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Mostly clear
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The Times-News

Judge cancels Tuls sentencing

Dairyman's defense wants judge to reverse conviction or grant new trial

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sentencing in the animal cruelty case against former Filer dairyman Jack Tuls was canceled Wednesday because the defense wants another shot at acquittal or at least a new trial.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Randy Stoker will hear oral arguments from attorneys. A hearing date

was not set but could be at least two weeks away to give prosecutors time to prepare.

The developments were explained when court convened after more than an hour of closed-door discussions between attorneys and the judge, and between defense attorney Anthony Valdez and his client.

Stoker convicted Tuls of one misdemeanor count of animal cruelty following a May trial. The judge decided

the case after Tuls waived his right to a jury trial. Unless he can convince the judge that the case should be dismissed or there should be a new trial, Tuls faces up to six months in jail and a fine of \$100 to \$5,000.

Tuls was unsuccessful in his attempt to have the case thrown out at trial.

Stoker ruled that while the prosecution had not proven Tuls committed an intentional act of cruelty, suffi-

cient evidence existed to show criminal negligence.

The defense has raised slightly different issues in its new motion for acquittal, Stoker said in court Wednesday.

Valdez contends that the charge brought against Tuls did not include criminal negligence — in other words, Tuls was convicted of a crime for

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Jack Tuls

Neighbors say house was targeted



Jeff Glenn of 175 Wiseman Ave. talks about hearing two gunshots during a drive-by shooting Monday night at 137 Wiseman Ave. in Twin Falls. Glenn says there was a couple-second pause between the shots, leading him to think the shooting was not a random act.

Girl remains critical as police investigate

Law enforcement says it has good leads

By Braden Fleita
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police say a drive-by shooting late Monday that seriously injured a Twin Falls teenager was likely not a random act.

They also say city residents are not at high risk from such shootings, because they're relatively uncommon here and almost never random.

Whitney Newlan, 14, was in stable condition Wednesday at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise following the shooting at 137 Wiseman Ave. in west Twin Falls. Newlan suffered two severed arteries and a damaged esophagus.

"I can say with the utmost confi-

Know anything?

The Twin Falls Police Department is looking for a gold or light-colored Honda car with custom wheels in connection with a Monday drive-by shooting. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Twin Falls police at 311 or 735-4387.

dence that this shooting wasn't random," said Detective Scott Smith of the Twin Falls Police Department. "We have some good leads, which causes me to believe it wasn't random."

Smith said the police investigation is focused, but he refused to provide more details.

Drive-by shootings in the area are rare, said Sgt. Dan McAtee of the Twin Falls Police Department.

In the last decade, there were about six or seven such shootings, he said.

Police are continuing their search for a gold or light-colored Honda car with custom wheels in connection with the shooting.

"We already have a tip about a gold Honda, and we'll get more tips as time passes," McAtee said. "We are pursuing this aggressively until it's resolved, and I believe it will be."

Some of Newlan's neighbors agreed that the shooting didn't appear random. Neighbors also said Newlan's home was frequented by groups of teenagers when her parents weren't home.

Newlan's mother, Christy Newlan, said Tuesday Whitney hung out with some bad kids. The shooting might have been an attempt to scare her, she said.

But Dwayne Meyers, Whitney's grandfather and Christy's father, said he thinks the shooting was random.

"Most of Whitney's friends are

nice people — but there are people that dislike you. We had that. But I don't think she had people who hated her. Whitney is very loving. I can't believe, or maybe I don't want to believe, that Whitney caused this," he said.

Robert Stuart Junior High School Principal Craig Almsworth said he knew Whitney, but couldn't discuss specifics. Several students upset by the shooting talked to a counselor Tuesday, he said.

Tuesday was the last day of classes.

Christy Newlan also said she might have been the target herself. Newlan works at Main Street Pawn & Collectibles, which is owned by Meyers. Angry customers are common, she said.

However, Meyers said he doesn't think the shooting was connected to the pawn shop.

"People have a tendency to get

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No-smoking effort lights up area teens

By Rachel Hartgen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tobacco use has haunted Michael Machala.

After losing two family members to tobacco-related ailments and then watching friends begin smoking, the Twin Falls High School junior said he has seen firsthand the effects of tobacco. That's what prompted him to become involved in the youth-led Magic Valley Tobacco Coalition, committed to stamping out tobacco use.

"Tobacco is a terrible habit," Machala said. "I hope to help and stop other people."

A joint venture among Dr. David McCluskey, the American Cancer Society and South Central District Health created the tobacco-free group eight years ago to address tobacco policy and system changes throughout the Magic Valley. Tobacco Coalition Facilitator Josh Barron said. The Magic Valley coalition, along with the Mini-Cassia version called TRASH, work toward an ultimate goal of making local communities smoke-free.

Both coalitions are part of a nationwide movement of young people becoming involved in the tobacco debate. Teens are lobby-

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Judge: Idaho terror suspect can be deported

The Associated Press

BOISE — An immigration judge on Wednesday ruled that a University of Idaho graduate student suspected of terrorist links lied to gain entry to the United States and that the federal government may deport him.

However, Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a Saudi Arabian national, will remain in the Canyon County Jail

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Sami Omar Al-Hussayen

Israeli, Palestinian leaders take tentative steps toward peace

Los Angeles Times

AQABA, Jordan — President Bush ended his first Middle East summit Wednesday by coining Israeli and Palestinian leaders into taking new, small steps along what he hopes will become a road to peace.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon agreed to dismantle some settlement outposts, built since March 2001, in the West Bank and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas pledged "full efforts" to end 32 months of violence against Israel.

"The Holy Land must be shared between the state of Palestine and the state of Israel, living in peace with one another and with every

Some Jewish settlers, radical Arabs promise to oppose the deal

nation of the Middle East," the president said at the summit's closing ceremony.

"The journey we're taking is difficult, but there is no other choice. No leader of conscience can accept more months and years of humiliation, killing and mourning," Bush said.

"If all sides can fulfill their obligations, I know that peace can finally come."

The agreement followed some five hours of mediation by Bush at

a royal palace overlooking this Red Sea port. In statements after the talks, Bush said implementing the "road map," designed by the United States, United Nations, European Union and Russia, is now a "matter of the highest priority."

Despite the glowing words, questions continued over whether the sides would be able to take concrete steps to peace. And whether each side would consider the other's gestures adequate.

The Palestinians pledged to end what Israel calls terrorist attacks, but within minutes of the leaders' remarks, the two militant Islamic movements, Hamas and Islamic

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Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, right, and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas shake hands following closing statements after their meeting with President Bush Wednesday at the Royal Palace in Aqaba, Jordan.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Relatively dry and continued mild. Highs near 80.

Tonight: Mostly clear and comfortable. Lows near 48.

Tomorrow: Mild and partly sunny. Highs near 78.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and warm with a light breeze. Highs in the middle 70s to lower 80s.

Tonight: Mostly clear and dry. Lows in the 40s.

Tomorrow: Breezy with plenty of sunshine. Highs in the middle to upper 70s.

HO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Unchanging weather conditions will continue through the end of the week. Plenty of sunshine and warm daily temperatures are expected.

Today Highs 83 to 74. Tonight's Lows 28 to 38.
BOISE
An occasional light breeze, plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures will dominate the outlook into the upcoming weekend. Precipitation is not likely at this time.

Today High/Lows 82 to 67 to 67.
NORTHERN UTAH
Continued warm and partly to mostly sunny most days through the end of this week. Precipitation development is not a concern.







Today's State Extremes: High: 84 at Payette. Low: 24 at Stanley.
Weather key: sun, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; mc, mostly cloudy; c, cloudy; th, thunderstorms; sh, showers; rain, snow, flurries, w, wind; m, misting.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
					
Relatively dry and mild	Mildly clear and comfortable	Mild and partly	Sunny and mostly dry	Sunny and warm	Sunny and warm
High 80	Low 48	78/50	76/47	82/51	82/54

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 77 Yesterday's Low: 48 Normal High/Low: 73/48 Record High: 81 in 1988 Record Low: 36 in 1973	Yesterday's: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.00" Avg. Monthly to Date: 0.18" Avg. Water Year to Date: 0.57"	Yesterday's Low: 12% Today's Forecast Low: 12% Today's Forecast High: 12% A water year from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	Yesterday's: 30.1 Today's: 30.1 Today's Forecast: 30.1	Sunrise: 6:01 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM (Daylight: 2h 12m) Summer: 6:01 AM Winter: 8:13 PM	Tree: Green, Oak: Yellow, Birch: Green, Alder: Green, Grass: Green, Weed: Green
Moon Phases	Moonrise and Moonset	Snowpack	U.V. INDEX		
June 7 First Qtr June 14 Full Moon June 21 Last Qtr June 28 New Moon	Moonrise: 10:58 AM Moonset: 12:02 PM Moonrise: 11:03 AM Moonset: 1:40 AM	Snowpack: 0.0" Snowfall: 0.0" Snowmelt: 0.0"	Low Moderate High		

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	71-80	71-80	71-80
Bozeman	71-80	71-80	71-80
Butte	71-80	71-80	71-80
Chandler	71-80	71-80	71-80
Coeur d'Alene	71-80	71-80	71-80
Elko, NV	71-80	71-80	71-80
Eugene, OR	71-80	71-80	71-80
Idaho Falls	71-80	71-80	71-80
Jerome	71-80	71-80	71-80
Malad City	71-80	71-80	71-80
McCall	71-80	71-80	71-80
Missoula, MT	71-80	71-80	71-80
Nampa	71-80	71-80	71-80
Portland, OR	71-80	71-80	71-80
Rupert	71-80	71-80	71-80
Shoshone	71-80	71-80	71-80
Spokane, WA	71-80	71-80	71-80
St. Paul	71-80	71-80	71-80
Timber Lake, UT	71-80	71-80	71-80
Yellowstone, MT	71-80	71-80	71-80

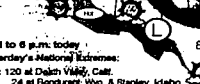
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	71-80	71-80
Boston	71-80	71-80
Chicago	71-80	71-80
Cleveland	71-80	71-80
Dallas	71-80	71-80
Denver	71-80	71-80
Detroit	71-80	71-80
Houston	71-80	71-80
Los Angeles	71-80	71-80
Memphis	71-80	71-80
Minneapolis	71-80	71-80
Miami	71-80	71-80
Mobile	71-80	71-80
New York	71-80	71-80
Oakland	71-80	71-80
Philadelphia	71-80	71-80
Pittsburgh	71-80	71-80
Portland, ME	71-80	71-80
Raleigh	71-80	71-80
San Diego	71-80	71-80
Seattle	71-80	71-80
St. Louis	71-80	71-80
Tampa	71-80	71-80
Washington, DC	71-80	71-80
Wichita	71-80	71-80

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	71-80	71-80
Paris	71-80	71-80
Rome	71-80	71-80
Tokyo	71-80	71-80
Sydney	71-80	71-80
Auckland	71-80	71-80
Wellington	71-80	71-80
Christchurch	71-80	71-80
Dunedin	71-80	71-80
Hamilton	71-80	71-80
Manila	71-80	71-80
Seoul	71-80	71-80
Taipei	71-80	71-80
Hong Kong	71-80	71-80
Macau	71-80	71-80
Beijing	71-80	71-80
Shanghai	71-80	71-80
Guangzhou	71-80	71-80
Shenzhen	71-80	71-80
Chengdu	71-80	71-80
Yunnan	71-80	71-80
Guizhou	71-80	71-80
Inner Mongolia	71-80	71-80
Qinghai	71-80	71-80
Sichuan	71-80	71-80
Tibet	71-80	71-80
Xinjiang	71-80	71-80
Zhejiang	71-80	71-80

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Judge recommends death in killing of wife, friend

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP) — A judge on Wednesday sentenced a man to death for the murders of his fourth wife and a friend who prosecutors said helped him kill two previous wives.

Judge Everett Krueger found the recommendation of the trial jury, which could have recommended life without parole for 21-year-old Gerald Hand.

Hand had said he would try to be a model inmate if sentenced to life in prison, and his son tearfully asked the jury to spare his father's life. "He's the only person I have left to guide me," said Robbie Hand, 25.

Hand was convicted Friday of killing his wife, Jill, 58, and friend Walter Welch, 55, last year at the couple's home north of Columbus.

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in the deaths of his first two wives, but he has not been charged. They said during the trial that Welch helped Hand kill his first wife and Hand shot her to keep him quiet.

Hand said he shot Welch in self-defense because he believed Welch was an intruder who had shot his wife.

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Naval Academy chief resigns amid controversy

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy resigned this week after Navy investigators determined that he acted improperly by grabbing the wrist of a Marine sentry who had asked for his identification and that he had failed "to promote good morale" at the prestigious university, which educates officers for the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Vice Adm. Richard J. Naughton submitted his resignation Tuesday, a month after a report by the Navy inspector general found that the superintendent "did bodily harm" to the sentry by grabbing his wrist when the Marine asked Naughton, dressed in civilian clothes and accompanied by friends, for identification on New Year's Eve.

The Navy announced Naughton's resignation Wednesday. Naughton, who had been in the job for one year, had on several official occasions "embarrassed and humiliated subordinates through conduct that is inappropriate for a commander," the inspector general concluded.

The report, dated April 3, was released by the Pentagon after the Navy announced Naughton's resignation.

But it was the incident with the sentry that set off the inspector general's investigation. A complaint alleged that Naughton became angry when, among a crowd of civilian revelers seeking to enter the grounds of the academy in Annapolis, Md., he was not recognized by the sentry and was forced to stand in line and show his identification.

Naughton was not incriminated when he grabbed the wrist of the male sentry, the report said. But the investigators found that in grabbing the sentry, who was having trouble reading his identification card in poor light, and in thrusting the card at him, Naughton engaged in "unlawful force."

Naughton told investigators that he did nothing wrong and did not recall having touched the sentry.

Tuls

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which he had not been charged. Twin Falls County charged Tuls as the individual "giving charge and/or custody" of the dairy cow in question. Witness testimony at trial painted the picture of a cow that had been left for at least two days lying outside in the dirt, covered with mud and manure, near death and apparently dehydrated. Stoker explained his ruling in a written opinion:

"This court rejects the defendant's assertion that Mr. Tuls can be convicted in this case only if the state proves an intentional act on his part. If the evidence is sufficient to prove criminal negligence, he can be found guilty under the statute," Stoker's ruling said.

The case stems from an August 2002 Idaho Department of Agriculture investigation at Tuls' former Dutch Touch Dairy, which

he sold in May. The department excluded animal cruelty charges in connection with the way the dairy handled sick or dying cows.

Twin Falls County charged Tuls with one misdemeanor count of animal cruelty in connection with one cow.

In his written opinion, Stoker said that from the evidence presented at trial he could find beyond reasonable doubt that "Mr. Tuls had an established practice not protocol to humanely dispose of living downer cows. Rather, disposal was a function of either natural death of the animal or reliance on the pickup schedule of Darling (International)."

"Downer" cows are unable to stand for any number of reasons, including sickness, injury or simply old age. Darling International Inc. is a livestock transport service that takes downer cows to slaughter.

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Tobacco

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ing across the country in popular places such as businesses and campuses for the right to breathe clean air.

The Magic Valley coalition actively participates in a version of this movement with its "Businesses of Excellence" program, a branch of the American Cancer Society's similar program. Businesses are encouraged to make their environments smoke-free within a two-year period and help non-smoking employees quit lighting up, both of which are big benefits to businesses, coalition member Kevin Brumback said.

"Statistics show people enjoy going into a smoke-free area," Brumback said. "And businesses will have overall less health problems."

Businesses must commit to four areas of criteria to join the crusade: promote initiation of and ongoing support for youth tobacco-free coalition efforts, promote free tobacco cessation classes to employees, create smoke-free work environments within two years and educate employees on the negative effects of tobacco products. Businesses focus on one of the four goals each year, Barron said.

The businesses' benefits will in turn help the community, McCluskey said.

"In addition to the benefits the businesses realize, the community at large also sees benefits," McCluskey said. "Improved overall health of the community, lower occurrence of disease associated with tobacco use and second-hand smoke, reduction of premature and low birth weight babies, and fewer youth taking up the tobacco habit are just some of the benefits for communities."

The local coalition has successfully lobbied more than 35 businesses, most recently obtaining a pledge from Applebee's Bar and Grill to go smoke-free. Upon a business joining, coalition members hold a ceremony and present the establishment with a plaque. Barron says businesses enjoy supporting the local youth.

"When you get high school-aged kids wanting to make a difference in the community, businesses see how important it is to support these youth and their interests," Barron said.

A smoker's choice to light up, however, is becoming a national debate for young people. It's an issue that resonates strongly with them because many take up smoke-

ing during their teen years, while others make a conscious decision not to.

In Chicago, 14-year-old Kyle Damitz and his brother eight years ago talked the owners of their local bowling alley into a ban on cigarettes and cigars during youth leagues — a minor coup in a smoke-free city. Now the eighth-grader is helping push proposals that would make it illegal to smoke in many public places in his city and neighboring Skokie, Ill.

"If I'm around it, I start wheezing and sometimes I just can't breathe," says Damitz, who is severely asthmatic.

Eric Horne also is involved, though he's on the other side of the issue. The 21-year-old smoker has been campaigning for sheltered smoking areas at Western Washington University, where school officials recently banned him and others from lighting up in or directly outside their dorms. Now, he says, he must walk the length of two football fields, often in the rain, to smoke.

"It's harassment," said Horne, who has circulated petitions and built a Web site dedicated to his cause.

Nationally, high school smoking rates dropped from 36.4 percent in 1997 to 28.5 percent in 2001, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control. Still, Kristin Williamson, a 14-year-old anti-smoking activist from Harvey, Mich., says it's been difficult to persuade her peers to shun cigarettes.

"If you're with a group of friends and you say 'no they think you're weird or something,' she said.

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"It is important to be part of a community that is a healthier place for everyone," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

CORRECTIONS

Security officers told one man in group to leave park
A Wednesday story about drinking in Twin Falls City Park during Western Days was unclear in describing a group of men suspected to have been causing trouble. The group included men who were in their 30s, and security officers told one to leave the park. The Times-News regrets the error.

Shooting

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WILD CARD: Queen of hearts
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Monday, June 16
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Pentagon defends war intelligence

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—Two high-ranking Defense Department officials Wednesday denied that a special Pentagon intelligence unit manipulated information on Iraq's weapons programs and links to al-Qaida in an effort to build public and political support for war.

In an unusual news conference, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith and his deputy, William Lutz, said the Office of Special Plans was never told to produce evidence that Saddam Hussein's regime had ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization or that Iraq was hiding chemical and biological

weapons it might give to terrorist groups. "This suggestion that we said to them, 'This is what we're looking for, go find it' is precisely the inaccuracy that we're here to rebut," said Feith. "I know of no pressure. I know of nobody who pressured anybody."

Feith's appearance, however, isn't likely to end the controversy over U.S. and British intelligence on Iraq. So far, U.S. troops in Iraq have found no evidence to support some administration officials' previous allegations that the Iraqis were hiding chemical and biological weapons and Scud missiles, and no evidence of any operational ties between Saddam and

bin Laden. The Senate Intelligence Committee has requested documents from CIA Director George Tenet to evaluate the accuracy of intelligence assessments of Iraq's pre-war weapons capabilities. But the chairman of the committee, Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said it's too early to call for a formal congressional investigation.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Sunday that he and Roberts intend to hold joint hearings to assess the credibility of the intelligence information. But after Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday asked them not to schedule hear-

ings before reviewing the evidence, Warner and Roberts said hearings would be premature.

Three other administration officials on Wednesday said that while Feith's remarks were accurate, they sidestepped the real issues. The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because U.S. intelligence on Iraq remains classified and because President Bush frowns on revealing discussion within his administration, said the Pentagon office gave far greater credence than did the CIA or the Defense Intelligence Agency to defectors and information provided by Iraqi exile groups, especially the London-based Iraqi National Congress.

Search renews for Saddam's remains

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq—A tip prompted the U.S. military to start digging again in the rubble of a restaurant that was bombed on April 7 because Saddam Hussein was thought to be hiding inside, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq said Wednesday.

Lt. General David McKiernan would not say what new information inspired the search, and he stressed that it could go nowhere.

"It's a lead," said McKiernan. "It may or may not pan out."

Many Iraqis believe that Saddam is still alive, and conspiracy theories and rumors abound about where he is. Hiding in Russia is one popular report. Others say he's disguised as a Bedouin nomad or walking around openly on the streets of Tikrit.

"At some point there needs to be accountability of Saddam Hussein for the mentality of Iraq," said McKiernan.

On Wednesday afternoon, four large green army bulldozers attacked a diminishing heap of rubble and loaded it onto trucks as local residents stood and watched. Soldiers said they also plan to repair the local road and bomb damage to nearby houses.

The smashed concrete, twisted rebar and debris will be sifted for any possible evidence of remains of Saddam or other senior Baath Party officials.

"We've sent in additional assets to look for forensic evidence," said McKiernan in a briefing on Wednesday, the second day of the dig. "When we did this initially we did not do it in great enough detail. It's apparent we did not go

Excavating for Saddam

U.S. Army combat engineers are searching a demolished site to determine if Saddam Hussein died in the April 7 airstrike.



SOURCES: Onm Resources, Associated Press, AP

in thoroughly enough."

While the search for Saddam continued, U.S. forces in his old stronghold around Tikrit continued to meet resistance in the early hours of Wednesday. Rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire were aimed at a convoy of U.S. military Humvees near Samarra, and four rocket-propelled grenades were launched at a tank convoy in Baiji. No one was killed, but five soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division were injured in the Baiji attack. Three of the soldiers were hospitalized and two returned to duty. Most of the injuries were cuts on their arms, legs and faces.

More military police will patrol Baiji, and soldiers will quickly enforce a new 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew, said Col. Don Campbell, commander of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

THREATENED



Anacapa Island (shown above) and other islands in the Santa Barbara Channel, off the coast of California are part of a marine reserve off-limits to commercial fishing. An independent commission studying ocean life off U.S. coasts concluded Wednesday that more protection is needed to reverse a crisis caused by pollution, overfishing and too many people.

Panel warns oceans' ecosystems are stressed to point of collapse

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—The oceans bordering the United States are overfished, polluted, infested with invasive species, dotted with "dead zones" and in a state of crisis, but they still can be saved, an independent commission reported Wednesday.

Bringing the oceans' ecosystems back from the edge of collapse—one recent study found that 90 percent of the world's big fish have disappeared—requires dramatic, controversial and expensive efforts to limit fishing, coastal development and runoff from cities and farms, according to the Pew Oceans Commission. Its report is the product of a three-year, \$5.5 million study.

"People look at the ocean and it looks blue and peaceful and as good as it always did, but you don't know what's going on beneath the waves," said commission member Charles Kennel, the director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. "What is going on is a systematic decline of our marine ecosystem. It's a global crisis."

The Pew report is the latest in a series of reports warning of worsening problems in the world's oceans. A separate commission, appointed by President Bush, will make its own recommendations next fall, but it already has concluded that "there are substantial problems in the oceans," said presidential commission member Paul Sander, senior scientist at the federal

A \$5.5 million study calls for:

- Setting aside far more no-fishing zones in U.S. waters.
- Imposing severe limits on the fishing technique of trawling, which scrapes the sea bottom.
- Strengthening land-pollution laws to regulate storm-water runoff from urban areas, fertilizer-tainted runoff from mass animal farms and cruise-ship sewage dumping.
- Acquiring environmentally sensitive land on the coasts.
- Reforming the National Flood Insurance Program and other policies that promote coastal development.

eral Hollings Marine Lab in Charleston, S.C.

The Pew Commission—a bipartisan group of scientists, politicians and philanthropists sponsored by an environmental charity—stressed that it's not too late.

"It is possible to rescue much of the bounty that has been lost, but only if we focus society on protecting and restoring the ecosystem," commission member Jane Lubchenco, an Oregon State University marine biologist, told a news conference.

Many commercial fishermen don't want new limits on where and how they catch seafood. New Bedford, Mass., fisherman

Robert Lane, president of the Trawlers Survival Fund, accused the Pew Commission in an interview of "cooking the books. They exist on crisis. That's their trademark."

He argued that fisheries are reviving. "Things have bounced back," he said.

A top Bush fishery official agreed. "From a fisheries standpoint, I don't think we're at a crisis point," Bill Hogarth, the director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, said in an interview. "We have made progress, but that doesn't mean we don't have things to do."

Hogarth's agency issued a report earlier this spring that said the general trend in overfishing "continues to be positive," with 26 species coming off the overfished list in the past six years.

However, the same report noted that of 237 fish stocks for which the federal government has good data, 36.3 percent are overfished. That's up from 32.8 percent in 2001 and 28.4 percent in 1997.

Several fish populations have dwindled to historic lows. Pew Commissioner Pat White, who has been fishing out of York, Maine, for 47 years, said better controls on commercial fishing were crucial.

Lawmakers seek Iraq cost, don't get it

WASHINGTON (AP)—Administration experts on Iraqi reconstruction frustrated Senate Foreign Relations Committee members Wednesday when they were unable to provide information on costs and other details of the undertaking.

"My constituents want to know how much we are going to pay," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., clearly disappointed by the responses of four administration witnesses at a committee hearing. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said it was a "little puzzling" that Undersecretary of Defense Dov Zakheim did not know the number of British troops left in Iraq.

He then expressed incredulity when Zakheim said the number of U.S. troops deployed in Iraq was classified. "You're kidding," said Hagel, noting that news reporters seemed to have no difficulty in coming up with the figure. The most widely quoted number is 150,000 U.S. troops.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the ranking Democrat on the committee, showed impatience when Zakheim failed to provide an estimate on the expected cost of the U.S. troop deployment in Iraq for the next fiscal year.

"Can't do it. I can't look to the future," Zakheim said.

Biden replied, "If you don't have any idea for 2004, it's not the same DoD (Department of Defense) that I remember."

If the Pentagon is simply going to wait before providing the information, "I think I would regard that as irresponsible," Biden added. Zakheim said: "It takes time. It's not a matter of waiting."

Several senators expressed interest in a cabinet-level conference expected to be held in September at which donor countries will pledge assistance for Iraq.

Lawyers say government altered papers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Lawyers for terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui accused the government of submitting misleading information to a judge by piecing together and adding to statements from an al-Qaida leader, according to a court document released Wednesday.

Moussaoui, who wants to use the deposition at his trial to rebut his indictment.

U.S. military moves into Iraq stronghold

HABANIYAH, Iraq (AP)—In a high-profile show of force, the U.S. military poured more than 1,500 combat troops into a swath of central Iraq on Wednesday, signaling that any violent resistance to American occupation would be met with harsh punishment.

U.S. troops, sweeping out dust and sifting through debris left by looters, set up their headquarters at two Iraqi air bases and a railroad station outside Fallujah and Habaniyah, cities where anti-American demonstrations and attacks have been particularly aggressive.

Commanders have tripled the number of troops around the cities in a bid to quell supporters of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party and decrease the sniping at American patrols that has killed two U.S. servicemen at a checkpoint. Conservative Sunni Muslims wield great influence in the communities.

No immediate problems were reported as the forces deployed. The combat troops from the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade arrived to take over the area from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Two battalion-sized task forces took up positions around the

city of Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad; another task force took over two military airfields in Habaniyah, five miles farther west.

Two major highways connecting Baghdad to Syria and Jordan run through the two cities, where about 300 soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment have maintained a mostly symbolic presence.

But after violent demonstrations and several attacks on U.S. troops, commanders decided to send in the battle-tested 2nd Brigade, which captured most of Baghdad during the war.

In addition to patrolling the area, the brigade will also work with local leaders on community service projects at schools and hospitals to improve relations with residents.

Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, commander of American ground forces in Iraq, said he doubted the attackers were coordinating their efforts.

"These are localized, decentralized attacks by those who were part of the old regime. I don't see a national effort across Iraq," McKiernan said Wednesday. "I don't see any pattern of centralized command and control over these incidents."

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Partial-birth abortion ban becomes likely

Sides disagree over how often doctors perform the extreme medical procedure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday night to ban a series of procedures that critics call "partial birth" abortion, handing abortion opponents their biggest legislative win in more than a decade.

President Bush — unlike his predecessor — has promised to sign the bill, which passed the Senate earlier this year in a slightly different form. Senate and House members plan to resolve those differences, and the measure could become law within weeks.

That won't end the fight, however. Abortion rights activists have vowed to challenge the measure in court, noting that three years ago the Supreme Court struck down a similar law in Nebraska.

Wednesday's 282-139 vote caps an eight-year legislative battle, in which opponents used graphic descriptions of abortion procedures to sway the opinion of the public and many Democrats who normally resist abortion restrictions. Under the bill, doctors couldn't perform an "over-the-top" abortion to kill a partially delivered fetus whose head is outside the mother's body, or whose trunk beyond the navel is outside her body.

The bill defines partial-birth abortion as an operation in which the doctor "deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living fetus... for the purpose of per-

forming an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered fetus." Doctors violating the law would face fines and up to two years in prison.

In Wednesday's contentious floor debate, the bill's supporters described partial-birth abortion as a savage and immoral act that must be stopped. "It's violent, it's barbaric, it's gruesome, it's horrific, it's inhumane," said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio.

Abortion rights advocates, who concede there is a procedure called "dilation and extraction," said doctors resort to it only when it's medically necessary. They said the bill would apply to an array of common abortion methods used in a pregnancy's second or third trimester and that it fails to provide an exception for the mother's health.

"We should be promoting a woman's health. We shouldn't be endangering it," said Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif.

It's unclear how often physicians perform the procedures in question. Opponents say thousands perform such each year, while others say the number is far lower. The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which does research for abortion-rights groups, estimates that about 2,200 "dilation and extraction" took place in 2002, but that procedure is defined slightly differently from the one outlined in the bill adopted Wednesday.

Nevin said he intends to petition U.S. District Court before the end of the week to schedule the criminal trial.

Al-Hussayen invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and refused to answer questions about whether he lied about his previous employment on his application for admission in 2002.

The 40-year-old Al-Hussayen appeared in an orange prison jumpsuit, handcuffed and shackled. Several times during the 90-minute proceeding, because he looked back and smiled at two friends sitting in the audience.

Defense attorney David Nevin told Immigration Court Judge Anne Ho that his client must not be forced to answer the questions at the civil hearing.

It was wrong to make him sit down for a compelled government interview, Nevin said, because the criminal case, Nevin said.

Federal prosecutors say Al-Hussayen funneled \$100,000 to the Islamic Assembly and tapped into sensitive material through the university's computer.

Supporters, raising questions on whether he could go farther.

The United States is prepared to help, Bush said. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will begin working closely with the parties to achieve "true peace as quickly as possible," he said. The United States will also soon put a coordinating committee, led by veteran U.S. diplomat and arms expert John Wolf, in the region to monitor the situation up close.

It was Bush's first major foray into trying to bring peace to the Middle East and he seemed to relish the challenge.

Bush first met separately with Abbas, then Sharon and finally the three talked together. The Palestinian and Israeli leaders did not shake hands when they entered the talks but did after the three leaders and their host, King Abdullah II of Jordan, read final statements to assembled delegations.

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GURU OF GANJA



Ed Rosenthal and Holy Hempstress celebrates Wednesday outside the federal building in San Francisco.

Judge sets pot promoter free

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ed Rosenthal, the self-proclaimed "Guru of Ganja," walked free Wednesday after a federal judge sentenced him to one day in prison for growing marijuana.

Rosenthal said was for medical purposes. He could have gotten 60 years behind bars. Rosenthal's case represented the latest clash between state and federal authorities over the medical use of marijuana.

The federal government does not recognize medical marijuana laws in the nine states, including California, that have

them.

In February, a jury concluded Rosenthal was growing more than 100 plants, conspired to cultivate marijuana, and maintained an Oakland warehouse for a growing operation.

Rosenthal, 58, had said he was acting as an agent for Oakland's medical marijuana program, an outgrowth of a 1996 medical marijuana initiative approved by California's voters.

But jurors were not allowed to hear those arguments, and several of them later said they would have acquitted Rosenthal

had they known.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer sentenced Rosenthal to one day in prison on each of three counts, to run concurrently, and then set him free after declaring Rosenthal had already served that time.

The ruling was met by cheering and applause in the courtroom.

"I think it's a marvelous victory for states' rights and the medical use of marijuana," said Keith Stroup, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Senate committee might undo media rules change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Commerce Committee will consider a proposal to roll back a new regulation allowing companies to own television stations reaching nearly half the nation's viewers, Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., said Wednesday.

The Republican-controlled FCC voted 3-2 Monday to ease regulations governing how many newspapers' and TV and radio stations a company can own and in what combination. The party-line vote changed the national TV ownership limit so a company can reach 45 percent of the U.S.

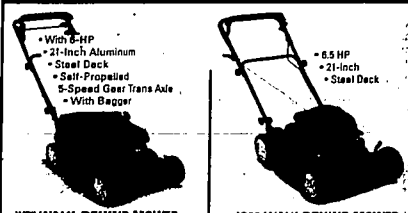
households instead of 35 percent.

McCain said he opposes proposed legislation to counter that change, but his committee still will consider it this month.

McCain said he would put language in an upcoming bill to clarify that the FCC should have the authority to strengthen as well as relax ownership restrictions if that serves the public interest.

Critics said the changes would lead to mergers that could ultimately put a few giant companies in control of what most people see, hear and read.

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At home, bombing suspect Eric Rudolph wins sympathy

Anti-gay, abortion views remains strong in this area

The Washington Post

MURPHY, N.C. — Franklin and Linda Holloway say they are churchgoing, law-abiding folks who normally do not condone violence. But when it comes to serial bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph, the retired couple is quick to make an exception.

"To tell you the truth, I wish they hadn't caught him," Franklin Holloway said, pausing before voting Tuesday morning in a town referendum to allow restaurants to serve beer and hard liquor. "Look at those abortion doctors. They kill innocent babies."

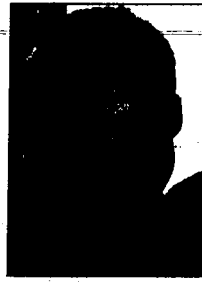
"If he did that Olympic bombing he should be punished," Linda Holloway added. "But as far as those abortion clinics and the gay club is concerned, he shouldn't be punished for that. You see, those things are not right in the sight of God."

Rudolph, 36, was arrested here early Saturday morning while searching for food in a grocery store Dumpster, ending one of the most intense manhunts in U.S. history.

Appearing Tuesday in federal court in Atlanta, Rudolph pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the 1998 bombing of a Birmingham abortion clinic. Rudolph also stands accused of three attacks in Alabama, a bombing at the 1996 Summer Olympics, and one in 1997 at an office building that housed an abortion clinic, and another at a gay nightclub that same year. In all, the bombings killed two people and injured more than 150.

Still, few people in the tiny hamlets that dot this rural region in western North Carolina are willing to firmly denounce Rudolph, a survivorist who authorities have linked to racist, anti-Semitic and anti-abortion extremist groups.

"You'd think that with somebody who killed and hurt that many people, there would be more outrage," said Bill Yonce, 69, host of WYRK radio in Murphy. "The majority of people here are against abortion of any kind. But if they are against killing people, you'd think they'd be against what he is accused of."



Suspected bomber Eric Robert Rudolph, above, leaves the Jefferson County Jail in Birmingham, Ala. Tuesday for a federal court appearance. At left, several piles of wood and some discarded food is all that remains of a campsite allegedly used by Rudolph Tuesday near the area where he was captured.

Instead, many residents here seem to separate Rudolph from the crimes he allegedly committed. At the Peachtree Restaurant, tears welled in the eyes of owner Betty Howard, 47, as she discussed the message on the marquee outside her eatery. It says "Pray for Eric Rudolph."

As she talked, a carload of white-haired ladies stopped to pose for snapshots in front of the sign. Howard said some people have mistakenly interpreted her message as condoning Rudolph's alleged crimes. But, she said, that is not the case.

"The Bible says, 'pray ye one for another, no matter what we have done,'" Howard said. "This man is out there by himself against the whole world. I want him to have a fair trial, and if he's found guilty, I'd be the first to condemn him."

Rudolph vanished into the dense woods around here five years ago, touching off a search that at its peak involved hundreds of law enforcement officers equipped with helicopters, heat-seeking equipment and bloodhounds. The FBI added him to its Most Wanted List and federal authorities posted a \$1 million reward for his capture.

For years, the manhunt produced only frustration for federal officials, who suggested that a

shadowy network of fellow extremists might have helped

"You see, those things are not right in the sight of God."

— Franklin Holloway, Murphy, N.C.

ing Rudolph. After his capture, federal agents who returned to the hills to search for campsites where Rudolph may have been hiding and for people who may have helped him said they were concerned that Rudolph may have planted explosive booby-traps to protect his campsites.

So far, investigators have found only books and some crude camping equipment, according to Sean Devereux, a lawyer who represented Rudolph during his initial court appearance in Asheville, N.C.

Meanwhile, local investigators who interrogated Rudolph after his arrest said the fugitive survived by hunting wild game and eating vegetables rooted from gardens. "He talked about hunting

deer, bear and turkey," said Jerry Crisp, a detective with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department.

Many residents here chafe at any suggestion that these hills are bastions of conservative radicalism. But they also acknowledge that they harbor a deep distrust of the federal government, contributing to the sympathy many feel for Rudolph.

"They were mad and upset that they couldn't find him, so they built that folk tale that he was larger than life," Karen Golden, 44, a mother of three who lives in Ranger, about a dozen miles from where Rudolph was captured.

Although Golden said she condemned the bombings, she stopped short of denouncing Rudolph. "I don't trust the government. It seems like they have the ability and power to put out there what they want about a person," she said.

"I think the government just got mud in its face because they couldn't find him for so long," agreed Debra Black, 36, a waitress who works with Golden in Murphy. "He supposedly bombed the abortion clinics because he is anti-abortion. He bombed the gay club because he's anti-gay. So why then did he bomb the Olympics?"

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Report: Millionaire kept two homes, two families

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A millionaire road builder kept two families 20 miles apart — a double life discovered only after his first wife died.

Now, the attorney representing the oldest son of Douglas "Diesel" Cone wants prosecutors to look into the March death of 75-year-old Jean Ann Cone, which was ruled an accidental inhalation of exhaust fumes in her garage.

"My client has concerns other than the suspicious death of his mother," attorney Norman Cannella said in Wednesday's St. Petersburg Times. "These concerns do involve substantial financial assets."

Cannella, who represents Douglas Cone Jr., said he has not yet had a chance to meet with Mark Ober, the state attorney for Hillsborough County. A call to prosecutors was not immediately returned Wednesday.

The senior Cone, 74, did not immediately return a message left at his Tampa office Wednesday.

Cone, who built many of the area's highways, was married to socialite and philanthropist Jean Ann Cone for more than 50 years. They lived in a prestigious Tampa neighborhood and sent their three children to the exclusive Berkeley Preparatory School, which named its library for Jean Ann Cone.

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EDITORIAL

Accountability ideas build steam in Idaho

Another school year has passed, and right along with it, school administrators and teachers are passing along their distaste for Idaho's school accountability plan.

In what is becoming an annual tradition, local educators assembled at Twin Falls High School last week to pan the State Board of Education's plan, which aims to reward teachers for student performance. The new plan also will require Idaho students to pass an achievement test before graduating.

Much like last year, educators offered a chilly response to these ideas.

The biggest sticking point is that teachers aren't given a plan that seems to single them out, while doing nothing to hold parents accountable for children's academic performance. When a student comes into the classroom unprepared to learn, teachers don't want to be held accountable for factors they say do not lie in their hands.

In some ways, that frustration is understandable. Parents are a primary source of motivation and preparation. No one denies that society benefits when parents are active in their kids' education, and society can suffer when they are not.

But a parent is not a public employee. Rather, parents can move at will, be viewed as customers of the public school system. In any other business or industry, if the employees were to demand that the customer be more accountable for product quality, something would be asked.

It's naturally a challenge for educators to teach children who struggle with poverty, bro-

ken homes or learning a new language. But many other professionals commonly are held accountable for successful performance—in spite of unfavorable circumstances or clients who do not fit the norm.

It's perfectly fair to reward teachers who help students reach higher levels of achievement. Certainly, teachers' performance goals should reflect the individual circumstances in which they work.

As in most other careers, success is about doing more with what you have and meeting reasonable expectations—and then being justly compensated.

Some teachers also remain resistant to requiring students to pass a "high-stakes" test.

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That's not, however, will be an important indicator of how prepared students are for college or the working world. And after years of testing at the elementary, middle school and high school levels, students should be acclimated to the rigors of taking exams.

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As much as educators may disapprove of the state plan, the public's demand for accountability and graduation achievement tests is on the rise. The sooner teachers support these ideas, the better it will be for Idaho's students.

Is a tax cut really so bad for the economy?

Is President Bush's tax cut so bad? The chattering classes hate it. But those who put their money where their mouths are tell a different story.

The third Bush tax cut in three years is a "really stupid" idea, snarled NPR's Nina Totenberg. It's just a "yuppie tax cut," snapped ABC's Michel Martin. It's "the worst Bush tax cut yet," snarled The New Republic.



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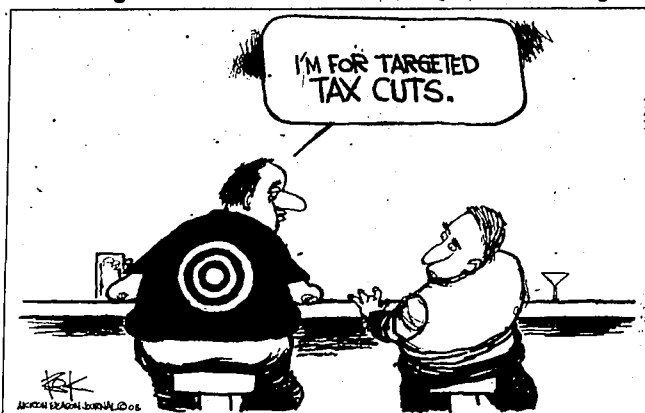
To be sure, journalists are entitled to their anti-Bush opinions, but they're not entitled to their own anti-Bush facts. And USA Today came close to making stuff up on May 27, when its headline read, "Falling prices. Rising unemployment. Global recession. Financial Collapse. Depression."

Does the "D" word come close to describing the present-day situation? Just last week, the Commerce Department upped its estimate of economic growth for the first quarter, from 1.5 percent to 1.9 percent. That's still a slow rate of growth compared to that of the past two decades, but during the Depression of the 1930s, the economy shrank by 26 percent. That's what Depressions are like.

But in the meantime, the economy—which is to say, the sum total of all our spending and saving decisions, not including net gloom-and-dooming—is coming back strong.

The University of Michigan's consumer confidence index reached an 11-month high last week, and the National Association of Purchasing Managers' index has swung into solidly bullish territory.

Not bad, considering that the United States just fought a war—a war that seems far from over. Yet even so, the stock market, which started falling when the



dot-com bubble burst in early 2000, has been surging. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose in May for the third consecutive month, the first time since December.

Why is the market going up? Stock prices are the leading indicators of future economic activity, but they are also acutely sensitive to tax burdens—investors and their accountants are the most likely to see the tax angles—and the tax-rate burden has just been eased, on both dividend income and capital gains.

But does such stock-market wealth trickle down to the rest of the economy? Indeed it does, as the "wealth effect" kicks in, emboldening the 100 million or so Americans in the "investor class" to go out and spend more, enriching everyone else.

Critics say that the deficit will increase as a result of the Bush tax cut. And they're right, the deficit will increase. And so, most likely, we're due for a replay of

the debate held in the early '80s, when leading Democrats, notably 1984 presidential candidate Walter Mondale, blasted President Reagan for ballooning the deficit. Mondale's proffered solution was a tax increase, which the voters rejected. Sure, voters dislike deficits—but they dislike unemployment even more.

Things are different today, say Democrats and their allies in the media. But now, like two decades ago, a Republican president is prepared to balloon the deficit by cutting taxes—even as he raises military spending. Once again, the Democrats, especially those who hope to regain the White House, are predicting disaster.

But the data aren't helping them. Perhaps the biggest difference today is the tax strategy of the Republicans in the White House.

In 1981, Reagan enacted one huge tax cut. In the years that followed, the economy surged by a third, but voters' gratitude faded. By contrast, the current president

has been more "political." Each of his tax cuts has been smaller than the Gipper's in '81, but he has committed himself to a tax cut for every year of his presidency.

That may seem like a bad way to run an economy, but it's a good way to run election campaigns. As Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, a close ally of the Bush White House, explains, "Every year, the Republican coalition will have to rally to re-enact existing tax cuts, and to enact the next tax cut. There'll be no complacency on our team." And that's Norquist's goal: to keep the issue of Republican tax cuts at the top of the public agenda, year after year.

That's politics for you. But if the economy stays strong, that's victory politics for you.

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Why Americans can't afford prescription drug benefits

Just about every American politician, regardless of party, favors adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. It's a bad idea. The Senate will soon begin considering the latest proposals. We can only hope that bickering among politicians and interest groups—retiree lobbies, drug companies, health insurers—creates a deadlock. A Medicare drug benefit would simply worsen the country's central budget problem: the huge retirement costs of the baby-boom generation.

The typical member of Congress, now an older baby boomer, ought to wonder: what am I doing to my children (and their children)? From 2010 to 2030, the over-65 population is projected to rise by about 30 million; meanwhile, the working-age population (20-64) increases only by 10 million. The pressures on younger families to pay for Social Security and Medicare benefits must rise. Piling new benefits atop the old—today drugs, tomorrow nursing-home care and then who knows what?—compounds the pressures.

We cannot know the full consequences of these larger burdens. But the possibilities must include slower economic growth and smaller families—because the economy becomes less dynamic and because young couples feel they can't afford children. The Congressional Budget Office projects that the costs of today's Social Security and Medicare benefits will nearly double by 2030—from 6.4 percent of national income (gross domestic product) to 11.1 percent.

Put differently, the increase equals 25 percent of today's fed-



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

eral budget. It implies a massive transfer from the working-age population that must occur through (a) higher taxes, (b) higher deficits, (c) cuts in other government programs—or all three. Now, suppose Congress adds a drug benefit. Some will say that the costs aren't high, especially if compared with Bush's tax cuts. On paper, this is true. Bush has reserved almost \$400 billion for a drug benefit over the decade (2004-2013); past proposals suggest that some Democratic plans may double that. Still, both figures are under the cost of Bush's tax cuts, now roughly \$2 trillion over the decade.

The trouble is that the costs of a drug benefit are dramatically understated for three reasons.

First, costs will rise rapidly after baby boomers reach eligibility, but that starts only in 2011. Estimates for the next decade miss these increases. Second, even today's generous proposals cover half or less of the elderly's drug costs, which the CBO estimates at \$1.8 trillion over the decade. If Congress enacts a drug benefit, the 43 million Medicare recipients will discover its stinginess and agitate for improvements. Covering all of retirees' drug costs would raise Medicare spending by nearly 50 percent.

Finally, better Medicare drug coverage undoubtedly will

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encourage more drug use.

Nor would reversing the Bush tax cuts easily pay for a drug benefit. Eliminating present budget deficits—plus providing already promised benefits—would absorb tax increases. The same money can't be used twice.

Given this sobering arithmetic, the fascinating thing about a drug benefit is its respectability. It's considered the decent thing. No one dislikes grandmas and grandpas. All politicians want to allay retirees' anxiety over "exploding" drug costs. In reality, this "crisis" is exaggerated. Although drug costs are increasing, only 5 percent of Medicare recipients in the year 2000 had out-of-pocket drug costs exceeding \$2,000, according to CBO data. Many retirees have private insurance; and Medicaid (a government insurance program) covers some poor retirees.

The crusade for a drug benefit is mostly a shameless competition for retirees' votes. It's democracy in action, because the elder-

ly are the nation's most powerful voting bloc. In the 2000 election, almost 70 percent of those 65 and over voted. By contrast, only 35 percent of those from 21 to 24 voted. Who cares about them?

Let it be said in an ideal world, Congress would enact a Medicare drug benefit. It would be modest, aimed at those with high out-of-pocket costs and calibrated by income. It would be paid for entirely by new premiums on Medicare recipients. This would create pressures to limit costs and concentrate on the neediest. The chances of this happening are about zero. Indeed, neither Republicans nor Democrats propose paying for a new drug benefit with any new tax. It's an apparent freebie.

Nonsense. Only two groups can pay retirement costs: retirees or non-retirees. When Congress created Social Security (1935) and Medicare (1965), the common idea was to protect people against ruin. It was not to subsidize the regular and predictable expenses of retirement—especially when most people can now give for it. But the case for a drug benefit presumes that the elderly shouldn't have to pay drug costs. Someone else should pay. Why?

Congress and the president aren't ready to ask that question, as Congress and presidents haven't asked hard questions about retirement costs for decades. Until this political taboo is broken—a change nowhere in sight—nothing is better than something.

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Patience is wise for United States in Iran

LETTERS

Although Secretary of State Colin Powell insists that U.S. policy toward Iran has not budged, behind-the-scenes tugging by other Bush administration heavyweights could produce a lurch in a hasty direction — toward rattling Tehran's religious leaders or worse.

Neither good sense nor necessity would accompany such a decision.

It's not that the United States lacks the capabilities to fiddle in Iran or even to dislodge the regime there, as it did recently in Iraq. For that matter, Washington could simultaneously turn its hyperpower on North Korea and a number of other troublemaking countries.

But with nation-building under way in Afghanistan and Iraq, a global war against terrorism and a major push for peace in the Middle East, the President Bush plans to promote this week, American hands already overflow.

Why spread U.S. resources thin and risk inadequate readiness for other challenges that might pop up and demand

JOHN C. BERSIA

Immediate attention?

White House concerns with Iran are nothing new, from that nation's dealings with terrorist organizations to its nuclear-technology quest to other middle-some practices.

And, if the situation in Tehran had remained unchanged since political violence first swept hard-line clerics to power in 1979, U.S. proponents of covert destabilizing efforts could argue more persuasively.

However, much has changed. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the charismatic firebrand who led the transnational, ideological, revolutionary campaign that toppled the former Shah of Iran, is distant history. His successors can't even begin to duplicate the glue he provided to the revolution.

Gone, too, is the stranglehold that the clerics once had on the Iranian system, thanks to political innovations that have ushered in a measure of democracy

and left people wanting more.

Disto for the multitudes, a reformist consensus that propelled Khomeini and his cohorts to power; now popular sentiment towers against the crusty clerics' own excesses. The majority that contributed to and had a deep personal stake in the revolution has given way to a younger generation with its own interests. Patience with the clerics largely has departed, particularly as a result of their failure to shore up Iran's feeble economy.

Finally, Iran no longer faces enemies in every direction. Relations with neighboring countries have improved, and a nearly universal perception of the United States as the Great Satan has waned.

Together, those developments make a powerful case for broader freedoms and potentially another revolution, either of which could sweep the clerics from the scene.

In other words, Khomeini's movement has become its own worst enemy. As time goes by, the flagging revolution's power and control almost inevitably will decline further. When the

moment is right — possibly within the next half-decade — the Iranian people will rise up and reclaim their destiny.

Americans should stand ready to applaud and assist them, rather than thinking about mucking around in a way that could help the clerics and delay a bid for an Iran without shackles. Nothing encourages cohesiveness and fans nationalism like an enemy at the gates.

The United States, through little effort of its own, could gain all it seeks in Iran. A combination of self-restraint and close monitoring should guide the Bush administration, not exuberant chest-beating inspired by battlefield successes in Iraq.

John C. Bersia, who won a Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing for the Orlando Sentinel in 2000, is also the special assistant to the president for global perspectives and a professor at the University of Central Florida.

Crime against beloved hound amounts to murder

I know a dog that was poisoned. She was a very sweet dog. That sweet dog was my mom's. For four years, she was my mom's life, her child.

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If you keep doing it, you will get caught. So keep your poison to yourself.

To the people in Wendell: Keep an eye on your pets, there is a killer on the loose.

MARLA CRANER
Kimberly

Western Days memories linger for many years

Western Days — what an honor to have Mrs. Wright lead the

parade. I have not seen her or her family for years. That does not diminish the thoughtfulness she has given to the community, not just Kimberly, but the whole Magic Valley. I feel there is no one close to her stature to lead the parade.

Also, regarding your poll about "Going to Western Days," there is no answer correct.

If I lived in Twin Falls again, you bet I would be there. However, living in Indiana, you can guess the correct answer. I just cannot get there from here. We are coming back to Twin this fall for the fair, however.

I believe that Western Days is a neat affair and we hope it continues. There is much history and heritage in the Magic Valley, and it should be kept visible for all to view and share.

BILL AND RHONDA LAMB-ING

Greenwood, Ind.
(Editor's note: Bill Lambing graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1959.)

LETTERS

What kind of economy has 'Right to Work' created?

Your opinion regarding Idaho's so-called "Right to Work" law was interesting, especially in the details you left out.

For starters, you say that the strength of the economy is built on the right to work. The reality is that the economy is built on limited choices, often forcing you to work for less than adequate wages with no real recourse, thanks to the "Right to Work" laws. The free market doesn't lift wages. It pushes wages lower than the rate of inflation. In return for your faith in unfettered capitalism, you are rewarded with companies like Wal-Mart that come into communities like Jerome and decimate local businesses, offering cheap clothing made in Third World sweatshops.

Secondly, having lived in Idaho for many years (I grew up in

Wendell), it's been my observation that the economy of Idaho is largely built on the hard work of illegal immigrants that often don't get health care or anything approaching a living wage. Many of these people make good, make a life for themselves in this country, but that doesn't erase the fact that the underpinning of the economy in Idaho is labor provided by people the state conveniently ignores because it serves their interest to let them work for wages that others might balk at.

Finally, as I alluded to earlier, the "Right to Work" often means the right to work for the lowest wage possible. Certainly there are examples of bad labor organizations and people who don't benefit from them. I would argue, however, that historically these instances are few and far between. The examples of bad corporations are innumerable,

especially these days. You cited the high tech industry as an example of how the lack of unionization can benefit Americans and Idahoans. It may look rosy now, but it's not going to last forever. In fact, many IT research groups such as Gartner and Forrester predict that a large percentage of these jobs will be moving overseas to India and other countries the same way that manufacturing jobs did in the past two decades.

So you have to ask yourself something as you wax nostalgic for this law. When the economy depends largely on people the state ignores and whom citizens often are prejudiced against, and when a large percentage of the jobs created are minimum wage Wal-Mart, Target or McDonald's jobs, is this an economy worth being proud of?

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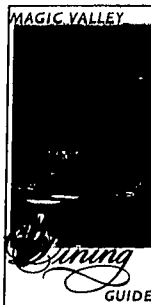
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Canadian town draws snake lovers

NARCISSE, Manitoba (AP) — At first glance it's just a hole surrounded by aspens in glowing spring leaf. Then you notice the ground is moving.

From every crack in the limestone bedrock slither snakes by the thousands, some tangled into balls, rolling over rocks and tree trunks, starved for love after hibernating through the seven-month Manitoba prairie winter.

Watched by crowds of tourists who have trekked three miles on foot, dozens of sex-crazed males wrap themselves around females in hopes of getting chosen to mate.

"It's a snake ball! It's a bowling snake ball!" yelled Michael Mahoney, clutching a handful of serpents on a visit for his eighth birthday.

Resembling mythical Medusa's snake hairdo, the tangles of red-sided garter snakes are one of the more unusual wildlife occurrences of North America, attracting thousands of spectators during the monthlong migration.

"There's nothing else out here but the snakes," said Darlene Herron, who sells snacks from a trailer in the parking lot of the



Eight-year-old Michael Mahoney checks out a bundle of snakes that he caught May 18 with a little help from 8-year-old Rellly Onufrejchuk, who befriended him at cave No. 3 at Narcisse Snake Pits Wilderness Park in Manitoba. At right, hundreds of male snakes spool themselves around a female snake during mating season.

remote region between Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba, 420 miles northwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

The crowds start showing up on

Mother's Day, she said, though, "I don't know why anyone brings their mother to the snake dens."

Nobody knows exactly how many red-sided garters come out



of the Narcisse snake dens each spring. A conservative estimate is 50,000. They are harmless, yellow-striped with red markings, and 18 inches to three feet long.

Health agency records decline in SARS cases

BEIJING (AP) — For the first time since March 28 when the SARS virus began to take hold in eastern Asia and Toronto, there were no deaths anywhere in the world from the tenacious disease, world health authorities said Wednesday.

With outbreaks at all the initial hot zones either contained or coming under control, severe acute respiratory syndrome is clearly in decline, the World Health Organization said.

China, the hardest-hit nation, had its first day of no new cases or deaths since April. WHO officials said evidence over the last two weeks indicates the Chinese are succeeding in bringing their epidemic under control, but that the disease is by no means contained there.

"It's coming under control, but look at Toronto. You can be coming under control and the next day you can be out of control again," said Mike Ryan, who heads the global SARS response network for the United Nations health agency.

Idaho firms curtail travel - D1

Canadians had celebrated three weeks ago when the WHO removed Toronto from a list of the world's SARS hot spots, only to see a new cluster of cases pop up again just over a week later. More than 70 new infections have been reported there since May 26 and more than 5,000 people have been told to quarantine themselves at home.

China, which has the world's most severe SARS outbreak, really started to turn the corner in its battle against the bug about two weeks ago, after intensified measures taken in late April and early May by the Chinese government, Ryan said.

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QUESTION:

Which winner of horse racing’s Triple Crown was sired by a Triple Crown winner?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Jerome, Twin Falls split opening twin bill

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Class A American Legion baseball team won the conference opener 5-3 against defending district champion Jerome behind a complete game thrown by ace Matt Sherman and two doubles by Kevin Mikesell.

Catcher David Ryan hit a homer, a triple and the outside-park home run during the twin bill.

“It was nice to get some pop from behind the plate,” said first-year Cowboys head coach Devin Kunz. “I couldn’t be happier about the first game.”

Jerome bounced back to win the second game 10-5 Wednesday night at Bruin Field. “I was happier with the second game,” said first-year Jerome coach K.C. Hills.

“In the first game, we committed too many errors. The usual story.”

Jerome travels to Madison Friday for a 4 p.m. doubleheader while Twin Falls hosts Idaho Falls at 4 p.m. Monday.

Twin Falls 5, Jerome 3
1st 10-0-0-0-0
2nd 10-1-0-0-0
3rd 10-1-0-0-0
4th 10-1-0-0-0
5th 10-1-0-0-0
6th 10-1-0-0-0
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8th 10-1-0-0-0
9th 10-1-0-0-0
10th 10-1-0-0-0
Total 10-1-0-0-0

Tribe, Wolverines split doubleheader

HAILEY — Buhl’s Tim Bourner was too tough in Game 1 as the Tribe rolled to a 16-3 in five innings over host Wood River before the Wolverines bounced back for a 11-8 victory in Game 2 of the American Legion baseball twin bill.

“We were trying to get these sophomore pitchers to keep us in the games,” said coach Lars Hovey. “They got to us early and often and that didn’t give us much of a chance against Bourner.”

Tyler Thiede threw well in the final three innings to clinch the 11-8 win.

The Class A Wolverines squad plays Upper Valley Friday and the AA takes on Madison on Saturday.

Wood River 16, Tribe 3
1st 10-0-0-0-0
2nd 10-0-0-0-0
3rd 10-0-0-0-0
4th 10-0-0-0-0
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8th 10-0-0-0-0
9th 10-0-0-0-0
10th 10-0-0-0-0
Total 10-0-0-0-0

Wood River 11, Tribe 8
1st 10-0-0-0-0
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Dietz member of LC’s national title team

LEWISTON — Minico graduate Ty Dietz was a member of the Lewis-Clark NAIA World Series championship team, finishing his freshman season with a .345 batting average as an outfielder.

The Warriors (48-13) downed top-ranked Oklahoma City (63-6) 7-5 in front of a crowd of 4,800 at Harris Field in Lewiston this past Friday.

“It was the Warriors’ 13th national title. Dietz also maintained a 3.92 grade-point average in engineering.”

Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

1935 winner Omaha was sired by 1930 winner Gallant Fox.

Corked bat could tarnish Sosa’s reputation

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — With one mighty swing, Sammy Sosa shattered his bat and, quite possibly, his reputation.

Sosa has been baseball’s quintessential power hitter the last five seasons, a lovable slugger with an infectious smile and a feel-good story. While Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds got the records, the Chicago Cubs’ outfielder got most of the adulation.

But with a piece of cork clearly embedded just above the handle

of his bat Tuesday night, fans and other major leaguers can’t help but wonder.

“That’s why I’m here right now, to explain that that was a mistake,” Sosa said after the game. “I just took the wrong bat. I don’t need to use the bat.”

“It’s a crisis we’ve got to deal with. I understand it’s hard right now,” he added. “I just apologize. That’s the only thing I can say, from the bottom of my heart.”

Cork was found in Sosa’s bat when it shattered after he ground-



Sammy Sosa

ed to second in the first inning of a 3-2 victory over Tampa Bay.

Sosa said he accidentally pulled out a bat he used to put on home run displays for fans in batting practice. He has had dozens of bats break in the past few years with nothing suspicious found, and he insisted,

“I never use anything illegal.”

The 76 bats confiscated by baseball officials showed no signs of cork in X-rays taken the day after he was ejected for using an illegal bat in a game.

“The bats were clean and had no foreign substances in them,” said Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner’s office.

“That is consistent with Sammy’s explanation of the incident last night.”

He was in the lineup for Wednesday night’s game against

Tampa Bay.

“I stood up yesterday like a man and took the blame,” Sosa said. “But the media today, they’ve got me up there like I’m a criminal.”

Sosa could face a suspension of up to 10 games, but Alderson said the decision will be made by Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president in charge of discipline.

Watson was expected to arrive in Chicago by Thursday morning and will conduct interviews at the ballpark.

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Spurs outgun Nets

San Antonio takes first game in NBA Finals 101-89

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The rebound came off the rim, Tim Duncan grabbed it and fired a 60-foot pass ahead of the field to Stephen Jackson for an uncontested dunk.

It was a pass that would have made Jason Kidd proud, if it had been Kidd who had thrown it.

But it wasn’t Kidd, it was Duncan — and it put a flourish of a finish on a decisive third-quarter run that led San Antonio to a 101-89 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

San Antonio outscored the Nets 32-17 in the third period to break open a close game, with Duncan’s long pass carrying a 15-2 run.

Unlike five previous times in this postseason, the Spurs managed to hang onto that double-digit lead, although the Nets did manage to get within nine points.

Duncan had a stat line worthy of his MVP status with 32 points, 20 rebounds, seven blocks, six assists and three steals as San Antonio snapped the Nets’ 10-game postseason winning streak and handed them their first loss in 39 days.

Duncan’s third-quarter line of 13 points on 4-for-4 shooting, five rebounds, three assists and two steals was spectacular all by itself.

He missed his first shot of the fourth and then made his next four.

San Antonio also got an unexpected strong contribution from David Robinson (14 points, six rebounds and four blocks), along with an effort from Tony Parker that was better than Kidd’s.

Kidd made his first two shots and missed his next 10 before breaking the slump midway through the third quarter on a driving layup. His next shot, however, was an airball. From there Kidd was not a factor. Kenyon Martin also was a non-entity, sitting for a 7.5-minute stretch because of four fouls.

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San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker, center of frame, goes up for a shot between New Jersey Nets' Jason Collins (35) and Jason Kidd (15) during the first quarter of Game 1 of the NBA Finals in San Antonio, Wednesday.

Trainer hopes he has another spoiler

McPeck wants to foil Triple Crown attempt with Best Minister

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ken McPeck is ready to play Belmont Stakes spoiler again, this time with a little-known colt named Best Minister.

Last year the trainer sent out 70-1 shot Sarava, an even more obscure colt who scored the biggest upset in Belmont history and ended War Emblem’s bid to win the Triple Crown.

The target Saturday is Funny Cide, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, attempting to become first Triple Crown champion since Affirmed in 1978.

“I’ve got a fresh horse who can run all day,” McPeck said outside his barn at Belmont Park. “I’m a little more confident because we did it last year. But then again, I’ve got another good horse.”

Best Minister is new to the Triple Crown trail. The son of Deputy Minister comes into the Belmont off a three-length victory in the Sir Barton Stakes at Pimlico on May 17, several races before Funny Cide ran off to a 9.75-length win in the Preakness.

The 3-year-old boy gets a new rider in Shane Sellers. Regular



Exercise rider Hanne Jorgensen rides Best Minister Monday, June 2, 2003 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y. Best Minister is entered in the Belmont Stakes to be held Saturday.

rider Edgar Prado has the call on Lone Star Derby winner Dymeyer for the Belmont.

Best Minister has six starts, with his two wins coming in his most recent races. His owners, Phillips Racing Partnership, didn’t nominate the colt for the Triple Crown races, so they had to pay a \$100,000 supplemental entry fee to get into the Belmont.

Sarava was new to the Triple Crown scene, too, and also won the Sir Barton before sneaking up in

the Belmont and defeating Medaglia d’Oro by a half-length.

“If we can do it again, I may use the Sir Barton as my Belmont prep,” McPeck joked.

Six 3-year-olds will try to derail Funny Cide. Besides Best Minister and Dymeyer, there’s Empire Maker, Scrimshaw, Supervisor and Tim Most Wanted. The post position draw is Wednesday.

The top challenger appears to be Joe Paisley.

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CSI hurlers get the call

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two College of Southern Idaho pitchers were drafted by the Chicago White Sox during the second and final day of the Major League Baseball Draft on Wednesday.

Right-handed closer John Hurd of the University of Iowa, went in the 23rd round with the 682nd pick while Wolf, an incoming sophomore, was the 1,335th pick in the 45th round. The draft lasts 50 rounds and concluded Wednesday.

Attempts to contact Wolf, 6-foot, 3 inches, 170 pounds, failed Wednesday night. Wolf had a 2.28 ERA during the regular season with a 5-2 record in 45 innings pitched. He walked 23 and struck out 60.

Hurd (5-10, 175) was a disappointed after hoping to go during the first day, the first 20 rounds.

“I thought I’d go a little higher but I’m still pretty excited,” Hurd said in a telephone interview from his home. (“The White Sox” contacted me after the first 10 rounds and told me it would be

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first thing (Wednesday) morning.” That didn’t lessen the excitement and tension.

“I couldn’t really sleep (Tuesday) night,” Hurd admitted. And now comes some hard decisions.

“Right now, we’re undecided,” he said. “If the money’s not right we may not (sign).”

If that’s the case, Hurd is confident a year as a Hawkeye could be a benefit.

“I think it would help me get more experience and get more innings. Maybe learn a couple more pitches,” Hurd said. “I think it would help.”

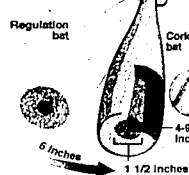
Hurd could use some more experience on the mound. He had a 1.69 ERA and a 1-1 record as a closer during the regular season in 16 innings. He struck out 16 batters and walked seven. He has about 25 innings’ work for his career with one career start.

It’s all pretty heady stuff for a guy who first came to Twin Falls as a right fielder who then stumbled across a pitcher on the mound. Hurd started pitching for the first time two seasons ago and his 90-plus m.p.h. pitches soon grabbed plenty of pro and college scouts attention.

SPORTS

A batter's disgrace

Shaving a few ounces off the weight of a bat by corking it can help batters hit around quicker on a fastball but researchers believe it does little or nothing to make a ball fly farther.



The lighter, faster bat may help hitters get to a fastball about 6 inches ahead of the regulation bat.

Typically, about six inches of cork is stuffed into the barrel of a drilled bat and chemically sealed. Cork does not spring back quickly enough from the impact of the ball to have an effect on the distance it travels.

but the increase in speed rarely makes up for the loss in power, resulting in an equal or shorter hit.

SOURCE: Robert K. Adair, author "Physics of Baseball"

Dan DeLorenzo/AP

Physicists: Cork adds little pop at the plate

The Associated Press

The boost a slugger gets from a corked bat is highly overstated. In fact, experts on the physics of baseball say such bats reduce a hitter's power.

"You have a slightly lighter bat and you're going to hit the ball a little less far," said retired Yale professor Robert K. Adair, the author of "Physics of Baseball."

The science and practice of corking bats is under new scrutiny following the ejection of Sammy Sosa from Tuesday night's game between the Chicago Cubs and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Adair contends a corked bat actually may reduce by about 3 feet what would have been a 375-foot drive from a conventional wooden bat. While corked bats can increase bat speed and improve timing, he believes the benefits are minimal.

"This is not something that radically changes the game," Adair said Wednesday. "There's probably more superstition involved. You may hit the ball a little more often. It's marginal."

A study at the Baseball Research Center at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell found the speed of corked bats increased just more than 1 mph, or about 1 percent.

Sosa, who has 505 career homers, was the sixth major leaguer to be disciplined for a corked bat since 1997. He said he accidentally used a bat intended for batting practice. His bat broke in half when he hit a ground ball in the first inning of the Cub's 3-2.

Expos buck the odds to contend once again

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — All sorts of negative thoughts ran through Jeff Liefier's mind when he was traded from the Chicago White Sox to the Montreal Expos in January.

"All I ever heard about the Expos was contraction, they have no fans and no owners — stuff like that," Liefier said.

Liefier, who spent the first four years of his career in the American League, had only seen the Expos in one interleague series — so his impressions were more about the uncertain future of the team than the impressive array of players in Montreal.

"I didn't have any idea how talented this team was until I got here," he said. "I was impressed by all the talent, especially all the young talent that's here. The very conducive to building a winning team."

The Expos are doing just that, bucking the odds by competing as baseball's orphan on a shoestring budget.

Despite a recent lull of seven losses in eight games heading into Wednesday night's game, the Expos (33-25) have the third best record in the National League and the same number of wins as the high-priced New York Yankees.

After surviving contraction and winning 83 games a year ago, the Expos have their sights set even higher this season.

"It's hard to do well when all the odds are stacked up against you," catcher Michael Barrett said. "But this is a tough team. We will prevail."

The Expos are five games ahead of last year's pace — slightly better than the improvement.

Barrett says they needed — but even a playoff berth won't assure their future.

The team baseball tried to eliminate before the 2002 season is still searching for a permanent home, with Northern Virginia, Portland, Ore., and Washington, D.C., the leading contenders.

The 29 teams bought the team from Jeffrey Loria for \$120 million before the 2002 season. Because the team drew poorly in recent years at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, the commissioner's office moved 22 of the Expos' 81 home games this year to San Juan.

If no decision is made, the Expos could split their home games again next year, playing even more games in Puerto Rico. The Expos got off to a 32-18 start behind the powerful bats of Guerrero and Jose Vidro, the strong pitching of Javier Vazquez and Zach Day and an unproven closer in Rocky Biddle.

But recent injuries have slowed down the Expos. Developing players have never been a problem in Montreal, where the best team in baseball was put together before the 1994 strike and then most of those players were shipped out as the team tried to shed its high salaries.

"We just don't have the guys sitting there like in some places who could be in the starting lineup someplace else. We don't have that experience," manager Frank Robinson said. "But we make do." And with a limited budget, the Expos will have a hard time plugging those holes in the middle of the season. But Robinson believes everything he needs for a winning team is already in the organization.

Sosa's explanations still don't add up

BEN WALKER

Sammy Sosa said all the right things.

It was a mistake. It was for the fans. It was an incident that will not happen again.

A lot of explanations and excuses. And about as hard to believe as many of those 500-foot monster shots he launches — even after X-rays Wednesday showed his 76 bats confiscated a day earlier were clean.

Sosa insists he was using a lighter, corked bat for batting practice. But that's corked logic, completely against baseball convention — way back in Little League, hitters are taught to use a heavier bat to get ready for games.

Sosa swears he was trying to put on a show for the fans.

"If you tell that to the ballhaws on Waveland Avenue, waiting to scoop up souvenirs that come flying over the ivy-covered wall in left field," they say Sosa regularly takes BP before fans are let into Wrigley.

Sosa says he innocently took the wrong bat, that he couldn't tell the right one from the illegal model. But if you have red cough

medicine and red hot sauce in the refrigerator, don't you label them differently?

Fact is, players do not use corked bats in BP. The way Sosa would have his fans think, anyway. Occasionally, guys will pass around a corked bat, but they'll always call attention to it, not hide it.

"I know my bats, I know every bat I have," Atlanta star Gary Sheffield said. "I know what's marked, what's not marked."

"Yeah, I was surprised. I thought he would want to accomplish the goals he wanted to accomplish the right and legal way," he said. "I just have a feeling that it's going to ruin everything he's done, to be honest with you."

This much is true: Busted earlier this year and slowed by a bad toenail, Sosa's been in a power slump all season. He hasn't homered since May 1, and has connected only half as often as he did during a record-setting stretch over the last 10 years.

Would a slumping slugger turn to juiced wood, trying for a little extra pop? Maybe. Would a player happen to get caught the one and only time he tries to cheat?

Hardly. Plenty of people in baseball are rooting for him.

There's his own team, the surprising NL Central-leading Chicago Cubs. Plus the crowds at Wrigley Field, hoping to see a World Series for the first time since 1945. And the marketing folks, ready to promote Sammy Sosa when the All-Star game comes to Chicago this summer.

The Hall of Fame would like to see his words hold up, too.

The shine has five of Sosa's bats, including the one he presented in mid-April, more than a week after he hit his 500th home run.

No word yet on whether those artifacts will be scrutinized.

Montreal Expos manager Frank Robinson, a Hall of Famer and baseball's former disciplinarian, sounded skeptical Wednesday when asked about Sosa.

"Why do you have to have a corked bat to put on a show? How about doing it the old-fashioned way, doing it without the cork," he said.

"The way he was hitting some of those balls in Milwaukee last year, he must've had it with him," he said.

At the All-Star home run derby last July in Miller Park, Sosa hit more than a mile's worth of shots — 5,719 feet was the estimated distance — in the first round.

Robinson said he once tried a corked bat in practice, didn't do well and threw it out. He admitted, however, that if he'd had a great round of BP he probably would have tried it in a game.

Robinson said it never got to that point. And in recent years, people around baseball say, fewer and fewer corked bats have been floating around.

Sosa wants everyone to believe he made a little mistake, and that there's no reason to taint his accomplishments — his 505 career home runs, three 60-plus home seasons and a record four straight years with 50 or more.

Too bad for him, right now it all doesn't add up.

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Sosa's bat is part of baseball's cheating culture

By Steve Wiltain
Associated Press writer

Sammy Sosa's corked bat is only the latest chapter of chicanery in baseball, a sport filled with petty larcenies, grand thefts and clever cheating.

In baseball, it's legal to steal bases but not quite legal to steal signs, though teams do it all the time.

Over the years, bats have been corked, filled with rubber, and hammered with nails to give them extra clout. Pitchers have thrown spitballs, scuffed balls with petroleum jelly, greased balls with emery boards and rubbed them on their belt buckles to give them fuzzy twists. Managers have stooped to giving their pitchers refrigerated balls to deaden them when the visiting team is up.

More than any other sport, baseball has tolerated and even celebrated cheating as part of the game for more than a century. As the title of one book on the subject suggests, "It Ain't Cheatin' If You Do It Right."

Whether or not Sosa made an innocent mistake playing with a corked bat Tuesday night, he stepped over to the shady side of sports and stained a career that seemed destined to land him in the Hall of Fame. He may get there yet, even if skeptics will always wonder if some of his 505 homers really are his own work with the help of funny bats.

Not that there's any proof that corked bats do any good, anyway. Some believe the opposite is true. "You have a slightly lighter bat and you're going to hit the ball a little less far," said retired Yale professor Robert K. Adair, the author of "Physics of Baseball."

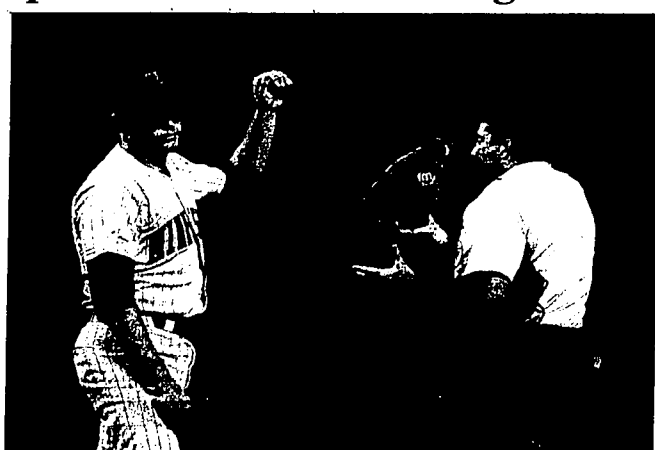
Adair contends a corked bat may reduce by about 3 feet what would have been a 375-foot drive from a conventional wooden bat.

Yet even if cork is more a myth than a real one, Sosa still broke the rules and became the sixth major leaguer to be disciplined for a corked bat since 1997.

Sosa's trick bat — he says he previously used it only for batting practice — doesn't sink him to the level of Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson, who loaded up on illegal steroids to win the 100-meters at the 1988 Olympics before being caught and stripped of the gold.

But Sosa's crime, even given baseball's felonious history, puts him in the company of other cheaters, in and out of sports.

"There are cheaters in sports, just as there are on Wall Street



Minnesota Twins pitcher Joe Mauer tosses his glove to home plate umpire Tim Lincecum after the umpire stopped the game between the Twins and Angels Monday, Aug. 3, 1997. Mauer was thrown from the game after the umpire found an emery board on Mauer and called him for defacing the baseball.

and in corporate America — people who try to gain an unfair advantage," Peter Roby, director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, said Wednesday. "We don't know that Sosa was corking all his bats, but it certainly does put a shadow on all his accomplishments. And it sends an unfortunate message to fans and young players that cheating goes on at the highest levels of the game."

Sosa's image had been one of joy and generosity. He applauded his rival, Mark McGwire, during their home run record chase in 1998 and insisted he never touched the kind of muscle-builder McGwire acknowledged using. Where McGwire had no idea in his locker, Sosa pointed to Flintstones vitamins in his.

That clean-cut image makes Sosa's fall all the more hurtful for his fans.

"Your reputation, at the end of the day, is all you really have," Roby said. "That's what I think is unfortunate about Sosa. He feels like he let people down."

Sosa admitted as much.

"It's going to be tough. Some

fans are probably not too happy about it," Sosa said. "I've got to deal with that. I know that I lost the fans and they have been great to me. It's a mistake, and I take the blame for it."

From Little League to the Olympics, sports are supposed to build character and teach integrity. Yet at every level, there are players, parents, coaches and officials who would just as soon cheat and lie in pursuit of fame and fortune.

Elite athletes, asked if they would take a pill that would help them win an Olympic gold medal even if it could eventually kill them, overwhelmingly said they would, Wichita State sports psychologist Greg Buehl said.

The whatever-it-takes-to-win mentality has overtaken any sense of fair play and ethics, Buehl said. "What Sammy Sosa did was nothing less than cheating. He said he made a mistake but people are always going to say, 'Yeah, right, but how many of those homers were hit with an illegal bat?'"

In 2001, 14-year-old Little League pitcher Danny Almonte stole perhaps the most glorious

moment in the lives of players two years younger. His father had falsified his birth certificate so he could play, and he helped take his Bronx team to the U.S. final before being caught.

John Powers, a Loveland, Colo., high school football coach, turned cheating into a culinary art. His players smeared their jerseys with nonstick cooking spray so tacklers would slip off.

All the Olympians who got caught blood-doping or taking steroids and other banned drugs, looking for an edge, made a decision at some point to compromise their integrity. They knew they were cheating, yet they did it anyway.

"The world has become so competitive," said Richard Lapchick, chairman of Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, "that an athlete sometimes will take risks that are obviously ill-conceived. They think they won't get caught or people won't care if they do get caught."

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Alderson said commissioner Bud Selig was "very concerned."

He has strong personal affection for Sammy, Alderson said. "At the same time, he instructed his office to conduct a thorough investigation."

Several other players have been caught or have admitted using a corked bat. But none has had the gaudy resume of Sosa.

In a five-year stretch from 1998-02, he hit 292 home runs. He's the only player to hit 50 or more homers in three seasons, hitting 66 in 1998, 63 in 1999 and 64 in 2001. He's No. 17 on the career list with 505 homers. And at just 34, many believe he'll have chances to break Hank Aaron's record of 755 homers.

But Sosa is more than numbers. While McGwire could be gruff,

and Bonds downright surly, the man who grew up selling oranges and shining shoes in the Dominican Republic still plays with the joy of a Little Leagueer, right down to his home run hop and heart taps. Even people who aren't baseball fans can't resist him.

That personality has helped shield him from the scandals that have swirled around McGwire, Bonds and other sluggers. When Sosa said the only source of his power was "Flintstones" vitamins, everyone laughed and readily accepted it.

But will his charm be enough to protect him now?

"It kind of does take away a little something," said fan Kerry Cook of Peoria. "Now you have to wonder, was he always playing with a corked bat?"

Travis Alkin of Springfield agreed.

"I think everything he's done and accomplished will be seen through this incident," Alkin said. "I still think he'll eventually make it to Cooperstown, but for the next couple of years anything he does will be tainted."

In Sosa's homeland, news of the corked bat stunned many Dominicans.

"Sammy is our idol so it hurts," said gas station attendant Felix Rodriguez. "But I think he knew, and that's going to hurt all his fans and me."

Though teammates urged fans to wait until the investigation is complete to make a judgment, some people in baseball think it is enough to tarnish Sosa's reputation.

"It's a shame, a player of his

stance," Hall of Famer and Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "The type of person he is and has become, a lot of young people in this country, his country and all Latin countries look up to him. He's a shame he tainted himself in that way."

"If you commit a crime, just saying 'I'm guilty' doesn't make the crime go away," Robinson added. "Nope. It doesn't lessen the problem."

But others were quick to defend Sosa.

"I think it was a mistake," said Jason Hellenbach of Chicago. "I think he's an honest, good player."

And Sosa hopes, with time, others will believe that, too. "It's going to be tough. Some fans are probably not too happy about it," he said. "I've got to deal with that."

AROUND THE VALLEY

PUC holds hearing on possible rate hike

BOISE — Staff from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will conduct a workshop and hearing in Twin Falls regarding Intermountain Gas' request to raise rates an average of 37.7 percent.

The event will be held today in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. An informal workshop, where customers can ask questions of commission staff, starts at 6 p.m. The public hearing that follows at 7 p.m. will be conducted before a hearing examiner, who will take sworn testimony from anyone wanting to testify.

The commission also is accepting written comments through June 13. Comments can be sent via e-mail by accessing the commission's Web site at www.puc.state.id.us and clicking on "Comments & Questions." Fill in the case number (INT-G-03-1) and enter your comments. Comments also can be mailed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074, or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A copy of the company's application is also available on the commission's Web site at www.puc.state.id.us. Click on "File Room" and then on "Gas Cases" and scroll down to the appropriate case number.

'Cut Against Cancer' meeting is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Sarah's Promise, a nonprofit organization that helps cancer patients and their families, will hold its first "Cut Against Cancer" beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

People will shave their heads bald, and others will cut off their long hair. The hair will be donated to Locks of Love to make wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair.

The evening will include a banquet, no-host bar and music by Renegade. Door prizes will be handed out throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$20, and proceeds will benefit local families facing cancer.

For tickets or more information about Sarah's Promise, call Vicki Masterson at 732-7363 or Cecilia Sanchez at 731-1886.

Servicemen families meet on Saturday

JEROME — A third gathering of family and friends of military servicemen and women will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Jerome Library, 100 First Ave. E.

Those attending are asked to bring a picture of the person who is in the military to share with others.

The group will meet to answer questions, explain military life, meet new friends of those serving and provide strength and support to each other.

For more information, call Sharon at 536-6111 or Sharla at 536-6159.

Compiled from staff reports

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in the Magic Valley

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Santa-
cruz.

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anyone with information
about Santacruz's
whereabouts to call 324-
8845 or the Southern
Idaho Regional
Communications Center
at 324-1911.

School coalition looks for a future

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With its cash windfall days over, the region's technical coalition of high schools is taking steps to remain a vital player in the local education community.

The Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition's emphasis continues to be improving technical programs at local high schools. But the coalition is also striving to evolve into a deliverer of shared personnel and resources.

ARTEC officials just wrapped up a several-week effort to visit

with the region's 21 school districts, asking principals and superintendents just how the coalition can meet their needs.

"We've told superintendents we don't know what ARTEC's going to look like in the future, we don't know if it's going to continue to exist," ARTEC President Armand Eckert said. "Frankly, we weren't going to be able to do that until we went out and talked to everyone."

Most districts were keen on sharing educational resources and infrastructure services, depending on just what those resources and services are, Eckert said. For instance, more

than half of the districts showed interest in sharing a curriculum director or buying bulk supplies together or sharing an insurance provider to create a larger pool.

Not so popular was the idea of sharing payroll services or physical therapist.

ARTEC's latest efforts were able to lure such districts as Camas County on board. Camas Superintendent Ed Marshall said such ARTEC offerings as staff development and the possibility of sharing a special education coordinator made becoming an ARTEC member a good investment.

"That's a major interest to us,"

he said. "I'm not sure how this will play out."

On the other hand, some districts such as Shoshone continue to eschew ARTEC.

The Shoshone district is already sharing a speech therapist with the Richfield and Dietrich school districts, Superintendent Max Excell said. Furthermore, the same three districts already have a distance learning system in operation, although its capability is admittedly limited, Excell said he hopes to see it expand.

As such, Excell declined ARTEC participation.

Sharing resources

Regardless of districts' willingness to become ARTEC members, Eckert said the need for sharing personnel and resources is greater than ever, particularly during economically tight times. Moreover, increased state and federal standards and demands on schools make federal specialists such as a No Child Left Behind Act coordinator essential. "What we're trying to do at the moment is think of things that will save money for the districts," Eckert said. "Just brainstorming, getting ideas out

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CATCHING SOME AIR



Cooling off from the warm weather, Ethan Winter, left, and Brett Dayley perform tricks on a trampoline while being sprayed with water from beneath at Winter's home in Gooding.

CORY MYERS/The Times-News

Twin Falls band begins summer concert series

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — By the summer of 2004, Centennial Fever will have gripped Twin Falls, and its longest-running cultural institution.

But what does the Twin Falls Municipal Band do this summer, for its 98th season?

"We're gonna leave the centennial stuff until next year," said Ted Hadley, the band's conductor and musical director since 1978.

"This summer, we're doing 'Music to Make You Feel Good All Over.'"

That's bandspeak for a little bit of everything.

"Pop, show tunes, marches, classical — something for everybody," Hadley said.

There are 50 band members this summer, up from 45 last year, ranging from rookies to veterans of many years, which gives Hadley a bit more flexibility with material. But it's all time-honored fare, served up to appreciative crowds at free Thursday night concerts from the bandshell in

Twin Falls City Park.

At tonight's "Taste of Summer Concert," vocalist Butch Huih will warm up the crowd with a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by "March on an Irish Air," "Main Street Celebration," "Tchaikovskyana," a medley of Tchaikovsky favorites, and blurgans from the 2001 movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou," including "Keep on the Sunny Side," "A Man of Constant Sorrow," "Come Down to the River to Pray" and "I'll Fly Away."

After intermission, there will be "March Extrac'te" from Tchaikovsky's "Queen of Spades," a medley from "Raiders of the Lost Ark" by John Williams; "A Chorus Line Spectacular" by Marvin Hamlisch; John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March," and, of course, "Here We Have Idaho," the Gem State's official song.

Huih and Lori Hansen are the concert hosts.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at stevecrump@tfn.net.

Musical Thursdays

- Tonight, 8 p.m., City Park
- June 12, 8 p.m., City Park
- June 19, 8 p.m., City Park
- June 26, 8 p.m., City Park
- July 3, 6 p.m., Rupert Fourth of July Celebration

- Friday, July 4, 8 p.m., College of Southern Idaho campus
- July 10, 8 p.m., City Park
- July 17, 8 p.m., City Park
- July 24, 8 p.m., City Park
- July 31, 8 p.m., City Park
- Aug. 7, 8 p.m., City Park

Members of the 2003 Twin Falls Municipal Band:

Flutes
Candy Ruelbel
Lisa Caldwell
Stacey Corbett
Sue Ha
Oboe
Nyle Matukova
Clarinet
Bob Bybee
Patty Hedley
Sandy Hedley
Susan Brach
Linda Aufderheide
Tami Thousen
Julie Jones
Viola Thomsen
Stephanie Thomsen
Bass clarinet

Heather Hacking
Jared Adams
Alto sax
Sarah Lincoln
Sara Talkington
Marta DeJott
Tenor sax
Jim Wilson
Randall Brown
Baritone
Jason Pinkston
Trumpet
Rick Speicher
Dan MacLerran
Wayne Ford
Jim Willis
Cathy Cooper
Jerry Felman
Al Dutt
Jason Bear
Honor
Paula Brown Sinclair

Cassie Bryan
Kyle Savage
Trombone
Al DeVries
Bruce Whitehead
Myles Miller
Rusty Low
Baritone
George Halsell
John Thibert
J.D. Shew
Tuba
Jeff Silcock
Jerry Green
Percussion
Judee Golby
Dick Ryell
Steve Cox
Riqui Helmenann
Brian Lopez
Garth Savage

T.F. Centennial raises funds

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's campaign to sell commemorative bricks as a major fund-raiser got its start this past week during the city's annual Western Days celebration.

By using the old stagecoach owned by Jeannette Meyers as a calling card for the centennial booth, a whole new awareness of the upcoming 2004 event was initiated.

And while it was a small beginning, it was a definite start.

"We sold our first two bricks," Executive Director Bonnie Lesamie announced at a regularly scheduled Centennial

Commission meeting on Wednesday.

Personalized, professionally engraved brick are being sold for \$20 each. 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.

According to the director's report, Western Days also provided an opportunity to talk with the public about other ways to get involved in the celebration of the century. It was also a time to answer questions about the planned centennial activities, to sign up more volunteers and sell about \$200 in memorabilia.

In other sales, the commission has taken in about \$3,500 from

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Judge denies reduction in drug sentences

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A District Court judge denied motions to reconsider the sentences of two men he had sentenced to prison on drug trafficking convictions.

Fifth District Judge Monte Carlson denied the motions filed by Bill Sowers and his son Jason Sowers after a May 30 hearing. The Sowerses' attorney, John Bradley, filed the motions to reconsider on Jan. 16. Although the two men were ordered to prison on Jan. 14, Jason Sowers was sentenced Nov. 17, 2000, and Bill Sowers was sentenced in February 2001. Carlson had allowed them to remain out of prison pending appeals of the case.

Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus argued that the motion wasn't filed in a timely manner and Carlson agreed. The judge said the motion would have had to have been filed within 120 days of the sentencing, in accord with Idaho law.

The Sowerses were ordered to begin serving their prison sentences after the Idaho Supreme Court in January declined to hear an appeal of a state Court of Appeals decision regarding their case. That Supreme Court decision exhausted their appeal options.

The Sowerses were arrested in August 1999 after police officers seized 750 marijuana plants from three buildings at their Burley meat packing business — End of the Road Packing. That

number of plants made it the largest indoor marijuana seizure in southern Idaho and the third-largest indoor seizure in the state.

Larger outdoor marijuana operations have been busted elsewhere in Idaho.

Last October the Court of Appeals sided with Carlson's decision to not suppress evidence which had led to the Sowerses' arrests. Jason Sowers was sentenced to two to five years in prison for one count of drug trafficking and one count of failure to purchase a tax stamp. Bill Sowers was sentenced to two to three years in prison on one count of drug trafficking and 18 months to three years on one count of felony killing wildlife.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Jerome Council approves government building rule

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Government entities must now get a special use permit from the city planning and zoning commission before building in the city of Jerome.

The City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday requiring the permit by any local, state or federal government agency except schools. Schools are already permitted in all zones except high residential.

The city is requiring the special use permit so that the city planning and zoning commission can be sure any proposed government building fits with the surrounding area. Planning and zoning can impose stipulations on a special use permit if problems are anticipated.

The ordinance was amended before passage to allow parks and bike and hiking trails in residential areas.

In other business this week, the city extended a contract with PSI Waste Systems for one year.

Residential waste collection will remain the same, at \$5.16 per household per month.

According to a proposal from Les Reitz, PSI manager, residential waste will be collected once a week in 95-gallon carts supplied by PSI. Additional carts can be rented at \$1.35 per month.

PSI will also provide the city with roll-off containers for the spring and fall cleanup at no charge to the city.

Mayor Charles Correll said he thought the town looked "cleaner" since the city changed to the big blue garbage carts for waste collection.

But, Chuck L'Herrison, former planning and zoning commission member and current member of the tree committee, complained to the City Council about the appearance of downtown around the intersection of Main and Lincoln streets.

"Trash accumulates in the bump-outs on the street and weeds are growing in the planters in front of businesses. With the tourist season starting, the city

needs to present itself in the best possible light," he said.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said that public works director Bob Culver had approached the county sheriff and will be using county work crews once a week starting in June for cleanup around town.

L'Herrison also asked the council to reconsider the city's sign ordinance in light of the city's beautification projects along the South Lincoln corridor.

"Why do we insist on living in the 20th century with our 30-foot sign allowance? A 30-foot sign puts the driver's eye level up in the air, away from traffic," L'Herrison said.

Rothweiler said the current sign ordinance allows signs up to 30 feet high, although no signs of that height are located along South Lincoln. He said he would like to see the allowed height and size of signs changed.

"A 30-foot-high sign along the freeway makes sense, but in the middle of a beautiful project it doesn't," Rothweiler said.



Assembly speaker Richard Perkins, D-Henderson, left, talks with Assemblywoman Chris Gianchigliani, D-Las Vegas, during a hearing Wednesday at the legislature in Carson City, Nev. Gov. Kenny Guinn called lawmakers into special session after they failed to pass a record tax increase.

School funding remains sticking point as Nevada lawmakers return

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Nevada lawmakers called into a special session by the governor after failing to pass a record tax increase bickered Wednesday over education funding — which also went unresolved during their 120-day regular session.

The debate occurred as a special Assembly panel voted for a nearly \$2 billion public school funding plan, the final budget left open after the regular session ended early Tuesday. The total state budget for the next two years is a record \$4.95 billion.

"We didn't fund education fully. We didn't fund education even halfway," Assemblywoman Chris Gianchigliani said as the Assembly Select Committee on Education Funding and Revenue approved both the education funding plan and a class-size reduction bill.

Gianchigliani, D-Las Vegas, said it's "shameful" the 2003 Legislature didn't approve an additional \$2.1 million to fund class-size reduction for kindergarten. She added \$50 more per pupil provided for textbooks

doesn't begin to make up for a shortfall that already exists.

Assembly Minority Leader Lynn Hettrick, R-Gardnerville, said he's tired of being accused of wanting to cut education because he won't support nearly \$870 million in new taxes. That's the amount needed to balance the state budget.

Hettrick also said statistics that show Nevada ranking 46th in per-pupil education funding are skewed because they don't account for money from all resources that help fund education.

"I just get tired of being blamed or accused of being against education," the Gardnerville Republican said, adding that no GOP lawmakers want to cut the education budget — but they believe state spending is out of control in other areas.

Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins, D-Henderson, challenged Hettrick's argument that claims about Nevada's lack of commitment to education funding are exaggerated.

"I do think we're doing a terrible job in funding education,"

Perkins said.

During the regular session, both the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee added nearly \$30 million to Gov. Kenny Guinn's recommended education funding. Most of the increase covers a 2.75 percent teacher pay increase.

But the committees also cut some of Guinn's education enhancements, including more than \$24 million to implement full-day kindergarten in a third of Nevada's schools.

The committees also eliminated teacher stipends for at-risk schools and replaced them with a one-fifth credit toward retirement, which saved the state nearly \$18 million over the biennium.

Senators who met separately from the Assembly during Wednesday's special session spent hours going over various tax proposals that would generate enough revenue for the state budget. Votes on individual taxes were scheduled to determine whether there's adequate support for them.

Glenns Ferry breaks ground

Water treatment plant gets a start

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — Signs of relief were almost audible Wednesday as city officials broke ground for a new water treatment plant near the boat docks in Glenns Ferry.

"I didn't know if we were ever going to get to this day, but we made it," Mayor Glenn Thompson said.

After a spring runoff flood contaminated the city's water supply in 1997, councilmen took on the challenge of providing Glenns Ferry with pure drinking water.

The challenge proved to be enormous. In 1998, the city's spring water reservoir was also lost to contamination. Nitrate levels remain high but within the range allowable under state water purity standards.

Test holes were drilled at the Elmore County Fairgrounds, the city park, and the city airport, none of which revealed an adequate source of good drinking water for the Glenns Ferry populace. The city turned to state agencies for help.

For one year, a state task force studied the problem, conducting tests similar to those the city had conducted. The task force concluded that a water treatment plant should be constructed near the



Glenns Ferry officials put their feet to work Wednesday in town.

Snake River.

After a comparison study of sand filtration versus membrane systems, the city determined that a membrane system would "adequately serve our need for the longest time, while requiring the least expertise to run," Councilman Larry Stevenson said. The technology was developed by Zenon and will be implemented by Apollo, Inc., the low-bidding general contractor for the project.

Bryan Donaldson of JUB Engineers in Nampa, the city's engineering firm, estimates that the \$4.5 million facility will take one year to build.

Funding for the project came from a \$1.3 million grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, \$1.5 million in bonds also from Rural Development, and financial assistance from the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Additional funds for a new pip-

ing system will be generated from sewer charges and higher water rates. Because the water system has been a long-term problem for Glenns Ferry, \$9 of residents' monthly water bills had already been set aside for improvements.

As plans for the treatment plant have gotten under way, townspeople have not been without drinking water. City tap water is still potable, though it contains some contaminants. Hansen's Cafe in downtown Glenns Ferry offers filtered water from a coin-operated vending machine and many people have chosen to drink bottled water.

Among the dignitaries present at Wednesday's groundbreaking were Mayor Glenn Thompson, the Glenns Ferry City Council, Public Works Chairman Jeff Cook, former Mayor Sandra Connor, the Elmore County commissioners, state Sen. Fred Kennedy, D-Mountain Home, and state Rep. Rich Willis, R-Glenns Ferry.

OBITUARIES

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BOISE



John Robert Brannon

John Robert Brannon, 79, died on Tuesday, June 3rd at his home in Boise.

John was born December 26, 1923, in Buhl, Idaho, to Donovan C. Brannon and Glendora Childs Brannon. He graduated from Buhl High School in 1942, then attended the NYA School at Weiser Institute. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1945 and spent time in Europe, then returned to the United States. As a pilot, he was recalled in 1950 to serve for a year during the Korean conflict. He attended Boise State University and University of Idaho and studied engineering. He worked for Burroughs Corporation as a Field Engineer for 30 years before retiring. He was married to Ellen Smalley in 1945. They lived Boise, Idaho and La Grande, Oregon for 23 years where they raised their family. John moved to Boise, Idaho where they have lived for the past 21 years.

Among his numerous hobbies he

enjoyed camping, fishing and outdoor activities, woodworking and writing. He loved to travel and family was the center of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Patricia. Survivors include: sisters Donna Thole of Twin Falls, Grace Vicha of Bolla Vista, Arkansas, and Inez Mossley of Rupert, Idaho, his wife Lillian Allen (Smalley) Brannon of Boise, his daughter Delpha Bush of Boise, Deborah Chandler of Grand, Oregon and Valerie Coomes of Corvallis Oregon, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Viewing will be held Thursday June 5th from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise. A graveside service will be held June 6, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at Torrance Lawn Cemetery with the Chaplain Richard Cox officiating.

JEROME

She was born April 28, 1913 at Preston, Idaho, the daughter of Samuel and Rhoda Ann Hansen. They moved to Jerome in 1924. She grew up in the Falls City and attended the Falls City two-room school. The third of 13 children she knew hard work and the joy of a large family.

In May of 1930, she married Wilbur Clark and they spent most of their married life around Jerome farming.

The joys in her life were her family, her flower garden and being a homemaker.

They moved around a lot and she always made a nice home out of any house. In the early 1950s she made 12 pies every Monday morning and took them to the Shoshone salaroy, where she cooked for many years. They all loved her pies.

She is survived by one son Ron (Midge) Clear of Hazelton, two daughters Lois (Toot) Peterson of Jerome, Phyllis (Hazel) Oglesbee of Kallispell, MT. One brother LaVarr (Kay) Hansen of Twin Falls; one sister Barbara Larsen and Betty (Joan) Putnam of Jerome. Georgia Stuhburg of Twin Falls and Norma Dorman of Reno, NV, 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur in 1972, a daughter Wilma, a son Billy, sisters Vera, Maxine, Joan, and 4 brothers; Thurman, Calvin, Clyde and Larry.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Private family interment will be in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Family suggests memorials in her name to the Canyonside Christian School, 60 East 100, South, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

Velma Hansen Clear
Velma Hansen Clear, 90 died June 3, 2003, at Creek Side Care Center where she had resided since 1999.

DEATH NOTICES

Lewis LaMar Arrington
TWIN FALLS — Lewis LaMar Arrington, 74, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, June 3, 2003.

The service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2003, at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St. Interment will follow at 5:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. at White Mortuary and from 1:15-2:15 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The family requests donations be made to the Arrington Family Mission Fund, c/o White Mortuary, PO Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0845.

Timothy Andrew Pollock
EATON — Timothy Andrew Pollock, 26, of Hailey died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, in Hailey. Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel, Hailey.

WHY NOT?

SERVICES

Betty Lou Snyder of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow in the Hazelton Cemetery; friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

David Jon Haines of Oakley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 North Center Ave.; friends and family may gather from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Lula Anna Waymont of Twin Falls and formerly of Richfield, service at 10 a.m. Friday at Sunset Shoshone Chapel; interment will follow in Richfield cemetery; visitation from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Harold W. Ramsey of Big Arm, Mont., memorial service and reception at 2 p.m. Friday at the Grogan Funeral Home, Polson, Mont.

Lonnie E. White of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; viewing from 6-8 p.m. today.

Evelyn Dorothy Hinrichs of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Friday at the funeral home.

Clifford Martin of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park; family will greet friends from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Farmers Funeral Chapel.

Catherine Montgomery Lewis of Idaho Falls, public celebration of life from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at A.H. Bush Elementary School in Idaho Falls (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

Phillip John Arnold of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly High School Gym; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary Kimberly Chapel, 712 Center St. W, Kimberly.

O.C. "Mac" McNeil of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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Mini-Cassia cancer event celebrates five years

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Five years later, Relay For Life is still going strong in Mini-Cassia.

This year, participants are invited to "Operation Seek and Destroy Cancer" — the theme for this two-day event which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The event begins at 2 p.m. Friday with tent set-up on the Rupert Square. The 45 teams signed up to walk through the night will have camps set up along the square. Traffic around the square will be blocked off during the event.

The total number of teams this year is down slightly, said Gallegoes, one of the event organizers. There are 45 teams this year, compared to 49 teams last year.

It's a tougher economy this year, Gallegoes said, but donations are still being received. Several schools, such as Big Valley Elementary School, don't have a team this year but still have a fund-raiser and generated nearly \$1,500 for the relay.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 for the American Cancer Society. On Wednesday, preliminary totals reached \$98,000, Gallegoes said. Some teams haven't turned their money in and may still conduct fund-raisers during the relay.

"We feel really good about those numbers," Gallegoes said.

Street closures

The inside traffic lanes around the Rupert Square will close at 3 p.m. Friday. Both lanes around the square close at 5 p.m. Friday and remain closed until shortly after noon Saturday when the event ends.

The results of the Twin Falls relay

The 2003 Relay for Life, an annual fund-raiser for the American Cancer

Society, was a huge success last weekend with \$131,389 raised. American Cancer Society treasurer for Twin Falls County Dee Warren said.

"The people that participated enjoyed it and looked forward to it," Warren said.

Despite the chilly weather, this year's event brought out 47 teams with 15 members on each team, for a total of around 700 participants, Warren said.

Money will also be generated from a quilt raffle and auction planned during the relay. Six survivor quilts will be auctioned and raffled off. The Relay For Life survivor hand-print quilts have been a staple at the Mini-Cassia relay since the beginning.

Cancer survivors place their hand-prints on a quilt block at the survivor ceremony each year. The blocks are made into quilts which are raffled at the following year's event. In 2002 there were 132 hand-prints made into six quilts.

There are several new activities this year. The obstacle course called Camp Cancer Prevention fits with the military theme. Organizer Tracy Haskin said there are 10 stations, each with information about cancer prevention.

A 7-foot rope wall signifies the obstacles a cancer patient must overcome. Running through tires shows that good exercise can

help prevent cancer. Crossing a balance beam will teach participants about a balanced diet and nutrition. Other stations will provide activities and information about breast, lung and colon cancer, Haskin said.

Gallegoes said there are a few activities that have become custom at Relay For Life. The lunary ceremony is at 10 p.m. Friday. Small paper bags with candles inside and names written on the outside of those who have or had cancer light up the perimeter of the square.

Participants take a break from walking and have a quiet time while the luminaries are lit.

The survivors' reception, ceremony and first lap are also tradition and are open to any cancer survivor, Gallegoes said.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638.

Technology summer camp starts

TWIN FALLS — A summer camp for kids who are into technology will be sponsored this month by the College of Southern Idaho.

The CSI Summer Tech Camp will be an intensive, one-week learning experience for students ages 12-16. It will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 22-27 in CSI's Aspen Building.

Course designer Edit Szanto, who heads CSI's Instructional Technology Center, says this will be the first technology camp of its kind and scope offered in the Magic Valley for students.

Training will include computer hardware installation, Web design and development, digital video and imaging, 3D animation, digital sound editing, video conferencing and desktop publishing.

Besides Szanto, instructors will include CSI Webmaster Dan Daggett, Web Designer and Programmer Derek Thomas, Technology Lab Director Isabelle Bagdasarova and Support Specialist Linda Roberts.

Cost of the camp is \$350, and a limited number of need-based scholarships will be provided by the CSI Foundation, Dell Computer Corp. and Idaho Power Co. Space is limited, so early registration is

Around the Valley

encouraged. Call Camille Barigar at the CSI Community Education Center at 732-6288.

Bob Dylan tickets go on sale Saturday

KETCHUM — Tickets for Bob Dylan, George Thorogood and Allison Krauss will go on sale Saturday.

Initially, tickets will be sold in a package — \$114 for all three concerts in the new Sun Valley Concert Series. Tickets to individual concerts will be sold later based on availability.

Tickets can be purchased at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum and Valley Market in Bellevue. They also may be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com.

Bob Dylan and his band will perform at 7:30 p.m. July 21 at the Sun Valley Outdoor Concert venue in the park "n' ride lot at Saddle and Warm Springs roads. George Thorogood and the Destroyers will perform at 8 p.m. Aug. 19. And Allison Krauss and Union Station will perform at 8 p.m. Sept. 2.

The concerts are being presented by the Boise-based Bravo Entertainment, whose principals live in Ketchum.

'Bartholdi's Lady' auditions start Monday

GOODING — Auditions for the musical "Bartholdi's Lady," written by Stephanie Armiger and Caleb Collins, will be held Monday and Tuesday nights at the Schubert Theater in Gooding.

Tryouts for the play, sponsored by Western State College for the Performing Arts, the Schubert Theater and the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast, are scheduled from 6-9 p.m. both nights.

Twin Falls auditions are scheduled for June 16 in Room 121 of the College of Southern Idaho Performing Arts Center and on June 17 in Room 133 of the Fine Arts Theater. Tryouts June 16 will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and those on June 17 from 6-9 p.m.

The musical will premiere Sept. 13 at the Schubert Theater. For further information, call 733-7695 or 734-8735.

The Schubert Theater is located at 402 Main St.

Information they obtain through the histories

The concern is that her project not duplicate the work that someone else has done or might be doing, Lezamis said.

Following a written proposal submitted to the commission will determine if funding is available for the project's publication.

Deputies find pilot dead in plane wreckage

CASCADE — A pilot missing since May 25 was found dead in the wreckage of his plane in a remote area of central Idaho, Valley-County Sheriff Brit Durfee said.

Authorities had searched for Christopher Harlow, 58, who left the Flying B Ranch on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. A Civil Air patrol spotted the missing craft Tuesday morning about 50 miles east of McCall.

Harlow had homes in California and Nevada. He was headed to

students next school year from this year's 175 students.

Other focus areas for ARTEC are the continued development for distance learning as well as boosting minor high school tech programs into larger programs.

Looking for a future

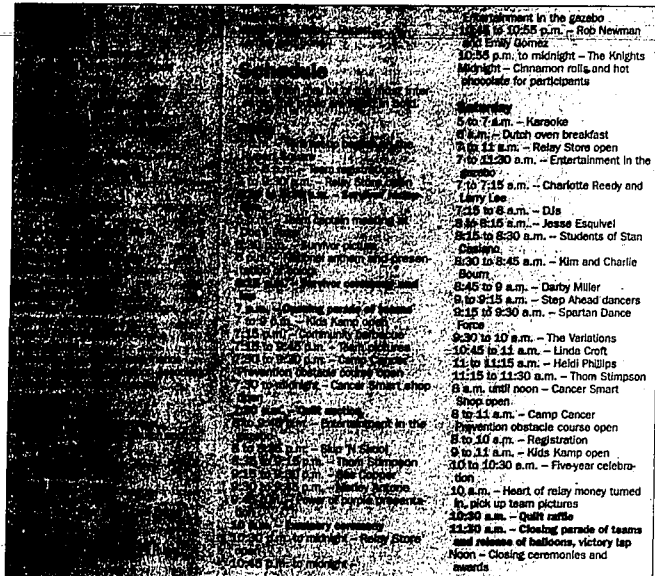
ARTEC has enough money to pay for its personnel staff for the next fiscal year.

To stay afloat, ARTEC indeed will have to find additional sources of funding.

As a result, ARTEC will have to rely more on its second coalition, the Magic Valley Cooperative Service Agency, a recognized vehicle for receiving funds. State money must either go through a school district or a cooperative school agency.

Thus, ARTEC has two options for raising funds — state and grant money can go through the agency, while ARTEC as a non-profit organization, has tax-exempt status.

The service agency has the ability to be a tax entity and could raise money directly in a district if that is the wish, Eckert said. However, districts demonstrated little support for a regional levy, preferring instead to use general funds.



Bluegrass farmers lose in court

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho judge has overturned a new law intended to give farmers protection to torch their bluegrass fields in late summer, covering the area with smoke.

First District Judge James Mitchell ruled Wednesday that the Idaho Smoke Management Act would illegally allow farmers to infringe on others' exclusive use of their own property.

The law exempted growers from nuisance and trespass claims if they met state regulations. People who claim their breathing disorders are aggravated by field smoke are plaintiffs in a suit against 79 bluegrass-seed farmers. The suit seeks to stop them from igniting their fields.

The farmers torch their stubble fields to shock the grass into growing more seed for sale.

"The Idaho Legislature placed these plaintiffs and class members in a situation where they are now powerless to enjoin the injury and damage suffered by grass field burning," Mitchell said in his ruling.

The new law covered the 10 northern counties. Grass growers who paid \$1 an acre to register their fields and burn only on days when regulators said wind conditions were favorable were immune from damage suits. Violations carried up to a \$10,000 fine.

Some plaintiffs suffer inside their homes or leave the area entirely when the smoke rises, Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the exemption by the Legislature amounted to illegal taking of private property without paying for it.

"Any law that deprives people

of their ability to protect these rights through the courts or remedy the invasion of these rights is unconstitutional," Mitchell said.

Linda Clovis, spokeswoman for the North Idaho Farmers Association, said she was somewhat surprised by the ruling, but any burning is months away.

"Nobody has put the brakes on anywhere," she said.

The ruling clears the way for an injunction hearing later this month in which the plaintiffs will ask Mitchell to ban field burning until the lawsuit is resolved.

David R. Berman, attorney for the plaintiffs, welcomed Mitchell's order.

"His ruling follows both the letter and the spirit of the Idaho Constitution, and has renewed our confidence that an end to field burning in Idaho is near," he said.

Divers find man's body in Snake River

ONTARIO, Ore. — Divers using underwater sonar equipment located the body of a man who fell into the Snake River while helping a friend land a fish, Malheur County officials said.

Ernie Ruiz Lopez, 23, was pulled from the river Tuesday, three days after he fell in, said Under Sheriff Brian Wolfe.

Lopez was fishing with his employer, Reuben Hernandez of Ontario, when he slipped on a rock and fell into the water. Lopez tried to swim to safety against a heavy current but got tired about 60 feet from the shore, Wolfe said.

Lopez vanished downstream before Hernandez could help him, Wolfe said.

West in brief

Reno but never arrived.

Sheriff's deputies and Forest Service officers flew by helicopter to the site on Tuesday and recovered Harlow's body. Durfee said it appeared he tried to fly over a ridge at about 9,000 feet. He then bailed back to return to the airstrip, but could not gain enough altitude. The plane hit several trees and crashed.

Company wants Judge to halt mine work

COEUR D'ALENE — A junior mining company has asked a judge to shut down operations at the Lucky Friday Mine in Mullan until a lawsuit with Hecla Mining Co. is resolved.

Independence Lead Mines also asked First District Court Judge John Luster for a summary judgment that would end a 50-year lease between the companies. The lease — signed in 1968 — allows Hecla to mine the Gold Hunter, a silver deposit in the Lucky Friday mine that is partially owned by Independence.

Hecla has mined the Gold Hunter since 1997, but last year Independence sued, accusing Hecla of squandering the deposit

by mining it at a loss.

Independence officials claim Hecla looted the deposit to prop up its own stock prices, and that Hecla's management team downplayed the business risk of the venture to get shareholder approval from the board of directors.

Power line accident kills Utah man

BISMARCK, N.D. — A Utah man hoping set a cardiovascular record here was killed when a piece of equipment struck an overhead electrical line, authorities say.

Three other workers were injured in the accident shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Police Sgt. Steve Cysewski said. Two of the men were being held for observation at a local hospital, and another man was treated and released, he said.

Police did not immediately identify any of the men, who Cysewski said were from Utah and Colorado. The new man who died was a 26-year-old from Utah, he said.

Cysewski said the side show was an aerial ski jump demonstration. The carnival is in a parking lot near the Bismarck Fire Department.

Jesse Smith said injuries from electrical shock "can go all the way from minor burns to actually causing cardiac arrest."

Centennial

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merchandise on display at the Magic Valley 100th and another \$1,000 from the Lucy Roeses 20th Century Club.

In other business, Lezamis told the board that Fran Forst, who is with the Magic Valley Arts Council, will submit a request for

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there, getting people thinking." The push to share specialized personnel harks back to ARTEC's origins.

The organization originally formed in 1997 to help school districts develop technical programs by taking advantage of the economies of scale — that is, several school districts can do more working together than independently.

A \$4.6 million grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education and the Albertson Foundation grant diverted ARTEC's mission into a Santa Clara mode, distributing thousands of dollars in tech equipment to school districts during a three-year period.

ARTEC's thriftiness — and Albertson Foundation generosity — ended the three-year grant after a fifth year with the bulk of the remaining \$450,000 dedicated toward the development of high school academics.

With the school year finished, Lezamis said it's time to analyze the results, to figure out the cost of fulfilling the schools' needs as well as just how to fund those needs.

Lezamis said the technology program remains ARTEC's top priority.

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After all, the need still exists that produced ARTEC in the first place: the 70 percent of high school students who don't earn four-year college degrees who need technical training, and the local business community clamoring for better prepared workers.

That goal includes helping to develop academics such as the Information Technology Academy at Twin Falls High School or the Ag Solutions Academy at Filer High School.

A sort of school within a school, an academy combines a group or "cohort" of students who share a common technical subject such as auto mechanics or finance. The cohort members take most classes together — English, math and science as well as the technical training. The students also remain together as a unit for the following year.

Ironically, academies are counter to ARTEC's efforts to share. Because academic classes are as essential to the academy as technical training, it's nearly impossible for students from one school to participate in another school's academy.

Yet, it's academies that the Albertson Foundation wants with its money.

The academy movement in the region is growing, jumping to 400

so many people, so many different people from different neighborhoods who've come together, realize this wasn't just a campaign. This was a movement," he said during his victory speech in a city park Tuesday night.

The new mayor will have to deal with an economic slump that has cost residents 35,000 jobs over the past 18 months. He also will have to find a way to cope with \$200 million in budget gap predicted for next year.

Hickenlooper caught the public's attention early in the campaign with lighthearted t.v. ads.

nation's 25th largest city. Although the election was non-partisan, both men are Democrats. Webb didn't endorse anyone.

The 51-year-old Hickenlooper surprised political analysts by surging to the front of a seven-candidate field full of political veterans in the May 6 general election.

Pre-election polls showed that voters in all categories respected Hickenlooper's image as a savvy businessman willing to try new approaches.

"When I look around and I see



The Relay For Life survivor hand-print quilts have been a staple at the Mini-Cassia Relay. Cancer survivors place their hand prints on a quilt block at the survivor ceremony, and the blocks are made into quilts that are raffled at the following year's event. For 2002, there were 152 hand prints made into six quilts, each with its own unique design. The quilts are designed by Carleen Clayville and quilted and placed by numerous volunteers. From left are Relay committee members Jodi Mills and Marcia Lynch with Clayville and survivor Kathryn Barry.

Mini-Cassia Relay for Life passes five years

By Trina Togan
Times-News writer

RUPERT — This year is the fifth anniversary of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in the Mini-Cassia area. More than 40 teams made up of individuals and businesses throughout the Mini-Cassia area will pitch tents on the square in Rupert Friday and Saturday, and take turns walking around the square for the Relay. Throughout the year, teams have conducted fund-raisers, and collected donations to give to the American Cancer Society for cancer research. The theme for this year's event is "Operation Seek

and Destroy Cancer: Leave No One Behind." The event begins Friday with a survivors reception at 4:30 p.m. where cancer survivors and those battling cancer are honored, and take the first lap around the square. Various other activities are held throughout the event, including an obstacle course, a Cancer Smart Shop, Kids Kamp and more. A barbecue will be served at 7:15 p.m. to participants, and at 10 p.m. the truck is cleared and candles inside luminaria bags are lit. A moment of silence is observed to honor those who have battled cancer and those who have lost the battle

with cancer. Cinnamon rolls and hot chocolate will be served to participants at midnight, followed by a variety of activities led by each team throughout the night. Saturday morning, Jesse Johnson of Rupert will serve a Dutch oven breakfast to Relay participants for his Eagle Scout project. There will be a celebration at 10 a.m. for those who have participated in the Relay for each of the five years in the Mini-Cassia area. A victory lap with all participants walking together will conclude the Relay, followed by closing ceremonies and award presentations at noon.

POTTERY SALE



Kaita and Kasey Richards help their mom, Debra Richards, set up her wares for the College of Southern Idaho third annual spring pottery sale May 9-10. Students and local artists are encouraged to sell their wares to help cover their expenses for the ceramics class.

MAY EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls named its Einsteins for the month of May. They are, from left, top row: Zaiden Somo, Tony Bratcher, Gabea Prosser, Martin King, Alexandra Wolfford, Kaitlin Horton, Tony Zevnia, McKenney Thompson, Natalie Thomas, Teneo Grover and Michelle Dotson; middle row: Miranda Moe, Janelle Cummins, Jacob Shriver, Stephanie Price, Kenny Pampurus, Maria Sanchez, Mercedes Aguilera, Cody Jones, Justin Smith, Jacob Christensen, Jose Gutierrez and John Salazar; bottom row: Andrew Brown, Kyle Riggins, Matthew Taber, Kaitlyn Bibbe, Tyler Moore, Jason Morrison, Daniel Hernandez, Alvin Taylor, Kyle Ray Cummins, Hunter Elam and Cory Riggins; foot row: West Williams, Kira Chidester, Graciele Sanchez, Cassandra Moe, Melia Castroja, Keanna Taylor, Kenny Floyd, Trey Legg, Nakota Stebbins and Kaitlyn Cummins.

Local young women compete for Miss Idaho

BOISE — Three area young women will compete for the title of Miss Idaho 2003 at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Borah High School auditorium in Boise. Kimberly Madsen is Miss Magic Valley. Her talent is tap dancing, and her platform is "Seat belts work." Camille Olson, 19, is Miss Mini-Cassia. She attends Brigham Young University-Idaho, her talent is piano, and her platform is "Education is a preserve liberty."

Janelle Byington, 20, of Burley is Miss Rexburg. She attends Brigham Young University-Idaho, her talent is piano, and her platform is music mentoring. Miss Idaho 2003 will represent Idaho at the Miss America pageant in September in Atlantic City, N.J. The Miss Idaho Scholarship Organization will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships this year on the state level.

All seating is reserved, and ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children age 12 and under. Tickets at the door, if available, will be \$25. Tickets may be purchased through Select-A-Seat.

Twin Falls veterans group discusses summer events. TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Members will plan summer events. New members are always welcome and should bring proof

of military service. For more information, call 733-6042 or e-mail him at thechief@rmd.net.

Minidoka County Senior Center hosts Jackpot trip. RUPERT — The Minidoka County Senior Center will host a bus trip June 8 to Barton's Club 93 in Jackpot, Nev. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the Rupert Senior Center, 702 11th St. Rupert. The cost is \$10 per person and includes transportation, buffet dinner at Barton's and a gaming fun pack. To sign up for the trip or for more information, call 436-9107.

Blood drive is held at the Burley Armory. BURLEY — The American Red Cross Cassia County Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 12:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley Armory. To schedule an appointment to donate, call Joyce at 578-2584. At the last blood drive held in March, 148 pints of blood were collected. Burley First Christian Church, Burley Kiwanis and Burley LDS 10th Ward Young Women provided refreshments. Culligan provided water, and the Second Battalion 163 Cavalry Army provided the venue. The Burley Kiwanis Club set up the event, and Burley LDS 4th Ward Friendship cleaned up afterward. The Cassia Regional Medical Center Pink Ladies donated time and support to the event.

First United Methodist Church offers Mom's day. TWIN FALLS — First United Methodist Church will hold a free "Mom's Day Out" from 9 a.m. to noon June 12 at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. Parents can drop their children off during this time. For more information, call 733-5872.

'Curious George' books start Buhl summer reading. BUHL — The Buhl Public Library will continue its "Laugh it Up at Your Library" summer reading program from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N. Curious George and the "man in the yellow hat" will be the guest readers. Parents are

encouraged to bring a camera to take their child's picture with Curious George. The program is designed for children in preschool through fifth grade, but all children are welcome. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. The program is free, and will continue each Wednesday through July 2. For more information, call the library at 543-6500.

Twin Falls scout receives Eagle Scout award Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Kyle Van Eps, son of J. Dee and Dianna Van Eps of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Van Eps has completed 27 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout award, he cataloged the Twin Falls Cemetery to identify veterans' graves with flags.

Van Eps, 18, is a member of Troop 58 and Rob Werner is his troop leader. He graduated from Twin Falls High School this month. He was a member of the football and wrestling teams three years, and qualified for state wrestling his sophomore and senior years. He also was a member of Business Professionals of America. Van Eps will attend Boise State University in the fall.

MOMS Club of Magic Valley holds June meeting

TWIN FALLS — The MOMS Club of Magic Valley will hold its June business meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 5th Ave. N., in Twin Falls. This month's featured speaker is a Master Gardener from the University of Idaho Master Gardener Program. She will speak on container gardening and aquaponics gardening. MOMS Club is a national organization for mothers that are home with their children. For more information about this meeting or other MOMS Club activities, call Marianne at 736-3395 or Tracey at 734-3120.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Jerome man appreciates article on wife

I wish to express my thanks to The Times-News and Rachel Hartgen, Times-News writer, who wrote the article about the Saturday night dance hostess who died at age 82, my wife of 62 years that person. I lost count of the number of letters of condolence which I received, but I want to share one from the Rev. McEldan, an old friend. Here are his words: "Father Boniface phoned me to tell of lovely Marie's passing to the heavenly ranch and barn dance where she can play music for Jesus, Mary and Joseph forever. She goes to prepare a place for all of you. I hope she puts in a good word for me, too." "She was a wonderful wife and mother to you and a friend to many of us. God blessed the world with the creation of Marie. May she now rest and live in God's peace." JOHN SPANBAUER SR. Jerome

Many people help youth learn about water

Operations Management International Inc. would like to thank following for making the Water Awareness Festival successful. Businesses and organizations that provided educational stations so sixth graders could learn about the many aspects of water included Bureau of Reclamation, Twin Falls City Water Department, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Lamb Weston. Also thanks to Magic Valley Fly Fishermen, Magic Valley

Labs, OMI, Twin Falls Canal Co., U.S. Forest Service, and Agricultural Research Service.

We also would like to thank the many volunteers from Home Depot, Target and the Twin Falls Fire Department. Special thanks also to the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center for use of the facility and assistance and to the CSI Nursing Program for providing first-aid expertise.

We hope that the efforts of these special people resulted in a quality learning experience for Twin Falls County youth. Once again, thank you, everyone! RUSTY SCHWARZ Team OMI Twin Falls

CSI golf tourney helps the Eagles basketball teams

The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams would like to thank the following people and companies for their donations to our 2003 Fly Like an Eagle Golf Tournament. Wendy's for the fleece jackets and prize payoffs; Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course and Pro Shop for greens fees and additional prize payoffs; Outback Steakhouse for lunch; and the tee box sponsors — Benoit, Alexander, Sinclair, Harwood & High; Bumblebees; Cactus Potes; Angus Motors Subaru; Center for Physical Rehabilitation; and Chateau Drug & True Value. Also thanks to D.L. Evans; Dell Computer Group; Desert Sun Travel Service; Eureka Connection; First American Title Co.; First Federal Savings; Gem State Trophies; Glensia Foods Inc.; Gordon and Joan Hollifield; K&T Steel; Idaho

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Many contribute to tournament success

The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams and the Fly Like an Eagle Golf Committee would like to thank the following people and companies for their raffle donations to our 2003 Fly Like an Eagle Golf Tournament: Burger King, Clear Lake Country Club, Doodley's Sports, El Sombrero, Gold's Gym, Great Harvest Bread Co., Jackpot Golf Course, Johnny Carino's Mike's Pro Shop, Moss Greenhouse, Rocky Mountain Section Professional Golf Association, South Pacific Grill, Subway, Target, Twin Falls Fitness Center and Watkins Distributing. We also appreciate those who helped organize the event and worked at the tournament: Christi Ure, Ginger Nukuya, Max Wheeler, Jim Hoag, Kayhorne Rolig, Cathy Trotter, Kathy Ream, Sandee Golay and Corrie Hardy. JERRY KEMP Chairman Fly Like an Eagle Tournament Twin Falls

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two Utah teens facing the death penalty in a deadly butcher knife attack on two little girls in Nevada are the children of a twice-convicted killer, according to court records and their lawyers.

Harry Maestas, 54, was convicted of second-degree murder in Ogden, Utah, in the early 1970s for the shooting death of his girlfriend, according to court records.

Now a quadriplegic out on parole, Harry Maestas also pleaded guilty to a manslaughter charge in a 1976 slaying in a Utah prison, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Tuesday.

His son, Beau Santino Maestas, 19, and daughter, Monique Maestas, 17, could face a death sentence in Nevada if convicted in the stabbing death of 3-year-old Kristyanna Cowan in Mesquite. Cowan's half-sister, 10-year old Brittney Bergeron, was left paralyzed in the attack.

Beau Maestas' defense attorney, Howard Brooks, told the newspaper that Harry Maestas is the biological father of the siblings. Brooks said he confirmed the paternal link through conversations with Harry Maestas and the teens' mother, Marilyn Maestas.

Brooks said Harry Maestas' imprisonment caused a traumatic childhood for Beau and Monique Maestas, who were left with relatives for extended periods while their mother worked.

Monique Maestas' defense attorney, Philip Kohn, said the teens' background didn't justify what happened in the case. But he said District Attorney David Roger should have considered the teens' background before deciding last week to seek the death penalty.

Roger declined comment. Authorities allege Beau and Monique Maestas broke into a recreational vehicle trailer outside a Mesquite casino early Jan. 22 and attacked the two girls in

retaliation for a drug deal rip-off involving the girls' mother and her boyfriend

The teens have pleaded innocent. Their defense attorneys say they were under the influence of methamphetamine at the time of the attack, and Kohn is challenging a decision to try Monique Maestas as an adult. She was 16 at the time of the attack.

According to court records obtained by the Review-Journal and conversations with Brooks, Harry Maestas was convicted of robbery in Utah in 1967 and served a little more than five

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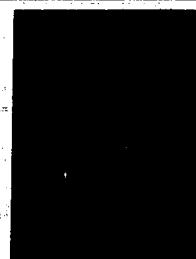
An Ogden, Utah, District Court spokesman said few records were available on Harry Maestas' murder case. An appeal said Harry Maestas killed his girlfriend, Rosemary Matteucci, on New Year's Eve, 1973. The court records say Matteucci had been an eyewitness to a robbery involving Harry Maestas.

Originally charged with first-degree murder, Harry Maestas was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to five

While in prison, Harry Maestas was accused by authorities of participating in the 1976 killing of an inmate, Brooks said. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, and was released from prison in 1987.

Maestas was arrested three months later on a drug charge. He was acquitted, but was sent back to prison on a parole violation. He was paroled again in October 2002.

Brooks said Maestas was paralyzed after being infected with spinal meningitis.



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THURSDAY

Judge stays Utah man's execution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The execution of serial killer Roberto Arguelles, which had been scheduled for June 27, has been stayed until his competency can be determined.

Third District Judge Michael Burton signed the stay on Tuesday after prosecutors agreed to the delay.

The action came one day after the Utah Department of Corrections notified Burton that there was good reason to evaluate Arguelles.

"The bottom line is, we cannot legally or constitutionally execute someone who is incompetent," Assistant Attorney General Thomas Bruner said. "The prison ... has concluded this is an issue that needs to be adjudicated."

Arguelles, 41, was on parole in 1992 when he kidnapped, sexually assaulted and killed Margo Bond, 42, Stephanie Blundell, 13, Lisa Martinez, 16, and Tuesday

In their filing Tuesday, prosecutors contended that the Corrections' action invalidated requests filed in Arguelles' behalf last week by attorney Ed Brass.

Brass sought to vacate the execution order and extend the time to appeal it, stay the execution and arrange a competency evaluation.

Officials affix new name to Devil's Highway

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - The Devil's Highway is no more. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has changed the number of U.S. 666 to U.S. 491, the New Mexico Highway and Transportation Department announced.

Transportation officials from three states applied for a name change to the highway, which runs 194 miles from Gallup north through southwestern Colorado and west to Monticello, Utah.

In the Bible, the Book of Revelations says 666 is the "number of the beast," usually interpreted as Satan or the Antichrist, and the highway was often called "the Devil's Highway."

"I'm pleased after years of controversy, this issue which has plagued ... northwestern New Mexico has finally been resolved," Gov. Bill Richardson said.

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MONEY

Dow closes above 9,000 after positive reports

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 9,000 Wednesday for the first time in nearly 10 months, soaring more than 100 points following a pair of positive economic reports.

The gains were surprising given some bad news from DaimlerChrysler, which warned of a big loss in its struggling Chrysler division, and the fact that many analysts believe the gains were due for a pullback following weeks of heavy buying.

"People are now looking for reasons to buy stocks, not sell them," said Michael Murphy, head trader at Wachovia Securities in Baltimore.

In its fourth straight advance, the Dow closed up 116.03, or 1.3 percent, to 9,038.98. It was the first time the Dow finished above 9,000 since Aug. 22, when it stood at 9,053.64.

In the past four sessions, the Dow has gained 327.80 points.

The market's broadest indicators also climbed. The Nasdaq composite

index, already trading at levels not seen in more than a year, rose 31.09, or 1.9 percent, to 1,634.65.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 14.68, or 1.5 percent, to 985.24. It was also the 534th consecutive advance, this one bringing the total gained to 36.50.

Buyers have dominated the market for nearly three months, as companies reported better-than-expected first-quarter earnings, the war with Iraq was quick and economic data has strengthened.

Since March 11, when the rallies began, the Dow has risen 20.1 percent, the Nasdaq has gained 28.6 percent and the S&P has increased by 23.2 percent.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Wednesday that activity in the service sector grew at a faster-than-expected pace in May, marking the highest level in the indicator since the beginning of the year.

The ISM's non-manufacturing index

jumped to 54.5 from 54.7 in April, while analysts had been expecting 51. Any figure above 50 indicates economic expansion.

Earlier Wednesday, the Labor Department reported that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, rose at an annual rate of 1.9 percent in the first three months of the year, slightly stronger than the 1.6 percent growth rate estimated a month ago.

Bob Ammick, portfolio manager of the Liberty Equity Growth Fund at Columbia Management Advisors in Boston, said the stock market was gaining momentum as investors anticipated further signs of a recovery later this year.

"People have a sense that everything is there for things to get better," Ammick said.

On Tuesday, stocks rose on an upbeat assessment of the economy's prospects by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

Qwest

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would set up those who cannot switch to cell service for huge rate increases. Qwest officials contend those fears are unwarranted.

Under state law, basic telephone service in an area can be deregulated if the phone company can prove it has sufficient competition from other telecommunications providers.

Three years ago, the commission split 2-1 against the company's request to deregulate basic service in the Burley area, where 30 percent of the customers had access to an alternative.

Smith dissented, holding that the 30 percent offered a significant level of competition that no one expected 100 percent coverage.

But the other two commis-

sioners disagreed. They set no formal standard but indicated at least 50 percent would be required.

Qwest offered results of a survey conducted by Boise State University marketing professor Douglas Lincoln, who found that 85 percent of business customers and 62 percent of residential customers could replace their land line telephones with cell phones.

Under questioning by the commission's staff attorney, however, Lincoln acknowledged that when initially asked whether a cell phone would fill all their telephone needs, only 31 percent of business customers and 50 percent of residential customers said it would.

Lincoln said some of those responding negatively were

eventually moved into the residential category after they disclosed their reason and it was determined to be something that could be accommodated.

A major objection to cell phones was lack of a telephone directory listing, but Qwest will include a cell directory listing for \$1.50 a month.

John Souba, who handles regulatory matters for Qwest in Idaho, said the number of cell phones in Idaho jumped from 167,000 in late 1993 to 373,000 last June while Qwest landline connections have risen much more slowly and in some cities declined.

But Souba could not say whether that was a result of the economic downturn rather than increased competition from cell phones.

Stewart

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she is a woman who has successfully competed in a man's business world by virtue of her talent, hard work and demanding standards.

If convicted of all counts, Stewart faces up to 30 years in prison and \$2 million in fines, although the sentence would likely be much less under federal guidelines.

In a related action, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil suit against Stewart for allegedly defrauding Stewart from being in charge of any public company.

The SEC suit also asks the court to order Stewart and Baccanovic to pay more than \$45,000 total — the losses the government says Stewart avoided by selling ImClone in advance of the

disappointing news.

The criminal indictment says Stewart unloaded her shares of ImClone based on illegal inside knowledge that the family of ImClone founder Samuel Waksal was planning to sell its shares ahead of the government news.

Stewart went so far as to delete a computer log of a phone message in which Baccanovic told her she thought ImClone was "going to start trading downward," according to the indictment.

The government also said Baccanovic altered his personal notes about Stewart's portfolio after he learned the government was investigating her, trying to create the impression he and Stewart had a prior agreement to sell ImClone if it fell below \$60 a share.

The charges spell not just seri-

ous legal headaches for Stewart, but a crisis for her company, which has struggled with a public relations nightmare that has grown since she became involved in the stock scandal a year ago.

A fascinated public has watched Stewart try to keep her highly profitable public persona intact, doing out advice on decorating or preparing a tasty dinner on a television program, while news headlines have focused on the criminal cases of close friends or legal troubles.

The scandals have affected earnings at her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which have been slumping. Revenue in the first quarter of the year dropped 15 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Stewart told The New Yorker

magazine in January she has lost about \$400 million because of the company's declining value, legal fees and lost business opportunities.

And shares of her company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, have fallen from \$19 to just over \$9.

She is a friend of ImClone founder Samuel Waksal, who is to be sentenced next week after pleading guilty to six counts in the insider-trading scandal.

Waksal could get to six to seven years in prison. His defense team is seeking a lighter sentence, and prosecutors are seeking a heavier one — claiming Waksal cheated ImClone shareholders as far back as 1995.

Waksal has admitted he tipped off his daughter Aliza to sell ImClone stock before it plummeted

ed on the bad news. But he has not implicated Stewart, and his plea was not part of an agreement to cooperate with prosecutors.

Stewart's sale of the 4,000 shares came one day before the Food and Drug Administration announced it would not review ImClone's application for approval of Erbitux, which the company had touted as a promising cancer drug. ImClone's stock subsequently plunged.

Stewart has maintained that she had a standing order with her Merrill Lynch broker, Baccanovic, to sell the shares if the stock fell below \$60.

Just this week, a new study conducted in Europe, found Erbitux worked just as well as a cancer treatment as a disputed study conducted earlier, and

sponsored by ImClone, said it did.

Analysts have said an indictment could seriously damage Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia — a company for which Stewart is chief executive officer, chief stockholder, inspiration and best-known spokeswoman.

The company produces Martha Stewart Living and Martha Stewart Weddings magazines, a newspaper column, a television show and the popular Martha Stewart Everyday line of home products, like vases and sheets.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia reported sales of \$295 million and a staff of 580 last year. It includes publishing, television, merchandising, Internet commerce and direct mail.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg	Vol	Open	High	Low	Close
ACE	10	32.10	+0.10	100	32.00	32.10	32.00	32.10
ADP	10	35.25	+0.25	100	35.00	35.25	35.00	35.25
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MARKET SUMMARY

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Microsoft 500,000	Microsoft 500,000	Microsoft 500,000
Apple 300,000	Apple 300,000	Apple 300,000
Oracle 200,000	Oracle 200,000	Oracle 200,000
Amazon 150,000	Amazon 150,000	Amazon 150,000
Google 100,000	Google 100,000	Google 100,000
Yahoo 80,000	Yahoo 80,000	Yahoo 80,000
Alibaba 60,000	Alibaba 60,000	Alibaba 60,000
Facebook 40,000	Facebook 40,000	Facebook 40,000
Twitter 20,000	Twitter 20,000	Twitter 20,000
LinkedIn 10,000	LinkedIn 10,000	LinkedIn 10,000
Slack 5,000	Slack 5,000	Slack 5,000
Zoom 3,000	Zoom 3,000	Zoom 3,000
Dropbox 2,000	Dropbox 2,000	Dropbox 2,000
Evernote 1,000	Evernote 1,000	Evernote 1,000
OneDrive 500	OneDrive 500	OneDrive 500
Box 300	Box 300	Box 300
Google Drive 200	Google Drive 200	Google Drive 200
Microsoft OneDrive 100	Microsoft OneDrive 100	Microsoft OneDrive 100
Apple iCloud 50	Apple iCloud 50	Apple iCloud 50
Amazon Drive 20	Amazon Drive 20	Amazon Drive 20
Google Photos 10	Google Photos 10	Google Photos 10
Microsoft Photos 5	Microsoft Photos 5	Microsoft Photos 5
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Visa transactions top \$1 trillion for first time

By Mark Skrutskie
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Visa USA has a trillion reasons to support its credit card consumers and embracing an economy that doesn't depend on cash and checks to pay for things.

Visa credit, debit and prepaid cards have become the most popular form of payment. The infrastructure is in place to handle the volume, and cards are now accepted in more types of businesses than ever before, he said.

About 60 percent of the volume of Visa transactions in the 12-month period that ended March 31, the company said Tuesday. That's a level never before reached.

"It's huge. You're talking a significant number," said David Robertson, publisher of The Nilson Report, a credit card industry newsletter.

To put it in perspective, \$1 trillion is more than the gross domestic product of Canada. It's just slightly less than the Bush administration has proposed in military spending over three years. It could buy every household in metropolitan Chicago a monthly subscription to HBO for more than a millennium.

"It proves definitively that cash and checks are on their way out," said Elizabeth Buse, Visa's executive vice president of new market development and management.

While many economists aren't ready to go that far, the evidence is that use of paper checks has declined since the mid-1990s, according to a Federal Reserve study released in December. Checks have been replaced by electronic payment methods, such as debit cards, that take the money right out of a bank account.

That's a move by consumers that makes sense, said Charles Weller, senior vice president of financial services at the Federal Reserve in Chicago.

"We think it's more efficient, ultimately," he said. "We think it's potentially safer. It's quicker and more reliable."

Robertson's newsletter has projected that by 2009 card payments will overtake cash and checks as the most popular form of payment. The infrastructure is in place to handle the volume, and cards are now accepted in more types of businesses than ever before, he said.

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The trend toward more use of plastic when making a purchase is benefiting more than Visa, though it is the largest credit card company. According to figures provided by The Nilson Report, MasterCard International, the second-largest card company, had \$615.9 billion in card volume during the same 12-month period, a 15 percent increase from the 12 months ended March 31, 2002.

But don't get ready to say goodbye to a world of cash, Washington and Lincoln. While the technology exists to download a weekly paycheck onto a card, eliminating the need for cash, people aren't ready to give up the security that comes with clutching a handful of greenbacks, Furbee said.

There's a little bit of a fear — "What if I lose it? How much is in there?" he said.

The danger with so much access to payment via plastic is that it makes it much easier to lose a deep debt card, said Weller, a financial analyst with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C.

If you just carry cash around, you're not going to get into credit," Weller said. "If you have access to credit, ultimately a certain portion of the people will use that credit, which could make it more difficult for them to pay off their credit card bills."

Sandpoint clothing company settles suit with clothes designer

SANDPOINT (AP) — Coldwater Creek has settled a lawsuit with a clothes designer who claimed the catalog and Internet retailer used her designs to manufacture knockoffs.

Ann Laff, owner of Anna Loy Originals, said Coldwater Creek's actions cost her as much as \$10 million and effectively put her out of business.

S.D. District Judge Edward Lodge dismissed the lawsuit on May 2 after the settlement was reached. Neither side of the case disclosed the terms of the agreement.

Last claimed she began working with Coldwater Creek in 1998 to develop a new line of women's clothing.

Laff said she never received the orders Coldwater had allegedly promised and her samples were passed along to other manufacturers, which produced the clothing at a lower price.

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Item	High	Low	Close	Change
May Corn	1.85	1.84	1.85	+0.01
May Soybean	1.15	1.14	1.15	+0.01
May Wheat	1.25	1.24	1.25	+0.01
May Oats	0.45	0.44	0.45	+0.01
May Rye	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Barley	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Clover	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Alfalfa	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Hay	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Cotton	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Lard	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Tallow	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Hides	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Skins	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Wool	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Eggs	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Poultry	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Pork	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Beef	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Lamb	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Mutton	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Veal	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Bacon	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Ham	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Sausage	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Butter	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Cheese	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Milk	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Cream	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Ice Cream	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Candy	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Chocolate	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Sugar	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Coffee	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Tea	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Spices	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Herbs	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Fruits	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Vegetables	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Grains	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Legumes	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Nuts	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Seeds	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Flours	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Starches	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Alcohols	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Oils	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Gases	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Metals	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Minerals	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Fuels	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Electricity	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Water	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Sewage	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Air	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Sound	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Light	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Heat	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Cold	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Warm	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Dry	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Wet	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Soft	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Hard	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Smooth	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Rough	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Clean	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Dirty	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Shiny	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Dull	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Bright	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Dark	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Light	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Heavy	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Thin	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Thick	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Long	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Short	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Tall	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Short	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Wide	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Narrow	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Deep	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Shallow	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May High	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Low	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Fast	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Slow	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Quick	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Lazy	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Active	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Busy	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Idle	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Working	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Resting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Moving	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Staying	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Leaving	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Arriving	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Departing	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Returning	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Exiting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Entering	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Passing	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Crossing	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Traversing	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Journeying	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Traveling	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Migrating	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Moving	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Relocating	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Transferring	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Shifting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Changing	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Altering	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Modifying	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Adjusting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Adapting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Converting	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Transforming	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
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May Turning	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Rotating	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Spinning	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Revolving	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Whirling	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Swirling	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Twirling	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
May Spiraling	0.35	0.34	0.35	+0.01
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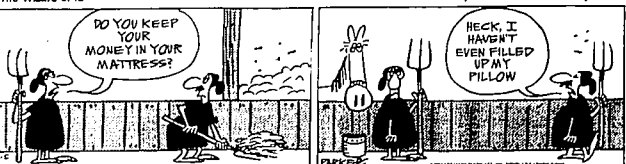
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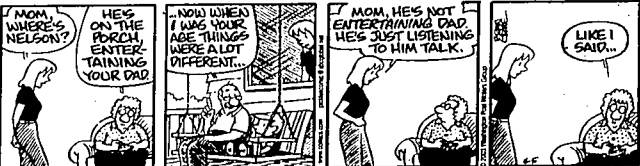
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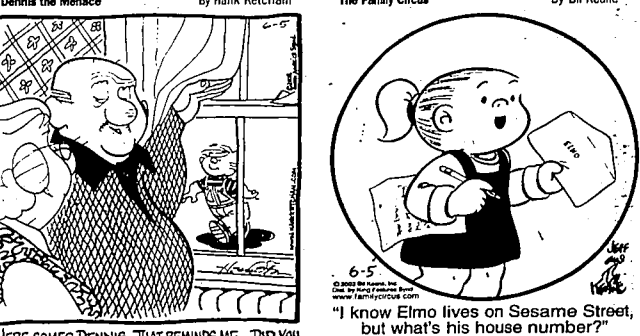


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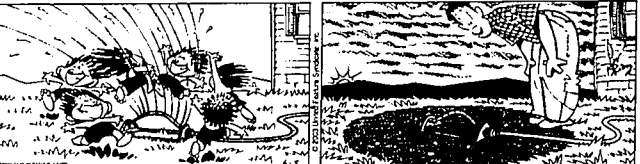
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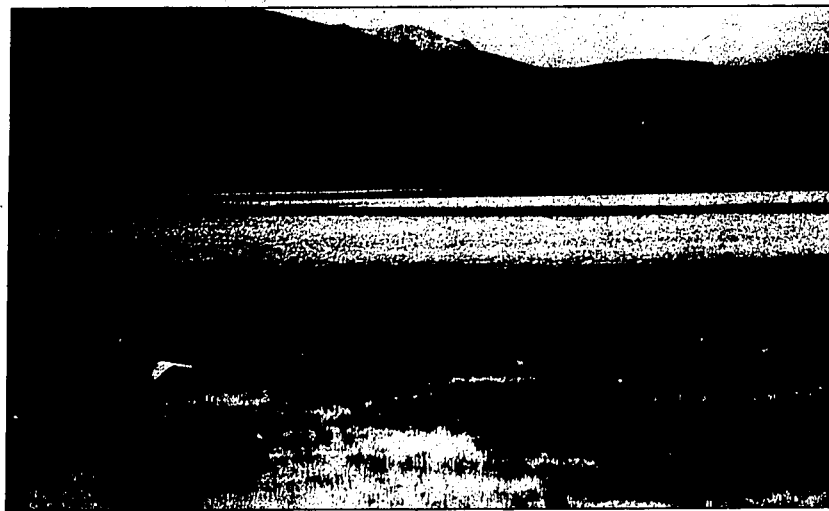
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To the birds!



The Centennial Marsh is prime birding territory for diving ducks who eat crustaceans on the bottom of the marsh and need water to run along to gain flight, as well as dabblers who take off straight up.

Students take flight to Fairfield marsh

By Karen Bossack
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD - The destination is Centennial Marsh. But teacher Brian Sturges doesn't need to wait until then to start birdwatching.

"Look at that bird sitting out there," he points toward a black-billed magpie as the schoolbus begins to leave the Wood River Middle School parking lot. "The watching starts now."

True to his promise, Sturges proves that you don't have to go anywhere special to watch birds. The bus moves past red-wing blackbirds perched like Christmas stars atop pine trees in a Halley nursery, past an owl's nest a couple blocks north of Halley's bustling downtown, past red-tailed hawks in the fields just north of the rest stop at Timmerman Hill.

Still, there are some very special places to watch birds and Centennial Marsh - the site of the youngsters' field trip - is one of them.

Centennial Marsh near Fairfield is a vast meadow cov-



Wood River Middle School student Gabriela Romero uses a spotting scope to get a better fix on the birds.

ered with shallow water during spring and early summer. Some call it a "floating lake" because of the way it "moves" as the water recedes during summer.

While the water's up, it serves as a 10,000-acre hotel for thousands of shorebirds, wading birds and waterfowl and raptors.

Among them, Swainson's

hawks, which migrate all the way from Argentina, and loggerhead shrikes, which impale grasshoppers on sticks and barbed wire in order to eat them.

The rarest, perhaps, are the black-bellied plovers, which have a mournful, drawn-out three-note whistle.

You know Centennial Marsh is on the birds' traveling map -

If you go ...
To get to Centennial Marsh, drive west from Fairfield along Highway 20 for 40 miles. Turn south onto Wolf Lane. From here you can drive, walk or mountain bike about 5 miles of dirt and gravel roads that thread through the marsh. Make a loop, coming out on Swamp Lane near Hill City. There are picnic and restroom facilities at the marsh.

It's the largest such marsh in the Pacific Northwest. Only Alberta, Canada, sports anything similar.

"The reason it's so valuable to waterfowl is that it's shallow. Because it's shallow it stays warm, making it host to a lot of aquatic insects," said Terry Gregory, the marsh's interpretive specialist.

Excitement in the air

On this particular day, a late spring, early morning snowfall has melted and fog has settled

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Bill and Lenore Mobley ride horses in the Smokey Range near Fairfield.

Braving a new trail at sunset

One fall day, Grandpa said it was time to introduce Calypso to the unknown West. He knew somewhere beyond this small ranch where we reside, there are unbroken forests, dark and silent with trails that would give Calypso the experience he needed. This is the reason I bought this horse as a yearling, so we could take him on the trail rides we love.

Three hours later at the canyon rock-strewn tip, a fresh sun of new-scrubbed gold met us full in the face.

"This is real country, these Big Smokey Mountains near Fairfield are going to be a real test for Calypso," Grandpa exclaimed.

We had reached the top of the ridge in time for lunch, and this met a well-deserved rest for the horses. A mellow fragrance came from the spring earth stirred by our horse's feet as we watered them in the small stream nearby.

Calypso had won Grandpa's heart as he had been brave as any warrior and as gentle as a lamb. What a great saddle horse he had become. His journey up to the pass following the lead horse had been almost flawless. His sanguine personality shown as he moved with confidence. Now it was time for Grandpa and Calypso to take the lead and take us off the mountain and back where we had left the trailers.

I watched as the autumn leaves blew over the trail in such a way as to make the first horse seem fixed there to a sliding slow walk. It seemed as if the motion of the wind and leaves carried him forward. The trees overhead made a sound of letting down their dry rain, but none of this disturbed the young horse as he stepped out at a fast pace.

Then somewhere a high and mournful trumpeting sound pierced our ears. Calypso stopped dead in his tracks. This sound he did not recognize, and fear gripped the mind of the young

CALLS FROM THE WILD

Lenore Mobley

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horse. Grandpa allowed him to stop as he reached down to stroke his neck and talk to him.

"It's a bull elk, and it is all right. You can move on; he's not close to us," he said.

Calypso's mind was eased by this, and he continued to move on down the trail. (Calypso felt his rider push him forward, and he has always trusted Grandpa's commands.)

At dusk, it's a strange, almost mystical interlude when light and dark are perfectly balanced, just moments before the blue skies are transformed by fiery colors of sunset. The colors bleed slowly into the sky, and the shadows are long, thinning streaks of bright light warning us that one hour is all the light energy there may be left of this day. We urge the horses to pick up the pace.

Around the next bend in the trail, Calypso slowed. There was a tenseness as he snorted in protest of the passing scents that interested his big nose. The young horse has 10 times the ability to hear and smell that man does, and these senses were telling him there is danger here. The colors, too, could not only smell the animals but we heard the sound of hooves beating on the hard mountain-side. It was getting much louder.

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Embarrassment of outdoor riches embellishes Columbia River town

Windsurfing is the main draw to Hood River, Ore., but there's plenty of other offerings

By Terrence Petty
Associated Press writer

HOOD RIVER, Ore. - They are returning now, the wind worshippers who swarm into this scenic Columbia River town every year from all corners of the world to squirm into their wet suits, hop onto their windsurfing boards and go tearing across the whitecaps at 30 mph and more.

Some will stay the weekend. Others may stay forever. There are plenty who do.

Sitting on a bench in front of a popular downtown cafe shop is local windsurfer Bart Vervloet, a 43-year-old who came here nearly two decades ago in search of the perfect wind, found it, and made Hood River his home.

Vervloet is fond of pointing out that the first three digits of Hood River phone numbers - 386 - spell "FUN" on telephone keypads.

"This is it, it's play time," says Vervloet, the voice of "Bart's Best Bet," a local radio program that



broadcasts the day's expected wind speed, weather forecast and other data crucial in a town known as the windsurfing capital of the world.

"You do whatever it takes to stay here," says Vervloet.

Everyone knows Vervloet, who also manages Windwing, a downtown shop that sells suits of its own design and other gear. Vervloet is a strapping man with bushy eyebrows and a puckish smile.

Windsurfers stopping at the coffee shop give Vervloet a hearty "Hey Bart!" as they wander by. One of them asks Vervloet, who got hitched last year, how he likes married life.

"She's still there!" he replies triumphantly.

Among the windsurfers who pull up in front of the coffee shop are a businessman from Michigan who spends summers here chasing the wind, a twenty-something who



Richard Kramer of Tigard, Ore., windsurfs on the Columbia River in Hood River, Ore., May 25. Wind worshippers swarm into this pretty Columbia River town, above, every year from all corners of the world.

sells Toyota at a Bend car dealership, and a man who tends bar at night and windsurfs during the day.

There are more coming - many, many more. By the height of summer, this town of just under 6,000 will be swelling with throngs of athletic visitors.

Encompassed in a majestic cleft of the North American continent called the Columbia River Gorge, Hood River has an embarrassment

of recreational riches.

Windsurfers began coming here about two decades ago, drawn by winds of 25 mph and higher that constantly blast down a natural wind tunnel created by towering basalt bluffs framing both sides of the Columbia River Gorge.

The windsurfers have been followed by legions of outdoors enthusiasts pursuing other sports: kayakers and rafters who plummet down tributaries feeding into

the mighty Columbia, mountain bikers who race through foothills of the Cascade mountain range, road cyclists who speed along backroads that wind past pear and apple orchards.

There's also salmon fishing and golf.

During the winter, local resorts, hotels and inns cater to skiers and snowboarders who hit the slopes of 11,240-foot Mount Hood, which looms in the near distance.

The latest craze in Hood River is kiteboarding, which is similar to windsurfing. The whole point of kiteboarding is not so much speed, as becoming airborne. A large kite captures the wind, propels the surfer across the water and plucks him as much as 40 feet into the air, depending on wind gusts.

You don't have to be an outdoors enthusiast to appreciate Hood River. Downtown buildings, some more than a century old, have been renovated. New restaurants and bed-and-breakfasts have opened in the past several years, catering not just to the sports set but also to tourists who are traveling through the Columbia River Gorge.

Leaving from a 1911 train station, the Mount Hood Railroad takes visitors on a four-hour journey along the bosky Hood River

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OUTDOORS

Volunteers will be out this Saturday for free fishing day

Outdoors in brief

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be hosting five Free Fishing Day events in the Magic Valley Region on Saturday with the help of Winthrop, Blue Lakes, Fishing Goods, Bass Hunters, the Wood River Land Trust and several other volunteer groups.

"It's going to be a great day of fun," said Kelson Hatch, Fish and Game Regional Conservation Educator. "There's nothing better than seeing a child catch their first fish and a parent or adult introducing them to the sport."

"Our goal with Free Fishing Day is to introduce the non-fishing public to a lifetime sport," said Hatch. "The five events we are sponsoring help interested participants get off to a good start. We provide poles, bait and the experts to help them have a successful day."

"People not interested in fishing at one of the sponsored events can still get out and go to any of the open public waters in the state without a license."

"We just want the people to get out and enjoy the day," Hatch said. "But one thing we want to remind them, is even though it is Free Fishing Day anglers still need to adhere to the other rules, including size restrictions, limits and closures."

Fishing waters with staff on hand from 8 a.m. to noon include:

- Emerald Lake in Burley.
- Oster Ponds at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery.
- Gavers' Lagoon at the Hayspur Fish Hatchery near Pocatello.
- Hailley Fish Pond in Hailley.
- Camas Kids Pond in Fairfield.

For more information, call 324-4359.

CSI offers whitewater kayak course next week

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will hold a whitewater kayak moving-water course June 10-12.

Instruction will include one "dry" class and two classes in the water. Outdoor Program director Bill Studebaker will lead students in the five basic strokes, ferrying, eddy turns, peel outs, bracing and the fundamentals of reading the water.

It is important for participants to have kayaking equipment for this class. Some equipment is available for rent through the Outdoor Program.

The fee is \$30. For more information or to sign up, call 732-6697.

Organizers schedule hike on Idaho-Nevada border

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will take participants on a hike in one of the most remote and beautiful areas in this region on June 15, said Bill Studebaker, Outdoor Program director. It is not necessary to be a CSI student to sign up.

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and we knew they were coming. At this time, Calypso took charge and Grandpa allowed this trust. Then I watched as Calypso gave a brisk whistling kind of sound and shifted his whole body to the side with his head up, way high.

As quickly as Calypso jumped off the path, the thundering herd of elk passed us by, led by the head bull. The lead bull was running with his head tipped back, which made his horns take up all the space provided on the narrow trail. It was a moving feast coming out of the woods and bounding toward us.

Grandpa breathed, "It was a good thing Calypso had moved out of the way."

Then the sparsely forested area seemed to soak up and muffle all the noise they had made, and they were gone as fast as they had come.

"Wow," Grandpa exclaimed, "I guess Calypso just saved the day."

As I saw joy spread over the face of Grandpa, this was to me reward enough in itself. Calypso just sighed as if he had had an easy day.

In the remaining light of the October day, we continued down the trail to home. Calypso knew he would be rewarded with a thorough curry-combing and, if he was lucky, a pan of grain.

Lenore Mobley lives in Jerome.

Hood River

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valley and over hills lying in the shadow of Mount Hood, Oregon's tallest summit.

Scattered along the Hood River are more than 300 fruit farms. Motorists follow what's called the Fruit Loop - a tour of fruit orchards, country markets, wineries and roadside stands.

Windsurfing and recreation have totally changed Hood River, which in the 1960s was struggling because of the decline of the timber industry.

Now lining Hood River's streets are businesses with names like Big Winds, Windance, Kayak Shed, Storm Warning and Renegade River Rafters, as well as boutiques and galleries.

Many of the largest designers of windsurfing gear are located here, making Hood River a hub of innovation and windsurfing technology.

"There are other small towns around America that are shriveling. Hood River isn't," said Peter Jubitz, who was born and raised here and owns Peart Hardware store.

"It's gone way beyond windsurfing. Cars go by with a canoe on the top and golf clubs in the trunk," said the 61-year-old Jubitz.

A 1990 study by community planning specialist David Povey found that windsurfers brought an infusion of about \$16.4 million into Hood River during the summer and projected it could grow to \$30 million in 1995.

Hood River's attraction as a place for all kinds of outdoor activities has grown over the past decade, and Povey figures the summer economic impact from visitors may have reached about \$50 million.

"More people are coming, staying

Saturday's will be "Wolves in Idaho."

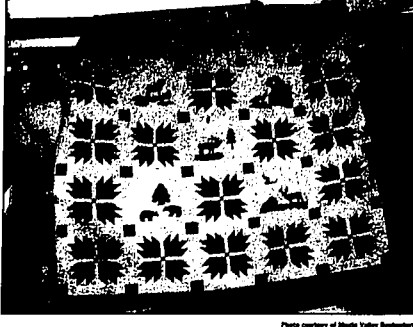
Both events begin with a campfire at 7:30 p.m. and the program follows at 8.

The visitor center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Friday through Sunday. Daily operation will start on June 13.

Mini-Cassia Bassers set tourney for Saturday

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Bassers annual open bass tournament will be held Sunday, June 7 at the Riverside Resort, Highway 30, Burley.

Fishing begins at 6 a.m. with weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. This is the only tournament of the year



Raffle tickets are \$1 or \$5 for six.

Quilt raffle will benefit area bowhunters group

Magic Valley Bowhunters are having a quilt raffle. The raffle quilt was made by O. Merrell and Joanne Smith and is of Bear Paw design with five silhouettes of big game animals. Shown in the picture are O. Merrell Smith, wife and George Watson, president of MVB.

The drawing will be held at the Magic Mountain Shoot 2003 at Magic Mountain, July 5 and 6. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

For tickets, contact: Jana Hedberg at 733-1050 or Merrell Smith at 734-7852.

Wildflower walk scheduled for west of Stanley

STANLEY - The Redfish Lake Visitor Center will celebrate Wildflower Month with a flower walk today at 9:30 a.m. Meet at Stanley Lake Road Information board, five miles west of Stanley on Highway 21 to join in. Bring flower books, insect repellent and warm clothing.

Evening programs for the week-end will be held at the Redfish Amphitheater. Friday's presentation is "Beetle Mania", and

where non-members are invited to compete. Call Bob Behr at 678-9366, Bret Severe at 678-5217 or Phil Mai at 678-5040.

Yellowstone visitors urged to watch out for bears

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. - Park officials say it is the time of year for visitors to be wary of bears, especially in the Lamar and Slough Creek areas.

Bear warnings have been posted for both areas. Meanwhile, the Pebble Creek Campground and West Thumb Geyser Basin have been closed because of brain problems there.

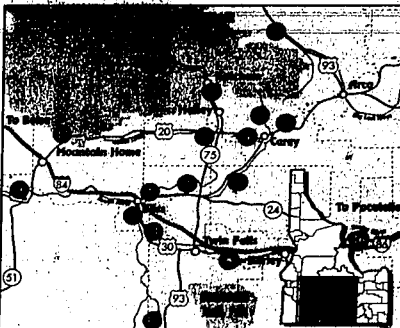
Park officials caution against approaching a bear under any circumstances and warn that it is against the law to approach within 100 yards of bears or within 25 yards of other wildlife.

Anyone who encounters a bear should not run. Yellowstone officials say, but should try to stay out of sight and downwind. If the bear has seen you, slowly back away and do not drop your pack.

If a bear charges, experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away.

- compiled from wire reports

Magic Valley Angler's Guide



The Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, June 5. Updated conditions are listed for family-fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley/Wood River regions. Check Idaho Department of Fish and Game regulations for restrictions.

Malad River: FAIR. Decent nymph and streamer fishing. Good evening caddis hatch as well. Suggested flies are Mickey Finn (#4 to #10), black caddis (#4 to #10) and elk hair caddis (#14 and #18).

Big Wood River: POOR. The Wood created on Saturday morning at 6.2 feet. It is running fast and the color of chocolate milk. We expect the wood to be fishable in late June and/or early July. It is dangerous to approach any flooding river during spring run off, please exercise caution.

Big Lost River: POOR. The river flows were raised again on the Lost to 656 cfs. It's currently too high and muddy to fish. We'll keep you posted.

Silver Creek: GOOD. The Brown Drake hatch began on Friday and appeared again on Saturday evening accompanied by a wind, rain, thunder and lightning show. The hatches have been sporadic occurring just before dusk, and the bug numbers haven't been strong enough (yet) to get fish excited, but our first warm calm night should be a Brown Drake classic. Day anglers should come well armed. There's a variety of bugs and no one combination has proven a sure bet. Have a variety of sizes of the emerger, dunn and spinner stages of the following: PMDs callibaetis, baetis; and also have a few nymphs, ants and beetles for those breezy afternoons.

Testi Creek & Warm Springs: POOR. Currently unfishable due to high runoff. Use caution when approaching these streams.

Penny, Dollar Lakes, and Lake Creek: LAKE: GOOD. These lakes and ponds are currently stocked, and they are great places to introduce a beginner angler to fishing. A Parachute Adams, Gulpel Super (size 14-18), and black or cinnamon ant work best when the fish are feeding on it. Or try slowly stripping a small (size 14-18) nymph through the water.

Little Wood River: FAIR/GOOD. Caddis hatch is strong and the fish are very active. Enjoy it before the water temperature peaks. Elk hair caddis (#12 to #16), partridge caddis (#12 to #16) and stimulators (#12 to #16) are recommended.

Magie Reservoir: FAIR. This southern Idaho favorite may be on an incline after the last decade of drought. Try stay streamer ducky (#6 to #12), midge perch (#10 to #12), and jumbo midge pupae, and buzzers.

Miner Dam: EXCELLENT. Lots of bass, slow retrieves and the fish will follow. Use 1/4-ounce and 1/8-ounce jigs with dark or soft grub worms and frogs.

C.J. Striker Reservoir: EXCELLENT. Bass are spawning and in post-spawn mode period. Do your fishing along the bank and drop-offs. Buzz baits, frenzies, plastics, clousers and buzzers will be a good bet.

Fish Creek Reservoir: FAIR. Many small trout are cruising the shallows. Phasent tails, hare-nymphs, jumbo midge pupae and duckytails are recommended.

Little Wood Reservoir: FAIR. A

decent water year helped, but it's mostly small fish right now. Jumbo midge pupae (#12 to #18), hare-nymph (#8 to #14), and buzzers (#6 to #10) are fine to try.

Camas Reservoir: FAIR. We are coming off a much better winter and fishing should improve. Throw in duckytails (#8 to #12), jumbo midge pupae (#12 to #16), and buzzers (#6 to #10).

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: GOOD. Many planter trout and small bass. The valley bite is on but no big fish have been caught yet. Use frenzies, rapalas, 1/4-ounce jigs, material plastics, sheep creeks and buzzers.

Clear Lake: FAIR. Plenty of fish but the lake is beginning to grow mossy. Best flies are the Clear Lake special (#10 to #14), duckytails (#10 to #14), sheep creeks (#8 to #12), wooly buzzers (#6 to #12).

Billingsley Creek: FAIR. The PMDs have started hatching along with a good number of caddis, parachute adams (#14 to #20), and parachute PMDs (#16 to #20).

Lake Walcott: FAIR. The lake has become muddy but there is plenty of bass and rainbows. Use night crawlers, powerball, rapalas, mohair leeches, jumbo midge pupae and pheasant tails.

Salmon/Steelhead report: FAIR. The main Salmon River has been blown out, but the Little Salmon is still producing some fish. Try roe and egg sucking leeches.

For additional updates on the Big Wood, Silver Creek, Warm Springs and the Big Lost call Skooter Gardiner at 1-800-732-5687 or (208) 726-5282. For updates at other locations call Doug Cherry at (208) 733-6446.

Birds

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in among the folds of the hills, creating variegated shades of gray looming over the fresh sprout of green inching up in the dark plowed fields.

"The birds will be here whether it's raining or sunny. But you as a birdwatcher will probably be more comfortable when it's sunny," Gregory says. "It's best to stay away, though, when it's windy because even the birds tend to hunker down then."

The bus driver keeps a light touch, but the gas pedal as the bus inches its way into the heart of the marsh. Water laps at both sides of the single-lane dirt road. Fence posts rise out of the water, the flooded area indicating prime bird-watching territory.

"Oh my goodness gracious," Sturges says as he points out a gyrfalcon, its golden talons tucked in against its gray and white feathers while in flight. "Watch him hover above looking for a mouse."

Almost immediately another bird catches his eye.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa! Did you see that? He's got his feet on the bus inches its way into the heart of the marsh. Water laps at both sides of the single-lane dirt road. Fence posts rise out of the water, the flooded area indicating prime bird-watching territory."

"It's a Western meadowlark!" shouts one youngster, after rifling through his copy of National Geographic Society's "Field Guide to the Birds of North America."

No sooner has that bird been identified than Sturges spots a cow heron.

"Hey kid, really cool stuff. What likes to feed on dead animals?"

As if on cue, a vulture flies across, rocking from side to side. In an instant it has buried its feet in the dead head in the carcass, its bald head protecting it from potentially harmful bacteria that would collect on feathers.

Finally, the bus rolls to a stop and Sturges gives the kids last-minute instructions in how to use binoculars without getting sick.



Driving through Centennial Marsh sometimes means navigating a narrow dirt road with water lapping at both sides.

The key, he says, is to point your shoulder where you want to look. Then, bring the binoculars up to your eyes and adjust them.

As the kids step off the bus, the marsh seems to come alive. A Wilson's phalarope spins around in tight circles in top of the water as it tries to stir up insects to eat. Periodically it dips its long thin bill into the water and then repeats the spinning process.

A common snipe swoops through the air, sounding rather like an alien spaceship landing as its tail feathers make an eerie fluttering noise.

Sandhill cranes put on a two-bird sideshow as they strut deliberately across the wet vegetation, picking up mud in their long bills and flinging it on each other in a bizarre courtship ritual.

Tromping through water, Tyler Stock finds a broken Canada goose egg the size of tennis ball the shell nearly a quarter-inch thick. Within minutes of his find, other students have found their own souvenirs.

To start the full effect of Centennial Marsh, it's best to visit it several times during a single season, Gregory says. In early and mid-May, for instance, the grouse are nesting and moulting. But you can see them by June. At the same time, it gets harder to see birds as the vegetation gets higher.

The marshy area dries up by late July and early August and most of the birds move on after putting in their reservations for next spring.

Spotting other wildlife

While the birds are usually the main attraction at Centennial Marsh, the area attracts wildflower lovers and photographers the last 10 days of May when the blue canvas - foot-tall blue, star-shaped flowers - bloom, carpeting the area with a royal blue hue.

Mule deer and pronghorn roam the area from spring to fall, and moose winter out on the fringes.

But by far, the birds are the biggest draw, with those who camp overnight awakening to a heady rush of awakening and flapping wings as the birds awaken to first light.

While morning is the best time to spot birds, you can easily spot three dozen different species in a couple of hours, even at mid-day during peak season.

Sometimes you can see more by staying in your vehicle and rolling down the windows. You can also make yourself as unobtrusive in the birds' world as possible by spreading out a blanket and adopting a low profile.

Within minutes, birds like the avocets, which feed by sweeping their bills side-to-side in the water, are likely to move back in close.

"It remains a thrill for me even after all the years I've been bird-watching," Sturges said. "And when you see a new bird you haven't seen before - ohmigod, it's like opening a present on Christmas Day."

Idaho man recalls whooping crane effort

POCATELLO (AP) — To about a dozen rare whooping cranes, Kent Clegg was a role model and the leader of the flock.

In an ultralight plane, Clegg, of Grace, led the large, white cranes, which he hatched in incubators, on an 800-mile trip from Grace to New Mexico's Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge.

His project, funded by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant, aimed to succeed where others had failed in restoring a whooping crane migration out West, in the Pacific Flyway.

He got the eggs from a Maryland wildlife research center. Although Clegg's whooping crane project was quashed after a single 1997 journey — he says it was put off for political reasons — he believes his efforts were not in vain.

Researchers attempting to restore a migration route from central Wisconsin to southern Florida are using his trail-blazing discoveries for their ongoing project.

The final crane from Clegg's flock, which spent summers north of Soda Springs, disappeared in the fall of 2001.

He said the sad part is that the experiment was working. "The state of Idaho wouldn't support having another endangered species in their state," Clegg said. "I'm confident we would have had the birds well on their way to reestablishing a flock of whooping cranes."

Clegg said his research shows the Pacific Flyway is viable for whooping cranes, but the Western political climate must change. In 1995 and 1996, Clegg performed test flights with sandhill cranes to see if he could get the birds to follow his aircraft.

His experiment succeeded — the sandhills followed his aircraft on the migration route — and he tried a migration with whooping cranes. The whooping cranes scattered after his funding was pulled.

Eleven years before Clegg attempted to bring the whooping crane back to the West, the Southeast Idaho National Wildlife Refuge Complex ended its own project at Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

Between 1975 and 1988, researchers placed whooping crane eggs from a native population in Canada in sandhill crane

nests, hoping the sandhills would raise the whooping cranes and that whooping cranes would breed with one another.

Whooping cranes typically lay two eggs, but most of the time, only one baby crane survives.

Dick Munoz, project leader at Grays Lake, said the wild population, which migrates to Texas for winters, has between 200 and 300 birds.

"The fear is that there would be some kind of catastrophic event like an oil spill or something (with the wild population)," Munoz said. "That was the impetus of trying to develop this second population."

The project failed — whooping crane mortality was high because several of them struck power lines in Colorado, and only one whooping crane mated, and it coupled with a sandhill crane, producing a whooping-sandhill mix.

Another problem was that whooping cranes thought they were sandhills.

"There was a lot of time and energy spent on that project and it didn't bear fruit," Munoz said.

Rod Drewien, one of the leaders of the Grays Lake project, believes the experiment shows whooping cranes will never thrive in the West. He said droughts dry up needed marshes, and Colorado's Rocky Mountains contain too many power lines. "The problems that we dealt with in the Rockies 15 years ago aren't getting any better. They're getting worse," Drewien said. "I don't see a good future for them here at all."

But Clegg believes he found a way to overcome the power line problem, and he is confident the Pacific Flyway is no worse than any other migration route.

Clegg said whooping cranes, which can grow to five feet long and weigh 16 pounds, are heavier and larger than sandhills and are more apt to strike power lines when attempting to follow sandhill cranes on a migration.

He said when whooping cranes fly with their own kind, as they did for his experiment, they avoid striking lines and aren't imprinted to think they are sandhill cranes.

"We feel like this is ideal habitat and an excellent migration route. It's unfortunate we can't have them here in the West when I think it's perfectly possible we could have them."

WILD RIDE



An unidentified kayaker battles her way Saturday down the 'Wild Mile' of the Swan River near Bigfork, Mont. She participated in the Bigfork Whitewater Festival, held every spring in the southwestern Montana town.

Idaho's Brownlee offers variety of activities

By Roger Phillips
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — A fishing trip to Brownlee Reservoir is a late spring ritual. The weather is usually warm, and most of the time there are some kind of fish biting.

Brownlee is a warm-water fishing mecca in southern Idaho. The 50-mile long reservoir contains a variety of fish that constantly leave anglers guessing about what may bite the end of their lines.

"You can go out there fishing and you don't know what you're going to catch," said Tim Montgomery, who runs the Wild Horse Store at McCormick Park. But there are many other rea-

sons to visit Brownlee. The area offers both developed and dispersed camping with great views of the reservoir surrounded by steep hillsides blooming spring-time green.

There also is abundant wildlife in the canyon, where big game animals wait for the snow to melt out of the high country.

"If you're a game nut, you will go crazy down here," Montgomery said.

Now also is a prime time for hiking the hills. Flowers are blooming and the oppressive summer heat is still weeks away.

So if you're looking to fire up the boat and break out the fishing gear, dust off the camping gear, or

just get out and see some country in its prime, check out Brownlee Reservoir.

Brownlee is one of the favorite fishing spots in southern Idaho, according to Fish and Game biologist Fred Partridge.

Anglers can find everything from palm-sized bluegill to dinosaur sturgeon.

The reservoir produces an abundance of warm-water game fish, thanks to its warm temperature and ample nutrients.

It's also one of the few reservoirs in the state that benefits from low-to-moderate snow packs, Partridge said. It doesn't have to be drained for flood control in the spring, which allows fish to con-

gregate and spawn near shorelines, making them accessible to anglers.

That's what draws Felix and Jim Hall of Nampa, who make an annual spring trip to Brownlee in search of large schools of crappie. "You catch those crappie when they're spawning, and it's just a blast," Jim said.

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El Milagro Children's Choir tunes up

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The El Milagro Children's Choir is starting up this summer.

The choir is a fun, free opportunity to sing in a choir and learn Spanish, said choir director Suelin Buhidar of Twin Falls.

Students in the second through sixth grades are invited to participate.

Rehearsals will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, with the first summer rehearsal June 9 at the Felipe Cabral Head Start center at El Milagro Housing Complex.

For more information

Call Director Suelin Buhidar at 733-5257.

If you are unable to come for summer rehearsals but would like to participate in the future, call so you can be added to the fall list.

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Buhidar said she was asked by representatives of HealthNet to

start the choir. HealthNet is a coalition of agencies promoting health and success among young people.

The choir is open to all children with the purpose of singing in Spanish and performing, Buhidar said. However, the children don't have to have any prior choir experience or know Spanish.

The group also will be an opportunity for those parents who want their children to learn Spanish a little earlier than when it would be offered in schools, Buhidar said.

Buhidar operates the Twin Falls Magic Valley Academy of Music studio and Kindermusik, which offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. She is a licensed Kindermusik educator, has experience in music education and has taught piano for 17 years.

Music also can be considered a kind of foreign language, she said. So the new choir will be fun as well as educational.

"It is a terrifically satisfying skill and intelligence-building skill," Buhidar said.

OELA EARNs AWARD



Organizacion de Estudiantes Latino-Americanos (OELA) was named the Ethnic Organization of the Year, Volunteer Services Organization of the Year and the Student Organization of the Month in April at the annual Boise State Student Involvement Recognition Dinner April 30. The Student Involvement office praised OELA's participation in the Hispanic Issues Training Conference, Dia de los Muertos, Mexican-American Studies Conference and OELA's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. The following OELA members accepted the awards, from left to right: Ramon Silva (Nampa), Maximiliano Silva (Nampa), Leobardo Morales (Wildier), Lety Sotelo (Shelley), Carlos Luna (Roberts), Lourdes Gomez (Bonners Ferry) and Angulo Ruiz (Hazelton); bottom row: Irene Ruiz (Hazelton) and Maria Torres (Firth).

Little-known playwright savors prize

By Robert Dominguez
New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Playwright Nilo Cruz has a new way to get past the disappointment of receiving rejection letters from theater companies.

He looks at his 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

An established dramatist whose work, set mostly in Cuba, has been produced by the Public Theater in New York, the McCarter Theater in Princeton, South Coast Repertory in California and Coconut Grove Playhouse in Miami, Cruz still gets rejection slips in the mail.

The latest came three weeks ago.

The thumbs-down, he says, was from a theater company in Manhattan, where the Cuba-born, Miami-reared writer has lived for 12 years.

"But I really don't let it discourage me. Because maybe someone else will come knocking," says Cruz, 42.

Of course, someone already has - the Pulitzer jury that on Monday cited his play "Anna in the Tropics" as the most distinguished work in theater last year.

Set in a 1920s cigar factory in the Tampa, Fla., Cuban enclave of Ybor City, the play had its premiere at the New Theatre in Coral Gables last year. The Public Theater will give it a staged reading this month.

Cruz knows that taking home the Pulitzer is a life-altering experience for a relatively unknown playwright.

"I don't know what that change is going to be yet," he says. "I'm still trying to figure it out. But I'm not thinking about the future right now, because it feels really good to be in this present."

Beating finalists Edward Albee ("The Goat") and Richard Greenberg ("Take Me Out"), Cruz is the only Latino playwright to win the prize.

It is also only the second time a Pulitzer has gone to a play that had not been staged in New York, joining the 1992 winner, Robert Schenkkan's "The Kentucky Cycle."

"I didn't think I stood a chance, especially since the work hasn't been seen in New York," says Cruz. "I'm just hoping that maybe now that this particular play received so much attention, the rest of the world will pay attention to my work."

As it happened, winning the Pulitzer - and the \$7,500 that goes with it - topped off an already special weekend.

On Saturday, "Anna in the Tropics" won the American Theatre Critics Society New Play Award at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Ky., an honor that comes with a \$15,000 prize.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



Shoshone School opened its doors to the community in a celebration emphasizing diversity on April 24. More than 200 people participated in and enjoyed the festivities making this night a huge success, reported Leanne Orr, the school English as second language teacher and organizer. There was entertainment by Nanyathem, a Mexican folk dancing group. Volunteers and others brought their favorite authentic dishes to add to the buffet-style dinner.



Hispanic playwrights find acceptance

By Christine Dolen
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI - When "Anna in the Tropics" caught the theater world by surprise and snagged the Pulitzer Prize for drama in April, an exultant Nilo Cruz cried into his cell phone, "Miami, Cuba and all the Latinos got a Pulitzer Prize today!"

Symbolically, the Cuban-American playwright who grew up in Miami is right: No one of Hispanic descent has ever won drama's most prestigious prize, and the fact that Cruz's sensuous, poetic play vaulted to those heights - after having been staged at only the tiny New Theatre in Coral Gables, Fla. - makes the honor all the more wondrous.

In fact, Cruz's honor is just the latest and most high-profile event in the ascension of Hispanic-American playwrights. In 1994, Eduardo Machado's "Floating Islands" - a four-play, six-hour epic inspired by his own Cuban family - was staged as marathon "event" theater at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. In 1999-2000, New York's high-profile Signature Theatre Company devoted its entire season to the work of avant-garde playwright Maria Irene Fornes, the Cuban-American writer who mentored both Machado and Cruz.

"I think Nilo's Pulitzer will only be good," says Jose Rivera, himself an award-winning playwright whose work is done all over the United States. "It will create a

greater accessibility for this work."

Others, though, aren't so sure that things are REALLY changing for Hispanic-American playwrights, and for Hispanic theater in America.

Machado, the playwright and Columbia University professor whose "Once Removed" just ended its run at the Coconut Grove Playhouse here, has his doubts.

"I go to the Humana Festival (at Actors Theatre of Louisville), and I'm the hit of the festival, but no one calls to ask if I have another play," says Machado, whose play "When the Sea Drowns in Sand" (later retitled "Havana in Waiting") was a Humana hit in 2001.

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Spain's 'national hero' is poised to win America with new films

By Rebecca Louie
New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Javier Bardem only meant to stop smoking. He didn't intend on getting well, how shall we say ...

"I am very fat in this movie," the Spanish actor says, referring to "Mondays in the Sun," a drama about unemployed dockworkers in Northern Spain, due out in July. Bardem also stars in "The Dancer Uptstairs." John Malkovich's directorial debut, which is playing around the country.

"I gained 15 kilos, like 30 pounds," says Bardem, 34. "I went to the director and said, 'Listen, I think my character is going to be really fat.' He asked me why and I said, 'I'm gaining weight, man! I can't stop!' When I first saw the movie, I was like, 'B- I could not bear it. And I started smoking again!'"

The look is a far cry from Bardem's lean, Oscar-nominated portrayal of Rinaldo Arenas in 2000's "Before Night Falls" (he had

to lose weight to play the gaunt Cuban poet), but in "Mondays," the added poundage is just more for fans to love. The sinner film won five Spanish Goya Awards in February and beat out Pedro Almodovar's "Talk to Her" as Spain's foreign-language entry in this year's Academy Awards.

Though "Mondays" was denied by the Academy (Almodovar nabbed the Best Original Screenplay statuette, and a Best Director nomination), Bardem was not disappointed.

"It was an honor to be nominated for Best Actor for 'Night' in 2001), but it was a kind of place where I don't belong," he says. "From that moment on, you have to go knocking on every door asking for a vote. I didn't like that. I felt uncomfortable."

"In Spain, people give this nomination too much importance. I was the first Spanish actor to be nominated (for an Oscar). The media and the people on the street put a lot of things on my shoulders."

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Genevieve Millard will speak about her work with HealthNet and about organizing a salsa and dance activities and other events at the El Milagro housing complex center in Twin Falls.

The no-host lunch takes place at noon Monday at the Senior Cesar's Royal Cafe restaurant at 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Hispanic issues.

For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marantoni at 735-3288.

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that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of Summons to you. If you fail to do so, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek other advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and your legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall include:
1. The time number of this case.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the material allegations of the Complaint, and other defenses you may claim.

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3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.
To determine when you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the clerk of the above named Court.
DATED this 5th day of May, 2003.
Heidi P. Edwards, Clerk
/s/ Kay Nelson, Deputy Magistrate Court
PUBLISH: May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2003
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
MAAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-03-0074
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE Matter of the Estate of EARL R. STANSELL, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RONALD R.

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STANSELL has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court.
DATED this 16th day of May, 2003.
STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINER
/s/ Russell G. Kvanvig
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 83
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083
Telephone: 208-733-2721
PUBLISH: May 22, 29 and June 5, 2003
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
MAAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-03-002243
NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CLAYTON B. MARTINEZ, for change of

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name. Petition by Clayton B. Martinez, born October 2, 1989, Burley, Idaho 83318, residing at 263 Pleasant Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, and that of his mother, A. Ralston, proposing a change of name to Clayton B. Martinez Ralston having been filed in the above-entitled court, the reason for the change in name being to conform to past usage in school record, and other records and activities, and in conformity with his present family name and in keeping with the present use of the name of Ralston, all for many years past.
The name and address of petitioner's nearest relative is his father, David C. Martinez of Boise, Idaho.
Petition will be heard at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2003, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash or any person who can, in such judgments, show to the satisfaction of the court, a good reason for the change against such a change of name.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 20th day of May, 2003.

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PUBLISH: May 22, 19 and 26, 2003

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

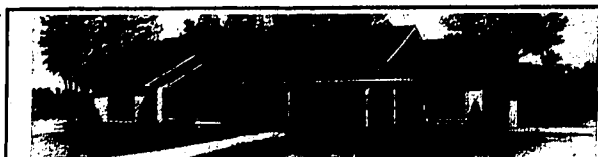
FA-15821
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On the 3rd day of September, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American

Merle Valley
BUILDERS
ASSOCIATION

2003 Parade of Homes



1

2277 Julie Lane
Pacesetter Homes LLC (Map B)



2

2274 Eastwood Road
Wolverton Homes (Map B)



4

2726 Sunpointe Dr.
Edmunds Homes (Map C)



5

2611 Morning Sun Dr.
Ray Goffin Construction (Map C)



7

2625 Sunglow
James Ray Construction (Map C)



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2675 Suncrest
Estate Homes (Map C)



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2627 Morning Sun Dr.
Edmunds Homes (Map C)



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452 Boxwood Ct.
Jeff Gooding Homes (Map C)



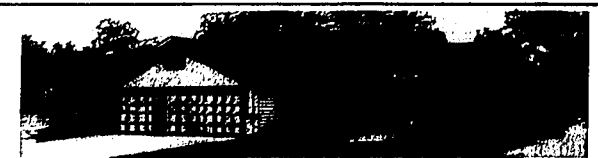
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279 Dollar Hyde Way
Slusher Construction (Map F)



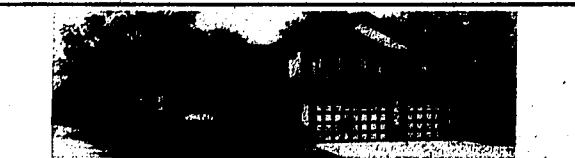
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2780 Suncrest Circle
Wolverton Homes (Map C)



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2674 Longbow Drive
Continental Homes LLC (Map C)



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2619 Morning Sun Dr.
Cambridge Homes (Map C)




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2741 Suncrest
Estate Homes (Map C)

**As a courtesy to the
builders, please remove
your shoes before
entering the homes.**

**June 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2003,
Thursday-Saturday 1-7 p.m.,
Sunday 1-6 p.m.**

**Admission is
FREE to the public!**



3 **2581 Carriage Way**
Wills Inc. (Map C)



6 **341 Shadetree**
Nelson & Co. (Map A)



9 **3697 N 2570 E**
Canyon Country Homes (Map E)




12 **2711 Longbow Dr.**
Houser Custom Homes (Map C)



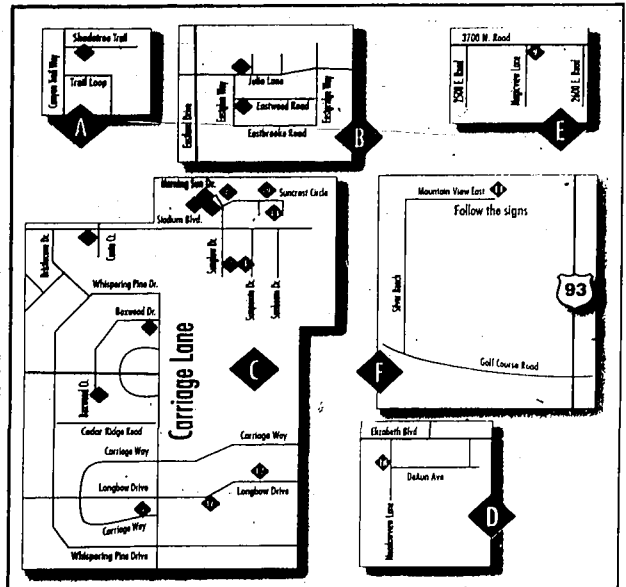
15 **516 Whispering Pine**
Northwest Construction LLC (Map C)



18 **565 Meadowview Lane**
James Ray Construction (Map D)



20 **598 Boxwood Drive**
Gary Bond Construction (Map C)



A Word From The President ...

Welcome to the 2003 Parade of Homes!

As you go through the homes, I think you will find 2003 is a special year for new home construction in the Magic Valley. The builders participating in this year's Parade have put together a wonderful event with a nice variety of homes.

Take your time and enjoy looking at the homes! Don't forget to vote for your choice of the Best Overall homes and enter to win a prize in the drawings.

Earl Williamson, President MVBA 2003



Members of the Magic Valley Builders Association are proud to present 20 different designs in 4 price categories. You will find the variety greater than in past exhibits as we have 16 different builders showing their wares. With interest rates at their lowest level in 40 years, now is the time to consider a new home. We truly have something to fit anyone looking for a new home.

The majority of the homes are decorated and will be staffed by professional builders or licensed realtors. Our members are friendly people who can answer your building or market questions. Be sure to ask about special features in each home.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"There is no such thing as chance."
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The swing of today's deal decided the final outcome of the match. Even though the same contract was reached at both tables with the same play to the first two tricks.

At one table Paul Soloway for the Nickell team was allowed to make three no-trump when the defense led and continued diamonds. However, in the other room, when Larry Cohen declared three no-trump on a diamond lead, he correctly won the opening lead in hand and led a club to the queen and ace.

Now Eric Rodwell (East), had no certainty as to what to do — he knew his partner's singleton club could not carry any message! Nonetheless, Rodwell got it right. He knew that declarer had a balanced minimum opening bid with the club king-jack and the diamond queen. Since declarer was not certain he had a top diamond as well (given his partner's low-diamond lead), there was no room for the heart ace, so shifting to the jack of hearts gave him two chances.

As the cards lay, Cohen ducked, so Rodwell simply continued with the king of hearts and cashed out the hearts. But if Cohen had covered and Meckstroth (West) had taken the heart ace, Rodwell trusted his partner would return a high heart from a remaining holding of three small, but would play back a low heart if he had 10-13 of hearts left. If a high heart had come back, Rodwell would have cashed out to diamonds, hoping to cash out that suit.

NORTH
A K Q J 4-2
A 7 6 3
Q 4 3
K 10 6 5 2
A Q 8 4
K J 8

EAST
K J 9
J 7 3
A Q 10 6 5 2

SOUTH
10 9 7
Q 4 2
A Q 8 4
K J 8

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT* Pass 3 NT All pass
10-12 points

Opening lead: Diamond five

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 6 3
A 10 8 5
K 10 6 5 2
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South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT* Pass 3 NT All pass
10-12 points

ANSWER: Respond two hearts. You are not worth an invitational jump, but your plan will be to compete to three diamonds over three clubs. This will suggest your approximate hand pattern (with longer hearts, you would suppress the diamonds altogether) and let partner choose the best fit.

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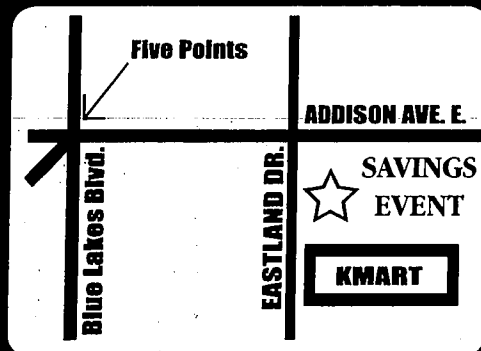
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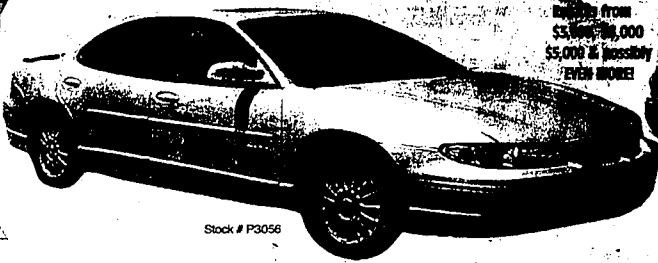
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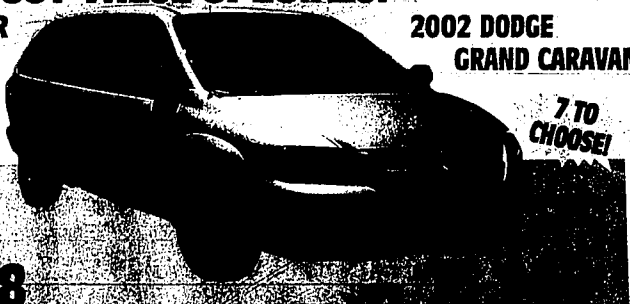
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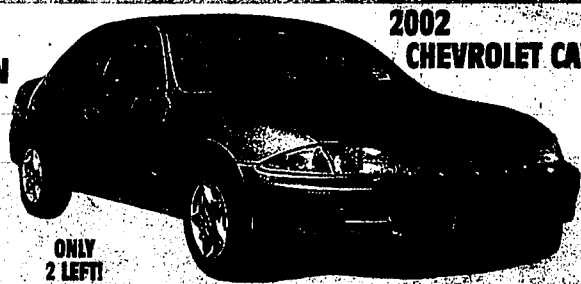
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