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Judge rules against Jerome Cheese

Gooding County was within rights to deny wastewater permit, Carlson says

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

GOODING — Jerome Cheese Co.'s plan to pipe wastewater to Gooding County could be headed to the Idaho Supreme Court.

Decision to deny a special-use permit for the Jerome County cheese processor to set up a wastewater project in Gooding County.

"Jerome Cheese had the burden of proof. They failed in sustaining that burden," Carlson wrote. "The county commissioners reviewed the evidence... and found, in their discretion, that the proposed use

was not in the best interests of Gooding County."

Jerome Cheese has been working for more than three years on the plan to send wastewater from its cheese and whey processing plant in Jerome seven miles over the county line to a 940-acre farm in Gooding County. Nutrients would be separated from the water and reused as fertilizer on the farm. The water would be recycled as irrigation water.

The company was "flabbergasted" by Carlson's ruling, Jerome

Cheese attorney Chris Meyer said, and will consider an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

"A decision like this really is a slap in the face to an industry that is doing its utmost to be on the cutting edge of environmental protection using the latest techniques to improve the environment of the Magic Valley," Meyer said. "To turn down an application such as this can only have the effect of putting a cloud over the business climate for everyone operating in the Magic Valley."

Gooding County Attorney Phil Brown welcomed the ruling as a validation of the county's planning and zoning process.

Jerome Cheese, a major local employer and an important piece of the valley's dairy industry, produces about a million gallons of wastewater per day at the Jerome plant — primarily from washing of food-handling equipment. Some of that wastewater now goes to the city of Jerome's sewer plant, while

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LIQUIDATION OF LEFTOVERS



Marv Hunt of Hunt Brothers Auctions sorts through items that will be sold at this Saturday's auction. Many of the items in the sale are unclaimed or seized property being held by the city of Twin Falls.

City of Twin Falls plans public auction for Saturday

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If they don't have it, you probably don't need it. Stuff big and small is up for auction Saturday, much of it seized or unclaimed property being held by the city of Twin Falls.

"Here's something," said Marv Hunt, looking at one of many new watches to be put on display.

Hunt and two other men worked all day Thursday, retrieving items from the city and arranging them under the big top at Hunt Brothers Auction.

Between 100 and 200 people are expected to come out to eye the wares, and possibly snatch up every last bicycle, backpack and pair of pants they see.

"It comes through various sources," said Sgt. Dan McAtce of the Twin Falls Police Department. "We get a call or two a day about things like abandoned bicycles. We store them until we can't store them anymore."

Among the items up for auction are steel desks and partitions used

at the department, as well as abandoned possessions people find and turn into police.

The money raised goes into the city's general fund, McAtce said.

Hunt, who's been auctioning city-held property for five years, unpacks every box first, inspecting the items for overlooked evidence or paperwork the police might want.

"I haven't found anything real weird, other than some pictures," he said.

Items are given lot numbers to track who sells what. During the auction, a staffer keeps track of the numbers and how much an item sells for. The auction houses will take a 20 percent cut from the city if the items net more than \$1,000.

Saturday's pickings could come in over 500 in number, Hunt said, including everything from do-dads and baubles, to a new DVD player and a motorcycle.

"If it all sell," he said.

The total dollar amount the items might raise varies depending on what's brought in and how many people come to bid.

Public auction.

What: City-held property and public items on consignment are up for auction. When: 11 a.m., Saturday. The auction will last between four and six hours. Where: Hunt Brothers Auction, 165 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Viewing the items: The auction house is open for preview from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Absentee bids are accepted from people unable to attend.

Some items up for bid

- Dell laptop with power cords
- Lawn Chief lawnmower
- Kawasaki police motorcycle
- Senco nail gun
- Doc Martin shoes
- Panasonic video camera
- two goblets
- small Yamaha keyboard
- Quasar Raptor bike
- wheelchair
- Werner 28-foot extension ladder
- man's wedding ring
- mailing scale
- Christmas wrapping paper
- small bundles of wire

Source: city of Twin Falls

Some trinkets come with a history. Hunt reached into a black duffel bag and pulled out a crow bar, flat pry bar, screwdriver and tow rope.

"They use these to break into homes," Hunt said.

People who have had things stolen from them, yet failed to pick them up during their window of opportunity, might find their possessions at the auction, he said.

Bidding starts with vehicles at 11 a.m., with the other hundreds of pieces to follow.

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Bills seek to prepare state for cattle ID system

By Julio Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Focused on separating Idaho from mad cow disease, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb substituted a bill he introduced weeks ago for tracking Canadian beef with a new one Thursday.

The new bill would require that each Canadian cow entering the state be branded on the neck with a "C" and be implanted with radio-tracking device in its ear.

But perhaps more importantly, Newcomb is backing a bill to integrate the state at some point into a national tracking program. It will likely involve implanting the radio-tracking devices in all cattle.

The legislation, which passed the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, has the blessing of the Idaho Farm Bureau as well as the Idaho Cattle Association and State Veterinarian Clarence Stokoy.

Since the mad cow scare began on Dec. 23 when one dairy cow in Washington was identified with the disease, Newcomb has been vocal about putting programs in place to control and track diseases in cattle. A beef producer himself, Newcomb has said he's concerned about reviving world trade with the United States in particular Japan. A year from now, Newcomb will be looking to sell specialty beef to the Japanese market.

The legislation that would have Idaho on line with a tracking program for the next future is based on alignment with efforts from Congress to do the same. More than anything, the bill would authorize the Idaho Department of Agriculture to make rules for a tracking program. Then, future legislators would decide whether to

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Rep. Bruce Newcomb

Idaho Supreme Court says state can't make bad language illegal

By Chuck Oxley
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A divided Idaho Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that an individual's right to freedom of speech outweighs the state's desire to keep children from hearing bad language.

The 3-2 majority opinion written by Justice Daniel Elsmann declared that a portion of Idaho's law against disturbing the peace, which prohibits "any vulgar, profane or indecent language within the presence or hearing of children," is unconstitutionally overbroad.

But despite the majority's decision on the law itself, it still upheld the conviction of the appellant, a Kootenai County man accused of swearing in front of a 13-year-old boy and his mother.

The charges stemmed from comments Joseph Poe allegedly made on Sept. 7, 1999, to a boy who had come with his mother to Poe's home to pick up another child.

Poe was convicted of disturbing

the peace. His attorney appealed, contending the state law was unconstitutionally overbroad.

The majority, including Justices Wayne Kidwell and Roger Buxtick, broke down the one-sentence law into three parts. They found that the last part of the sentence, which relates to indecent language in front of a child, regulates speech too tightly.

"The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held that pure speech is protected by the First Amendment except for certain well-defined and narrowly limited classes of speech," Elsmann wrote.

But the majority also decided that Poe's legal defense failed to argue that the Idaho law was unconstitutional as it applied to

Dairy foods appear to reduce the risk of childhood obesity

By Daniel Q. Haney
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Youngsters who skip on milk and other dairy food to avoid calories actually appear to substantially increase their risk of becoming overweight, a study found.

Several reports in recent years have shown health benefits of dairy products, despite their fat content. The latest research shows an unusually striking effect on weight as children go through their teens.

Pediatricians say too much weight is now the most common medical condition of childhood. The problem has doubled over the past two decades, and about 15 percent are now considered overweight.

While the overall cause is too much food and too little exercise, many studies are attempting to tease apart the precise changes in

habits that are driving this health hazard. Several were reported Thursday at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Heart Association.

Lynn McE, an epidemiologist at Boston University School of Medicine, found that just two servings of dairy food a day are linked to a substantial reduction in adolescent fatness.

Childhood dairy intake has been falling for the last 10 years, in part because youngsters' preferences have switched from milk to soft drinks. During this time, soda consumption has risen by 300 percent.

Another factor, though, has been fat phobias. Youngsters "consume less and less as they get older," Moore said. "Adolescent girls in particular are concerned about eating dairy because they think it will make them fat."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Brisk winds at times with mostly cloudy skies, chance developing showers later. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight: Light rain and/or snow, showers switching to snow, with light accumulations possible. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: Left over showers early, then windy and mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chance for developing showers later, otherwise mostly cloudy with brisk winds. Highs in the 40s. Tonight: Mixed precipitation, switching over to rain, with light accumulations possible. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Windy at times, with left over showers early. Highs in the mid 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Moist air coming in from the west on a strong jet stream will allow for snow shower activity, perhaps mixing with some rain in the lower elevations through Saturday. Be prepared for strong, gusty winds.

Today Highs: 28 to 35; Tonight's Lows: 21 to 24. BOISE As a moist and energetic atmosphere moves in later today through early Saturday we could be in line for a few light showers. The next couple of days will be brisk to windy as well.

Today Highs: 44 to 49; Lows: 33 to 38. NORTHERN UTAH The end of the work and school week ahead provides us with good traveling conditions. By Saturday light snow is possible once again.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 50 at Lewiston & Deer Flat Dam. Low: 8 at Stanley. Weather key: su, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; m, mostly; c, cloudy; sh, showers; s, snow; h, heavy; w, wind; m, missing.

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists cities like London, Moscow, Tokyo, etc. with high/low temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists cities like Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc. with high and low temperatures.

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Cattle

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Cheese

Continued from A1. Some goes into an irrigation canal that ultimately empties into the Snake River. By taking all of that wastewater and sending it to a treatment plant in Gooding County, the company would sidestep the costly and complex process of phosphorus and nitrogen discharges into the Snake River and the regional aquifer.

Language

Continued from A2. Poe's conduct during the incident. "He challenged his conviction under the state solely upon the ground that it was overbroad on its face and not on the ground that his conviction under the statute violated his right of free speech," Eismann wrote.

Dairy

Continued from A2. However, his research, based on the Framingham Children's Study, found just the opposite is true. The analysis was financed largely by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute with additional funding from the National Dairy Council.

CORRECTION

against the federal government by a number of conservation organizations. That group is working outside the court system to secure 427,000 acre feet of Upper Snake River water to augment flows for salmon this year.

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Idaho Rivers United stays out of salmon lawsuit. An article in Thursday's newspaper gave incorrect information about litigation involving Northwest salmon recovery. Idaho Rivers United has chosen not to become a party to a lawsuit.

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Bush advertisements anger some 9-11 relatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's campaign commercials — on the air just one day — have angered several relatives of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and a firefighters union that has endorsed Democratic rival John Kerry demanded the ads be pulled.

The White House defended the commercials, which show images of the skeletal remains of the World Trade Center and firefighters bearing a stretcher through the rubble.

"It makes me sick," said Colleen Kelly, who lost her brother Bill Kelly Jr. in the attacks and leads a victims families group called "Peaceful Tomorrows." "Would you ever go to someone's gravesite and use that as an instrument of politics? That truly is what Ground Zero represents to me."

In Bal Harbour, Fla., the International Association of Fire Fighters Union approved a resolution asking the Bush campaign to pull the ads, spokesman Jeff Zack said. The resolution also urges Bush to "apologize to the families of firefighters killed on 9/11 for demeaning the memory of their loved ones in an attempt to curry support for his re-election."

The union gave Kerry an early endorsement in the presidential race.

The controversy erupted as Bush's re-election campaign began airing the commercials nationally on cable television and on broadcast stations as about 60 media markets in 18 states.

The ads refer both to the terrorist attacks and to the recent recession, and are designed to project Bush as a candidate offering "steady leadership in times of change." The commercials do not mention Kerry.

One of the ads shows the charred wreckage of the twin towers with an American flag flying amid the debris. Another ad — and a Spanish-language version of it — use that image as well as firefighters carrying a flag-draped stretcher through the rubble as sirens are heard. Firefighters are shown in all the ads.

Bush said he would not use the attacks for political gain. His aides defended the use of the images.

"Sept. 11 changed the equation in our public policy. It forever changed the world," said Scott McClellan, the White House press secretary. "The president's steady leadership is vital to how we wage war on terrorism."

The administration arranged for

former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and three other Democratic candidates to appear on a network cable broadcast to defend the ads. One Bush aide said the controversy gave the president's commercial priceless free publicity, with millions seeing clips of the ads.

Several relatives of victims also praised the ads.

"These images honor those whose lives were lost," said Debra Burlingame, whose brother Charles piloted the plane that crashed into the Pentagon at the hands of hijackers.

Deena Burnett, a Little Rock, Ark., resident, whose husband Tom was one of the passengers on United Flight 93, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field, said the ads were "a perfect reminder of what happened that day."

And Bernard Kerik, the former New York police commissioner who said Bush has every right to use the images to show his leadership abilities just as Kerry has used footage of his military service in Vietnam in his ads.

"It's comparable. It's about the president's history. It's about his leadership ability," said Kerik, who is on a roughly \$140,000-a-year contract with the Defense Department to help establish security and stability in Iraq.

Bush is not the first politician to cite the terrorist attacks in campaign ads. In 2002, New York Gov. George Pataki mentioned the tragedy in an ad that was shown to victims' families for approval before it was broadcast.

But the images in the Bush ads have sparked a furor.

Kristen Breitwieser, of Middletown Township, N.J., whose husband, Ronald Breitwieser, died in the World Trade Center, said Bush should not use the tragedy as "political propaganda."

"Three thousand people were murdered on President Bush's watch," Breitwieser said. "He has not cooperated with the investigation to find out why that happened," a reference to the effort the Bush administration has made in working with the Sept. 11 commission investigating the intelligence failures.

Harold Schaitberger, the firefighter union's president, said: "We're not going to stand for him to put his arm around one of our members on top of a pile of rubble at Ground Zero during a tragedy and then stand by and watch him cut money for first responders."

Bush, Kerry tie in AP poll; Nader takes 6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first poll since John Kerry locked up the Democratic nomination, Kerry and President Bush are tied while independent Ralph Nader has captured enough support to affect the outcome, validating Democrats' fears.

The Republican incumbent had the backing of 46 percent. Kerry 45 percent and Nader, the 2000 Green Party candidate who entered the race last month, was at 6 percent in the survey conducted for The Associated Press by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Bush and the four-term Massachusetts senator, who emerged as the nominee Tuesday after a string of primary race wins over several rivals, have been running close or Kerry has been ahead in most recent polls that did not include Nader.

Since Nader entered the race Feb. 22, campaign strategists and political analysts have been trying to assess the impact of another

presidential bid by the consumer activist whom Democrats blame for Al Gore's loss in 2000.

Four years ago, Nader appeared on the ballot in 43 states and Washington, D.C., garnering only 2.7 percent of the vote. But in Florida and New Hampshire, Bush won such narrow victories that had Gore received the bulk of Nader's votes in those states, he would have won the general election.

Exit polls from 2000 show that about half of Nader's voters would have backed Gore in a two-way race. Nader dismisses the spoiler label.

While Nader's support in the AP-Ipsos poll was 6 percent, his backing in polls in 2000 fluctuated in the single digits — often at about 4 percent, but sometimes higher. This year, Nader is unlikely to get the Green Party nod and faces a stiff challenge in getting his name on the ballot in 50 states.

Kenneth Freeman, an 86-year-

old retiree from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who leans Democratic, was clearly unhappy with Nader's presidential bid.

"Ralph Nader is fouling it all up," Freeman said. "He's taking votes away from the Democrats. I think he's on an ego trip."

Bush's job approval in the AP-Ipsos poll was 48 percent, with 49 percent disapproving, which is essentially the same as last month when 47 percent approved of the president's job performance.

His approval rating, which soared close to 90 percent after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remained high for months, has dipped to the lowest levels of his presidency in recent weeks.

Six in 10 said the country is on the wrong track — up from last month, while slightly more than a third of those surveyed — 35 percent — said the country is headed in the right direction.

"We're 240-something days from Election Day. We've got a long way

to go and expect it to be a close race" throughout, no matter what the factors are," said Terry Holt, a spokesman for the Bush campaign.

The poll was conducted Monday through Wednesday as Kerry captured nine of 10 Super Tuesday elections and claimed the nomination. Nightly results suggested that Kerry did not get a bounce from winning the nomination.

"For all those who want to bring change to America, we need to remain united behind the Democratic nominee," said Kerry campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter.

Kerry, who had solid backing from 28 percent of the voters, was running strong among minorities, people with low incomes, single people, older voters and Catholics.

Bush, who had solid backing from 37 percent, performed well among whites, men, Protestants, homeowners and suburban dwellers.

Glenn warns against funding cuts for space

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Former astronaut John Glenn on Thursday told a presidential commission on space exploration it would be a mistake to cut funding for international space station research.

Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth and a former Ohio senator, said U.S. experiments in the low gravity of space have produced "some of the most unique, cutting-edge research in the history of the whole world."

The Bush administration has said future U.S. research projects on the station would focus on helping achieve its proposed moon and Mars missions.

Space station research has produced tangible results, including better medicines and more productive rice harvests, Glenn said.

Eliminating that kind of research would enable other nations to fill the void and benefit from new technologies, the Democrat said.

"I just don't think that's right," he said, adding that space exploration and research go hand in hand. "I think you should do both. I don't think you cut one out to do the other."

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FBI probe into merchant ships finds terror ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine people with ties to terrorist organizations were identified during a 14-month Coast Guard and FBI investigation into national security threats and document fraud among U.S. merchant ships, officials said Thursday.

The investigation also found thousands of cases of potential fraud and identified individuals working on ships who had arrest warrants pending against them.

"Through extensive and detailed investigative efforts, we have reduced vulnerabilities to terrorism by preventing the fraudulent use of credentials by those who seek to harm our nation and its citizens," said Admiral Thomas H. Collins, the Coast Guard commandant.

The FBI and Coast Guard examined the records of more than 200,000 individuals who work aboard commercial ships, including passenger ships.

Such employees must apply for credentials from the federal government that certify they are qualified to work aboard the ship and that allow them to embark and disembark while at a foreign port.

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NATION

Postal Service looked into 20,000 reports of powder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since the anthrax attacks in 2001, work at the nation's post offices has been disrupted by more than 20,000 incidents of suspicious powder leaking from envelopes and packages.

All but a few have turned out to be nothing more than soap, dust, talc or other non-lethal substances. Sand was the culprit in one incident — included in wedding invitations for a beach ceremony.

Still, the scares have taken a toll in nerves, lost time and money. The anthrax attacks — which claimed the lives of two postal workers — and the more recent ricin cases are keeping postal workers alert and suspicious of unknown materials.

"A person will see something on a machine, on a floor, a case, leaking out of an envelope or box," said Patrick R. Donahoe, the U.S. Postal Service's chief operating officer. "They have been instructed, if they see something like that to consider it dangerous."

The area then is sealed off and local hazardous materials teams and the Postal Inspection Service are called in, he said.

On Feb. 11, for example, three post offices in Petersburg, Va., were closed after white powder was seen leaking from a package addressed to Geneva in Switzerland. The sender, a woman, had told a postal worker the package contained perfume. A Fort Lee decontamination team, equipped with air drums and chemical suits, responded.

The area then is sealed off and local hazardous materials teams and the Postal Inspection Service are called in, he said.

Testing ruled out dangerous materials.

While there isn't a pattern, more of the alarms tend to be in the East and West. Donahoe said, probably because the anthrax attacks occurred in Eastern cities and workers there may be more sensitive to the potential danger.

Postal Inspector Molly McMan said all have been false alarms other than the ricin and anthrax cases already known. Still, she said, responding to the false alarms drains resources.

Postal Service officials said they couldn't estimate the cost of checking out suspicious packages, both for dollars and lost work hours.

Donahoe said the amount of time lost depends on the facility. In a large facility, he said, only an area may have to be evacuated, while a smaller office may have to be shut down.

It also depends on the community. Some have high-tech equipment that can conduct a field test quickly while others may have to send the material to a lab, he said.

"I think that by responding quickly, the employees feel we're taking their best safety and health into consideration," Donahoe said.

Leading suspicious powders that turned out to be harmless include powdered Alfredo sauce, ground lentils, pudding mix and coffee creamer, McMan said.

Other cases have included leaking samples of detergent, sugar or baking soda.

The Postal Service itself had used talc to maintain dryness in shipments of stamps sent to collectors.

One anonymous reader told the trade publication Linn's Stamp News that he had six firefighters, two police officers and the local hazmat crew in his living room after noticing powder when he opened a package of stamps.



People supporting gay marriage line up outside the Municipal Building in New York, Thursday. Dozens of same-sex couples waited outside the city clerk's office to obtain marriage licenses Thursday morning but were turned away with a letter explaining that gay marriages are illegal in the state.

New York turns gay couples away; Oregon still issues marriage permits

NEW YORK (AP) — The fight over gay marriages reached the nation's largest city Thursday as about three dozen same-sex couples asked for licenses and were turned down. One applicant warned, "This isn't going away."

Couples in a New York suburb were also rejected, but across the country in Portland, Ore., a line of at least 100 hopefuls snaked around a building as Multnomah County handed out licenses to gay couples for a second day.

"This isn't a matter of sacred and religious issues. It's a civil issue," said Nelson Jones, 71, who came out to support the Oregon couples and hoped to seek his own license there next week.

It is not clear how long the licenses will be available. Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski has warned the marriages may not be legal and requested a legal opinion from Oregon's attorney general.

New York's attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, said in an opinion Wednesday that his state's laws prohibit same-sex marriages, and New York City's top lawyer said the same about city law. Mayor Michael Bloomberg has also promised to enforce the law.

Still, gay couples began lining up outside the city clerk's office two hours before it opened. First in line were Mara Gottlieb, 33, and Camille Gonzalez, 33, accompanied by Gottlieb's mother and their rabbi.

"They, like those who followed, were handed a 50-page rejection letter that included the state and city's legal opinions and offered information about domestic partnership options.

"We're disappointed, but we think it's important for people to come here," said Gottlieb, who wore a tam-like white band in her hair. "We want the politicians to know that this isn't going away."

About 300 gay and lesbian demonstrators held signs and chanted: "It's about equality."

About 30 miles to the north, New York Mayor John Shields met on Thursday with same-sex couples and then accompanied them to the Orange-town clerk's office to apply for marriage licenses. The mayor and his partner, Bob Streams, went first, and the town clerk handed them a statement saying she is not authorized to issue licenses to same-sex couples. Eight other couples were also denied.

Shields, 60, was not surprised. "I think it's wonderful that a group came together to fight for the rights we deserve," he said.

Shields had originally planned to hold a wedding ceremony for same-sex couples like one held last week in the college town of New Paltz, but changed his mind after the Spitzer opinion.

"I want to be a plaintiff, not a defendant," Shields said.

New Paltz Mayor Jason West faces 19 criminal counts and could face jail time after performing 25 same-sex ceremonies last Friday. He has pleaded innocent and promised to conduct more marriages this weekend.

A religious rights law firm asked a court Thursday to bar gay marriages in New York and will seek to remove West from office.

Mathew Staver, president of the Liberty Counsel, said West "is taking his oath of office in a very cavalier manner. He calls this day the best day of his mayor career when he solemnized these unions. We're trying to make it his last day."

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Los Angeles Times

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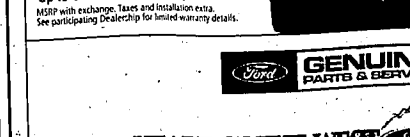


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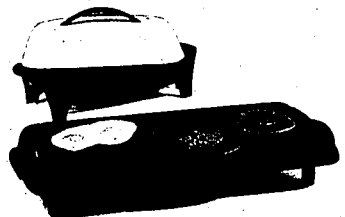
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EDITORIAL

Just one set of simple rules benefits land use

Scan a map of the federal lands that cover much of southern Idaho, and you'll see patches of Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service land stitched together like a crazy quilt.

With the two agencies' lands so intermingled, couldn't they share the same rules?

likely to benefit from working with one set of federal guidelines instead of two.

Under the plan, either Forest Service or BLM rules could make up the single set of management procedures. Since most permits appear to favor BLM rules, that agency will probably take the lead.

Our view: A proposal to integrate management rules for the BLM and Forest Service in two local counties has considerable merit. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

That's the gist of the Twin Falls/Cassia Area Federal Lands Pilot Project, which has been proposed by a Boise law firm representing Idaho Department of Lands. The basic idea is for the two federal agencies to use a single set of land and resource management rules for both BLM and Forest Service lands in a pilot project area.

Neither agency has made an official comment on the proposal, but it has considerable merit. If it cuts through the red tape that exists with public land use, it could result in fewer headaches for both agency personnel and public-land users.

The federal pilot project would be the first of its kind in the country. The project area would include 630,000 national forest acres and about 670,000 BLM acres in Twin Falls and Cassia counties. BLM and Forest Service lands north of the Snake River would not be involved.

Public response to the proposal appears to be positive, judging by the comments at local meetings. Many of those who attended last week's meeting with Perkins and Cole, the Boise consultants presenting the plan, came from the ranching industry. Cattlemen seem

region. Earlier this year, the two agencies announced plans to locate their offices in the same Twin Falls office. Forest Service and BLM offices in Burley will do the same thing.

From the permittees' standpoint, having one place to turn for rules and guidelines is simply common sense. But, if a forest permittee still prefers Forest Service rules, the proposal allows him to opt out of BLM guidelines.

The proposal would also provide funding to the University of Idaho or College of Southern Idaho. That way the state can monitor the project midway through its 10-year term and measure its effectiveness in reaching management goals.

Idaho's congressional delegation should take up the banner for this proposal as it heads to Washington for necessary federal legislation. The plan appears to be a win-win for those who work within, and alongside, the two agencies.

Fix marriage? Try sharing the remote

So President Bush wants to strengthen American marriage with an amendment? Bring it on! But let's do it right. I mean - gay marriage? That's about as threatening to the wedding industry as Vera Wang. No, the real threat to your average, rock-solid, kid/dog/picket fence/credit card debt/Internet porn/2 a.m. Ben & Jerry's marriage is, according to an informal poll I just took: the remote.

LENORE SKENAZY

And many women would "I do" the "Queer Eye" star, too, if only he would turn down the TV and establish eye contact when they said, "You know, I ran into Sheila today."

So in the interest of helping Bush soothe the very institution he is so worried about, I propose the following:

Amendment XXVIII: Resolved: Congress shall make a law requiring both spouses to spend at least one weekend per year doing something one spouse considers screamingly dull but the other spouse considers completely engrossing - e.g., antiquing, fishing, visiting a sister, visiting a sister who just had twins, attending a sporting event, even one that involves giant trucks (which really isn't a sport at all, if you ask most wives) and/or cleaning out the closets.

Furthermore, attendance at this event shall be effected without grumbling, drinking or audible sighing. Nor shall loud rock music be blasted throughout.

Amendment XXIX: No in-law shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the nonblood-related

GAY WEDDINGS COULD WEAKEN THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE.



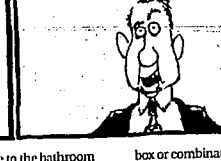
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relative. Amendment XXX: The right of the wife to chat during TV shows shall be limited to commercial breaks, provided the right of the husband to watch TV shall end after two half-hour comedies or one full-hour drama. This law shall be suspended any episode of "CSI" which requires total concentration on the part of both spouses, because it is so confusing. Especially the one in Miami.

Amendment XXXI: The right of the husband to use the bathroom while the wife is in the bathroom shall be contingent upon his leaving it free of gleaming globes on any porcelain surface.

Amendment XXXII: Similarly, the

right of the wife to the bathroom also shall be curtailed if the fog of scented products becomes so thick that subsequent bathroom-users leave for the construction site smelling like Shalimar.

Amendment XXXIII: In all prosecutions dealing with whether a husband forgot a "special day," or even remembered the special day but not with a "special enough" gift, said husband shall submit to a speedy and public finger wag and then the wife shall get over it.

Amendment XXXIV: On the other hand, husbands shall also spend at least one day a month in a Hallmark shop, and not leave without a stuffed animal, card, candy

box or combination thereof, no matter how astronomical the markup.

Amendment XXXV: Questions of "Where is the butter?" cannot be submitted without the querying spouse first walking over to the fridge, opening it and actually looking inside.

Amendment XXXVI: Spouses shall not go to bed angry - unless they are angry at President Bush - for trying to divert the nation's attention from its real problems by proposing a stipid and discriminating amendment.

Lenore Skenazy is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

LETTERS

Departed friend will be dearly missed

Thank You, Justin Frederickson. To my friend, who was a friend to many. Thank you for sharing your time with us all. We love you and miss you. DALE KUNKEL, Twi Falls

Japanese-American internment had a reason

I feel that I must respond to the letter from Greg Rogers. First, to explain why the Japanese-Americans were interned while the Germans and Italians were ignored. There was concern that the Japanese were preparing to invade the west coast whereas the Germans and Italians were tied up in Europe and could not possibly invade the USA. We were completely surprised and did not know what the probability was for a Japanese invasion.

The war in Europe brought to light the dangers of what was called a fifth column - civilian spies and saboteurs who jumped into action when the invading army arrived. We thought that the threat was real and prepared ourselves accordingly. Even in Oakley, we had air raid wardens and a sentry who guarded the Oakley dam from a little shack that was his permanent abode for the duration. This fiasco was the result of the lack of military intelligence but the threat was real that a Japanese sympathizer would report the movement of troop ships along the coast to Japanese subs. Thus, it is possible that thousands of lives were saved by removing Japanese-Americans from the area.

The claim that the relocation was the result of racial prejudice is absurd. True, racism did exist and, at one time, a law existed in California that prevented Japanese from owning property, but it was cultural differences that caused

most of the misunderstanding and lack of communication between the two races. From the fact that there was only one doctor among the 10,000 inmates at Hunt suggests that the Japanese-Americans did not have the tremendous drive to become well educated that is exhibited by present-day Japanese.

The bottom line is: Self-preservation takes priority over causing a denial of small. KENT HALE, Oakley

Rangen water right is hardly in jeopardy

Rangens' 1962 water right is a wastewater right. In the early 1990s, all of Idaho's water was claimed after the north side started surface irrigation. The water started to flow at Hagerman Springs. This extra water was then appropriated in 1982. During the 1980s, everybody became efficient irrigators and the sprinklers were installed, along with lots of wells for the expanding farm population and rural development. So all these wells have established a right of usage. It's not a right of usage. A right of way. This right is called adverse possession. A law states that once a right is established by all the well users or consumers, it can't be taken away without just compensation.

Rangen and other water users filed on the extra water. Well, there ain't no extra water now. The farmer does not have to supply a downstream user with wastewater. The fish farmers have to become efficient. Rangen lets millions of gallons of fish water go into the Snake River. If he needs more water, then he should pump it back to the head of the runs. They really are swimming in excess water.

And who are these bureaucrats threatening us? The water belongs to Idahoans, not a greedy caller.

Good riddance to Laird Noh - cowing the people but not representing them and siding with Reagan. My everybody, you haven't helped anybody either. please retire. JEROME FITZGERALD, Shoshone

Leaders' greed leaves nothing for workers

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center leaders are like our government leaders. They are not there to lead but to see how much they can get for themselves. They destroy competition or send it to foreign countries. They prey on working people with the belief that every working person in America has a money tree in their back yard and it continually is able to produce money.

Because of this one-sided mess, we are going deeper in debt and closer to a dictatorship every day. Taxes and medical costs are going higher, and Greenspan says Social Security may have to pay for it. Why do we have to police and control the world, go to the moon or Mars? Why not take care of America and working people first?

Remember, self-government will not work without self-control. You're going to be voting in November. Are you going to vote for where you have been or vote for a new direction? DON DEPEW, Jerome

Retiring senator's service inspired Idaho citizens

I respect Sen. Laird Noh's decision to retire from the legislative body, but I was saddened and deeply regret that the Magic Valley has lost a gentleman with a keen intellect and who represented us with integrity. It will be a big loss, not only for Twin Falls County but for Idaho.

I have learned a few things after getting involved with the Idaho legislative process over the last

four years. In my opinion, there are three different kinds of legislators. First are those with the intelligence and insight to be able to debate the issues and base their decisions on what is right and best for Idaho. They have the foresight to see that short-term benefits aren't always the best for our future. Second are legislators who are there only to seek power and profit for themselves and their buddies.

They have no concern for the adverse effect their decisions have on citizens. Finally, there are legislators who have neither the ability to understand nor have the intellect to debate the issues during the hearings but just sit there like a mummy and then vote like a puppet. I marvel at how these last two categories have managed to be elected by the most sophisticated citizens in the world.

My family and my neighbors have suffered over the last four years from the stench of the mega dairies south of Filer because of the lack of action and ineffective solutions by our county commissioners. Because of this, I can no longer take the election process lightly. Elected officials like Sen. Noh and a few others give me hope that if citizens take their responsibility seriously and elect those who have the intellect and integrity to represent us, then we will have a caring and effective government. We have a democratic form of government, but if we are apathetic in exercising our rights, one party's platform will dictate the destiny of our nation, our state and our life. Without balanced challenge or constructive debate of the issues, we will no longer have democracy!

Sen. Noh, I want to thank you for your dedication in serving and caring not only for your constituents but also for all Idahoans, my family and I wish you the best and hope that you will enjoy your retirement days to the fullest. God bless!

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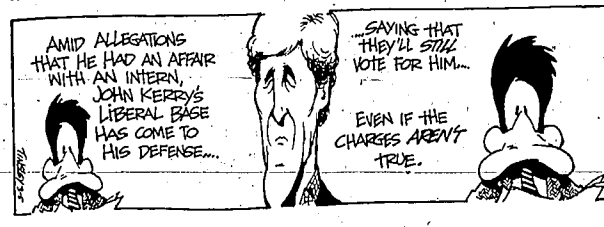
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Kerry gets the nod, but Edwards shines

And now the envelope, please. One thing to be said for the accelerated timetable of Democratic presidential primaries is that the nomination was settled just hours after the Academy Awards went off the air.

friend from the anti-Vietnam protest days, finally got to hear Edwards give his stump speech at the party dinner in Milwaukee two days before the Wisconsin primary. He was blown away.

He was far from alone. Starting in Iowa, people in increasing numbers came to see Edwards out of curiosity and left as converts. And the former trial lawyer had the actor's discipline to go through the script with the same degree of conviction and seeming spontaneity almost every time - an awesome performance.

Best Supporting Actress: A tie between Elizabeth Edwards and Teresa Heinz Kerry, who campaigned vigorously and effectively on their own and managed, when on stage with their husbands, to avoid the adoring gaze that once was expected from the candidate's spouse. Smart, independent women, they did much to signal a welcome change in American society. And a special award to Judith Steinberg Dean, who sent the same message simply by sticking to her medical practice.

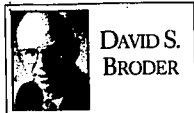
Best Supporting Actor: Ted Kennedy, who almost literally raised the roof when he introduced Kerry at rallies. And a special award to Max Cleland and the other wounded Vietnam vets for whom each trip to a new city and each climb onto the stage was an act of courage and a tribute to their buddy, John Kerry.

Most Gracious Withdrawal: Joe Lieberman, who left with his dignity and convictions intact, and went home to a deserved warm welcome in Connecticut.

Most Gracious Endorsement: Wes Clark, the retired general who came out to Wisconsin to endorse former Navy Lieutenant Kerry and said to the winner: "Sir, request permission to come aboard." And an Innovative Oscar, which the Academy is free to copy, the Worst Supporting Actor Award: Jerry McEntee of AFSCME, who jumped the gun on most other labor leaders in hopes of being the kingmaker in Howard Dean's campaign.

Dean a week before Wisconsin. Dean had plenty of faults, but he didn't deserve this. As columnist Mark Shields has written, McEntee's double cross probably scotches whatever hopes he had to become the next president of the AFL-CIO. Loyalty is supposed to mean something in politics and in life, and he failed the test big-time.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.



DAVID S. BRODER

It's obvious that the John Kerry campaign was the political equivalent of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." Just as that epic dominated the Oscars, the Massachusetts senator won battle after battle, starting in Iowa and going right through Super Tuesday.

That he did so even after his chances had been dismissed by his rivals and by many reporters before the turn of the year spoke volumes about Kerry's tenacity.

It was not a surprise. He had shown similar qualities in turning back the challenge to his continued Senate tenure in 1996 from Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld, the most appealing Republican officeholder in a generation in the Commonwealth.

Looking ahead to his race with President Bush, Kerry can draw some comfort from the fact that he has faced a Republican as personable as Bush and beaten him on the issues.

But this will be a tougher contest by far, and there will be plenty to write as it unfolds.

For now, those envelopes, with a few freelance variations: Best Director: It has to be Mary Beth Cahill, who took over as manager of a badly divided and staggering Kerry campaign on Nov. 10 and led it lawlessly and unobtrusively to victory. Cahill had a talented group of consultants and advisers on her staff, but it was her calm and competence that seemed to liberate Kerry from worries about what was going on in headquarters and allowed him to focus on his job as candidate.

Best Actor: John Edwards finished second in delegates, but no one delivered his lines better than the young senator from North Carolina. When Sam Brown, a Kerry volunteer who tramped across the country helping his

LETTER

Facts show the success of wolf recovery program

There has been a recent spate of concern over the decimated elk since the wolf recovery program. Here are some facts:

In 2002, Idaho adult bull elk numbers declined but hunters insisted that tags would not be limited. While the adult bull elk declined, yearling bulls increased. By the end of 2002, there were more elk in the Middle Fork area than 15 years ago, before wolf reintroduction. Elk in the Clearwater went into a steep decline in the early 1990s, before wolf reintroduction. In 2003 there was an increase of elk along the Lochsa and the numbers were ranged as good. In August of 2003, in Bear Valley, the area was closed to livestock grazing. As a result, elk have increased there in large numbers. In the Kootenai area, only seven bagged elk were taken through the check station in 2002. Twenty-one were taken through in 2003.

All of these areas are documented wolf sites, yet elk herds are increasing where habitat is supportive and civilization has not encroached. Before the

wolves were reintroduced, there were approximately 45 public meetings and public hearings held in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. The majority of attendees voted for reintroduction. This is in contrast to rumors that wolves were "dumped" on Idaho without anyone having a voice.

Idaho County commissioners passed Resolution 2004-12 to remove wolves from within the borders of the county "by any means necessary." At a meeting, Ron Gillette of the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition suggested poison without hesitation. Under federal protection, wolves shot, trapped, or poisoned, or bounties or other incentives placed to remove wolves comes with a \$100,000 fine and federal prison.

Words used to incite by the anti-wolf coalition are "catastrophic, slaughter, disaster, silent, crisis, raining," said repeatedly to play on emotions. Facts need to be presented without exaggeration and innuendoes, and these facts need to be substantiated by unbiased (not paid or rehearsed) witnesses.

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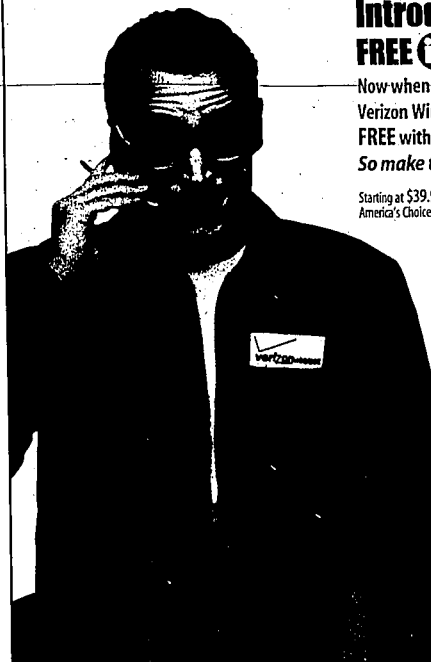
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Boise bank robber resembles T.F. suspect

TWIN FALLS — A man who robbed a Wells Fargo Bank in Boise Tuesday bears resemblance to the suspect in several Twin Falls heists.

Officials are not saying he is one and the same, however.

"It looks like the same guy," said Sgt. Dan McAtee of the Twin Falls Police Department. "It may or may not be him."

The suspect is described as a Caucasian man between the ages of 35 and 45, 6 feet tall and weighing at least 200 pounds.

The Twin Falls Police Department is continuing its investigation of the robberies, the last of which occurred at the Lynwood branch of Wells Fargo Bank on Filer Avenue East on Sept. 10.

That bank was also robbed on July 30, 2002. A Key Bank branch at 1665 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. was robbed March 31 of last year, too.

Anyone with information about the robberies is asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7200, the Twin Falls office of the FBI at 733-5720 or the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 735-1911.

Baby wins college tuition in drawing at hospital

TWIN FALLS — Vivica Moreno is one lucky baby.

She was awarded four years of college tuition through the Native Idahoan Tuition Fund at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

All babies born at Magic Valley Regional during 2003 were eligible to enter the drawing.

Daughter of Guillermo and Monica Moreno of Twin Falls, Vivica, born Oct. 5, 2003, will receive up to \$31,000 to help pay for her tuition at any Idaho public college or university, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional.

Her name was drawn at random from more than 1,000 entries.

"One way to give something special back to the community is to ensure that a life starting out at our hospital holds great promise for the future," said John Kee, the hospital's chief executive officer.

"It is another way that Magic Valley Regional and the hospital's Foundation invest in the health of the community."

To receive the funds, the winning child must enroll in an Idaho college or university within 18 months of high school graduation.

Funds will be held in trust by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation until the child enrolls in college and then paid directly to the school at which the child enrolls, the news release said.

United Way hears grant requests at meeting

TWIN FALLS — During its meeting last week at the Ascension Episcopal Church, the 2004 United Way Allocation Committee heard presentations from partner agencies of the United Way of South Central Idaho who were interested in obtaining "targeted focus" grants from the United Way.

The committee of 17 volunteers from across south-central Idaho provided recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors for allocating funds raised during the fall campaign.

Announcement of the approved allocations will be made at a press conference set for 12:15 p.m. Monday in the conference room at the Health and Welfare building on Pole Line Road.

Compiled from staff reports

All-terrain vehicle meeting

Look for this and more Magic Valley stories on page B3.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % season pack. Rows include Upper Snake Basin, Salmon Falls, Salmon, Oakley, Big Wood, Little Wood, Henrys Fork/Teton, Big Lost, Little Lost.

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

State wants to join salmon litigation

Officials: Lawsuit aims to protect state's control of its water

The Associated Press

BOISE — Attorney General Lawrence Wasden asked a federal judge on Thursday for permission to join a lawsuit filed last January over the effect of Upper Snake River reservoirs on migrating salmon and steelhead.

In his petition to U.S. District Judge James Redden in Portland, Wasden said the state wanted to

protect Idaho's sovereignty and control of its water.

Five environmental and fisheries groups have asked Redden to require federal fish managers to consider the impact of about a dozen federal dams above Hells Canyon as well as all the dams below on the anadromous fish runs and base their recovery plan on that.

They argued that the dams have inhibited the river's natural flow to both flush fish to sea and

to help them return to spawn. In attempt to offset that impact, the state had been flushing 427,000 acre feet of water down the river until drought conditions the past three years have made it impossible to meet that flow target.

Idaho water users have maintained for years that flow augmentation does not have any significant effect on the fish runs while reducing water available for irrigation and other uses.

"We will continue to support scientifically sound solutions, but we will fight any efforts to override state water law and impose

unwise and ultimately futile flow augmentation on Idaho water users," he said.

Environmental groups have guaranteed state officials they will not press for any more in 2004 than the 427,000 acre feet the state has provided in past years from water users willing to rent their annual allocations for that purpose.

But state officials and the Idaho Water Users Association fear that the environmental and fisheries groups will go after much more than that in future years.

Norm Semanko has estimated any extensive increase in flow augmentation will dry up hun-

dreds of thousands of acres of irrigated farmland in southern Idaho.

"We must never yield in the fight over the sovereignty of Idaho water," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in a press release. "This suit challenges the adequacy of our state water law to afford voluntary contributions by willing-buyers and willing-sellers for salmon flow augmentation. Our interests in this regard must be vigorously defended."

Environmental leaders maintain that federal law requires the rivers and dams to be managed to assure the survival of the fish runs.

HALFTIME HIJINKS



College of Southern Idaho women's basketball Coach Randy Rogers, right, sits in a chair at mid-court as Keeha Olander and the CSI Dance Team perform during halftime of the CSI men's basketball game Thursday night at the Scenic West Athletic Conference Region 2B basketball championships. The CSI women play Dixie State College at 5 p.m. tonight.

Commerce director praises Magic Valley

By J. Drew Johnson Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The Magic Valley leads the way in economic growth in Idaho, state Labor Department Director Roger Madsen told a group at Thursday's rural development forum.

Madsen said the Magic Valley leads the state in economic initiatives. "We haven't seen as an impressive effort in the state as we have here in the Magic Valley and others are trying to replicate it."

Madsen highlighted the overall economic growth of the Magic Valley and the governor's rural initiative.

"Take a look at your eight-county area here," he said. "All eight counties have had quite substantial improvements over the last year."

Madsen pointed out that Twin Falls County was the leader in job growth last year while other areas such as Boise and Ada lost jobs.

According to information provided by the Department of Labor, Twin Falls County saw an increase of 2,621 jobs last year while Ada County saw a decrease of 1,251.

Madsen praised the College of Southern Idaho and Region IV Development.

"It is important to recognize the local leadership here, which is exceptional," he said. "The College of Southern Idaho is one of the most impressive work force devel-

oper initiatives in the country, not just in Idaho."

CSI has been an example to the country through its customized training, particularly for Dell, he said.

"The U.S. Secretary of Labor mentioned the efforts of CSI and Dell of how you ought to do things," Madsen said. "Out of all the programs in the country, she mentioned the CSI-Dell relationship first."

Madsen is in Rupert to present city officials a \$350,000 grant from the state that is helping improve the electric system to allow Kraft to expand its Rupert operation and hire 35 new employees.

"We feel honored to be able to

obtain this grant and we know that Kraft is very appreciative and the new workers appreciate this award," Mayor Audrey Nerwerth said.

The forums are designed to bring state and federal officials into communities to provide resources and explain to local leaders how to access the programs and grants to boost economic development.

"We are bringing community leaders, mayors, city council people and economic development specialists together to talk about their successes and challenges," said Dwight Johnson, public affairs manager for the Idaho Department of Labor.

"We feel honored to be able to

Dobbs joins ISAT panel after sacking of previous members

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — The appointment of Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs to a statewide committee evaluating the Idaho Standards Achievement Test came after seven previous committee members were removed by the State Board of Education last month.

The Technical Advisory Committee is charged with making sure the ISAT is valid and fair.

The removals, first reported Thursday by the Lewiston Morning Tribune, happened during a Feb. 5 board meeting not attended by State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard.

"It was a total turnaround with no advance warning," said Howard, who appointed the seven who were removed.

Dobbs wasn't available for comment Thursday, but he told The Times-News early last month that he wants to see the ISAT improved



Wiley Dobbs

so that it is better aligned with the state's standards.

"I'm looking forward to working on it, because we're in favor of a graduation test," Dobbs said.

If a word could be used to describe last month's meeting because she was traveling, she intended to call in for the meeting, but it was over by the time she called. Howard learned of the firings Feb. 13 by listening to a tape of the meeting.

The change signals ongoing leadership struggles between Howard, the only Democrat elected to statewide office, and the members of State Board of Education, all appointed by Republican Gov. Dirk

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Senate rejects legislative review of mandatory test

The Associated Press

BOISE — Despite the support of most Magic Valley senators, an attempt to secure an independent legislative assessment of the soon-to-be-mandatory test for high school graduation narrowly failed Wednesday.

On an 18-15 vote, the slim majority argued that the evaluation of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test by the Legislature, complained about how the Bush administration seemed to be dictating to the state on many issues — from assessing the mandatory tests to computerized certification of teachers to a special curriculum for home and virtual schools.

"Let's get our own determination of whether this is valid and not turn it over to the federal government," Noh said.

Also voting for the assessment were Republican Sens. Tom Gannon of Buhl and Denton Darrington of Boise, along with Democratic Sen. Clint Stennett of Ketchum.



tion, which is a strong supporter of mandatory testing.

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Earlier in the day, Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, was much blunter in commenting on the state board's decision to permit certification of teachers based solely on a computerized test. The test is being given for the first time in Idaho in

two weeks. The American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, a Pennsylvania-based organization, is the only other state to recognize the test and it requires in-class training in addition.

"I'm becoming increasingly frustrated by the constant progression of federal folks who regard us as some backward state ripe for exploitation — and with the Judases of Idaho who are willing to sell us out for an 'atta boy' and a

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Orvil D. 'O.D.' Christopherson



Orvil D. "O.D." Christopherson, 83, passed away peacefully Monday, March 1, 2004, at a local care facility. Orvil was born on Dec. 25, 1920, in Hazelton, Idaho. He was raised there and graduated in 1938. He attended University of Idaho Southern Branch, known as ISU. He has lived in Pocatello for the last 40 years.

He married Florence Sorenson in Jerome, Idaho, on July 2, 1947. After her passing in February of 1991, he met and married Rhoda Mitchell in Elko, Nev., on June 15, 1992. Orvil was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp. for six years. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 42 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1981. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, El Korah Shriners, Elks Club, and the Knights of Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the United Methodist Church. He loved his family, fishing, boating, golfing, playing pool, camping and walking. Should friends desire, donations may be made in his honor to the Chubbuck United Methodist

and Jeff (Chen) Christopherson of Pocatello, (brothers), Deo Christopherson of Alta Loma, Calif., Dale Christopherson of Pahrump, Nev., and Gale Christopherson of Payson, Utah; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence Sorenson Christopherson; parents, Murdoch and Isabel Christy; brothers, Wallace Christopherson and Jimmie Christopherson; and sister, Lavina Sorenson. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Friday, March 5, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N. 15th Ave. in Pocatello, with Pastor Marcie Collins officiating. Family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the church on the day of the services. Interment will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery, where the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard will provide military Rites. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home, 2005 S. 4th Ave.

Arthur Vernon Beem



Arthur Vernon Beem, 86, died Wednesday morning, March 3, 2004, at his home. A native of Idaho, Art was born in Nampa, on Dec. 14, 1917. He was the second child born to Virgil and Katie Beem.

At age 16 he signed up for the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked on projects in the mountains near Idaho City and in the South Hills.

He returned to the Magic Valley and where he farmed in the Pleasant Plains and Perrine areas. He married Sarah Bamberg on July 4, 1937, and they were later divorced. Art enjoyed fishing in the summer and snowmobiling in the winter.

He is survived by Melba Burgess, his loving companion of 30 years; his children, Dub Beem of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Beverly Beem of Jerome, Idaho; brothers, Truman (Ruby) Beem and Kenneth (Donna) Beem of Jerome, Idaho;

and sister, Laura (Johnny) Kober of Burley, Idaho; grandchildren, Sherry (Doug) Maestas of Boise, Idaho, Shelley (Paul) Meckley of Winnemucca, Nev., Rufina Beem of Boise, Idaho, and Yoeng Beem of Jerome, great-grandchildren, Lynsée Connors, Michael and Kylene Meckley, Lucy Maestas; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Dorothy Rice and Anna Beem; and a brother, Fred Beem.

Nick Shaver - Buhl



Nick Shaver, 90, of Buhl, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004. He was born April 22, 1913, in Hartsfield, Mo. to Walter and Daisy (Widener) Shaver. The family moved west to Idaho locating in Buhl in 1918. The family farm was located in the Clover area south of Buhl. He attended Clark's Spring country school and later went to Buhl High School. He married Evelyn Moore Nov. 23, 1931.

She preceded him in death on Dec. 30, 1984. They were the parents of one daughter, Yvonne Cross, who lives in Clarkston, Wash., and one son, Jack Shaver, who lives in Pocatello, Idaho.

Nick was a World War II veteran, classified as a gunner mate aboard the Naval Destroyer U.S.S. Ovin.

He served in the Pacific Theater, including Okinawa and Iwo Jima. During this time he was awarded multiple citations for his gunnery skills in battle.

Later he witnessed, from his ship that was anchored next to the battleship Missouri, the his-

toric treaty signing that took place in Tokyo Harbor Sept. 2, 1945. Upon returning to Buhl and civilian life, he found a passion for road and highway construction. He worked for numerous contractors and later became a partner with the firm, Eagle Construction Company. One of his most memorable projects was having successfully built a high-

way up a steep mountainous area in Tenselec, Wyo. He subsequently was awarded recognition by the Wyoming state highway department for this most difficult achievement. He was a 50 year honorary member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 370, based in Spokane, Wash.

He is survived by his son, Jack (Martha) Shaver; his daughter, Yvonne (Clayton) Cross; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; mother and father, brother, Don Shaver; and sister, Ruby Eggleston. Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. 9th Ave. in Buhl.

Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery followed by a memorial reception at the Buhl Senior Citizens Center, corner of Broadway and Main.

Manning Brown Patterson - Gooding



Manning Brown Patterson, 92, of Gooding, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, in Gooding, Idaho. Manning was born Jan. 20, 1912, in Palmyra, Ill., to John and Mary Patterson. He moved with his family to Gooding in October of 1912.

They moved to their ranch northeast of Gooding in 1917 where he lived the rest of his life.

He received his education in Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School in 1930. Manning married Mildred Brown on Nov. 3, 1935. They were married 68 years. They have a son, farming to live at the home place, raising and raising sheep and cattle.

They purchased a ranch on the Camas Prairie in 1963. Their son, Jim, and his wife, Nancy, joined the corporation in 1974. They sold the sheep business in 1982.

Manning was a life-long member of the Gooding Baptist Church and served as moderator of the board for many years. He was also a 60 year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Manning was a director on the Production Credit Association for

hardworking and fair in his dealings. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Bonita (Allen) Osborne of Twin Falls, Arlene (Ed) Marshall of Meridian/Fairfield, and Maryfer (Don) Janak of Natick; one son, Jim (Mandy) Patterson of Gooding; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Wallace of Gooding.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Glenn, Harry and Ralph; and one great-granddaughter, McKinsay Osborne. Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at the Gooding Methodist Church, 805 Main St., with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gooding Baptist Church, Gooding Hospital Memorial Fund or the charity of your choice.

OBITUARY

Melvin-Louis Brehmer - Rupert



Melvin Louis Brehmer, an 81-year-old Rupert resident, passed away March 4, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Melvin was born on Feb. 14, 1923, in Anita, Iowa, to Martin Carl and Emma Marie Picken Brehmer.

He married May Phillips Kent on Feb. 23, 1954, and lived in Denver, Colo., for many years. They moved to Rupert in 1972.

He served honorably in the military for the duration of World War II. Melvin was a diesel mechanic and loved Mel's Diesel Repair in Rupert.

He loved his work and had a great interest in all types of heavy equipment and loved to attend the tractor pulls.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ.

Melvin is survived by one sister, Eleanor Beck of Iowa; four stepchildren, Rudbeck, Pat Kent of Rupert, Deanna (Carol) Kent, Myrna Gillen and Arvon (Bonnie) Kent of Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother and one sister.

Private service for family and close friends will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004, at the mortuary, 710 6th St. Rupert, Idaho.

Hagerman residents discuss city's future

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Drugs topped Ann Baker's list of problems in Hagerman.

"We have drug problems in my neighborhood," she said. "Just within the last two weeks, we have had two drug busts and I am very grateful for that."

Baker's comments came during a town hall meeting Wednesday hosted by the Hagerman City Council to openly discuss concerns held by city residents.

And while Baker supported cleaning up the drug problem and trash, resident Niko Tzanakakis said, he would like to see the city and Hagerman Senior-City Community Center personnel do something about the center's parking lot and adjacent street.

The last 10 years, there has been no improvement at the center, Tzanakakis said.

"If you had a paved parking lot, I would volunteer my services every time it snows, to plow it," he added.

One resident complained that a specific piece of property in Hagerman had become a "land-fill." Resident Pete Adkisson supported appointing a citizens watch-dog group to advise the City Council, which he said should establish an annual clean up day.

"I think in the near-term, cleaning up is going to have to be done by the city in this room," resident Milo Packer said. "I agree the businesses should probably take the lead. I know it's a state highway that goes through here, but I think right now if we get the state to come and clean it the week before Fossil Days, we're lucky."

"Every time we would grab a broom and shovel, it would take us very long to go from one end of town to the other," Packer also added.

Joe Herring of Region IV Development, a nonprofit corporation that facilitates economic development in south-central Idaho, moderated the meeting.

Some of the 70 residents, Herring encouraged them to voice their concerns and suggest ideas to better their community.

Residents voiced a wide variety of problems, from "slum landlords" to unlicensed cars on vacant lots and dogs on the run. Some complained of horse tracks and others listed traffic concerns, such as excessive speed limits in residential zones, noisy jack brakes, street damage caused by truck traffic, and potholes.

Improvements suggested included a monthly news bulletin, after-school activities for youth, hometown shopping promotion, city sanitation services and construction of a new library, city hall

and community center complex. The town hall audience applauded resident Mark Boudice when he commended Police Chief Loren Miller and Public Works Superintendent Casey Kelley.

"We have two new city employees," Boudice told the audience. "In the last 60 to 90 days, I have seen more activity from these two guys than I have seen in a lot of years."

A limited budget and a declining population — which in the last census had dropped from 830 in 1990 to 636 in 2000, despite recent annexations — were listed as problems by resident Doug Winegar.

He encouraged City Council members to be receptive to new developments and consider annexing them, which would translate into more tax revenue for the city.

Tom Bricker said he wanted to see more people get involved. Only a small, core group in Hagerman volunteer at community events and more people need to participate, he said.

Mayor Todd Bassett concluded the meeting by pledging to follow-up on the residents' concerns.

"In my heart, I believe individuals really care about this community," Bassett said. "You say you want to resource your time, service and volunteer and I think we are going to call you on that. We need you."

Police find illegal immigrants in Ariz. drop houses

PHOENIX (AP) — At least 115 illegal immigrants were found Thursday in three Phoenix-area houses after neighbors saw people being unloaded from trucks and horse trailers, police officials said.

There have been 18 so-called "drop houses" found in the Phoenix area in the past three weeks. In all, about 850 illegal immigrants have been freed.

February, about 30 suspects have been taken into custody.

Officials say the numbers are getting more publicity but are not unprecedented.

"Before we do our 'Chicken Little' thing and think the sky is falling, we have to put this into historic perspective," said Russell Ahr, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "We have seen

greater levels of smuggling activity ... in Maricopa County in the past."

Fifty-eight immigrants were found inside a two-bedroom apartment in Mesa on Thursday morning, Ahr said.

A few hours later, Mesa police received a call from someone who saw people being unloaded from trucks and moved into an apartment, where they later found 19 illegal immigrants.

The apartment was being rented by someone facing deportation and agents were trying to see what the renter knew about the group staying there, Ahr said.

A couple hours later, Phoenix police received a call from a neighbor who saw people being unloaded from a horse trailer and taken into a house.

Police detained five people who were in a pickup that was towing the trailer as they were driving

away from the house. They found about 45 people inside the house in south Phoenix, Ahr said. Four firearms were recovered.

"I think that the drop house situation is as it's always been," said Border Patrol Chief Gus De Vina, who was touring patrol operations along the border this week.

At these drop houses may not be up, but the total apprehensions by the Border Patrol are.

Border Patrol officials point mostly to the increase in agents for the surge in apprehensions — 44,543 this February compared to 33,849 last February.

The Border Patrol had 450 agents in 1980, compared to about 1,800 now, said Border Patrol spokesman Andy Adams. Since last year, 150 agents have been added.

SERVICES

Valgene Povey

RUPERT — Valgene Povey, 60 year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at his residence.

Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Howard O. Christy

GOODING — Howard O. "Christy" Christensen, 89, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

Arrangements will be made by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Roman James Moyer

BURLEY — Roman James Moyer, 17-month-old son of Todd and Shawna Moyer of Burley, died Thursday, March

4, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley of sudden illness.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Doris (Faye) M. Wakersten, service at 11 a.m. today at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church. (Demary's Funeral Chapel)

Reed C. Condie of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Chapel in Gooding.

Lida Odette Madson Jackson of Twin Falls, funeral on 10 a.m. today in the Viewing Ward LDS Chapel. Viewing from 9-9:45 a.m. today at the church. (Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel.)

Gary Lee Deam of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. today

at the Rupert cemetery. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.)

Dennis Reed Blackwood, service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ascension Episcopal Church. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel)

Michael Andrew Powell of Scate, Wash., memorial Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. E. Twin Falls, Idaho.

Phyllis Kourland funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Wood River Chapel.)

You are invited to join a nondenominational Christian Men's Fellowship that meets every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the Depot Grill banquet room (545 Shoshone St. S.). Includes song & personal testimonials on how the Lord is working in your life. Everyone is welcome. No-host breakfast is available.

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LEGISLATIVE LOG

Heyburn annexations aim to create jobs

By The Associated Press

Killed in House

HB655 (Transportation and Defense) — Increases title fees paid on motor vehicle transactions from \$8 to \$18.

Signed by Governor

SB1229 (Resources and Environment) — Allows the Fish and Game Commission to set sign requirements for shooting preserves.

SB1253 (Ring) — Limits political contributions from a county central committee to a candidate to \$2,000 for each election.

Sent to Governor

HB720 (Revenue and Taxation) — Brings Idaho's income tax law into conformance with the federal tax law.

Introduced in House

HB808 (Business) — Clarifies whether health care plans are managed care plans for purposes of Title 41, Chapter 39, Idaho Code.

HB809 (Revenue and Tax) — Requires minimum of 30 percent of the qualified voters to vote at a bond election in order for the bond to pass an increase of more than 3 percent above the statutory authority of the taxing district.

HB910 (Revenue and Tax) — Allows the American Legion to make tax-exempt purchases.

HB911 (State Affairs) — Requires political campaign and public opinion polls reports on Jan. 31 and July 31 if there are unexpended contributions in



the account.

HB912 (State Affairs) — Amends Idaho law to recognize requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

HB913 (State Affairs) — Revises the definition of "necrotic benefit" to the strike language referring to "economic gain."

Introduced in Senate

SB1435 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a state regulatory scheme for heating, ventilation and air conditioning installers.

SB1436 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to issue bonds to finance road projects.

SB1437 (State Affairs) — Authorizes the Tax Commission to participate in multistate talks on a streamlined sales tax system.

SB1438 (State Affairs) — Updates the state law localizing the Commission on the Arts.

SB1439 (Local Government and Transportation) — Creates the County-Based Intermodal Commerce Authority.

SB1440 (Judiciary and Rules) — Creates a special committee to assess public charter schools.

SB1441 (State Affairs) — Recognizes the late Janice Dixon for her service as a teacher in Idaho Falls.

By Chip Thompson

Times-News writer

HEYBURN — City officials recently annexed land into the city limits and have plans for future annexations as part of their effort to boost economic development in Heyburn.

At last week's City Council meeting, council members voted to annex 143 acres of unincorporated Minidoka County property along Interstate 84, west of U.S. Highway 30. A public hearing to discuss the proposed annexation of land next

to this property is scheduled during Wednesday's 7 p.m. council meeting at City Hall.

The goal of the annexations is to create economic growth and jobs after the loss of the J. R. Simplici Co. potato processing plant, Heyburn City Attorney Steve Tull said.

The annexations will extend sewer and water services to the Centennial Industrial Park, which houses the new Coast to Coast to help pay for the utility work. "We need to expand while block grant funds are available," Tull said. Coast to Coast Carports Inc.

manufactures and distributes carports and specialty buildings and is constructing a new assembly plant in Heyburn that it hopes will support a staff of more than 40.

Schoy's Inc. is constructing a 16,000-square-foot truck repair facility on the northwest side of U.S. Highway 30, co-owner Don Schoy said. Schoy plans to hire 10 new people to work at the new facility.

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All-terrain vehicle meeting will now be on Tuesday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The date for a public meeting on proposed all-terrain vehicle regulations in Idaho will be held Tuesday in Twin Falls.

The date has changed from an earlier meeting date announcement, which held the joint public meeting to hear what the public thinks about new proposals to manage all-terrain vehicle use in Idaho.

The number of Idaho registered ATVs more than doubled in just five years. There were 24,207 registered in 1999 and 52,371 in 2003, according to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

The state departments of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, and Lands have an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to develop a uniform ATV management strategy

in Idaho. Proposed rules include requirements for a minimum operating age, operator education, helmets, lights, noise limitations, negligent operation regulations, designated routes and a three strikes rule for ATV registration.

In addition to public meetings, focus group sessions will be held with land managers, law enforcement personnel, ATV users and conservation groups. They will be followed by a random public survey of Idaho households.

Monday's public meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red Lion Country Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., in Twin Falls.

Written comments can be sent to Dave Claycomb, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0065, or dclaycomb@idpr.state.id.us. For more information online at www.idahoparks.org.

Park Service wilderness official quits, says agency shirks duty

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A former wilderness coordinator for the National Park Service in Rocky Mountain states says the agency has shirked its responsibilities to protect the nation's wild backcountry.

Jim Walters, who retired in January after 37 years with the agency, said Thursday that the Park Service hasn't carried out its mission under the 1964 Wilderness Act.

"It's been 40 years. You sort of run out of excuses when you aren't doing said in a telephone interview from his home in Santa Fe.

He said he left the agency because he didn't want to make a forced transfer from Santa Fe to a regional office in Denver.

After he retired, Walters sent a blistering letter in late January to Park Service Director Fran Mainella that said the agency "has accomplished very little in implementing either the letter or spirit of the Wilderness Act."

The Park Service, he wrote, "has failed to properly identify and protect its wilderness resources" and

"senior level managers continue to demonstrate either a lack of concern and/or open hostility to the service's wilderness responsibilities."

Park Service spokesman Rick Frost, said the agency decided to move Walters' position because it would be "more effective to have the wilderness person" in the Intermountain Region office in Denver.

He also said Walters' criticisms were "wide of the mark by a good degree."

The Park Service mandate is to manage its resources unimpaired for future generations, said Frost. "Our managers are dedicated to resource preservation."

In his Jan. 22 letter, Walters said the Park Service had a "historic lack of commitment to wilderness." The agency has not finished assessing its land for potential eligibility as wilderness and has not adopted management plans for most wilderness areas. He said park managers ignore or violate rules, which exposes the agency to lawsuits and embarrassment.

Dobbs

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Kempthorne. The Feb. 5 meeting notice indicated the existing Technical Advisory Committee members would be reappointed.

Randy Thompson, the board's academic officer, said he published agenda was incorrect because of miscommunication. But he said the committee membership was changed to meet new challenges regarding the fairness and validity of the state's standardized tests.

Howard said consistency was central for the panel, which began work two years ago as part of Idaho's effort to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act and maintain federal financing.

But Thompson said changing personnel on such panels is common in many states to ensure fresh perspectives on testing issues. He said the change will have no impact on Idaho's requirement to comply with the federal law by next year.

For the past year, the state board

has been gradually taking control of programs and responsibilities that for decades had been the purview of the state superintendent, regardless of political affiliation.

The tug-of-war began last year when the board convinced the Legislature to give it control of more than \$100 million in federal program money. That included cash for the soon-to-be-mandatory high school graduation test.

Those dismissed from the advisory committee were David Francis of the University of Houston, testing expert Gary Hargett from Oregon, Carolyn Keeler of the University of Idaho, Skip Klier of the University of Kentucky and Michael Kozlow and Jim Leifer from the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory.

In their place, the state board has appointed Dobbs and Thomas Fisher, a Tennessee testing expert who is developing criteria for selection of an independent expert to evaluate the ISAT. The other five members will be named later.

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bag of gold," Schroeder said. The board's criteria for evaluating the ISAT is being written by Thomas Fisher, a testing expert from Tennessee who was recommended by U.S. Education Secretary Rodney Paige, Cameron said.

Schroeder once was a harsh critic of the test that under state board directive will be among the options students must meet to graduate in 2006 and 2007 and the only option other than waivers by local school boards in 2008.

However, after reviewing it earlier this year, he said a senior graduate from a school in the state sought to pass it or not get a diploma.

But he said the test needs to be validated because the state will be sued by one of the first students who is denied graduation for failing the test and the assessment can show that the state did not act arbitrarily.

How they voted

Here is the 19:17 vote by which the Senate refused to authorize an assessment of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test by its Office of Performance Evaluation.

A "no" vote was a vote against the assessment, and there were 18 "no" votes.

• **Republicans for (10)** — Anderson, Bailey, Darrington, Gannon, Goede, Ingram, McHugh, McWilliams, Noh and Schroeder.

• **Democrats for (7)** — Burkett, Calabretta, Kennedy, Malopeal, Marley, Stennett and Werk.

• **Republicans absent (18)** — Anderson (Noble), Brandt, Burderson, Burtenshaw, Cameron, Davis, Duncan (Cowan), Goedes, Hill, Little, Lodge, McKenzie, Pearce, Richardson, Sorenson, Stegner, Sweet and Williams.

• **Democrats against** — None.

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By The Associated Press

BOISE — The beginning of the end of the 2004 legislative session started in the House on Thursday. Leaders paused at the end of the day to rearrange the calendar, putting all budget bills at the top.

The move made by Republican Floor Leader Lawrence Denney took only seconds, but makes passing the remainder of the state's \$2 billion budget the priority.

Once that is done, nothing else constitutionally stands in the way of lawmakers adjourning.

Idahoans won't have to worry about new \$10 fee

BOISE — A proposal to add \$10 to title fees paid on vehicle sales was killed in the House on Thursday.

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Ridinger of Shoshone, the bill would have raised about \$5 million a year for a transit fund to finance smaller road improvement projects of up to \$100,000, mostly in rural areas.

Many lawmakers debated that a fee increase was the same as a tax increase, and they were not going to allow it.

"This is another Robin Hood bill that steals from the rich and gives to the poor," complained Rep. Henry Kulczyk of Eagle. "It's a redistribution of wealth."

Ridinger said the legislation did not hide the fact that there would be a \$10 increase over the current

Legislature in brief

\$8 fee, and said the money was needed.

"You can put off maintenance of a road, but sooner or later, you're going to pay for it," he said.

House authorizes \$1,000 employer tax credit

BOISE — The House on Thursday authorized employers to take a \$1,000 tax credit for each employee hired into a newly created position that pays at least \$12.50 an hour and includes medical insurance.

The bill was sponsored by Democratic Rep. Chuck Cuddy of Orofino, though he was opposed by most members of his own party.

Rep. Margaret Henbest argued against the legislation because the wage trigger was cut from \$15.50 to \$12.50 an hour.

The bill passed 55-14 and was sent to the Senate.

Legislature approves new state tax laws

BOISE — Legislation bringing Idaho's tax laws into general conformity with federal tax laws won final legislative approval on Thursday.

The state Senate sent the House-passed bill to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on a 23-11 vote.

His key provision is the increase from \$25,000 to \$100,000 in the value of investments, mostly

in that time, the legislators have

Authorities probe where boys might have found liquor

ELMO, Mont. (AP) — Two 11-year-old boys found dead in a snowy field on the Flathead Indian Reservation were buried Thursday as investigators tried to determine how they got their hands on lethal amounts of liquor and whether any adults were to blame.

Authorities said it was looking more likely that an adult may have given the boys the hard liquor.

About 350 packed a community hall for the funeral for Frankie Nicolai III and Justin Bestin, sixth-grade friends from the reservation town of Roman, about 30 miles south of Reller.

The Rev. Gary Reller cautioned against casting blame for the boys' deaths, saying people should instead concentrate on what could have been done to help the boys and apply that to prevent a similar tragedy in the future.

"This is a great pleasure and great joy in watching young people grow, watching them learn in the classroom or in the school of life," Reller said. "Some of that joy has been taken from this community

the last few days."

Authorities say the boys apparently skipped afternoon classes at Roman Middle School last Friday and got their hands on a large amount of liquor.

A friend who went searching for them found their bodies in a field Monday, about 100 yards apart. Authorities believe the two died sometime late Friday or early Saturday.

Investigators said Frankie's blood-alcohol level was a lethal 0.50 percent. Justin, who had a

blood-alcohol level of 0.20 percent, died of a combination of alcohol poisoning and hypothermia.

Lake County Sheriff Bill Barron initially said it appeared the boys had pilfered the liquor from several homes on the reservation, but he said Thursday there was growing evidence someone may have given the boys the booze, possibly at a party.

Barron said about a dozen officers from various agencies continue to follow leads.

— compiled from wire reports

Hospital upgrades condition of officer after shooting

BOISE (AP) — The condition of an officer shot during a traffic stop has been upgraded from critical to fair.

Whipps, 32, was shot three times after he stopped a car for a traffic violation Saturday. Two bullets were deflected by his bulletproof vest. The third hit Whipps under the arm, causing a collapsed lung and other injuries, police said.

Authorities said Whipps was shot as he reviewed the motorist's driver's license and registration.

Juventino Torres-Vargas, 28, faces felony charges of attempted murder and using a deadly weapon or firearm in the commission of a crime.

He also is charged with misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing a police officer and unlawful entry for allegedly breaking into a home after the shooting, prompting a four-hour standoff with police. He surrendered peacefully that evening.

Torres-Vargas was wanted at the time on an aggravated battery warrant. He is accused of shooting his girlfriend Feb. 24 at their Fairview Avenue residence.

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spent about \$8.7 million in January, down from \$9.2 million, or 6 percent from the same month the previous year.

Largest expenditure: Salaries were in January with \$3.4 million going into employee paychecks, down from \$3.6 million, or 6 percent the same month the previous year.

Supplies accounted for the second largest expenditure. The hospital spent \$1 million on general supplies, \$624,484 on drugs and \$222,078 on ortho supplies in January.

Income from operations: The hospital ended up with \$607,119 in income for January, up from \$549,724, or 10 percent from the same month the previous year.

Net income: Magic Valley Regional had \$685,109 in net income in January, up from \$580,197, or 16 percent from the same month the previous year, leaving the hospital with a net income margin of 1 percent.

Total assets and liabilities: The hospital had \$106.1 million in total liabilities and net assets at the end of January.

Magic Valley Regional Finances

	Month-end numbers		Pct. Change	
	Revenue Jan. 2004	Revenue Jan. 2003		
Inpatient revenue	\$8,745,538	\$8,570,987	2%	
Outpatient revenue	\$6,106,930	\$6,494,897	-6%	
Total patient revenue	\$14,852,474	\$15,052,184	-1%	
Donations from revenue	\$6,418,730	\$6,052,483	6%	
Net patient revenue	\$8,432,944	\$8,999,701	-6%	
Other operating revenue	\$868,106	\$762,812	14%	
Total operating revenue	\$9,299,051	\$9,762,513	-5%	
Expenditures Jan. 2004		Expenditures Jan. 2003		Pct. Change
Salaries	\$3,372,876	\$3,573,717	-6%	
Benefits	\$923,002	\$1,093,325	-16%	
Fees/Physicians	374,459	\$346,336	8%	
Supplies	\$451,859	\$536,112	-23%	
Fees/Other	\$1,020,784	\$1,099,330	-7%	
Supplies-Ortho	\$624,484	\$493,820	26%	
Supplies-Other	\$222,078	\$265,644	-16%	
Utilities	\$127,649	\$143,874	-11%	
Respine/Maintenance	\$102,949	\$228,192	-55%	
Losses/Rentals	\$143,337	\$115,400	24%	
Insurance	\$63,132	\$66,166	-5%	
Interest expense	\$105,530	\$113,261	-7%	
Unpaid patient bills	\$526,958	\$451,721	15%	
Depreciation/Amortization	\$531,969	\$515,356	3%	
Other expense	\$81,457	\$110,889	-27%	
Total Operating Expense	\$8,691,932	\$9,212,849	-6%	
Non-operating revenue	\$67,119	\$549,724	-87%	
Income from operations	\$77,991	\$30,473	156%	
Net income	\$685,109	\$580,197	18%	

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Former staffers get into Senate computers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two former Senate Republican staffers are to be blamed for distributing Democratic computer memos about judicial nominees to Republicans, but the computer files also were not adequately protected, said a Senate report released Thursday.

Democrats are calling for an outside investigation, but the committee has yet to decide what its next step will be.

The report said 4,670 files were found on a GOP aide's computer, the majority of which appeared to be from folders belonging to Democratic staff.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch said the intrusion was inexcusable.

"I am mortified that this improper, unethical, simply unacceptable breach of confidential files occurred," said Hatch, R-Utah.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who said his office was targeted for the snooping, suggested that Illinois U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald be appointed as a special prosecutor, by the Justice Department, to review the information uncovered so far and make recommendations on how to proceed.

Added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.: "It is my view and the view of a few others, that the only way to get to the bottom of this is a special counsel with full investigative powers."

A report released by the Judiciary Committee and authored by Senate Sergeant-at-Arms William Pickle's office faults two former GOP aides: Manuel Miranda, who worked for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, before resigning, and Jason Lundell, a clerk who worked on nominations for Hatch before leaving last year.

The report said the investigation did not identify any other individuals besides Miranda and Lundell "who were accessing other users' files on the Judiciary Committee computer network."

IS IT REAL?



The Reptile Man, Scott Peterson, hand at left, gets a mixed bag of reactions as he assists Lucy the alligator in waving her left arm to Boremy Elementary students as they exit from Wednesday afternoon's enrichment program on reptiles at the school in Walla Walla, Wash. Kids were allowed to pet Lucy, if they wanted, on the way out of the gym.

Charter school bill will be changed before heading to Senate next week

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's charter school reform package will be split in two parts and modified before it is formally introduced in the state Senate next week, key lawmakers said Thursday.

Emerging from an hour-long closed-door Republican discussion on nearly every aspect of charter schools, Senate Floor Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls provided no specific plans.

But Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert and Education Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow said the policy issues in

the governor's plan will be evaluated by the Education Committee. The budget panel will deal with the two sections on financing both traditional charter schools and the computer-based statewide school.

Both Cameron and Schroeder said changes will be made to the draft the governor provided lawmakers late Wednesday, although they said the exact modifications Schroeder and others on the Education Committee want charter school officials to be held to the same ethics laws that currently apply to officials of traditional

public schools. He said the revised bill will have stronger provisions for that.

"I don't see many people who want to do away with charter schools," said Pocatello School Board member Terry Anderson.

While both senators endorsed a limit of six new charter schools a year statewide, neither discussed the fate of one major provision of Kempthorne's plan — to permit a seven-member commission to trump local school districts and award charters within those districts.

Grand jury files new charge against UI student

BOISE (AP) — A University of Idaho graduate student, jailed for more than a year, faced another charge Thursday: conspiracy to provide material support to Hamas, the militant Palestinian organization.

But his attorney said the criminal indictment handed down by a federal grand jury against Sami Omar Al-Hussayen is another attempt to find guilt against the Saudi national where there is none.

"I think that what is going on

here is that when you have an innocent man, it is extremely difficult to articulate charges against him," said David Nevin, who was advised of the indictment by The Associated Press. "When you have to concoct it, you have a tendency to cast about in the dark."

Al-Hussayen, 31, who was arrested at his Moscow home on Feb. 26, 2003, was first charged with seven counts of student visa fraud and four counts of making false statements to obtain a visa to study computer science at Idaho.

On Jan. 9, federal prosecutors won a new indictment adding the charge of providing material support to terrorism. It was just 11 days before his original trial was set to start.

Al-Hussayen was currently scheduled to stand trial April 13 on those 12 charges.

Nevin had challenged the constitutionality of the Jan. 9 indictment and maintains Thursday's indictment has the same problems. The government contends the indictment is proper.

Biologists try to find cause of elk deaths

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Biologists are trying to determine what is causing the biggest elk die-off anyone in Wyoming can remember.

The elk started falling nearly a month ago and the death count has topped 280 over a 15-square-mile area in south-central Wyoming. But that figure is probably low because officials have stopped counting to focus on the cause.

It has been a process of elimination, with no solid theories yet.

"This is quite unprecedented for wildlife. The only other time we find this kind of die-off of wildlife is a winter kill — starvation, that kind of thing," said Walt Cook, a veterinarian with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. "And that's not what's going on here."

With plenty of forage available and hardly any snow, the way the elk are relatively fat, suggesting they have at least been willing and able to eat.

Chronic wasting disease — the elk and deer equivalent of mad cow disease — has been ruled out from post-mortem examinations. The usual viruses, bacteria and plant toxins also have been eliminated.

A vitamin or mineral deficiency remains a possibility. Four elk that did not die or were euthanized have been taken to the state veterinary lab in Laramie for study and to be nursed back to health. But while those elk have been given a pharmacy aisle of vitamins and minerals, as well as water and anti-inflammatory drugs, they have not been recovering.

That leads Cook to consider some unusual infectious agent or toxin.

While remote, the area 150 miles northwest of Cheyenne has a railroad running through it and some oil and gas wells.

"All those sources have been looked at pretty darn hard and we're going to continue to look at those to see if we can see anything," said Tom Reed, spokesman for the Game and Fish Department.

Yet even pollution seems unlikely considering that other animals in the area, including deer and antelope, remain healthy. Elk are usually the last animals to succumb, not the first.

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Legislators OK measure

Gay marriage ban will go before voters

asked gay couples in the balcony to stand. "This is about you," she said. "I just wanted to thank you for coming," said Biskupski, the state's first openly gay lawmaker. House members rose to give the gay couples a standing ovation before taking up a brief debate.

Both chambers passed the joint resolution by the two-thirds margin required to send a constitutional amendment to the voters.

The bill had been debated once in the House, where it passed a week ago. Wednesday's Senate debate was the first time the body heard the bill, prompting calls to send the proposal to the state Constitutional Revision Commission before passing it in haste.

"I think where I'm uncomfortable with the sense of

urgency, that something is out to get us, something is after us," said Sen. James Evans, R-Salt Lake City, noting that the bill had been before lawmakers for only 23 days.

Bill supporters fiercely lobbied for votes Wednesday, and up to the final vote it appeared it would fall to the 20 votes needed. During debate, Sen. Peie Knudson, R-Brigham City, seemed to question the need for the constitutional amendment. "Have we not done enough to get our point across? Or do we need to slam the nail all the way through the wall?" he said.

But during voting, Knudson said comments from Sen. David Gladwell, R-Ogden, changed his mind. Knudson voted yes, tipping the balance.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Utah Legislature on Wednesday night endorsed a measure that will send a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage to the November ballot.

Earlier, the Senate endorsed the bill and forwarded it to the House after a holding senator changed his vote during debate.

Before the House voted 58-14 for final legislative approval, Rep. Jackie Biskupski, D-Salt Lake City,

Border patrol might seal busy crossing

TUCSON, Ariz. — The U.S. Border Patrol has a shot this year at sealing the Arizona-Mexico border, the busiest spot for illegal entries along the entire frontier, the agency's top official said Thursday.

Chief Gus de la Vina, touring patrol operations along the Mexican border this week, said that with manpower expected to reach 2,000 agents in the agency's Tucson sector this year, "we're finally building our resources in Tucson to the point that we will have a definite impact."

For several years, more illegal immigrants have been apprehended in the Tucson sector than anywhere else along the 2,000-mile Mexican border.

Immigrant smuggling has also been rampant in the sector, which covers all but the 50 westernmost miles of the Arizona border.

A lot of the agency's success will depend on the flow of illegal immigrants, the economy and the lures for them, de la Vina said.

But a host of other factors, including getting the personnel, equipment and technology "has come together this year and I think we've got an excellent shot at closing the border," he said.

Report: Bad decisions contributed to standoff

PHOENIX — Many of the problems that contributed to a 15-day prison hostage standoff resulted from "years worth of bad decisions by the Department of Corrections at all levels," investigators said in a report released Thursday.

The panel appointed by Gov. Janet Napolitano concluded that a crisis of some kind at a corrections facility was inevitable given what it called chronic underfunding by the Legislature, a lack of adequate training for officers and severe staffing shortages at state prisons.

"Many things went wrong," the panel said. "Some spontaneous and isolated, others the result of long-term institutional neglect and decay."

The panel was one facet of ongoing investigations into how two inmates were able to overpower two officers on Jan. 10 and hold them hostage in a watchtower at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis in Buckeye, about 50 miles southwest of Phoenix.

University of Utah still seeks a president

SALT LAKE CITY — Nearly six months after the University of Utah's former president announced his exit for Florida, the state is still plowing through a list of candidates to replace him — with no deadline in sight, officials say.

Regents officials say the committee has received more than 100 applications and nominations to fill the president's spot vacated after Bernie Machen left Utah to become president at the University of Florida.

A. Lorris Betz, dean of the

school's College of Medicine and senior vice president for health sciences; has been serving as interim president, which prevents him from being considered for the permanent position.

GOP contributor gets leeway for oil drilling

WASHINGTON — The government has eased Clinton-era oil and gas drilling restrictions on a large tract of desert grassland in New Mexico in a decision that benefits a large Republican donor in the state.

The donor, George Yates, says his contributions and fund-raising assistance to Vice President Dick Cheney had nothing to do with the decision. The Interior Department says its drilling plan, while opening up more land in Otero Mesa, will be the most restrictive ever.

However, environmentalists are crying foul. The Bureau of Land Management "surrendered to the demands of one oil company and the political power of the name to which it was connected," the Campaign to Protect America's Lands said Thursday in

contrasting the Bush administration's plan for Otero Mesa with the Clinton administration's.

Police charge 'DWI champ' with drunken driving

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Gov. Bill Richardson said Thursday a lawmaker arrested for drunken driving is a "DWI champion" strongly committed to tougher laws, and should be given another chance.

House Minority Whip Joe Thompson of Albuquerque was charged with drunken driving early Wednesday, less than 24 hours after he attended a ceremony at which Richardson signed into law stronger DWI penalties.

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Israelis search for tunnels

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli soldiers battled with Palestinian militants in Gaza on Thursday, killing a 14-year-old boy and bulldozing houses during a daylong raid, Palestinian officials said.

The Israeli army said troops entered Rafah, a frequent battleground in the conflict, in search of tunnels used by Palestinian militants to smuggle weapons from Egypt. Soldiers were met with gunfire and grenades, the army said.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the raid and a Wednesday helicopter strike on a car that killed three Hamas militants. The intensified attacks came ahead of a proposed Israeli withdrawal from almost all of the Gaza Strip.

"They say they want to leave Gaza, but before leaving they are increasing their military presence against our people," Arafat said.

Late Thursday, the Israeli military imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza, banning all Palestinians from entering Israel until at least Tuesday, following the Jewish festival of Purim. Security, routine during Jewish holidays, left thousands of Palestinians who have permits to work in Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said he would leave Gaza and parts of the West Bank and impose a boundary on the Palestinians if efforts to implement the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan remain stalled.

Under the plan, Israel is required to tear down dozens of unauthorized settlement outposts.



Supporters of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide protest around U.S. Marines patrolling the streets of Port-au-Prince, Thursday.

Marines draw smiles, angry words

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — U.S. Marines trained their rifles down gritty streets and into a teeming market as they patrolled the Haitian capital with other peacekeepers Thursday, drawing smiles and a few angry words, but no resistance.

Hatred is still simmering among various factions nearly a week after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a rebellion that left at least 130 people dead, with new killings discovered outside Port-au-Prince.

As the Marines rolled into the looted port area in eight Light Armored Vehicles and ventured into the crowds, onlookers gathered

around in curiosity but showed no fear. "I feel much safer now the Marines are here," said Frantz Labissiere, 44. "I wouldn't be here if the Marines weren't here."

But not everyone shared his view. As the convoy passed an angry knot of people, one youth shouted: "You took our president — now you're taking our country!"

Others held up photographs of Aristide, who fled the country Sunday as rebels neared the outskirts of the capital and the United States and former colonial ruler France pressed him to resign.

Haiti's first freely elected leader lost a lot of popularity in Haiti — and

in Washington, which restored him to power in 1994 after he was ousted in a 1991 military coup — because he allegedly used militant loyalists to attack and intimidate his opponents, failed to help the poor and condoned corruption. Aristide, in exile in the Central African Republic, has denied the accusations.

The Central African Republic will offer him permanent asylum if he asks but would find it difficult to pay for his upkeep, the government said Thursday.

"I can't say definitively if Mr. Aristide will stay here or if he'll go, but if he asks us, we won't refuse him," Communications Minister Parfait Mbaye said.

NATO nabs war suspect

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — NATO-led peacekeepers arrested a former aide to top war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, a breakthrough in destroying the fugitive's support network, the alliance said Thursday.

Gen. Bogdan Subotic was arrested Wednesday at his home near Banja Luka in northwestern Bosnia, the NATO-led force known as SFOR said.

Subotic was a military commander and aide to Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader wanted by the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

"This is part of SFOR's continued assistance to the Bosnian authorities in the apprehension of persons indicted for war crimes and their supporters," the SFOR statement said.

"We will continue to act on the information gathered over the last few weeks as it brings us closer to

the breaking of the support network and ultimately to the apprehension of the persons indicted themselves," it said.

NATO-led troops in January detained two other people for apparently being part of Karadzic's support network. The two men were released after being questioned for several days.

Also Thursday, U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes, Piers-Charles Prosper, warned the Bosnian Serb parliament in Banja Luka that Bosnian Serb authorities will face "continued or expanded economic and political sanctions" if they do not apprehend Karadzic and his wartime military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic.

While Karadzic and Mladic remain at large, the world will continue to treat Republika Srpska, the Serb-dominated half of Bosnia, as a political and economic black hole, Prosper said.

Radio director dies in crash

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The head of a Ukrainian radio station that was considering broadcasting U.S.-funded Radio Liberty programming died in a car crash, police said Thursday.

The death came the same day that another station transmitting the programs was pulled off the air.

The death Wednesday of Yuriy Chechlyk — combined with Radio Liberty's losing its second outlet in Ukraine in a month — raised suspi-

cions of foul play amid complaints that Ukrainian authorities are rolling back media freedoms.

"Yesterday, we witnessed the killing of journalists again in Ukraine," Mykola Tomenko, the head of parliament's free press committee told lawmakers Thursday.

He demanded that Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich appear before parliament Friday to explain what the government is doing to stop journalist deaths.

China sets democracy activist free

BEIJING (AP) — China released a longtime democracy activist Thursday who helped organize the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests — the third time in a week Beijing has moved on similar cases after lobbying from Washington.

Wang Youcai was given medical parole and left the Zhejiang No. 1 prison in southern China early in the day, said John Kamun, executive director of the Dui Hua Foundation, a rights group.

He boarded a plane for San Francisco after bidding his family farewell. Wang was sentenced in 1998 to 11 years for activities related to his founding of the China Democracy Party.

He also was one of more than a dozen student leaders of the 1989 demonstrations that led to the Tiananmen Square military crackdown in which hundreds, perhaps thousands, died. He served a year in prison in 1990 on charges related to those activities.

Wang's release was the latest among cases the U.S. government has identified as positives and signs seen as a sign that the Chinese government was responding directly to Washington's human rights concerns.

Conservatives nominate IMF head for election

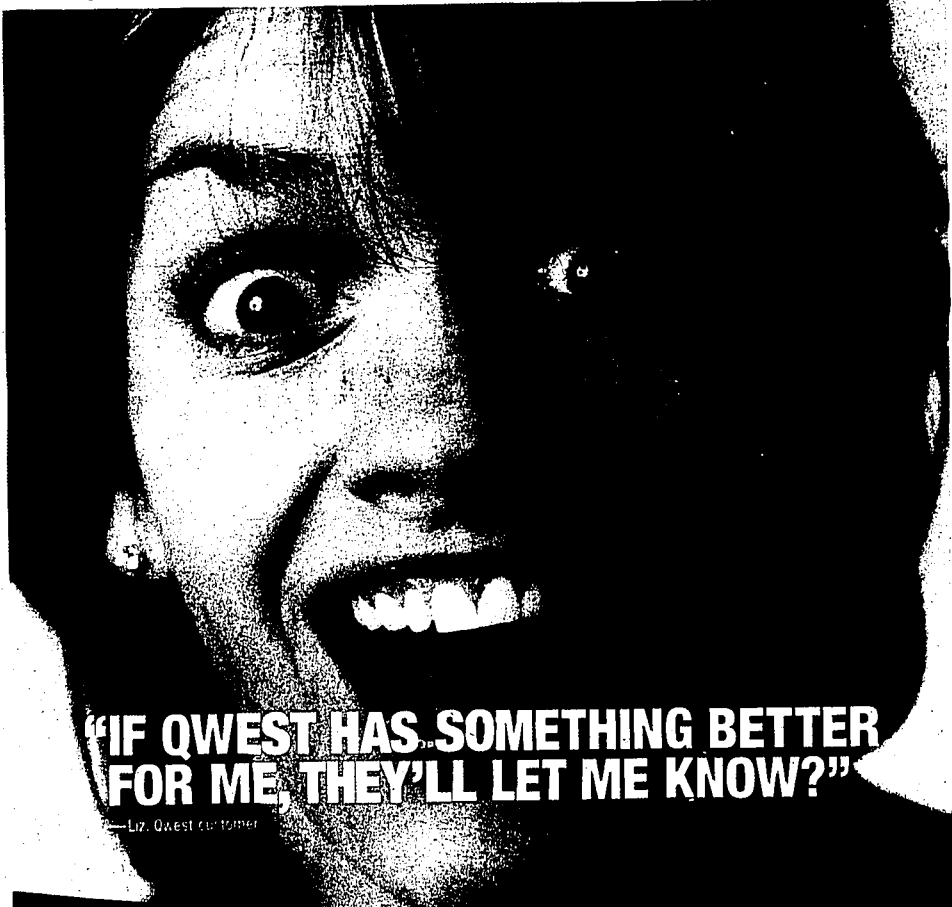
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — International Monetary Fund chief Horst Koehler said Thursday he was quitting to accept the conservative nomination for the German presidency.

Koehler, 61, told reporters in Washington that he wanted to bring his experience in national and international affairs to the mostly ceremonial post.

"I believe that I am up to the challenge and that with my professional national and international experience will be able to bring something to the office that Germany needs now," he said.

Since the conservative parties hold a majority in the assembly that chooses the next president on May 23, nomination virtually assures Koehler of winning the largely ceremonial post.

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best bets in entertainment



Leapin' lizards!

The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present the musical "Annie" tonight, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in Oakley's Howells Opera House.



Sex and power

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will stage Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" tonight, Saturday, Wednesday and Thursday in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls.

Dance for charity

The Red Cross Ball, to benefit the Red Cross disaster relief services, will be held Saturday night at The Ballroom in Twin Falls, with music by Brian Farnon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra.

Song and dance

First Choice Home Care and Hospice Assistance of Twin Falls sponsor its third annual Variety Show Saturday night in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, featuring 12 acts. Proceeds go toward providing financial help for folks suffering from terminal illnesses.

Folkcraft

The South-Central Idaho Folklife Exhibit, the first in a series of exhibits designed to reflect the life of the Buhl community, will open today at the Eighth Street Center at Buhl. Skills such as saddle-making, quilting, needlework and woodworking will be featured. It's free.

She don't know

Sammy Kershaw will do two shows tonight and two shows Saturday night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot.

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It's Swing time

Sixty years after his death, Glenn Miller's band comes to Twin Falls

By Steve Crump
Times-News
writer

TWIN FALLS — Maybe the Beatles, Elvis, Michael Jackson and Frank Sinatra have been heard by more people, but when it comes to longevity no musical act comes close to the impact of the band that's coming to town next week.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra, which has flourished for most its 66 years without its namesake leader, has come to embody swing music — and by extension, jazz — for several billion people over three generations.

"The mystique of the band is many-faceted," said Larry O'Brien, its musical director. "There's more than one reason for the continuing popularity of the band. For one thing, Glenn gave up a lucrative band business when he was at his zenith to join the service — when he didn't have to. He was immensely popular when he went into the service. The band had sold more records in a year than, I think, Elvis or the Beatles ever did in a year."

"Then he went on to form a monster band, play all over Europe for GIs, helped sell a lot of war bonds, improve morale and generally contribute greatly to the war effort."

"Finally, he disappeared in a plane that took off from England for France on Dec. 15, 1944. The plane had never been found."

"So I think it's a combination of all these factors in addition to the great Miller sound that keeps his music and his name alive."

The current 18-member incarnation of his orchestra will perform at the Roper Auditorium on Wednesday, playing many of the original Miller arrangements. Their repertoire exceeds 1,700 compositions, but the audiences — 500,000 a year — come to hear "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Tuxedo Junction," "String Pearls," "Serenade in Blue" and "Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

"Mostly we play the old songs," said

O'Brien, 70, who's run the Glenn Miller Orchestra for 16 years. "We manage to insert new ones from time to time, but these are songs that lend themselves to the Miller sound. We are careful to pick out standards with the idea of having something that will stay around for a while. These arrangements have turned out just wonderful — sounding very much the way Glenn would have insisted if he were still alive."

Miller, born in 1901, was a contemporary of some of the greatest jazz artists — Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Artie Shaw — but he never embraced improvisation, which is the soul of jazz. After stints with Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey's and Ray Noble's swing orchestras in the 1930s, he formed a succession of bands and finally found a radio audience in 1939.

Miller developed a distinctive sound in which a high-pitched clarinet carried the melody, doubled by a

saxophone section playing an octave lower. Unlike the Dorseys, Goodman, Ellington, Basie and Shaw, he ran the tightest band in the business — highly disciplined and rigorously rehearsed.

It was a sound that caught lightning in a bottle. The Miller band had an astonishing 17 Top Ten hits in 1939, 31 in 1940, 11 in 1941 and 11 more in 1942, when he quit the business to become an Army band leader after the United States entered World War II. "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" was the first Gold Record — million-seller — in history.

"I'm a traditionalist, but we're not nit-picking Miller," O'Brien said. "We've instituted some changes we think Glenn probably would have instituted himself if he were still alive ... I'm going back to some of the older things. I think the people who come to hear the Miller band come to hear 'In the Mood' as it was recorded. We're exploring the old book for some slightly different, though not obscure, material like 'Anvil Chorus' and 'Bugle

Call Rag."

Most of the Miller bands show are sell-outs, even after 66 years.

"I think we've

got staying power, and I don't see our popularity waning."

O'Brien said. "Rather, with the renewed interest in swing and the Big Band sound, I think our appeal will keep growing, especially with kids."

Wednesday's concert is sponsored by the Twin Falls High School Band.

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If you go:

- **What:** The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** Roper Auditorium.
- **When:** Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:30.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Welch Music, the Music Center, Dunkley Music, Everybody's Business, Kurt's Hairmark, Debbie Latin Insurance and at Twin Falls High School.



Top, Portrait of Glenn Miller. Above, the 18-member Glenn Miller Orchestra plays for 500,000 people each year.

AND THE WINNERS ARE ... Nine readers share Times-News' Oscar contest honors

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — For once, it was an Oscar plot without any twists and turns.

Nine Times-News readers correctly predicted the winners of the major honors at last Sunday's Academy Awards to share first place in the 11th annual TN Pick-the-Oscar Contest.

And all nine accurately predicted the debaucher. Each of the winners will receive two movie tickets and popcorn to go with them.

They are Heather Redman, 30, of Twin Falls; Susan Reitsma, 52, of Twin Falls; Jason Sittell, 34, of Falls; Andrea Pierce, 30, of Twin Falls; Christine McNurlin, 51, of Twin Falls; Janis Mottorn-High, 52, of Twin Falls; Matt McKinney, 26, of Buhl; Dawn Jones, 39, of Twin Falls; and Kathryn Bell, 61, of Burley.

It was the fifth Pick-the-Oscar title for Jones, a homemaker and the fourth for Redman, a school teacher. Jones shared the honors in 1996, 1997 and 1998 and won it outright in 2001. Redman was a winner in 1997, 1998 and 2000.

Reitsma was the contest's winner two years ago. The nine winners correctly forecast that "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" would be the Best Picture, that Sean Penn and Charlize Theron would get the Best Actor and Best Actress awards, respectively, and that the supporting-role statues would go to Tim Robbins and Renee Zellweger.

The tiebreaker was Best Original Screenplay, won by Sofia Coppola for "Lost in Translation."

One hundred seventy-eight readers entered this year's contest.

Video watch

School of Rock

Jack Black so occupies the role of Dewey Finn, a failed rock musician who impersonates a substitute elementary school teacher to come up with rent money, that you can't believe he's acting. And when Dewey discovers that some of his affluent charges play instruments, leading him to organize a pint-size rock band, it's hard to find the seams between the actor and the character, who relates to his students with spit-inflected, cockeyed

conviction but utterly without condescension. He's like one of them, just bigger and hairier, and he's what makes Richard Linklater's spirited but never sleazy comedy about the power of music a movie for almost everyone, from boomer parents (who remember their wild teens and twenties) to their teen-age kids (who can't wait to get started with same). Contains some crude humor and drug references.

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Looney Tunes: Back in Action

This mixture of live action and animation brings us into the zany backstage of Warner Bros., where Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck are squabbling over their share of screen time. It's a postmodern comedy for kids. The movie, which also includes appearances by Yosemite Sam, Rhode Island Red and, of course, Wile E. Coyote, has its funny moments, but all too often it's a corny, lackluster film in which humans' presence (not always convincingly) to interact

with cartoons. Although Acme head Steve Martin's body and facial contortions are bendably amusing, director Joe Dante and screenwriter Larry Doyle hardly give him a ton of hilarious material to work with. Brendan Fraser, however, has a certain deft ability to do well in any movie. This performance, as a Warner Bros. security guard, is no exception. Contains mild obscenity and innuendo. —Source: Washington Post

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Chapter Two Jazz Quartet plays in T.F.

EVENTS



Tonight
Chapter Two Jazz Quartet will perform at First Friday at Rudy's from 6-9 p.m. at Rudy's, 4 Cooks Paradise in Twin Falls, Frece.

March 13
Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio, the last act of the season in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning the Sun Valley Center at 726-9491.

April 2 - Boise
Ernie Martin will headline the Gene Harris Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$22, \$44 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, at Albertson's in Twin Falls, The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

April 3 - Boise
Dane Brubeck will headline the Dave Harris Jazz Festival, 7 p.m., Bank of America Center. Tickets, which are \$25, \$47 and \$85, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Saturday - Utah
The Sounds, Kill Hannah and Ana Robot will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Sunday - Boise
Liz Phair and Patrick Park will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, \$50, \$65 and \$87, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Monday - Boise
The Motet will perform at Tom Grainey's at 8:30 p.m. For ticket information, call (208) 345-2505. Tom Grainey's is located at 109 S. Sixth St.

Tuesday - Utah
The Early November, Hey Mercedes and Spitalfield will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$11, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

Wednesday - Boise
The Decemblers will play the Neuroflux Lounge at 9 p.m. For ticket information, call (208) 336-5094. The Neuroflux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

Wednesday - Utah
The Casualties will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

Thursday - Boise
The Temptations will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 12 - Boise
Bob Weir and Ratdog will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, \$50, \$65 and \$87, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

March 12 - Utah
Zeke and High on Fire will play Liquid Joes in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Liquid Joes is located at 3300 South 124th East.

March 12-13
Eddie Miller will perform two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m., at

March 20 - Utah
The Church will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 20 - Utah
George Lynch will perform at Club Expose in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Expose is located at 204 West 2100 South.

March 20 - Utah
Metallica will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$34, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

March 21 - Boise
Death Cab for Cutie will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, \$50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

March 22 - Utah
Death Cab for Cutie will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 24 - Utah
Tesla will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

March 24 - Utah
Lars and Young People will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

March 25 - Utah
Play will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

March 26 - Boise
Big Head Todd and the Monsters will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 26 - Boise
Starlight Mints, Dressy Bessy

and Deathray Davies will perform at the Neuroflux Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Neuroflux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

March 30 - Boise
Keller Williams will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

March 31
Keller Williams will play the neoStage Theater in Ketchum at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, \$50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

April 2 - Utah
The Get Up Kids will play Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, \$50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

April 3 - Boise
Damien Rice will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 4 - Utah
Yellowcard and Something Corporate will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17, can be reserved by

phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 5 - Boise
A Perfect Circle and The Mars Volta will play the Bank of America Center at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, \$50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls. The Bank of America Center is located at 233 S. Capitol Blvd.

April 5 - Utah
The Adolescents will perform at Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 10 - Boise
Presidents of the United States of America will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, \$50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 12 - Utah
Saves the Day, Grandaddy, The Fire Theft and Hey Mercedes will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 12 - Utah
Tiger Army and The Business will play in the Venue in Salt Lake

City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 16 - Utah
Sublime Machines will perform at Albee Square in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Albee Square is located at 165 South West Temple.

April 19 - Utah
The Strokes will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, \$50 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 20 - Idaho Falls
Little Feat will perform at the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0113. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

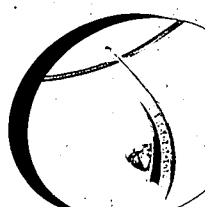

April 21 - Utah
Pinback and Eron will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

April 23 - Utah
The Rapture and Black Rebel Motorcycle Club will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be

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April 25 - Boise
The Phibes will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (800) 965-4827.

COUNTRY

Tonight and Saturday
Sammy Kershaw will do two shows a night at Cactus 8 and Resort Casino in Jackpot, at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Tonight and Saturday
Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. Cover charge is \$4. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday
Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

Saturday
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81 in Declo.

March 18 - Boise
Sam Bush will perform at the Egyptian Theater at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call (208) 342-1441. The Egyptian Theater is located at 700 Main St.

March 19-20
Pam Tillis will sing at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

April 18 - Boise
Nickel Creek will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 24
The Bar 7 Wranglers will perform at the King Center in Burley at 7:30 p.m., the final Mini-Cassia Community Concert of the season. Subscriptions for the four-concert series are \$29 for adults, which includes children under the age of 5 living at home. For more information, call Julie at 878-4704 or Susan at 678-1798.

HIP HOP

April 2 - Boise
N.E.R.D. and Black-Eyed Peas will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 3 - Utah
N.E.R.D. and Black-Eyed Peas will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

FOLK MUSIC

Wednesday
Joan Baez will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

CHRISTIAN ROCK

March 25 - Boise
Switchfoot will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum.

ELECTRONIC

April 28 - Utah
Crystal Method will perform at In the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at

(800) 888-TDX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

BLUES

March 13 - Utah
Michael Doucet will play Libby Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

REGGAE

March 16 - Boise
Don Carlos will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

OPERA

March 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 24 - Utah
Utah Opera will perform Giacomo Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West" at 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 15, 17, 19 and 24 and at 2 p.m. on March 21 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$25 to \$65, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

GOSPEL

March 16 - Utah
Bill Gaither will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.75 and \$24.75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

CLASSICAL

Tonight and Saturday - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform music by Berlioz, Ravel and Milhaud at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Thursday - Utah
Utah Symphony will play violin music by Grieg, Sinding and Schubert at 7:30 p.m. in Libby Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 9-10 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform the music of Moran, Poulenc, Mozart and Barber at 8 p.m. on April 9 and at 2 p.m. on April 10 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$47, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 23-24 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform the music of Bernstein and Rachmaninoff at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 30 and May 1 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform violin music by Rautavaara, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which range from \$16 to \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

KARAOKE

Tonight
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's in Jerome. No cover charge. Mr. Bill's is located at 101 N. Alder.

Tonight
Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's in Burley. No cover charge. Garibaldi's is located at 113 Broadway Ave. S.

Tonight
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers in Declo. No cover charge.

Shakers is located at 826 Highway 81.

Tonight
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody in Rupert and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers in Burley. The Melody is located at 502 Sixth St. in Rupert and Cheers is located at 163 West U.S. Highway 30.

Tonight and Saturday
Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room in Rupert. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club in Twin Falls. No cover charge. The Pioneer Club is located at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Tonight through Thursday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge in Hazelton. Singers can bring their own CDs for karaoke. No cover charge. The Sagebrush Lounge is located at 325 Main St.

Saturday and Thursday
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club in Burley. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Saturday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside in Burley and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna in Declo. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 Highway 30 W. in Burley and the Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main in Declo.

Monday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge in Burley. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 109 E. Main St.

Tuesday
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Tuesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant in Burley. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

Wednesday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge in Paul. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. Idaho St.

Wednesday and Thursday
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive in Twin Falls.

Thursday
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside in Burley. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tonight and Saturday
44 Magnum will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge. No cover charge. TJ's Lounge is located at 112 Broadway Ave. S. in Burley.

Tonight and Saturday
Out There will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Saturday
First Choice Home Care and Hospice Assistants will present its third annual Variety Show, 7 p.m., in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, featuring Johnny U, clown art Little Pat & Toolz, Burt Hutsh, Sheri Mauldin Dance Studio, John and Lorraine Jessor, Laura Almand, Mike Seward and Tracy Armstrong, Mike and Sam Siles, pianist Mark Melnik, The Glee & Take Barbershop Quartet and Heather Pultz. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$6 for children, are available at Everybody's Business Closes Office Supply, Crowley's Soda Foundation, the Christian Bookstore and Home Health Professionals and First Choice Hospital in Twin Falls, or at the door. Proceeds will go to providing

financial help for those with terminal illnesses.

Monday - Utah
Sarah Brightman will sing at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, \$50 and \$75, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

Monday - Boise
The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$16, can be reserved by phoning (208) 426-1494, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Tuesday
The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is by a suggested \$5 donation.

Wednesday
The Glenn Miller Orchestra will play Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available at Welch Music, the Music Center, Dunkley Music, Everybody's Business, Kurt's Fallmark and Debbie Laitin Insurance and Twin Falls High School in Twin Falls, or from any TFHS band member.

Wednesday
The Vaupettes - Linda Badell, Cullie Galpin, Cheri Kessler and Heidi Bates - will perform at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort. There's an \$15 cover charge. The show will continue every Wednesday night through the end of March.

Wednesday
Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Thursday
Guitarist David Santistevan will perform at the Schubert Theater in Gooding at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

March 24 - Utah
Ryan Adams will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 600 West 219 South.

March 26 - Utah
Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken will sing in the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at http://www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

March 26-27 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present A Celtic Celebration at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 15 - Utah
Solomon Burke will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

April 16 - Utah
Lorie Line will perform in Jeanne Wagner Theater in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Jeanne Wagner Theater is located at 138 West 300 South.

April 16-17 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform band music at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22 to \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

April 19
The Sonos Handbell Ensemble will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m., the fourth Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert of the season. Tickets, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's

Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls; Say-Mor Drug Center in Jerome; and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hatley and Gooding.

COMEDY

March 12 - Boise
Jerry Seinfeld will perform at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$61.50 and \$77, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

March 14 - Utah
Louie Anderson will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

DANCE

Tonight
The Echos will play for a dance at 8 p.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-4200. The Snake River Elks Lodge is located at 412 E. 200 S. in Jerome.

Saturday
The Red Cross Ball will be held at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. With music by Brian Farnon and the Twin Falls Centennial Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$50, are available at the Twin Falls Red Cross office or by phoning 733-6467. Proceeds go to American Red Cross disaster relief services.

Sunday
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the senior center. Music will be provided by the Melody Masters. Cost is \$4 per person. The Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page 65

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Spotlight

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Twin Falls Senior Center is located at 530 Shoshone St. W.

March 19-21 - Boise
Riverside will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. on March 19-20, at 2 p.m. on March 20-21 and at 7 p.m. on March 21. Tickets, which are \$32.50, \$45 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494, online at <http://www.idahotickets.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

March 23-28 - Utah
Riverside will perform at Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 7:30 p.m. on March 23-25, at 8 p.m. on March 26-27, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on March 28. Tickets, which range from \$24 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

April 9-10, 14-17 - Utah
Ballet West will dance "40 Years of Jubilation," featuring George Balanchine's "Concerto Barocco" and "Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux," Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," and Vaughan Williams' "Lark Ascending," 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call Art Tix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Tonight, Saturday,

T H E A T E R

Wednesday and Thursday

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Aristophanes' "Lysistrata," 8 p.m. nightly in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, may be purchased between 1 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fine Arts box office (use west entrance of building) and between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the CSI Bookstore or by calling 732-5788. The production continues March 12-13.

Tonight, Saturday, Monday,

Tuesday and Thursday

The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Martin Chamin and Ghazal Sroussou's "Annie," 8 p.m. nightly in Oakley's Howells Opera House. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS. The production continues March 12-13, 15-16, 18-20.

Sunday

The Sun Valley Company's production of Stuart Oles' "Forever Plaid," featuring Wally Huffman, Gordon Flade, Eric J. Larson and Paul Stoops, will play the Boiler Room at the Sun Valley Resort at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

Wednesday through

March 17

The Interplanetary Theater Group will present Kenneth Lonergan's "This Is Our Youth" in association with the Sun Valley Performing Arts Center, starring former "Dynasty" star Pam Sue Martin, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, March 14 and 16-17 and 8 p.m. on March 12-13, next stage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$7 for students and \$20 for adults, are available at 726-4TKS.

March 12

The R.A.T. Players, formerly the Friends of the College of Southern Idaho players, will perform Adam

Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's "Complete History of America (Abridged)" at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl, with an all-American dinner prepared by Chef LuAnn Siles, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door or by phoning 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

March 17-21

Company of Fools will present Willy Russell's "Shirley Valentine," 8 p.m. March 17-20 and 3 p.m. March 21 in the Liberty Theater, Halcy. Tickets, which are \$24 for reserved seats and \$18 for students and senior citizens, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122.

March 19-21, and 25-27

The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will present Richard Adler and Jerry Ross' "Damn Yankees," at 7:30 p.m. on March 19-20 and 25-27 and at 2 p.m. on March 21, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for senior citizens, CSI students and children 12 and under for the March 19-20 and 26-27 performances and \$7 for the March 21 and March 25 shows. An opening-night gala is planned for the Elks Lodge in Jerome, featuring dinner and tickets to the show starting at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call Michelle McFarlane at 536-6213 or Craig Nebeker at 736-8831. Tickets to "Damn Yankees" go on sale March 12 in a booth at the Magic Valley Mall; hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Tickets can also be reserved by phoning 735-8850.

April 20-25 - Utah

The touring Broadway production of Mark Holman and Greg Kotis' musical "Urinetown" will play the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on April 20-22, at 2 and 8 p.m. on April 24 and at 12 and 7 p.m. on April 25. Tickets, which range from \$30 to \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (800) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and

Tuesday and Wednesday

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present a new show, "Ring World," at 7 p.m. today, Saturday and Tuesday along with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday. Other shows are "More Than Meets the Eye" on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Tonight

The Gooding Basque Association will have its monthly First Friday Dinner from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Basque Culture Center, located at the south end of Gooding, just east of the Highway 28 junction. The public is welcome. Cost is \$14 per person and \$12 for seniors.

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March 17

The 19th annual Downtown Twin Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at noon in the 700 block of Main Avenue East and travel northwest along Main, crossing Shoshone Street and continuing along Main Avenue North, ending in the area near AmeriPride Linen.

March 20

St. Nicholas Catholic Church's annual Basque Festival will be held at 6 p.m. in the church hall, featuring dinner, dancing and a live auction. Tickets are \$17.50 per person or \$5 for the dance. St. Nicholas Catholic Church is located at 802 F St.

ART SHOW

Today

The South-Central Idaho Folklife Exhibit, the first in a series of exhibits designed to reflect the life of the Buhl community, will open at the Eighth Street Center at Buhl. Skills such as saddle-making, quilting, needlework and wood-working will be featured. Free. An opening reception is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth St.

Through March 12

"Cowboys and Indians: The West as Muse in Contemporary Photography" will be on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Ketchum. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

Through March 27

Three exhibits will be on display at the Magic Valley Arts Council in Twin Falls, including a Valentine-themed show in the Full Moon Gallery and "Chair-ity," the work of Twin Falls High School art students in the Galeria Pequeña. The arts council office is located at 132 Main Ave. S. Admission is free.

Through March 27

Magic Valley Art Teachers Open, an exhibition of the artwork of the area's art teachers, will be on display at the Jean B. King Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. It's free.

March 13- May 23 - Boise

The Boise Art Museum will present "Thin Skin," an exhibit of art based on bubbles, spheres and inflatable structures by artists including Tom Friedman, Ernesto Neto and Andy Warhol. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and college students and \$1 for child grades 1-2. Kids under 6 get in free. BAM is located in Julia Davis Park in downtown-Boise.

CSI Wind Ensemble celebrates spring

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Wind Ensemble, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI music professor George K. Haisell says "March Melodies" will include a variety of music to celebrate the coming of spring.
The Wind Ensemble will set the mood for the concert with its opening number, "From Tropic to Tropic" by Russell Alexander. The band will then play a visit to sunny Spain, as it performs the Spanish classic, "Malaguena" by Ernesto Lecuena. Following this rousing piece will be a performance of Charles Carter's delightful "Sonata for Winds." A wee bit of Scotland will follow next as the ensemble plays Frank Tichell's beautiful and moving arrangement of the Scottish song "Loch Lomond." The first half will conclude with "Geneva Variations" by Stephen Bulla; the variations are based on an American hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" that was first published in 1844.
The second half of the program will begin with another march, "Die Regimentskinder" ("The Children of the Regiment"), by the late 19th-century Czech composer, Julius Fuyik. Next the band will play a selection of Alfred Newman's score to the 1931 movie "Sweet Scene." Then, in honor of the Lenten season, the concert will offer a setting of "Blessed Are They" from a German Requiem by the esteemed German composer, Johannes Brahms. The concert will close with an exciting work by the band composer Alfred Reed entitled "The Founds of Spring."
Admission is by a suggested \$3 donation per person to the CSI Music Activities and Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 732-6767.

Big Wood ministry expands
Ketchum church sponsors Spanish-language congregation.
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WEEKEND

West End folklife exhibit opens today

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Red Cross holds ball

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS. — The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho will sponsor its first Red Cross Ball Saturday night at the Ballroom in downtown Twin Falls.

Basques plan dinner

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CSI choir sing Sunday

The Times-News
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Hospice holds variety show

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Festival will hold beard-growing contest

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ELVISH IS IN THE HOUSE

'Lord of the Rings' gives wide exposure to elf languages of Quenya and Sindarin

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Go ahead and laugh. Hard. They've heard it all before. But then, they have a clue what they're saying.

For anyone speaking in any of the more than 1,000 artificial tongues — languages carved out of someone's word-wise imagination — these are very good times.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King gives wide exposure to the elf languages of Quenya and Sindarin — collectively known as "Elvish" — concocted by "Ring" author and linguist J.R.R. Tolkien.

Klingon, the guttural tongue of war and weaponry from "Star Trek," is the subject of a new documentary, "Earthlings," to be shown at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

And later this year, the Esperanto-mob — a team of six speakers of Esperanto, one of the oldest invented languages and the most widespread — will be barnstorming the country extolling the joy of saying "saluton," their version of "hello."

It's just a little taste of sweet victory for invented-language fans, many of whom are linguists, philologists or amateur enthusiasts who've encountered everything from caricatures and ribbing from onlookers to government censure.

Esperanto was banned in Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and until recently, China. And then there are the visions of that infamous "Saturday Night Live" sketch when William Shatner, playing himself appearing at a "Star Trek" convention, exhorts the gangly crowd to "hail their geek chains."

"I don't live in my parents' basement. I'm 44 years old. I've been married. I have a real job," says Lawrence Schoen, a Pennsylvania psychologist and director of the Klingon Language Institute. "I think I successfully dispel most of those (geek) chains."

"Most of my family said I should spend time with an actual language," concedes college student and Klingon speaker Michael Ronery Jr. of Plano, Texas. "Putting Klingon on an application doesn't get you in any doors."

"I'm a really intellectual, dorky guy. I've learned to embrace that," says University of Texas at Austin linguistics student Ben Hamill, who studies Elvish on the side. "Most of my friends say 'I didn't know how you could study Elvish' or 'yeah, you would.'"

But thanks to the Internet and Tolkien, exposure and respect may

slowly be dawning. "Interest has increased," notes Frederick Hoyt, a UT linguistics graduate student who conducts a class about Tolkien's languages. But he admits he got the big eye-roll from some in other departments when they heard about what he was teaching. "The popularity has to do with the movies. There was always a community there that was doing their thing. Now there's a huge increase. But how many serious and how many just want a wedding ring in Elvish is hard to tell."

The reason it's taking off is because a lot of people did not realize there were people like them," says Jeffrey Henning, who runs langmaker.com, a site dedicated to artificial languages. "With the Internet, it's reawakened that interest. And then there's the fact that 'The Lord of the Rings' movies took the language so seriously — subtitling everything — prompted people to say 'What is this language?'"

Of course, artificial languages didn't begin with the 'Lord of the Rings' movies or Tolkien's hobbit tales, which he began to create in the '30s.

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Group will present 'History of America (Abridged)' at Eighth Street

The Times-News

BUHL. — The R.A.T. Players, formerly the Friends of the College of Southern Idaho Players, will present the comedy "Complete History of America (Abridged)" on March 12 at the Eighth Street Center.

"The Complete History of America (Abridged)," written by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, is part Monday Python and part burlesque. It ranges to present 500 years of history into two hours.

The \$15 per person ticket price will include an all-American dinner prepared by Chef LuAnn Stittus.

For further information, call 543-2888. The Eighth Street Center is located at 200 N. Eighth.

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Former Dynasty - star directs play for Blaine County theater group

The Times-News

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Movies

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'Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen'

A sharp, witty and exuberant yet also affectionate satire on the teenage movie... Lindsay Lohan's wondrously self-absorbed yet appealingly vulnerable 15-year-old Manhattanite copes with a move to New Jersey...

'The Cooler'

This winning little movie about a preternatural loser is set in an old-school Vegas casino, where William H. Macy plays a guy who radiates bad luck...

'Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights'

Drawn from co-producer/choreographer JoAnn Janssen's personal experiences and borrowing the basic motif of a youthful awakening through dance...

'Eurotrip'

The writing team of Alec Berg...

David Mandel and Jeff Schaffer concocted this lame tale of a U.S. high school student endeavoring to reach his sexy German e-mail pen pal with a little help from his friends...

'50 First Dates'

Alternately treacherous and crass, this is a disastrous reworking of the charming 'Wedding Singers'...

'The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King'

The final installment in Peter Jackson's daunting adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy is long, episodic, Renaissance Faire-y and, at times, mind-bogglingly brilliant...

'Miracle'

A spricily saga of how America's midgets shot past...



A stranger in a strange land, American dance floor Frank T. Hopkins (Viggo Mortensen) and his horse, Hidalgo, face many events including a sandstorm as they compete in the Ocean of Fire, a 3,000-mile race across the Arabian desert...

the Soviet hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics - an event Sports Illustrated called the 20th century's defining moment in sport...

'Mystic River'

Clint Eastwood's exceptional murder mystery swells with the twin themes of violence and vengeance that have long haunted the filmmaker...

'The Passion of the Christ'

The arrival of Mel Gibson's film feels like a milestone in modern culture that tells us more about the way our world works than we may want to know...

(2:06. R. for sequences of graphic violence)

'The Triplets of Belleville'

The wildly inspired French-made Oscar nominee is a feature-length animated tour de force that involves, strangely and sublimely, the Tour de France obese Americans...

'Twisted'

Police detective Ashley Judd pursues a serial killer whose victims have one thing in common: They dated her...

Directed by Philip Kaufman ('The Unbearable Lightness of Being'). (R. for violence, language and sexuality)

'Welcome to Mooseport'

This robust comedy pits an immensely popular newly ex-president (Gene Hackman) in a small-town mayoral contest against a somewhat nerdy local hardware store proprietor-plumber (Ray Romano)...

—Sources: Los Angeles Times, Knight Ridder Newspapers

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Auto Racing

Busch Series, pole qualifying for Sam's Town 300, SPEED, 2:30 p.m.

Boxing

Risky Night at the Fights, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Golf

Dubai Desert Classic, second round, TGC, 2:30 a.m.

Area ski report

Boys Back - The 47th area youth ski season... Area ski report

Baseball

Preseason, Phillies vs. Yankees, ESPN, 11 a.m.

Motor Sports

AMA Supercross, SPEED, 7 p.m.

Basketball

Mavericks at Spurs, ESPN, 6 p.m.

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league's head coaches

All eight schools were represented on the team, but Idaho State, with two, was the only school with more than one all-conference choice.

Snow, a 6-2 senior from Seattle, Wash., led the Eagles to an 11-3 Big Sky record. He ranks in the top 13 in the Big Sky in seven individual statistical categories.

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SPORTS

Caught in the red tape

Owens goes to Ravens in trade after paperwork problem

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Terrell Owens is now Brian Billick's problem — and the star receiver the Baltimore Ravens have never had.

The Ravens' receiver was traded by San Francisco to the Ravens on Thursday, a week after he was prevented from becoming a free agent because of a paperwork mistake. The 49ers got a second-round draft pick in return — a bonus considering they would have received nothing had he become a free agent.

However he treated people or dealt with people before is not of concern to me because the Baltimore Ravens weren't a part of that," Billick said of Owens, whose behavior alienated coaches and teammates and prompted the 49ers to get rid of him.

The second day of free agency was quieter than the first, largely because Daniel Snyder and the Washington Redskins made their annual splash Wednesday. The Skins then spent Thursday introducing the new players they hope will mesh into a cohesive unit under Joe Gibbs.

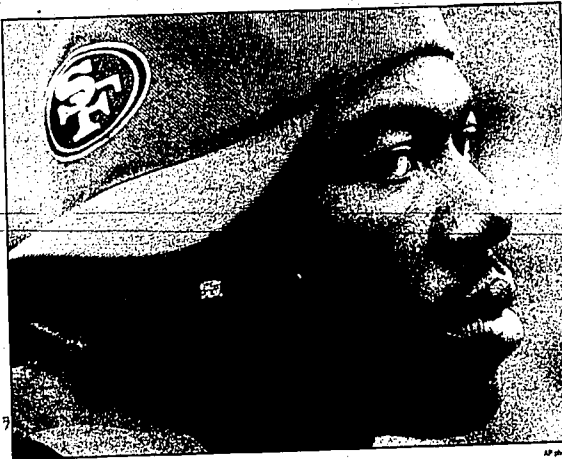
Philadelphia, meanwhile, formalized its \$66 million, eight-year deal with LeVon Kearse after the former Tennessee defensive end passed a physical. That had been a concern because of foot problems that kept Kearse on the sideline for a lot of the past two seasons.

"I think they're one pass rusher away from winning the big game. Not one player from winning the NFC Championship, but one player away from winning the Super Bowl, said Kearse, whose signing lifts the spirits of Philadelphia fans after three consecutive losses in NFC championship games.

Still, Owens' deal took the spotlight. Owens, one of the NFL's best receivers, gives the Baltimore offense the kind of receiver it has never had — not even when it won the Super Bowl after the 2000 season. The price was relatively cheap — a second-round draft choice for an impact player.

But it also could give Billick and his coaching staff a headache. Owens flew with both Steve Mariucci and Dennis Erickson in San Francisco as teammates and opponents with his surly, complaints and on-field antics.

Nor does the deal make the Ravens an offensive juggernaut.



San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Terrell Owens watches the game during the second quarter against the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. Owens was traded to the Baltimore Ravens by San Francisco on Thursday after a paperwork error prevented him from becoming a free agent.

There are still questions at quarterback, where Kyle Boller is still learning and missed the second half of last season with a knee injury. And Jamal Lewis, who rushed for 2,086 yards last season, is under indictment for drug conspiracy.

The 49ers benefit, too.

Instead of losing Owens with nothing in return, they get the 51st overall pick in what's expected to be a deep draft, especially for wide receivers.

The Redskins and Broncos introduced Clinton Portis and Champ Bailey, who were dealt for each other. That was the first trade of current Pro Bowl players since the Chargers traded quarterback John Elway to the Rams for defensive tackle Coy Bacon following the 1972 season.

Washington coach Joe Gibbs conceded the Redskins were forced to get rid of Bailey because of the cornerback's antipathy for Snyder.

"There was a history there," Gibbs said. "It

became obvious that it was going to be extremely tough for us to do, and it was extremely obvious that he wasn't coming to camp. I think he pretty well made up his mind that it was going to be hard for him to come back here."

In other developments Thursday:

• The Cleveland Browns disclosed they will meet Friday with quarterback Jeff Garcia, cut for salary cap reasons by San Francisco this week. He could be an option if the Browns can't renegotiate a cap-friendly deal with Tim Couch.

• Tampa Bay signed another former 49er, left tackle Derrick Deese, a 12-year veteran. Deese also was cut on Monday.

• Houston formalized its deal with defensive tackle Robaine Smith. The former Titan signed a six-year deal worth \$26.3 million.

• New Orleans signed former Tampa Bay running back Aaron Stecker, who will back up Deuce McAllister.

Two new teams, two new reasons to feel good



Top, Detroit Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez observes his teammates while waiting to take part in the drill during spring training Feb. 28, in Lakeland, Fla. Below, The Baltimore Orioles' new shortstop, Miguel Tejada, watches teammates during spring training Feb. 27 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



I-Rod and Tejada give clubs a boost

By The Associated Press

Ivan Rodriguez and Miguel Tejada wasted no time in getting started on helping turn around losing teams.

In his debut with the Detroit Tigers on Thursday, Rodriguez had two singles and an RBI in a 5-4 win over the Montreal Expos.

"With him signing, automatically we've got a chance to win the Central," fellow newcomer Rondell White said. "I don't think there's no one to overpower us."

The attitude around here is not like we lost 119 games last year. We're walking around here with confidence, and cockiness.

Tejada signed a four-year, \$40 million contract in the offseason to help the Tigers rebound from one of the worst seasons in major league history after leading the Florida Marlins to the World Series title.

The 10-time All-Star and Gold Glove winner will try to instill some of that championship swagger on his young teammates.

Carlos Pena, who hit a home run against Florida Southern on Wednesday, hit a two-run homer in the fifth. Rodriguez and Detroit Young followed with RBIs in the inning.

Tejada hit a solo homer off World Series MVP Josh Beckett in the Baltimore Orioles made Lee Mazzilli a 6-5 winner over the Marlins in his first game as big league manager.

The Orioles' two other high-profile acquisitions, Rafael Palmeiro and Jay Lopez, didn't disappoint either. Palmeiro had an RBI single with two outs off Beckett in the first and Lopez went 1-for-2 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Baltimore second baseman Jerry Hairston broke the ring finger on his right hand while stealing third in the first inning. He will be out at least a month.

Hairston's backup, Mike Fontenot, hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning for the winning margin.

In his first action of the spring, Beckett allowed two runs and five hits in 2-3 innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Ramon Castro started his campaign to replace Rodriguez as catcher for Florida with two home runs, including a two-run shot off Orioles opening day starter Sidney Ponson in the second.

In other spring training games: **Giants 9, Cubs 3**

At Mesa, Ariz., Barry Bonds

grounded out in his only at-bat before leaving on a cold and rainy day.

Jeffrey Hammonds hit a grand slam for San Francisco. Corey Patterson, making a comeback from knee surgery, homered for the Cubs off Kirk Ruetter.

Phillies 5, Yankees 1

At Clearwater, Fla., Jim Thome and Jimmy Rollins homered, and Philadelphia opened its new spring training ballpark by beating New York.

Eric Milton pitched three hitless innings for the Phillies.

Dodgers 7, Braves 5

At Kissimmee, Fla., Atlanta's J.D. Drew homered for the second straight day.

Drew connected off Los Angeles starter Jeff Weaver. Julio Franco, the oldest position player in the majors at age 45, hit a two-run triple for the Braves.

Mets 4, Cardinals 2

At Jupiter, Fla., Jason Phillips hit a solo home run and the Mets beat St. Louis. Steve Trachsel pitched two hitless innings for the Yankees.

Rangers 9, Royals 5

At Surprise, Ariz., Alfonso Soriano went 1-for-3 with a stolen base and Texas took double plays in his Texas debut.

Jason Jones hit a tiebreaking double over the head of Royals left fielder Garth Brooks.

Padres 3, Mariners 2

At Peoria, Ariz., Terrence Long hit a two-run homer and Brian Buchanan had a solo shot for San Diego.

Raul Ibanez and Scott Spiezio doubled off the Padres' Ismael Valdez.

Reds 6, Pirates 3

At Bradenton, Fla., Adam Dunn doubled twice and drove in two runs for Cincinnati.

The Pirates held a moment of silence before the game for former Reds owner Marge Schott, who died Tuesday at 75.

Brewers 8, Athletics 7

At Phoenix, Scott Podsednik went 2-for-3 with an RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases as Milwaukee beat Oakland.

The Brewers won it off Bill Hall's one-out triple off Lou Pote in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Dodgers' Gagne sets standard for closers

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The bullpen gate swings open, and Eric Gagne emerges to the raucous sounds of "Welcome to the Jungle."

With his untucked shirt, straggly goatee and weathered hat, Gagne lumbers toward the mound. A picture of baseball's best closer is shown on the large video scoreboard with a blinking caption: "Game Over."

Three outs later, that's true. "It's amazing — I listen every single time," Gagne said. "I listen to the crowd, feed off their energy."

"For me, it means everything. They get me going," he said. "Of course, when I throw the ball, I'm focused and block the noise out. The fans have been so good to me — I want to be a Dodger for the rest of my career."

Just two years ago, Gagne was a complete unknown without a defined job with the Dodgers — a candidate for the starting rotation being mentioned in trade talk.

Now, he's a cult hero of sorts. "Every day I try not to punch myself. I don't want to wake up," he said. "I'm having a blast — I don't want it to end."

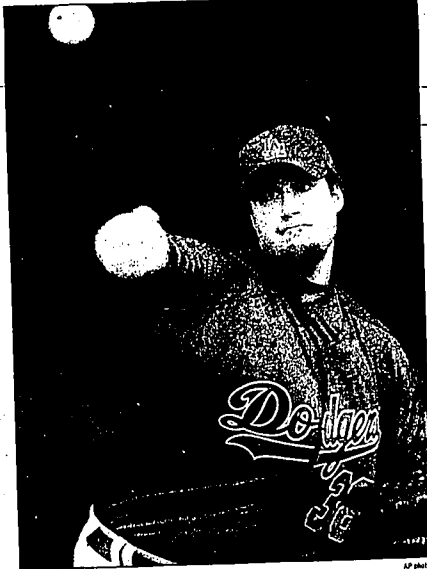
Gagne put together the best consecutive years for a closer in big league history, going 4-1 with a 1.97 ERA and 52 saves in 56 chances in 2002 and then 2-3 with a 1.20 ERA and 55 saves in as many opportunities last year, when he won the NL Cy Young Award.

Nobody else has recorded two 50-save seasons as a closer.

"He goes out there and just plays around with the hitters," Dodgers third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "When he's out there, you don't even expect a ground ball. It looks like nobody can touch him."

"I've never seen anybody throw like that."

Gagne allowed 37 hits, including two homers, in 82 1-3 innings last season with 20 walks and 137 strikeouts.



National League Cy Young winner Eric Gagne fires a pitch in Vero Beach, Fla., Feb. 23. With his untucked shirt, straggly goatee and weathered hat, Gagne lumbers toward the mound as a picture of baseball's best closer is shown on the large video scoreboard with a blinking caption: "Game Over."

"Gagne struck out at least one batter in 71 of his 77 appearances; two or more 51 times, three or more 14 times and four once.

He enters the 2004 season with a record 63 consecutive saves with "I've seen a lot of outstanding relief pitchers, but I've never seen

anyone do what he's done," said Hall of famer Tom Lasorda, who managed the Dodgers from 1977-96 and watched the likes of Hall of Famers relievers Hoyt Wilhelm, Rollie Fingers and Dennis Eckersley along with Goose Gossage, Lee Smith and Bruce

sixth straight double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Heat 104, Bucks 98

MIAMI — Rafer Alston led a career high with 23 points and Caron Butler added 21 to help Miami snap its four-game losing streak.

Miami wasted a 16-point first-half lead, letting the Bucks rally to tie it 98-all with 1:09 left in the game.

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Webber leads Sacramento Kings past Sixers, 114-105

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Peja Stojakovic scored 22 of his 27 points in the first half and Chris Webber had 24 points and 10 assists, leading the Sacramento Kings to a 114-105 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday night.

Webber was playing his second game of the season for Sacramento, which has won three straight and nine of its last 10 on the road. He had 26



points and 12 rebounds Tuesday in his debut after missing months to rehabilitate his knee and serve an eight-game suspension.

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first base was spectacular, scooping several poor throws from his fellow infielders while also flashing the leather on a loopers that seemed like a sure base hit.

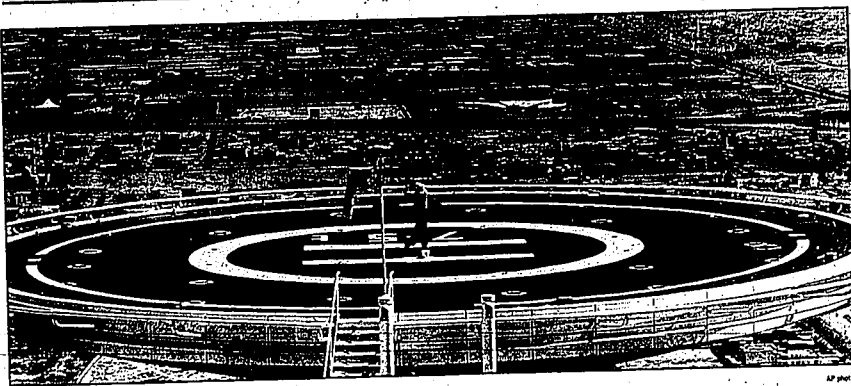
"You think about it, Jeremy does you unnoticed," Walker said. "He doesn't look like he's a sick-fielding infielder. But he is. He comes up with big plays and he's saved some of the throws that have been down and taken some pretty tricky bounces. He's better than what everybody thinks out there."

CSI should get a little challenge from a CNCC team that is 4-7 this season but has won four of its last five games. Eastern Utah defeated the Spartans 7-0 their last time out,

but CNCC beat Weber State. Dawson CC and Utah State (twice) by a combined 23-4 in their four previous games.

Sophomore Robby Bales leads all Colorado Northwestern players with at least 30 at-bats with a 294 average. But 6-foot-4 freshman Colt Adams may wield the most feared bat in the Spartans' lineup. Adams is hitting just .250 but he carries a slugging percentage of .400 and has two home runs this season.

CNCC also has an ace on the mound in Ben Hassell. The sophomore has a minute 0.95 earned run average in four starts, two of which he has completed. He also has 16 strikeouts compared to just five walks.



Tiger Woods hits balls from the Hell-pad on top of the Burj Al Arab Hotel prior to the 2004 Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai, UAE, in this photo released Tuesday.

On the fringe: Woods has frustrating day at Dubai

DUBAI. United Arab Emirates (AP) - Tiger Woods has the \$3 million appearance fee at the Dubai Desert Classic. Little-known Bradley Woods had a long and frustrating day Thursday, and was at even-par through 12 holes when the first round was suspended because of darkness.

The start of tournament was delayed 2.5 hours by fog and about half the field failed to finish the round.

Dredge took an early lead with an 8-under 64. David Howell of England was three back after a 67, and Richard Green of Australia shot a 68. Ernie Els opened with a 70, and Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland had an even-par 72.

Woods' frustration was evident throughout a round that included a double bogey at the 10th. He showed his anger several times, including on the 13th tee when he raised his club over his head and swung as if he were wielding an axe. When play was stopped, Woods

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had a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 13, but he elected to wait until play resumed Friday.

Woods birdied Nos. 4 and 9, but slipped back to even after a double bogey at the par-5 10th. He pushed his tee shot far right, then hooked his provisional drive into trouble. Playing the provisional, Woods hit into a greenside bunker and wound up with a 7.

Woods left the course without speaking to reporters.

Woods is playing in the event for the first time since 2001. He withdrew last year because of the impending war against Iraq.

In his only other appearance in the tournament, Woods and Thomas Bjorn were tied for the lead after 71 holes. Bjorn won the event when Woods made double bogey on the final hole and finished two shots back.

Fresh off winning the Match Play Championship, Woods has been busy since arriving from California on Monday, a trip that took him halfway around the world through 12 time zones.

Dredge was the surprise leader after six birdies and a 30-foot eagle putt on the 18th, his ninth hole.

"Because the greens are so good around here it was almost like a easy putt," Dredge said. "If you hit a good putt they are going to go in."

Smith overcomes double-bogey to lead at Doral

MIAMI - Chris Smith shot a 7-under 65, closing with a double bogey on the beefed-up 18th hole to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Ford Championship at Doral.

Joe Durant opened with a 66, and Phil Mickelson, Retief Goosen and Scott Verplank were two shots back. Smith, Mickelson and Verplank all found the water on the par-4 18th.

Smith, the 2002 Buick Classic

winner, opened the round with an eagle, then birdied eight of the next 12 holes to move to 10 under through No. 13 - five shots better than anyone else. He gave a stroke back after finding a fairway bunker on No. 16 and then had the poor second shot on No. 18.

Davies and Kuld lead at Women's Australasian Open

SYDNEY, Australia - Mianne Bagger became the first transsexual to play in a pro golf tournament, shooting a 12-over 84 in the first round of the Women's Australasian Open.

Bagger's 84 left her 16 strokes behind first-round leaders England's Laura Davies and Denmark's Christina Kuld.

Bagger was born a male in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1966 and began playing golf as an 8-year-old. Bagger began a transition to a female with hormone therapy in 1993, and had the sex-change operation three years later.

Making the list



The United States' Mia Hamm, top, fights for control of the ball with Costa Rica's Xiomara Briceño, bottom, during a game in a Olympic qualifying tournament for the Confederation of North America, Central America and the Caribbean in San Jose, Costa Rica, Wednesday. Eight teams from the region are vying for the two tickets to the 2004 Athens summer Olympics.

Hamm, Akers are only Americans, women on Pele's naming of soccer's best

LONDON (AP) - Naturally, Pele chose himself among the top 125 living soccer players.

But he also chose two Americans in a sport where the United States has always been an afterthought: Mia Hamm and Michelle Akers.

They also were the only women chosen, symbolic of U.S. dominance in the two decades that 'women's soccer has been on the world stage.

The list was compiled as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of FIFA, world soccer's governing group. FIFA left the choice to one man - the Brazilian acknowledged to be the greatest player ever.

Pele was allowed to pick only players who are still living. The list initially was to include 100 players - 50 current and 50 retired. But

FIFA relented when Pele asked to increase the retired list to 75.

There were 15 players from Brazil, which has won five World Cups, two more than any other country. Pele conceded it could have been more.

"I did my best," he said. "I asked if we could have 1,000 players, but I was told it should be only 100. I could have picked 100 from Brazil."

There are 14 players each from Italy and France on the list, 13 from the Netherlands, 10 each from Germany and Argentina, and seven from England.

Plus the two American women.

"When I came up with the name Mia Hamm and the midfielder Michelle Akers, everyone was a little surprised," Pele said.

"But women's football in the world is very important."

Pele's list of the top 125 living soccer players

- Argentina (10) - Gabriel Batistuta, Hernan Crespo, Mario Kempes, Diego Maradona, Daniel Passarella, Javier Saviola, Omar Sivori, Alfredo Di Stefano, Juan Sebastian Veron, Javier Zanetti.
- Belgium (3) - Jan Ceulemans, Franky Van der Elst, Jean-Marie Pfaff.
- Brazil (15) - Carlos Alberto, Cafu, Roberto Carlos, Falcao, Junior, Pele, Rivaldo, Rivelino, Romario, Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Djalma Santos, Nilton Santos, Socrates, Zico.
- Bulgaria (1) - Hristo Stoichkov.
- Cameroon (1) - Roger Milla; Chile (2) - Patricio Guzman, Ivan Zamorano.
- Colombia (1) - Carlos Valderrama.
- Croatia (1) - Davor Suker; Czech Republic (2) - Josef Masopust, Pavel Nedved; Denmark (3) - Brian Laudrup, Michael Laudrup, Peter Schmeichel.
- England (7) - Gordon Banks, David Beckham, Bobby Charlton, Kevin Keegan, Gary Lineker, Michael Owen, Alan Shearer.
- France (14) - Eric Cantona, Marcel Desailly, Didier Deschamps, Juste Fofana, Jean-Pierre Papin, Raymond Michel Platini, Lilian Thuram, Marceau Tresor, David Trézeguet, Patrick Vieira, Zinedine Zidane.
- Germany (10) - Michael Ballack, Franz Beckenbauer, Paul Breitner, Oliver Kahn, Juergen Klinsmann, Sepp Maier, Lothar Matthaus, Gerd Mueller, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Uwe Seeler.
- Ghana (1) - Abedi Pele; Hungary (1) - Ferenc Puskas; Ireland (1) - Roy Keane.
- Italy (14) - Roberto Baggio, Franco Baresi, Giuseppe Bergomi, Giampiero Boninerti, Gianluca Buffon, Gianluigi Facchetti, Paolo Maldini, Alessandro Del Piero, Alessandro Nesta, Gianni Rivera, Paolo Rossi, Francesco Totti, Christian Vieri, Dino Zoff.
- Japan (1) - Hidetoshi Nakata; Liberia (1) - George Weah; Mexico (1) - Hugo Sanchez.
- Netherlands (13) - Marco van Basten, Dennis Bergkamp, Johann Cruyff, Edgar Davids, Ruud Gullit, Willy van de Kerkhof, Rene van de Kerkhof, Patrick Kluivert, Johann Neeskens, Ruud van Nistelrooy, Rob Rensenbrink, Frank Rijkaard, Clarence Seedorf.
- Nigeria (1) - Jay-Jay Okocha; Northern Ireland (1) - George Best; Paraguay (1) - Renestorff; Peru (1) - Teofilo Cubillas; Poland (1) - Zbigniew Boniek; Portugal (3) - Manuel Rui Costa, Eusebio, Luis Figo; Romania (1) - Georgehog Hogi; Russia (1) - Rinat Dasaev; Scotland (1) - Kenny Dalglish; Senegal (1) - El Hadji Diouf; South Korea (1) - Hong Myung-bo; Spain (3) - Emilio Butragueno, Luis Enrique, Raul; Turkey (2) - Emre, Resher Rustu; Ukraine (1) - Andriy Shevchenko; Uruguay (1) - Enzo Francescoli; United States (2) - Michelle Akers, Mia Hamm.

DIPLOMATIC MISSION: Play cricket

Shared passion for the sport may help forge peace between India and Pakistan

By Matthew Pennington
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - India and Pakistan have fought three wars and edged to the brink of nuclear attack. Next week, the bitter rivals will try to spur a fragile peace process with help from a common passion: cricket.

Work will come to a halt, restaurants and tea shops in big cities and remote villages will swell with people, and millions of TVs on both sides of the border will be tuned in.

It's India's first full cricket tour of Pakistan since 1989, although there were three one-day matches in 1997. Karachi will host the series-opening match March 13.

Indian batsman Yuvraj Singh described it as "the mother of all games." Veteran Pakistani commentator Omar Qureshi called the series "war by other means."



Pakistani cricket players offer evening prayers Feb. 28, at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan. Pakistani team practices for the upcoming crucial cricket series against India.

over security after a wave of terrorist attacks in the past three years. But Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee last month pressed for its go ahead.

"Cricket means... a lot to people in Pakistan and India," said Qureshi, who has covered all but two of the India-Pakistan cricket series since the first in 1952. "It's the one colonial legacy that we are hanging onto. It's almost a secular religion on the subcontinent."

The countries' sporting ties often have been waylaid by politics. From 1960-78 - a period marked by wars over Kashmir and Bangladesh and failed peace talks - there were no India vs. Pakistan cricket matches.

"Hope for change has emerged in recent months. Peace talks will

stretch over months and possibly years, but observers say they offer the best chance in a generation for an end to five decades of enmity.

"People in both countries are sick and tired of the pasturing and bogus allegations," Qureshi said. "There's a genuine hunger for normalization in relations and this cricket series is a tremendous opportunity to build bridges."

Khalid Mahmood of Islamabad's Institute of Regional Studies said India's decision to agree to the tour "is a goodwill gesture. It will further help to ease tension," he said.

Pakistan's cricket team toured India in 1999, before New Delhi blocked further visits. That year, suspected Hindu extremists assassinated Pakistani allied support of Islamic

separatist guerrillas in disputed Kashmir, dug up the cricket pitch in New Delhi and forced the first test to be rescheduled.

Militants also ransacked the Indian cricket board's headquarters, damaging the 1983 World Cup trophy.

During India's 1997 three-match visit to Pakistan, fans hurled stones at Indian players in Karachi.

"I'm sure the Pakistani crowd will give the Indians a warm welcome," said Pakistan's cricket coach, Iaved Miandad. In 1999, "we went to India and had a lovely time. There were no differences between people. We were accepted simply as sportsmen."

The hosts have promised heavy security.

Armstrong lashes out at anti-doping agency head

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong lashed out Thursday at the head of World Anti-Doping Agency for comments he made about cyclists taking illegal substances.

In an open letter released by his representatives, Armstrong said he was "stunned and saddened" by Dick Pound's comments that "the public knows that the riders of the Tour de France and the others take forbidden substances."

Pound's comments were reported in the French newspaper Le Monde on Jan. 28.

"I have said this before and I will say it again: I believe that I am the most tested athlete on this planet. I have never had a single positive doping test, and I do not take performance enhancing drugs," Armstrong said.

Armstrong is in Spain competing in the Tour of Murcia as part of his training to pursue an unprecedented sixth straight Tour de France title.

Although Pound's comments were reported more than a month ago, Armstrong said he felt compelled to defend him-

self and the professional cycling community.

"I have learned over the years that proving a negative can be quite challenging with people who simply do not want to believe that my accomplishments are possible without drugs," Armstrong said.

"I can live with that. But, for Mr. Pound to assert that I take drugs, or that my fellow riders in the Tour do, is simply careless and unacceptable."

Armstrong acknowledged that cycling has had doping problems but said the sport has

cleaned up. He noted that the Tour de France tested him regularly and that tests are controlled by the French Ministry of Sports.

"The Tour de France is one of the most controlled sports events in the world," he said, adding that the majority of cycling tests by the WADA come back clean.

"I ask you focus your efforts on the fight against doping rather than spending your time accusing innocent athletes without any evidence other than your own speculation," Armstrong said.

U.S. rider Lance Armstrong hands over a rain jacket to his U.S. Postal team car during the first stage of the Tour of Murcia cycling to San Pedro de Pinatar, Spain, Wednesday.



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Egypt admits imprisoning militant

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Egypt acknowledged for the first time Thursday that it is holding Mohammed al-Zawahiri, the brother of al-Qaida's No. 2 man. Al-Zawahiri had been believed in Egyptian police custody for at least three years, but the government never acknowledged it. He was sentenced to death in absentia in 1999 for his role in attacks by the militant group Islamic Jihad.

His older brother, Ayman al-Zawahiri, is the top aide to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and allegedly headed the military wing of Egypt's Jihad group. Ayman al-Zawahiri also was sentenced to death in absentia in the same 1999 trial.

Interior Minister Habib el-Adly said Mohammed al-Zawahiri would stand trial soon but did not say when.

Under Egypt's laws, a suspect can be detained without charges or trial indefinitely. However, Egyptian law doesn't provide for a new trial for a suspect who has been convicted in absentia in a military court and returns to the country; it only permits clemency pleas to the president.

Al-Zawahiri's relatives were surprised when they read a recent newspaper report about his whereabouts.

"We didn't know if he was alive or dead," Mahfouz Azzam, al-Zawahiri's great uncle, told The Associated Press.

Azzam, a lawyer, wondered why Egyptian authorities had held him so long without telling his family or giving him access to legal help.

"His mother and his family want to see him and send him food," Azzam added. He said Mohammed al-Zawahiri's wife and six children are living in Egypt.

Azzam said he wouldn't represent Mohammed al-Zawahiri himself in a retrial because he objects to civilians being tried in military courts.

It wasn't immediately clear why the government acknowledged holding Mohammed al-Zawahiri, although Arab newspaper reports had recently suggested that he was dead, his body held by police and that American intelligence officials wanted a sample of his DNA.

Those reports came amid speculation that U.S. authorities had captured or killed bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri. U.S. military officials have denied capturing bin Laden and have said nothing about netting his deputy.

Mohammed el-Zayat, a prominent attorney who defended Mohammed al-Zawahiri in his 1999 trial, said his former client is not known to have any ties to al-Qaida, though he had been an Islamic Jihad member for years.

IRAQIS MOURN LOSSES



An Iraqi lights candles, Thursday, after placing a portrait of his relative who was killed in Tuesday's suicide attacks in Kazimiyah Shrine at Baghdad, Iraq. Tuesday's coordinated suicide attacks in the capital as well as the holy city of Karbala, killed more than a hundred people and injured hundreds more in the bloodiest attacks carried out since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Opinions diverge on foreign involvement in bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Top U.S. military and civilian officials were at odds Thursday over the role of foreign fighters in this week's savage bombings at Shiite Muslim religious shrines - acts of violence that raised the specter of sectarian war. U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said it was "increasingly apparent" terrorism was coming from outside Iraq, but some American generals were far less certain about the extent of the foreign role.

The brutal sophistication of Tuesday's bombings in Karbala and Baghdad pointed to a foreign influence on an insurgency that is still mainly homegrown, said Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad.

"It's far more than a supposition and far less than empirical evidence" to say Abu Misab al-Zarqawi, a suspected anti-U.S. militant with ties to al-Qaida, had a hand in the Tuesday blasts, Dempsey said. "It's a very educated guess."

He called the idea that foreign fighters were flooding Iraq "a misconception."

Another military official in Baghdad, who asked not to be named, said intelligence "strongly suggests" al-Zarqawi was behind the blasts Tuesday, the bloodiest day since Saddam Hussein's regime

collapsed. The Iraqi Governing Council said 271 people were killed in the attacks; the U.S. coalition said 181 people were killed and 573 wounded. Al-Zarqawi emerged as the top suspect within hours of the bombings.

Bremer and members of the Governing Council took turns blaming the Jordanian fugitive, the alleged author of a letter calling for a civil war fueled by attacks on Iraq's majority Shiites.

U.S. officials have discounted a statement by 12 insurgent groups that named al-Zarqawi as killed by American bombing last year. But in Washington, a military official said he couldn't be sure the Jordanian is alive.

"There is no direct evidence whether he is alive or dead at this point, that we have," Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Pentagon news conference.

Army Gen. John Abizaid, who runs the war in Iraq, said he had evidence that al-Zarqawi was behind the massacres on the Shiite holy day of Ashura. But other U.S. officials later said they could not elaborate because the evidence was still "being developed."

In Najaf, meanwhile, police Maj.

Mohammed Dayekh said Thursday an Iraqi member of al-Zarqawi's network had confessed he and four other Iraqis were involved in the Karbala bombing. The U.S. military command said it was unaware of the purported confession.

Mohammed Hanoun Hmood al-Mozalim.

The U.S. military official in Baghdad said the case for foreign involvement in the attacks was bolstered by the capture of five "suspected foreign fighters" near the holy city of Karbala just 10 hours before the blasts.

The military has not determined the identity or nationalities of the five, nor whether they were linked to al-Zarqawi. The five were planning an attack on pilgrims near Ashura, which climaxed Tuesday.

Fifteen other suspects - including five Farsi-speakers, believed to be Iranian - were being questioned.

However, Pentagon officials said Thursday it was not known whether the Farsi-speakers were from Iran. "We are following any conclusion," said Lawrence Di Rita, a Pentagon spokesman.

Military commanders examining the aftermath of the bombings say they have dwindling knowledge about who is controlling and financing the insurgency that has been launching attacks in Baghdad, Karbala and elsewhere.

German court orders a retrial of the world's only Sept. 11 convict

KARLSRUHE, Germany (AP) - The only person in the world convicted in the Sept. 11 attacks won a retrial Thursday after an appeals court faulted Washington for refusing to allow testimony from a key al-Qaida captive.

The Federal Criminal Court overturned the conviction of Mounir el Motassadeq, a Moroccan, leaving German prosecutors with little to show for their efforts to pursue suspects who may have belonged to the Hamburg cell that included three of the suicide hijackers.

A month ago, el Motassadeq's friend Abdelghani Mzoudi was acquitted of identical charges of giving logistical aid to the cell. Relatives of Sept. 11 victims again expressed frustration and Interior Minister Otto Schily, called Thursday's ruling "regrettable."

El Motassadeq, 29, remains in the Hamburg prison where he was serving the maximum 15-year sentence for more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and member-

ship in a terrorist organization. Presiding Judge Klaus Tolksdorf said he is still "under a high degree of suspicion."

That comment resembled remarks by the presiding judge in Mzoudi's case, who had said the acquittal was



Mounir el Motassadeq

"no reason for joy" and came not because of the court decision. Mzoudi was innocent but because there wasn't enough evidence against him. Lawyers said they would seek el Motassadeq's release and planned to introduce new evidence in the retrial that was critical to Mzoudi's acquittal. El Motassadeq has denied involvement in the Sept. 11 plot. "I believe he is guilty," said Stephen Push, founder of the New

York-based Families of Sept. 11 group, whose wife was aboard the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. "It's unfortunate that the conviction wasn't upheld."

In Washington, the Justice Department said the court ruling was a German affair.

"We will continue to cooperate to the fullest extent possible with Germany in the fight against our common foe, the terrorists," spokesman Mark Corallo said.

Ramzi Bin alshibh, a Yemeni believed to have been the Hamburg cell's contact with al-Qaida, was the key to Thursday's ruling.

He has been in secret U.S. custody since his Sept. 11, 2002, capture in Pakistan; the U.S. Justice Department turned down court requests in both Hamburg trials to let him testify, saying he is "not available."

El Motassadeq acknowledges knowing the plotters, but maintains Bin alshibh would be able to confirm he wasn't involved in the plot to attack the United States.

U.S. officials worry about returning power to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - A growing number of lawmakers are worrying out loud about the Bush administration's ironclad deadline for handing over political control to Iraq this summer, with even Republicans questioning who will rule and whether the Iraqis will be up to it.

The worst day of post-invasion carnage so far - Tuesday's coordinated bombings at Shiite Muslim shrines - has heightened fears over sticking to the June 30 handover even as Iraqis make little progress toward deciding who will be in their new government.

The issue of whom sovereignty is to be transferred to is not just a thorny intellectual issue, said Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "If the people of Iraq don't support their sovereign government, even greater chaos could result."

"It seems like a tough target to hit," GOP House Armed Services Committee member Rep. Joel Hefley of Colorado said of the June

deadline. "I'm convinced that the timetable... is unrealistic," said Missouri Democrat Rep. Ike Skelton.

Lawmakers commented when the U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. John Abizaid, testified before their committees with other senior defense officials Wednesday and Thursday.

Critics have charged the June 30 date is arbitrary and appears geared more toward helping President Bush in his November re-election bid than helping the Iraqi people.

Lowering the U.S. profile in Iraq seen as progress, and could blunt the war as a campaign issue. The American death toll was more than 540 and the war's cost - already more than \$100 billion - is also a sore topic among American voters. Facing huge federal budget deficits, critics believe that if violence were to worsen in the country once the sovereignty handover was complete, "that could hurt - Bush politically."

The summer of 2003 was probably the hottest in 500 years for much of Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) - Last year's deadly summer in Europe probably was the hottest on the continent in at least five centuries, according to researchers who analyzed old records, soil cores and other evidence. More than 19,000 people died.

Researchers at the University of Bern, Switzerland, collected and analyzed temperature data from all over Europe, including such climate measures as tree rings from 1500.

"They found that the climate has been generally warmer and last summer was the most torrid of all. "When you consider Europe as a whole, it was by far the hottest," said Jurg Luterbacher, climatologist and the first author of a study appearing this week in the Journal Science.

Luterbacher said the study showed that European winters are also warmer now. The average winter and annual temperatures during the three decades from 1973 to 2002 were the warmest of

the half millennium, he said.

Some studies have linked rising average temperatures in North America and elsewhere to global warming caused by the burning of fossil fuels, but Luterbacher said his team did not attempt to make such a connection.

"We don't make any analysis of the human influence," he said. "We don't attempt to determine the cause. We only report what we find."

Other climatologists, however, say the new study agrees with models that have predicted a steady rise in global temperature as the result of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels and other sources.

Stephen Schneider, a climate expert at Stanford University and a prominent advocate for human-caused global warming, said the Luterbacher paper is consistent with what climate modelers have been predicting for 20 years. "The data is starting to line up

showing that those projections were correct," Schneider said. "We warned the world that this was likely to happen because we believed the theory, but couldn't actually prove it was happening. Now the data is coming in."

In the study, Luterbacher and his team analyzed the temperature history of Europe starting in 1500 to the present.

For the earliest part of the half millennium, the figures are estimates based on proxy measures, such as tree rings and soil cores. But after about 1750, he said, instrumented readings became generally available throughout Europe.

During the 500 years, there were trends both toward cool and toward hot. The second hottest summer in the period was in 1377. That was followed by a cooling trend that continued until early in the 20th century. The summer of 1902, for instance, was the coolest of the entire record.

Countries mull gay marriage worldwide

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - Three years after Amsterdam's mayor officiated at the Netherlands' first gay wedding, the gay marriage rate is falling, the first divorces are being registered and the issue has disappeared from the political agenda.

While the United States is engaged in debate on a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, Canadians are discussing a federal law to legalize it and many European countries are adopting civil unions for gay couples.

But in the Netherlands, nobody talks about the issue anymore. Around the world, countries are coming to terms with how to treat

homosexual couples - and the trend in many is toward liberalizing laws.

In Denmark, civil unions with the same rights as marriage have been around since 1989, and other Nordic countries followed suit in the 1990s.

The Dutch were the first to eliminate any distinction between gay and straight, striking all references to gender in the marriage laws. Belgium soon did the same.

Canada jumped to the forefront of gay rights in North America in June when it announced plans to legalize same-sex marriages. Many same-sex couples streamed north to marry in Ottawa and British Columbia after courts in those

provinces authorized weddings.

In most of Africa, homosexuality is illegal and gay marriage unthinkable. But in South Africa, gay rights were enshrined in the post-apartheid constitution and some groups are lobbying for the right to marry.

In Japan, homosexuality is no longer considered a mental illness but many gays still feel pressure to go through a sham heterosexual marriage. Japan is more progressive than most of Asia.

Strongly Roman Catholic countries such as Spain and Italy refuse to recognize gay couples, following the Vatican's abhorrence of homosexuality. But there are important exceptions.



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Luncheon will honor Jefferson award winner

TWIN FALLS - The winner of the Southern Idaho Jefferson award will be named today at a noon luncheon at the Blue Lakes Country Club. The award, founded in 1972 by the American Institute of Public Service, "honors and encourages individuals for their contributions and achievements to public and community service," according to a statement. The winner, selected from 35 nominees, will travel to Washington, D.C. in June to attend a national awards ceremony. The award is sponsored by KMYT-TV and Team Con Paulos.

Crapo will sponsor an ag trade forum at CSI

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) will sponsor an agricultural trade forum at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Crapo is holding several agricultural trade forums amidst several developments related to farm trade, the latest of which comes from the European Union. EU leadership announced this week that it is planning sanctions on U.S. goods, including farm products, in retaliation to actions relating to export subsidies. These trade forums are an excellent tool to discuss ways in which we can make improvements in trade for the betterment of American agriculture, Crapo said in a statement.

Best Buy reports 21 percent revenue increase

MINNEAPOLIS - Consumer electronics retailer Best Buy Co. Inc. said revenue in its latest quarter jumped 21 percent, driven by a nearly 10 percent increase in sales at stores open a year ago. Richfield, Minn.-based Best Buy reported Thursday its revenue rose to \$8.44 billion in the fourth fiscal quarter ended Feb. 28 from \$6.99 billion a year ago. Customer traffic accelerated in the second half of December and sustained that pace through the rest of the quarter, said Brad Anderson, vice chairman and chief executive of Best Buy.

The company also added 78 new stores in the past 12 months - including a store in Twin Falls. But sales at stores open a year ago - considered a good gauge of retail health - increased 9.7 percent for the quarter, higher than its previous guidance of a 6 percent to 8 percent gain. Best Buy had previously reported an increase in comparable store sales for December of 9.3 percent. Given the revenue results for the quarter, Best Buy announced that it expects fourth-quarter earnings from continuing operations to be at the high end of its guidance of \$1.34 to \$1.39 per share.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected \$1.39 a share for the quarter. Costco profit jumps 25 percent on weak dollar

ISSAQUAH, Wash. - Costco Wholesale Corp. said this week that profit for its latest quarter jumped 25 percent, as sales were boosted by stronger foreign currencies and the recently ended grocery strike in southern California. The warehouse club operator - with a store in Twin Falls - had net income of \$226.8 million, or 48 cents a share, for the second quarter ended Feb. 15, compared with \$102.1 million, or 39 cents a share, a year earlier. Results for the year before included a charge of \$16 million, or 3 cents a share, for an increase in workers' compensation reserves. Revenue, including net sales and membership fees, rose 14 percent to \$11.6 billion from \$10.1 billion. Comparable-store sales, or sales in stores open at least a year, climbed 11 percent, rising 10 percent in the United States and 20 percent abroad. Issaquah-based Costco operates 331 warehouses in the United States, Canada, Britain, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Mexico. The company plans to open seven to eight new warehouses by Aug. 29, the end of its fiscal year.

Costco profit jumps 25 percent on weak dollar

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Dell steps down, names new CEO

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas - Michael Dell will step aside as chief executive of the computer company he founded and be replaced by president and chief operating officer Kevin Rollins in July, Dell Inc. announced Thursday. The board of directors, meeting in New York, named Rollins CEO effective at the annual shareholder meeting July 16. Rollins also will be nominated to Dell's board at the annual meeting. Dell, who founded the company 20 years ago while a student at the University of Texas, will remain deeply involved in day-to-day business as chairman, the company said. The company said the change in titles was consistent with the main roles played by the two men: Dell has overseen trends in customer preference and research and development, while Rollins has focused on company strategy and operations. On the board, Rollins would replace Mort Topfer, a director since December 1999, who has decided not to run for re-election, the company said.

Topfer retired as a Dell executive in December 2001. Dell, based in Round Rock, had sales last year of \$41.4 billion. Last month the company reported that fourth-quarter earnings rose 24 percent from a year earlier to \$749 million. Dell and Rollins gave an upbeat assessment of first-quarter product shipments. The company has been expanding from its beginnings as a maker of personal computers to manufacturing other devices. It is known for pressing suppliers to keep costs down, helping it compete against other computer makers on price. Dell shares were down 28 cents, or less than 1 percent, to \$32.85 in midday trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

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Chamber hands out leadership awards

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The business community honored the owner of a sign shop, an attorney and the owner of a business technology store Thursday. But those titles are just for the winners' day jobs. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Idaho, at their annual Success Breakfast, awarded 2003 Chamber Person of the Year honors to Terry McCurdy. Rex Lytle and Laird Stone each took home a 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award. Chamber executive Kent Just was pleased with the turnout. About 600 people attended, he said. "The crowd seemed very pleased with everything," Just said. "We had a good response from many people on the people chosen for the awards as well as the speech by (gymnast and motivational speaker) Peter Vidmar."



Rex Lytle watches as real estate signs for First Federal Bank roll off the new Roland Solvent Jet II printer at Lytle Signs in Twin Falls Thursday. Lytle was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at the 2004 Success Breakfast.

Chamber Person of the Year

2002 People of the Year honorees Randy Hansen and Elaine Steele presented the 2003 award to McCurdy, calling him an "energetic and enthusiastic individual." Hansen, chairman of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's Legacy committee, Terry McCurdy spearheaded two major projects in 2003 - the creation of the L.B. Perrine statue at the new section of the Cotton River trail. McCurdy, who currently serves

as Rotary Club president, is a former president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber and has long served as a spokesman for downtown businesses. He is a leader in his church and "truly understands the meaning of voluntary leadership," Hansen said. "Terry McCurdy loves projects," Steele told the audience, reading from the award plaque.

"I'm just honored to win this award," McCurdy said as he accepted the plaque. "I've seen it given many times to deserving people... 2004 is going to be a great year for Twin Falls. It's great to be in a wonderful community." McCurdy also thanked his family for their support, saying that in winning the award, he lost a \$100 bet to his son-in-law.

"There are many things that are important in this life," McCurdy said. "I love being of service, but probably the most important thing is family."

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The chamber received nearly 20 nominees for the 2003 Lifetime

Achievement Awards, said Chamber Ambassador Patti Adam. 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award winners Curtis H. Eaton and Gerald Meyerhoeffer presented the 2003 awards to Rex Lytle and Laird Stone.

Eaton introduced Lytle as the second-generation owner of a business - Lytle Signs - founded 56 years ago.

"In his version of Lilliput, he is the king of the 'Lytle people,'" Eaton told the crowd. "If he were a doctor, he'd be a 'neon-atologist.'"

Lytle also serves on the board of directors for the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club and First Federal Savings Bank.

"I'm speechless, frankly," Lytle said, accepting his plaque. "It's a privilege to live in this community."

Meyerhoeffer presented the second award to Twin Falls attorney Laird Stone for his "leadership and vision" on the board of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Idaho State Board of Education.

Stone thanked his family for their support and acknowledged his sons, who were in attendance.

"I learned my leadership skills by watching my parents, growing up in Gooding," Stone said. "I'm very honored to be included on the list of past recipients."

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Gymnast Vidmar shares the keys to success at breakfast

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While his gold medal performance in the 1994 Olympics was nearly 20 years ago, gymnast Peter Vidmar still knows what it takes to succeed. And he still knows his way around a pommel horse, too.

An audience of about 600 listened to Vidmar speak as part of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Ambassadors Success Breakfast Thursday.

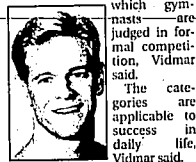
As people filed into the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium after the breakfast's awards ceremony, Vidmar - wearing a black "Lord of the Sill

Rings" T-shirt - warmed up on a pommel horse borrowed from Magic Valley Gymnastics.

Vidmar, who tours the country as a motivational speaker, led his men's gymnastics team to America's first team gold medal by defeating the defending world champion team from China at the 1994 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

He also took a personal gold medal on the pommel horse and a silver medal in the individual all-around competition.

Vidmar is still actively involved with the United States Olympic Committee and is also the author of "Risk, Originality and Virtuosity." The book's name comes from the categories upon



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which gymnasts are judged in formal competition, Vidmar said. The categories are applicable to success in daily life, Vidmar said. For example, taking risks means making mistakes at first, he said.

Vidmar told the story of a crushing loss he experienced prior to the 1994 Olympic Games at the gymnastics world championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Poised to take first place in the competition, Vidmar made an unfortunate mistake in the final event - the high bar.

The mistake sent him crashing to the mat and cost him a world championship medal, but he learned not to take his skills for granted, he said.

"I failed. But I'm glad I failed," Vidmar said. "I said to myself, 'Never again.'"

Shortly after that competition, he captured the gold medal at the Olympics. But the win came after hours and hours of perfecting his skills in the gym.

"I used to have the goal to be the last person out of the gym every day - which was kind of hard when every other guy in the

gym had that same stupid goal," he said. "But sometimes I had 15 to 20 extra minutes than the other guys. A little extra effort every day makes a big difference in the long run."

Chamber executive Kent Just was impressed with Vidmar's talk. But it was the second time he'd listened to Vidmar in a week, having just attended another event at which Vidmar spoke.

"As he is a perfectionist as a gymnast, he is as a speaker as well," Just said.

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Cell phone firms struggle to keep up with Verizon

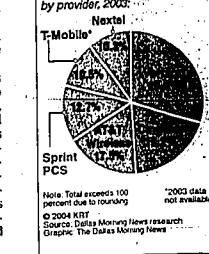
Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS - When Bell Atlantic combined its wireless properties with PrimeCo, AirTouch and GTE to create the nation's largest cellular-phone company, experts said Verizon Wireless might lead the industry in size but little else. Verizon's biggest added to its formidable challenges: It had to combine four wireless systems, establish a new national brand and meld disparate corporate cultures quickly, without alienating increasingly demanding cell-phone customers. And as a child of slow-and-steady Bell phone companies, the company was seen as duller and slower than the innovative and sexy AT&T Wireless and Sprint PCS.

In the last 3.5 years, however, Verizon Wireless has outpaced its rivals on a host of performance measures, an analysis of corporate financial statements from the last three years shows. Of America's six national cellular-phone companies, it has most consistently increased profits, hired new subscribers and invested in its network. Experts say Verizon's success has forced its rivals to rethink strategies and probably pushed Cingular Wireless to pay \$41 billion for AT&T Wireless in mid-February.

Going wireless

U.S. wireless market share, by provider, 2003



"Everybody is chasing Verizon," said Albert Lin, an analyst with American Technology Research. "Everybody wants to end up with Verizon-like results. Verizon... has made some very simple decisions that these other carriers have not." Consider Verizon's performance against Cingular, which was created in late 2000 when SBC Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp. merged their wireless properties. In 2001, Cingular had three-fourths as many customers as the industry leader. But

by the end of 2003, it had 63 percent as many. AT&T Wireless has shrunk from 61 percent of Verizon to 58 percent.

Verizon is adding customers at such a rapid rate that many experts believe it will eclipse a combined Cingular and T-Mobile in a few years time. Nextel Communications and T-Mobile USA also are expected to continue their strong growth at the expense of their bigger rivals.

Verizon revises the idea of its biggest rivals getting together because the intricacies of shutting down duplicate cellular towers and combining billing systems will distract them from day-to-day operations, said Roger Entner, an analyst at the Yankee Group, a research firm.

"It's an opportunity to gain market share at the expense of their No. 2 and No. 3 rivals. To be sure, a combined Cingular and AT&T Wireless would have more than 46 million subscribers and would be a formidable competitor to Verizon and others. Executives say that merger should close by the end of the year.

Verizon's growth shows that when done right, mergers can propel a company. Buying AT&T Wireless will give Cingular control of a broad swath of wireless fre-

Retailers report high February sales

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Consumers' rising confidence gave the nation's retailers - some with locations in Magic Valley - their third straight month of solid sales during February, with business above expectations - at many clothing and department stores.

"Warmer weather and more appealing spring fashions contributed to the upbeat results issued Thursday. February's performance followed a robust January performance and a better-than-expected holiday season.

"Consumers are definitely feeling better," said Todd D. Slater, an analyst at Lazard Freres & Co. "They are more upbeat about their jobs. They have more liquidity, and they're much more compelled by the fashion offerings."

Federated Department Stores Inc. chairman and CEO Terry I. Lundgren reported "underlying sales strength in key merchandise categories such as women's ready-to-wear, jewelry, handbags, shoes and cosmetics that is very encouraging for the spring season overall."

The results from retailers coin-

cided with a report from the Labor Department that the number of people filing new applications for unemployment benefits dropped last week. That's an indication companies may be feeling confident about the economic recovery's durability and less inclined to reduce their payrolls.

For the work week ending Feb. 28 new filings for jobless benefits fell by a seasonally adjusted 7,000 to 345,000, the lowest level in two weeks. The decline was a bit larger than the decrease of 5,000 that some analysts were anticipating.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, announced a 6.2 percent gain in same-store sales in February, beating the 4.9 percent expected by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call. Same-store sales at stores open at least a year and are considered a key indicator of a retailer's health.

Wal-Mart's total sales were up 14 percent.

Target Corp., helped by strong sales at its discount division, had a 7.5 percent increase in same-store sales. Analysts expected a 5.7 percent increase. Total sales were up 13 percent.

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MONEY

Refinancings hit seven-month high

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — Dean Cinkala is a serial refinance. He's refinanced the mortgage on his house in suburban Potomac, Md., so often over the past few years he's lost track. It's the fourth or fifth time. Cinkala said, "I can't even remember. I'm just continually trying to drop my interest rate." Cinkala just locked in a rate of 4.89 percent on a 15-year mortgage, edging his interest rate down from 5.1 percent. He opted for a no-cost refinancing, didn't tap into any of his built-up home equity and didn't extend the length of his previous mortgage.

Chasing rates has become a game, said Doug Duncan, chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association in Washington. "There are people out there who are refinancing for the fifth time in three years."
The great American rate chase, has heated up again over the mortgage as mortgage rates have dropped. According to statistics released this week by the bankers group, refinancing last week hit a seven-month high. Average 30-year rates have fallen at a seven-month high of 5.58 percent according to the Freddie Mac. Rates have been below 6 percent since mid-December, although they haven't dipped quite as far as the 40-plus-year low point of last spring. The recent dip flew in the face of many economists' predictions. "We don't expect rates to be higher now," Duncan said. "Most people did."

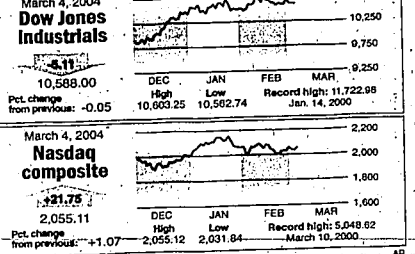
"We should thank the bank of Japan for these low rates," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's, who noted the singular Japanese influence. Japan's central bank has been buying large amounts of dollars — and then U.S. Treasury bonds — in market. Interest rates will stay low," said Wyss.
Wells Fargo & Co., one of the country's largest mortgage lenders.
Too, "we have no inflation," Nofthalt said. "Over 2003, the core of the consumer price index went up only 1.1 percent, the lowest rate since the late-1960s. And inflationary pressures look minimal."
With inflation so low, the Federal Reserve has little incentive to start raising short-term rates, which also helps keep down long-term rates. And that influence on rates is the wide use by big investors of a strategy called "carry trading," which has also increased demand for long-term Treasury bonds.
"Many financial institutions borrow short-term money and then invest it in long-term Treasury like the 10-year bond," Sohn said of carry trading. "They're borrowing at 1 percent and getting a 4 percent on the bond, for a 3 percent return."
Cautious U.S. businesses have also been borrowing less from banks. So banks, which must put their money somewhere, have also turned to U.S. Treasury, creating even more demand for government bonds.

The picture doesn't look as if it will continue to be a picnic, said analysts. Housing economists predict mortgage rates will remain low for the rest of this year, with a slight drift upward.
But is chasing low rates the way to get out of a home in a panic," asks chief economist Duncan. "Homeowners need to do a solid bit of pencil work with the family budget, knowing something about their future plans. If you're moving in 18 months, it's unlikely refinancing will make any difference. To get out in many cases, even with a tiny small move down in rates, it does make economic sense."

Another big influence is the state of the U.S. economy, particularly the continued soft employment.
"Many analysts were expecting 200,000-plus new jobs to be created in January," said Frank Nofthalt, chief economist at Freddie Mac. "We got about half that."
The number of mass layoffs also rose sharply in January, with more than 2,400 employers nationwide laying off 50 or more workers.
"As long as we have a weak job market, interest rates will stay low," said Wyss.

Mixed stocks await key employment report

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors bought tech shares Thursday but mixed with few other commitments ahead of the government's February employment report, leaving stocks mixed in still another lethargic session on Wall Street.
The market's major indexes drifted and out of positive territory as they have much of the week ahead of Friday's employment report. The report, showing the number of new jobs created or lost during the month, is considered one of the most critical indicators of the economy's health.
"Here's been a lot of speculation about where the market might come in and how the market might react, so it makes sense for this to be a bit of a directionless trade," said Brian Bears, head equities manager at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland.



The Dow Jones industrial average, which traded in a narrow, 45-point band, closed down 5.11, essentially flat at 10,568.00.
The broader gauge was higher. The S&P 500 index advanced 21.75, or 1.1 percent, to 2,055.11, as gains among semiconductor stocks helped it finish in positive range after two down days. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3.84, or 0.3 percent, to 1,154.83.
Investors, who have traded listlessly for weeks in the absence of galvanizing economic or earnings data, were disappointed again Thursday. They seemed put off by a Commerce Department report that U.S. factories fell by 0.5 percent in January. Weaker demand for transportation equipment, especially airplanes, pulled the overall number down. Excluding transport, factory orders rose 1.4 percent.

indicator of the level of layoffs, was seen as a sign that companies are feeling more confident about the economy.
Separately, the department said productivity of American workers advanced 2.5 percent annually in the final three months of 2003. That matched analyst forecasts, but was slightly slower than the 2.7 percent pace estimated by the government last month.
The lack of significant employment growth has been a sticking point in the recovery. Although companies seem to be laying off fewer workers, they haven't been in a rush to hire people back.
Still, a Federal Reserve survey released Wednesday found jobs are growing, albeit slowly, and economists remain optimistic about the outlook.

The change in non-farm payrolls will be the most closely watched component of Friday's jobs report, with analysts expecting an increase of 125,000 jobs. If the number comes in higher, the market could rally, but with a strong reading could revive worries about spending interest rate hikes, and park a sell-off. Most analysts counted this, however, saying a better jobs picture is essential to the recovery.
"More may be some concern that the Fed will start to act, but the natural response to this is 'Well,' said John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group. "An environment that would drive the Fed to lower rates again is much more scary than a sustainable economic recovery with job growth."
W.D. Henney Co. was up 15 cents to \$26.80 after the company's board voted to strip the title of chairman from chief executive Michael Eisner, who has been blamed for poor stock performance. The board also voted to support the board's decision to fight a hostile takeover bid from Comcast Corp.
Comcast, which has refused to raise its offer, rose 31 cents to \$30.71.
Chipmaker Intel Corp. was up 61 cents at \$29.65 ahead of a business update set for after the close, when it was expected to tighten its first-quarter revenue target.
Also among gainers on the Dow, pharmaceutical maker Merck & Co. surged 67 cents to \$47.78 after reaffirming its earnings forecast for the first quarter and the year.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

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Verizon

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Verizon Wireless is putting it on a par or ahead of what Verizon has in many markets.

Survey results may also be influenced by Verizon's "Can you hear me now?" advertising campaign, which started in early 2002.

AT&T has a lot of things to bring to the table that Cingular doesn't have, Entner said.

Industry analysts say the marketing appears to be working because Verizon's gaining more customers even though its rates are higher than those of rivals such as T-Mobile, Sprint PCS and AT&T Wireless.

AT&T Wireless has kept up to a degree. It invested \$5 billion in both 2002 and 2001, but cut capital expenditures to \$2.7 billion last year after it completed a network upgrade.

Experts and industry officials say Verizon executives inherited a better situation than rivals and a market at the top.

Verizon Wireless is the nation's best cellular carrier, according to a survey by Consumer Reports.

In recent years, local governments have gotten tougher on granting zoning and other permits for cellular towers.

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same store sales in its domestic business were up 1.1 percent. Analysts expected a 3.6 percent gain. Total sales were down 0.5 percent.

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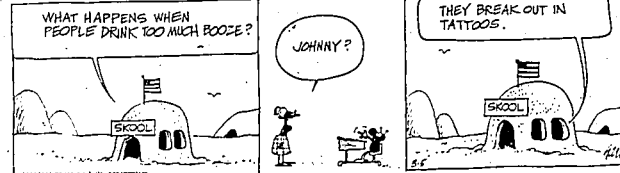


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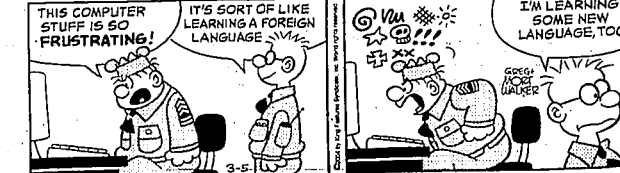
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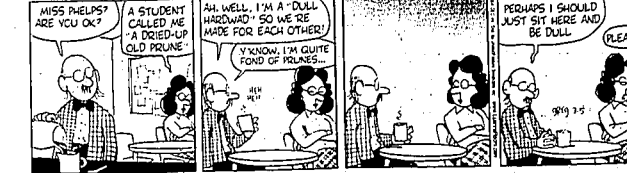
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 04-400

SUMMONS

ROY, NIELSON & BARING-GARCIA, a partnership, Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNA KOWITZ, an individual, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: KENNA KOWITZ, an individual.

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to respond to the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly. If you are not a party to this lawsuit, you may be liable to and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other provisions of the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include the number of this case.

2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.

3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.

4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff(s) or to the court as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED this 26th day of January, 2004.

 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 /s/Gerry Daw, Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 2004

MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2003-00233

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: The Estate of MAY ISABELLE GALLAGHER

DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the office of James Amstutz, Attorney at Law, 1742 Overland Ave., PO Box 686, Burley, ID 83318 or filed with the court in this cause.

DATED this 12th day of February, 2004.

/s/Doranne Davis
 Personal Representative
 376 South 150 East
 Burley, Idaho 83318

PUBLISH: February 20, 27 and March 5, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

ORDER SETTING HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF IM-PANELING A STANDING GRAND JURY IN THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, STATE OF IDAHO.

The court having received the Administrative Order for the impanding of grand juries in Twin Falls County, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a hearing on the matter of impaneling a grand jury be set for March 22, 2004, July 9, 2004 and November 5, 2004. Hearings will be at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, at 9:00 a.m. Said grand jury selected on said dates shall meet each month, after which time they will be discharged from their duties.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2004.

/s/W. Mad. Administrative District Judge

PUBLISH: March 5 and 12, 2004

and for Gooding County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2004-000074.

The nature of the claim against you is for divorce. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, you may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid the required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at Gooding County Magistrate Court, P.O. Box 477, Gooding, ID 83330 and served a copy of your response on the plaintiff, whose mailing address is telephone number is: 421 Nebraska St, Gooding ID 83330 or 206-835-8355.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you may contact the undersigned attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated 2/24/04

/s/John P. Edwards
 County District Court
 Rebecca Tanner
 Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 2004

On this day of 03/01/04 at the County District Court, I am no longer responsible for any other debts other than my own.

PUBLISH: March 4, 5 and 7, 2004

Twin Falls, ID. SCRAP requires the right to apply or reject any or all bids or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the SCRAP.

PUBLISH: March 5, 6 and 8, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Thursday, the 1st day of July, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second St., Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Favett, as Successor Trustee, will sell, in public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The East 27.52' feet of the following described parcel of land:

Township 10 South, Range 16 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho

Section 7: A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the South quarter corner of Section 7; Thence North 0° 52' West a distance of 333.48 feet to the South line of the U.S. 30 Highway Project F2361 (11);

Thence along a 1° 31' 44" curve left, along the 3747.81 feet of said curve having a radius of 97.42 feet to a point on the South line of Section 7;

Thence North 89° 50' 00" West for a distance of 572.57 feet along the South line of said Section 7 to the Southeast corner of said Section and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A 30 foot county road right of way along the South boundary thereof.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 2150 E 3900 N, Filer, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by CHARLES W. FAVETT, a Single Woman, Grantor, to Charles W. Favett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF TWIN FALLS, recorded August 13, 1998, as Instrument No. 198020292.

MORTGAGE RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 20, 1998, as Instrument No. 198020292.

THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1502 (Idaho Code). NO DEFERRED PAYMENT IS MADE AT THIS TIME, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated August 13, 1998, in the amount of \$541.00 each, for the months of August, 2003, through February, 2004, inclusive; and for each month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement; All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure; The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.43% per annum from July 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.43% per annum from July 1, 2003.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2004.

/s/CHARLES W. FAVETT
 a Member of the Idaho State Bar
 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

PUBLISH: March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2004

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF SALE

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103 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES A ROBYN'S NEST CLEANING SERVICE Accepting new clients, fast dependable, thorough, affordable. 208-212-9713.

104 PERSONALS LOST Australian Shepherd, 8 years old male, mostly white with blue eyes. Last seen on 2/24 in the West Point/Windfall area. Answers to Blue. 536-441 with any info.

105 HEALTH & WELLNESS Health and Wellness Presentation! Is your home a healthy home? Would you like to remove products containing cancer causing agents? Please join me at an exciting information-gathering in Twin Falls. Thursday night at 7:00 pm at Sheraton at 208-735-6552 to reserve your free seat!

106 SPECIAL NOTICES A FRIENDLY REMINDER It is against Twin Falls City Ordinance to top trees that are in the City's right-of-way.

107 PERSONALS LOST 48 looking for single female between 42-50. No smoking/drugs. Enjoys outdoors, traveling and going to dinner shows in Jackpot. Possible friendship or relationship. 423-4996 evenings.

108 PERSONALS LOST 22 looking for Christian men, NS/ND, no drugs, has to be between 50-55. Like to dine out, travel, listen to music. Member of First Assembly of God. Please write to PO Box 2104 Twin Falls, Idaho or call during the day at 732-5916.

109 PERSONALS LOST 54, NS, Seeks gentleman for friendship. Dating. 208-679-2012.

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE SERVICES CERTIFIED Family Home Care available for elderly person who needs a loving, safe, friendly, and caring environment. Please call 208-328-6560.

111 CHILD CARE SERVICES DAYCARE LDS home (ICCP), educational toys & the only, no smoking. Full/Part-time, Mon-Sat. All hours. 208-324-0424.

112 EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING Classified Sales Representative for The Times-News Twin Falls office has an opening in the classified sales department for a full-time sales representative. Hourly wage plus commission. Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The ideal candidate must have the desire to succeed in a fast paced, changing environment, be flexible, maintain a positive company image and possess the following:

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It looks as if you need to establish an extra diamond winner to set up a discard for dummy's club loser. For this you need to have the suit break 3-3 or to find one defender with two honors doubleton.

The best percentage in isolation is simply to play ace, king and another diamond. However, when you still have trumps remaining in both hands, there are usually end-play possibilities. You may be able to surrender the lead to West (the hand likely to be short in diamonds) to do something he may regret.

So ruff the fourth heart, play a diamond to the king, and lead a diamond from dummy, covering East's small card, or ducking if he plays an honor. Whenever the suit is 3-3, or West has a singleton honor, or any doubleton honor along with the club king, you generate an extra trick. Here, for example, when West wins his diamond queen, he can only give you a ruff and discard, or play a club, letting you put up the queen from dummy and claim 10 tricks.

If West had thrown his diamond queen away on the first round of the suit, he would have set up a diamond winner for you.

NORTH 03-5 A
K J 3 4 2
A 8 3 2
K 4 3
Q 8

WEST EAST
A 6 5
K 10 9 5 4 Q J
Q 8 J 10 6 5
K 10-9 3 J 6 2 4

SOUTH 03-5 A
K Q J 0 8 7 3
A 7
A 9 7 2
A 5

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East
2 A 1 Pass. 1 NT
3 A 3 A PASS
4 A All pass

Opening lead: Heart ace

BID WITH THE ACES 03-5 B

South holds: A A
K 10 9 5 4
Q 8
K 10 9 3

South West North East
A A
K 10 9 5 4
Q 8
K 10 9 3

ANSWER: Overall one heart. Do not make a takeout double. If you do, you might hear your LHO (or worse, your partner!) jump to four spades, setting you an impossible position. With hands like this, simply overcall, then bid again to show a strong unbalanced hand with hearts and extra values.

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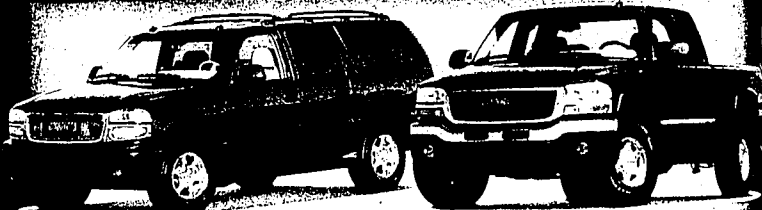
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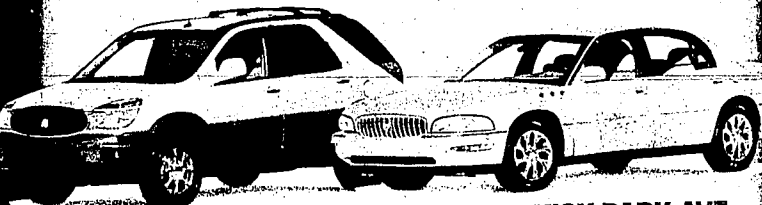
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