I have missed out on a lot because of it. Please urge that 17-year-old to think of her future. Children are the greatest gifts. They are not miracles. Kids are not something to play with that can be put away when someone is tired of being a parent and wants to go back to being young and carefree.

—AMANDA IN FLORIDA

DEAR AMANDA: You have stated it beautifully. Having a child is a decision that both parties involved. It does not automatically bring a couple closer. A man who is tricked into parenthood will not only be resentful toward the person who tricked him, but also toward the child he will be obliged to support until it is an adult.

Four of five limousines are for hire

Four out of five limos are for hire. How do you match up against the contestants on such TV shows as Wheel and Jeopardy?

Not well, maybe it's because their standing up and you're sitting down. Researchers at the University of Southern California say their evidence indicates your reaction time is measurably better when you're on your feet.

All opt-a-reduce the sex drive. A few drops of South America's Colombia know what \$11 million in \$100 bills weigh nearly 20 pounds.

That's how they count money, it's reported. They weigh it. Trouble with being punctual, said Franklin P. Jones, is nobody's there to appreciate it. Ask your mother if she'd have pulled the hair out of her head to tie a crib for you?

No? Why not? A mama rabbit pulls out her fur to line her offspring's nest. To the household competitor who accuses you of being lazy, quote that sage Jules Renard: "Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."

More than half the women who habitually wear high heels say the shoes hurt their feet but they wear them anyway. Any hour after noon is evening in New Orleans.

That's about the worst pain? A. That from an excruciating affliction called trigeminal neuralgia, according to the medical researchers. Out of the main sensory nerve of the face. Hits gums, teeth and jaw for weeks, even months.

Salmon used to make rugs out of abalone skins.

Aries may break the rules today and enjoy doing so

IF MAY 22TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... your life has been a roller coaster; at long last you're seeking peace. Expect major changes this year. You get your heart's desire at the end of a long cycle. You're used to diverse duties and unusual situations. It's time for expansion and experimentation. Self-expression through writing and other arts is key.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Rules may be broken. You are enjoying the ambience of the passing day. It's a day of hard work and success despite power struggles. You get news from a long-lost friend.

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TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Confusion brings misunderstandings. Postpone important decisions and be receptive to other ideas. The rocky road is full of surprises. Distinguish fact from fantasy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are feeling very positive and are full of future plans. Double check before you leap into action. Listen to what others have to say.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take initiative. Foreign influences dominate your life. A dose of hard work helps to burn off excess energy. Resolve problems by talking them out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Express love as partner seeks your undivided attention. You're in a fighting spirit, and your sporadic enthusiasm edges you to get things done. Caution needed; drive with due care.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Confidence is the key, but it may be bordering on arrogance. Avoid becoming dictatorial. You hate to take orders and instructions. Delightful surprise awaits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Hidden talents seek outlet. A legal matter needs sorting out. It's a good time to get involved with children and sport. A marital problem needs to be resolved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expect pressures on the home front. Otherwise you feel pleasantly lazy and lethargic. You'd rather sit back than propel yourself into action and friendship shower or your life with blessings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mind is sharp; it's a time to involve yourself in research or investigation. You need answers. A love relationship is heating up. Cancer may have suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Love and lust loom large. You are forced to amend policies - insurance or other type of protection. You find it difficult to follow instructions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Verbal aggression could cause a problem. Avoid a hazardous situation, and keep your feet firmly on the ground. A gift comes your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Keep disciplined in accomplishing practical work despite feeling restless. Make time to present your point of view. Communication and clear thinking are the keys.

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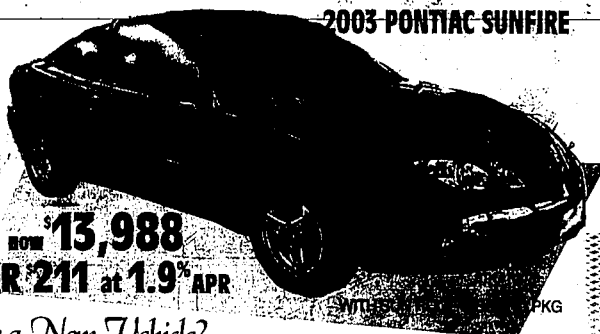


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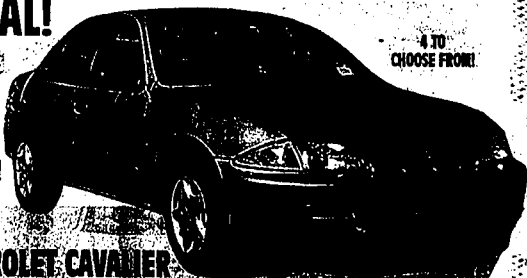


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