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THEIR DAY HAS COME



FEBRUARY 29

Clockwise from left, Leah Kurtz, 6/24, LeGrande Whitte, 4/16, Arlee Hupfor, 17/68, Sue Clark, 14/66, Madilyn Yeaman, 2/6, and Samatha Trejo, 2/4, each were born on Feb. 29 during a leap year.

Local 'leapers' celebrate long-awaited birthdays

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Leap year day comes and goes — it's a day this year, then it's not a day for three more years.
But for about 30 Magic Valley people, the enigmatic Feb. 29 is their birthday.
Butch Colson might shoot some skeet, then take in a G-rated movie to celebrate his birthday today. After 44 years, he is on his 11th

birthday, so he said a kids' movie would be appropriate.
The Jerome resident remembers a teacher in elementary school having each child write his birthday on the calendar. He went to write down his birthday, but the date wasn't there. He said he thought he must be a nobody if he didn't even have a birthday.
"As a little kid, it stunk," Colson said. Today he can have fun with it. "I've got kids older than I am," Colson said.

What's leap year all about? Read about it on page A14.

1992 or 1998. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center had one in 1984, four in 1988, two in 1992, three in 1996 and seven in 2000.
In the Magic Valley, leap year stories are as unique as the "leapers."
"It's just strange," Sue Clark of Filer turns 14 or 56 today, depending on whether she counts years or birthdays. She recalls having problems being named as a dependent for her husband's Social Security
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Animal shelter plans must be scaled back

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Plans for a new city animal shelter will have to be scaled back as a result of higher-than-expected bids for the project, officials said last week.
As a result, the start of construction will likely be delayed until summer.
Two bids came in for the shelter, within the realm of reason from an architect's point of view, but still more than the City Council had budgeted for the project.

"The bidding process is over," architect Russ Lively said. "We have to start all over again — a new set of plans, new specifications, redone drawings."
Lively has met with city officials and will go before the City Council on Monday to make a presentation about the next course of action.
"It is my intention to recommend going back out to bid," he said.
If approved, the process may start next month.
"I hope to have it on the street by the end of April, with bids in by the

end of May," he said.
Animal shelter supporters had hoped to see a contract awarded this month.
"February is the bargain-basement buying time," Lively said. "Companies are looking for work and cash flow for the construction season. By June or July, they're heavily into the construction season."
The estimated cost of a new shelter — which would replace the existing 1,200-square-foot facility — was \$600,000.
Two companies submitted bids

for the proposed 6,439-square-foot facility on city-owned land at 420 Victory Ave. The low bid, submitted by Stanley and Associates Inc., was \$685,300, with \$2,530 in alternates. The other bid, \$699,900, was submitted by Darren Hall Construction Inc., with \$4,700 in alternates.
"As an architect, that makes me ecstatic," Lively said. "We did our job of defining what we wanted. If you're within 25 percent of the estimated construction cost, the bids
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Streets quiet down in Haiti U.S. urges Aristide to 're-examine his position'

The Associated Press
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Pro-government mobs that were looting and shooting up the Haitian capital withdrew from the streets Saturday, obeying an plea from President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. A rebel leader said he would honor a U.S. appeal not to attack.
Though violence subsided, doctors said the morgue at Port-au-Prince's only hospital was full, and that 25-30 bodies were brought in since Friday — raising the death toll to

more than 100 in Haiti's four-week rebellion.
The United States urged both sides in the conflict to end the violence, which broke out Feb. 5. In a statement late Saturday, the White House called on Aristide to "re-examine his position," but did not call for his resignation.
The statement was critical of looting and other violence it attributed to Aristide supporters and reiterated that the United States
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Men carry car seats looted from the port area of Port-au-Prince on Saturday. Pro-government mobs that were shooting up the Haitian capital withdrew from the streets Saturday, obeying an plea from President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Early T.F. newspapers chronicle leap year

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A surprise party for Mrs. James Waters' 12th birthday was front-page news in 1916. As she turned 52 years old on Feb. 29 that year, the Blue Lakes Boulevard club honored Waters with a gathering of 54 friends and neighbors, a bouquet of carnations and a pin. For the latter, Waters "expressed her appreciation in a sweet pleasing manner." The *Twin Falls Times* reported March 3, 1916.

The newspaper was generous with details of the leap year birthday party: Club song, piano and vocal solos, readings and recitations, with performers all named. Social hour "spent in old-fashioned games and conversation." Delicious refreshments.
"All wishing Mrs. Waters many more happy birthdays, neighbors and friends parted for their homes, feeling Blue Lakes Boulevard club had the right friendly spirit," the *Times* reported.
In this fledgling city's early decades, leap years were a time to make merry — and make money. Inside the same edition describing the Waters party, the *Times* reported in brief that a number of Twin Falls young ladies had given a leap year dance in Coitell hall.
The guests wore in costume and many good remarks were seen," the *Society Notes* column read.
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LEAP DAY Chasing the sun

Our calendar system has an extra day — Feb. 29 — every four years to balance the difference between the actual length of time it takes for the earth to travel around the sun, or solar year, and the calendar year.

12-month calendar year
Solar year 365.24219 days
To fit the 12-month calendar, the solar year was rounded to 365.25 days, equal to six more hours per year, or one day every four years.

6 hours
14 years
Leap day

Not to scale
Adjusting the math
Even with leap day, the difference between the true length of a solar year and the rounded length will add up to several days over time. Thus every 100 years we skip a leap year, e.g. 1900 — except in centennial years divisible by 400, like year 2000.

SOURCE: Royal Observatory Greenwich

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Egg questions
Advocates of the Atkins Diet rave about the importance of eggs, but traditional dietitians aren't convinced.

Monday

Cheating at school
Teachers watch for students using gadgetry for ill-gain.

Tuesday

Home fix-up
Make your house look new.

Wednesday

Late winter fishing
Anglers gear up to try Hagerman Wildlife Refuge.

Thursday

In the mood?
The legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra is coming to Twin Falls Roper Auditorium.

Friday

Filling a gap
New congregation in Wood River Presbyterians offer Spanish-language services.

Saturday

One more time
How much is too much parenting for grandparents?

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. A breeze at times. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Low in the lower to mid 30s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly to partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 30s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

DAHO'S FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy at times today and Monday. A few showers may move through the area on Tuesday and again on Thursday.

Today Highs 27 to 38 Tonight's Lows 1 to 11
BOISE Cloudy to partly cloudy and breezy at times today and Monday. A few showers may move through the area on Tuesday and again on Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 52 at Caldwell. Low: 9 at Stanley. Weather keys: S=sunny, p=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, m=moderate, sh=showers, rain, sn=snow, H=high, W=wind, M=missing.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes temperature and precipitation icons.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes monthly and daily data.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases: Mar. 6 Full Moon, Mar. 13 Last Qr., Mar. 20 New Moon, Mar. 28 First Qr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene with their respective forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, and Boston with their respective forecasts.

Barometric Pressure

6 p.m. Yesterday 29.78 in

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists sunrise and sunset times.

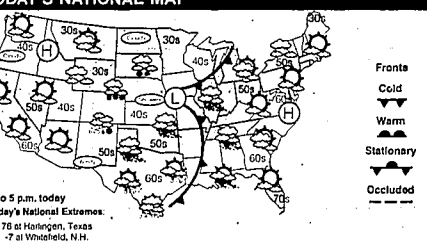
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Low Moderate High

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists international cities like London, Paris, and Tokyo.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST. Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

Valid to 5 p.m. today. Valley to National Extremes. High: 78 at Hagerman, N.H. Low: -7 at Winfield, Texas.

Shelter

Continued from A1. are fine. That's about as good as it gets. However, as a practical matter, the difference between the bids and the funds available to build renders the project unachievable as is.

Thompson said the plumbing and concrete costs were too high in the original bids. The new request for bids will be advertised statewide, rather than just locally, in hope that there will be more, and lower, bids, she said.

"I would really like to proceed with the original budget," he said. "The old building is highly inadequate. But they do the best job they can."

"She remains confident that ground-breaking and completion, will happen this year." "We have no reason to think that it won't," she said.

Coast Guard finds raft, but not boaters

MENSAOLA, Fla. (AP) - The Coast Guard recovered a life raft Saturday from a missing fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico but

found no sign of the two boaters who departed from the Florida Panhandle and have been missing for days.

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Haiti

Continued from A1. is prepared to support multilateral efforts to restore order. Rebel leader Guy Philippe, speaking to The Associated Press from a key northern city in his control, said his fighters would not attack the capital "for a day or two."

Leap

Continued from A1. because her father did not exist in the computer. "It's not bad," Clark said. "It's just strange."

Rover prepares to take another bite of Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - The Opportunity rover temporarily stowed its robotic arm and cleared a six-inch bump on its way to taking a bite out of the martian surface, NASA said. Sometime over the weekend, the six-wheeled robot was to grind into the upper part of a rocky outcrop dubbed "El Capitan."

center in which the robot is maneuvering. Previous microscopic images revealed fine layering in the rock and mysterious Bg-sized granules that could be significant as the rover searches for signs that water has existed on the planet.

Centennial

Continued from A1. Two leap years later, in 1924, the Twin Falls Daily News announced the Elks' upcoming dance, for which a committee of ladies had issued this invitation: "Your Last Chance for Four More Years, the Deers Leap Year Dance. Bring Your Elk."

at rest at 10 o'clock following complaints lodged by neighbors. For the new city's merchants, leap year was marketing gold. The Idaho Department Store launched what it called the "First Big Sale" on Saturday, Feb. 29, 1908.

Brazil, Canada and the United States

U.S. Coast Guard cutters, meanwhile, intercepted Haitians who fled on boats. Some 350 Haitians who were brought back under the guard of U.S. Marines walked off the dock into a crowd of government supporters who chanted "Aristide, Aristide, Aristide."

Leap

"It's about the same," Rigby said. "Just on the fourth year, it gets noticed more."

IDAHO LOTTERY. WILD CARD: JACK OF HEARTS. Mielak represents Pristine Springs, Seapac. A story Sunday about the culpability of twigs mistakenly being fired from Mielak's deershoes.

NATION

Cost of prescription drug benefits rise

Co-pays jump from \$5 or \$10 to \$50

The Baltimore Sun

If you have a prescription drug benefit, prepare for sticker shock. Pharmacy co-payments that had hovered for years at \$5 or \$10 a script are soaring now to \$50 or more for brand-name medications as insurers and employers shift more of the growing cost of health care to consumers who had grown accustomed to believing that only uninsured seniors worried about paying for drugs.

"People are confused," said Pat Burke, who owns pharmacies in a number of states in Reisterstown and Parkville, Md. "Most of the time, it's the pharmacist who has to break the news that the medication they used to get for \$8 is now \$12 or \$40 — or that the insurer won't cover it at all."

Spending on prescription drugs — the fastest growing component of the United States' medical tab — has been expanding at roughly twice the inflation rate in the last decade. Now, employers and insurers are rethinking the generous drug benefits that have helped fuel that galloping growth.

"The number of prescriptions has just blown through the roof," said Donald Knapp, dean of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. "And the availability of insurance is a factor. Ten years ago, 35 percent of working adults had a drug insurance benefit. Now, 85 to 90 percent have it."

Built on a 1980s model pioneered by health maintenance organizations, drug benefits allowed employees to plunk down a low co-payment for any prescription. The benefit worked for all since drug therapies helped keep people healthier and thus kept down hospitalization costs.

But "a tremendous onslaught of new, very expensive medications" came on the market in the 1990s and physicians began writing scripts liberally, said Stanley Wallack, director of Brandeis University's Schneider Institute for Health Policy.

Almost overnight, the benefit became a sweetheart deal for employees who could pay \$5 for a \$150 bottle of pills and leave insurers and employers to pay the rest. Americans spent \$184 billion on prescription drugs last year, an

increase of 13.4 percent over the year before, the federal government reported earlier this month. They filled 3.1 billion prescriptions in 2002, 1 billion more than in 1992. "Now, the insurers are pushing back," Wallack said.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, for example, introduced plans this year that allow employers to offer three "tiers" of co-payment options for their employees. The lowest possible co-payment option under those plans is \$5 for generic medications in the first tier, \$20 for "preferred" brand name drugs in the second and \$30 to more than \$50 for the most expensive medicines.

"We want people to understand: Drugs cost a lot," said Amy Doherty, CareFirst's product manager. "That's hard to do if they pay a flat \$5 or \$10 or \$15 every time."

So a CareFirst beneficiary will pay \$40 or \$50 for a month's supply of the "non-preferred" cholesterol-lowering drug, Zocor, whose actual retail cost is about \$3.15 a day, and \$5 or \$10 for the same amount of the generic Lovastatin, which costs less than \$1 a day. The plan also enlists physicians by requiring them to call the insurer's drug benefit manager for permission to write prescriptions for non-preferred drugs.

CareFirst is riding an industry-wide wave. Sixty-three percent of workers with employer-sponsored drug benefits will have "tiered" co-payment plans this year, up from 27 percent in 2000, with an average co-payment of \$29 for the most expensive drugs, according to Kaiser Family Foundation, which monitors health care trends. Some plans are going beyond the tiers to restrict coverage to generics or requiring beneficiaries to pay percentages of the total cost of drugs.

"The transfer of liability of drug costs (to beneficiaries) that began around 2000 is just rocketing," said Bruce Stuart, the director of UM's Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging.

Tracking the effect of a tiered benefit on hypertension prescriptions, UM researchers Sachin Kamal-Bahl and Becky Briesacher found that insurers and employers reduced their spending 52 percent as patients switched to generics or simply stopped filling all their prescriptions.

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— Pat Burke, pharmacy owner

Officials take relative into custody in missing family case

TAYLORSVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Investigators searching for a family of three who disappeared on Valentine's Day questioned one of their relatives Saturday and searched his property in southern Mississippi.

Earnest Lee Hargon, an adopted cousin of the missing family, was in custody and was being questioned, said Warren Strain, a state Highway

Patrol spokesman. Authorities also closed off a county road on both sides of Leaf River Veterinary Services as part of the investigation. The clinic was given as a residence address by Hargon, whose wife is a veterinarian, Strain said.

"We're very hopeful that the questioning and the search warrants will lead to a resolution about

the whereabouts of the Hargon family," Strain told AP Radio. "The latest developments have been dramatic, groundbreaking. We are very confident that the resolution of this tragic and awful situation is imminent."

There has been no trace of Michael and Rebecca Hargon and their 4-year-old son, James Patrick, since Feb. 14. Lawmen reported

finding blood and spent bullet casings at the family's home, but no signs of forced entry.

Strain said there were five wood-frame structures in the area of the veterinary clinic and that crime laboratory teams were checking each building.

Strain said officers were also searching the property, which includes woods.

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NATION

Official says Iraq won't finish constitution on time

BAHGDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's U.S.-spoked leaders failed to meet a Saturday deadline for adopting an interim constitution but were expected to find compromise soon on contentious issues including the role of Islamic law and the status of women.

Still, the delay signaled the deep and persistent divisions over how to distribute power among the country's ethnic and religious factions and to balance Islam and secularism. It also marked the latest glitch in U.S. plans to hand sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30.

Earlier Saturday, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, met with members of the governing Council in an attempt to overcome their differences. An official in the U.S.-led coalition, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a charter could be completed Sunday.

At issue are efforts by conservatives to enshrine Islam as the main source of law in Iraq. Kurdish demands for that they not lose their self-rule federal region and Shiite attempts to dominate the new government's presidency.

Shiite leaders and members of the council have rejected the U.S. formula for picking the government due to start ruling in July, but no one has been able to agree on an alternative — likely requiring the United Nations to step in to help.

The council — hand-picked by the United States to reflect the diversity of Iraq's ethnic and religious groups — has been ensnared in those groups' mutual mistrust and clashing ambitions, despite months of debate on many of the same central issues.

Shiite Muslims are trying to stake out the political power they feel they deserve as Iraq's majority community. Kurds seek to solidify their autonomy and Sunni Arabs hope to maintain a voice. At the same time, secular politicians and women on the council have tried to fend off Islamic hard-liners.

Mahmoud Othman, a Sunni Muslim Kurd on the council, said meeting the Feb. 28 deadline — set by the Americans and agreed to by the council — was less important than resolving issues now, rather than leaving them unclear.

"The Iraqis people have been waiting for a law for 45 years. If it takes a few more days so what? It's



A Muslim Shiite procession passes through the streets of Baghdad Saturday, as Shiite faithful observe the 30-day mourning period of their saint Imam Hussein. The character in red represents Shimer Bin Jawshan who assassinated Hussein 1,343 years ago.

got to be finished," he said. "Sometimes you get something that's not finished, and afterward people will argue about it. There will be problems."

The document is to remain in effect until a permanent charter is adopted next year. But all sides are pushing to get their interests met in the interim constitution, which will likely be a basis for the permanent version.

The issue of Islam's role has been particularly sensitive.

Bremer, who must approve the final document, has hinted he would veto any text enshrining Islam as the main basis of Iraqi law. Liberal politicians see the provision as a possible first step to imposing Islamic sharia law and many women fear their rights would be restricted.

U.S. officials and some on the 25-member council support making Islam only one of many sources of law.

"I think this is as far as we can go," Othman said. "We want it to be a democratic state. We don't want an Islamic state, we want a state that respects religion. ... It should be a balanced formula."

Raja Habib al-Husseini, a Shiite woman on the council who has opposed the conservatives' phrasing, said there appeared to be "flexibility" on the issue. But she said

members were still divided over a provision that would set aside 40 percent of seats in a future government for women.

In a sign of the tensions, eight of the council's 13 Shiite members stormed out of a meeting on the constitution late Friday after a vote that canceled a controversial resolution that would have made Islamic law the basis for issues like divorce and inheritance.

Also unresolved are Kurdish demands for self-rule powers under a federal system — including control over their regions oil and natural resources and the right to maintain their militias as a distinct armed force.

With that debate still unresolved, the Kurdish demands have brought similar calls from Shiites.

A leading Shiite party on the council, the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, demands that all regions of the country should get whatever rights the Kurds ultimately receive, said Hamed al-Bayati, a senior official in the group.

"We are saying that the rest of the Iraqi people should have the same rights, whether in the north, the west or the south," he said.

The Supreme Council maintains its own armed militia, the Badr Brigades, mainly in southern cities.

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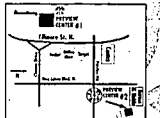


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Officials deny capture of bin Laden

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Pentagon and Pakistani officials on Saturday denied an Iranian state radio report that Osama bin Laden was captured in Pakistan's border region with Afghanistan "a long time ago."

The claim came as Pakistan's army hunted terror suspects in a remote tribal region along the border believed to be a possible hiding place for the al-Qaida leader.

The director of Iran radio's Pashtun language service, Ashiq Hossein, said the report was based on two sources — one of whom later told The Associated Press he was misquoted.

The report said bin Laden had been in custody for a period of time, but that President Bush was withholding any announcement until closer to November elections.

"Osama bin Laden has been arrested a long time ago, but Bush is intending to use it for propaganda maneuvering in the presidential election," the radio report said.

Pakistani officials have denied knowing bin Laden's exact whereabouts, although there have been



Osama bin Laden

reports that military forces believe they know his general location and had him encircled.

The state radio report, quoting an unidentified source, said U.S. Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld's visit to the region this week was in connection with bin Laden's arrest.

Larry Di Rita, the chief Pentagon spokesman who traveled with Rumsfeld this week to Afghanistan, denied the report. "I don't have any reason to think it's true," he said Saturday.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hiltfery, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, also said he had no information to suggest bin Laden had been caught.

"Things are going well, and we believe we will eventually catch all

the leaders of al-Qaida, but I know nothing of that report," he said.

Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed called the report "baseless." "We have neither arrested Osama nor have we any information about him," he told AP.

Pakistani Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan also said the report was not true. "That information is wrong," he said.

Speaking to AP in Tehran, the radio director identified one of the sources for the report as Shamim Shahed, whom was identified as editor of the English-language Pakistani newspaper The Nation.

Hossein said Shahed told him Friday night that bin Laden was arrested "a long time ago."

But Shahed, who is The Nation's Peshawar bureau chief and not its editor, denied telling Iranian radio that bin Laden had been captured.

"I never said this," Shahed said in a telephone interview with AP's Islamabad bureau. "But I have for the last year been saying that he is not far away. He is within their (the Americans') reach, and they can

Former librarian of Congress dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Daniel J. Boorstin, who wrote more than 20 history books over his long career, has died. He was 89.

Boorstin died early Saturday of pneumonia at Washington's Sibley Hospital, said his wife, Ruth.

Renowned for his books, Boorstin was appointed librarian of Congress in 1974 by President Ford and spent 12 years as director of the world's largest library.

He also won his Pulitzer in 1974, for "The Americans: The

Democratic Experience."

The book was the third in Boorstin's "The Americans" trilogy and followed "The Colonial Experience" and "The National Experience." All three sought to analyze the distinctive character of American institutions and culture.

Boorstin was born in Atlanta, reared in Tulsa, Okla., and educated at Harvard, Yale and Oxford universities. Before his appointment to the Library of Congress, he was director of the National Museum of History and Technology.

Ethanol tanker explodes off coast of Virginia, killing at least three of crew

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — A tanker carrying 3.5 million gallons of industrial ethanol exploded and sank about 50 miles off the Virginia coast Saturday, the Coast Guard said. At least three people died and rescue crews were searching for most of the ship's 27 crew members.

Two people died among the eight transported by helicopter to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, spokeswoman Vicki Gray said. The other six men were being evaluated, she said.

Robert Wocubik, a patient care supervisor at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, Md., said one man "involved in the accident" died at the hospital, but would not say whether he was a crew member. Two rescue divers were treated there for minor injuries, he added.

The Bino Mariner, a 570-foot tanker flying a Singapore flag, made an emergency call just after 6 p.m., saying there had been an explosion on board, said Petty Officer Stacey Pardini of the Coast Guard Atlantic area in Portsmouth, Va.

The explosion occurred about 50 miles east of Chincoteague, Va., after a fire started on the deck of the ship, said Lt. Chris Shaffer of Ocean



Rescue personnel wheel a victim of a tanker explosion into the Norfolk Sentara General Hospital emergency room in Norfolk, Va., Saturday.

City (Md.) Emergency Services.

"When the rescue divers got on the scene the fuel tanker was on fire, sinking and there was people in the water," Shaffer said. He added that the six survivors rescued were in critical condition.

Three helicopters, three Coast Guard boats and a C-130 plane were searching for survivors.

Coast Guard Senior Chief John Moss said late Saturday night that nine crew members were accounted for, including seven survivors.

Harvard targets lower incomes

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University is guaranteeing that households earning less than \$40,000 annually won't have to pay for their children's education at the school, which plans to reach out more to students from low and moderate-income families.

Through the initiative, announced Saturday, Harvard also will reduce the contributions expected of families earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and intensify its efforts to recruit talented students from disadvantaged backgrounds. It will set aside an additional \$2 million to cover the expanded financial aid commitment, increasing its annual undergraduate scholarship budget to just under \$80 million.

"We want to send the strongest possible message that Harvard is open to talented students from all economic backgrounds," university president Lawrence H. Summers said in the announcement.

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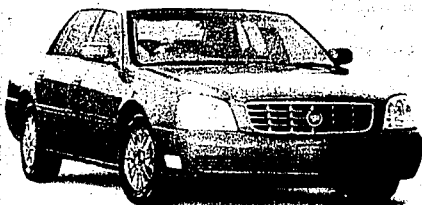
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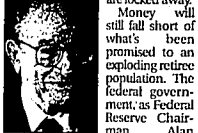
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Politicians won't likely fill Social Security gap

By Ken Mortzgu
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Americans got a rude reminder last week that their future Social Security and Medicare benefits will almost certainly be less than they've been promised.

It doesn't matter if, as Republicans propose, workers get individual accounts within Social Security and invest them in the stock market. It doesn't matter if, as Democrats propose, current annual surpluses in the two retirement programs are locked away.



Alan Greenspan put it to Congress this week is "overcome."

Greenspan's logic is hard to refute. In less than a decade, tax revenue for Medicare will fall short of benefit payouts. Social Security will face red ink by 2010.

The deficits will start small, then mushroom. Revenues will cover only three-fourths of the costs of Medicare in 2026 and of Social Security in 2042. For Social Security, the shortfall will grow from \$25 billion in 2010 to \$8 billion in 2030 and top \$1 trillion in 2040.

If benefits aren't reduced - Greenspan proposes raising the retirement age and using a less generous inflation adjustment for payouts - the government will have to raise taxes or borrow money to make up the shortfalls. Closing the gaps with cuts elsewhere would ravage federal spending.

But raising taxes could prove self-defeating by strangling the source of revenues. The shortfalls loom so large that the tax hikes needed to fill them would threaten economic growth. Borrowing that much money would push up interest rates and stifle the economy.

A slower economy would mean fewer goods and services to support a retired population, and as workers' incomes slowed, so would tax revenues. In other words, doing nothing now could force decisions down the road, when fewer resources are available. That would be far more painful than doing something today.

Expert witnesses have repeatedly warned Congress about the looming shortfalls, sparking much talk but no action. President Clinton held a White House conference in 1998. President Bush appointed a study commission in 2001. Politicians love to beat each other

over the issue, but no lawmaker wants to face an election-year charge of raising taxes or cutting benefits.

"The people in the House and Senate, Republicans and Democrats, are desperate to avoid this issue," said David John, a Social Security expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation in Washington.

Aside from a handful of lawmakers, "profiles in courage cannot be found on this issue," he said.

Republicans want to let workers open individual accounts within Social Security and invest them in the stock market.

Democrats chastise Republicans for frittering away current surpluses in both Social Security and Medicare on the deficit.

Neither side acknowledges that, regardless, there won't be enough money to pay benefits.

"Nobody is talking about anything involving a hard choice," said Robert Bixby, the executive director of the Concord Coalition, a Washington group advocating balanced budgets. "Whether you agree with a particular solution or not, you're going to have to do something to reduce benefits or raise revenues. That's unassailable."

With Bush running for re-election, action this year is a lost cause. Conventional wisdom holds that Social Security reform is possible only in a president's second term, when he won't have to face voters again.

Clinton tried to forge a bipartisan solution with a Republican Congress in his second term, but the Monica Lewinsky scandal soured the mood.

Bush, if re-elected, could have the advantage of a Republican Congress. Nonetheless, it would take an all-out effort by the White House, with some arm-twisting of reluctant lawmakers, to get legislation through, John said. With such support - which isn't guaranteed - he gives a bill a 60 percent chance of success.

If a Democrat wins the White House, action would likely await his second term.

Politicians were reminded of why Social Security is called the third rail of politics - touch it and die - after Greenspan's call to consider benefit reductions was met with angry public reaction.

What angers many lower- and middle-income retirees and baby boomers is that Social Security and Medicare are currently in surplus, but the excess money is being used to help cover the growing federal budget deficit.

"I paid into Social Security for about 60 years," said Alfred Penzo, 74, a retired lumberyard manager in Philadelphia. "What right do they have to take my money to fund the deficit?"

Pair picks up body parts instead of marijuana

The Washington Post

They weren't the packages the pair was expecting.

Authorities say that two people who planned to pick up packages containing 140 pounds of marijuana at Buffalo Niagara International Airport instead mistakenly opened boxes packed with dry ice that contained body parts, including a pulmonary valve on its way to an Ontario hospital for a transplant operation.

The pair's packages were left on an airport luggage conveyor belt, unclaimed.

Then the hospitals called, wondering where their arteries and veins were.

Then the airport police checked the unclaimed packages and found the marijuana.

Then the pair made a second mistake: They returned to the airport and tried to trade the body parts for their original packages.

Tahasha Brackton, 27, a Canadian citizen, and Dalvan Robinson, 42, of New York were arrested by Drug Enforcement Administration agents. "I would think that they may have had a better chance of winning the lottery than something like this occurring," said DEA agent John Bryfonski.

The hospital staff in Ontario awaiting the pulmonary valve ordered a replacement as soon as it realized the shipment was compromised, he said. Agents donned surgical scrubs and delivered the box with the saphenous vein to a Buffalo hospital.



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President pushes anti-drug plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, preparing to unveil an anti-drug strategy, on Saturday championed his budget proposals to increase drug testing in schools, help more communities run prevention programs and pay for treatment through religious groups for more low-income addicts.

The administration is due to release its National Drug Control Strategy report Monday.

Bush, previewing it in his weekly radio address, offered no sign that the report would contain any new initiatives or involve a wholesale revamping.

Instead, he trumpeted gains in the anti-drug war that were out-

lined in a government survey of drug use among American teenagers released in December and described anti-drug proposals contained in the spending request he sent to Congress in February.

Those proposals include increasing funding to \$28 million from the current \$2 million for schools that want to use drug testing to expand early intervention programs, adding \$10 million for local coalitions working on prevention efforts, and doubling to \$200 million the funding for the government's "Access to Recovery" program that helps addicts afford professional care.

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Edwards hunts votes in select states

Kerry picks up Cuomo endorsement

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — John Edwards hunted for votes Saturday in Super Tuesday states where he saw the best prospects for slowing John Kerry's march to the nomination, portraying himself as the Democrat who can attract the most independents and swing voters.

"I am a good closer," the North Carolina senator said, predicting a come-from-behind surge and shrugging off polls that show him behind in all 10 states choosing delegates Tuesday.

Kerry returned east after two days of campaigning in California and picked up the endorsements of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and his son, Andrew Cuomo, who was Housing Secretary in the Clinton administration.

With three days to go before the biggest showdown of the primary season, Edwards made a conference call to former organizers for Howard Dean in 10 states to enlist their support.

Many Dean supporters already have lined up behind him, and "we're moving forward" with their help, Edwards told a rally in Atlanta's Fox Theater. "All of us believe we need real change."

The former Vermont governor, once the presumed front-runner, bowed out of the race winless after a disappointing third-place finish in the Wisconsin primary 1.5 weeks ago.

Both Kerry and Edwards were spending Saturday night in New York to prepare for Sunday's televised debate, the final one before Super Tuesday, which offers more than half the 2,162 delegates need-



U.S. Sen. John Edwards addresses the crowd during a rally at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., Friday.

AP photo

ed to win the nomination. Edwards said he will spend Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Edwards campaigned in Georgia and Ohio on Saturday and was in Minnesota on Friday. His advisers believe the three afford him the best opportunities to advance, but they conceded that odds of an Edwards breakout were long.

Earlier, in a speech in Augusta to

the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Edwards said he appeals not just to Democrats but across party lines.

"I have been attracting all these independent voters that we have to get to win an election," Edwards said.

He cited crossover votes in primaries where he has done well, including his lone win in South

Carolina and strong second-place finishes in Iowa and Wisconsin.

But Al Sharpton of New York told the same group of black elected officials that Democrats are "doing our party a disservice" by trying to figure out whether Kerry or Edwards could pick up the most support from Republicans and independents.

"It's a flawed strategy that we must become more Republican to win," said Sharpton, who remains in the Democratic race despite lagging far behind the two leaders.

He said a vote for him would give him more delegates and more leverage at the Democratic National Convention in Boston in late July. Otherwise, "they will cut a deal and leave you with nothing," he said.

Edwards advisers believe that he has the best chance in Georgia, Ohio and Minnesota, with a good opportunity to pick up delegates from upstate New York and in California.

Sparking with reporters in Augusta, Edwards promised to keep going, even if he does poorly in all Super Tuesday states.

But, he said, "I believe we will do well Tuesday night, and I think going to the following week, there's a group of states where we will naturally be strong." Four Southern states — Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi — hold contests March 9.

With liberals often dominating Democratic primaries in New York and elsewhere, the Cuomo endorsements were considered a major plum Kerry.

"I spoke to the senator last night, and I'm delighted and pleased to endorse him," said the elder Cuomo. "His superiority, at least to us, is clear."

Nader tells Democrats to 'Stop whining' about race

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Democrats should "stop whining and start rejoicing," because his independent bid for the presidency will largely focus on removing President Bush from office, corporate watchdog Ralph Nader said in a news conference Friday in Los Angeles.

Five days after declaring he would embark on his fourth run for the White House, Nader insisted that Democrats could actually gain from his presence in the fall election if they "relax" and heed his message.

That would mean more focus on reducing the corporate domina-



Ralph Nader

tion that touches nearly all of American government, the candidate said — from campaign contributions, to tax policy and the structure of the Pentagon budget.

Nader, who turned 70 Friday, was blamed by many Democrats in 2000 for taking votes from Democrat Al Gore in Florida and other key states, thereby tossing the election to Republican George W. Bush.

Nader ran as the Green Party nominee.

R. Douglas "Doug" Neville

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Striking grocery workers begin voting on new work contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grocery workers on strike or locked out for more than four months learned details of a new contract offer Saturday and began voting on whether to ratify or reject it.

If passed, current employees who now pay no health care premiums can expect to pay up to \$60 per month for family coverage in the third year of the contract, according to a fact sheet distributed to union members. New hires would probably pay more.

Some were willing to live with that and other changes if it meant getting back to work.

"It looks good, especially for the older people," said worker Armando De La Rosa. "I got five years left. I have to take what they offer."

The dispute between the UFCW and the supermarket operators — Albertsons Inc., Kroger Co. and Safeway Inc. — was seen as a referendum on affordable employee health care.

Current employees are paid an average of \$15 an hour and must do not work full time. The union fact sheet makes no mention of a raise but did detail a ratification bonus of 30 cents for every hour worked in the year before the strike-lockout began.

Officials with the United Food

and Commercial Workers have said workers would be satisfied with the deal but have not commented on specific aspects of the proposal.

The three supermarket chains involved also have not released details.

De La Rosa was among hundreds of union members who arrived to vote in the first morning session at a musicians union hall in Hollywood. Most were tightlipped as they signed in and accepted ballots and copies of the offer before meeting behind closed doors.

The proposed agreement also establishes a two-tiered scale for pay and benefits that separates current workers and those hired after Oct. 5. New employees would receive a lower wage rate and it would take them longer to get raises, said a source familiar with the contract.

The vote tally could be announced Sunday night. If the deal is ratified, some workers could be back at work by midweek.

The tentative agreement covers 70,000 workers in central and southern California. Since Oct. 11, about 58,000 workers have been on strike or locked out. The others continued working at other markets by special agreement while the contract was negotiated.

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- Begin to brush teeth after each feeding and at bedtime with small, soft-bristled brush.
- Baby begins to walk - be alert for dental injuries

12 TO 24 MONTHS

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University president wants cooperation

BOISE (AP) - Boise State University President Bob Kastira is encouraging every Idaho college and university alumni to band together and push the Legislature for more higher education dollars.

Kastira's comments came Friday during his official installation as BSU's sixth president. He took over as BSU's president in July, but the ceremony was delayed to coincide with the school's 30th anniversary celebration as a university of this state.

Angelo - attended the ceremony in front of a crowd of about 600 people. The colleges participated in a graduation-like procession with BSU faculty and Idaho leaders, including Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Boise Mayor Dave Fletcher.

Legislature, which once provided most of money for BSU, now contributes only a third of the school's budget.

Officials spar with salmon activists

LEWISTON (AP) - In an effort to meet the high demand for power, federal officials are considering deviating from the Columbia River Salmon Recovery plan, which could amount to a loss of thousands of adult salmon.

School board may reject charter school renewal

NAMPA (AP) - The Nampa School Board may meet Tuesday to formally reject Liberty Charter School's renewal application, jeopardizing the school's future.

McKnight said his group did not agree to the extension and was unaware that the Nampa board was planning it.

The Boise office of Power Administration wants to reduce the amount of water spilled through flood gates at four dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers and instead run the water through turbines.

School board trustees decided two months ago to extend negotiations about renewing Liberty's charter for 60 days. But no formal discussions took place, and that 60-day period is about to expire.

He said Liberty backers did not meet with the Nampa board because they've conceded all the points that they are willing to concede.

Each year, water is spilled in the spring and summer to help juvenile salmon migrate to the ocean. But the spill is costly, especially in the summer when there is high demand for electricity.

Liberty Charter officials, who said the 60-day extension was pointless, instead are appealing straight to the State Board of Education.

The main sticking points for a majority of the Nampa board are provisions dealing with how the school selects its board officers and whether Liberty should reimburse the district for its students' participation in activities in other Nampa schools, also known as "dual enrollment."

Suzanne Cooper, manager of a policy and planning group at BPA, said the agency is not asking for summer spill to be eliminated, but wants it reduced in July and August at Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River, and John Day, The Dalles and Bonneville dams on the Columbia River.

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 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Hot dogs
 Friday: Pizza day

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 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Fruit
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Pancakes and gravy
 Thursday: Breakfast pizza
 Friday: Hot omelet
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and milk served every day
 Monday: Sloppy joes
 Tuesday: Beef stew
 Wednesday: Corn dogs
 Thursday: Beef and cheese nachos
 Friday: Tuna fish

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
 Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served daily
 Monday: Waffles
 Tuesday: Doughnuts
 Wednesday: Pancakes
 Thursday: Muffins
 Friday: Scrambled eggs
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Corn dogs
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes
 Thursday: Rib-que sandwich
 Friday: Hamburger steak

CLOVER TRUCKY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Fish nuggets
 Tuesday: Taco soup
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
 Thursday: Spaghetti
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

FILER SCHOOL
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Chicken breast
 Thursday: Chef salad
 Friday: Hot dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Pancakes and gravy
 Wednesday: Pancakes
 Thursday: Egg McMuffin
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Chicken paty
 Tuesday: Nachos
 Wednesday: Enchiladas
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Burritos

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Choice of milk every day
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Goose-noose frankfurters
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes
 Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
 Friday: Soft flour taco

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Pizza packet
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet
 Wednesday: Green eggs and ham
 Thursday: Turkey sub
 Friday: Chicken and noodles

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Pizza packet
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet
 Wednesday: Breakfast for lunch
 Thursday: Turkey sub
 Friday: Caribbean wrap

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 Monday: Strawberry
 Tuesday: Flow tubing day, students need sack lunch
 Wednesday: Turkey sub
 Thursday: Waffles
 Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
 Fresh fruit and milk served daily
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Tenth-day sandwich
 Friday: Ski day/bread day. No lunch

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
 Choice of milk served daily
 Monday: Chicken or beef lunch
 Tuesday: Hot pocket
 Wednesday: Baked ham
 Thursday: Bar-que beef
 Friday: Italian turkey

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Tacos
 Tuesday: Turkey sandwich
 Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup
 Thursday: Peppermint pizza
 Friday: Turkey gravy and potatoes

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
 Breakfast menu
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Beef steak bits
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak
 Wednesday: Malibu chicken sandwich
 Thursday: Submarine sandwich
 Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Monday: Beef stroganoff
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Italian treasures

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs

Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Popcorn chicken basket
 Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat sauce
 Wednesday: Pig-in-a-blanket
 Thursday: Finger steaks
 Friday: Nachos supreme

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast is served daily
 Lunch: The high school has a school of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.

Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, salad bar, deli sandwich
 Tuesday: Steak, popcorn bites, coyote grill bar, deli sandwich
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, taco bar, deli sandwich
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak, coyote grill bar, deli sandwich
 Friday: Pizza, potato bar, deli sandwich

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served daily
 Monday: Nacho chip
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Barbecue beef
 Thursday: Cheese pizza
 Friday: Chicken noodle soup

BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Strawberry
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Chicken burger
 Thursday: Lasagna
 Friday: Hamburger on a bun

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily
 Monday: Macaroni and cheese w/ ribs
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Tacos
 Thursday: Hamburger stroganoff
 Friday: Corn dogs

GOODING SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
 Monday: Crispy chicken sandwich, potato bar, meatball subs
 Tuesday: Quesadillas, deli bar, nuggets
 Wednesday: Fenchilla, potato bar, french bread pizza
 Thursday: Corn dog, salad bar, cheeseburger
 Friday: Burritos, fish sandwich

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: sausage biscuit
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Chinese burrito
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy and potatoes
 Wednesday: Enchiladas
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Chicken on a bun

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
 Milk served daily
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Sausage paty
 Tuesday: Toasted bagel and jam
 Wednesday: Ham and bread squares
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: French toast
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served daily
 Monday: Tacos
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
 Wednesday: Ham and bread squares
 Thursday: Hamburgers
 Friday: Barbecue beef on a bun

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Hot dog
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Beef nachos
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Chicken fried steak

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
 Breakfast
 Milk and juice served daily
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Sloppy joe on a bun
 Friday: Bean burrito

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Hamburger on a bun
 Tuesday: Soft taco
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Country fried steak
 Friday: Pepperoni pizza

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Burrito
 Wednesday: Hot dog on a bun
 Thursday: Soft taco
 Friday: No School

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
 Monday: Turkey and cheese or ham and cheese
 Tuesday: Turkey noodles
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or burrito
 Friday: Taco or corn dog

CASSIA SCHOOLS
 Milk served daily
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
 Wednesday: Crispy cereal bar
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Scrambled eggs
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and milk served daily
 Monday: Baked potato special
 Tuesday: Enchilada
 Wednesday: Chicken and noodles

Thursday: Deli sandwich
 Friday: Pig-in-a-blanket
MINIDOKA SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk served daily.
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Granda bar
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Yogurt
 Friday: Scrambled eggs
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Turkey noodle soup
 Tuesday: Sloppy joe
 Wednesday: Hawaiian pizza
 Thursday: Chili mac
 Friday: Popcorn trout

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Teacher receives warm welcome in Russia

POCATELLO (AP) — Staying in countries they didn't know about, hearing languages they couldn't speak, and teaching foreign students, Helen Keizer and Mary O'Kelberry say they had the thank of their lives.

Thanks to the U.S.-Russia Awards for Excellence in Teaching Program (TEA), Keizer was able to travel to Petrozavodsk, Russia, and O'Kelberry went to Kharkiv, Ukraine.

The teachers had to fill out a five-page application and write a two-page statement of purpose detailing what they would contribute to the teaching of English in Eurasia, how they would maintain contacts, and how they would use their experiences to enhance education in their schools and community.

The two teachers were fortunate enough to join 29 others from across the United States to participate in the program.

When Keizer first stepped into School 27 in Petrozavodsk she was greeted by the entire staff of 47 teachers.

"It was overwhelming because they said they had been waiting all morning to meet the teacher from America," Keizer said. "They wanted to know everything about American teaching and my personal life."

Looking into the classrooms and the surroundings, Keizer said many of the students and faculty members were poor. The classrooms had brown chalkboards that were hard to read and there was little chalk to use for instruction. Keizer said the students she

would teach had some English skills, but they mostly spoke Russian. While in Russia, she would teach some English literature, but would focus mainly on cultural lessons for students in grades 7-11.

One of the first things Keizer did was share pen pal letters from her students at the university.

"Many of the students were anxious to have a friend in the U.S.," she said.

Keizer would also give lessons on Native American culture including a small section on dream catcher decorations and their meaning.

By the end of her stay, Keizer had such a connection with her students that even though they were speaking Russian, she could understand what they were saying.

Meanwhile, in Kharkiv at School 61, O'Kelberry taught English and American literature to grades five, 10 and 11. Many of the students were already fluent in English after starting to learn at an early age.

"It's fascinating to watch these students perform and see how they think," O'Kelberry said. "She had a lot of fun with her older students because every lesson seemed to turn into a question-and-answer session about the United States."

O'Kelberry said many of the students were very nervous about what they were doing and she was impressed by their dedication.

Both teachers say they were amazed at how generous and dedicated the local teachers were. In many cases, teachers pushed their students from their early grades and tell them they were going to college some day.

O'Kelberry said she was amazed by the number of hands that were raised when she asked how many students planned to go to the university some day.

Though teachers make a great effort on behalf of their students, they generally get only \$60 a month. Keizer said half the money is spent on living quarters, such as a flat, and the other goes for bills and food.

Since the fall of communism in the former Soviet Union, many of the people now work for the government, instead of the government working for them, O'Kelberry said.

She said even though the workers didn't get much pay, one would never know because everyone was so generous. Everywhere the teachers went they were greeted with gifts and an abundance of food.

"They had nothing, yet they gave

“It was overwhelming because they said they had been waiting all morning to meet the teacher from America.”

— Helen Keizer, teacher in Pocatello

everything," O'Kelberry said. As part of the exchange, the teachers would stay with a host family for three weeks. In O'Kelberry's situation, her host teacher, Georgia Alexander and his mother, gave up their only bedroom for her and slept on the floor in the main room.

Marina Vasilyeva, Keizer's host teacher, had a mother who would travel on a bus for at least two hours a day to make Keizer a warm meal for the evening.

For both teachers, it was hard to say good-bye to their new colleagues and students. "Part of my heart will forever remain with the beautiful people I met who became more than mere acquaintances; they are like my family," O'Kelberry said. "I received much more than I gave, learned more than I taught."




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| 2 Chamber Lunch , Grandstands, Chuck Geska, AIC, 12:00 noon | 16 Chamber Lunch , Grandstands, Chris Bolton, Twin Falls County Museum, 12:00 noon |
| 3 Kiwanis , Grandstands, 12:00 noon | 16 Information Fair , Poppelwer Elementary |
| 3 Web Page Design , BHS Computer Lab, 3:30-5:30 p.m. | 17 Web Page Design , BHS Computer Lab, 3:30-5:30 p.m. |
| 4 Heating Sops with LuAnn Sittes, 8th Street Center, \$25.00 per person, pre-registration required, 6:30 p.m. | 17 Kiwanis , Grandstands, 12:00 noon |
| 4 Bingo , Moose Hall, 7:00 p.m. | 17 Bingo , Moose Hall, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4 Rotary , Grandstands, 12:00 noon | 18 Rotary , Grandstands, 12:00 noon |
| 5 West End Men's Assoc. , Grandstands, 6:30 a.m. | 19 West End Men's Assoc. , Grandstands, 6:30 a.m. |
| 5 Gallery Opening , Eighth Street Center, S. Central Idaho Folklife Exhibit, Free, 5:00-7:00 p.m. | 20-21 IGA 2 person Beat Ball , Clear Lake Country Club |
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EDITORIAL

Consider voters' ideals when running for office

It probably isn't marked on your calendar, but April 1 has the potential to be a landmark day for some adventurous Idahoans.

Never mind that it's April Fools' Day. The first day of April also marks the candidate filing deadline for local and legislative races. It's still a few weeks away, so citizens still have time to consider running for public office.

If a journey of 1,000 miles starts with a single step, then the path to a strong democracy begins with the question, "Can I make a difference in public service?" The answer is yes. There's no shortage of honest men and women who could serve capably in our Legislature and local offices. Running for local and state office is a challenge, but it's a key mechanism for exchanging ideas and maintaining the quality of government.

To those who have thrown their hats into the ring or are thinking about it, it's worth remembering what Idaho voters usually expect:

- **Fisc conservatism** - Even in the best of times, most Idahoans are not wealthy. We know how to pinch a nickel until the buffalo squeals. A state legislator or a local official should likewise respect public funds.

- **Limited government growth** - Most Idahoans would agree there isn't a need for more gov-

ernment, just more effective government. At the same time, few voters want public services cut to the bone.

Public-sector growth may be necessary at times. But it shouldn't exceed growth in the economy's private sector.

- **Social statesmanship** - The debate over last-button social issues has coarsened to a degree that leads to hostility rather than rational debate. Whatever the issue - abortion, gay marriage, the death penalty - it's natural for people to be on one side or the other. What seems to be missing is moderation, and - sometimes basic civility.

Candidates should think through the consequences of their words, and speak on the issues in a way that respects the principled pole on both sides of every debate.

- **Respect public input** - Elected leaders have to make tough decisions, but that doesn't give them license to set aside public input. Embarking on construction projects, facility purchases and executive-level appointments with little or no public input is an insult to the voters.

Leaders should recognize that full disclosure of public information builds public confidence in the processes of local government. Including the public in major decisions enhances public support for the outcome, and it often protects public officials from their own misjudgments.

Most political leaders are good at listening to voters and seeking their support while running for office. Those activities shouldn't end on Election Day.

Our view: Candidates for public office would do well to consider what most Idaho voters expect of them.

What do you think?

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



There's a reason for leap year

MARK RITTER

Is a leap year really necessary? Isn't it just an ancient formality that we still hopelessly cling to?

Well, unless you want to celebrate Christmas in shorts and sandals, or risk a snowstorm during a Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza, you had better accept it as one of life's "good things."

The Earth, moon, sun and stars follow the laws of nature, not the laws of man.

Our planet spins around on its axis at just the right angle, it is tilted at just the right angle, and it circles the sun in exactly the right amount of time to make life very, very comfortable on this planet. That all these don't allow a nice, neat human-made calendar is not of great concern at the cosmic scale.

We all know the typical calendar year is 365 days long - 365 spins of the globe. That fact has been known for millennia by many people groups. The sun, from our point of view, takes that long to travel one complete circuit through the stars. Or we moderns might say that it takes that long for Earth to orbit the sun once. But it isn't exactly 365 days; it's just a wee bit longer than that.

Actually, it takes 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to complete one exact trip around the sun. The immediate effect those extra hours have is unnoticeable. After one year, an uncorrected man-made calendar and the natural seasons will be off by just a quarter day. After a decade, they will disagree by just over

two days. But if you don't correct for it, you will notice after generations pass that the holidays your great-grandparents celebrated in the spring are now taking place in what feels more like winter, and the special days your people would traditionally celebrate as summer rituals are now taking place when the leaves are budding on the trees.

The Roman calendar, the chief influence in our modern calendar, was one unlovely mess by the time Julius Caesar came to power. By the first century B.C., their uncorrected calendar was off by three months, compared to the seasons! Caesar, with the help of an Alexandrian astronomer named Sosigenes, was determined to clean it up.

So, in 46 B.C., he boldly declared that 67 days were to be added to the end of November so that the calendar would match again with the seasonal celebrations.

And each month - from January to December - which before his decree had a seemingly random number of days assigned to it, was given the number of days we have now on our calendar (e.g. 31 for January, 28 for February, etc.)

But wisely, he went one step further. Sosigenes knew that the year was really about 365 1/4 days. So to avoid calendrical confusion down the line, Caesar

decreed a leap day into February every four years to make up for the lost day and assure that the seasons and calendars would remain close. Hence the 2,000-year-old tradition of leap day was born.

But the year, remember, is not exactly 365 1/4 days long, and after an additional 16 centuries passed, even the leap days weren't keeping the calendar and seasons together. So, in 1582, the Gregorian calendar - after Pope Gregory XIII - was introduced, which again would yank days right out of the calendar to correct it, but then add a new rule.

Every century year (e.g. 1600, 1700, etc.) would not get the leap day unless it was divisible by 400. That is why the century year of 2000 got a leap day, it being divisible by 400. The year 2100 will not.

Got all that? There is more. To bring the calendar even closer to the seasons for as long as humans walk the Earth, it has been recently agreed upon that the years 4000 and 4000 will also get their leap year status revoked. Make note of that if you are planning anything then.

Keeping our calendars in harmony with the seasons may be a pain, but it's a small price to pay for planet with the perfect spin, the ideal tilt and the just-right year.

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LETTERS

Teachers' drug testing policy stays within the law

I would like to respond to a Times-News editorial that was published last November concerning random drug testing of school district employees.

The school district policy in place was developed over a period of several months with the combined effort of the school board, administrators and teachers. There are those that think that the existing policy can be changed with a disregard to the U.S. Constitution. In 1989 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that drug tests conducted at the direction of a public employer is a "search" subject to the limitations of the Fourth Amendment. The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that drug and alcohol testing which uses urinalysis constitutes a "search" within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment citing Skinner vs. Railway Labor Executives' Association and National Treasury Employees Union vs. Von Raab.

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 does not even mention, much less require, drug testing of school employees. The Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 provides for drug and alcohol testing only of persons who hold a commercial driver's license, like school bus drivers, and not other school employees. While the courts have held that public employers lawfully may randomly test employees who hold certain "safety sensitive" positions, the definitions of such positions have been closely defined. Again referring to the Skinner vs. Railway case, the court defined "safety sensitive" positions and those jobs that involve "duties brought with such risks of

injury to others that even a momentary lapse of attention can have disastrous consequences."

Random drug testing has other due process considerations. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that a public employee is entitled to "due process" before being deprived of "property" or "liberty." Requiring an employee to undergo a urinalysis examination based on "reasonable suspicion" is taking a property and/or liberty that implicate due process rights. In Bolden vs. Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals found that employee's "consent" to drug testing is not voluntary where employee's return to work is conditioned on submission to a test.

The current drug policy in our district is adequate. If the district wishes to review its current policy, it would do so with the help of administrators, teachers, parents and school board members. If our current policy is not followed very closely to Fourth Amendment conditions and U.S. Supreme Court decisions, we will indeed be taken to task.

STEVE HOY
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Steve Hoy is a sixth-grade teacher at Sawtooth Elementary in Twin Falls.)

Gooding police merger needs more research

The concern here focuses on the proposed plan to do away with the Gooding City Police Department. Two concerns, at the very least, need to be addressed on this issue.

First, as voting residents need to see a document (reflecting on how this issue was addressed) that fully shows the "net savings" that possi-

bly could be reached in removing the Gooding City Police Department. This is a notable issue, an "comprehensive cost-benefit" document is needed to fully inform the citizens of Gooding County before any votes are cast.

The second concern is that the analysis on this issue appears to be coming only from the Gooding County Sheriff's Department. Such action, in my opinion, represents a conflict of interest because the sheriff's office has a highly invested interest in this issue. An independent group not directly linked with either department should address this issue using the best analytical tools and formats now known. Such an analysis will ensure that the "net figure" reached is the best possible "estimate" that can be put forth to the voting public.

Currently, in my opinion, both departments are needed to ensure that all citizens of Gooding County will have an adequate law enforcement service. I will hold this opinion until adequate proof, and I mean adequate proof, is forthcoming!

DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D., M.S.

Gooding
(Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist with 36 years of research experience in areas such as farm-ranch finances. He was a project leader on a rural development study in Kentucky and served as principal researcher on two other rural development studies.)

Bush's policies make no sense for voters

As an independent voter, I find it difficult to accept Lt. Gov. Jim Risch's prominent reason to vote

for President Bush. "We'll lose our tax cuts." He doesn't mention the debt that is piling up for others to pay, the arrogance of a pre-emptive war leaving more than 500 soldiers dead and thousands wounded for life and no weapons of mass destruction in sight, not ties to Osama. If dumb me could read the Bush swaggers, where were our responsibilities?

The war can't really be won with an "idealism" that is selfish, greedy, incapable of self-criticism and believing that all that matters is our will and power and nothing else. So, we eat crow and finally go to the United Nations and France and Germany for help. Oh yeah, smart - very smart.

WAYNE SKEEM
Twin Falls

City by the Bay finds solution to money problems

Obviously, marriage is a union between a man and a woman. San Francisco is getting \$2 for each marriage license. They may have found a way to get out of debt.

MARGE HOLLEY
Filer

No Child law takes bold aim for success

No child left behind. This program name says it all. It tells me that we have a leader who still believes in making the impossible happen. It tells me that we have a leader willing to enforce the ideals that he believes in. It tells me that we have a leader who still believes in the values of what America stands for and he is willing to ensure that the future generations of this country, regardless of race or color, get the full benefits of this free and powerful nation.

What it tells me is that we have a

leader with courage. What I see is that when the school is taking the challenge and responsibility while working together with parents, it works. And no one is left behind.

FELICA MCMAULIN
Shoshone

Public office is no place for political varnints

Once in a sleepy little county in a faraway land, a rock chuck ran for the office of land steward. There was really only one political party there, and no humans wanted the position that year. The rock chuck campaigned on these four promises: (1) I belong to the land-gentry; (2) I am a fifth-generation rock chuck in this county; (3) I never think outside the burrow. (4) The smell of animal manure is the smell of money.

The rock chuck had one opponent who ran each year for land steward from the weak little opposition party. That man always campaigned for wise use of natural resources and for care of the environment, but he never won because he made people feel uncomfortable.

The newspaper in that county was the "New Times." It had never endorsed a rock chuck before, but it did always endorse the rock chuck's party. The editor decided to endorse the rock chuck because he said that the rock chuck represented the people's views. The editor said that the human candidate functioned well as a "political gadfly" but his ideas were too far out. The rock chuck won handily. Everyone agreed he really did a pretty good job in office.

In fact, nobody really noticed much of a difference. JEFF RUPRECHT
Twin Falls

The GOP gets its own Ralph Nader

Most Americans greeted the news that Ralph Nader will run for president in 2004 with a collective yawn, but it has caused some serious hand wringing within the ranks of the Democratic Party. Many Democrats still blame the enigmatic Nader for providing Bush with his razor-thin margin of victory in the 2000 election by siphoning off a handful of Democratic votes in several key states, and they're afraid the same thing might happen again.

BILL FERGUSON

I'm not a big fan of the two-party system myself, and I like to see the occasional independent- or third-party candidate shake things up in an election year. Still, I do understand the Democrats' frustration.

It just doesn't seem fair that the Republicans don't have to face a similar challenge from the more radical elements in their own party.

In the interest of fair play, I have decided that it is up to me to address that inequity. As of today, I am announcing my intentions to run as an extremely conservative independent candidate for president.

My platform will champion those right-wingers who feel abandoned by George W. "Record Setting Deficit" Bush.

Here are a few of the planks from my campaign platform:

The Budget - The days of spending like there's no tomorrow come to an end on Day 1 of the Ferguson administration. I will restructure the budget and the dream of a dramatically scaled-back federal government by eliminating most federal programs that are not related to national defense or law enforcement.

Responsibility for funding education, welfare and other social programs will revert entirely to state and local governments. Plans will be developed to phase out Social Security and Medicare over the next few decades.

Taxes - Once the spending issue has been addressed and the debt is on the way to being retired, taxes will be dramatically scaled back. Taxes on income from interest and investments will be eliminated and a flat tax on raw income or a national sales tax will be implemented to be sure everyone pays their fair share for defense and homeland security.

Foreign Policy - America has been bleeding money for far too long. The campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq were a good start and we must finish our business there before more rogue nations are dealt with.

We must send a clear message to the world that America is done screwing around with the world and we deal harshly with all of the world's bad apples at a time and place of our choosing. Iran seems like a logical candidate for our next pre-emptive invasion since it is right next door to Iraq, but I would hope to effect regime change in North Korea (thereby smashing the "axis of evil") as well by the end of my second term.

Social Policy - True conservatives are sick of Bush's half-hearted and reluctant overtures to stem the America's slide into the moral cesspool. As president, I will clean up smut in print and on the airwaves.

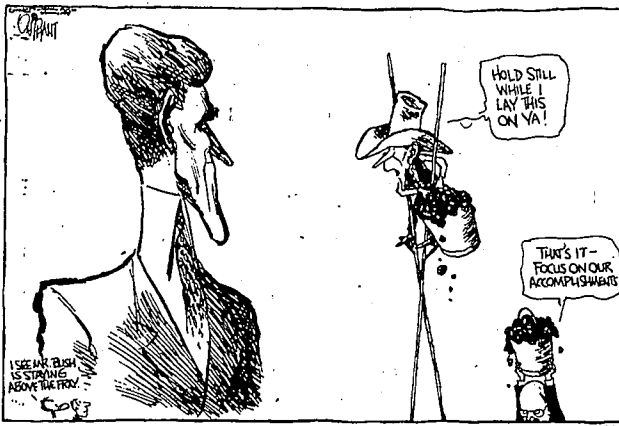
I will not only outlaw same sex marriages, I will work to resurrect anti-sodomy laws at the national level. I will make sure each child begins the school day by saying the pledge of allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Abortion will be illegal and contraceptives will only be available to legal adults who have a doctor's prescription.

The secular humanist, tree-hugging vegetarians have got to get out of Ralph Nader, and I want to be the champion of Americans who love red meat, hate capital gains taxes, and think the wall of separation between church and state ought to be the invisible fence with a dead bar.

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OPINION



Expect Cheney to stay where he is

Though John Kerry still is busy trying to finish off John Edwards for the Democratic presidential nomination, speculation already has started: Will the two end up together on the party ticket this fall?

And on the Republican side, so many stories have appeared about whether Dick Cheney has become a political liability that President Bush went out of his way this week to stress he won't replace him with a less controversial running mate.

Most of those spreading vice-presidential speculation don't have a clue how it will come out.

But here is something to remember: Since Lyndon Johnson helped to elect John Kennedy in 1960, there is no evidence of a candidate for vice president determining the outcome of an election.

Al Gore helped to reinforce Bill Clinton's new reinvention appeal in 1992, and Cheney offset Bush's lack of Washington experience in 2000. But there is no statistical evidence that either added votes.

Still, the choice of a political partner tells a lot about a presidential candidate. And some factors are important, especially for the nominee of the challenging party.

It needs someone whom pundits will label as qualified. The days is past when a nominee could get away with a blatantly political choice who had questionable presidential qualifications, such as Spiro Agnew in 1968 or Geraldine

CARL P. LEUBSDORF

Ferraro in 1984. The public and the pundits expect a candidate who can pass muster. That explains the talk about Edwards and Dick Gephardt, two of Kerry's presidential rivals, or Bill Richardson, who has a long record in Congress, the executive branch and state government.

A running mate has to be quick on his feet and experienced enough to match up well against his counterpart in their most publicized campaign moment, the vice-presidential debate. Few if any Democrats match up better with Cheney than Edwards; younger, livelier and with a background of legal fights against companies like Halliburton, which Cheney once ran.

The person must not have any personal or financial skeletons. Candidates can't afford the kind of controversy that forced Thomas Eicketon off George McGovern's ticket in 1972 and crippled Ferraro's place alongside Walter Mondale in 1984. That's why presidential candidates conduct intensive background checks on prospective running mates. It also is why the safest choice might be someone like Edwards or Gephardt, who underwent scrutiny while running for president.

For the incumbent's party, the

choice of selecting a running mate is easier. Is it worth replacing the known with the unknown? Over the last half-century, the answer almost always has been "no."

While there often have been rumors that vice presidents might be dumped, presidents since Franklin D. Roosevelt almost always have found it easier to keep a running mate than pick a new one and exacerbate internal party strains.

The exception was Gerald Ford, an unselected president, who dropped Nelson Rockefeller to help head off Ronald Reagan's conservative challenge in the 1976 election. Otherwise, he might not have been nominated, though his new running mate, Bob Dole, later created problems in a close election.

Most presidents are loyal to their running mates, and that clearly is true with Bush and Cheney. Only a genuine health problem would prompt the president to consider a change.

None of this will diminish the amount of ink, paper, airtime and speculation that will be devoted to the coming months.

But in the end, Bush almost certainly will run with Cheney. And Kerry, assuming he wins the nomination, will pick a well-known, established running mate.

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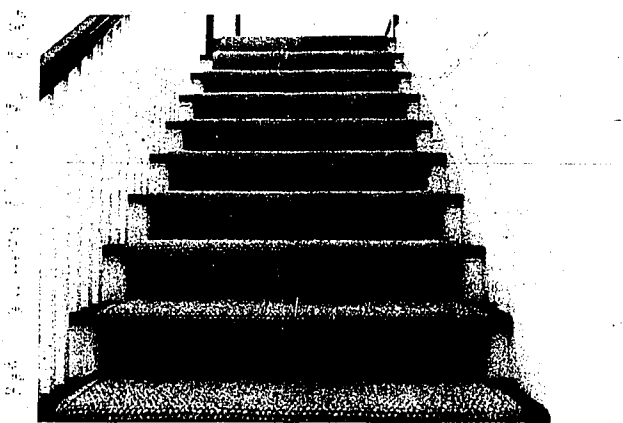
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U.S., N. Korea leave talks divided

BEIJING (AP) — Six-nation talks on ending North Korea's alleged nuclear weapons program made more progress than expected, a top U.S. delegate said Saturday as the meeting ended. Pyongyang said it would never give up its peaceful nuclear program.

The meeting ended with agreement to hold more negotiations before July and form a lower-level "working group" to handle details of the 16-month-old dispute.

Both sides agreed to establish an enduring line of communication between the United States and the North, which have no diplomatic relations.

The communist North, however, gave no ground on U.S. demands that it completely give up its nuclear ambitions and insisted on keeping technology and equipment used to generate electricity, among other "peaceful purposes."

"We don't plan to include our civilian nuclear program for peaceful purposes, in the freeze and dismantlement," said the North's chief delegate, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kyu-Gwan.

Washington claims North Korea



A South Korean soldier talks to foreign tourists visiting near the demilitarized zone (DMZ) between North Korea and South Korea at the Dora Observation Platform, in Paju, S. Korea, amid the six-nation talks to resolve the North Korea's nuclear programs in Beijing, Saturday.

has admitted producing a nuclear bomb, an allegation the North denies.

A senior U.S. official said he was upbeat after four days of talks and

sometimes confusing signals but said the U.S. goal of a nuclear-free North Korea had not changed.

But the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said:

Eleven die in Pakistani anti-terror sweep

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani forces exchanged fire with gunmen in a minefield that did not stop at a roadblock early Saturday, killing 11 people and injuring six, the army spokesman told The Associated Press.

The shooting, in a tribal region that has been a focus of militant operations, occurred hours after armed men and soldiers exchanged fire at a military compound in the area.

Pakistani forces have been carrying out a sweep for terrorist suspects in the area, believed to be a possible hiding place for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

The minibus failed to stop at a roadblock in Zer Noor, a village just outside of Wana, the main town in tribal South Waziristan and the site of counterterrorism operations earlier this week, Sultan told The Associated Press. He said soldiers only shot at the bus after

some one inside opened fire on them.

Sixteen people were arrested. The nationality of those killed was not immediately clear. Two boys were among the injured.

Allah Dad, a local resident, told AP the bus was filled mostly with Afghan refugees on their way to the border.

A taxi driving near the minibus was also hit, and the driver killed, Dad said.

Israeli airstrike targets car in Gaza, kills Palestinians

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a car in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing three people — including an Islamic Jihad militant — and wounding 15 others, doctors said.

One of the dead was identified by his family as Islamic Jihad militant Ayman Dababneh. The body of another victim could not immediately be identified.

The two missiles targeted a small gray Subaru traveling on a road linking Gaza City with the Jebalya refugee camp. A thunderous explosion was heard along with the choppers of helicopter blades.

Ambulances raced to the scene as a warplane flew overhead, firing flares.

The car was pulverized, and Palestinian security officials strained to keep order around the scene as surging crowds jumped on the wreckage and called for revenge.

The airstrike was carried out in a densely populated residential area, and three children were among the wounded, said doctors at Gaza's Shifa Hospital. One girl was in critical condition and another boy was seen bleeding from his head.

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Philippines seeks 180 people missing after blaze on ferry

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Rescue crews waited for a smoldering ferry to cool down so divers could thoroughly search the craft Saturday as the number of missing rose to 180.

Fire raged through the Superferry 14 on Friday shortly after it left Manila for central and southern islands, killing one person and injuring 12 others. Witnesses reported a powerful explosion that sparked an inferno.

Officials had initially reported that 180 passengers were missing, but authorities raised that to 180 after a meeting with the ship's owner, WG&A, in which they realized some of the rescued had been counted twice. Coast guard chief Vice Adm. Arthur Gosingat said.

He said officials now have accounted for 565 of the 744 passengers and all but two of the 155 crew members. Most of the survivors jumped into the sea or boarded rescue boats.

"We are still hoping that they (the missing) are still out there ...

and that they will come to us soon and tell us that 'we are here,'" WG&A spokeswoman Gina Virustio said.

Officials said the missing might have been trapped inside the blazing ferry, or drowned in Manila Bay, and some could have been picked up by fishing boats. The still-smoldering ferry was towed to shallow water but was too dangerous to conduct a thorough search.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said search efforts "will not be called off until all of them are accounted for."

"The authorities will get to the bottom of this incident ... and take steps to ensure it does not happen again," she said in a statement, urging stricter implementation of maritime laws.

Scuba divers so far have found only one body after an initial inspection of the 10,192-ton ship.

Relatives of the missing waited outside Manila's coast guard headquarters to hear any news of their loved ones.

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Why you can't get there from here

OK, kids, take out a map of Idaho. Now pretend that you're President James Buchanan, sitting in the Oval Office just before the Civil War trying to figure out what to do with this swath of virgin real estate that neither the state of Oregon nor the new Territory of Washington wants.

It's essentially devoid of European settlers, the few who lived at Fort Hall, Fort Lemhi and Fort Boise have been chased out by the local Indians in the past few years.

So where in Idaho, Mr. President, are you going to plant the flag? Say, how about here, in the south-central part of the state — flat, bisected by a major river, convenient to the two major population centers in northern Utah, and astride the two main immigration routes, the Oregon and California trails?

Lord knows that most parts of this place called Idaho are hard to get to, but there's just no way that the country south of the Snake River, west of Raft River and east of Salmon Falls Creek isn't someday going to be a major transportation hub.

You'd think so, wouldn't you? Fact is, 150 years on, you can't get there from Twin Falls — or back. Let's look at the options, shall we. If you don't happen to own a motor vehicle? Boise is 135 miles away. There is no direct air service, although SkyWest and Delta will be pleased to fly you there through Salt Lake City at the low, low price of a \$296 round-trip.

Greyhound runs three buses a day from Twin Falls to Boise; the shortest trip is three hours. And when you're ready to come home, the last bus of the day leaves at 9:25 a.m. — the first two depart at 12:25 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., respectively.

Shoot, why not just rent a car? National, Avis and Hertz will be pleased to accommodate you; rates start at \$66 a day, one way — not including tax. And that's the easy trip. Consider these fun Magic Valley travel tips:

• Haley is 62 miles from Twin Falls. SkyWest and Delta will fly you there — again through Salt Lake — for \$393, round-trip. That works out to \$3.17 a mile, if you're wondering.

• Poacello is 115 miles from Twin Falls. If you can't see your way clear to pay SkyWest and Delta to fly you there for \$260, round-trip, you might consider taking the bus. Greyhound will be absolutely delighted to have you ride along for \$68, round-trip. The journey — one way — takes 9 hours and 15 minutes (because Greyhound no longer runs a bus between Burley and Poacello, you'll be going through Salt Lake).

• You can fly from Twin Falls to New York City — a distance of 2,353 miles — for \$422, round-trip. Round-trip airfare to Lewiston — which is 1,863 miles closer to Twin Falls than the Big Apple is — will set you back \$514.

Aside from the Boise suburbs of Nampa and Meridian and the Spokane suburb of Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls is the only major Idaho city from which you can't get a direct commercial flight to another Idaho city.

That makes the Magic Valley by far the most car-dependent place I've ever lived — and I used to live in Montana.

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Snowpack levels

| Watershed | % of Avg. | % season |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Upper Snake Basin | 94% | 73% |
| Belmont Falls | 112% | 90% |
| Salmon | 95% | 75% |
| Oakley | 113% | 94% |
| Stib Wood | 97% | 76% |
| Little Wood | 106% | 86% |
| Hannay Fork/Teton | 108% | 88% |
| Big Lost | 111% | 82% |
| Little Lost | 93% | 69% |

As of Feb. 28

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on basis with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in mid-March.

Police seek two suspects in stabbing

By Troy Foster
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Police were pursuing two men late Saturday evening in connection with a stabbing earlier in the day southwest of Wendell.

At about 5 p.m., police received a report that a man had been stabbed in the neck in a trailer at 1600 E. 3500 S. The two suspects, described by Gooding County Undersheriff Jerry Pierce as Hispanic males between the ages

Men might have stolen the victim's car following incident

of 18 and 20, were believed to have stolen the victim's gray 1993 Ford Taurus after the stabbing.

The victim, whose name and age were not released, apparently had been stabbed by a butcher knife, Pierce said.

"I don't know the motive yet," Pierce said. "And about all I know about the victim is it does look like he's going to make it."

The victim was transported to

Gooding County Memorial Hospital and then later to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Pierce said it's likely that the victim and his perpetrators knew each other. "How well, I can't say," the undersheriff said.

After the victim was stabbed, he pulled himself through the door of the trailer, which had been left open, Pierce said.

He was found lying there by a dairy worker who contacted authorities.

Gooding County Sheriff's Sgt. Dave Kiger said details of the incident are still sketchy.

"We have to confirm what actually happened," Kiger said. "We don't even know how long the guy was laying around hurt."

The victim was not able to speak late Saturday night when investiga-

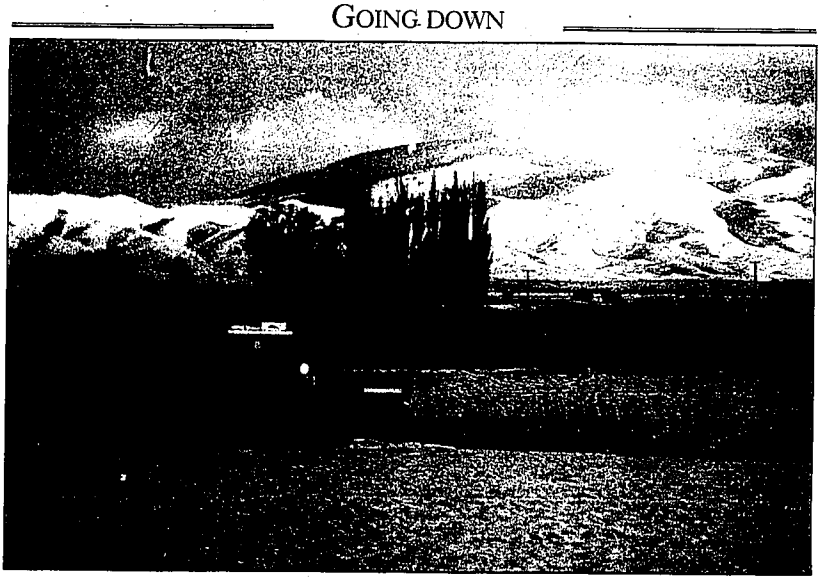
tors went to interview him at the hospital, Kiger said.

The sergeant said the injured man is likely to be alive.

He was transported in the trailer doorway by accident, Kiger said.

"We believe we might know who the suspects are, but because of the condition of the victim we haven't been able to pin down if they are the suspects," Kiger said.

Investigators also haven't been able to contact the victim's relatives, or determine his age, Kiger said.



A piece of farm equipment sits idle in a snow-covered field near Murtaugh with the South Hills illuminated by a recent sunset. The snowpack in the South Hills is holding above historical averages for this time of year.

Large gift hurts local Salvation Army

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A \$1.5 billion gift to the national Salvation Army will give thousands of children a solid start in life. But since the news broke last month about the extraordinary gift from McDonald's heiress Joan Kroc, the local program has suffered.

"Donation dollars have dropped," said Maj. Eddie Patterson of the Salvation Army in Twin Falls.

Compared to the same month last year, "we're \$3,000 short," Patterson said.

Although the religious charitable

organization as a whole is the beneficiary of the unprecedented loan Kroc Foundation donation, in the terms of the enormous gift have contributed to the shortfall locally. The Kroc funds may be used only for construction, "We run strictly on donations,"

Patterson said. If the trend continues, "we'll really be hurting."

In directing the use of her donation, Kroc asked that none of the gift be used for existing programs, services or administrative costs. The gift has been specifically designated for the development of community centers across the country, and will be divided into four equal

How to help

For more information about local Salvation Army programs, or to make a donation, call 733-8720.

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Jerome rec district prepares expansion

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold a special meeting Tuesday to select an architectural firm for its facilities expansion project that's estimated to cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million.

The recreation district is now taking a step backward to get the needed public input and develop plans from the public suggestions, Kuntz said.

He said there was some tentative planning done for expanding

facilities about a year and a half or two years ago, but there were no public information-gathering sessions involved at the time.

Those previous plans included expanded parking, expanded office space, extra gym space, additional land and a

water park.

Kuntz called those ideas "extrav-

Choosing an architect

The Jerome Recreation District will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday to select an architectural firm for an upcoming facilities expansion. The public meeting will be held in the recreation center conference room, 2032 S. Lincoln in Jerome. For more information call 324-3399.

agent considering what Jerome may want and be able to afford."

He said he hopes to include the hospital, the schools and the general public in the planning process.

"The new plans will fit the community of Jerome because they will come from public suggestions," Kuntz said.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency already has pledged \$1.4 million toward recreation district improvements and Kuntz said he will be looking for grants, pledges and bequests for the balance of the cost.

Police activity increases in Cassia County

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County Sheriff's Department personnel dealt with more offense reports in 2003 than the prior year, a report prepared by county officials shows.

Last year a total of 3,201 offense reports were filed by sheriff's deputies. In 2002, the department handled 2,855 offense reports, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said.

Of those offense reports, 2,542 — or 79 percent of the total offense reports — stemmed from activity within the city of Burley and the other 659 were in other Cassia County cities or in the unincorporated areas of the county.

That Burley-county split has remained fairly consistent since

1991, Hignens said. An average of 80 percent of offense reports come from within the city and 20 percent come from the county, he said. The city of Burley and Cassia County formed a cooperative law enforcement agency in the mid-1980s.

"Burley is the hub of the area," Hignens said, noting that people from throughout Mini-Cassia come into Burley to shop, seek entertainment or to eat. More activity inside the city limits brings with it more police activity.

The number of citations issued by the department also went up in 2003, compared to 2002, he said. Citations are tickets issued for any offense that warrants a ticket.

In 2003, officers issued 1,882 hazardous citations and 1,833 non-hazardous citations. Most vehicle offenses, for example, are hazardous citations. That compares to 1,813 hazardous citations in 2002 and 1,452 non-hazardous citations in 2001.

Again, most of the citations were issued in Burley — 1,262 of the hazardous citations were in the city limits of the county's largest city, along with 1,558 of the non-hazardous citations. Those numbers compare to 620 hazardous citations in the rest of the county and 275 non-hazardous citations.

More police reports means the county's crime rate will reflect an

increase, too, Hignens said.

"I've been saying for two years that the crime rate will go up, and it has, that's just common sense," the sheriff said. There are many reasons for it, Hignens said, including increased use of drugs, poor economic conditions in the area and the fact that his department has three and a half fewer employees than it did in 2002.

"I don't like it but unfortunately we have to live with it," he said.

A higher number of police reports is also reflective of simply more arrests and officers catching more people, too, he pointed out.

Shelley Ridenour is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042, Ext. 642, or by e-mail at shelley@magvalley.com.

If you go ...

- What: The Sun Valley Opera will present its season-opening concert, "From the Met to Broadway."
- Where: Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood, Ketchum.
- When: 8 p.m. tonight.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for adult general admission and \$12 for students under 18, are available at Chapter One Bookstore. For those wanting special seating, a "Divi Ticket" sold for \$100 is available along with \$35 reserved tickets on the main floor of the Church of the Bigwood.

For more information, call Sun Valley Opera president Floyd McCracken at 726-8446.

The audience is invited to meet the artists in the lobby after the concert.

WANTED

in the Magic Valley

Name: Travis Scruggs
Age: 23
Description: 5-foot-11, 175

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The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks about Scruggs' whereabouts at call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 722-5323 where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a notice in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

James (Rod) Calhoun - Twin Falls



James (Rod) Calhoun, 80, of Twin Falls, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at his home after a courageous battle with bone cancer.

to wagon mule clubs in Oklahoma. He is survived by his loving wife, Ann of Twin Falls; one sister, Maxine Young of Norman, Okla.;

one son, Jim, and daughter-in-law, Heidi of Twin Falls; two daughters, Teri Horton of Shelton, Wash., and Cathy Calhoun of Lacey, Wash.; six loving grandchildren; and three adorable great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Ode Calhoun.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Eastside Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Thompson officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Eastside Baptist Church Building Fund, 204 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

Francis 'Fran' A. Rider - Twin Falls

Francis "Fran" A. Rider, 80, of Twin Falls, died early Thursday morning, Feb. 26, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

over 20 years before he retired in 1989, but continued working until the time of his stroke. Fran loved to go camping and fishing with his girls and his grandchildren and enjoyed golf and woodworking. Fran was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls Masonic Lodge No. 45 and Order of Eastern Star Chapter 29.

Fran is survived by his wife, Willa of Twin Falls; two daughters, Lynn Marie (Garth) Osterhout of Butley and Roxie (Richard) King of Portland, Ore.; and one sister, Barbara Milne of Wintertown, Fla. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Zach, Rebecca and Dana; and one great-granddaughter, Justice, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister

and one brother.

A celebration of Fran's life will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at Reynolds Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Eastside Baptist Church Building Fund, 204 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Fran's name to your favorite charity. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to: Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

R.L. 'Tuffy' Larsen - Jerome



R.L. "Tuffy" Larsen, 79, of Jerome, passed away peacefully, Feb. 26, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Medical Center with family at his side.

Tuffy was born on Oct. 15, 1924, to Lefoy and Alta Mecham Larsen in Jerome. Tuffy married Beatrice Hegworth in Gooding, Idaho, at the Lincoln Inn on May 3, 1945. They had three children, Galen who preceded him in death, Michael and Nancy.

He was a simple man who was a third generation farmer who took pride in the fact he had the ability to farm with his son and grandsons, the fourth and fifth generations in his family.

He dearly loved to have his family around him and being involved in the day-to-day business, especially his 3 o'clock run. Tuffy is survived by his wife of 61

years, Beatrice; his son, Michael (Ann) Larsen, and daughter, Nancy (Don) Reddick; his seven grandchildren, Donna (Kendall) Twichell, Richard (Tracey) Larsen, Patricia (Greg) Marshall, Raymond (Rae Jean) Larsen,

Rhonda Larsen, Pam (Tim) Green and Travis Reddick; six and one-half great-grandchildren, Adriana and Troy Larsen, Robbin and Matthew Marshall, Mallory and Justin Twichell and a new little one due this May. Tuffy is also survived by two brothers, Verdis and Denzel Larsen of Jerome, and sister, Betty Beck of Twin Falls. His infant son, Galen, his parents and a sister, Gladys Jones, preceded him in death.

Tuffy was very happy having all of his family living near him in Jerome.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive with Bishop Andy Lot conducting. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John Steward Williams - Jarbridge



John Steward Williams, 79, of Jarbridge, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Snake River Rehabilitation Center in Butte.

He was born March 9, 1924, in Burley, Idaho, the son of John and Abbie Steward Williams. He moved to Jarbridge as an infant and attended schools there and then attended Butte High School, where he graduated in 1942.

He served in the United States military during World War II. After the war, he lived for a short time in California, and then returned to Jarbridge.

He married Gloria Carskadon in 1960. Mr. Williams worked as a minor for a number of years, served as postmaster for Jarbridge for 24 years, was a constable for a time and served as justice of the

peace for many years. He loved Jarbridge, served as a volunteer fireman for many years, and will be

deeply missed by all his friends there. He is survived by one daughter, Mary "Jack" Bess of Butte; two stepchildren, June Vance and Lenard Mort, both of Twin Falls; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and by one sister, Mary Jenkins of California.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1996, a son, grandson, great-granddaughter and one brother.

A memorial service will be held in Jarbridge later in the summer. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." The family suggests memorials to the LDS Church, Memorial, c/o Mary Bess, 1164 E. 4325 N., Butte, ID 83416.

Joe Sanders - Nampa



Joe Sanders, 96, of Nampa, formerly of Jerome, Idaho, died Feb. 26, 2004, at a local hospital.

A celebration of Joe's life will be held at a later date in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Joe was raised and educated in Hickory County. He was the youngest child born to Jim and Florence Sanders who blended Florence's two children and Jim's eight children into a family and then had two children, Caroline and Joe. On his birthday in 1932, he married the "only girl for him," Nadine McCutchen. They were married 72 years at the time of his death. He worked for the Farmers Exchange in Urbana, Mo., and farmed in the area until 1937.

Looking for jobs and adventure, he and Nadine loaded up a Model A Ford with four quills, a set of dishes, a 22 rifle and an alarm clock and headed to Idaho to join two of his sisters and their husbands in the Jerome area. He worked as an irrigator and farmer-of-all-trades, the sugar factory and the potato hydrator plant until 1944 when he joined Farmers Implement and learned the farm implement parts business. He worked for the International Harvester dealership in Jerome until 1963, then he

moved to Nampa and worked at the IH dealership there until his retirement in 1976. He loved his job and took great pride in his work. He could solve just about any problem when it came to parts and farm implement repair. He made many friends with the farmers he served and the people he worked with.

At retirement, he and Nadine moved back to the Magic Valley area that they loved and settled in Hansen. They were happy to be back with old friends and made

many new ones as well. He loved hunting and fishing with his many friends and special sister and brother-in-law, Osa and Harry Suter. He taught his namesake granddaughter how to bait a pole and catch trout and gave her his best fishing hat. In 1989, Joe and Nadine moved back to Nampa to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law.

He was a great father and husband who worked very hard to provide for his family. He was a loyal friend, a good neighbor, a loving father-in-law, and the perfect granddaddy. He will be terribly missed by all of those who love him.

Survivors include his wife, Nadine Sanders of Nampa; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Terry Martin of Nampa; granddaughters, Joey Martin of Austin, Texas; his special nephews, Max Suter of Jerome, Idaho, and Walter Henry of Downey, Calif.; and various nieces and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Florence Sanders; sister, Carolyn Henry; and 10 half siblings. The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Talking Book Library, 325 W. State St., Boise, ID 83702-6072.

OBITUARY

Claude E. Abel - Boise



Claude Abel of Boise, Idaho, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004. He was 84.

Claude was born on Friday, the 13th of July, 1919, in Sheridan, Wyo. It was a very lucky day. He was the only child of Mary and Fay T. Abel. In 1929, his family moved to Lodge Grass, Mont., where his father managed and later owned a grocery store. Claude excelled in athletics and was very proud to have been the center for the 1935-1937 Lodge Grass Indians, a team remembered as one of the finest in Montana basketball history. The Indians amazed everyone who saw them, handily defeating nearly every squad they played, including stunted college teams. In a game played at Crow Agency, they very nearly defeated the Harlem Globetrotters. Claude also excelled in baseball. He played left field for the King and his Court professional softball team and was invited to tryout with the Chicago Cubs. Claude graduated from Lodge Grass High School in 1937 and attended Montana State University in Bozeman. In 1940, he married his childhood sweetheart, Pat Carney. Claude and Pat's friendship and love affair is a model we wish we could attain. It flourished for 70 years. Less than two weeks short of their 60th wedding anniversary, Pat passed away on Dec. 5, 2000. It was on their honeymoon that Claude was notified to report to his draft board.

Claude was a member of the 99th Infantry Division during World War II and served in the Battle of the Bulge. He was among the first to cross the Rhine River at Remagen. While in the Army, he met Tim Babcock. They served together in

England, France, Belgium, Austria and Germany. They, along with their wives, became lifelong friends. Fifty years later, Claude and Tim returned to Europe to remember and tour again with other surviving members of the 99th. After the war, Claude worked for the Bureau of Reclamation, then accepted a position with the Kaiser-Fraiser Automobile Company, first in Willow Run, Mich., then in Long Beach, Calif., and finally in Portland, Ore. The first new car Claude and Pat owned was a 1951 Kaiser coupe that Claude supervised along the assembly line. Nearly 50 years later, Claude and Pat drove that same car from Boise back to Portland for a Kaiser-Fraiser convention where it won three trophies. Today, the Kaiser has been restored to mint condition and remains in the family. In 1953, Claude agreed to return to Montana and help his friend, Tim, expand a small trucking operation. Claude became general manager of

Babcock and Lee Trucking in Billings and helped guide its growth to become one of the largest trading operations based in Montana. He was especially proud to have changed the delivery of approximately 7,000 loads of cement to the construction site of what is now Yellowstone Dam and to attain contracts as far away as Panama. After Tim Babcock became governor of Montana, the trucking company was sold. Claude and Pat moved to Gallup and Farmington, N.M., with Arizona Tank Lines before establishing their final home in Boise, where Claude was the managing director of the Idaho Motor Transport Association until his retirement. But even after retirement, he worked tirelessly to repud the Tam-Mile Tax, which he found to be so inequitable. It was a battle he ultimately won.

Claude loved to play golf, fish and work in the garden. Much more than that, he loved his family. Even more than that, he loved Pat.

Claude Abel is survived by his sons, Jim (Lynne) of Billings, Rick (Heather) of Twin Falls and Ron (Bo) of Boise; eight grandchildren, Chris, Shawn, Brian, Taylor, Amanda, Ryan, Caleb and Bailey; and four great-grandchildren, Madison, Aedin, Collin and Brandon. The family is grateful to Kristi Abel of Boise for her loving support.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at Summers Funeral Home, 2202 W. Barnack St., Boise. Memorials may be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"Good night Dad. Good night Dad." "Good night Dad. See you in the morning."

SERVICES

Virgina Ivory of Twin Falls, member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Eugene Arthur Gary of Kimberly memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Ann C. Maughan of Rupert,

service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Gordon Sanford Connell of Shoshone, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church; visita-

tion for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Shoshone.

Barbara Sabala of Twin Falls' celebration of life service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, 1061 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls; family will greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

L. Dean Fenstermaker HAGEMAN, 1, Dean Fenstermaker, 69, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at his home.

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

Dennis R. Blackwood TWIN FALLS - Dennis R. Blackwood, 49, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at his home.

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

Downtown SLC strip club sues Mormon church

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - An owner of a popular strip club located less than a block from Temple Square is suing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, claiming the church is trying to shut his business out of the downtown area.

Daniel Darger, a co-owner of the Crazy Goat Saloon, formerly named the Dead Goat Saloon, filed a lawsuit in 3rd District Court this week alleging that Property Reserve Inc., the real-estate arm of the LDS Church, Souvenir Stop, a business in nearby ZCMI Center, and the city of Salt Lake have conspired to interfere with the club's lease; attempted to seize valuable property rights, and meddled with the business' economic viability.

The lawsuit came as a result of recent legal action by Property Reserve and the Souvenir Stop, including the club in an amended lawsuit originally filed against the city. That lawsuit claimed the Board of Adjustment incorrectly granted the saloon a sexually-oriented business license.

According to court documents, Property Reserve and the Souvenir Stop claimed that church-owned properties would be adversely affected by the "nuisance" club, a former blues club that was revamped into a strip club.

The two also claimed the board "improperly concluded" that the bar is not located within certain distance from a school, parks, a landmark and a gateway corridor. City ordinances forbid sexually-oriented businesses from operating within a specified distance from these protected land uses.

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OBITUARIES

Jewell Era Coffman - Shoshone

Jewell Era Coffman, age 92, passed away Feb. 27, 2004, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Jewell was born in Grand Saline, Texas, on May 22, 1911, to Charles Jeffery Griggers and Marie Lee Polk Griggers. She met and married John Coffman in California in 1927. They resided in several locations before settling down in Idaho.

She moved to Dietrich, Idaho, with her husband, John, in 1965 and later moved to Shoshone, Idaho. John was employed with the Big Wood Canal Co. The couple resided in Shoshone until the death of her husband in 1990. She continued to reside in Shoshone at 420 N. Carmen, until she was no longer capable of living alone.



Jewell then moved to Burley with her grandson and family, John and C. Sue Hurst, the last year of her life. Jewell was very well known and

loved by many, she will truly be missed.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Jean Weaver of Shoshone; three grandchildren, Shonna Hemphill of Moorcroft, Wyo., John W. (C. Sue) Hurst of Burley and Jeffery L. Hurst of Dietrich, Idaho; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three sisters and three brothers.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Shoshone with Pastor Larry Sparks of the Shoshone Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Lillie Mae Klimes - Jerome

Lillie Mae Klimes, 77, of Jerome, peacefully returned to the loving arms of her Father in Heaven, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004.

Lillie was born on March 28, 1926, in Hagerman, Idaho, the daughter of Jack and Leatha Casto. She attended schools in Jerome. Lillie married the love of her life, Jerry Klimes, 58 years ago on Aug. 19, 1945.

Together they had four children, Carol Earl (Kris Olsen) of Whitefield, Maine, Gary (Mickey) Klimes of Cottonwood, Ariz., Leon Klimes of Jerome, Idaho, and Aldrea (Orren) Labrum of Salt Lake City, Utah. She worked on the family farm for many years until 1965 when she went to work for the J.R. Simplot Co. until 1975.

Some of Lillie's passions were to make beautiful quilts and canning. Her greatest joy was baking her especially infamous hot rolls. She had strong beliefs for the LDS Church, family gatherings and a deep love to take her grandchildren fishing as well as spending many hours playing games with them. As one of the most giving persons in the world all were welcome in her home.

She is survived by Jerry Klimes, Carol Earl, Gary Klimes, Leon Klimes and Aldrea Labrum; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack (Bud) Casto; and three sisters, Nora (Jim) Durfee of Mountain Home, Idaho, Elva (Orville) Clark of Jerome, Idaho,

and Eva (Leon) Allen of Prineville, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents and two of her sisters, Mary Haskin and Florence (Hugh) Smith.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, Idaho. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at the Jerome 1st Ward LDS Church at 825 E. Ave. 1 St. in Jerome with Bishop Mikeal Dixon conducting. Burial will follow the service at the Jerome Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the TCU of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for the care they gave their wife and mother. We love you Mom.

Final wolf management bill dies in Senate

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming's case against the federal government over the rejection of its wolf management plan may now be a little murkier after the final bill dealing with the issue died in the Senate.

House Bill 111 failed to get out of the Senate Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee on Friday, committee chair Sen. Dehaene Roberts, R-Etma, said.

Bills must be forwarded out of committee by Monday and Roberts' committee is not scheduled to meet that day.

"It would have created a whole big hearing to rehash what we've hashed over already," Roberts said

of the measure. "I didn't want the committee and the Senate to be subjected to another big debate on the wolves."

The bill would have aligned state law with Wyoming's wolf management plan, which was rejected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in January over its classification of wolves as trophy game and predators.

Confirming state statutes to the plan is seen as a way to strengthen the state's hand in a possible suit.

Bill 111 would have retained the dual classification system. Another measure aimed at changing the state's plan to match demands of the federal government died after not being scheduled for debate in

the House.

Rep. Mike Baker, R-Thermopolis, said Bill 111 would have strengthened the state's hand in court by making its laws consistent with the plan.

"The state is in the position that it is not as legally defensible as it could have been," he said.

Such "incentives" could weaken the state's case, Baker said.

"Small things can destroy big intentions, sink large ships," he said. "I did write this as clearly as we could have. And the answer is 'no.'"

Roberts felt otherwise.

"I don't think it has any bearing on what we do in the future at all," he said.

Fruitland can limit garbage haulers to one company

BOISE (AP) - The city of Fruitland has the power to grant one garbage-hauling company the exclusive right to pick up trash, while barring a competitor from business, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled.

Reversing a previous decision, the high court held with the city after a four-year battle with Teresa and Matt Plummer of T&M Sanitation.

In early 2000, the Plummers moved to town and established their company. But Darrel Hardin, a rival garbage collector, petitioned to the city, which granted him an exclusive 10-year franchise. The Plummers sued after employee Michael Cornett was arrested in September 2000 as he was collecting garbage. Charges were later dropped.

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Heavy snow slows travel

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BURLEY - Up to 11 inches of snow had fallen by 5 p.m. Saturday and made for treacherous driving conditions on Interstates 84 and 86 east of Burley.

The National Weather Service in Pocatello reported that 9 to 11 inches of snow had fallen in American Falls with more expected during the night. About 6 inches of new snow was reported in Albion and 5 to 8 inches in Sublett, which is on the way to Sweetzer Pass that travelers must cross to reach Utah.

Saturday's storm stretched across eastern Idaho into Wyoming and down into Utah and prompted a few eastern Idaho road closures because of low visibility.

The Idaho State Police reported numerous accidents on I-84 south of Burley toward the Utah border and on I-86 east of Burley heading toward Pocatello. No serious injuries had been reported by Saturday evening.

Two people die as winter storms bring hazardous conditions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A winter storm pummeled the state Saturday, bringing with it inches of new snow and dozens of traffic accidents, including two fatalities in Salt Lake City, officials said.

An unidentified man and woman were killed Saturday afternoon in a two-car accident on eastbound I-215, said Derek Jensen, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety. The male victim was believed to be a National Guardsman, he said.

A spokeswoman for the Army National Guard, Maj. Lorraine Harzucell, said they had been alerted of the accident and were conducting an investigation.

Salt Lake County reported 106 other accidents, all of them minor, from midnight Friday to late Saturday afternoon, Jensen said. He said 12 people suffered minor injuries.

While creating hazardous road conditions, the storm brought welcome new snow for ski resorts.

The National Weather Service issued a snow advisory for the Wasatch and Uinta mountains, where 8 to 16 inches of snow were predicted by Sunday morning.

Accumulations from Thursday through Saturday night ranged between 2 and 3 feet in the state's northern mountains and 2 to 4 feet in the southern mountains. In the Magic Valley, they ranged from 4 inches to up to 18 inches in areas surrounding the mountains.

A heavy snow warning was issued for the valleys, including the I-15 corridor from Nephi to Cedar City. There an estimated 6 to 12 inches of snow were predicted to fall.

The valley was expected to be hit with up to another 3 inches of snow Sunday, with between 4 and 8 inches falling in the mountains, said Dick Struthwair, a National Weather Service meteorologist based in Salt Lake City.

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200 to 8,000 years ago: Archaic-Indian culture, with permanent houses (5,000 years ago) and bows and arrows and pottery (300 to 1,500 years ago) coming into use, to present.

200 to 260 years ago: Shoshone bands obtain horses for transportation but are decimated by smallpox spread from European sources.

1800 to 1840: Early historic Indian culture, with adaptation brought on by white contact, trade

goods, and other fur-trade activities, is represented across the state.

1803: The United States purchases Louisiana Territory.

1805: Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark enter area that would become Idaho at Lemhi Pass.

1809: Kullyspell House, first non-native establishment in Northwest, is erected near Lake Pend Oreille.

1810: Fort Henry, first American fur post west of Rocky Mountains, established near St. Anthony.

1811: Astorian parties under Wilson Price Hunt

explore portions of the future Oregon Trail in Idaho.

1818: U.S. & Great Britain sign Joint Occupation Treaty for Oregon Territory.

1819: Donald Mackenzie holds a rendezvous with Native Americans on the Boise River. Adams-Onis treaty between Spain and the United States establishes Idaho's future southern border on the 42nd Parallel. Mackenzie attempts to set up a post on the Boise River.

1820: Mackenzie negotiates a peace treaty with the Shoshone on Little Lost River and explores most of what would become Goodale's Cutoff.

1821: Hudson's Bay Company and North West Company merge.

1822: William Ashley organizes the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, which institutes the practice of annual rendezvous.

1830: Captain B.L.E. Bonneville takes a wagon train across South Pass to Green River.

1832: A trapper's wheeled caravan travels over part of the Oregon Trail west of Casper to the Wind River rendezvous.

1834: Forts Laramie, Boise, and Hall are established.

1836: Henry H. Spalding establishes a mission

near Lapwai, where he prints the Northwest's first book, establishes Idaho's first school, develops Idaho's first irrigation system, and grows the state's first potatoes. Narcissa Whitman and Eliza Spalding are the first white women to cross the continental divide (South Pass).

1843: First Oregon Trail wagons cross Idaho.

1846: Treaty settles the Oregon boundary dispute with England.

1849: Over 20,000 emigrants who join the gold rush come through southeastern Idaho on the California Trail. Heavy traffic continues on the trail for many years. U.S. Military post, Cantonment Loring, is established near Fort Hall.

1852: French Canadians discover gold on the Pend Oreille River.


1853: Washington Territory is created.

1855: Salmon River mission (Fort Lemhi) is established by Mormon missionaries, to be abandoned in 1858.

1859: Oregon is admitted as a state.

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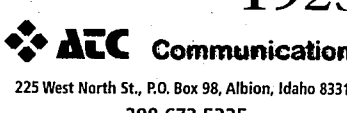
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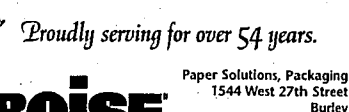
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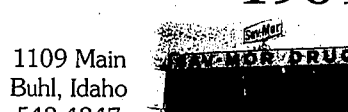
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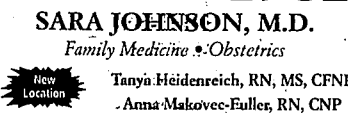
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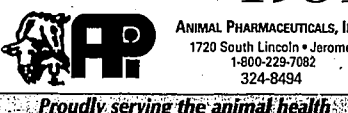
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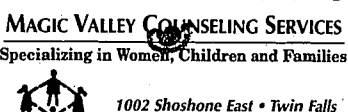
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Expiration of sales tax hike could bring budget problems

By Bob Fleck
Associated Press writer

BOISE - Moderate state lawmakers are worried about how their constituents are going to take the debates and votes on issues like gay marriage, abortion and the public display of the Ten Commandments.

But the issue that will affect voters more than any other is what the politicians intend to do to balance the state's \$2 billion budget a year from now.

The options are cutting programs or raising taxes. But unlike the last election when the state's fiscal situation was still cloudy, there is no doubt that another round of drastic action will be required.

"Sometimes you have watershed votes," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said. "This can change the Legislature."

Boise State University's annual public opinion survey indicates, not surprisingly, that voters want to spend more but are not wild about paying higher taxes to do it.

The temporary penny increase in the sales tax and a \$50 million windfall from the federal government made spending decisions relatively painless this winter when the budget that takes effect on July 1 was written.

But the extra penny and the federal cash disappear in mid-2005, stripping the state of \$230 million at a time when a sluggish economic recovery is expected to restore only about half that.

"The consensus we're on is not going to get us to where we need to be. There's going to be a gap between revenue and spending," Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes, R-Soula Springs, said.

"How do we close it?" Geddes said. "The answer is there's no answer yet."

And none will surface before November.

Senate looks at ethics of ed board official

BOISE (AP) - The president of the State Board of Education is also a paid lobbyist for the University of Chicago, but attorney Blake Hall says his two roles do not conflict.

Hall's activities were part of a Senate debate Friday over strengthening Idaho's ethics laws. Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls said Hall's consultation with the private Illinois school does not interfere with his role on the state board, which oversees Idaho's public schools and universities.

Hall's involvement in different roles benefits the state, he said.

But Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, was skeptical.

"The question is why the chairman of the board of regents of our colleges and universities, with the tremendous power and influence that the position represents, would want to become a lobbyist for an Illinois university, when that Illinois university has negotiated agreements with our colleges and universities," he said.

Hall defended his work for the University of Chicago as well known, and said he has not influenced any agreements between Idaho universities and the Illinois school.

Hall said he was hired by the university to help it win a federal contract to operate Argonne National Laboratory at the Idaho Nuclear Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The University of Chicago has operated the lab since 1999, but now has to bid for its contract for the first time.

The school recently entered into a new memorandum of understanding with the University of Idaho, signed agreements with the other Idaho universities on cooperative research.

The agreements may help the University of Chicago win the federal contract, worth \$2.5 billion.

Hall said he was not involved in negotiating those agreements and noted the Idaho universities do not need approval from the state board to enter into them.

"There are no issues relative to the winning of that contract that the Idaho state Legislature has any involvement in - it's a federal contract," Hall said, adding he has not lobbied lawmakers on the issue.

The only other company Hall lobbies for is CH2M Hill, an environmental firm bidding for a separate contract of INEEL.

Sen. Cecil Ingram, R-Boise, who wrote one of two ethics bills now before the Senate, said he did not know if Hall's activities violated state law.

But the web of influences in government is eroding the public's confidence, he added.

House and Senate leaders put together a task force last summer to look at extending the sales tax to services and lifting existing exemptions. Preconceived notions on both sides of the question derailed the effort, and the leaders are not willing to go any further down that road this summer.

There is no support for continuing to collect the sixth cent of the sales tax beyond the June 2005 expiration. Gov. Butch Otter's penny-ont has been squeaked.

But at the same time the nation's most Republican Legislature has displayed no inclination to make the kinds of major spending cuts required to close the budget gap without more money. That would require dramatic reductions in support for schools, and education is by far the top priority for voters, according to the Boise State poll.

"We don't have the will to do it," Newcomb admitted, but he is no contingency plan or any thought of developing one.

"It's kind of a head-in-the-sand deal," the speaker said. "We just ignore it, and hope the economy improves."

He doubts that will happen as does Geddes, who is more curious about how Republican Gov. Dirk



Kempthorne expects to make ends meet next year. Kempthorne was the one who proposed the tax

increases last year, following recommendations from his citizens Blue Ribbon Commission for political cover. He still drew harsh criticism from the conservative wing of his party.

But it is also Kempthorne who has promised the extra penny of sales tax will expire on schedule, even though the Boise State survey found that two-thirds of voters believe the sales tax is at the right level at 6 percent.

In the same survey, however, Newcomb's hope to stabilize the Idaho tax structure by extending the sales tax to services took what he sees as a fatal blow. Three-fourths of voters objected, even if the tax rate was cut to 4 percent.

But the economy continues growing away from the goods the state taxes toward the services it does not. This year the state will tax about \$17.1 billion in sales transactions while \$20.2 billion go

untaxed.

In the budget year looming after the November election, just over \$18 billion in transactions is expected to be taxed while \$23.6 billion will not.

"At some time, you have to balance your tax structure," Newcomb said, almost to himself. "If you don't change the system by which you tax, you're just going to keep losing revenue, even if your economy is good."

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Nez Perce felt same bias as other races

LEWISTON (AP) — "Whites Only" signs that once hung in southern restaurants will forever be part of the American conscience.

But few may remember that similar signs were also displayed in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, said Anthony D. Johnson, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

Johnson, 34, is too young to have felt the sting of signs that read "No Dogs or Indians Allowed."

But he remembers. "We can't change history. The lesson is we can't forget. We have to teach our children."

Johnson was master of ceremonies as part of Martin Luther King Jr. and Idaho Human Rights Day at Lewiston's Pioneer Park. Johnson said in some ways the Nez Perce experience parallels that of African Americans.

"America was built on the subjugation of our human rights," he said.

While slave owners treated black people like real estate, the government worked to rid the country of Indians.

"We are the only nation in the world that as a matter of its intent, policy attempted to extinguish its indigenous population."

The Nez Perce Tribe once numbered 30,000 people. Today, there are about 3,300 enrolled tribal members. Much of the decline resulted from disease and poverty.

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— Anthony D. Johnson, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee

In 1910, 75 percent of Nez Perces had tuberculosis, said Johnson. Indian lands were parceled out to individuals with the Dawes Act of 1893, an effort to break up the tribal community.

Johnson notes the irony that Nelson Mandela is cherished in this country for his fight against apartheid in South Africa.

"That same fight was fought here by a number of Indian tribes and Indian lives were lost."

The way people treat each other in the United States has progressed but still has a distance to go, said Johnson. In 1979, Indians ranked lower than any other group in education, income and life expectancy and had the highest suicide rate.

Johnson said today the federal government spends less on Indian health care than on any other group.

Tribal colleges and universities receive 60 percent less funding than other public universities.

"The government spends more on health care for prisoners than for Native Americans."

Johnson knows first-hand how it feels to endure second-class treatment.

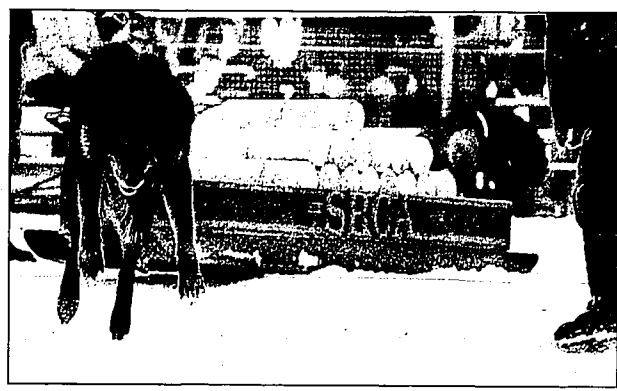
In June, Johnson attended U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's federal health public meeting in Grangeville. While his wife walked in their car, several people yelled an epithet at him.

Johnson thinks it was a reaction to the dip nets and gaff hooks in the vehicle, which the tribe uses to fish for salmon and steelhead.

In the early 1980s, some Idaho vehicles still sported bumper stickers advising "Save a Fish. Gaff an Indian."

Johnson was stopped by a Idaho State Police trooper who saw he was an Indian and questioned him about marijuana. Another time, he showed up for a job interview only minutes after inquiring about it over the telephone. When they saw him, they said there was no position, Johnson said.

"As I walked down those stairs, I could feel myself, with each step, getting angrier, my ears getting hot."



Butes, a Labrador-Malamute mix, jumps to pull a sled with 1,100 pounds across the line as the dog's owner, Dan Bates from North Pole, Alaska, watches in the Full Roly World Championship Dog Weight Pull during the Fur Rendezvous winter festival in Anchorage, Alaska, Saturday.

Utah National Guard distributes aid to Moroccan earthquake victims

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah National Guard distributed more than 19,000 pounds of humanitarian aid to victims of a recent earthquake in Morocco on Saturday, a spokeswoman said.

The supplies, which included hygiene and first-aid kits, blankets and tarps, were donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Assistance Center, said Maj. Lorraine Januzelli.

The Utah National Guard worked with the U.S. Office of Federal

Disaster Assistance to ensure that the donated items were what was critically needed, Januzelli said.

"I think it's critical that we're supporting the Moroccans in their hour of need," said Lt. Col. Brad Blackner, the Utah National Guard's Director of Civil-Military Relations, before boarding the KC-135 that departed from the Utah Air National Guard Base Friday in Salt Lake City.

Because of safety concerns, the take-off could not be announced

until the aircraft safely landed in Morocco, Januzelli said.

Tuesday's quake in northern Morocco has devastated an already impoverished region and left 571 dead, more than 400 injured and thousands homeless.

Morocco is partnered with the Utah National Guard through the State Partnership for Peace program, designed to pair American states with countries around the world to foster cultural understanding and democracy.

One of the last speakers of tribal languages dies

DESMET, Idaho (AP) — It was that rare morning of full winter sun. Its rays beamed upon the brittle trees, lighting up the frost crystals that sheathed every needle, bristling off the clustered pines.

This place, the priest said during the funeral Mass, "is an ancient place of prayer where Felicity and her people gathered at sacred pines."

He may not have meant this exact spot where the family and friends of Felicity Joan Adams, known as "Ply," gathered on a pile of snow and pine needles to lay her body to rest among the soft eaves of the Coeur d'Alene Indians.

But this place and this time were indeed sacred. In a strictly personal way, as Ply Adams came home at age 65 accompanied by seven Catholic prayers, an honor song in Salish and a smudging with smoke from grasses, herbs and roots spread with an eagle feather.

But this place was not famous, or someone or thing in the official workings of the tribe. But her passing is an important marker in a timeline. She was among the last of her people who grew up speaking Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, two dialects of interior Salish, as her native language.

Language, of course, carries more than words. It is weighed with a sense of place, history, identity.

That this "ancient place of prayer" became, on a sun-warmed morning, an intersection of the sometimes complicated bundle of identity threads that tell what it means to be Schistun'um, Catholic and American all at the same time.

Right here, where the edge of the Palouse crinkles against a steeper, more forested landscape like waves upon a shore.

Right here, where mourners

“
She was one of the few in her generation to keep speaking the language. The church just wouldn't allow it.”

— Marlene Justice, one of Ply Adams' daughters

tossed handfuls of earth upon her wooden casket as the honor song pierced the stillness.

Right here, not far from U.S. Highway 2 and "smoked" tribal tobacco stores and the shuttered ghost of the old brick boarding school where Indian kids like Ply Adams had their hair cut and their native language suppressed.

Sometimes words cannot express the losses, the layering of realities, the determination to keep living.

"She was one of the few in her generation to keep speaking the language. The church wouldn't allow it," said Marlene Justice, one of Ply Adams' daughters. Being forced to speak only English "was part of the assimilation into the culture."

But right away, there are layers upon layers. Justice found comfort in the rituals of the Catholic funeral service. And she found comfort in more indigenous rituals — a recorded moodiest trumpet melody by musician and tribal member Loren Swan, the smudging by tribal elder Noel Campbell, the honor song and drum by tribal member David

Stanger.

"I remembered all the funerals I attended for people in the tribe, and how rich our culture is and how important it is to teach that to our children," Justice said. "And going through the Mass gave me a sense of security. The words were so familiar."

As a child, Ply Adams would have known the older place names for the forested ridges and buttes that pick up out of the open Palouse around Desmet.

She was raised by her grandparents, Stanislaw and Mary Arpa. From her grandmother, she learned Spokane.

Stanislaw Arpa was one of the first Coeur d'Alenes to learn English.

He accompanied tribal leaders such as Andrew Selitto and Peter Mochelme to Washington, D.C., to interpret during negotiations with the United States Congress.

But at the meal following the funeral, a number of people said they felt a powerful sense of a circle closing when Stanislaw Arpa's voice was heard during a rosary for Ply.

A precious tape-recording was played, the recorder placed at Ply Adams' open casket.

But Stanislaw Arpa was not talking in English. He was praying. He was praying in Coeur d'Alene.

"To me, when I heard my father say those prayers ... tribal elder Felix Arpa, Ply's uncle, said, "It seemed like it was coming from her."

She grew up with the language, and to hear that microphone by her casket last night it was like her grandfather was there and praying for her.

Crump

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All well and good unless your travels happen to take you to Blue Lakes Boulevard North at drive time. And cast your mind forward to, say, 2020, and imagine what the Penton Bridge is going to look like at 6 p.m. on a Friday.

It was not ever thus. In the 1940s and '50s, you could get on a train in Shoshone at midnight, get off in Portland at 6 the next morning, and be back home in the Magic Valley and in your jammies by bedtime that night.

Even as recently as the 1970s — before they discovered Friedman Memorial Airport in Halley — airlines used to run non-stop flights from San Francisco to Twin Falls and back during the ski season.

What happened to change all

that? Airline deregulation and the 75 mph speed limit. They've transformed us into Boise's farthest-flung suburb and home of the two-hour commute and have a few modest transportation proposals for the Chamber of Commerce and our elected officials to consider:

- Talk to William Shatter about getting us some of those "Star Trek" transporter gadgets. Seems to me it would be kinda fun to get beambed to Wendell.

- Ask the city of Boise to annex the city of Twin Falls. Gull-stricken about our long commutes, the Boise city fathers would feel obliged to move the Boise airport to Wendell.

- Persuade the Union Pacific, which runs east and west through the Magic Valley every day, to add a

Hobo Class section to their freight trains.

- Get the Magic Valley listed in the next edition of "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

- Buy all 36,000 residents of Twin Falls a Razor scooter.

- Make crop-dusting planes carry passengers.

- Move The Gap, the Idaho Center, Flying Pie Pizza, Bronco Stadium and the outlet mall from Boise to Twin Falls, so there would never be a reason to leave town.

- Re-open the Oregon Trail. Wagon travel is cheap, plus there's no speed limit.

— *Stew Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com*

Charity

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amounts and distributed to the four geographic territories that comprise the Salvation Army in the United States.

In precise language, the conditions of the bequest are that half of the gift be placed into an endowment from which the earnings will be used as income to partially support operation of the centers and that the remaining half be used for building new centers.

"It's for bricks and mortar," said Sharyn Olsen, a seven-year member of the Salvation Army local advisory board.

Where immediate contributions were concerned, the Magic Valley has

been "directly affected" by the announcement of the endowment. As an existing facility, "we don't get any of that money here," Olsen said.

"Thus, for all of the programs that people have come to expect, "we rely on donations to pay the bills," Business Manager Becky Bonnett said.

"We still need the support of our wonderful community," she added.

As a result, the center is planning an auction to help raise money. The evening potluck affair will be held at the church office at 348 Fourth Ave. N. on May 6 beginning at 6 p.m.

Fund-raisers will include donat-

ed desserts, prints and other items, Bonnett said.

The local Salvation Army has an established food distribution program and provides a daily feeding program. This year, the local chapter is also offering an after-school program where, for five days a week, the center provides a volunteer teacher to help assist children with their homework.

But if things don't improve financially, there is a possibility that some of the programs "would have to be cut," Patterson said.

— *Times-News correspondent Loreta Burkhardt can be reached at 734-3390.*

Company that contracted with Salt Lake City Community College faces civil rights lawsuit

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A company contracted by Salt Lake Community College to manage the school's computer and technology systems is facing allegations of civil rights violations.

The lawsuit is the latest legal problem facing the college, which is already facing a federal lawsuit by employees alleging discrimination.

Former employee Donald Rivera filed a lawsuit Thursday in U.S. District Court against Collegis, a Florida-based company.

Rivera, a telephone technician, is one of several plaintiffs who filed a lawsuit against SLCC last fall claiming that the college created a hostile work environment for minorities.

Rivera's new lawsuit alleges that because of his race and religion, his work was more closely scrutinized than that of his Caucasian colleagues, and those who were Mormon.

On Friday, SLCC Interim President Judd Morgan questioned the motives behind the allegations.

"These old issues just keep coming up. I don't know what they want out of the college. I don't know what their desires are," said Morgan, adding, "It's a dead issue as far as we are concerned."

SLCC signed a 5-year, \$26.5 million deal with Collegis Inc. in 2002 for the company to manage the school's computer network and information systems. A phone message seeking comment to the company's corporate office Saturday was not immediately returned.

Fire damages LDS temple; no injuries reported

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A blaze in a church attic Saturday caused \$1 million in damage, but no injuries were reported, officials said.

The fire in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel started around 4:30 p.m. and was noticed by some boys playing basketball inside the church and people

eventually causing a roof collapse.

"We have to see the chapel damaged or destroyed in any way, but the important thing is nobody was inside, nobody was hurt," said Bishop Blake Rigby. "We can replace buildings, so we're in

great shape."

The blaze started in the attic, which is normally made of wood, said Dennis McKune, of the Salt Lake City Fire Department.

"It makes it harder for our crews to work on the roof," he said. "Our crews are in very good shape, but it fees them down in a hurry."

Opera

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Malls has a deep love of opera in his heart. Raised in the South, he was working summers at a Georgia mill when a friend gave him tickets to The Met tour of "Tosca" that was coming through town.

"I knew about opera because my father had taken me to the Met. I never seen an opera," said Malls. During the performance, he was particularly struck by Italo Tajo, the bass, and asked a friend of his father's for information.

Tajo turned out to be the head of the University of Cincinnati opera program, and the first mentor Malls ever had, in addition to being his teacher at Cincinnati, the two shared the stage in Malls' debut at the Met, singing "La Boheme" together.

Once his training was complete, Malls spent 12 years at the Met, the only opera house in America that runs more than a few months a year.

"They are really the only full-time opera in the U.S.," said Malls,

"although Chicago Lyric, Houston and San Francisco are close. But they have short seasons and the Met has a nine-month season. They are the only opera company in this country that has the endowment and funding do that."

Susan Bailey is a reporter with The Wood River Journal, a weekly newspaper based in Halley that works in collaboration with The Times-News. For more Journal stories, visit the paper's Web site at www.woodriverjournal.com.

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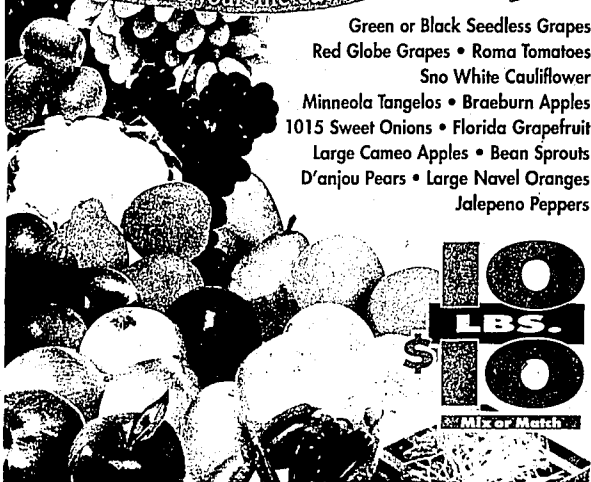
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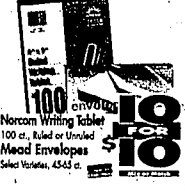
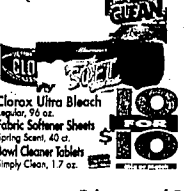
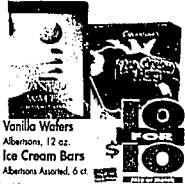
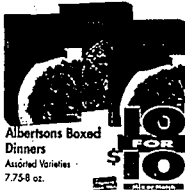
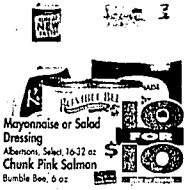


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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

This endorsement thing is so out of control that, word is, LeBron (James) is currently in negotiations to be the official spokesperson for (teammate) Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

— Barry LeBrack on Fox Sports Net's "Southern California Sports Report"

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College baseball

Dawson (Mont.) CC at CSI (2), noon

IN BRIEF

Officials set track and field meeting

TWIN FALLS — The area's high school track and field coaches and officials are asked to attend a rules interpretation meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in Twin Falls High School's faculty lounge.

Register now for March run/walk event

BOISE — The Malad Gorge-St. Patrick's Day run/walk will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 13 at Malad Gorge State Park. Entrants have a choice of a 3.5 mile walk, 3.5 mile run or a 5.5 mile run.

Each runner and walker will receive a t-shirt and enjoy a post-race party featuring Clear Springs trout.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall finishers and top three finishers in each age group.

Participants can pick up registration blanks in Twin Falls at the YMCA, Gold's Gym, Big 5 Sports and Donnelly Sports.

This is the 14th year for this race that is jointly sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, Malad Gorge State Park and South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 877-911-SCITRDA at 732-5569, or check out ridedidaho@cs2.edu.

M.V. league plans organizational meeting

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the Magic Valley Church League will be held at 7 p.m. March 11 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Avenue East in Twin Falls. The meeting concerns both men and women leagues. Call Kevin Newberry during the day at 737-1425 or in the evenings at 734-3169.

Jerome plans Monday baseball meeting

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold the Youth Sports Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in the Jerome Recreation Center conference room. Some of the agenda items to be discussed are youth baseball, swimming programs, and all other youth sports issues. The public is welcome.

Jerome holds soccer, volleyball registration

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering Youth Co-ed Spring Soccer and youth volleyball.

Soccer registration runs March 1-9 for leagues for kindergarten through Grade 6 students with play beginning in April. The league lasts for four weeks. Sign guards are highly recommended. The fee is \$15.

Youth volleyball will be offered to children in grades 5-8. This league is an instructional program with a few scrimmages. The fee is \$20.

Contact the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports.

2004 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

M.V. wrestlers fall short

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — Six minutes was not enough to determine a winner when Twin Falls' Dusty Scott and Coeur d'Alene's Ryan Allen met for the 5A 189-pound championship at the 2004 Idaho State Wrestling Tournament.

An overtime period wasn't enough either. It all came down to a 30-second double overtime and Allen being awarded a win solely on the fact that he kept the advantage over Scott for a period.

"It's tough," Scott said. "I had 30 seconds to get out and I couldn't do it." Scott battled to get out from under Allen, coming within inches of gaining a two-point reversal, but it wasn't to be for the Bruin senior, who took second in his weight class.

"It was tough, neither one of us got many shots off," Scott said. "That's why it was a one-one match at the end."

While Scott won't add a state championship to his list of accomplishments, he is a young man with tremendous upside who has only been wrestling for over three years. He will now turn his attention to

college and the possibility of wrestling at the collegiate level.

"I'm looking for any opportunity to come my way," Scott said. Joining Scott as second-place finishers are Wood River freshman Murdoch Miller at 103 pounds, Kimberly's Sonny Silva at 119, and Jerome's Cody Carpenter at 189. All three wrestlers lost to the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes.

The Raft River Trojans took home the award for the top 1A team score, finishing with 52 points, good for 12th overall in the 2A bracket. Along with the award, Trojan coach Justin Blair was named 1A coach of the year. Declo freshman Golden Zollinger took third in the 3A 193-pound weight class, the only Magic Valley wrestler to finish as second runner-up.

Fourth-place finishers from the area are Declo's Trevor Declaak and Trinity's Trevor Declaak and Wood River's Greg Lyons, and the Raft River trio of Zach Hutchison, Brody Erickson, and Brodie Hutchison. Fifth-place finishers were Minico's Kevin Killoy, Jerome's Tanner Patterson, Kimberly's Joey Silva, and Wendell's Michael Sams and Loren Gaudner. Rounding out the Magic Valley



Dustin Scott, right, of Twin Falls, grapples with Ryan Allen of Coeur d'Alene. Allen prevailed in double overtime in the Class 5A 189-pound championship match.

wrestlers who placed top six are Minico's Shawn Kuntzer and Bryce Cole, Jerome's Em Powell and Matt

Olives, Wood River's Ducey Miller and Brandon Silva, Filer's Justin Please see WRESTLERS, Page C2

Jones brings it home

Bobcat senior is first Burley state champ in 17 years

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — It's been 16 state championships, three matches, four minutes and nine seconds since a Burley wrestler brought home an individual gold. But with a first-round pin of "Bees" Adam Shamion, 215-pound senior Cole Jones changed everything in only 25 seconds.

While other wrestlers struggled to overtime victories by one-point decisions, Jones won decisively, making sure that he would be the first addition to the names on Burley's wrestling wall in 17 years.

"We're bringing one back to Burley, it's about time, huh?", Jones said.

The senior was ahead in points at the start of the championship match's second period when he decided to go for one of his favorite moves.

"I hit my favorite shot with a high sweep and I hooked his arm," Jones said. "I knew when I caught him I had him, I couldn't ask for more."

As Jones brought Shamion's shoulders to the mat, Bobcat coach Clint Milliron could barely keep in his chair. "Tilting his body to the left and his chair to the right, Milliron jumped in the air as the referee signaled for the pin."

For Jones, one of the best moments of the tournament came when he turned to see his coach after the win.

"I was so happy to see his face, he was crying and I couldn't wait to give him a hug and give my dad a hug," Jones said. "I just couldn't wait to see everyone's reaction."

But every Burley fan's reaction paled in comparison to Jones' beaming smile, one he could barely hide when he received his gold medal on the champion's podium.

"Oh, I just can't help but smile," Jones said. "I'm so happy I can hardly say anything about it."

For a wrestling program and a school that has been hungry for a champion, Jones' win is not only big in his sport, huge for the entire athletic program.

While Milliron will have to wait until the start of next wrestling season for the answer to that question, it is clear that Jones has done his part. "It's so great," Jones said. "It hasn't been a good year for us, but this is just awesome."



Cole Jones celebrates his Class 4A 215-pound weight class individual title Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello. The championship is Burley's first in 17 years.

"It's a big win for us," Milliron said. "It's huge for the school. Hopefully this will get some other kids excited about Burley wrestling."

While Milliron will have to wait until the start

CSI men lose in OT

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team played like champions. Unfortunately, Snow College played like world-beaters.

The Golden Eagles used a dramatic comeback at the end of regulation to force overtime, but Snow showed its mettle in the extra session to win 90-63 and clinch at least a share of the scenic West Athletic Conference title.

CSI came up short on its championship bid, but it was not due to a lack of effort.

After an odd sequence of events as time in regulation dwindled, CSI came up with just enough to tie the game at 81 and force an overtime. The Eagles were called for two technical fouls in the final minute.

With Snow rebounding the ball on its own end of the court with 58 seconds remaining, Jason McKinney knocked the ball out of bounds on the pass. McKinney believed he knocked the ball off a Snow player and protested the call, leading to the technical.

Snow's Jake Schroeder then hit one of his two free throws to give the Badgers a 79-77 lead.

After falling behind by three points, CSI's Aking Ebong was called for a technical after he called time out while scrambling for a loose ball on the floor. The Eagles, however, had no timeouts remaining.

Schroeder then again split the technical fouls to make it 81-77. But the Eagles responded.

After two hitting free throws, McKinney stripped Schroeder of the ball up the court. Schroeder Jackson picked up the loose ball and passed it ahead to Dani Hazer for the layup, tying the game at 81.

Please see CSI, Page C2

Bees bounce Bobcats

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The Bonneville Bees went on a 17-3 run to end the first quarter to kickstart the momentum they needed to beat Bobcat 44 in the team's 4th state play-in game at Highland High School Saturday in Pocatello.

"This will get us on our way," Bonneville coach Timothy Hooten said.

The win qualifies the Bees for the state tournament March 4-6 at Albion College in Caldwell. Bonneville will play Moscow in the first round.

"I think we're going to take care of it," Hooten said. "Don't ever think a team is out until the fat lady sings. She hasn't sung yet, so we're going to keep on working."

The loss ends the Bobcats' season.

"I'm really proud of them," Burley coach Jack Bagley said. "We got second at districts and we were one win away from the state tournament. They played tough all season and really started playing great at the end. It just did not click today for us."

Eric Bullen and Mark Asper led the Bees on offense, scoring 17 and 16 points, respectively. Asper scored all of his points in the paint.

Please see BEES, Page C4

Golden Eagles prepare for doubleheader home opener

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Spring has not yet arrived, but fans of the College of Southern Idaho baseball team can get a little taste of it today.

The Golden Eagles will open up their home portion of the 2004 season to schedule with a non-doubleheader today against Dawson Community College (Mont.), at James E. "Skip" Walker Field.

"We're ready," CSI head coach Jim "Skip" Walker said. "The field's ready. We were working on it (Monday). We spent about three

hours is all and it's ready to go. The field's in great shape."

CSI (8-1 overall) had to scrap plans for a home-opening series against Prairie Baseball Academy (Ontario) almost two weeks ago due to the amount of snow on the ground in Twin Falls. But after two trips to Henderson, Nev. earlier in the month and a journey to Salt Lake City last weekend, the Eagles have shaken some of the offseason rust off and appear primed to make a strong showing against the Buccaneers.

CSI dropped an 8-5 contest with Salt Lake Community College this past weekend but swept a pair of games with the College of Eastern Utah, thanks to improved, but still inconsistent, showings at the plate

when runners are on base.

"When we've scored runs, we put pressure on the defense with our short game," Walker said. "It started with Eastern Utah, and we scored our four runs against Salt Lake that way. We started putting a little pressure on them and they started walking a few guys."

"I look at us and what we do to get our runs," he added. "I look at other clubs that are sitting back and trying to score the old way with base hits. I say, 'Myself, we're not going to get back-to-back base hits.' We've got to move hitters into scoring position and then have the guys at the plate do the right thing."

Setting the tone for CSI's "small ball" offense is freshman leadoff

hitter Eric Cattani. He has led off in nine of the team's 13 games this season and is batting .305 with a .355 on-base percentage. He is hitting .429 over his last seven games and went 3 for 5 with two runs scored in the Eagles' 8-2 win over the College of Eastern Utah last Sunday.

But Cattani's biggest value comes when he reaches base. His speed — close to, if not the best on the team — has created havoc for opposing batteries and defenses.

Cattani has stolen three bases, one behind team leader Jared Archibut, and has been caught just once.

"I think he's starting to realize that if he gets on base in this club, he's got to do those little things that are required."

When the offense has struggled, starting pitcher Brandon Christensen has made sure the Eagles stay in the game. Christensen (2-0) has pitched a team-high 22.0 innings and carries a minute 1.23 earned run average. He's gone at least five innings in all four of his starts and has not yielded more than two runs in any outing.

"He's pitching with short counts to the hitters," Walker said. "He's throwing all three of his pitches for strikes, and most of them are pretty quality strikes. He's throwing at both sides of the plate, keeping them off balance."

SPORTS

2004 STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Buhl's Baggs sacks the competition

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

POCATELLO — It was just another day on the job for Buhl 171-pounder Will Baggs when he took the mat against Priest River's Scott Hansen for a gold medal in the 2004 Idaho State Wrestling Tournament.

He showed up on time, he got the job done with a 7-0 decision, and he took his paycheck, a gold medal and a place on the Indians' wrestling wall.

"It feels good," Baggs said. "It's been a lot of time for this. It's been 13 years, to be exact. It's all come down to one match." Buhl coach Stacy Wilson said that about an hour before the match. "His whole year, his whole four years, his whole career, and he came out and got it done."

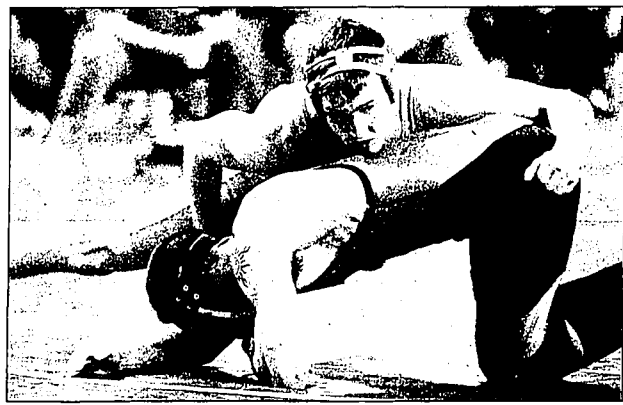
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Will Baggs, Buhl, controls his opponent, Scott Hansen of Priest River, during a his Class 3A 171-pound championship match Saturday in Holt Arena in Pocatello.

off what was just another day for the talented senior. "It's not a flashy wrestler," Wilson said. "He just goes out, gets the job done, and usually comes out on top."

Baggs may not have varied from his workman's attitude at Holt Arena, but Wilson thinks that will change when the senior realizes what he has accomplished. "I think it'll eventually sink in and he'll get that smile in somewhere," Wilson said.

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Class 4A — 1. Kuna, 206; 2. Blackfoot 196.5; 3. Mountain Home, 170.5; 4. Post Falls, 158.5; 5. Vallivue 146; 6. Bonnevillie 138.5; 7. Emmett 118.5; 8. Rigby 110; 9. Hillsdale 98.5; 10. Jerome, Sandpoint 89; 12. Madison 63.5; 13. Burley 57; 14. Bishop Kelly 52; 15. Caldwell 40; 16. Century 12.5; 17. Moscow 11.

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CSL

The Eagles could never seem to get over the hump in the first ball. CSI held a 4-0 lead to start the game after a pair of Jason McGriff free throws and Hazzuz's jumper in the lane. But Snow hit three 3-pointers in less than a four-minute span, capped off with Moses Hawkins' 3-point to claim a 26-16 lead with 10:23 remaining before halftime. CSI responded however, countered with a quick 7-2 run to cut the

deficit to 20-24 after Mohamed Kosi's three-point play. With the crowd ready to explode, Jackson had a chance to keep the momentum going, but his 3-pointer from the three-point line missed. CSI was then called for a foul on the loose ball, which led to Hawkins' two free throws totos.

Women The Eagles played suffocating defense in both halves on the way to routing Snow, 75-39. The Badgers continued on just 16 percent of their field goal attempts and were forced into 40 turnovers. The Eagles were especially tough on their perimeter defense, forcing Snow point guard Rana McMurtrey into 10 turnovers. "That's kind of how we played earlier in the year," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "Keep telling them they're not good enough. We're not. But I still don't want to

CSL

CSL held 13-9 after Snow's Chelsea Eyre hit a mid-range jumper, but the Eagles scored the next 10 points, to claim a 23-9 lead with 8:17 left in the half. CSI also closed the half on a 10-2 run to grab a 33-15 lead at the break. The Eagles dominated play in the second half, taking their largest lead at 73-36 with 2:01 remaining. Lenka Zimova led a balanced scoring attack as CSI with 16 points. Skavkova added 13.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

BASKETBALL

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE Standings: New Jersey, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

Auto Racing

- IRL Toyota Indy 300, ESPN, noon
NHLA, Waternationals, finals, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

Basketball

- Ohio St. at Michigan, CBS, 10 a.m.
Women, Purdue at Penn St., ESPN2, 11:30 a.m.

Hockey

- Kings at Mighty Ducks, ESPN, 2 p.m.
Eys at Red Wings, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Motorsports

- FIM World Supertech, race 1, SPEED, 1 p.m.
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Track & Field

- USA Indoor Championships, ESPN2, 4 p.m.

Bowling

- PBA, Baby Ruth Real Deal Classic, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.

Football

- Arena, New York at Arizona, NBC, 1 p.m.

Golf

- ANZ Ladies Masters, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.

Ladies 122, Wizards 110

WNBA Standings: Washington, Detroit, Phoenix, etc.

Friday's Late NBA Boxes

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Area ski report

Boys' race - Set 9.45 packed powder groomed 74 - 100 feet of 52 feet...

NHL Sums

NHL Standings: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, etc.

Predictors 2, Rangers 1 OT

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Maple Leafs 3, Devils 0

Toronto 3, New Jersey 0

ANZ Ladies Masters

ANZ Ladies Masters Standings: Annabel Croft, etc.

PGA-Chrysler Classic of Tucson

PGA-Chrysler Classic Standings: Adam Scott, etc.

Accenture Match Play Championship

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NHL

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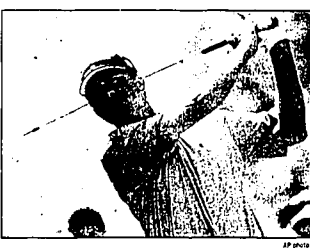
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Love reaches Match Play final

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Davis Love III survived an exhausting day of clutch shots and stunning conclusions Saturday, beating Darren Clarke in 21 holes to reach the final of the Match Play Championship and earn another crack at Tiger Woods.

Mike Heinen had a 65 to stay within a shot. Carlos Franco, who shot 66, and Mark Lemley (69) made were also tied at 70.

Senior battles breeze at New Zealand PGA

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Australian Peter Senior was the only player to beat par on a day of howling winds to take a share of the lead after the third round of the New Zealand PGA championship.

Senior shot a 3-under-par 69 to move up 37 spots into a first-place tie with American Bill Lande, who had a 73.

Sorenstam takes lead at ANZ Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Annika Sorenstam shot a 7-under 65 to take a one-shot lead through three rounds of the ANZ Ladies Masters.

Playing in her first tournament after taking a two-month break, Sorenstam hit approach shots on four of the front-nine holes to within 8 feet. She has a three-round total of 12-under 204, with her only bogey Saturday coming on 18.

Second-round leader Karen Stupples of England stayed close with a 70 that left her in second place at 11-under 205. Anne-Marie Knight of Australia shot a 69 and was third at 10-under.

Golf

Woods won his 11th consecutive match with no shortage of drama, making birdies on his final two holes to finally put away pesky Stephen Leoney of Australia, 2 and 1, and reach the final for the third time in five tries.

Love advanced to the semifinals after Phil Mickelson bogeyed the par-5 18th. Love then rallied from 2 down with two holes to play against Clarke, winning on the third playoff hole — the par-3 16th, where neither his three-putt nearly cost him the match.

Woods, who earlier beat Padraig Harrington, goes into the final match having gone 64 holes without trailing. The last time he faced a deficit was on the 16th hole of his opening match against John Hollins.

Baddeley, Sluom tie for Chrysler Classic lead

TUCSON, Ariz. — Aaron Baddeley shot an 8-under 64 to tie Heath Sluom at 15-under 201 for the third-round lead at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

Baddeley, who began the round six strokes behind, carded eight birdies and no bogeys on a cool, gusty day. Sluom bogeyed the last hole and turned in a 70 the day after his 64 earned him a one-shot lead heading into the third round.

Nets rebound from loss

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kenyon Martin had 18 points, 15 rebounds and an incredible layup block, and the New Jersey Nets got back on track after losing for the first time under Lawrence Frank with a 92-86 win over the Miami Heat on Saturday.

Brian Jefferson added 25 points and Jason Kidd had four free throws in the final 21.2 seconds to cap a 20-point effort.

Childress had 21 points to lead Miami, which lost its second straight after winning a season-high tying four games in a row.

Lakers 122, Wizards 110

WASHINGTON — Kobe Bryant's 31-point double of the season helped the Lakers pull out the fourth quarter for a victory over Washington.

Gilbert Arenas finished with 35 points for the Wizards on 12-of-22 shooting. He and a franchise record-setter by Rex Chapman in 1994 by making eight 3-pointers.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 29 points on 13-of-17 shooting, with most of his baskets coming on dunks.

Maglo 104, Hawks 99

ATLANTA — Tracy McGrady scored 26 of his 30 points before injuring his right ankle, and Orlando snapped a two-game losing skid by beating Atlanta, Hawks 104-99 Saturday night.

Yronn Lee scored 19 points, and DeShawn Stevenson, Drew Gooden and Jevon Howard each added 22 for the Maglo. It was a season-high top for Hawks.

Chris Crawford tied his career high with 27 points.

Bulls 87, Warriors 81, OT

CHICAGO — Jamal Crawford scored 27 points and Eddy Curry added 26 points and 14 rebounds, and the Chicago Bulls defeated the Golden State Warriors 87-81 in overtime on Saturday night.

Kirk Hinrich had his first career triple-double, with 11 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for the Bulls, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Jason Richardson scored 25 points for the Warriors and Erick Dampier fouled out in overtime with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Crawford gave the Bulls an 81-78 lead with 2:49 left in overtime on back-to-back 3-pointers. Brian Cardinal hit a 3 to tie the game at 81, but Curry hit a free throw and made a half hook to give Chicago the lead for good at 84-81 with 30.5 seconds left.



20-point effort.

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Grizzlies 97, Hornets 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — James Posey went from being listed as questionable for the game with a leg injury to scoring 21 points and leading the Memphis Grizzlies to a 97-92 win over the New Orleans Hornets on Saturday night.

Jason Davis brought the Hornets almost all the way back from 18 points down in the fourth quarter, scoring 14 points during an 18-3 run. New Orleans cut the lead to three on several occasions, the last time on Steve Smith's 3-pointer with 20 seconds left.

But Pau Gasol and Bonzi Wells hit a pair of free throws each to prevent the Hornets' comeback.

Pacers 81, 76ers 74

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal and Al Harrington were simply too strong for the banged-up Philadelphia 76ers.

O'Neal had 23 points and eight rebounds, while Harrington finished with 21 points and nine rebounds to lead the Indiana Pacers past the 76ers 81-74 on Saturday night.

Philadelphia was led by Kenny Thomas, who had 20 points, and Samuel Dalembert, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Mavericks 111, Trail Blazers 91

DALLAS — Antoine Walker had 25 points and eight rebounds. Steve Nash added 22 points and 11 assists, and the Dallas Mavericks extended their winning streak to five games with a 111-91 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday night.

Dirk Nowitzki contributed 21 points and seven rebounds to help Dallas to its seventh straight win at home and improve to 27-4 at home this season.

Zach Randolph had 10 points, and Darrius Miles and Damon Stoudamire added 16 points each for Portland, which lost at Houston on Friday to snap a five-game winning streak.

St. Joe's survives a scare

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — Jumeer Nelson scored 21 points and Delonte West had 19 and Saint Joseph's remained unbeaten Saturday night by defeating Rhode Island, 57-55.

The Hawks (26-0, 15-0) have only a home game against last-place St. Bonaventure and the Atlantic 10 tournament standing in the way of a perfect regular season. No team has entered the NCAA tournament unbeaten since UNLV in 1991.

College basketball

It was never more than a three-point game for the final 10 minutes. A 3-pointer by West made it 56-55, with 57 seconds left and he added a free throw with 19 seconds to play.

Rhode Island had two last chances: one to tie by Dawan Robinson and Steve Mellós desperation 3-pointer for the win. Dustin Hellenga had 15 points for Rhode Island (17-12, 6-9).

No. 1 Stanford 76, Oregon 55

STANFORD, Calif. — Josh Childress had 29 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and three blocks for No. 1 Stanford, which won its school-record 25th straight game Saturday and remained one of the two unbeaten in Division I. Childress was 10-for-16 from the field, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range.

Stanford (25-0, 16-0 Pac-10) beat the Ducks at home for the 16th consecutive time in a matchup that was nothing like the last meeting, when the Cardinal rallied from 19-point second-half deficit to win 83-80 in Eugene on Jan. 31.

Luke Jackson scored 18 points for the Ducks (12-11, 7-9).

The sellout crowd of 7,291 took advantage of its last chance to rock Maples Pavilion for nearly 10 months. Renovations begin Monday on the 36-year-old arena, which will receive a \$30 million facelift that's expected to be completed by early January 2005.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 72, Baylor 65

WACO, Texas — Tony Allen scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half and the Cowboys backed back from a double-overtime loss at Missouri.

Oklahoma State (22-3, 12-2 Big 12) led by 12 points with 9:11 left, but Baylor went on a 12-2 run to get within 67-65 with a minute left. John Latas III, who transferred from Baylor last summer, set it up for the Bears (8-19, 3-11), who missed three 3-pointers on their last possession.

Terrance Thomas had 24 points for the Bears (8-19, 3-11), who missed three 3-pointers on their last possession.

No. 8 Connecticut 75, Villanova 74, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Emeka Okafor, the nation's leading shot blocker, blocked a Villanova shot at the end of regulation and again at the end of overtime.

Josh Boone put in a rebound of a miss by Ben Gordon with 5.5 seconds left in overtime to give the Huskies a 75-74 lead and Okafor sealed the victory with a spectacular layup on a driving layup by Randy Foye just before the buzzer sounded.

Gordon had 21 points and Okafor added 17 for the Huskies (23-5, 11-3 Big East), who have won four straight.

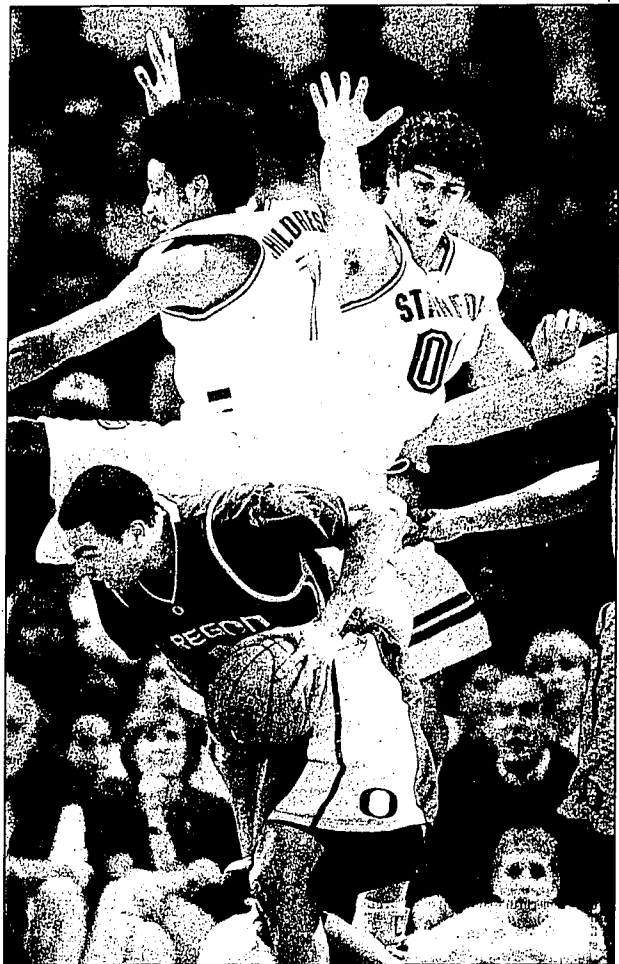
Curtis Sumpter scored 22 points for Villanova (14-13, 6-8), which lost three straight and five of six.

Connecticut's Rashad Anderson tied it at 66 on a 3-pointer from the right wing with 7 seconds left in regulation. Okafor then blocked Foye's driving layup before the buzzer, sending it to overtime.

No. 10 Texas 74, No. 25 Texas Tech 71

AUSTIN, Texas — Brandon Mouton scored 17 points and RJ Tucker added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Longhorns (21-4, 12-2 Big 12).

Mouton and Tucker combined to make for few throws over the final 20 seconds to hold off the Red Raiders, who have lost seven of 10. Andre Emmert scored 21 points for Texas Tech (19-9, 7-7) but missed two 3-point attempts in the



Stanford forward Josh Childress, left, and center Joe Kirchoff, right, towers over Oregon guard Jordan Kent in the first half, Saturday in Stanford, Calif. Childress was high scorer with 29 points and Kirchoff scored 13 points in Stanford's 76-55 win over Oregon.

No. 11 Wake Forest 91, Maryland 83

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Vytas Daniušis scored a career-high 23 points for the Demon Deacons, who won their sixth straight and clinched at least a tie for third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Justin Gray scored 22 points and Jamaal Levy had 14 points and 15 rebounds for Wake Forest (19-6-9, 5-5).

John Gilchrist led Maryland (44-11, 5-9) with 26 points. The Terrapins, who fell into a tie for seventh place in the nine-team ACC, need a whitewash finish to extend to 11 their streak of consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

No. 15 Cincinnati 75, Charlotte 67

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Maxell scored 18 points and Field Williams had 15 as No. 15 Cincinnati avenged an earlier loss to Charlotte, which had won seven of eight.

Kareem Johnson added 14 points for Cincinnati (20-5, 11-3 Conference USA), which reached the 20-win mark for the 13th time in coach Bob Higgins' 15 seasons at the school.

Curtin Withers led Charlotte (18-7, 10-4) with 16 points and 12 rebounds — his 14th double-double of the season.

No. 17 Arizona 72, Washington St. 60

TUCSON, Ariz. — Salim Stoudamire returned from a one-

game suspension to score 21 points, 16 in the second half, and the Wildcats snapped a two-game losing streak.

Arizona (18-8, 10-7 Pac-10) beat the Cougars for the 38th consecutive time. Washington State lost by 8-for-16 from the field, 3-for-7 from 3-point range, and held Washington State's Marcus Moore to five points on 2-for-11 shooting.

Thomas Keith scored a career-high 27 points for Washington State (12-14, 6-9).

Sharrod Ford had 20 points and 16 rebounds for Clemson (10-16, 3-12), which clinched last place in the ACC and a spot in the league's tournament 8-9 game for the fifth straight season.

No. 18 Georgia Tech 79, Clemson 60

CLEMSON, S.C. — B.J. Elder scored 16 of his 17 points in the second half and Georgia Tech reached 20 victories for the first time in eight seasons.

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No. 21 Louisville 66, No. 19 Memphis 60

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Francisco Garcia scored 18 points and Louisville snapped a four-game losing streak.

Otis George added 11 points and eight rebounds for the Cardinals (11-7, 4-6 Conference USA), who won't finish the regular season.

Sean Banks scored 26 points and Antonio Burks added 22 for the Tigers (20-5, 11-3).

No. 23 Illinois 66, Northwestern 56

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Dee Brown scored 20 points to lead Illinois to its straight win.

Nick Smith had 14 points and Roger Powell added 13 for the Illini (20-5, 11-3 Big Ten).

Vedran Vukacic and Jitun Young each had 16 points for Northwestern (12-13, 7-7).

Women

No. 7 La Tech 80, Boise St. 48

BOISE — Amisha Carter had 20 points and 14 rebounds to lead seventh-ranked Louisiana Tech to its 14th straight victory, 80-48 Saturday over Boise State.

Tina Frierson and Amber Obaze added 12 points each for the Lady Techsters (22-2, 15-1 Western Athletic), who held the Broncos (8-18, 5-12) scoreless for 7:02 in the second half while going to 8-0-all time against them. Jamie Hawkins had 10 points for Boise State.

No. 10 Stanford 67, Oregon St. 66

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Nicole Powell hit a baserunning jumper with 5.4 seconds left, and Stanford earned the top seed in the Pac-10 tournament.

Powell had 23 points and 13 rebounds and Kelley Suminski rebounded 17 points for the Cardinal (21-6, 14-4). Shannon Howell had 20 points to lead Oregon State (14-13, 10-10), which lost after Mandy Close's 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Stanford tied Arizona, which beat Washington earlier Saturday, for the regular-season title, but got the top spot in the tournament on a tiebreaker.

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Bonnevill outscored the Bobcats in every quarter. The Bonneville 28-point second quarter gave the Bees a 47-23 halftime lead.

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Bees

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Twelve Bees scored in the game and seven different players hit 3-point shots for Bonneville.

"We're telling them that when they get that kickoff to go ahead and tie the three go," Hooten said. "That's one of the things at districts that hurt us. When we substituted, we lost momentum."

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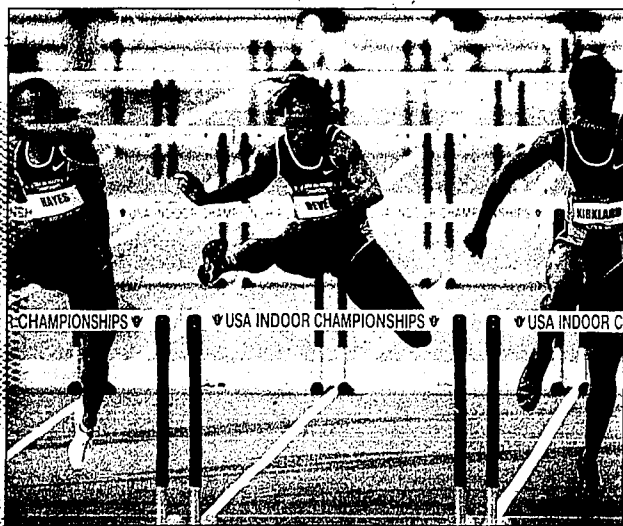
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Gail Devers edges out Joanna Hayes, left, and Anjanette Kirkland, right, to win the 60-meter hurdles at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston, Saturday. Hayes finished second.

Devers wins 60, 60 hurdles to make American track history

BOSTON (AP) — Gail Devers used her head to make track history Saturday.

Devers won the 60-meter hurdles and 60 at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships, becoming the only American to win both events at this meet. In the 60, Devers fought Torri Edwards down to the wire. But Devers snapped her head forward at the line, beating Edwards in a photo finish by three one-thousandths of a second.

Devers won in 7.12, officially the same time as Edwards.

While it was a momentous day for Devers, it was another disappointing one for Maurice Greene.

The former 100-meter world record holder qualified for the 60 yards earlier in the day in 6.61 seconds, but later pulled out of the final with a strained right hamstring.

As for Devers, she showed plenty of power with her 37-year-old legs. She won the 60 hurdles in 7.61 seconds, easily beating runner-up Joanna Hayes by 0.10 seconds.

The only other person to win the 60 and 60 hurdles at the U.S. Indoors was Chi Cheng of Taipei in 1979, when foreigners were allowed to compete in the meet.

Terrence Trammell unsuccessfully tried the double in 2002.

Devers, a two-time Olympic champion in the 100, perhaps is eyeing the upcoming Athens Games as her chance to finally win gold in the 110 hurdles.

Greene, who has been hampered by various injuries over the last three years, took the cautious route in withdrawing from the final.

With Greene out, Shawn Crawford won the 60 in 6.47, and John Capel was second in 6.52.

"It tightened up a little bit at the end of the race," Greene said. "I can go out there and run but it doesn't make sense to chance it now and interrupt all my training and everything else. It's nothing big. It's nothing to be concerned about. I'll just go home, get back to work and get ready for the outdoor season."

Allen Johnson repeated as 60 hurdles champion. The 32-year-old Johnson won in 7.44, an easy victory over Duane Ross, who had the fastest times in qualifying. Ross finished in 7.59.

"I just wanted to shake it to worlds and defend my title," Johnson said.

"It was nothing major. I just wanted to see if I can win another world title. You never know, this might be my last one."

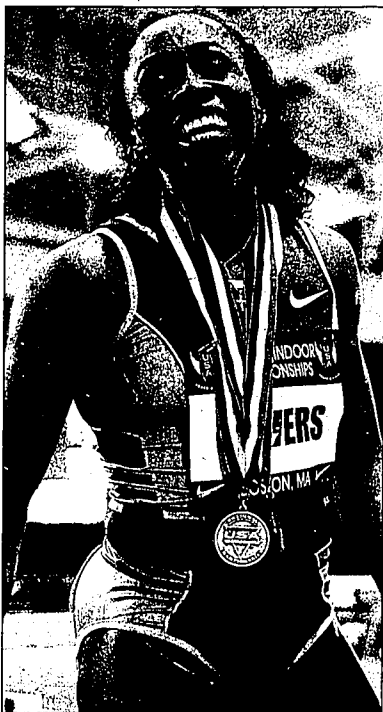
Hometown favorite Jen Toomey won the 800 in 2:00.02.

Toomey, a former diver who emerged this season as a top contender in the middle distances, trains at the track where the indoors is being held and had plenty of support.

In other events, Tombe Hurd won the women's triple jump and Tim Seaman won the 5,000 race walk.

Hurd, the 2001 world indoor bronze medalist, placed first with a leap of 45 feet, 5 inches despite feeling under the weather. Two-time defending champion Vanita Kinard was fourth, jumping 44-7.5.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the world championships, next week in Budapest, Hungary.



Gail Devers smiles after winning both the women's 60-meter hurdles and women's 60 meters at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships, Saturday in Boston.

Overall, things are just fine with Bode Miller

KIRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia (AP) — Bode Miller won a World Cup giant slalom Saturday, a strong step toward a milestone no American has reached since 1983: the overall World Cup title.

Miller recorded his sixth victory of the season the 12th of his career to overtake Austrian star Hermann Maier for the overall lead. Miller also moved to the top of the giant slalom standings with his third victory of the season in that event.

"I wanted to win today," said Miller, who is usually satisfied with simply being fast.

The last time a U.S. skier captured the overall title was 21 years ago when the Americans made a double — Phil Mahre winning the men's crown and Tamara McKinney taking the women's.

Miller surged down the tight Podkoren course in a two-run time of 2 minutes, 13.01 seconds, a solid 0.25 seconds ahead of Italy's Alberto Tomba, who had the best start of his career.

Italy's Alexander Pioner and Sweden's Fredrik Nyberg shared third in 2:13.61. Miller's teammate, Daron Rahivov, tied for 19th.

With the 100 points for the victory, Miller tops the overall standings with 1,084 points.

Maier, who finished 12th, slipped to second with 1,076. Benjamin Raich, who finished 17th, is third with 999.

More than 2 feet of snow from the past few days set a soft stage for the weekend competition, a key round in the race for the overall title involving Miller, Maier, Raich and Stephan Eberharter.

Eberharter missed Saturday's race because of a sore back.

Seven races remain on the World Cup schedule — two slaloms, a giant slalom, two super-giant slaloms and two downhillers.

Miller of Franconia, N.H., leads the giant slalom standings with 410 points. Finland's Kalle Palander lost the lead of the discipline standings in the opening run when he caught a ski and missed the next-to-last gate. He has 349 points.

"It will be really difficult to catch up with him," Palander said.

Free as an agent

New England, Washington offer a study in contrasts

NEW YORK (AP) — A year ago, the New England Patriots made a rare big-money free-agent acquisition, signing linebacker Roosevelt Colvin to a \$30 million deal.

Colvin was lost for the season in the Patriots' second game, but New England still went on to win the Super Bowl with a team that lacked star power, but had perfect chemistry.

The Patriots are unlikely to make a major splash in free agency when it starts Wednesday. Neither are a number of other teams — emulating the champion is the standard in the NFL.

"Football is the ultimate team sport. No matter how many stars you have, you're not going to win games without team chemistry," Robert Kraft, the team's owner, said this week.

"Bill Belichick manages a roster like a stock portfolio. He's always trying to upgrade the bottom of a roster, like you try to upgrade your bottom five or six stocks."

Even with the salary cap at \$80.6 million, about \$1.5 million more than expected, it looks like a season of selective signings.

There are some big-name free agents: Warren Sapp and Jevon Kearse, to name two. Terrell Owens, who was supposed to be a free agent, is off the market for now because his agent didn't file papers on time that would have voided the last three years of his contract.

All carry baggage: age and declining skills with Sapp; an injury history with Kearse; and an Owens attitude, which has turned off teammates, coaches, opponents and the league.

On the other hand, agents know it takes only one team to make a market. For the past five years that team has been Washington, which is likely to be aggressive again, perhaps as early as 12:01 a.m.

Wednesday. Still, even with Joe Gibbs back as coach, the Skins are the anti-Patriots.

Since Daniel Snyder bought the Redskins in 1999, he has treated them like a fantasy league franchise, spending big money on fading veterans Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith and Jessie Armistead; young stars like Laveranues Coles; and big-name coaches Marty Schottenheimer, Steve Spurrier and now Gibbs.

The result? A 38-42 record and one playoff appearance. In Snyder's first year.

That philosophy doesn't seem to have changed, even with the arrival of Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls with the Skins from 1991-92. Washington already has agreed to a deal to acquire veteran quarterback Mark Brunell from Jacksonville. Another that would send four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey and a second-round draft pick to Denver for running back Clinton Portis is close.

Then there's Kearse. It was an instant sensation in 1999, setting a rookie record with 14.5 sacks, earning the nickname "The Freak" and helping Tennessee get to the Super Bowl. But he has played only 18 of a possible 32 games the past two seasons, hampered by foot injuries.

Agents know, the buyers Kearse is represented by Drew Rosenhaus, who persuaded the Buffalo Bills to use their first-round pick last season on a more seriously injured player, running back Willis McGahee.

So look for Rosenhaus to turn to Washington. Snyder loves big names and needs defense.

Still, the New England approach seems more logical — similar to the approach used by Carolina, which made it to the Super Bowl last season, two years after finishing 1-15.

The Patriots' off-season priority is restructuring the contract of cornerback Ty Law, one of the game's best, although their philosophy would allow them to let Law go if he doesn't redo his deal. Last year, they parted with safeties Lawyer Milloy and Tebucky Jones, and filled their spots with Wilson and Rodney Harrison after he was cut by the Chargers.

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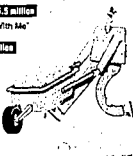
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Insurance blues

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Workshop addresses business taxes

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will conduct a one-evening workshop, "Everything You Wanted (and Need) to Know about Business Taxes," from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. March 31 at the Dodds & Associates CPA office, 397 Blue Lakes Blvd., N.

Larry Dodds, a certified public accountant, will lead the workshop, which is designed to help business owners understand the taxes they pay and learn techniques to reduce them. Sherry Rust, training coordinator at the Idaho Small Business Development Center, said the workshop will focus on helping owners understand the tax laws that apply to them and incorporate planning strategies that fit their businesses.

The fee is \$40 per person. Spouses or business partners of workshop participants can register for \$10. Preregistration and prepayment are required.

For information, contact Rust at 732-6455 or at srust@csi.edu.

State commission slates job fair for Hispanics

NAMPA — The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs will host the Hispanic Job Fair from 1 to 7 p.m. March 17 at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in Nampa.

Day care and translators will be provided. Businesses and organizations participating include Micron Technology, Job Corps, KBCI Channel 2, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Idaho State Police, Boise Police Department, Job Service, Mercy Medical Center, DirecTV, Wells Fargo, Ada County Sheriff's Office, Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council, Idaho Department of Corrections, United Water of Idaho Inc., Idaho Power Co., J.R. Simplot Co., American Family Insurance, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and the Doubletree Hotel Boise Riverside.

The event is free. For information, contact Juan Saldana at 334-3776 or jsaldana@icha.state.id.us.

T.F. fund-raiser includes fashion show, travel tips

TWIN FALLS — The annual fund-raiser for Women Helping Other Women will be held at 12:30 p.m. March 13 at the Turf Club.

The event features a spring fashion show, travel trends and tips, budgeting for women, skin care with makeup techniques and information on responsible health care. Cost is \$8.50 per person, which includes desserts and drinks.

Women's Health and Imaging Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and four women-owned businesses — Black Rock Clothiers, 4-Ways Travel, Stevens Pierce & Associates CPAs and beauty consultant Helen Odenwald — are participating in the event.

Each will have a booth and be able to answer questions and hand out brochures.

Black Rock Clothiers and Odenwald will give \$10 gift certificates to all attendees. Raffle prizes include a \$100 mammogram, \$250 bone density test, \$100 wardrobe, two \$50 travel vouchers, two \$50 glamour baskets, a \$165 financial consulting certificate and a \$50 dinner for two.

Tickets are available at the businesses listed above; some tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds go to the hospital's Breast Cancer Endowment Fund.

Compiled from staff reports



Debbie Wensink, business manager for Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls, stands in the center's patient recovery area. Local businesses like Sawtooth Surgery Center are coping with the rising costs of health insurance for their employees.

Area businesses deal with rising costs

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As health insurance costs for employers continue to rise each year, Magic Valley businesses are feeling the pinch. The cost to provide employees with health insurance rose in 2003, and businesses don't expect costs to go down soon.

Southern Idaho Business surveyed five local businesses — Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the Twin Falls School District, Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Paul and Clear Springs Foods in Buhl — to learn how much their health insurance costs rose in 2003.

The Sawtooth Surgery Center offers an allotment to each employee that can be distributed to health, vision and dental plans. Debbie Wensink, business manager for the center, said the company picks up the cost for health insurance for individual employees, but employees must pay to extend their insurance to family members.

Wensink said the center saw "a big jump" in costs in 2003 — a 15 percent cost increase for the regular employee plan, and a 29 percent increase for the family plan.

The reprerossions of the increase? The company absorbed the cost for the regular employee plan increase, while Sawtooth helped cover "a little bit of the family coverage." Also, the deductible on the company's medical savings account plan rose from \$1,750 to \$2,400, Wensink said.

The increases weren't unexpected.

"We're in the health care industry," Wensink said. "The cost of our supplies alone are going up 6 to 20 percent each year."

Magic Valley Regional employees also saw increases in health insurance costs. Samantha Lopez, administrative director of human resources, said costs for providing health insurance for employees in 2004 were projected to increase at least 7.2 percent overall, and deductibles would increase for employees.

"There were some plan changes to help reduce the increase in costs," Lopez said.

In 2003, the county hospital employees had a choice between \$350, \$800 or \$1,500 deductible plans, as well as a preferred provider organization (PPO) plan. Lopez did not give figures on how much deductibles would increase, as solid projections for 2004 were not available at press time.

As an additional cost-saving measure, Magic Valley Regional increased its self-insured risk per claim from \$125,000 in 2003 to \$175,000, Lopez said. The hospital will absorb 55 percent of the total increase in costs, while employees will pay a 44 percent. The Twin Falls School District saw a similar overall increase — about 8 percent overall, said Linda Baird, director of human relations for the school district. The district offers three options for health care: a traditional plan, a PPO plan and a health maintenance



organization (HMO) plan.

In 2004, the school district will continue to offer zero-premium coverage to employees who do not extend coverage to family members. But employees who extend coverage to a spouse and/or children will pay more.

In 2003, the traditional plan for a spouse and children was \$436 per month, \$436 for PPO and \$430 for HMO. In 2004, costs for those plans increased an additional \$21.75 for the traditional plan, \$21.30 for PPO and \$24.45 for HMO, Baird said. While costs have increased, the school district has made "no significant cuts in coverage," Baird said.

The Amalgamated Sugar Co., which operates a plant in Paul, will also maintain zero-premium health insurance in 2004. However, Amalgamated Sugar incurred an average increase of 12.5 percent in health insurance costs, in 2003, said Paul Lemieux, manager of employee relations.

The company is self-insured so costs are dependent on the number of claims filed by employees, Lemieux said. While the number of claims filed in 2003 were similar to those filed in 2002, overall costs — like administrative fees — for providing health insurance to employees rose.

Amalgamated Sugar employees are represented under a collective bargaining agreement, so any changes to health insurance plans must be approved by employees. Lemieux said any changes would be discussed at a

meeting this summer.

Another company offering zero-premium health insurance coverage, Clear Springs Foods, has seen health insurance costs rise "incrementally and substantially" over the last four years, said owner Larry Cope. In 2003, employees paid a \$200 deductible per individual with a co-payment of 20 percent of the first \$5,000 after that — a total out-of-pocket maximum of \$1,200 per person.

Cope did not disclose how much costs have increased for the company, but said the company has not had to cut back benefits to maintain coverage for employees.

"The (medical) services available to people now cost more, and they're costs that businesses have no control over," Cope said. "We just want to make sure we're providing the best value and coverage for our employees."

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— Debbie Wensink, Sawtooth Surgery Center business manager, on rising health care costs

Magic Valley banks see increase in loan activity

By Lorraine Caveron
Times-News correspondent



TWIN FALLS — The climate for business loans in the Magic Valley is attractive.

"What we're reading is that there is optimism with the economy," said Ron Rasmussen, vice president and commercial loan officer for First Federal Savings. "There's more optimism here in the Magic Valley than nationwide."

In 2002, the number of First Federal business loans set a record and in 2003, the number was above that record, he said. From 2001 to 2002, the bank showed a 34 percent growth in dollar volume in commercial loans, and from 2002 to 2003, growth was 5 percent over that.

Karen J. Greenwood, US Bancorp Media Relations, could not say what percentage business loans made of the total US Bank loans in Magic Valley.

"We currently do not break our numbers down in this fashion," she said. "US Bank is structured with a regional president located in Twin Falls and a lending team that services eight counties out of the Twin Falls area."

Low interest rates have encouraged some businesses to start up, Rasmussen said. "It has helped their cash coverage. If it were three percentage points higher they

might not have sufficient income to service that payment."

"Businesses are borrowing for a variety of reasons, Rasmussen said. A loan for a commercial shop, for example, could be anywhere between \$50,000 to \$100,000. A loan for a new building could be more than \$1 million.

"There is quite a wide range," he said.

The same is true for U.S. Bank, Greenwood said. "The reason for borrowing varies across a wide spectrum. US Bank is currently offering three options for loan opportunities from farm operations to real estate and construction."

Business loan amounts at US Bank range from \$50,000 to \$5 million, she said. "Typically we see low six-figure loans between \$100,000

and \$250,000."

Loans for a new business purchase are based on how much equipment and inventory the applicant needs, Rasmussen said.

Working capital loans can be anywhere from \$5,000 on up.

"We get a lot of smaller requests and a good chunk of larger requests," he said.

The banks declined to provide more specific information about business loans.

While low rates could continue to be a factor in generating new business loans, Rasmussen said it would be difficult to predict a high volume of requests.

"We anticipate some upward trend," he said.

First Federal continues to offer new products to help generate new

loans. One example is a first line of credit to businesses up to \$50,000. Products like these, which can be offered because of low interest rates, are helping businesses, Rasmussen said.

Greenwood said that U.S. bank also has a number of options available.

"Whether the interested party is just looking to get a business off the ground or watching their project go through the roof, U.S. Bank is there to help with a variety of financial solutions, market advice and resource tools to help businesses of all sizes succeed," she said.

The rate at First Federal that a business can expect to get is based on the borrower's historical income.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Chamber officers

JEROME - Mike Pohanka, outgoing president of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, announced results of the chamber's 2004 board of directors election.

Mike Cooper of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center is the new president, with Pohanka of Idaho Power Co. serving as past president. The new president-elect is Sylvia Moore-Farrrell of Simply Serendipity. Other board members are Chris Barber and Sandra Capps, both of Canyonside Realty Inc., GMAC Real Estate; Melinda Bunn of Western Real Estate; Blair Crouch of Crossroads Point; Sue Thomas of Mountain West Insurance; Leslie Vanderham of Vanderham Dairy; and Cyprie Shelton of Cyprie Sun Bath & Body and Shelton Bros., who will serve the remaining two-year term previously held by Gary Phelps of Wells Fargo Bank.

Mike Keller

TWIN FALLS - Henningsen Cold Storage Co., based in Hillsboro, Ore., named Mike Keller chief engineer of its Twin Falls warehouses.

Keller will oversee all engineering functions at the warehouse, including refrigeration, maintenance, materials handling, safety and security.

Keller has more than 10 years of engineering experience. He was previously with Millard Refrigerated Services in Geneva, Ill.

Agri-businessmen

HANSEN - Kip Wooten and Charles Coiner Jr. are 2004 recipients of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture in the area of environmental stewardship.

Wooten and Coiner have emerged as leaders in improving environmental stewardship of both agricultural and nonagricultural land, said a press release from the Idaho Ag Summit. After sharing equipment and materials for several years, the two men combined resources in 1998 to form Coiner & Wooten LLC. The two men care for the land as their first priority, with profits being second, the release said.

The award was announced during the annual A. Larry Branan Idaho Ag Summit held

Feb. 11-12 in Boise. More than 200 farmers, ranchers, agriculture leaders, agribusiness people, government leaders and legislators met to discuss issues about rural and urban interface.

Carl Grinstead

TWIN FALLS - Zions Bank will send Twin Falls branch manager Carl Grinstead to Hawaii in recognition of his status as



Carl Grinstead

Branch Manager of the Year. The surprise announcement was made Feb. 3 before a crowd of 425 at the bank's annual managers conference in Salt Lake City.

Grinstead was recognized for his branch's excellence in customer service, deposit growth, loans and sales. He received a trip for two to Hawaii.

This year marks the first that Zions' Bank has recognized Branch Managers of the Year. Winners from six tiers are selected for ranking highest among peer managers in branches of the same size.

Zions Bank's Twin Falls office can be reached at 737-0240.

Mark Jones



Mark Jones

TWIN FALLS - Mark Jones of Robert Jones Realty in Twin Falls was recently installed as the 2004 president of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

John Rains

TWIN FALLS - AmeriPride Linen and Apparel Services in Twin Falls hired John Rains as its new service manager.

Rains' experience in the uniform business started in Nevada, where he was promoted from a customer service representative to route supervisor, route manager then regional sales manager.

He will supervise 20 customer service representatives in Twin Falls, Boise, Pocatello and the Sun Valley area. Rains and his family live in Twin Falls.



John Rains

With corporate offices in Minneapolis, AmeriPride has over 60 plants in the United States and 50 in Canada. The Twin Falls operations employ 100 people throughout southern Idaho.



Steve Gochour

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BURLEY - Steve Gochour joined Century 21 Riverside Realty as a real estate sales associate. Gochour is a native of Minn-Cassia.

Linda J. Butler

TWIN FALLS - Linda J. Butler participated in the national launch of Weekenders USA's spring fashion line Feb. 13 in Nashville, Tenn.



Linda Butler

The event featured new colors and fabrics combined with style trends to appeal to women of all ages and figure types. Butler said the company is seeing new looks in knitwear that emulate traditional fabrics such as denim, silk and herringbone tweed.

"The beauty of this particular line is that you won't have the initial purchasing expense as well as the high dry-cleaning costs that you would have with some of those other fabrics," she said.

Butler is a sales manager with Weekenders USA, a direct sales company based outside of Chicago that specializes in mix-and-match knits.

Loan workers

TWIN FALLS - The newly opened Mortgage Resources Group office in Twin Falls announced four staff members:

• Lisa McClain of Buhl joined



Lisa McClain

Mortgage Resources Group as a loan officer. McClain's experience includes 18 years of business and estate planning and office management. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed residential loan officer training.

• Sunny McKelvey joined Mortgage Resources Group as a loan processor and office manager. McKelvey has also completed a residential loan officer training course. She was a business owner in Magic Valley for over six years and has been a Realtor for over five years. She is a native of Twin Falls.



Sunny McKelvey

• Tim Tickner joined Mortgage Resources Group as a loan officer. Tickner has over 25 years of mortgage lending experience. He has served as a vice president for both Wells Fargo Bank and First Security Bank, where he received a direct endorsement writing certification from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and an automatic underwriting authority from the Department of Veterans Affairs.



Tim Tickner

• Becky Walter, a Jerome County native from a fourth-generation farm family, is a loan officer with Mortgage Resources Group with 13 years of lending experience. Walter specializes in difficult financing issues. Her husband, Gerald, farms in Jerome, and she has two sons.



Becky Walter

MILESTONES

Welcoming business starts in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Roy's Newcomer Service began its welcoming business in Twin Falls this month.

Roy "R.D." Dixon, owner and greeter, served businesses and residents in Pocatello and Twin Falls as a Welcome Neighbor for several years before discontinuing the service. He restarted the business as Roy's Newcomer Service in Twin Falls only in February. The service contacts new residents each month and delivers a packet of information about Twin Falls with coupons from local businesses.

Dixon can be reached at 736-5939.

Dixon has lived in Twin Falls since 1977. He managed the Payless Drug Store for more than 20 years.

Project Mutual announces new cellular options

RUPERT - Project Mutual Telephone announced new cellular phone calling options.

Unlimited night and weekend minutes now start at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. on some calling plans.

With 20 additional hours of unlimited calling each evening and weekend, PMT says its cellular customers can save their daytime minutes for necessary calling and their free nights and weekends to stay in touch with friends and family.

"These two new options allow more flexibility and control to our customers," said John Ney, vice president of customer operations. PMT does not require customers to sign an additional annual contract with either of these changes to their cellular service. In addition, PMT said its cellular service offers access to the largest nationwide all-PCS network.

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Project Mutual Telephone is a full-service communications company serving Magic Valley. The company offers telephone service and its associated features, including long distance, cellular, Internet, wireless internet, DSL, computer networking for home and office and cable television. PMT has offices in Rupert, Burley and Twin Falls.

Marketing workshop helps small businesses

The Times-News

KEICHIUM - The Idaho Tourism Division and the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau are offering a free workshop to educate small businesses on international marketing strategies and techniques from 9 to 11:30 a.m. March 29 at the chamber's meeting room, behind the Visitors Center in Ketchum.

Visitors from countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany and Japan are interested in discovering the "American West," organizers said. The workshop will provide practical advice on how to develop tour packages to attract those visitors in cooperation with other partners in the community. A workbook outlining the basic steps, including tips for providing good customer service, is provided to all participants.

Successful completion of the workshop will entitle tourism business participants to apply for grants reserved to assist in first-time

attendance at international travel trade shows such as Rocky Mountain International Round-Up (www.rmira.com) and Travel Industry of America's PowWow (www.powwowinc.com).

According to research conducted by the Office of Travel and Tourism Industries of the U.S. Department of Commerce, overseas visitors stay longer, spend more and like to visit smaller communities to experience the American way of life, workshop organizers said.

The event and a continental breakfast are free. But sign up by March 22 by contacting the chamber's Carrie Westergard at 725-2110 or cwestergard@visitsunvalley.com. Participants do not need to be chamber members to attend.

The Western States Tourism Policy Council, a consortium of 13 states, developed the curriculum for the workshop. The council's funding is provided by the Market Development Cooperator Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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Loans

Continued from C6 and repayment ability. The Wall Street Journal prime rate plus a margin is used along with borrower information, Rasmussen said. That rate went down another quarter within the last three or four months.

Greenwood said that if a business in Twin Falls came in to borrow money, the applicant could expect rates to remain stable. For qualified buyers, money is always readily available.

"In today's market there is plenty of liquidity and capacity to fund qualified projects," she said.

The Mini-Cassia economy creates a slightly different loan climate, but Todd Barney, US Bank marketing manager for the Burley, Rupert and Hazelton area, is still optimistic.

US Bank in the Burley-Rupert area made about four more business loans in 2003 than it did in 2002, he said.

In Burley, business loans in 2003 amounted to about \$900,000 more than the previous year, he said.

Typically in Rupert, business loans are under \$1 million, but the Rupert branch guided three new business borrowers in 2003, he said.

than other areas of the state because of processing plants closing and people losing jobs.

"Most signs are positive, but recovery here is lagging behind," Barney said. "It's still a struggle but there is still business to be done."

In spite of that struggle the few new Mini-Cassia business loans show that there are still people to do business with, he said.

"It's been a good year," he said.

And new requests for Mini-Cassia loans could depend on one other thing.

"We need a new big employer, somebody to take care of those 600 plus people who were processing potatoes," he said. "That's the heart of the issue."

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Representatives of three of the six \$50,000 donors to the Twin Falls Centennial Commission pose with commission leaders. From left are Ken Edmunds, Centennial Commission chairman; Alan Horner, First Federal Savings Bank president; Bonnie Lezami, Centennial Commission executive director; Bob Latham Jr., Latham Motors president; Ken Stutzman, Stutzman Excavating president; and Scott Reeves, Latham Motors general manager. Top-level sponsors not pictured are The Times-News, KMYT and Lee Family Broadcasting.

■ The Twin Falls Centennial Commission is trying to raise \$598,000 in big chunks of money — mostly \$1,000 to \$50,000 each — from business or family sponsors. The following sponsors have pledged a total of \$497,000 in cash or in-kind donations. So the commission still needs to raise \$101,000 from businesses and individuals: Call 736-0900. (Those numbers don't include other budget holes which the commission hopes to fill through sales of personalized bricks; sponsorships for a July 23-24 golf tournament; and other means.)

These sponsors each gave \$50,000: First Federal Savings Bank, Latham Motors; Stutzman Inc., The Times-News and Howard Charitable Foundation; KMYT; and Lee Family Broadcasting.

Wells Fargo Bank gave \$25,000. These each gave \$10,000: Hepworth, Lezami & Janis; Fred and Pat Harder; Glanbia Foods; Gary Babel family; Bill Printers; Lyle Signs; Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course; Outback Steakhouse; Ken and Jane Edmunds; Franklin Building Supply; and Tidefact Inc.

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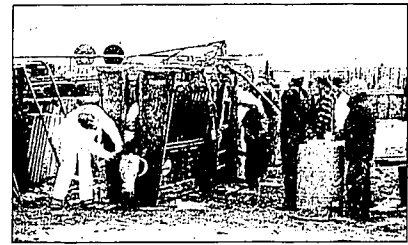
Feds reject call for brucellosis reconsideration

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has denied Wyoming's request that it reconsider its revocation of Wyoming's class-free status.

Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal had made the request following the identification of a second brucellosis-infected herd in Wyoming, arguing that the animals that tested positive in the Worldford feedlot in fact originated in the initial Sublette County herd. The series of sales transactions that moved the animals meant that federal officials classified the cattle as part of a second herd, which triggered the loss of Wyoming's brucellosis-free status.

W. Ron Delaven, APHIS deputy administrator for veterinary services, wrote that pursuant to the finding of the first brucellosis-affected herd, "State and federal animal health officials have been working closely with Wyoming's livestock producers and industry and other state agencies to conduct a thorough and timely disease investigation."

Freudenthal said the APHIS response was disappointing but not surprising. Wyoming's livestock industry will be best served now, the governor said, if producers and state officials turn their sights toward continuing the positive response Delaven identified.



State and federal animal health officials teamed up to begin an aggressive brucellosis testing program in western Wyoming after an infected herd was detected.

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Grass-burning challenges look to be far from over

BOISE — From a farmer's perspective, the 2003 grass burning season was an excellent year, a grass farmer told his fellow lawmakers. But that doesn't mean the grass burning issues are resolved.

Rep. Wayne Meyer, who is also a grass grower on the Rathdrum Prairie, told the Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee that he is thankful legislation was passed last session that offers grass growers protection as long as they follow the state's program.

In southern Idaho, the program is voluntary, producers are asked to register their fields and receive permission to burn before burning stubble fields, but there is no enforcement provision if they

don't. Rules that were adopted last year added an enforcement provision for the 10 counties north of the Salmon River in Idaho.

Meyer and his fellow growers on the Rathdrum Prairie started burning on Aug. 9 and ended either Aug. 26 or 27.

"A majority of the complaints came on days we weren't burning," Meyer said.

Smoke from wildfires in both Montana and Canada impaired air quality in north Idaho and reduced the number of burning days for grass growers.

Grazing fee increase not producers' top concern

TWIN FALLS — Beginning March 1, ranchers will pay more to graze their livestock on public lands, the Interior Department announced last week.

Sixteen Western states will see an increase from \$1.35 to \$1.43 per animal unit month on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The eight-cent price hike applies to more than 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the Bureau of Land Management and 8,000 permits administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

Doug Burnam, natural resource specialist for the BLM in Shoshone said the annual adjusted grazing fee is based on current private grazing-land lease rates, beef lot prices, and the cost of livestock production.

Irrigation outlook sketchy for sugar beet growers

Sugar beet production officials in Idaho are still figuring the potential impact of a state order to curtail use of well irrigation water in Water District 130 in Gooding, Minidoka and Lincoln counties.

But irrigation districts should be able to offer a mitigation plan to meet the order that isn't vastly different from what was already being done under a two-year agreement that expired in 2003, said Dean Stevenson, a board member on the Magic Valley Ground Water District, which would be impacted by the order.

Meanwhile, surface irrigation water looks though it will be adequate for most sugar beet producers heading into the planting season, water officials said.

"Generally, most areas are about normal as far as the water supply outlook," said Phil Morrissey, a hydrologist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

Annual Disney meeting may send message to Eisner

The Washington Post

This time around, it's not the pesky press or the nit-picking regulators who threaten to rein in the once-mighty corporate titans. After years of acquiescence, it is the investors and directors who are finally flexing their collective muscle and asserting their rightful role.

When Walt Disney Co. holds its annual meeting in Philadelphia this week, as many as a third of shareholders are expected to withhold their votes for re-nomination of longtime chairman Michael Eisner as a director, the company now concedes. For years, Eisner has been a target of corporate reformers who cited his autocratic style, huge pay packages and penchant for packing the board with friends and supplicants. Things got much more serious earlier this year when retiring director Roy E. Disney said that Eisner and his supporters on the board had to go. And by the end of last week, the opposition had swelled to include two influential advisory services to institutional investors, as well as the state pension funds from half a dozen states, including Disney's home state of California.

Although the votes will be largely symbolic — there are no alternative candidates on the proxy ballot — governance experts say a strong negative vote will force directors to consider stripping Eisner of one

both of his jobs as chairman and chief executive. Such a strong vote of disapproval with the company may also force the board to reconsider its rejection of an unsolicited takeover bid from Comcast.

Ironically, Comcast's bid has drawn attention to its own lopsided governance structure, in which the Roberts family, with less than 1 percent of the outstanding shares, nonetheless retains iron-clad control. The key is a special class of family stock with "super-voting" powers that, even after a Disney acquisition, would leave the family with one-third of the voting power and effective control of the board. That alone could provide grounds for Disney directors and shareholders to reject the Comcast offer.

Meanwhile, a Delaware court ruled that British press baron Conrad Black, the controlling shareholder of Hollinger International, violated his duty of loyalty to minority shareholders when he secretly negotiated the sale of his controlling stake in the newspaper company to a pair of friendly investors. The precedent-setting decision was a victory for Hollinger directors, who had already stripped Black of his role as chairman and chief executive for lining his own pocket at Hollinger's expense and were attempting to sell the entire company for the equal benefit of all shareholders.

Experts say bet on value, then fasten your seatbelt

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street staggered through the month of February, unable to latch on to a direction amid a dearth of useful economic information. When the market is in the doldrums like this, expert investors try to find stocks and sectors with a likely upside — but the month's performance shows that can be a daunting task.

The Nasdaq composite index finished its sixth down week in a row Friday, and continued selling pressure held the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 to minimal gains for the month.

In such uncertain times, the relative stability of large-cap value stocks becomes more appealing, said Tim Hayes, global stock strategist at Ned Davis Research in Venice, Fla. In the sideways trading of recent weeks, the technology-dominated Nasdaq has proved more volatile than the other major indexes.

"It could be a little bit trickier in the next few months," Hayes said. "Right now, our work shows things are holding up really well, but we have seen some divergence appearing that shows tech underperforming... It's probably going to be choppy for a while."

It's not unusual for the market to pause in February, on the heels of the strong upward momentum typical of December and January. But now it's not clear whether the rally will continue or if stocks will shift lower.

Hayes and other analysts are closely watching the financial sec-

tor, which is poised to do well as long as interest rates remain low, and more defensive areas such as utilities and consumer staples. Health care, traditionally more of a growth sector, may also hold opportunities in a declining market.

Technical analyst John Roque, senior vice president at investment brokerage Citicorp, also looked to register their fields and receive permission to burn before burning stubble fields, but there is no enforcement provision if they

While financials seem stretched on the upside, there is no weakness yet that would suggest their trend is prepared to change," Roque said. "I also pay attention very closely to the performance of semiconductor stocks, because if they weaken, all of tech tends to follow. And they've not been 'good performers of late.'"

Although a shift away from techs and small-caps is likely, the longer-term outlook may not be so bad. A near-term correction "would leave the market in a healthier situation for a rally in the second half of the year," Hayes said. "Then we'd be watching for some of the previous leaders to reassert themselves, like tech and cyclical, and even small-cap stocks."

The equity outlook for the year remains upbeat overall. Inflation is in check, interest rates remain at 45-year lows, bond yields are in a reasonable trading range and earnings growth and economic data have been largely favorable.

Wildlife New Releases and Old Favorites from Farcountry Press

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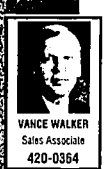
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE  **Robby Wolff**

Dear Mr. Wolff: I was dealt ♠ Q-5-3, ♥ J-10-7-6-4, ♦ K-9, ♣ Q-7-8 and responded one heart to my partner's one-diamond opening bid. When my partner jumped to three clubs, I bid three no-trump. Was that premature? My partner certainly thought so when the defense cashed the first five spades!

ANSWER: When partner proposes a jump shift on his rebid, your first priority is to support his first suit if you can — particularly if, as here, that is the most economical call. That will let partner produce heart support, or bid no-trump, or even probe for no-trump with the fourth suit if necessary.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is a sensible partnership agreement to have about signaling at a suit contract when your partner opens with a top card that will retain the lead and dummy will also retain such as a singleton that suggests there is no point in continuing that suit? Should one play attitude, or suit preference, or something else?

ANSWER: A sensible agreement is that if there is only one possible suit to shift to, third hand's encouragement of the lead asks partner not to shift, while discouragement of the opening lead asks for the shift. If there is more than one possible shift, a high card or low card is suit preference for the low or high shift, while a middle-card asks for continuation of the opening lead.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Since February 29 is leap-year day, I wonder if you would care to comment on the relative ability levels of men and women at bridge, together with any views on why a disparity, if any, exists.

ANSWER: Adjusting my flak helmet, I would venture the follow-

ing: There are probably fewer than 10 women who might be ranked in the world's top 100 players. Most men at the very top level of bridge are totally focused on the game with no distractions of work and family. Few women have the luxury of making bridge their be-all-and-end-all.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I had a problem on a deal where neither side was vulnerable. I held ♠ Q-6-5-4, ♥ K-5-2, ♦ K-7-6-4, ♣ J-3. My partner opened three diamonds and the next hand doubled. I thought a jump to five diamonds might frighten the opponents, but they still reached six clubs easily enough. Should I have tried a different tack?

ANSWER: A simple raise to four diamonds might have worked better. You take away the cuebid from your LHO, and he might simply settle for a game-bid, rather than risking anything higher.

Dear Mr. Wolff: In a column in the Houston Chronicle, you state that a rebid of a minor-suit opening "should deliver a six-card suit." I understand that a rebid of a major was likely opened with only one why wouldn't a rebid promise only five, not six?

ANSWER: Opener's rebid of a suit shows not only extra length, but also an unbalanced hand, thus six or more cards in the suit. A very few hands (typically with four hearts and five clubs or five diamonds, 2-2 in the other suits) have a real problem over a one-spade response. If you cannot rebid one no-trump, you may have to repeat a five-card minor, but be aware partner will not expect that.

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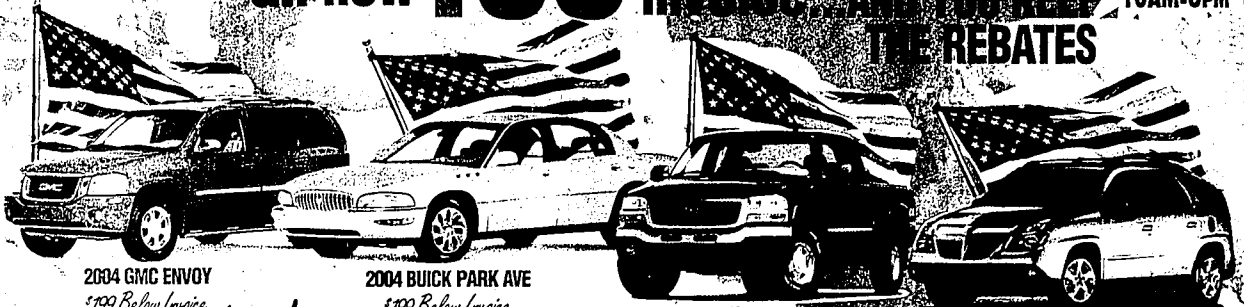
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What's next? A kindergarten for guys

Ten years ago, according to Woman's Day magazine, a TV producer predicted a future filled with swivel-sized TV screens. About the same time, others predicted that computers would become standard equipment in the home.

Every new year ushers in lots of new trends. Some we can figure out ahead of time. Some we can't.

I never saw the fast-food trend toward "Super Size" on the horizon. And now it's become so commonplace that there's a backlash. An Associated Press story reports that we will soon be hearing more about "Simple Size," a movement to curb super-sized portions, characterized as a leading cause of obesity.

This is among the Top 10 Trends just released by Trendscape 2004, a research report that predicts the world's hottest trends. Also on the list: Having Wi-Fi Will Travel, bushwhacking, notebook computers and the widescreen (16:9) format.

I don't know if the Simple Size movement will catch on, but it just might. One article I read noted that 65 percent of the United States population starts a new diet at least once a year. And another article even suggested putting your overweight dogs and cats on diets, "if you don't want your pet to wind up looking like a footstool with ears and tail."

According to that story, dogs (cats to a lesser extent) are carnivores, which means they could go for days without eating in the wilds only to eat very heavily after a successful hunt. The idea is that these animals haven't adjusted their eating habits to home and comfort, so their's most meat appetite shouldn't be considered an indication of daily nutritional needs.

I don't think we humans can use a similar excuse.

I guess we'll just have to wait and see if this new year brings more Super Size. It's a little bit of a kick, but the less is more better trend, Trendscape is offering free "No Super Size" stickers through its Web site at www.trendsetters.com. But no one is expecting the food and restaurant industry to be first in line to take orders.

Meanwhile, a Jan. 27 news release provided information about a new social phenomenon that might have some implications on how much fast food we consume this year. "They're baa-ack!" the news release says, referring to a new diet of eating the young adults who are boomeranging back to live with their baby-boomer parents.

"We woke up one morning wondering who left the front door unlocked and everyone moved back in," said Kathleen Shaputis, who's written "The Crowded Nest Syndrome."

Her CNS survival tips include: Do not make them comfortable; they will never leave. Never give up; never give your ATM number. And, you have the right to eat your own food.

Still on the same track, for better or worse, Parade magazine chose a youth-oriented fad as its "Worst Fashion Trend" of the new year - and it's pretty alarming, at best.

The latest anti-fracking look is tongue-splitting or cutting the tongue to make it forked. The forked ones call it "body modification" enhancement.

For those who are older and supposedly wiser, Parade cited some news from a Chicago Tribune story. Ever since some of the guys who were fed up with their partners' grumbling on weekend shopping trips have started their own trend. Now, for \$11.80, the women can leave their significant others in a "kindergarten for men." The guys get two hours, a meal, televised soccer matches and activities such as home-improvement workshops.

One week, the men left at Nox Bar in Hamburg had a remote-control car to play with.

Who knows what's coming next.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

SELLING RED

Why we're so angry - and why it's killing us

"When angry, count to 10. When very angry, swear."
—Mark Twain

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Bobby Knight, Sean Penn, Mike Tyson. What do they have in common?

Call it "poor impulse control."

They're mad as hell - and not gonna take it anymore.

"If you look at a person who's angry, you're looking at someone who fears something," said Dr. Adrian Dean, a Twin Falls psychiatrist. "Anger is a way of dealing with fear, and not a good way."

Anger is seeping out of the pores of modern American life, manifesting itself in a variety of ways, ranging from road rage to heart disease.

"Especially in men, anger is often seen as the way to cope with something that's threatening," said Matthew Geske, a Twin Falls counselor. "And intimidation goes with that. Nobody wants to set off someone with a temper."

"Everybody has some anger," Dean said. "People just deal with it more or less effectively."

For example, anger turned inward is depression, and Dean sees it all the time in his practice.

"Depressed people are often angry with someone - a spouse, a parent - but they don't acknowledge it," he said. "In order to get past depression, you have to understand what's making you angry."

Anger - long the province of psychiatry - is increasingly of interest to medical science.

"If you take a blood sample of an angry person, you may find that their white (blood cell count) is up," Dean said. "That's a physiological defense mechanism, and there's a growing amount of evidence that anger has real physical consequences."

Dean is known for years that angry people are prone to heart disease, but the physical effects may be far more extensive - and far more serious.

"It's the fight-or-flight response," Dean said. "Your adrenaline level goes up, and your body responds as if it were under attack. If that happens over and over, it can take its toll."

Blowing off steam doesn't make an angry person less angry in the long run, he says, but a little self-awareness can.

"If you get mad, the first question to ask yourself is why you're



mad," Dean said. Fear of being mad look foolish, or incompetent, often triggers anger, he says. Or being fearful - or resentful - of another person and feeling threatened by them.

"We've heard for years that before you get mad you should count to 10," Geske said. "That's actually good advice because it gives you time to think about it."

Anger is often a learned response, he adds.

"If you grew up in a household where your father deals with frustration by losing his temper, there's a good chance you'll learn to do that too," Geske said.

"Burying anger never works, Dean says. It will manifest itself one way or another, emotionally or physically."

"Someone who never gets mad is someone who's probably not dealing with anger effectively," he said.

Alcohol and drugs effectively strip away the inhibitions that keep anger in check, he says.

"Alcoholics are often angry people to begin with, and when they stop drinking they're sometimes even angrier," Dean said. "They don't know to deal with anger, and they can't turn to alcohol."

Anger that manifests itself in violence - be it physical abuse of another family member or sexual harassment - is neither normal nor acceptable, Geske says.

"If you live with someone like that, you need to get help," he said. "You don't have to tolerate that kind of behavior."

From a clinical perspective, Dean and Geske agree that anger is an eminently treatable problem.

"It's just learning other, more effective ways of dealing with things," Dean said. "Once you learn that, you can be healthier, emotionally and physically."



MIND OVER MATTER

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Angry people are more likely to develop heart disease. Depression may weaken the immune system. Stress aggravates asthma.

Disease itself leads to psychological problems which can then affect how people perceive and cope with their illness.

The link between mind and body is increasingly apparent, according to a new report that examines behavioral connections to a wide variety of diseases and treatments.

The growing science of that interplay between psychology and biology - known as behavioral medicine - is the focus of a special issue of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical

Psychology, published recently by the American Psychological Association.

"With steadily increasing sophistication, the evidence continues to mount that behavioral factors play a key role in the development and course of nearly all major diseases and disorders, as does the evidence that a wide variety of behavioral interventions produce useful changes in the risk, impact and course of disease," the editors wrote in an introduction to the issue.

It is the third such special issue since 1972 when there was "much more skepticism" about behavioral medicine than there is today, said Timothy Smith, chair of the University of Utah's psychology department and editor of the behavioral medicine report. It

contained 27 articles on everything from AIDS and arthritis to smoking cessation, obesity, and the cost-effectiveness of treatment.

Some argue for a larger role for psychologists in the treatment of "physical" disease and for better reimbursement.

Philip Kendall, a Temple University psychology professor who edits the journal, said the boundaries between the mind and the body are disappearing.

"Clinical psychology and health, and behavioral medicine are areas where two one-time opposites are converging," he said. That is, the previous "it's-all-biological" view and the "it's-all-in-your-mind" ideology have

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City plans to stage comeback for actress' estate

By Julie Tamaki
Los Angeles Times

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Along Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica, the remains of a beachfront estate stand as an enduring testament to newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst's devotion to his longtime paramour, actress Marion Davies.

Built by Hearst for Davies in the 1920s, the five-acre estate was once the site of lavish parties that were the talk of Hollywood. But its last vestiges, including a nearly 10,000-square-foot guesthouse and a swimming pool made of Italian marble, have languished for a decade.

That might soon change. Santa Monica, which manages the state-owned property, has been courting grants and considering fielding developers' proposals for reimagining the old Davies estate, which is also known by its address, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. The city, which cannot afford to develop the site alone, could lease part or all of the property, which is north of the Santa Monica Pier.

"Many people have had a relationship" with the property, said Barbara Stinchfield, director of

community and cultural services for Santa Monica. "There are a lot of people locally who are very interested in it."

During the Roaring '20s, Hearst developed the storied estate on the "Gold Coast," a stretch of beach known for private palaces put up by Hollywood hostesses.

The property was sold and converted into a hotel and beach club in the 1940s. In the following decade, the estate's enormous U-shaped mansion was demolished.

The state purchased the property in 1960 and left its management to the city, which leased it to the Sand and Sea Club until 1990. That year, restaurateur Michael McCarty's attempt to put a posh \$65 million hotel and community center there was blocked by voters adverse to growth, who also clamped down on the development of beachfront hotels and restaurants elsewhere in Santa Monica.

The property may be familiar to fans of the TV show 'Beverly Hills

90210," which used it as a location. The city rented out the site for weddings and parties until 1994, when damage from the Northridge earthquake closed the property to the public.

A public planning process that got underway in 1997 led to a proposal for a beach park with plenty of gardens and walkways. To help cover costs, a three-story locker-room building would be converted into a banquet facility.

The plan also called for the guest quarters - known as the North House, which was designed by

architect Julia Morgan and has been designated a Santa Monica landmark - to be used as a meeting center by groups, including nonprofits and community organizations.

The property has paddle tennis courts, a parking lot and a cafe. Back on the Beach, the plan would retain the parking lot and cafe.

The redevelopment plan would cost the city \$16.7 million, Santa

Monica officials have raised \$1.7 million from local, state and federal sources. Some of this money has already been spent to stabilize the site and pay planning costs.

Although some residents have criticized Santa Monica's handling of the property, Mayor Richard Bloom defended the city, saying the site's significance is a reason for careful planning. Bloom is confident the parcel will generate interest.

"A number of people have come up to me in the past year or so from the development community who have essentially said, 'This great resource is sitting there unused, and I think I want to propose something,'" Bloom said.

"I don't think you can take a prime piece of real estate like that and dangle it in front of people's heads and not get some attention," said land-use attorney Nick Carlsen. "Hopefully the city is coming to the process with a little bit of openness because of what happened before" with other proposals.

Not everyone envisions a role for developers in the property's future.

Linda Sullivan, who helped oversee the property for the city in

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—Sources: Norine Dworkin, co-author of "You Know He's a Keeper, You Know He's a Loser: Happy Endings and Horrors

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Carla Hayden, president of the American Library Association, holds a pamphlet promoting early literacy as she talks to reporters Wednesday during the Public Library Association's 10th National Conference in Seattle.

Report: Public libraries help foster early literacy

SEATTLE (AP) — Build libraries and they will come — and surf.

Public libraries have helped narrow the digital divide by providing free access to computers and the Internet, according to a report released last week at the Public Library Association 10th National Conference, which ended Saturday.

More than 95 percent of the nation's public libraries now offer Internet access to the public, with 14 million people using them regularly to get online, said the report by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Families earning less than \$15,000 a year are two to three times more likely to rely on libraries than those earning more than \$75,000.

"Cutting library budgets would turn the Internet for wealthy or middle-class families," William H. Gates Sr., co-chairman of the foundation, said in a news release. "It will turn off the Internet for people who have nowhere else to turn."

Since 1997, the foundation has spent \$250 million to provide libraries with computer hardware, software, training and technical support.

As a priority for library users, computers for public use tied for third place with homework help centers, according to a 2003 poll by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

The No. 1 priority was reading programs for children.

A study released by the association Tuesday showed that early-literacy programs for parents and caregivers boosted youngsters' interest in vocabulary, reading, and library use. That early support helps children later both in school and with reading in general.

A child who is a poor reader at the end of the first grade has a 90 percent chance of still being a poor reader at the end of fourth grade, that study said.

"So getting them early is really essential," said Luis Herrera, association president.

Early intervention especially helped teen parents and "low-education, low-income parents," said the study by the Chicago-based American Library Association, an umbrella organization that includes the Public Library Association.

Over the past year, 39 states have reported substantial reductions in library budgets at the state, county and city levels, Herrera said, while patronage has nearly doubled over the last decade.

"It's ironic that Americans do have a love affair with libraries, but we want that to translate into support and funding," he said.

Aries: Don't overlook little details

IF FEBRUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you can feel wise and tolerant this year be confident that the coming 12 months will bring you prosperity and more security. Keep track of your responsibilities, count your blessings and don't go overboard and waste your resources frivolously when good fortune comes your way. Save a few nickels for a rainy day. **LEO (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Don't overlook the little details at work. Make your own decisions, but gather wise advice from friends who could help you make strides toward long-term security. Be good to yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Friends may spend too much time to spend too much hard-earned cash, or you may just feel overconfident and want to spoil yourself. Don't be so anxious please. Concentrate on career goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Bright and innovative ideas may be the focus today. You can get credit for your devotion to home and get out your desire for security by overspending in the company of neighbors. Put off that big purchase for another day or two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are more tolerant than usual of other opinions and beliefs. Being

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secure in your own views helps you accept those of others. Don't go to extremes in spending based on endorsements from celebrities. You don't need to keep up with the Joneses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are feeling confident and buoyant; enthusiasm makes you feel safe in spending that extra few cents on the better brand or making that large purchase. Gather more info; you may be better off waiting another few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are subject to brainstorms today and might receive valuable information from buddies that could help secure your future in some way. Listen carefully and assimilate knowledge. Big improvements in your position are possible this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Peace and tranquility in the workplace could come to you. Health or job problems could evaporate this week and the lights are turning green for creativity and your love life. Be prepared to make a commitment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): While it is tempting to overdo the entertainment and fun this week, and to allow friends to talk you into grandiose ideas, you may wish to concentrate more on getting home and family matters in order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Career areas could be helped by major improvements this week, though you could be tempted to exaggerate your own importance. Feel good about yourself; plan on starting a new project Thursday or Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are more understanding and charitable to people in the immediate vicinity. An opportunity to take a calculated risk with money may appear this week — you should grab it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an ear to the ground as new ideas may revolutionize your world. There could be an opportunity to make a financial improvement if you meditate on advice. It's a good week to start personal-embellishment projects.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You could ask for a better week to make the relationship you have always dreamed about a reality. Your fantasies may develop fairy tale endings. Cooperation is at an all-time high.

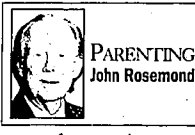
Tolerate creative kid messes

Q: My husband and I have three boys, ages 4, 5, and 8. The two younger ones share a room that looks like "tornado alley." They color, play with Legos, tear up paper and the like all day. They give me no problem when I tell them it's time to clean up, but within minutes, it can look like a disaster again. The 8-year-old does the same thing, but on a slightly smaller scale, since there's only one of him. I'm constantly telling them to straighten it up and am beginning to feel like a certified nag. Should I just close the door and let them have at it?

A: You're not going to get a lot of sympathy from me; nor will you, I expect, from my readers. After all, you've got three boys who occupy their own time by playing creatively through the day, clean up without complaint when you tell them to do so, and are polite and respectful enough not to have told you that you are becoming a certified nag. Yes, you are.

The source of your stress is not that your children make creative messes.

After all, you should praise the Lord that they mess in their rooms and, in the meantime, leave you alone! Now, you need to learn to leave them alone. One good turn deserves another, after all. No, the



PARENTING
John Rosemond

source of your stress is your own somewhat unreasonable expectation that they play creatively without making a mess. Let's face it, creative is messy.

You should expect them to clean up their rooms, once a day, before bed. During the day, they have them keep their doors closed.

Q: My son will be 2 1/2 next month. I recently started a family daycare at my home. I took in a 3-year-old boy and a 16-month-old girl. My son is not handling this change well. He has become extremely aggressive, especially with the little girl. Yesterday, he bit the little boy for no reason. When he is aggressive, I put him in time-out, but he won't stay there when the other children are present. We've participated in play groups and I've never seen this sort of behavior. The last two weeks have been awful. He spent most of the time in time-out, and he's obviously not happy. He became a

monster all of a sudden, but only when the kids are here. On the weekends, he's back to his normal sweet self. What do you suggest I do to stop the aggression while I'm running my new business?

A: Unfortunately, I don't think you're going to be able to stop your son's aggression, not any time soon. Sometimes, the forces behind a child's misbehavior trump any punishment adults can come up with. This is one situation, though, where you have some options.

Your only options are to accept that through no fault of your own or anyone else's, your child is a failure and call it quits, or find another mother who operates an in-home day care and exchange her toddler for yours.

The problem you describe is fairly common among home day-care operators with toddlers because toddlers are generally not ready to share their mothers with other children the same age or younger.

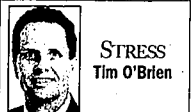
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Lower your stress level by honoring your commitments, protecting your integrity

"I have to look out for my interests first, right?" With that statement, a young man with significant promise walked away from a signed contract to pursue what felt was a better opportunity. It was a minor contract. It wasn't a contract that did not pay him anything more than experience in his field. It was a short-term internship contract he could have completed in as few as six weeks.

The new opportunity more closely aligned with his area of interest. The new opportunity would pay him for his time. The new opportunity eventually led to a full-time position with the company. Was it the correct decision for him to make without first discussing the matter with his major professor and internship supervisor? Was it the correct decision to make under such circumstances? Should he have honored his original commitment?

Before continuing, answer



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Tim O'Brien

those questions; think them through. What do you think you would have done if you were the young man? How would you justify your decision to stay or go? How would you feel if you were the supervisor that made probation commitments to three non-profit organizations based on the signed contract? Would you still honor those commitments? Are we ready to proceed? Here is my position on the situation. First, the young man should have discussed the alternate opportunity with the person with whom he signed the contract. There was a good chance the two of them could have reached a

mutual agreement that would have allowed the young man to accept his new opportunity.

Second, his academic advisor should have asked for all the facts before summarily allowing the student to change hats post facto. Later, when he found out the student had not spoken with the original internship group, the advisor realized he had made an error in judgment. His decision was a disservice to the young man, allowing him to break a contract.

Third, since there was a signed agreement and others had made commitments based on his word, the young man should have completed his original agreement before moving on to the new opportunity. Since so much in business hinges on integrity and trust, this young man made a mistake. He permanently compromised his position with the original group.

Regarding the original group and their dilemma with the non-profit organizations, what should they have done? What did they do? They honored their commit-

ments to two of the three groups. The third group decided against the contemplated project at that time. It cost the original internship group time and money to honor their commitments but their reputation was far more important to them than the costs and inconvenience.

What were your answers? How do they compare to what I wrote? If yours are substantially different from mine, what are the major differences? What was your reasoning for deciding that way?

Each of us must decide what our standards of behavior are. Certainly there are gray areas in many situations. At these times it is very important to get "all the facts" before deciding. It is difficult to please everyone in every situation.

Each of us must decide what our standards are. Certainly there are gray areas in many situations. At these times it is very important to get "all the facts" before deciding. It is difficult to please everyone in every situation.

Also, compromise is not always a good solution. There are times when one alternative is clearly better than another. How and where do you stand?

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Know the score?
Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Alteration is not gift enough for bride

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Sheila," was recently married, and I was a bridesmaid.

About two months before the wedding, Sheila called to say that the junior bridesmaid dress she had selected for one of her attendants was too small - size 8 for a girl who was size 12. Sheila asked if there was anything I could do to make the dress fit because it was too late to order another one.

After a lot of work and many long hours over a four-week period, I finished the alterations. Neither Sheila nor the junior bridesmaid paid me for the work, and I thought that was because I said I'd do it as a favor to Sheila.

A few days before the wedding, I was still deciding what to give her as a wedding gift, but everyone I asked said that altering the dress would be enough. Well, Sheila didn't see it that way. On her wedding night, she called me several times demanding a gift of money! She said I had been disrespectful by not giving her a gift. Even after



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

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her honeymoon, she called again to talk about the money.

Was I wrong not to give her a separate wedding gift?

—FRIEND OF THE BRIDE

ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR FRIEND: For a bride to demand a gift shows an appalling lack of manners. I think that spending an entire month trying to ensure that Sheila had the wedding of her dreams was gift enough. If you have an itch to do

so, scratch Sheila off your list, because she is no friend.

DEAR ABBY: Last July you kindly printed a letter from Christopher Revea, the vice chairman of the National Organization on Disability, in which he called on the communities of this country to enter NOD's Accessible America Contest. The letter generated substantial interest and 64 entries were received. Each one documented impressive efforts that towns and cities around the United States are making to enable their communities to be more welcoming and accessible so that citizens and visitors with disabilities can fully participate in community life.

In your response to Christopher, you said you would share the name of the winning community when it was announced. Phoenix is the winner of the 2003 Accessible America Contest, which includes a \$25,000 prize underwritten by UPS. Phoenix

joins Venice, Fla., and Irvine, Calif., the winners of the first two contests, as a model for other communities as they strive to be disability-friendly.

For further information about the contest, Phoenix's winning entry and NOD's Community Partnership Program, which provides guidance and assistance to towns and cities in their efforts to work with the disability community, readers can visit www.nod.org.

—BREWSTER THACKERY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, NOD

DEAR BREWSTER: Thank you for the update. And congratulations to the forward-thinking city of Phoenix for winning the Accessible America competition. It demonstrates the city's commitment to execute the plans and devote the funds to assure that everyone can fully participate in the life of the community.

That's time and money well spent.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE INMANS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Inman of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Inman home, 1982 Galena Drive.

Inman and Alice Shaw were married March 11, 1954, in Mountain View, Calif.

They have lived in Twin Falls most of their married life.

The event is hosted by their children, Sherie (Carl) Johnson of Twin Falls, Teresa (Walter) Gorman of Havana, Ark., and Rose (Joe) Russell of Twin Falls.



Alice and Bob Inman
The couple has 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE LASSITERS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lassiter of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Bethel Temple Church reception hall.

Lassiter and Helen Hunter were married March 1, 1954, in Mountainair, N.M.

They have lived in Twin Falls since 1954.

He worked at Volco Building Supply for 42 years, retiring in January 2000.

She was a housewife and worked part-time wallpapering and painting.

They have been active in their church.

The event is hosted by their children, Neil (Dorene) Lassiter of Twin Falls, Shelli (Alex) Britan of Pearland, Texas, Robin (Joe) Silvey of Twin Falls, and Jeff Lassiter and Sheri Orr of Boise.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Helen and Robert Lassiter



Helen and Robert Lassiter

Make kids responsible for a pet - but be careful

Adding a pet to your family can be the start of something beautiful or a disaster, especially if there are children in the mix. Parenting magazine offers this age-by-age guide to giving kids responsibility for a pet.

• 2 years and up: With parental supervision, they can fill up a water or food dish and keep up regular play periods with a pet, including throwing a ball for a dog or dragging a toy for a cat.

• 5 and up: School-age children can be more actively involved in pet training: teaching a dog to sit,

Family news you can use

talking to a bird. They can also help with grooming.

• 8 and up: As children get older, they can exercise a dog by walking it or tossing it a Frisbee at the playground. They can also help clean cages and litter boxes and bathe pets.

Have it waiting

Traveling with young children no longer has to mean packing all

your belongings or shopping as soon as you land.

A new service, Babies Travel Lite, will deliver baby supplies anywhere in the country, whether it's a ski condo, beach resort or Grandmas.

For a \$15 fee - or more, depending on how close to departure you place your order - the service will deliver everything from diapers and formula to sunscreen, bath supplies and night lights.

To use the service, visit www.babiestravelite.com, or call toll-free (888) 450-LITE.

Crafty

Tired of the same old crayons, markers and paints? Family Fun magazine reports that there are several new craft supplies on the market that will inspire fun and creativity.

Among the finds are Magic Tie Dye Strings (dye-inclusive cords that you tie around a T-shirt and soak in water and salt), washable window markers, craser clay and sticker makers. Look for them at your local craft store.

— compiled from wire service reports

ENGAGEMENTS

BENSON-MARSH

TWIN FALLS - Doug Benson of Herford, Texas, and Jori Benson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie Benson, to Cory James Marsh, son of Jim and Karen Marsh of Herford, Texas.

Benson is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending college at West Texas A&M in Herford, Texas, majoring in elementary education.

Marsh is a graduate of West Texas A&M with a degree in agriculture business and economics. He is self-employed as a farmer-rancher in Herford, Texas.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3, in Herford, Texas. A reception will be held at 7 p.m.



Cory Marsh and Julie Benson
Friday, April 16, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

FORD-KLUCKEN

JEROME - Don and Brenda Ford of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Corti Dawn Ford, to Sam Klucken, son of Roger and Anne Klucken of Jerome.

Ford is a 2002 graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls and the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone.

Klucken is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed at Ridley's in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for Friday, May 14, at a private ceremony in Lake Tahoe. A reception will be held in Lake Tahoe following the ceremony.



Sam Klucken and Corti Ford
on one M.S. Dixie Cruise.
The couple will reside in Twin Falls while attending college.

NELSON-MARTZ

TWIN FALLS - Lynn Nelson and Sandra Butler, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Christine Nelson, to Robert Amos Martz Sr., son of Thelma Martz of Richfield and the late Walter Martz.

Nelson graduated in 1997 from Magic Valley High School. She is currently employed at Mr. Wash and Twin Stop Chevron.

Martz attended Franklin High School in Stockton, Calif. He is currently completing his Army AIT training in Fort Sill, Okla.



Robert Martz and Susan Nelson
The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 13, in Lawton, Okla. Nelson will reside in Boise while Martz completes his tour of duty in Korea until March 2005.

KULHANEK-VOLK

TWIN FALLS - Sharon Rederer of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Krista Kulhanek, to Travis Volk, son of Les and Theresa Volk of Cheney, Wash.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 6, at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

A reception will be held following the ceremony.



Krista Kulhanek and Travis Volk

Revelation spurs teen-ager to help homeless children

BOISE (AP) - When Jackie Sandmeyer was 9 years old, she had a wake-up call as she walked to St. Joseph's School in Boise.

That moment sparked Sandmeyer's passion to help low-income families and people who are homeless. The 13-year-old has received a \$1,000 national award for her volunteer work, and she organized the Walk for Hungry Children, which was held Feb. 21.

Sandmeyer was walking past the Boise Rescue Mission on a winter day four years ago when, for the first time, she noticed there were children standing outside.

"I had never really thought about it before," Sandmeyer said. "There were homeless parents, and their kids were in the same position."

Since that day, Sandmeyer has organized a different project each year. St. Joseph's School nominated Sandmeyer for the Presidential Spirit of Community Award, and in late January she was selected as one of two Idaho teens to be recognized.

In addition to the money, Sandmeyer received a silver

medallion and a May trip to Washington, D.C., where she'll join other honorees for the announcement of the top 10 youth volunteers.

During the past four years, Sandmeyer's collection efforts have yielded more than 1,000 pounds of food and 200 assorted coats, mittens and hats.

"She had this fantastic idea for items for kids," St. Joseph's principal Toni Biscardi said. "It was something that hadn't been done before."

Each year, the idea changes a bit, she said. One year, she set up a "hat and mitten" tree at Boise's City Hall. People were invited to hang children's hats and mittens on the tree,

then Sandmeyer collected the items for distribution in time for cold winter weather.

In other years, she set up collection bins at area grocery stores and her school to gather food and clothing donations.

"I did it for Hungry Children," she collected more food. Participants received pledges for items such as diapers, baby formula, juice and money. The items were given to area recipients of the Idaho Foodbank.

"I wanted to hit a bigger population of people," Sandmeyer said. "I wanted the community to know there are homeless children out there."

Sandmeyer wanted to know

whether her idea would generate enough donations, so she organized a dress rehearsal in November at her school. Students collected donations for each mile that they could run or walk and raised nearly \$800, which is enough to feed 200 people, Sandmeyer said.

"My parents, Phillip and Ronda Sandmeyer, said they are grateful their daughter has embraced the concept of helping others."

"I'm just humbled by her passion and her drive for the homeless," Ronda said. "As every parent should be, you're proud that your child is making a difference in the community today."

"I grew up very poor," Ronda said. "Jackie has grown up very fortunate in life, but I never want her to forget how fortunate she is."

Jackie Sandmeyer said she was surprised and honored to receive the award, and plans to continue her work to help those in need. "Her commitment encourages her parents."

"To see her carry the torch has been exciting for us," Ronda said.

Whiteman brought his band and played for hours. When he refused to accept a fee, Marion sent him a beautiful jeweled watch from Carlism's.

Miriam Seegar Whelan, who

rented a guesthouse near Davies' main home during World War II, recalled a butler who helped party-goers out of their cars. "I had a very good friend who did go to these parties."

JUKER-TROWBRIDGE

TWIN FALLS - Katie Marie Juker and Thomas Arthur Trowbridge were married Jan. 2 at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffrey and Karen Juker of Twin Falls. The bridegroom is the son of David and Jackie Trowbridge of Kuna.

The Rev. Dave Tish officiated the ceremony. Carol Call was the pianist. Harlee Nevarez, friend of the bride, was the flower girl and the ring bearer.

Ushers were Matthew Trowbridge, brother of the groom, and Riley Juker, brother of the bride.

Special guests included Patricia Smith of Twin Falls, grandmother of the bride; Bob Juker of Buhl, grandfather of the bride; Irene Vosika of Twin Falls, great-aunt of the bride; and Del and Mary Ann Trowbridge of Twin Falls, grandparents of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at The Ballroom. Jennifer Verbeck and Nicole Marsh, friends of the bride, served at the reception.

Malory Shillington, friend of the



Katie and Thomas Trowbridge

bride, attended the guest book. Chris Sutton, friend of the groom, was the gift attendant.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He is serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Estate

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the early 1990s, said she would like to see the site reopened for public parties and commercial filming.

"The one area Canada can't compete with us is the Southern California beach lifestyle," she said. "Santa Monica officials say it could be several years, depending on the project, before the public would be allowed on the site, prompting Kevin McKeown, the city's new public works director, to look for ways to reopen it sooner."

"I want to get people back to the site," he said. "I'm afraid they've forgotten the wonderful historic resource that we own in that property."

And what a past it had.

A Heidi Hoppe column from 1948 described the place as the site of some of the most memorable parties in town: "Marion had the tennis court covered with a huge tent. A whole circus was under the tent, including a carousel and ponies." At another party Paul

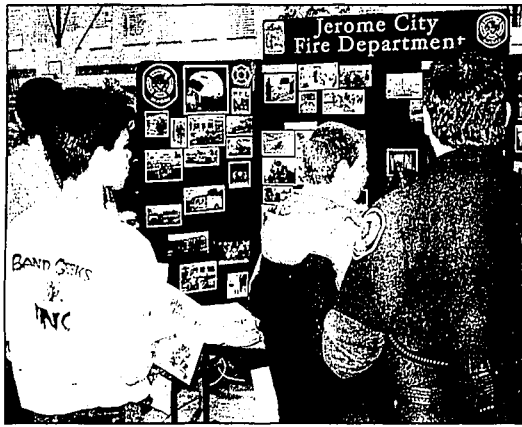
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Miriam Seegar Whelan, who

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CHOOSING A CAREER



Students checked out booths for different jobs and professions at the Jerome High School annual Career Fair Feb. 4. Students from eighth through 12th grades attended.

Photo courtesy of Jerome High School

CSI team wins championship

TWIN FALLS - For the third time in four years, the College of Southern Idaho speech and debate team has earned the Northwest Forensics Conference Community College championship.

CSI team members received the award in February at the Spokane Falls Community College Invitational Forensics Tournament.

The conference comprises more than 30 colleges and universities from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and awards the sweepstakes trophy to the team earning the most points in three regional tournaments throughout the season. Although CSI only attended two of the three regional

tournaments this season, the squad scored more points than any other community college.

CSI finished fifth in overall conference standings behind only Carroll College of Helena, Mont., Lewis and Clark College of Portland, Ore., Whitman College of Walla Walla, Wash., and Boise State University.

Individually, CSI was led by Kimberly's Jeremy Eguisquiza who placed fourth in senior informative speaking, third in senior persuasive speaking and second in communication analysis. Kimberly's Flint Espil placed fifth in senior informative speaking and in senior persuasive speaking. Challe's sophomore Bridgette Harwood placed

second in senior persuasive speaking and fifth in senior prose interpretation. Twin Falls sophomore Jenete Miller finished fourth in junior persuasive speaking and second in novice prose interpretation. Twin Falls sophomore Kaylie Steel placed third in junior informative speaking and Kimberly freshman Aaron Packham finished first in novice persuasive speaking. Puckham, Steel and Miller placed fifth in novice parliamentary debate. Other team members include Katie McFarland of Salmon and Dane Johns of Kimberly.

CSI returns to competition on April 12 in Los Angeles. The team is coached by co-forensics directors Chris Bragg and Tiffany Seelye-Case.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Taylor Lane Svancara, daughter of Mark Thomas Svancara and Jamie Ann Harvey, was born Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004.

Maria Guadalupe Hurtado, daughter of Maira Elisa Guadarrama of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004.

Suzana Lorraine Chavez, daughter of Rashelle Anne Ostermiller of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 6, 2004.

Karma Destiny Faith Noble-Thornton, daughter of Nicole Marie Noble of Buhl, was born Friday, Feb. 6, 2004.

Taylor Payge McKinnon, daughter of Jamie Marie Human of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004.

Aubrey Rae Fuchs, daughter of Brenda Eileen and Douglas Ray Fuchs of Twin Falls, was born

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004.
Benjamin Walker Bushue, son of Jill Joann and Josh Ryan Bushue of Kimberly, was born Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

Tage David Deluna, son of Kimberly Dawn and Armando Deluna Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

Benjamin Eric Andrus, son of

Jennifer and Eric Clinton Andrus of Gooding, was born Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004.

Ana Pilar Rivera Gonzalez, daughter of Maria dejesus and Jose Refugio Rivera of Buhl, was born Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004.

Alicia Ramirez Saldana, daughter of Celia Correz Ramirez Saldana and Martin Gonzalez Saldana of Buhl, was born Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004.

Jarrett Dee Wyatt Hess, son of Marni Sue and Tyrone Chad Hess of Filer, was born Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004.

Ashton Tyler Denton, son of Shauna Brooke Maughan and Timothy Wayne Denton of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004.

Gregory Zane Pearce, son of Megan Amber and Jason Lee Pearce of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Feb. 23, 2004.

Coats project helps people in need

By Jami Whitte
Times-News writer

Want to donate?

Drop off barrels are located in Jerome at Kwik Service, 992 W. Main St., and Ridley's, 1016 S. Lincoln St., until mid-March.

The Jerome Optimist club also accepts coats year long. Donors can drop coats off at the Idaho Youth Ranch, 233 E. Main St. in Jerome, at Jerome Optimist meetings at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Oops City Market, 158 E. Main St., or call Sheri Mitchell at 324-4953.

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist Club is in the middle of its 26th year of collecting coats for kids.

"The Twin Falls, Wendell and Jerome Optimist clubs serve all of the Magic Valley," said Sheri Mitchell, the program's leader. "I think we've helped about 600 kids in just the Jerome Elementary School."

Mitchell gives vouchers to the Idaho Youth Ranch, Jerome Police Department, schools, Head Start and other organizations to give to people in need. The recipients can turn their vouchers in to the Youth Ranch, where all donations are kept, to receive a coat.

The public can also exchange an older coat for a new coat. Mitchell and the students of the Jerome High School Future Career and Community Leaders of America (FCLLA) mend the old coats to be given to people in need.

The majority of coats collected is for infants to 12 year-olds even

though there is a great need for adult coats. Mitchell said that people have donated coats from infant to 3-plus sizes. Benefactors of Coats for Kids have included the young and old and the coats are greatly appreciated on these cold winter days, she said.

House fires, weather conditions and closing businesses are factors contributing to the need for coats in the Magic Valley, Mitchell added.

"A poor economy is also a factor for a decline in contributions.

"Since the Sept. 11 attacks, my donations have been down by less than half," she said.

"During the first year after Sept. 11, donations for every event decreased since people were donating so much to relief funds for the attacks, said Angie Bridge, a Jerome Optimist board member.

Before Christmas, several coats were collected, but the collection is down by 100 coats compared to previous years. The economy also has affected several businesses and that has impacted the donations from merchants and barrel drop-off locations, Mitchell said.

The Jerome Optimist club also accepts donations of hats, scarves and gloves, as well as coats to give to organizations and people in need. The club tries to increase its collection every year to help as many people as possible.

"One thing I'd really like people to know is that if you have an old coat that needs mended, trade it in," Mitchell says. "The FCLLA and I will mend it and give you a different coat."

SERVICE NEWS

Combat medic Hernandez is deployed to Iraq

Army Pfc. Jacob M. Hernandez has been deployed to Iraq to support the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Hernandez is regularly assigned to the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Hernandez is a combat medic with one year of military service.

He is the son of Diane and stepson of Joe Shighara of Twin Falls.

His father and stepmother, Carlos and Alice Hernandez, reside in Twin Falls. Hernandez is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Malone graduates from unit supply training

Army Pfc. Joshua L. Malone has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual

training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

He was trained to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and equipment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability; and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Malone is the son of Linda M. and Thomas R. Malone of Mullanagh. He is a 2002 graduate of Valley High School in Hazelton.

A CELEBRATION

Students in the afternoon pre-kindergarten class present a chapel service for Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls. The students sang and teacher Verna Sherreta read a story, "The Mysterious Star." From left to right are, Taryn Casperson, Jacob Vargas, A.C. Rembur, Taylor Johnson, Madeline Ko, Phoebe Valdez, Matthew Sato and Alexander Tinder.



Photo courtesy of VERA SHERRETA

BE THEIR GUEST



HEIDI TESSA/The Times-News

Burley High School's Bel Canto choir invites the public to "Be Our Guest" as they rehearse the number by the same name from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" in preparation for its upcoming dinner show entitled, "Disney Music Extravaganza." The event will begin at 6 p.m. March 11 at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, Idaho. The event will be catered by Farmer's Corner and the menu will include barbecue chicken and pork ribs, baked potato, green beans, salad and peach cobbler. The cost is \$20 per person and tickets are available from any Bel Canto student or by calling adviser Cindy Hanson at 878-8606 or 877-8894.

Viewers can share opinions on 'The Passion' movie

Viewers of "The Passion of the Christ" can submit their opinion on Mel Gibson's controversial film. The Times-News will print responses or excerpts from them in a future issue. Viewers need to include their name, address, phone number and, if willing, their religious affiliation, if any.

Respond to Denise Turner, religion editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548; or e-mail denise@magicvalley.com; or fax (208) 734-5538.

For more information, call (208) 733-0931, Ext. 243.

Burley merchants host Legacy Quilt Challenge

BURLEY - The Burley Area Merchants Association and Burley merchants are holding a legacy quilt challenge.

There are three categories, including First Generation for beginning and intermediate quil-

ters. Legacy for intermediate quilters and professional for advanced quilters.

There is a \$20 entry fee for each quilt, submitted and entry forms are available at Hem-Stitching Etc., 1238 Overland Ave.; Sandy's Berolina, 1234 Oakley Ave.; and Mill Ends Fabrics, 1358 Overland Ave., all in Burley. Entry forms should be turned in with entry fees before May 31. Quilts must be turned in by July 10. Quilt entries will be displayed in the windows of participating businesses for people's choice awards.

For more information, call Hem-Stitching Etc. at 878-0236, Sandy's Berolina at 878-1573 or Mill Ends Fabrics at 878-5713.

M.V. Humane Society holds People for Pets meeting

TWIN FALLS - The public meeting of Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. People for Pets will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

The public welcome. For more information, call 736-2293.

Buhl Community Ed offers several March courses

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education Center, 216 7th Ave. N., will offer several courses in March.

"Publishers" will teach participants to create business cards, greeting cards and more. The class will be held from 6-9 p.m. March 5 in Buhl High School room 110. The cost is \$7.

"Basic Knitting" will be held from 6-7 p.m. on March 10, 15 and 17 in the Buhl High School Library. Students will learn to cast on and off, knit and purl. Participants should bring their own pattern, yarn and needles. Supplies will be available for purchase at the class. The cost is \$7.

A minimum of seven to 10 students are needed for each class. Students are required to pre-register. For more information, call Connie Glender at 543-6553.

Foundation celebrates opening of the King Center

BURLEY - Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation presents its sixth annual gala at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley to celebrate the anniversary of the center.

Scheduled to perform are the Burley High School jazz band; Minico High School Reflections choir; Mac Miller; One Accord quartet; Emily Gomez; Jacoby Harper; Jolene Hobson; Colleen McCall and Marilyn Whiting; selections from Oakley Valley Arts Council's "Annies"; selections from the foundation's "South Pacific"; special guest pianist, Mark Nelwirth; and the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra. John Webster will be the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$5 and available in advance at Book Plaza and Welch Music in Burley and The Book Store in Rupert. Tickets will also be avail-

able one hour before the show. For more information call 678-6668.

T.F. Optimist Club hosts annual casino game night

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Optimist Club's 25th annual "Lost Vegas" casino game night will be held from 7-11 p.m. Friday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Proceeds from the casino games will support the Optimist club's youth programs. The door prizes are a previously-owned car from Latham Motors, a bed worth \$1,500 from Evertons Mattress and a television from the club.

All night there will be prizes from "Funny Money" drawings. Pizza will be provided.

Tickets are \$10 each or two for \$15. Buy tickets ahead from an Optimist member to receive double "Funny Money" or at the door Friday night.

For more information or to buy tickets, call 733-2278, 737-0755 or

732-9697.

DAV auxiliary hosts regular dance at hall

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. Archie Turner will provide music. A suggested donation is \$2.

Account benefits nurse suffering from cancer

TWIN FALLS - An account for Jennie Benson, a registered nurse, has been set up at First Federal Savings Bank.

Benson has worked in the health-care field in the Magic Valley for more than 20 years. The account has been set up for contributions to help with the treatment of cancer, organizers say. Donations can be dropped off at any Twin Falls branch. For more information, call Barbara Bacon at 733-8600.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:
Today: Ham dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Meatloaf or liver, peas and onions, potatoes with gravy, bread, brownie, bowl of fruit
Wednesday: Beef stew, corn salad, french bread, fruit, cream puff
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, cottage cheese, vegetable, roll, cobble
Friday: Fish or chicken, scalloped potatoes, salad, muffin, pie

Activities:
Today: BJ and friends
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Exercise class, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure
Center Election Day, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting
Elks card club
Foot clinic
Exercise class
Thursday: Center pinocle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Quilting
Lunch bingo
Lunch bingo
Exercise class
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors.

Anger

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found compatibility." Healthy behavior, he said, influences weight, breathing, organ function and recovery from illness.
"Even the simple adherence to medical advice... requires consideration of psychological influences."
Smith said he was struck by the volume and quality of research on the subject in the last 10 years.
"We have much clearer theories or much more detailed research through which we can trace the pathway from a psychological or behavioral process through some intervening mechanism on to the development and course of the disease itself," he said.
Behavioral medicine, he said, is a big field that looks not just at an individual's illness, but how that illness is affected by his psychological makeup, relationships, community and environment. Dealing with sickness then means more than giving the right medicine. It could mean working to

change community attitudes or national policies. It could mean working with children to prevent unhealthy behaviors that start in childhood but won't result in disease for decades—such as overeating.

Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Menus:
Tuesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich
Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Polish sausage, au gratin potatoes, kraut, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken strips, potatoes with gravy, country mix, jello, fruit, pudding
Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, green salad, peach cobbler
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak, potatoes with gravy, salad, peas, cherry squares
Friday: Malibu chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, lemon pie, juice

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Early bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Klamberly
Menus:
Monday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, bread, pears, cookie, coffee and milk
Wednesday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, mexicorn, salad, bread, Jell-O, coffee and milk
Friday: Taco salad, chip, salsa, fruit salad, coffee and milk

Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken strips, potatoes with gravy, capri veggies, green salad, bread, peaches
Tuesday: Beef stew, cottage cheese, apricots, cornbread, cookie
Wednesday: Swiss steak, potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, french bread, plum cobbler
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes with gravy, veggies, salad, roll, oatmeal-raisin cake

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild one, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Foot clinic, 10:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10:15 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Linda Norris, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand/foot, 2 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays.

Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken patties, rice, Jell-O, strawberry shortcake
Wednesday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, birthday cake
Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Beef stew, cheese slice, green salad, dinner rolls, apple crisp
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich, cream of broccoli soup, apricot pie
Friday: Baked potato bar with chili, broccoli, onions, cheese, sour cream and salsa, cake

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Wendover trip, van departs Shoshone, 9:45 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Menus:
Monday: Ham and beans, fried potatoes, coleslaw, dinner rolls, pineapple upside-down cake

Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, chocolate pudding, cookies

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwich, later tots, salad, veggies, fruit
Wednesday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, fruit, green beans, carrot cake
Friday: Oven-baked chicken, bread, peas, wheat bread, citrus fruit, salad

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tax preparation by appointment
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m.

Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Blood pressure, 11:30 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center

492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Swedish meatballs, parsleyed potatoes, broccoli, salad, roll, milk
Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken, cheese potatoes, lettuce, carrot/raisin salad, bread, milk
Thursday: Roast beef and gravy, whipped potatoes, Scandinavian mixed veggies, cookie, bread, milk

Activities:
Monday: Foot clinic
Tax Aide
Tuesday: Sheriff's department program
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.
Saturday: Gooding breakfast

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Other behavioral connections in the report:

- **Immune function.** Psychosocial factors, such as depression or stress, affect immune function in infectious disease, cancer, wound healing, autoimmune disease and HIV, research increasingly shows. Negative emotions have been associated with inflammation, which has itself been linked to many conditions of aging, such as heart disease, osteoporosis and arthritis.

- **Heart disease.** Although there's conflicting evidence in some cases, evidence is mounting that anger, depression, anxiety, pessimism, social isolation and job stress all increase the risk for heart disease. Preliminary evi-

dence also points to "social dominance" — evidenced by controlling behaviors such as a tendency to cut off and talk over an interviewer — as a risk factor. It's not yet clear whether treating these problems affects the course of the disease.

- **Chronic pain.** Psychological factors affect quality of life, the ability to cope, and disability associated with pain. These factors include emotions, social background and the meaning of pain to the sufferer. Long-term pain affects all aspects of a person's functioning.

- **Diabetes.** While there is "very strong genetic loading" for the disease, many people could prevent its onset with a healthier diet and more active lifestyle, said Linda Gonder-Frederick, clinical director of the Behavioral Medicine Center at the University of Virginia.

- **Asthma.** Patients with asthma have greater airway constriction in response to stress than healthy

people. While there's no solid evidence that behavioral factors cause asthma, there is some evidence that it plays a role in the development of some disorders. Anxiety, depression and panic disorder are more common in asthma patients. While results are mixed, hypnosis, yoga and biofeedback offer promise for helping some asthma patients.

- **Depression.** Go into a primary care waiting room and "people are as likely to have depression as hypertension. If you don't catch them there, there's a good chance that they won't get treated," said James Coyne, a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania who wrote about depression in primary care. Yet treatment in that setting is not as effective as it is in clinical trials. Coyne thinks that's because treating depression takes more than handing out pills. Because patients often must switch medications or dosages, they need better education and follow-up, he said.

New congregation in Wood River

Presbyterians offer Spanish-language services.

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How to get involved

Here are a few of the ways for Magic Valley residents to get involved in Twin Falls' centennial celebration:

Tell your tale

Perhaps you fish the same Magic Valley creek that Grandpa loved so dearly. Or own the same local business that Mom started from scratch. Or promote the same cause that burned in Dad's heart.

If you do, *The Times-News* wants to hear from you.

The newspaper is collecting family traditions for a personal take on Magic Valley history. We're calling the feature series "You and Your Kin."

The series is inspired by Twin Falls' centennial celebration. But it's not limited to Twin Falls. Tell us about things you do that a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent once did - anywhere in Magic Valley.

Nominations might be based on such stuff as professions, club membership or recreation habits, such as camping at a particular local spot. Or surprise us with a weighty or lighthearted nomination we haven't thought of. Just stick to these criteria: The ancestors in question should have done the activities here in Magic Valley. And nominees should be current residents.

Written nominations should include:

- Your name and where you live.
- The activity you're nominating for a feature story.
- Which of your ancestors did it, and where they did it in Magic Valley.
- Why you're doing the same thing.
- Why you think we should write about you.

By March 31, send nominations by mail to Virginia S. Hutchins, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; or by e-mail to virginia@magicvalley.com.

Write a check

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission still needs to fill gaps in its \$1.2 million budget. So don't be surprised if your phone rings.

Roughly half (\$598,000) of the commission's oft-revised budget goes on big checks of money - mostly \$1,000 to \$5,000 each - from business or family sponsors, who in return get benefits such as event tickets, centennial memorabilia and name recognition.

Many sponsors have already signed on, pledging a total of \$197,000. (See the YourBusiness page in today's *Monday* section for a list of names.)

But the commission still needs to raise \$101,000 from businesses and individuals; call 736-0800.

That figure doesn't include other budget holes which the commission hopes to fill through sales of personalized gifts; sponsorships for a July 23-24 golf tournament; and other means.

Buy a medallion

The Centennial Commission is selling official Twin Falls medallions.

The medallions are one Troy ounce of fine silver about the size of an old-fashioned silver dollar. They come specially packaged and are plated in 24-karat gold, struck by the Northwest Territorial Mint in Auburn, Wash.

Cost: \$55 each.

Available at Twin Falls branches of First Federal, Wells Fargo, D.L. Evans Bank, Farmers National Bank, Washington Federal Savings Bank, Magic Valley Bank, U.S. Bank and Zions Bank.

The day of the iron horse

'Railroad Day' marked completion of the Minidoka and Southwestern

Not long after the railroad reached Twin Falls, a passenger coach on the "lightning express" caught fire while standing in front of the depot. The sarcastic editor of the local newspaper thought the fire, which started in the roof, might have been caused by "friction resulting from high speed." He hoped that the loss would not be cause for Union Pacific tycoon Edward H. Harriman to increase passenger rates.

The comments typify the love-hate attitude most area residents had toward the railroad. While they were happy that its coming had brought an end to hauling goods and people across the desert from Shoshone, there was also a great deal of resentment about the heavy-handed, monopolistic way in which it was run. Not only did people dislike the slowness of the trains, they also grumbled about high rates, running behind schedule, accidents and breakdowns.



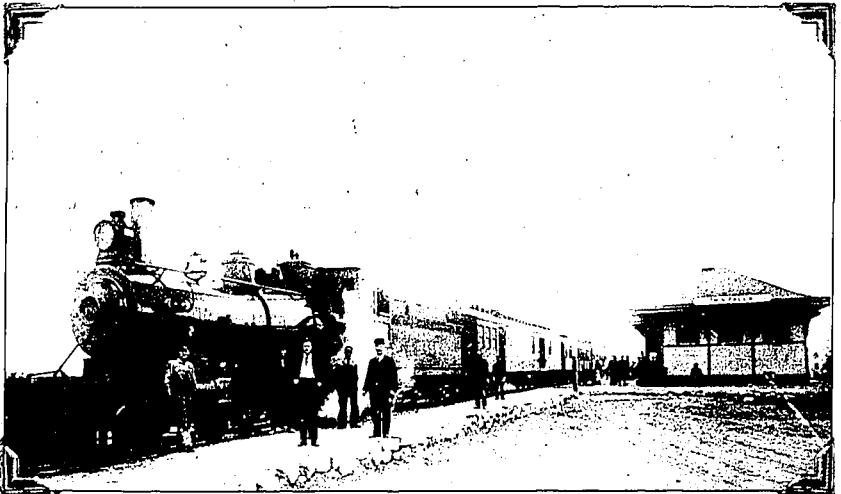
TALES FROM THE TRACT James Varley

Soon after construction of the Twin Falls irrigation project began, the Land and Water Co. had soured out the Harriman interest about running a branch line across the tract. In response, officers of the Oregon Short Line - the division of Union Pacific that ran through Idaho - surveyed a possible route for such a branch. After a great deal of fraternizing with the railroad officials by Bert Perrine, Bob McCullum, Walter Filer and others, the railroaders agreed to the proposal.

In January 1904 the Minidoka and Southwestern Railroad Co. was incorporated to build and operate the branch. Starting at Minidoka, the line would run southwesterly and cross the Snake River several miles north of today's Burley. From there, it would continue downstream to Millar, thence across the tract, generally conforming to the course of the river.

Earlier, officials had said the company would begin laying track in the spring. But, just after the Minidoka and Southwestern was formed, this plan was overruled, apparently by Harriman himself. The president of the branch line, E.E. Calvin, announced construction would not begin until it was certain that the dam was taking up land on the Twin Falls tract.

This foot dragging by Harriman resulted in the loss of many months and, for a time, an angry Frank Buhl considered canceling his bid for the line. But cooler heads prevailed and Buhl's subordinates convinced him to get the project started by agreeing to make good the railroaders' costs should the irrigation project fail. Accordingly, a contract was made with the Minidoka and Southwestern, which required that the dam and this first 25 miles of



Daily passenger train at Twin Falls depot, in about 1906.



Laying track on the Minidoka and Southwestern. Many of the railroad workers were immigrants from Japan which, at the time, was at war with Russia. When Admiral Togo won a great naval victory in 1905, it was said to have spurred the immigrants to lay steel 'at a record breaking pace.'

canal be completed before June 1, 1905.

If not, the company would be given a one-year extension but would have to pay the railroad 6 percent interest on the money it had spent for construction. If not completed by June 1, 1906, the Land and Water Co. would pay the railroad the interest plus \$100,000 in damages.

Work was finally begun on the branch, by the Utah Construction Co., in November 1904. Eight months later, on July 28, 1905, the tracks reached Twin Falls when locomotive No. 619, with Engineer Carter at the throttle, entered town.

To celebrate the occasion, the town held a "Railroad Day" on Aug. 8. A large crowd came to hear speechifying by Idaho's Sen. Weldon Heyburn and Rep. Burton French.

Another orator, Fred Reed, praised the "pioneer women of Twin Falls for their courage in leaving comfortable homes and making another in the sagebrush." Reed also led three hearty cheers for President Theodore Roosevelt, "the friend of reclamation and the friend of the West."

Various food sports and contests were held on Main Street East - foot races, quarter-mile horse races, a pie eating competition and others. Harry West of Kimberly won a \$4 pair of shoes for coming in first in a fat man's foot race, and a baby contest was won by Blanche Harnah, the first child born in Twin Falls after the city's inception.

The people were served a free barbecue in the partially completed Hotel Perrine. Donated beaves and sheep were strung on rails and roasted in huge pits, across Main Street from the Hotel. A grocer, H.E. Harder, baked 400 loaves of bread, and Bert Perrine furnished two wagon loads of Blue Lakes fruit for the feast. Barrels of well-iced lemonade were available on every corner of Main. After the feast, the Pocatello city band gave the town its first band concert in front of the hotel. In the evening, fire dances were held at two locations.

The established train schedule allowed Twin Falls passengers to take one of two daily runs to Minidoka, where they could connect with east- and westbound trains on the main line. One was a



In Burton Perrine with a display of local agricultural produce on 'Railroad Day' in 1905.

regular passenger train, and the other a freight train with a passenger car.

This latter run was known variously as the "accommodation train," the "ping-pong" or the "grasshopper." Both it and the passenger train stopped at all the stations, but stops were longer for the grasshopper because freight had to be handled.

Because the grasshopper's passenger car had no smoking compartment, men who wanted to light up had to visit a boxcar at the end of the train which was said to oscillate like "a jigsaw in motion."

That autumn of 1905, freight traffic was heavy. Forty carloads or more were arriving each day, and a large number of them contained the personal effects and furnishings of the many farmers who had spent the tract's first crop season working their land, and who hadn't had time to deal with their goods.

Now they were able to build homes, convert their prove-up shanties into stables, and engage in farming and commerce, unre-

The depot

Immediately after the railroad was completed to Twin Falls, work was begun on passenger depots for most towns along the route. The Twin Falls depot was situated on the corner of Sixth Avenue South and Shoshone Street South, where today there is a parking lot for the Depot Grill. Agent Dan Sullivan took occupancy in February 1906.

A freight shed and a stockyard were also erected in the rail yard, and a turntable was installed to allow locomotives to be turned around in the direction of Minidoka.

strained by inadequate transportation.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales from the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," sold by the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

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