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GOOD MORNING

Kerry breezes through

Candidate lands in Twin Falls, travels on to Ketchum

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The unmarked Boeing 737 jet landed just after 7 a.m. and rolled to a stop. A cadre of journalists and campaign staffers exited the plane, followed by Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the likely Democratic presidential nominee.

Jerry Smith of Twin Falls watched from behind a chain-link fence as Kerry shook hands

with airport firefighters and staff. The watchful eye of the Secret Service kept Smith and other onlookers 500 feet from the candidate.

"I should have brought my binoculars," said Smith, who considers himself a Kerry supporter. "If he wants our vote, he should come out here."

Kerry and his 16-vehicle entourage left within 20 minutes of landing, led by four Twin Falls police motorcycles and a Blaine

County Sheriff's squad car. Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, were headed on their way to their vacation home north of Ketchum for a five-day respite from the campaign trail.

The Kerrys are well-known fixtures in Blaine County, having owned property in the area for years and often hosting various fund-raisers and parties. But their visits have never attracted so much attention as Please see KERRY, Page A2



Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, waves to members of the press as he departs Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, Wednesday evening on his way to Ketchum.



CSI men lose: The College of Southern Idaho men lost in the first round of the NJCAA national tournament Wednesday. Page B1

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WATER RELIEF



Reed Brown works on a roller harrow Wednesday morning on his 1,800-acre farm east of Jerome. Brown can now push forward with plans for the irrigation season, with the knowledge his wells likely won't be shut down.

Groundwater users welcome news of apparent deal

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Brown family farm east of Jerome offers sweeping southern views of Magic Valley fields waiting for spring's first plantings, which it appears will have water after all.

Water wells serving about 111,000 acres of farmland from Gooding to Minidoka counties could have been shut off April 1, without a one-year agreement being inked by water users this week in Boise. About 125,000 dairy cows, industries and some cities would have lost water, too.

Pumpers who are not groundwater district members are not protected and still could be curtailed. The Idaho Department of Water Resources is determining how many water users that may be, department spokesman Dick Larsen said

The groundwater deal

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Joining a groundwater district

Not protected by an agreement between groundwater pumpers and spring users are pumpers in Water District 130 who are not members of a groundwater district. Nonmembers who received curtailment notices still are at risk of curtailment April 1.

- **North Snake Ground Water District** covers areas of Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties. The district reports that 20 new members have joined, including the cities of Hazelton, Bliss, Richfield and Shoshone.

District assessments vary by water user. Water users wanting to join can gather up the dates and diversion rates of their water rights and contact the district in Jerome at 324-8995.

- **Magic Valley Ground Water District** covers all of Minidoka County, areas of Cassia, southern Blaine, and Lincoln counties, and a small area of Jerome County. Chairman Orlo Maughan said the district has had more than a half dozen new members join. Water users wanting to join can write up the dates and diver-

Wednesday, Leslie and Reed Brown, who are members of the North Snake Ground Water District,

would have seen nearly half of their farm idled by curtailment. About 620 acres would have been affected. The acreage is ir-

rigated by two wells as deep as 650 feet. "We just went ahead with Please see WATER, Page A2

Smoking ban passes

Bill heads to governor

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Legislation to ban smoking in all public buildings except bars and bowling alleys cleared its final legislative hurdle Wednesday and is headed for the governor's desk.

After a debate that lasted more than three hours, House members voted 44-26 to approve Senate Bill 1285.

Gov. D. Kempthorne hasn't indicated whether he plans to sign it.

"This bill is about clean air — something we can do something about," Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said as she introduced the legislation in the House.

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She said one person — dies every other day in Idaho as a result of second-hand smoke. At the same time, 80 percent of Idahoans do not smoke.

"Is one hour too much to ask a smoker not to smoke?" Bell asked. "This just levels the playing field. It's not about denying access or employment."

Rep. Tim Riddinger, R-Shoshone, was the lone Magic Valley lawmaker to vote against the bill.

The measure was strongly opposed by many members of the restaurant industry, who complained that the bill would drive business away from them and into bars. At the same time, some restaurant owners were admitting privately they wouldn't mind banning smoking and that the state stepping in would make it easier, said Kent Just of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. Please see SMOKING, Page A2



Car bomb destroys hotel in Baghdad

Blast kills 27, wounds 41

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A thunderous car bomb tore apart a five-story hotel catering to foreigners in the heart of Baghdad on Wednesday night, killing 27 people and wounding the continued vulnerability of civilians to terror attacks just days before the anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

Flames and heavy smoke burst skyward from the Mount Lebanon Hotel, torching nearby homes, offices and shops. Rescuers pulled bodies from the rubble and searched for other victims of the attack, which wounded 41 people. There was no official word on who carried out the attack but a U.S. counterterrorism official,

speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Jordanian Islamic militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is among those suspected of playing a key role. Dazed and wounded people stumbled from the wreckage, marked by a jagged, 20-foot-wide crater. A father cradled his young daughter, who was limp in his arms. Contacted in dust, some rescuers dug through the debris with bare hands as uniformed firefighters fought the blaze and ambulance workers stood by with orange stretchers.

"It was a huge boom followed by complete darkness and then the red glow of a fire," said 16-year-old Walid, Mohammed Abdel-Maguid, who lives near

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US troops and Iraqi rescue workers stand around a crater from huge car bomb which destroyed a five-story hotel in central Baghdad Wednesday, killing at least 27 people, Iraqi police and U.S. soldiers said.

Idaho Senate kills phone deregulation

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's priority plan to deregulate residential and small business telephone rates was killed Wednesday by the state Senate, but a top aide said Kempthorne has not given up despite the stinging defeat.

"It was a good idea," spokesman Mark Snider said. "It's an issue we'll bring back next year."

Just a day after approving deregulation on an 18-17 vote, Republican Sen. Jack Noble of Kuna, who voted for deregulation, changed his mind, convinced the Senate to reconsider the bill and switched sides to turn the vote 18-17 against deregulation.

The freshman lawmaker said he just did not feel right after supporting the bill on Tuesday as his concern mount-

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NATION

Kerry, Cheney fire salvos from opposite sides of country

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat John Kerry assailed President Bush on Wednesday for clinging to a failed policy that leaves Americans mired in Iraq "with the target squarely on their backs" while Vice President Dick Cheney argued that his boss' rival lacks the judgment to be commander in chief.

Marking the first anniversary of the invasion of the Persian Gulf nation, Kerry delivered a broadside to the incumbent strategy toward Iraq, focusing on the unending hostilities, alienated allies and the loss of lives. As the presumptive nominee spoke, an explosion at a Baghdad hotel that killed more than two dozen was a stark reminder of the perils in postwar Iraq.

Cheney, speaking on the other side of the country, praised Bush's victories in the war on terror and portrayed his base as a strong, decisive leader — characteristics required for a wartime president and ones, he argued, that the Democrat lacks. The vice president devoted much of his speech to criticizing Kerry citing his Senate votes against weapons and defense spending, and his opposite stands on Iraq.

Kerry voted against using military force in the 1991 Persian Gulf War to oust Iraq from Kuwait, but the Massachusetts senator supported giving Bush the congressional authorization for war in 2002.



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., Wednesday.

"Whatever the explanation... it is not an impressive record for someone who aspires to become commander in chief in this time of testing for our country," Cheney said at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. "Senator Kerry has been one vote of 100 in the United States Senate and fortunately on matters of national security he was very often in the minority."

"But the presidency is an entirely different proposition. The president always casts the deciding vote and the senator from Massachusetts has given us ample doubts about his judgment and the attitude he brings to bear on vital issues of national security."

Cheney added that if the decision had been Kerry's to make, deposed leader Saddam Hussein would still be in power in Iraq. "In fact, Saddam Hussein would almost certainly still be in control of Kuwait," the vice president said.

Kerry, speaking at George Washington University, faulted Bush for leaving the nation's military "overextended and waiting for help" in an era of international crisis. The decorated Vietnam War veteran said Bush has alienated allies and left the country to go it alone in a global war on terror, while slashing deeply into support for veterans.

Women's groups eye C-section case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Melissa Ann Rowland has been called callous, indifferent. The kind of mother who would refuse surgery to save her unborn twins because she didn't want a scar. The kind who would use drugs while pregnant.

Women's groups have nevertheless taken up her cause in the week since prosecutors charged Rowland with murder for allegedly delaying a C-section and causing one of her babies to be stillborn.

The National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, the American Civil Liberties Union and others have accused prosecutors of going too far.

The case, they say, is a backdoor effort to undermine abortion rights, an assault on the right to privacy, and an attack on a poor, possibly mentally ill person.

"Part of this assault on motherhood is to portray certain women as selfish people without regard for their babies," said the Halpern executive director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women.

Legal experts said they do not know of any other instance in the United States in which a woman was charged with murder for refusing or delaying a C-section.

The Salt Lake district attorney's office denied that politics are at play and said the case is not about abortion rights.

University chief commits plagiarism

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The president of Central Connecticut State University plagiarized from three sources in an opinion piece published in The Hartford Courant, according to an investigative report obtained by The Associated Press.

"This is a clear, unacceptable case of plagiarism," Connecticut State University Chancellor William Cibes said in his report on Richard Judd's Feb. 26 commentary. "About half of Dr. Judd's commentary is taken substantially from the original sources."

Judd has already apologized to the Faculty Senate in New Britain; the group voted Monday to recommend he keep his job.

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GOP embraces deficit reduction, tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans are engaged in a complicated political two-step, pushing both tax cuts and deficit reduction in an election year when record federal shortfalls are starting to draw the public's attention.

Ignoring Democrats and deficit hawks who said the two policies are contradictory, the GOP-run House Budget Committee embraced both goals Wednesday by approving a pair of measures.

The committee, by voice vote, approved a bill making it harder for lawmakers to expand benefits for programs such as Medicare unless they are paid for with spending cuts.

Unlike the Senate-passed version, tax cuts would not have to be paid for, protecting a priority that President Bush and GOP lawmakers have retained even as this year's deficit nears an unprecedented \$500 billion.

"New spending and new tax cuts are not equivalent. New spending does not help maximize economic growth and tax cuts do," said Rep. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa.

By a party-line 24-19 vote, the committee also approved a \$2.41 trillion budget for 2005.

Satellite confirms water at south pole of Mars

The Washington Post

Instruments aboard a European satellite orbiting Mars have confirmed the presence of a vast expanse of water ice at the planet's south pole, overlaid in a small area by a veneer of frozen carbon dioxide, scientists reported Wednesday.

The small amount of carbon dioxide found by the Mars Express satellite eliminates one possible answer to the question of whether Mars ever had liquid CO2 to foster an atmospheric "greenhouse effect" strong enough to have warmed the planet so liquid water could

have formed on the surface — and possibly supported life.

What atmosphere Mars now has — about 6 percent as much as Earth — is mostly carbon dioxide, but not enough for a warming effect, and the Mars Express findings show that the poles are not a "carbon sink" holding dry ice that may once have been gas blanketing the planet.

"Obviously the CO2 reservoir at the South Pole is not a major CO2 reservoir," said astrophysicist Jean-Pierre Bibring, of France's Institut d'Astrophysique Spaciale, who led the Mars Express research team.

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The Times-News

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Iraq

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the hotel. A U.S. soldier a mile away said the blast, which took place about 8 p.m., felt as though it were next door.

Army Col. Ralph Baker of the 1st Armored Division estimated that the bomb contained 1,000 pounds of explosives. He said the bomb was a mix of plastic explosives and artillery shells. That was the same mixture of explosives used in the Aug. 19 suicide attack on the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, which killed 22 people.

Americans, Britons, Egyptians as well as other foreigners were staying at the Mount Lebanon Hotel, said Baghdad resident Faleh Kalhan. But some residents in the area said they believed guests left the hotel a week ago after its management received threats. If true, many casualties were likely in adjacent buildings. The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that two Britons were among the wounded.

The blast ignited at least eight cars, one of which was hurled into a store.

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MORNING BREAK

Roller-coaster romances makes boyfriend queasy

DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with my ex-girlfriend, Ashley. We were together off and on for 2 1/2 years and lived together for a year. It was a new experience for both of us.

About a year into our relationship, Ashley decided she wasn't sure that what we had was what she wanted anymore. I was OK with it. We split up for four or five months, and then we started talking and decided to try again. About three months later, she did the same thing.

It has now been another three months and supposedly she has a new boyfriend, but she's calling



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

me. I love her and would do anything for her, but I just don't know what to do anymore. My romance with Ashley has caused a lot of arguments between me and my parents. Any advice would help.

DEAR HURTING: Ashley appears to be too immature and indecisive for a serious commitment to anyone - her current boyfriend included. If it's love you're looking for, she isn't the girl who can provide it.

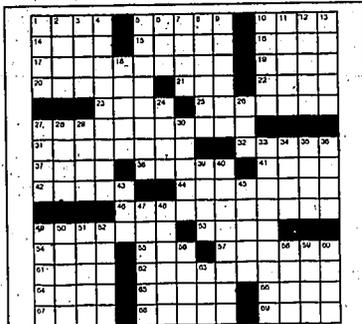
DEAR ABBY: I attended a wine tasting a few weeks ago where a wine glass accidentally broke a wine glass. Before he left, the guest offered to pay for the broken wine glass and the hostess accepted, saying that he owed her \$16. He produced a \$20 bill, which she pocketed without offering change - and later bragged to me

that she had made money on the deal. I thought her behavior was inappropriate.

She recently confided that she's going to buy a crate of 99-cent glasses and charge \$5 apiece if any of them are broken. What do you think of this?

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DEAR APPALED: The hostess appears to be ethically challenged. If she'd asked her guests on the wine glass, how can one be sure she's pouring the vintage she claims to be? Frankly, I think she's popped her cork.



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HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders Perfect judgment is yours today for a brief, illuminating period. You will be able to consolidate myriad details and make wise decisions, especially where your health and work are concerned. CANCER (June 21-July 22): While your heart may yearn for past exciting times, right now it is best to buckle down and carry through on those things already on your plate. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today you can garner respect for your willingness to jump in and get

tasks started. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Perfect communication can solve many difficulties and smooth out rough edges. It's a good day for you to give or receive advice. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Misunderstandings with loved ones could exhaust you emotionally. Refuse to allow yourself to be the prey of people who would abuse your kindhearted nature. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are usually alert to others' insincerity, but today you could be suckered in by a sob story. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a day when you will be able to profit from information from trusted sources.

However, be alert to pitfalls lurking on the social scene. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is not wise to dabble on fantasies of some outside force stepping in to change present situations. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could feel awkward in social settings. There is a tendency in the air to cry over spilt milk, but the wise person will use his or her energy to act rather than wallow in negativity. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Sensitive people may be mired in worry today and must place barriers between themselves and those who are innately pessimistic.

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WORLD

Iraq invites U.N. team to come back

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi Governing Council asked the United Nations on Wednesday to help putting together a new government, a council spokesman said.

The council requested that U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan send back a U.N. team to help organize a government that will take over from the U.S.-led coalition June 30, Kofi said Monday.

The letter sent by council president Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum, a Shiite cleric, also requested technical assistance in preparation for a general election due by the end of January 2005.



Serb-ethnic Albanian clashes leave six dead
KOSOVKA MITROVICA, Serbia-Montenegro — Ethnic Albanians traded gunfire with Serbs on Wednesday after blaming them for the drowning of two boys. The clashes left six dead and more than 300 injured.

The worst outbreak of violence in this ethnically divided city since a bus bombing three years ago illustrated the failure of U.N. and NATO efforts to quash hatred and set the province on the path of reconciliation.

Riot also broke out in at least five other towns, touching off one of the worst days of Serb-Albanian bloodshed since the end of the Kosovo war in 1999. NATO said 13 peacekeepers — 12 French and one Danish — were injured.

The violence began amid reports that Serbs in a nearby village set a dog on a group of ethnic Albanian boys, sending three of them fleeing into an icy river, where two drowned and a third was missing. Tensions grew as the morning wore on, fanned by a 13-year-old who said his younger brother slipped off his back as he tried to swim for safety.

Israel steps up offensive in Gaza as tension builds
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters fired two missiles into a crowd of suspected gunmen in a Palestinian refugee camp Wednesday, killing four people in a stepped-up campaign to root out militants in the Gaza Strip.

Two unarmed teenage boys and one militant were among the dead, Palestinian officials said.

Amid the fighting, Islamic militants traded fire with Palestinian security forces in downtown Gaza City during morning rush hour after a car carrying armed men refused to witnesses said. One civilian was killed and 17 people were hurt, Palestinian officials said.

New Haiti Cabinet takes office as some complain
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's new U.S.-backed Cabinet took office Wednesday without a single member of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Lavalas Family Party, setting the stage for a showdown before the government even gets to work.

World in brief

Several Haitian politicians complained that the new government unfairly excluded several political groups including Lavalas. Haiti's largest party, after Prime Minister Gerard Latortue promised it would be represented.

But U.S. Ambassador James Foley said "Latortue chose

wisely" and that Haiti could expect significant U.S. and international aid. At the National Palace, Latortue handed the Cabinet letters of appointment and then apologized to Haitians for past governments.

Death toll hits 52 in Russian apartments
ARKHANGELSK, Russia — Rescuers searched for survivors

in the ruins of a collapsed apartment Wednesday, but there was little hope of finding anyone 24 hours after a gas explosion ripped the building apart and killed at least 52 residents.

Police were searching for two homeless men suspected of triggering the deadly blast by stealing metal fittings from gas pipes to sell for scrap.

— compiled from wire reports



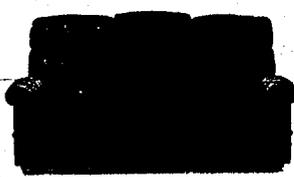
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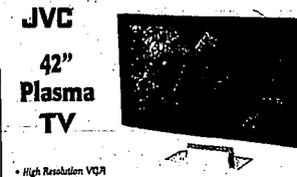
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A look at the high school tennis scene.

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

There you go, Pete, you've got your Hall of Fame. Be happy with this one - the shrine built on deceit, lies and outcomes that have nothing to do with pure competition. You actually might have won a wager or two in the WWE if someone had read the script to you.

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Steve Aschburner of the Minneapolis Star, on Pete Rose's induction in the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball Women, National Tournament, Sallia, Kansas... High school softball Jerome at Minico 4 p.m. Wendell at Declo 2:30 p.m. Filer at Buhl 3:30 p.m. High school track Hansen at Buhl Time Trials... High school baseball American Falls at Burley 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

All-star holds baseball tryouts

RUPERT - All local boys who will not turn 13 before Aug. 1 are invited to try out for the Rupert All-star baseball team starting Friday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at Big Valley Park in Rupert. Participants are invited regardless of where they live, but must bring a copy of their birth certificate, a baseball mitt and appropriate dress. A parent must be present for registration. Try-outs will continue as needed on April 17 and participants must be present both days. For further information, call Johnny Miller at 436-6374.

Conference reveals boys hoops team

HAGERMAN - The 2003-04 Magic Valley Conference boys basketball all-conference selections were announced Wednesday. Three Raft River and three Hazon boys were honored. The Trojans honored were Alex Nelson, Braeden Barrett and Zach Nye. The Huskies named to the team were Mark Pearson, Kyle King and Mitch Theves. Castledorf honorees were Robert Comer and Drew Terdy. Murtaugh's Bridger Ward, Hagerman's Tim Silver, Oakley's Bryce Adams and Cody Griffith of Magic Valley Christian were also honored. Honorable mention nods went to Evan Nalavenko, Castledorf; Jon Jarvis and James Jarvis, Magic Valley Christian; and Hagerman's Brian Brown, Quinn Smith and Nick Billiard. Raft River's Jeff Greenwood was named coach of the year.

Compiled from staff reports

CHIPOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE 66 CSI 61

Too little, too late

CSI men fall short in first round

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. - As it has been for the past couple of months, the effort was certainly there for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team. Unfortunately for the Golden Eagles, a good effort wasn't good enough this time as Chipola Junior College (Fla.) made key plays down the stretch in a 66-61 NCAA tournament first-round win against CSI Wednesday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.



NCAA Men's Tournament

Wednesday's results Southeastern CC (Iowa) 69, Eastern Wyoming 44, Chipola JC (Fla.) 66, Lon Morris Vincennes (Ind.) 80, Lon Morris (Texas) 72, Redlands CC (Ola.) 76, Allegheny (N.C.) 69, Midland College (Texas) 74, Coffeyville (Kan.) 69 Thursday's games All times MST Loser-out Highland CC vs. Northwest Mississippi, 10 a.m. Walters State (Ala.) vs. Yavapai (Ariz.), 11:45 a.m. Eastern Wyoming vs. CSI, 1:30 p.m. Allegany vs. Coffeyville, 4 p.m. Quarterfinals Southeastern Illinois vs. Georgia Perimeter, 5:45 p.m. Southeastern CC vs. Chipola, 7:30 p.m.

Radio: 1380 AM KLIK

CSI beat writer Kevin Colbert and chief photographer Cory Myers are in Kansas this week providing the latest from the national tournaments.

"It is disappointing," CSI sophomore Schafer Jackson said. "We've had some ups and downs this season." "But we fought hard and made it back to Hunch. We knew we could play with anybody. But unfortunately, we couldn't pull it out today." The loss pushes Southern Idaho to the consolation bracket, where it will meet Eastern Wyoming College today at 1:30 p.m. MST. EWU (21-14) lost to Southeastern Community Col-



Golden Eagle guard Aking Elting, right, drives past Chipola Junior College guard Deke Thompson during the first half of the College of Southern Idaho's 65-61 loss to the Indians in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. Wednesday.

lege (Iowa), 69-44 in another first-round game. The Eagles (24-10 overall) defeated Eastern Wyoming, 78-76 during the K&T Steel tournament on Nov. 6.

CSI shot 46 percent from the floor while limiting Chipola (31-3) to just 39 percent. But the Eagles, much like the CSI women did Tuesday night, struggled from long range. CSI made just one of its 13 attempts from behind the arc.

"It was just one of those nights for us," CSI head coach Gib Arnold said. "We're actually a real good shooting team. For us to go 1 for 13 is not like us at all."

In a game that was closely played throughout, Chipola came up with all the big plays, or at least more than CSI did, during the stretch.

CSI's Aking Elting, who finished with 12 points and seven assists, tied the score at 55 with 3:01 remaining by putting a running shot off the glass while getting bumped in the lane.

But that would be the last time the Eagles would be tied. On the very next possession, Chipola star J'elke Foster, who was held to just six points, hit a wide-open 3-pointer from the top of the key to give the Indians a 58-55 edge.

"That was the play of the game right there," Arnold said. Please see CSI, Page B4

Jackson provides lift in first half

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. - All season long, College of Southern Idaho men's basketball guard Schafer Jackson has provided a spark for his team with his deadly long-range shooting.

In Wednesday's 66-61 NCAA tournament first-round loss to Chipola Junior College (Fla.), Jackson again gave the Golden Eagles a lift. This time, however, it wasn't from 3-point range. Instead, Jackson took the ball to the basket, scoring on some tough shots inside.

Jackson's hand was forced, however. He shot just 1 for 6 from 3-point range in the game and was part of CSI's 1-for-13 effort from behind the arc.

"(Chipola) did a pretty good job of getting out on the shooters," Jackson said. "It opened up the lane a little bit. We got a few calls when we were down a few points, so we hit some free throws and got back in the game."

Jackson, who finished with a team-high 17 points, scored most of his 12 first-half points on tough layups, many of which were made more difficult by defenders' contact. His point total in the first half dou-



College of Southern Idaho guard Schafer Jackson, 2, scores two for the Golden Eagles in the first half of Wednesday's 65-61 loss to Chipola Junior College in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. Jackson's 12 first-half points kept CSI in the game early.

bled that of the next highest Eagle in the first 20 minutes. Abdoulaye Ndiaye finished the half with six points.

Senator boys, Declo girls win Gooding Invitational

By Dustin Lapray Times-News writer

GOODING - They can all run, jump, or throw. The question was, who would do it best?

The Gooding Invitational track and field meet gave area schools an answer to that question Wednesday at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind field.

The Gooding boys took first place in seven of the 18 events to win the team title with 136.5 points, thirty more than the second-place Filer Wildcats.

"We have the most kids we've ever had out," Gooding coach Jeff Kent said. "(There are) a lot of young ones, but it's a good looking team. It's a team of the future. We're really happy with what we have."

The Senators owned a long-sided advantage in the long-distance events, with three runners in the top four in both the 3200 and the 1600. Gooding won the SA state cross country title in the fall.

On the Gooding side, the Declo Jai Hornets scored 107 points to edge Filer by four. The boys 1,600 relay race was

Senator boys, Declo girls win Gooding Invitational

the closest of the day with both Filer and Kimberly within a second of each other. After Filer took the opening lead, the Bulldogs' team of Tyson Anderson, Ricky Zdrov, Curtis Giles and Jim Reeves took the lead when Giles made an outside pass on the last turn of lap three. Reeves held the lead for the win.

"We have a lot of confidence," Zdrov said. "We've got everybody returning, so it feels awesome. We didn't really lose anything from last year and we feel really comfortable running with each other."

Wendell junior Jaynie Goodbody took first place in the 100 hurdles, breaking a school record with a time of 16.2 seconds. Goodbody also won the 800 open and took second in the shot put. "It feels good," Goodbody said. "Track is my favorite sport, so I'm just happy to be out there running again."

Goodbody took 11th place in the pentathlon at the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championship at the Army in New York City March 13.

A strong west wind blowing into

Please see TRACK, Page B2

Area golfers prepare for state

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the first round of regular season tournaments already under their belts, area golfers are looking to hit the local golf courses hard. Despite a late start to practice due to poor weather, some area golfers are already in mid-season form, scoring in the low 70s.

Kimberly should be a state title contender in boys golf while Twin Falls should be a big factor in the 5A girls ranks. The Twin Falls Bruins golf program is usually Region Four-Five-Six's best. This year should be no different, as both the boys

and girls teams return four state qualifiers each. "Our girls team will be strong," Bruins coach Paul Stover said. "They were second in state last year and they're mostly back. Our boys team is young, but are potentially very good."

The Lady Bruins are led by junior Mandi Hedberg, with fellow state qualifiers Heidi Reitsma, Whitney Cleland and Sadie Venn returning.

The squad led by low man Justin Ellis, a senior and returning state qualifier. Ellis will be backed up by returning state qualifiers Zach Mathews, Andres Megdahl, and Cody Faught.

"We're looking to contend at state," Ellis said. "We look really good. We have what potential."

The Bruins will be tested by Minico's Spartans led by coach Kelly Arritt. While only junior Michael Konrad is a returning state qualifier, the Spartan boys

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Gonzaga, Turiaf have both come a long way

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Gonzaga forward Ronny Turiaf has come a long way from Martinique, the tiny island nation just north of Venezuela where he grew up.

The Zags have come a long way, too, from their days as the NCAA tournament's upset specialist. This year, they've got a No. 2 seed, what amounts to a homecourt in Seattle in the opening rounds and legitimate hopes of reaching the Final Four.

Gonzaga (27-2) faces No. 15 seeded Valparaiso (18-12) in Thursday's first round, shortly after No. 7 Michigan State (18-11) plays Western Athletic Conference champion Nevada (23-9), the 10th-seeded team. Both games are in the St. Louis Regional.

The other games in Seattle are from the Phoenix Regional, with No. 8 Alabama (17-12) against Missouri Valley regular season champion No. 9 Southern Illinois (25-4) and top-seeded Stanford (29-1) meeting Southland Conference champ No. 16 Texas-San Antonio (19-13).

...Since the tournament expanded to 16 seeds per region in 1985, a No. 16 team never has beaten a No. 1, though UTSA guard Kurt Attaway optimistically pointed out it's bound to happen one day.

His coach took a harder stance.

"We're going to have to be a part of a miracle," UTSA coach Tim Carter said. "It's just that simple. They're bigger. They're stronger. They were once the No. 1 team in the nation. We're going to have to play a miracle ballgame."

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Julla Bokma, of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, completes a long jump during the Gooding Invitational Wednesday.

SPORTS

Glenns Ferry blanks Malad

GLENN'S FERRY - Pitcher Scott Avallano held Malad to one hit while collecting a double and triple to his own as Glenns Ferry blanked Malad 10-0 in six innings Wednesday night. Jason Simons went 3 for 4 at the plate including a double...

Local sports
Tennis 8, Minico 4
DECLIO - The Hornets opened their tennis season with an 8-4 win over Minico Wednesday. Declio (1-0) plays Gooding March 31.

Gooding 11-1 Wednesday night.
Satoshi Kunnaru was the lone Senators winner, coming in No. 1 boys singles.

Wood River 11, Burley 0
BURLY - No report.
Wood River 11, Gooding 1
GOODING - Wood River bounced back from a Tuesday loss at Twin Falls High to best

Sabres rally past Thrashers, 4-3

ATLANTA (AP) - Derek Roy scored a fluky goal 15 seconds into overtime as the Buffalo Sabres rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period and beat the Atlanta Thrashers 4-3 on Wednesday night in a game marred by numerous fights.

J.P. Dumont, Adam Mair and Jochen Hecht also scored for Buffalo. Andy Sutton tied a career high with two goals for Atlanta, and Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 38th goal of the season.

Devils 6, Penguins 1
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jeffriesen had two goals and two assists to help New Jersey snap Pittsburgh's six-game unbeaten streak.

Victor Kozlov also had a four-point game with a goal and three assists, and Scott Niedermayer, John Madden and Paul Martin added goals for the Devils. Matt Hussey scored for the Penguins.



Utah Jazz's Michael Ruffin, top, drives to the basket as Toronto Raptors' Jason Rose took on during second half NBA action in Toronto Wednesday.

Boise State downs UNLV in NIT, 84-69

BOISE (AP) - Bryan Defares had 12 points and a school-record 13 assists, and Aaron Haynes added 20 points to lead Boise State to an 84-69 victory over UNLV in the opening round of the NIT Wednesday night.

15 points and Mike Ahmad and Mark Brown each had 11 for the Aggies. The only ranked team in the NIT.

Villanova 85, Drexel 70
VILLANOVA Pa. - Randy Foye and Allan Ray each scored 20 points, and Curtis Sumpter had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Ray scored eight straight points during Villanova's decisive 18-0 run that turned a 10-10 tie into a 53-46 lead midway through the second half.

Austin Peay 65, Belmont 59
CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - Austin Peay had an 11-0 run over a two-minute stretch late in the second half, then weathered a rally by Belmont in the final minute.

Carter lifts Raptors past Jazz, 85-81

TORONTO (AP) - Vince Carter scored 14 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, and the Toronto Raptors knocked out the Utah Jazz back to 5-0 with an 85-81 victory Wednesday night.

10 assists, a career-high eight steals and five rebounds. Peja Stojakovic scored 25 points and Mike Bibby added 20 as the Kings lost their third in a row.

Boise State dominated the first half, hitting its first six shots and moving to a 15-2 lead in the first 3.5 minutes. Carter scored 57 percent from the field in the first half and held the Rebels (18-13) to 29 percent, taking a 52-29 lead at halftime.

Notre Dame 71, Purdue 59
SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Chris Quinn scored 21 points and Bronck Cornett added a career-high 16 Wednesday night, leading Notre Dame to a 71-59 victory over Purdue in the first round of the NIT.

West Virginia 65, Kent St. 54
KENT, Ohio - Tyrone Sully scored 17 points and braved a bloody nose from a second-half collision to lead West Virginia.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee 91, Rice 63
MILWAUKEE - Dylan Page scored 22 points, Ed McCants added 21 and Wisconsin-Milwaukee blew out Rice. It was the first win ever for Wisconsin-Milwaukee (20-10) in a postseason tournament.

Andre Kirilenko had 25 points and Andre Kirilenko added 20 for the Jazz (34-34), who remained behind Denver in the West.

Wizards 114, Kings 108
WASHINGTON - Kwame Brown had career-high 30 points and 19 rebounds while playing all 48 minutes Wednesday night as the Washington Wizards snapped a seven-game losing streak by defeating the Sacramento Kings 114-108.

Hawaii 85, No. 25 Utah State 74
LOGAN, Utah - Michael Kuebler scored 28 points, leading Hawaii to an 85-74 victory over No. 25 Utah State in the first round of the NIT on Wednesday night.

Virginia 79, George Washington 66
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - Todd Billet made five of Virginia's 13 3-pointers in possibly his final home game. Billet, the lone senior, plays for Virginia, led the Cavaliers with 19 points.

George Mason 58, Tennessee 55
FAIRFAX, Va. - George Mason won its first postseason game in 18 years and gave the Patriots (22-9) a school record for wins in a season. The school won its first tournament game since the 1986 NIT.

Women's NIT Iowa St. 72, Idaho St. 59
AMES, Iowa - Anne O'Neill scored 16 points and Megan Ronhove and Lisa Kriener both had 14, leading Iowa State to a 72-59 victory over Idaho State in the first round of the WNIT on Wednesday night.

Gregick's jumper and Kirilenko's up-in game Utah a 77-66 lead with 1:35 left before Carter answered with a three-point play. Gregick made another jumper to tie it, and Marshall followed with an open 3-pointer.

Pacers 80, Trail Blazers 71
INDIANAPOLIS - Ron Artest scored 21 points to help give Rick Carlisle his third straight 50-win season in his third season as a head coach.

Rib injury leaves Duhon's status in question

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Chris Duhon took a jump shot and winced as he came back down to the floor. Such is life for a guard with a rib injury, one that could keep Duke's leader out of the lineup when the Blue Devils open the NCAA tournament.

Duhon rumbled into the bottom of a stanchion TV camera to hold a stationary TV in place. Krzyzewski was livid, but the stanchion wasn't padded, but he knows the damage has already been done.

Duke is almost an upset. Gators forward David Lee said. While upsets in the 5-12 matchup are common, no 16th seed has ever beaten a No. 1.

The loss to Maryland came just 11 days after Georgetown beat Duke 76-68 to snap its 41-game home winning streak.

Track

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Runners' faces coming out of the wind tunnel may have slowed times Wednesday.

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SPORTS

Chavez cashes in at home plate — and bank

Oakland A nears contract extension

By The Associated Press

Eric Chavez had a big afternoon at the plate, a day ahead of his big day at the bank.

Chavez hit a two-run homer and Erubiel Durazo drove in three runs with two doubles in the Oakland Athletics' 10-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday in Phoenix.

Chavez, the AS Gold Glove third baseman, is expected to finalize a contract extension — thought to be worth \$66 million over six years — on Thursday. His long homer to right off Shingo Takatsu was his best hit yet in a slow spring.

Chavez had 29 homers and 101 RBIs last season — his fourth straight year with at least 25 homers. Though Chavez wasn't available for comment and the AS wouldn't say anything official, the team plans to make what it says is an important announcement Thursday.

In Surprise, Ariz., the Rangers' Chan Ho Park said he hasn't felt this healthy since he pitched for the Los Angeles Dodgers three years ago.

"I'm kind of afraid to say how good I am feeling," he said after giving up three earned runs and seven hits over a 1-3 innings for Texas in a "P" game.

Park, starting the third season of a \$65 million, five-year contract, has been bothered by back injuries during his first two seasons with the Rangers, going a combined 10-11. He is the No. 2 starter in the Rangers' rotation behind Kenny Rogers.

In Tampa, Fla., New York Yankees center fielder Bernie Williams took batting practice for the first time since his appendix was removed Feb. 26.

"It went well," he said after taking about 50 swings. "I was working to hit the ball the other way. It was a good first day, overall. Everything is fine."

Williams is scheduled to remain in Florida and play in minor league games while the Yankees open the regular season with two games in Tokyo against Tampa Bay on March 30-31.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Curt Schilling allowed one run and two hits over six innings as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians.

Nomar Garciaparra returned to the

Boston lineup after missing four games with a sore heel and went 0-for-2 with a walk. He's hitless in eight at-bats in spring training.

David Ortiz went 2-for-3, including his fifth homer, a drive off Giovanni Carrara. At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Andy Pettitte wasn't happy with his third start of the spring Wednesday and hinted he might be experiencing a "dead arm."

"I didn't feel real good today," said Pettitte, who allowed a run and six hits over 3 2-3 innings in the Houston Astros' 3-2 loss to the Baltimore Orioles. "I made a lot of mistakes. The first two starts, I didn't work a lot. Today I got in innings and threw a lot of pitches."

Jack Cust homered for Baltimore in the ninth off Taylor Buchholz.

In other games:

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 4
At St. Petersburg, Fla., Miguel Batista pitched one-hit ball for four shutout innings and threw only 30 of 58 pitches for strikes.

Twins 6, Marlins (ss) 5
At Fort Myers, Fla., Michael Cuddyer went 4-for-4 with five RBIs, hitting a pair of run-scoring singles off World Series MVP Josh Beckett, who gave up three runs and seven hits in four innings.

Pirates 4, Phillies 3
At Bradenton, Fla., Jose Mesa got a save against his former team, pitching a scoreless ninth. Randall Simon hit a two-run homer, Ruben Mateo added a solo shot and Jason Kendall went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Tigers 9, Mets 1
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., three Mets' errors led to all of Detroit's runs. Center fielder Tino Perez misplayed a single into a three-base error, allowing two runs to score against Tom Glavine, who gave up six hits in five innings.

Cardinals 6, Dodgers 5
At Jupiter, Fla., Jim Edmonds played



San Francisco Giants' shortstop Nellie Perez, top, leaps over Oakland Athletics' Bobby Crosby, bottom, while completing a double play during the filming of their spring training game in Scottsdale, Ariz., recently. Out at first base on the play was the Athletics' Eric Chavez.

in his first spring training game and doubled in his hit two at-bats. Edmonds, recovery from offseason shoulder surgery, stole a base.

Giants 7, Padres 4
At Peoria, Ariz. Barry Bonds hit a 410-foot drive if the Kirk Rueter walk for an RBI double. Kirk Rueter allowed four runs and five hits in 4

2-3 innings.
Angels 5, Rockies 2
At Tempe, Ariz., Jarrod Washburn had his best spring outing in three starts, allowing one hit in four scoreless innings.

Rangers 6, Cubs 1
At Surprise, Ariz., Greg Maddux al-

lowed six runs and eight hits after pitching five shutout innings in his first two spring outings.

Royals 6, Brewers 5
At Phoenix, Aaron Gulek hit a two-run homer for Kansas City, and Geoff Jenkins had a long three-run shot for Milwaukee.

LPGA tournament's new home becomes haven for Wie

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. (AP) — The Phoenix stop on the LPGA Tour has a new home, and it's a haven for long hitters.

"It's a bomber's course, and it's just beautiful," said 14-year-old Michelle Wie, who had seven drives 285 yards or longer in her pro-am round Tuesday.

The course is longer than any of last year's LPGA layouts, including the U.S. Women's Open. It's nearly 500 yards longer than the site of last year's season-opening Welch's/Fry's Championship in Tucson, where Karsten Stupples shot 22-under par for a tournament-rare score of 258.

Wood begins drive for five at Bay Hill
ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods played only 11 holes Wednesday at Bay Hill, driven off the course by a sore neck that caused him to spend near-

ly an hour in the fitness trail getting it massaged.

"Same old thing, I'm fit! Woods said before driving off the course by a sore neck that caused him to spend near-



Michelle Wie answers questions during a pre-tournament news conference, Tuesday, in Superstition Mountain, Ariz. She begins play Thursday in the Safeway International LPGA Tournament at Superstition Mountain Golf Club. AP Photo

Show up on the first tee Thursday.

Pose with tournament host Arnold Palmer and hoist the trophy Sunday.

That's been the formula the last four years, which leaves Woods in a familiar position when the Bay Hill Invitational begins Thursday — a chance to make history with another incredible streak.

One who has ever won the same tournament five straight years.

The closest anyone came was Karrie Webb, who lost on the fourth playoff hole to Annika Sorenstam two years ago when going for her fifth straight Australian Ladies Masters.

Walter Hagen won the PGA Championship four straight times before losing to Leo Diegel in the quarterfinals.

Gene Sarazen won the Miami Open four straight times, but didn't play the next year.

Baseball bans THG

NEW YORK (AP) — Major league baseball has banned THG, the recently unmasked steroid at the center of the case against the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

The health policy advisory committee of Major League Baseball and the players' association unanimously determined last Thursday that THG builds muscle mass and should be added to baseball's list of banned substances.

Testing for THG is an important step toward reaching our goal of zero tolerance," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "I am committed to that goal and advocate a more stringent and effective drug-testing program in the major leagues."

The Food and Drug Administration ruled Oct. 28 that THG, which stands for tetrahydrogestrolone, is an illegal drug that lacks federal permission for sale in the United States.

Because baseball and other sports did not know about THG before last October, drug testing was unable to detect it.

"I don't care," Minnesota Twins outfielder Jacque Jones said. "I don't take any of that stuff so it doesn't matter to me what they ban."

Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men indicted last month on charges of illegally supplying performance-enhancing drugs from BALCO. All four pleaded innocent.

Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield were among the athletes called to testify before a grand jury. All have denied using illegal steroids.

Anabolic steroids are synthetic versions of the male hormone testosterone. Some are approved by the FDA for prescription-only sale to treat certain diseases.

CSI women try to stay alive at national tourney

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. — It seems as if the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team has had too successful a season to get so end in a disappointing defeat.

The 13th-seeded Golden Eagles dropped a first-round game in the NJCAA national tournament Tuesday to Seward County CC, 78-57 in what was one of their poorest offensive performances of the season.

CSI, 26-7 overall shot just 28 percent from the floor in the loss and just 11 of 24 from the free throw line.

The good part is that the Eagles will get a chance to redeem themselves today in a 1 p.m. MST matchup with fifth-seeded Southeastern Illinois College (28-6).

The Lady Cardinals faced the No. 12 seed Central Arizona College on Wednesday, falling by a surprisingly-large 84-61 score.

Crystal DeLorch, a 5-10 sophomore center, generally considered the top player on SIC, scored 13 points and grabbed four rebounds. Teammate Anna Robinson chipped in with 13 points and 11 rebounds while Brooke Walter also had 13 points.

The wide margin in the SIC/Central Arizona game may

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CSI trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half after Foster hit a floater in the lane to make it 29-18. The Eagles then responded with a 13-2 spurt to tie the game at 31-all with 59.1 seconds remaining in the half before entering the intermission trailing 33-31.

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does have is a lot of heart," Arnold said. "We've been down before and always come back. We've never given up on a game."

CSI, however, showed its resilience with 42.4 seconds remaining when Baker scored inside off an Elting pass to cut the deficit to 61-59.

But another Eagle mistal would become the final nail: their coffin. After Baker's score, CSI set up full-court pressure. Woodstock sprinted past CSI last line of defense to receive a 80-foot pass on the inbound play for an easy dunk, making it 63-56.

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NCAA women's national tournament

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Bud Selig



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CSI

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I think if we just stay home and make him shoot the contested 3 we probably get that rebound."

The Eagles then had their chances, but failed to cash in. Elting went to the foul line the next time, 51 fouled the ball, but missed the front end of a 1-and-1. Yusuf Baker, who finished with 10 points and seven rebounds, was then fouled inside on the Eagles' next possession but missed both free

Elting came back to pull CSI to within 58-57 with 1:42 re-

maining, but Foster found VaShun Newbome inside for a score on the Indians' next trip down the floor. Newbome then grabbed 11 points and grabbed six rebounds, was fouled on by CSI's Mohamed Kone and sank the ensuing free throw, making it 61-57 Chipola with 1:10 left to play.

"It's our guy," said Chipola coach Chris Lane. "He does so many things so well. He's our leader on the floor."

Immediately following a CSI timeout, the Eagles helped bring about their own demise with an unforced turnover.

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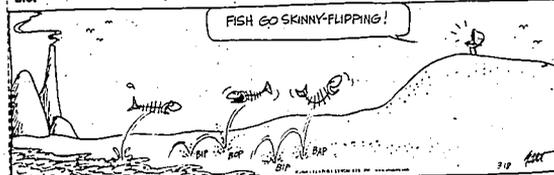
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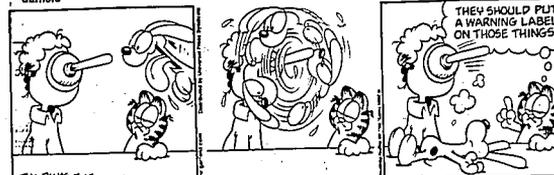
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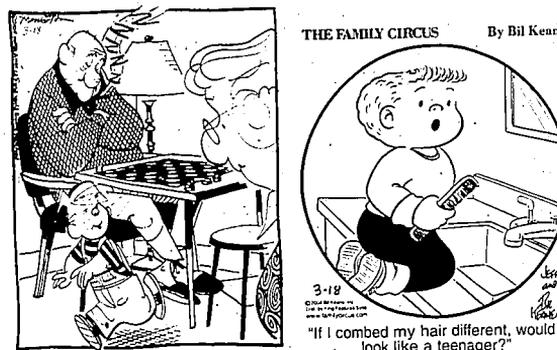
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By Bob Thaves



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SPORTS

STRAIGHT DOWN THE FAIRWAY

GETTING READY



Twin Falls High School Junior Zach Mathers tees off on Hole No. 9 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Tuesday.



Oklahoma State guard John Lucas (15) gets a shot off over Texas guard Kenny Taylor (10) and forward P.J. Tucker (2) in the second half at the Big 12 Men's Championship Game in Dallas, Sunday.

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Golf

Continued from B1. The girls' squad was led by senior captain Lindsey Arritt, Ashley Williams, and Jessica Helms.

Class 3A. In the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, the Kimberly Bulldogs have to be the favorite for both the boys and girls state district titles.

Class 2A and 1A. The Glens Ferry Pilots will again be strong in the Canyon Conference, as both boys and girls return four golfers from last year's talented teams.

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NCAA

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Cowboys gear up for long NCAA run

By Joel Anderson Associated Press writer. STILLWATER, Okla. — While Oklahoma State was finishing off its impressive run to the Big 12 tournament title, the NCAA selection committee wasn't even paying attention.

power forward Joey Graham of Central Florida and shooting guard Daniel Bobik of BYU — would mesh with holdovers Tony Allen and Ivan McFarlin.

Figure. The Cowboys have gotten used to winning games in relative obscurity, putting together one of the nation's best seasons with none of the fanfare that accompanies established powers like Duke or Kentucky.

"I'm in a terrific situation and I've around the best guys that I've ever been in my life," Lucas said. "I've been saying from jump that we were going to win the conference and have a great season."

Oklahoma State will begin its quest for proper recognition as the No. 2 seed in the East Rutherford Regional, playing Eastern Washington, the Big Sky Conference champs, Friday night in Kansas City.

Nobody expected much from Oklahoma State when the season began. Most preseason polls picked the Cowboys to finish fifth in the Big 12 as they tried to replace four starters from a team that nearly knocked off eventual national champion Syracuse in the NCAA tournament.

And unlike Eddie Sutton's previous title-contending teams at Oklahoma State, there was no undeniable star like Byron Houston, Bryant "Big Country" Reeves or Desmond Mason.

"It just wasn't enough to catch the eye of the NCAA selection committee. Regardless, Oklahoma State knows the doubts about its program could evaporate — temporarily, at least — with a long run through the NCAA tournament.

Sutton liked their potential, but wasn't sure if his trio of transfers — Lucas of Baylor,

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Two more join Jerome sheriff race

JEROME — Two more men have thrown their hats in the race for Jerome County Sheriff. Republican Larry Webb, 56, and Republican Jerry Martinez, 50, each filed their declaration of candidacy forms Wednesday. Webb is not new to the sheriff's race. He lost to then-incumbent Sheriff Larry Gold in the 1992 Republican primary. "I feel that I can lead the sheriff's office in a better direction than it has taken in the past four years," Webb said. Webb has more than 15 years of law enforcement experience. He worked for the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department for two years and then for the Jerome County Sheriff's Department for 13 years under then-Sheriff Elza Hall.

Martinez has worked for several law enforcement agencies during his career, including in Payette County, the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and the Bulli Police Department. He is currently employed by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. "I have experience and I believe I can make a difference," Martinez said. "There are a lot of issues that need to be dealt with that are not being dealt with."

The candidates of Webb and Martinez add to an already crowded five-person race for the Republican nomination. Wayne Childers, 57, and Bryant Nelson, 35, already have announced that they will challenge incumbent Sheriff Jim Weaver in the May 25 primary.

Man files to run for Gooding commissioner

GOODING — Tom Faulkner has declared his candidacy for Gooding County commissioner of District 2. Faulkner, 45, will face incumbent Carolyn Eloxpuru, 58, in the May primary. Both are Republicans.

Faulkner previously served six years as District 2 commissioner — five of those as chairman. In his bid for commissioner, Faulkner said having a strong financial background and leadership skills are assets he would bring to the position. "Eight years ago when I first came to the commission, we were using tax anticipation notes and the county was in pretty rough financial shape," he said. "At the end of his six years on the board the county had what he described as a decent carryover balance."

Faulkner is a Gooding County native and a fifth-generation Idahoan. He graduated from Gooding High School and the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a certified public accountant and a rancher.

Accountant gets prison sentence in forgery

BOISE — A controller for a local grocery store was sentenced to prison on forgery and tax evasion charges. Brent Melver, 53, of Jerome, will serve at least 18 months of a 1½-year sentence for forging Ridley Food Stores checks made out to his name and not reporting the money as income on his 2002 tax return, according to a news release issued by the Idaho State Tax Commission. Fifth District Court Judge John Butler also ordered Melver to pay \$165,000 in restitution to his former employer, \$25,000 to the insurance company and \$20,000 to the tax commission. Melver was arraigned in District Court in November on 24 counts of forgery. He pleaded guilty on Feb. 2 to three counts of forgery and one count of income tax evasion.

Jerome will host talk on bond issue

JEROME — The Jerome School District will hold a community meeting tonight to discuss the tax upgrades and a possible bond issue to fund them. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Jerome High School cafeteria at 104 N. Teger Drive. The district's Quality Leadership Team has recommended it replace Central Elementary School, put an addition on the middle school and build an auxiliary gym for the high school, although no decisions have been made yet.

— compiled from staff reports

Parties prepare to sign water deal

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Parties involved in a historic water dispute between spring users in the Thousands Springs area and groundwater pumpers on the north side of the Snake River will likely clinch a deal today in a status conference to prevent the shutdown of more than 1,300 wells on April 1. Meanwhile, lawmakers are quickly making money available to satisfy some of the points of detail which was tentatively struck Tuesday in a closed-door meeting in Boise. If everyone signs off and the money comes through, a potential economic disaster stemming from curtail-

ment of water to hundreds of Northside Magic Valley water users will be averted for one year. But by this time next year an interim committee doesn't come up with solutions to restore a depleted aquifer and/or lawmakers don't respond positively to those recommendations, groundwater pumpers could either face a shutdown again or everyone lands in court. On Tuesday House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, had said the amount of money involved in the deal amounted to about \$1.5 million. But in the interim, the price might have gone up another \$500,000, he said. "But that \$2 million is a lot

Local reaction to water decision — A1

better than the alternative," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, chairman of the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. The economic loss in the Magic Valley alone would have cost the state an estimated \$200 million in tax revenues from one year of well curtailment, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. Not included in the initial estimate was about \$200,000 to cover salaries and benefits for 15 months for two new full-time employees. One will work in the

Department of Water Resources to help monitor the aquifer, and the other will help develop the aquaculture industry in the Department of Commerce. In addition, one of the stipulations in the agreement calls for \$300,000 for A-1 loans and grants from Water Resources for pumpers to put toward mitigation. Twenty percent of that money will be in grants, with the remaining 80 percent going for loans. There also would have to be \$500,000 in loans and grants made available beginning in fiscal year 2005 for mitigation. Newsrooms had already reported the following proposals to the agreement: A state loan to groundwater



pumpers of about \$500,000 to rent 40,000 acre feet of water from a water bank to be sent to the spring users. Pumpers would give \$500,000 to the spring users for mitigation. The pumpers and the spring users will sit down and work out those plans. A \$500,000 state appropriation. Please see DEAL, Page C3

ST. PADDY AND THE SNAKE



Tony Mannon, playing the role of St. Patrick himself, carries a Bernese python with the help of Tilara Brown during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Twin Falls Wednesday. Legend credits St. Patrick with ridding Ireland of serpents.

Fort gets work release in Twin Falls

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Former County Clerk Bob Fort has been transferred from a Boise prison to the Twin Falls Community Work Center, said Teresa Jones, public information officer for Idaho Department of Corrections. Fort was transferred Feb. 4, Jones said Wednesday.

An inmate, Fort was sentenced to one to three years in prison after pleading guilty to taking more than \$60,000 in public funds, money he admitted to using for gambling. Fort's formal release date is Nov. 18, 2006, but he could be released as early as November after serving one year. He will have a parole hearing in May. "At that time, he could get an earlier release time," Jones said. Inmates must meet certain criteria to receive work release. They can be a risk to the community, Jones said. Inmates on work release are allowed to go to work during the day and return to the center at night. Their employment is aware of their situations and correction officers do spot checks, Jones said. A quarter of an inmate's wages go back to the Department of Corrections to defray the costs of incarceration, Jones said. Other wages could be used to pay restitution.

Jones said she didn't know where Fort is working, and work center officials wouldn't disclose his employer. Fort was sentenced to pay restitution which could add to his \$150,000 when all is said and done, a combination of the money he took from the county, money the county had to spend to audit its records and money the state had to spend to investigate and prosecute the case. A restitution hearing has not been set, but Fort repaid the county more than \$66,000 before being sentenced in November. County Clerk Kristina Glascock said. Most of the money came from a check Fort endorsed to the county from his retirement fund.

Jones said the purpose of work release is to help inmates make the transition from prison back into the community.



Bob Fort

Wendell residents worry about industrial site

By Elisabeth Devena
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Residents here had many of their questions answered concerning the proposed industrial park their leaders are touring. But not all of them left satisfied.

Representatives from Intrepid Technology and Resources Inc. made a presentation on the three types of biofuel plants — biogas, ethanol, and biodiesel — that the company is planning to build in Wendell.

Brenty Enzoco, vice president and division manager of the biofuels division for Intrepid, explained that the area is ideal for their company's plants due to the large concentration of surrounding dairies. "We see a lot of opportunity to be able to expand this operation," Frazee said. The cost of building a biodiesel plant would be approximately \$10 to 15 million, an ethanol plant would be approximately \$50 million and a biogas plant usually costs less than \$1 million, Frazee said.

The ethanol plant would create about 65 additional jobs in the area, with about half that number within the plant and the others in trucking. Chris Jackson, president of the Greater Wendell Area Gem Team, told those that attended that there's a need to create jobs in the city of Wendell. "It was something that would benefit our community," Jackson said. "They have jobs that are fairly well-paying."

Jackson said the Gem Team is looking to bring industry into the community to create living-wage jobs so that subsequent generations will be able to make a home in Wendell. Although she sees the Intrepid plant as a positive step, she said she understands if not everyone shares her view. "It's not going to make everyone boohy happy," Jackson said. "Your community is going to change. The person that wasn't happy

with Wendell-area resident Kevin Laneaster. He pointedly asked Mayor Paul Isaacson whether the citizens had any say in the proposal. "You're bent that the town is ready for this, that they want this," Laneaster said. "Will the people in town have any say on whether a plant goes in?" "You have the right to build on your own property," Isaacson responded.

"The mayor said not every private development proposal could be put up for a popular vote, noting that it would even hinder restaurants from locating in town. "You can't be static," Isaacson said. "If you're static you are regressing."

Wendell resident George Benson said he was concerned about the additional traffic that the plant would create. "That plant is going to have a lot of traffic and that road does not have the quality to handle the traffic," Benson said. He also had questions about the financial impact to the taxpayers in the city of Wendell. "Who's going to pay for the water and the sewer out to there?" Benson asked. "Who's going to fix the roads out to there?" Isaacson, who was put on the defensive more than once, responded that the tax revenue provided by the plant would more than offset any additional cost to the city. "It would effectively increase the tax revenue within the city almost double," he said.

Others at the meeting expressed concerns about the potential odors produced by the plants and how that would affect the quality of life for the residents of Wendell. Some said they needed additional meetings so that everyone in Wendell would be able to get all their questions answered. Jim Scott of that Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association said that additional information should be able to clear the matter up.

Richfield will reconsider consolidation

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Applause broke out in the Richfield School cafeteria several times Thursday night as parents, school officials and community members spoke both for and against consolidation of school districts in Lincoln County. The meeting started with the Richfield School Board re-voting to pursue consolidation because of concerns that the vote was not taken properly in a previous meeting. The Richfield and Shoshone boards have been examining the possibility of creating one school district that would have a single superintendent but maintain schools in both communities as well as other cost-saving measures. Richfield Superintendent Dave Hochlander said one estimate indicated the districts could save \$43,000 a year with shared administrators. If Dietrich were also included in the consolidation, the districts could save about \$93,000 a year. Richfield and Shoshone boards took public input on the needs of the three districts. Several members of the Dietrich School Board were also present to observe, but they did not formally take part in the meeting. The boards have wish lists for more distance learning, foreign language and advanced placement classes. They also face increasing demands from the federal and state levels to do more with less money and meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind mandate. Hobbs Peck, a former Blaine County School Board member who represented Carey for nine years, said the communities in that county have cooperated well since the schools consolidated in 1961. The schools share some specialized teachers and students can choose to at-

tend any school in the district. "I don't care if you consolidate or not," Peck said. "Sometimes fear of change is worse than the change itself." The boards also took public input on the possibility of consolidation and about 20 people offered testimony out of a crowd of about 60. Mike Telford said he moved to Dietrich specifically so his children could attend a smaller school. "Bigger is not better," Telford said. "Consolidation doesn't solve the problems by itself. I oppose it but I do support tighter cooperation."

Many people expressed concern about what would happen after seven years when the districts lose additional funding for administrators. Ted Thurgate, a parent from Richfield, praised the school for all the good things it's doing with its high test scores and athletic programs. Please see RICHFIELD, Page C3

Hagerman awards another pay raise

Public works director will get a 53 percent increase in salary

By Sandra Wisecover
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — The City Council has awarded his second significant pay raise in as many weeks. Mayor Todd Bassett cast the deciding vote to approve a \$1,000 per month pay increase for Public Works Director Casey Kelley.

Kelley will receive a salary of \$2,900 per month, which translates to \$34,800 a year. That's a 53 percent pay increase from his previous \$22,800 annual salary. Bassett recommended the increase Tuesday, saying that Kelley should be compensated "based on his position, the role he is playing in the community and the standard he sets for it." Kelley's significant pay raise comes two weeks after the council approved a similar raise at Bassett's recommendation for Police Chief Loren Miller. Miller was given an additional \$1,000 per month, bringing his salary to \$38,400 a year. A 42 percent pay increase from his previous \$26,400 salary. "Unfairly, law enforcement often gets attention, while public works goes unnoticed," Bassett said. "People have expressed how grateful they are

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SERVICES

Marjorie Jensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Jassmus Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Aline Covert of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert United Methodist, 605 11 St. Viewing for family and friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Robert Behr of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. Friends may call from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church.

Durand S. Barnes of Burley,

funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 W. 400 S., Burley. Friends may

call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen, Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Burton R. Mackey

BURLEY — Burton Roslund Mackey, 85, formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his son's home in Mesa, Ariz. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Sotero P. Cantu

BURLEY — Sotero P. Cantu, 71-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Funeral at 11 a.m. Friday.

March 19, 2004, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Father Juan Garcia officiating. Burial will be at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call the Payne Mortuary one hour before the funeral.

Robert William Cox

TWIN FALLS — Robert William Cox, 72, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Glendon Ted Moon - Boise

Glendon Ted Moon, 69, of Boise died peacefully March 9, 2004, after an extended illness at his daughter's home, surrounded by the people who loved him most. Ted was born in Burley, Idaho, on Oct. 14, 1934, to Clarence and Audrey (Tholl) Moon. He graduated from Burley High School in 1952 and attended the University of Idaho that same year, graduating in Mechanical Engineering. In July of 1956 he joined the U.S. Navy, where he served as an officer. Ted married Adele Hanna on April 19, 1961. They were married 43 years and raised a son and daughter. Ted worked



in the restaurant business from 1961 to 1996. Ted is survived by his wife.

Adele H. Moon; his children, David Shaver and her husband, Todd Moon and his wife, Renata Moon, of Boise; his brothers, Durrell Moon and Uddell Moon, both of Burley; and his sister, Sheryl Hathaway of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Audrey Moon. He requested no services. His final wishes were to be cremated and his ashes spread at Willow Creek, "Tommy's Place," Boise, ID 83713. Arrangements are made by Summers Funeral Home, 2526 N. Myrtle, Boise.

Eloise D. 'Ellie' Greene Lucena - Kimberly

Eloise D. "Ellie" Greene Lucena, 64, of Kimberly, Idaho, and formerly of Twin Falls passed away Sunday, March 14, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with her daughters by her side.



Woodstone Assisted Living in Twin Falls and Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. Ellie enjoyed the simple things in life. She loved going to yard sales and bargain stores.



daughter and son-in-law, Misty and Rick Stigall and her grandsons, Shane, TJ and Dylan Stigall of Twin Falls; her daughter and son-in-law, Marnie and Harlan Schmitt and her granddaughter, Ashlee Schmitt of Buhl; her brother, Dennison (Jill) Greene of Centralia, Wash.; sister, Connie (Mike) Schmitt of Twin Falls; and many nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Ellie.

Ellie was born Dec. 9, 1939, in Ashton, Idaho, to Jay and Donna Baum Greene. She was the oldest of four children. They grew up out on the Salmon Tract, south of Twin Falls. After graduating from Twin Falls High School, Ellie moved to California. She often talked fondly of the time she spent with her cousins and friends there. She was extremely proud of her office job at Aerojet and her cute little sports car. She met the love of her life, a tall, dark and handsome pizza-making lifeguard and was never the same. She married Richard John Lucena and soon had two daughters. Unfortunately their marriage ended in divorce. Ellie and her daughters alone. She worked at various jobs including Bonanza 88 store, South Central Community Action Agency and the Blue Lakes Mall. Due to health problems she was unable to continue working and eventually lived at

Finding a good country-western cassette made her day. She listened to music constantly and would sing along and dance when she could. She liked going for walks, a ride in a car and the company of friends and family. Her favorite thing to do was go get a taco and an apop. Ellie was a very special lady. We will miss her great sense of humor and genuine concern for others. She was so proud of her daughters and their families. Surviving Ellie is her

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Joan Kernin of Clarkston, Wash.; and a nephew, Donny Greene. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Norman Bennett - Heyburn

Norman Wesley Bennett, 93, of Heyburn died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his daughter's home in Willard, Utah. He was born April 8, 1910, in Mound Valley, Idaho, the son of Harold and Myrtle Bennett. He received his education in Grace, Idaho. He married Mary Ellen Thompson on March 2, 1931, in Logan, Utah. Their marriage was solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple in February of 1950.



Nysa, Ore., Cal J. (Judy) Bennett of Layton, Utah, Ronald C. (Susan) Bennett of Twin Falls, Idaho, Sharon (Jon) Rigby of Willard, Utah, and Steven K. (Vickie) Bennett of Rupert, one brother, Claude Bennett residing in Utah; one sister, Lillie Wermer residing in Washington; 23 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.



In addition to his wife, Mary Ellen, Norman was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, two sisters; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the Heyburn First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 533 Villa Drive, with Bishop Gene A. Price officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Senate kills bill to keep data from public

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — Public access to some university research data will continue for at least another year following a Senate committee vote Wednesday.

Though legislation suppressing all ongoing university research from public disclosure easily passed the distinctly conservative House last week, it didn't even make it through the Senate States Affairs Committee.

The bill had the support of numerous agricultural groups; the University of Idaho and Boise State University. The bill would have kept research data from the public until it was published.

The move to hide research data began last summer after a Filir resident repeatedly tried to get information on dairy odor research.

Dairymen had allowed University of Idaho researcher Ron Sheffield into their property to gather information in order to establish dairy odor standards for the state. Sheffield halted the study based upon advice from university attorneys who told him the law did not protect that data.



Eventually the Idaho Dairy-men's Association paid a private law firm \$10,000 to separate the data figures from names and locations.

The firm then gave the scrambled data to Sheffield so he could complete the study. Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, said the five-month delay set dairy odor standards back a year for consideration by the Legislature.

Brent Olmstead, lobbyist for the Milk Producers of Idaho was clearly unhappy after the senators weighed in.

"That's fine. Any research we do from now on will go to private labs where the public will never know," Olmstead said. University officials said they have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in research money from private business that refused to use the schools for research projects once they found out that much research data is available to the public.

Current Idaho law protects information related to trade secrets or information that contains economic value.

Media organizations, including the Allied Daily Newspapers — to which The Times-News belongs — had opposed the legislation. Attorneys for the media said the legislation had come forward too late in the session for all interested parties to negotiate a bill everyone could live with.

Lobbyist Roy Eiguren said the late introduction made him suspicious that supporters were trying to shove it through without lawmakers having a chance for close scrutiny.

"In my seven years of representing the newspapers, I have never seen a bill open this late in this year," Eiguren said. The main complaint from media groups was that the legislation was too broad. They contended it was unnecessary to exempt all ongoing university research information.

Magic Valley senators who voted against the bill included Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Denton Darrington, D-DeLo.

"If these public institutions are using public money, then the public has a right to know," Stennett said.

Shoshone looks at revoking alcohol license

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Big D's Club Bonzi sits on a street that has once been known as the widest main street in the world in a town that was considered one of the wildest in the West.

Now, some folks here say the Bonzi looks as though it's trying to return Shoshone to its infamous past.

But the City Council could stop a stop to that. On Tuesday, council members began discussing whether to revoke the Bonzi's retail alcohol beverage license.

It was not the first time the club's reputation has been a topic of council discussion.

In December, the council renewed the bar's alcohol license on the condition that owner Dennis Vincent make sure no more fights occur on his premises.

City Council members said Tuesday it had come to their attention that another fight happened at the bar.

Shoshone Police Chief Robert Quiroga confirmed that a report had been filed regarding a fight originating at the Bonzi.

"I guess it was quite a brawl," he told the council.

City Attorney E. Scott Paul said the incident was so recent that he had not yet seen the report. But once he sees the report he would decide if charges should be filed.

Police officers who responded to the incident, want to have the parties involved in the fight charged with disturbing the peace, Paul said.

Council members indicated they were ready to pull the plug on Vincent's alcohol license.

"The deal was if it happened again he was done," Councilman Dale Sluder said. "As far as I'm concerned he's done."

Vincent's alcohol license was renewed in December after it was requested by council members on the condition that Bonzi be pulled by council members on the regulation Big D's Club Bonzi had developed.

"I want Dennis to know that, he is basically on probation," Former Councilman J.R. Churchman warned Vincent at the time.

That tongue lashing was prompted by several reports of fighting at the bar, particularly a July 2003 incident that broke out on the back patio and resulted in one man being charged with mayhem and battery.

After a 12-member jury trial in February, Jonathan Pugh was convicted of battery, not mayhem, for biting off part of Mark Meyer's ear during the fight.

Although Vincent did not attend this week's council meeting, he told The Times-News in an interview Wednesday that the latest fight did not happen inside the Bonzi.

At about 1 a.m. — after last call — six individuals began

shoving but the Bonzi's four security guards handled the incident well, Vincent said.

"When the shoving started they were out the door instantly," he said.

The fight proceeded across the street in the grass by the railroad tracks, Vincent said.

Because there was a special event at the club that night, it brought a lot of people, he said. The event included a popular local DJ and was advertised as allowing dancing on the bar.

People paid a \$2 cover charge and signed a liability release form and those who wanted to dance on the bar were allowed to do so, Vincent said.

"We have it controlled," he said. "Kurt Krusiger gets up on the bar and sings."

The fight brought in about 130 people, Vincent said, and some had to be turned away.

He said sometimes there are "a few bad apples" but does not plan to stop having these DJ events.

"I just purchased this bar and I'm not going away," he said.

The City Council instructed Paul to check into the procedure for revoking an alcohol license. The incident will be discussed at a future meeting.

Officials charge Alaska woman in deaths of her three sons

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A woman was charged with first-degree murder Wednesday after she confessed to shooting her three teenage sons in the family's apartment, authorities said.

Cynthia L. Lord, 42, killed 18-year-old Michael as he slept on the sofa early Tuesday, then covered his body with a blanket, according to court documents.

She shot Christopher, 19, as he year-old Joseph when he came home from school later that day, the documents said.

Lord called police and confessed late Tuesday afternoon, Sgt. Scott Jensen said.

"It was like a bolt from the blue," Jensen said. "No one expected anything like this."

Lord told police she had a motive, Jensen said. He would not elaborate.

Barbara Brink, a public defender, said Lord had not hired an attorney.

Some of the family's neighbors in southern Anchorage said the brothers told them that their mother suffered from mental illness and had stopped taking her medication.

One neighbor, Homer Cole, said he watched as Lord went after one of her sons with a golf club a few months ago.

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Burley officials won't share fees with county

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — City Council members declined Tuesday to help pay legal fees that Cassia County has been ordered by the Idaho Supreme Court to pay stemming from an appeal of a lawsuit between the county, the city and Magic Valley Sand and Gravel.

In February, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an opinion overturning a 5th District Court ruling and directing the county to pay attorney fees. The 2001 lawsuit was related to zoning in the area of "Impact around Burley."

Justice Wayne Kidwell wrote that the prevailing party in a lawsuit is entitled to attorney fees if they show the governing agency acted without a reasonable basis in fact or law. The county did so in this case, he said. He also said the county's ordinance "runs afoul" of the terms of the local land use planning act.

City Attorney Randy Stone argued on behalf of the city before the Supreme Court. Stone said the county did not present an argument in its brief representing its position.

Also Tuesday, council members heard a complaint from a city resident about city employees doing work for a private business.

Steve McGill chastised city leaders for allowing city workers to be laid off and install a French drain on 26th Street, an undeveloped street, after the council had reached an agreement with the property owners requiring them to develop

the street. The street runs between Ramsey Heating and Electric and Ross's Manufacturing. It provides access to Burley Iron Works.

McGill claims the property owners made a commitment to the city, which he didn't keep. City officials had an agreement with the owners of Ross Jones and his son, who owns Burley Iron Works, that the Joneses would pay for the street project because they owned the street to access Burley Iron Works, a relatively new business.

Mayor Jon Anderson said Keith Ramsey of Ramsey Heating and Electric is paying for most of the gravel that was though Ramsey doesn't need the road to access his property. Anderson apologized Tuesday for directing city employees to install the drain. But, he said, when the gravel was installed, the amount of water that was frequently at the site "went away."

"I thought we were all better served by putting in the French drain," Anderson said.

"It leaves me with the impression you guys did not have a good deal," McGill said. He reminded the council that a lot of people come before them asking for all sorts of things and "we don't get it. It's a simple matter of what's right and what's wrong," McGill said. "I'd like to see some community and council cooperation."

While 26th Street is a dedicated street, it hasn't been opened up, Stone said. It hasn't been built to city standards and hasn't been accepted by the city. Even though the city has done

some work on the street, he said, the city is not obligated to bring it up to standard nor to continue to maintain it.

Other council business included:

• **Drug treatment** — The Rev. Rick Zimmerman of the Building of New Beginnings church spoke to council members about the church's desire to establish a drug treatment facility in Mini-Cassia.

Zimmerman said church members have a vision that they want to see their finances to build a detoxification center where people who have made the decision to stop using drugs can go. No such place exists in Mini-Cassia now, he said. Some drug users end up in jail and others try to get to nearby treatment facilities, but the waiting list is long, he said.

Zimmerman didn't ask for money, but urged the council to share information they have about other resources the group could tap.

• **Easement** — Council members directed the mayor to enter into an easement agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. The city needs to access Bullec land near a drainage ditch near the Burley Inn, city electric department Manager Dale Morrison said. SR124 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets out procedures for court finality in appropriate cases.

• **House sale** — Council members finalized action that allows the city to sell the house at 619 Oakley Ave. to Gilbert Hodge for \$10,000. Hodge submitted the high bid for the house.

Public hearing will help settle wine sale debate

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A Burley woman's request that Cassia County commissioners change county laws to allow wine to be sold by the bottle, and by the glass in some businesses, has resulted in a public hearing.

Commissioners have set aside an hour Monday, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. during their regular meeting to hear from people about wine sales.

The commissioners meet in the basement of the county courthouse. Their meeting is open to the public.

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said after Sweetheart Manor owner Rose Smith called commissioners Monday, Commission Chairman Dennis Crane told McMurray to arrange for next week's public hearing.

McMurray expects commissioners to make a decision about whether, and how, they may change the existing ordinance that prohibits the sale of

wine by the bottle anywhere in the county and wine by the glass in businesses that don't have a full liquor license.

Three types of alcohol licenses exist in Idaho — liquor, beer and wine. If a business has a beer license, only beer can be sold. Liquor licenses allow the sale of hard liquor and wine. Licenses allow the sale of wine. Prior to 2001 action by the Idaho Legislature, businesses with beer licenses had been allowed to sell low-alcohol content wine under the auspices of those beer licenses. Now in counties with no wine licenses, wine can be sold by the glass if a business has a liquor license.

In 2001 county commissions throughout Idaho had to decide whether to add the license classification to their offerings to comply with state laws. Commissioners had the option of approving resolutions to create the wine license category and allow wine sales or letting voters decide whether to allow wine to be sold in their county.

Cassia County voters said "no" to the ballot measure. The vote was 2,379 against the measure, with 1,820 people voting in favor of allowing wine sales.

Now, McMurray said, commissioners may consider such a resolution or again ask voters to decide whether wine should be sold in the county.

Smith argues that the county loses tax revenue because people leave the county to buy wine and when they're elsewhere they end up spending money on other things. Wine sales are allowed in Minotoka, Twin Falls, Boise and Jerome counties, among others around the Magic Valley.

People who are unable to attend Monday's hearing, but who want to comment in favor of or against wine sales in the county, may submit letters to McMurray's office, in the basement of the courthouse. Those letters will be read by noon Monday, he said, so commissioners can review any before the public hearing.

Cangiamilla joins Camas sheriff race

FAIRFIELD — Monte C. Cangiamilla, 55, has declared his candidacy for Camas County sheriff.

Cangiamilla has been a resident of Camas County since 1996, having graduated from high school in Albuquerque, N.M., and having served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years. He is a Vietnam veteran.

"I just want to become more involved in the community and make a difference," Cangiamilla said.

Cangiamilla is running as a Democrat, believing he likely will face incumbent Sheriff Dave Sanders in the Nov. 2 general election. Sanders is seeking the Republican nomination.

Magic Valley in brief

Wright files for commissioner's office

GOODING — Republican John W. Wright has filed his declaration of candidacy for Gooding County commissioner.

Wright, 49, is 50 far unopposed in his bid for the District 3 position.

Incumbent Commissioner Rob Sauer has announced that he will not seek re-election. He said he wants to spend more time with his family and at his position as principal of Wendell Middle School.

Wright said he has a genuine interest in how government works and he feels it's a good time to get involved.

He has served on the Wendell School Board for the past nine years — three as chairman.

Wright has been involved in the dairy industry for 30 years and owned his own dairy for 26 years.

Originally from Southern California, Wright has lived in Idaho for 20 years.

He graduated from high school in 1972 and has an associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho and a bachelor's from Boise State University in business management.

— compiled from staff reports

Richfield

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letic accomplishments. For instance, Richfield students did much better than Shoshone students on the Idaho Reading Indicator Test, she said.

"This is no time to veer off course," Farnsworth said.

He said he wants to spend more time with his family and at his position as principal of Wendell Middle School.

local forum, it would have never gotten this far," Dreiling said.

He also said he fears being underrepresented on a board because Shoshone has 1,446 people and Richfield has 421, making it possible for Richfield to be outnumbered 4 to 1 on a five-member school board.

Board members later said a consolidated board could have as many as nine members.

Julie Oxarango-Ingram said the next meetings she goes to, the more similarities she sees

between the communities, she hopes they can work together.

"We can't be afraid to come together often and talk about the things we are facing," Oxarango-Ingram said.

Brenda Farnsworth said the process of considering consolidation could take as long as a year.

"We promise you, this is just the beginning," Farnsworth said. The next joint board meeting will be April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Pay

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for what (Kelley) has been doing. I believe if we want to have these kind of people for the long term, you set the standard with compensation."

But unlike the previous merit pay raise, two council members voted against Kelley's increase and Bassett was forced to break the tie.

Councilmen Jim Scott and Pete Weir suggested giving Kelley a \$500 raise now and a second \$500 increase after he becomes certified to operate the city water system.

Councilman Robert Peterson and Councilman John Mason said, "Evidence must be kept secure."

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Other Hagerman City Council business included:

• **Security** — Council members approved the purchase of doors with locking mechanisms for the police chief's office and an adjacent room to be used to secure evidence. A set of the evidence taken in recent drug investigations is currently being housed in facilities in Gooding and Twin Falls counties.

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• **Appointments** — Mayor Todd Bassett appointed Councilmembers for the city's three departments. Mason will be the liaison for law enforcement; Councilman Robert Peterson will address public works and Councilman Jim Scott will serve as the liaison for the city office. Pete Weir, in his position as president of the City Council, officiates at meetings in the Mayor's absence.

The request for water service was made by subdivision representative Ed Bailey Tuesday.

The subdivision would turn over wells and a 10,000-gallon water tank to the city in exchange for service.

The close proximity of the subdivision's wells to the city's well might not be that beneficial, however, if they are both pumping from the same water source.

City Council members asked the subdivision residents to assist them in looking at cost estimates to hook into the city system.

Deal

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the next fiscal year to the Department of Commerce to help develop the aquaculture industry.

Commerce and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, met with their joint committee early today to approve the appropriations.

Sen. Laird Kelly, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, said some of the mitigation concepts people are mulling include the following:

• Shutting down wells and converting to surface water or taking directly above the springs are located.

• Pumping water from Clear Lakes to the land right above the canyon rim so that it can reach down through the canyon wall, go through fish trout farms and then return to Clear Lakes.

• Allowing trout farms to drill wells and add that water to help meet their legal allotment.

City moves to protect conference-goers with buffer zone

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The city will create buffer zones to protect protesters and attendees of next month's worldwide conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Police announced the measure Tuesday.

The city designated areas for those who want to stand still and speak or hold signs during the April 3-1 conference.

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Introduced in House

HB1215 (Ways and Means) — Creates terrorism and sensist official conductors to Span regarding the attack on that country on March 11, 2001.

HB1216 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$60,000 in additional spending authority for the Agricultural Smoke Management Fund.

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HB1219 (Ways and Means) — Creates terrorism and sensist official conductors to Span regarding the attack on that country on March 11, 2001.

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HB1224 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$60,000 in additional spending authority for the Agricultural Smoke Management Fund.

HB1225 (Ways and Means) — Creates terrorism and sensist official conductors to Span regarding the attack on that country on March 11, 2001.

HB1226 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$60,000 in additional spending authority for the Agricultural Smoke Management Fund.



- HB1227 (Resources and Environment) — Allows the State Lands and Conservation Trust to acquire or lease land for conservation purposes.
- HB1228 (Resources and Environment) — Clarifies how to pay for fire-line funds.
- HB1229 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$311 million for Idaho's higher education system for 2003-2005 operations.
- HB1230 (Finance) — Allocates \$276 million for the Idaho Annual Support Program for 2003-2005 operations.
- HB1231 (Finance) — Allocates \$10 million to the Idaho Statewide Income Tax (ISIT) of Children's Programs for 2003-2005 operations.
- HB1232 (Finance) — Allocates \$11.3 million to the Idaho Lottery for 2003-2005 operations.
- HB1233 (Resources and Environment) — Authorizes repair and maintenance by irrigation operations under certain conditions.
- HB1234 (Transportation) — Prohibits hazardous material endorsements on any vehicle for 2003-2005 operations.
- HB1235 (Natural Resources) — Restores nursing in public places.
- HB1236 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes issuance of a subpoena to assist in recovering parolee addresses.
- HB1237 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies penalties for violating.
- HB1238 (Judiciary and Rules) — Changes the date the public school income tax within six months of argumental trial than six months of being passed.
- HB1239 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes a 2 percent pay increase for state judges.

Completed for Tuesday

HB1240 (Ways and Means) — This legislation would create a Healthy Idaho Health Insurance Trust within the Office of the Governor to focus on issues related to diet and exercise. Signed by Governor.
- HB1241 (Finance) — Clarifies Idaho's recent appeal process allowing all unopposed parties to present their case at a court hearing. Signed by Governor.
- HB1242 (Judiciary and Rules) — Includes altering federal reserve notes of U.S. money in the counterfeiting.
- HB1243 (Judiciary and Rules) — Defines the conditions for state payment of juvenile detention costs incurred by counties.
- HB1244 (Judiciary and Rules) — Prohibits convicted felons from being appointed guardians of incapacitated persons unless a court finds it appropriate.
- HB1245 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets out procedures for temporary and emergency appointments for 2003-2005 operations of the Commission on the Arts.
- HB1246 (Judiciary and Rules) — Adopts the Uniform Estate Tax Apportionment Act.
- HB1247 (Judiciary and Rules) — Sets out procedures for inventory of property by a personal representative in a probate proceeding.
- HB1248 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes the effect of durable power of attorney for health care.
- HB1249 (Judiciary and Rules) — Defines the right to a homebased allowance in employee compensation.
- HB1250 (Education) — Raises the minimum funding for diverting to school districts from \$10 to \$12 per student.
- HB1251 (State Affairs) — Creates Gov. Dirk Kempthorne executive order creating a Bureau of Family Security.
- HB1252 (State Affairs) — Provides relief from various civil liabilities in national guard members activated for federal activities.
- HB1253 (State Affairs) — Provides a few exemptions from school and non-student financial aid.
- HB1254 (Health and Welfare) — Allows up to 1 percent of interest on trust to be used to manage the wastewater and drinking water.

HB1255 (Finance) — Allocates \$19.9 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Division of Building Safety.

HB1256 (Finance) — Allocates \$14 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Industrial Commission.

HB1257 (Finance) — Allocates \$100 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Idaho State Lottery.

HB1258 (Finance) — Allocates \$11.3 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Idaho Statewide Income Tax (ISIT) of Children's Programs.

HB1259 (Finance) — Allocates \$16 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Commission on the Arts.

HB1260 (Finance) — Allocates \$200,000 for 2003-2005 operations of the Human Rights Commission.

HB1261 (Finance) — Allocates \$12.2 million for 2003-2005 operations of the National Guard.

HB1262 (Finance) — Allocates \$15,000 for 2003-2005 operations of the Mayor's Commission.

HB1263 (Finance) — Allocates \$552,400 for 2003-2005 operations of the Department of Agriculture.

HB1264 (Finance) — Allocates \$20.7 million for 2003-2005 operations of the Department of Commerce.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Snowpack levels look less promising for east Idaho

Snowpack levels

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - Water officials say the winter got eastern Idaho snowpack levels off to a good start, but February's storms failed to deliver. The storms dropped only 1.5 to 5 inches of snow in eastern Idaho, whose snowpack supplies much of the water used by south-central Idaho irrigators. The Upper Snake River Basin dropped another 5 percent

below average snowpack levels compared to last month.

Levels are now at 89 percent of the historical average, and predicted streamflow is at 93 percent. The snow's water content was at 90 percent of norm Tuesday.

"The water content in the snow is more important than the depth," said Philip Morrissey, from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. "I think it's still hanging in there, al-

though March is kind of fizzling out."

Unless more snow falls in the Upper Snake River Basin, the river's level in the summer will be 89 percent of average at Helse, the agency said.

While levels are better than the past three years, still being below average won't help the region recover from the drought.

"We're just going to get by this year. We still have to recover," said Ron Abramovich, also from

the conservation service. "We'll use up all the water we're allowed to use up again."

Dick Larsen, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Water Resources, said irrigators will be happy to get almost all the water they're entitled to, but it's not good for next year.

"We're going to be right where we were last year, with none left over," Larsen said. "We're essentially leaving hand to mouth."

Idaho's deepest snowpacks

are in the southwestern part of the state, in the Bruner and Owyhee basins, which are at 123 percent and 155 percent of average. The lowest snowpack is the Bear River, which is at about 65 percent of average.

"Long-term dryness will remain across central, southern and eastern Idaho until several wet years occur that get moisture back into the ground, springs, seeps, wetlands and aquifers," the report said.

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Upper Snake Basin	89%	80%
Salmon Falls	111%	103%
Salmon	92%	80%
Oakley	111%	105%
Big Wood	88%	79%
Little Wood	94%	86%
Henry Fork/Teton	103%	93%
Big Lost	93%	82%
Big Lost	97%	73%
Little Lost		

As of March 17

"An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks

Gooding leans toward independent police force

Survey suggests residents prefer their own department

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The surveys have been tallied and Gooding citizens want keep an independent police department, Interim Police Chief Rick Conwen says.

Conwen summarized for council members Monday the results of a survey that asked residents if they wanted to contract with the county for law enforcement or retain a city police department and police chief.

Of the 1,500 mailed surveys, 293 were returned by the March 5 deadline. Conwen said 63 percent, or 185 surveys, requested that the city continue to operate its own police force; twenty-two percent, or 65 surveys, were in favor of contracting with the Gooding County Sheriff's Department. Another 15 percent, or 43 surveys, listed no opinion.

On the uncommitted surveys, the majority wrote that more information was needed before an opinion could be given. Conwen said.

"In talking to people who do random samples, they tell me it's a fairly good matter to get 293 responses," the police chief said.

Results of another community survey asking residents to evaluate the police department's effectiveness, quality of services, safety of their neighborhoods and other areas of concern will be released in mid-April.

"The other survey is pretty extensive and will take longer to review," Conwen said.

Gooding Sheriff Shaun Gough has drafted a proposal to take over law enforcement services in the city of Gooding. At a Feb. 17 council meeting Gough unveiled a plan that he said could save city taxpayers \$96,000 through consolidation, which would trim costs associated with custodial services, utilities and administration.

Gough's plan would continue to provide city residents five officers and include three patrol cars and equipment.

City Council members had said they would entertain the sheriff's proposal, but they also were quick to note that it'll need the support of city residents to become a reality.

Meanwhile, council members are continuing to interview prospective police chiefs.

In other business, the City Council voted to require residents to pick up a key at the city shop prior to dumping at the area known as the tree and brush yard.

The move came after City Superintendent Todd Bunn asked council members to close off to the public the location where people have been dumping their tree and yard clipping waste. It's one mile west and a quarter mile north of Gooding on 1000 East.

Bunn said everything but yard waste has been dumped at the site for the past several months.

"We're going to have an environmental problem out there if we don't do something quickly," he told the council.

Bunn explained that city crews have been spending many hours cleaning up household waste, scrap metal and even dead animals that were dumped at the yard.

"I realize it's an inconvenience but I think we need to close the gate and go back to the way we did it a few years ago," Bunn said.

Council members agreed that to prevent further illegal dumping the gate to the yard would have to be closed. Residents will have to pick up the key from the city shop during regular business hours.

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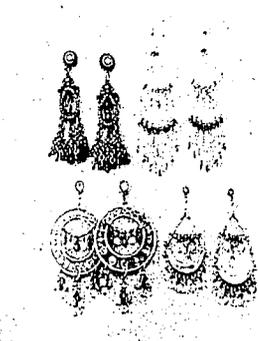
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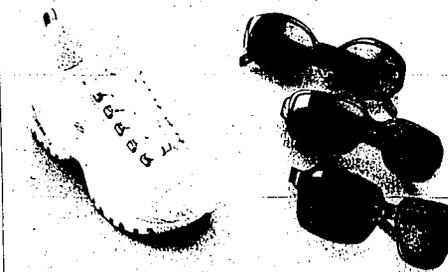
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Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

SEUSS IS LOOSE



Poppell Elementary School in Buhl participated in the 100th birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss...

SEUSS GAMES



Top, Taylor Hanson, a fourth-grader, is 'buddy reading' Dr. Seuss books to first-graders at Hollister Elementary...

Bottom, Carol Jones, the volunteer librarian, reads to kindergartners for the celebration.

West End Writers gather today at city library

FILER - West End Writers Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. today at the Filer City Library...

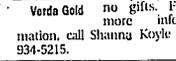
Church sponsors dinner, concert performance

GOODING - Dinner at the El Comedor restaurant, 127 3rd St., will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a performance from 'The Standards'...

The event is the first of many sponsored by the Fun and Fellowship Committee of the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Family holds birthday party for Gooding woman

GOODING - An 86th birthday party will be held for Verda Gold from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at her home.



Verda Gold

All friends and relatives are invited. The family requests no gifts. For more information, call Shanna Koyle at 934-6215.

M.V. Art Guild accepts applications for event

TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley is accepting applications for the 45th annual Art-in-the-Show.

The show will be held July 24-25 in the Twin Falls City Park. Any medium may be used. All entries will be screened for artistic merit and originality.

Restaurant owners show generosity, kindness

Recently Cub Scout Pack 125 held the annual Blue and Gold Banquet, which is the celebration for the Cub Scouts Scouting program.

The purpose of this letter is to publicly acknowledge and thank Eduardo and Maria. The kindness and generosity of this man overwhelmed us, and the memory he left the Cub Scouts of Pack 124 will be ingrained for years to come.

KARCH HINCKLEY
Den Chief, Pack 124
AMANDA AND MARC CRUMP
SHANNON HINCKLEY

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

participation and interest in the arts throughout the Magic Valley. All artists are welcome to apply.

Senior Citizens Center holds dance event

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the center, 536 Sheehone St. W. in Twin Falls.

Contestants offer camp for Mini-Cassia girls

PAUL - The Mini-Cassia Junior Miss contestants will host the "Be Your Best Self" camp from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at West Minico Middle School, 135 S. 600 W. Paul.

The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Those attending should dress in a T-shirt and shorts because they will be learning a dance. For more information, call Charmaine Ralphs at 678-5181, Lori Bair at 436-0284 or Daria Buttershaw at 436-6556.

Class of '49 looks for contact information

BURLEY - The Burley High School class of 1949 is planning a 55-year reunion. The committee is missing information on the following classmates: Gloria Gardner, Taylor Nelson, Loretta Shore, Glen Vincent, Marilyn-Warr, Burton Mundy, Jay Higley, Fay Reed, Opal Stangel, Jack Stangle or Stangal, Barbara Moppin, Sunny Alice Sagers and Mayda Smith.

Anyone with information on any of these people can call Sharon Searle at 654-2755, Gale Keen at 678-2491 or Sally Allred at 678-5297.

Second-year students can get scholarships

RUPERT - Rupert Business and Professional Women has scholarships available.

Applicants must be age 25 or older, show financial need and be enrolled in their second year in an accredited college or vocational technical school. They must also submit previous grades with a 3.0 grade point average maintained.

CSI offers computer class for seniors

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave. E., is offering a course designed to teach basic computer skills to seniors.

"Computers for Seniors I" will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 31 through April 28 in the Shields Building, room 101 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$50.

Seniors will get the chance to learn computer basics at a slow and easy pace. This course has been especially designed for seniors who want to get started with computers but feel nervous about extra confidence to go ahead.

For more information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Relay for Life needs bands, acts to entertain

FILER - The American Cancer Society Relay for Life organizers are looking for bands and acts to entertain May 21-22 at the Filer Elementary School, 700 Stevens, for the annual fund-raiser.

For more information, call Larry at (208) 308-5388.

Family seeks donations for suffering child

KIMBERLY - Donations are being accepted for Kyle Lynn Funk, a girl who is having complications following open heart surgery at the Gilt Barn, 217 Main St., in Kimberly.

For more information, call Hoy Rollins at 423-6661.

Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its March 12 winners.

LETTERS OF THANKS

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 288

To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at: 733-0931, Ext. 270.

ALICIA WARD JANET BRONSON CHERYL LENKERS-DORFER Cub Scout Leaders

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Letters of Thanks

28 at Wal-Mart in Jerome, I accidentally dropped a jar of food, breaking the glass. Another customer saw what happened and came to my aid, cleaning up the mess on the floor. On Feb. 26 at Winco, a woman bagged my groceries.

I am appreciative of the help these people gave me, and I feel blessed by God to have had them in my life. I wish there were more people in this world willing to put themselves out for others.

I'm sorry I did not get your names so I could thank you properly, but I'm sure you'll know who you are. From the bottom of my heart, thank you and God bless!

KIM SEEBOLD
TWIN FALLS

Country club appreciates work, donations

Clear Lake Country Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generous donations and support of the Fourth Annual Fly Fishing Derby held

North/south, first, Susan Faulkner and Carol Bennett; second, Henry and Dolores Robinson; and third, Bill Simon and Sid Bokor. East/west, first, Marge Pearson and Loraine Morrison; second, Jodi Faulkner and Cecil Davidson; and third, Adelaide Gerard and Carma Davidson.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at City Hall, 308 5th Ave. W. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 934-4371.

American Legion offers help to kidney recipient

WENDELL - A benefit dinner for Kim Bell, who is scheduled to undergo a kidney transplant, will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main in Wendell.

The menu includes, sesame chicken, pan-fried noodles, fried rice and Filipino egg rolls. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

For more information or to help, call Natty Wilson at 536-1771 or 356-0641.

T.F. Chapter of Idaho Writers League meets

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers League will meet from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The state writing contest will be discussed followed by a critique session. Visitors and guests are welcome. A no-host luncheon menu is available. For more information, call Jack Lintelmann at 543-2171.

Lincoln Elementary sponsors family portraits

TWIN FALLS - Lincoln Elementary School, 238 7th St. N., is sponsoring a family portrait fund-raiser from 6-9 p.m. today.

The school is offering an 8-by-10-inch portrait from Bell Photographers Inc. for \$10. The school will retain all proceeds.

Each family has only one appointment. An adult must be in the photography. Families will be given an appointment to pick up their portraits after the picture is taken. Additional portraits may be purchased.

For more information, call the school at 733-1321.

CORVETTE CHARITY



Members of the Snake River Corvette Club and the charities it supports welcomed Con Paulos, the club's major sponsor for the year 2004.

From left to right are Denny Hall; Con Paulos; Larry Utley, club president; Mike Duffy, club vice president; and Mike Esparza. The club will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Health and Welfare Building on Polo Line Road in Twin Falls. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at the Montana Steak House. Anyone is welcome. For more information, call Utley at 733-9655.

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Jerome cuts utility hookup fees by more than 40 percent

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Developers are lining up to take advantage of new lower hookup fees for city services.

The City Council rolled back costs of new connections to water and sewer service by more than 40 percent Tuesday and made the cuts retroactive to Oct. 1, 2003, the beginning of the current fiscal year. The reduction is intended to stimulate construction in town.

The costs for people wishing to hook up to the city water system — broken into two schedules, Schedule one — individual water service connections — drops costs on an average home with a 3/4-inch water line from \$1,450 to \$615. Schedule two — subdivisions or mobile home parks — drops the costs from \$1,150 to \$315 per dwelling to connect to the city water system.

The new fees for single-family dwellings to hook up to the sewer system, including run to curb, drops from \$2,125 to \$850. Subdivisions and mobile home parks cost the same for each

Other Jerome City Council business included:

- **Irrigation costs** — The council approved the city irrigation assessment rolls for individual properties into the city limits. It also approved payment of \$18,295 to the Northside Canal Co. for the 2004 irrigation operation and maintenance assessment. The payment is for 871.20 shares of irrigation water at \$20 per share plus a \$4 billing fee.

- **Sewer planning** — The council approved agreements with attorney Ryan Armbruster and bond

consultor Mike Moore for their services regarding improvements at the wastewater treatment plant.

The agreements will allow the city to review the processes available for funding the proposed plant expansion and will allow the city to research the best possible funding vehicle.

The council also approved the hiring of Aqua Engineers to help the city design the upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant and supervise construction of it.

connection as the single-family dwellings.

There is a formula for the larger-sized pipes used by commercial customers.

Small commercial customers who have only one restroom pay \$800 to hook up to the city sewer system, and larger commercial customers with public restrooms pay \$3,500. Industrial customers' fees will be determined on an individual basis.

Building inspector Dave Ritchey said he expects "good stuff will happen as a result of the lowered hookup fees." He

said he has six or seven developers already wanting to get started on building subdivisions.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said that when planning the budget, he always estimates "the costs high and the income low." He said there should be plenty of room in the budget for the fee change.

Further, there will be income generated from the additional building permits purchased. Plus the anticipated additional growth will increase the city's tax base, Rothweiler said.

Filter teacher wins national award

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Longtime Filer High School teacher Ed Richards joined an elite group this week. Richards was selected to receive the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Of the 95 recipients being honored in Washington, D.C., this week, Richards is the only teacher from Idaho.

Richards and the other winners — chosen by a panel of mathematicians, scientists and educators in conjunction with the White House — receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation.

Established by Congress in 1983 and administered by the science foundation, the award is the highest commendation of its kind.

The program identifies outstanding educators from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and U.S. territories.

Richards began teaching sci-

ence at Filer High School in 1992. Since then, he has worked to expand the quality of education for his students.

In 2002, he encouraged the school district to approve the creation of an agriculture academy where small groups of students could take combined classes in science, English and computer technology.

"I like the enthusiasm of youth and helping the kids get excited about science involvement and applying science to careers and professions," Richards said in a Wednesday press release from the science foundation.

His own enthusiasm for the subject has also helped students in his agriculture classes to design and build a mature digester as a possible way to neutralize hydrogen sulfide and reduce the problem of dairy odor.

"The program lets students devise solutions to problems in industry," Richards said.

Richards' students are also getting an introduction to the field of forensic science. Work-

ing with detectives, students are required to use skills learned in the classroom to collect evidence from a mock crime scene and solve the crime.

"They work with DNA and the fingerprinting process," said physical science and biology teacher Megan Millican. "I know that last year they actually took this to the courts."

Wendell considers forming soccer team

By Elisabeth A. Devena
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The School Board is looking at its budget to see if it can afford to have a middle school soccer team next year.

"We have a group of students in our school who we would like to find a way to help them develop some school and community pride," Wendell Middle School Principal Rob Sauer said. "And we think that a middle school soccer program is a good way to do that."

Sauer presented the idea at the School Board's Tuesday meeting.

He estimated that it would cost the district approximately \$1,500.

The funds would cover a coaching stipend and travel expenses for the team.

Other expenses, including the fees to pay referees, would be picked up by the middle school and come out of its athletic account.

"I think it's great if we can afford it," Wendell School Board member Doyle Hope said. "It keeps kids off the street and this will do it. \$1,500 doesn't seem like too much of a price to pay to try and help do that."

Since soccer is a fall sport, the expenses would need to be added to next year's budget.

The board passed a motion to pursue the soccer program pending funding.

"Initially we are just looking at one team and we would have some girls on it as well as boys," Sauer said.

Having a mixed team at the middle school level is a pretty common practice, Sauer said. He noted that it has been done before in Filer and Ketchum. Sauer said he anticipates a very eager response from the students based on the level of interest in the sport.

"We had a soccer club this last fall and we had at least 25 students," he said. "It was very popular."

Elk carcasses litter reservoir

BOISE (AP) — Spring thaw is sending carcasses of more than 100 elk floating across Lucky Peak Reservoir.

They fell through thin ice two months ago while attempting to escape snow at higher elevations and find food, Idaho Fish and Game experts said that while most deer were light enough to cross the ice, the heavier elk broke through.

Now, the carcasses are attracting attention as recreationists look forward to boating, water skiing and swimming.

Michael McIntyre, surface water program manager for Environmental Quality, said that when the elk first broke through the ice, authorities considered trying to remove carcasses to be too dangerous and too expensive.

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NATION

Feds look at airport screening

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration wants to begin testing in June a program that would allow certain airline travelers not considered terrorist threats to avoid extra security inspections at airports, a federal official said Wednesday.

Nation in brief

David Stone, acting chief of the Transportation Security Administration, said the goal is to move law-abiding travelers more quickly to their planes and permit screeners to focus more on people about whom the government has less information.

The program is expected to be appealing mostly to frequent travelers who would think the cost would be offset by the time saved at airports.

Methodist Church trial starts for minister

BOTHELL, Wash. — Dozens of demonstrators were on Wednesday as they tried to stop a church trial that could remove a lesbian from the Methodist ministry for living openly in a lesbian relationship.

The Rev. Karen Danman last week married her partner of nine years, the Rev. James C. Williams, a local Methodist minister. Williams' church officials have begun allowing same-sex marriages. The couple have a 5-year-old son.

United Methodist officials have said the trial is the first against a homosexual pastor in the denomination since 1987, when the credentials of the Rev. Rose Mary Denman of New Hampshire were revoked.

Series of blasts disrupt gas distribution plant

MIAMI — A series of explosions shook a gas distribution plant in suburban Miami on Wednesday, sending plumes of smoke into the air and forcing evacuations in the surrounding area as fire threatened scores of gas storage tanks.

There were no injuries, authorities said. Fire officials said they did not know what caused the explosions, which started as a flamed truck was delivering tanks of acetylene gas to the Airgas South Inc. plant.

Schools close as snow spreads eastward

ALBANY, N.Y. — Residents of the Northeast shoveled, scraped and swept up after a snowstorm that swept out of the Midwest and dumped more than a foot of snow in some spots three days before the start of spring.

At least 14 traffic deaths were blamed on slippery roads. Snow accumulations of up to 15 inches were reported in parts of southern and western New York, including a record 14.3 at Buffalo, and 10 inches piled up in northeastern Ohio. Boston had 7 inches by early Wednesday and parts of Connecticut measured more than 9 inches.

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RAIN ON THE PARADE



Members of the Monmouth, N.J., County Pipe and Drum Band react after a vehicle struck two fellow band members in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Ga. A convertible sped through an intersection during the city's parade, slamming into members of the band and spectators who lined the parade route. At least eight people were injured. None suffered life-threatening injuries.

Weak U.S. dollar benefits tourists

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Nicola Ross held up a gray and black sneaker for her husband, Ian, to examine in a Puma store aisle piled high with boxes of tennis shoes. She arched her eyebrows when she saw the price tag.

"They're \$40!" said Ross, a tourist from Liverpool, England. "Do you like them? Try them on."

Although Ross, 37, is no slouch of a shopper — it is one of her favorite activities back home — she was stunned at her purchasing power recently on an excursion to an outlet mall in Orlando.

The power came in no small part from a currency exchange rate that had the British pound approaching twice the value of the U.S. dollar.

"The exchange rate is fabulous," said Ian Ross, who sells household appliances in Liverpool.

"We couldn't have timed it better to come over on holiday."

U.S. tourism officials expect more European and Canadian visitors will follow the Ross' example this year, in part because of the weak U.S. dollar. They hope the exchange rate helps reverse a three-year decline in the number of international visitors to the United States.

"It couldn't happen at a better time," said Cathy Keefe, a spokeswoman for the Travel Industry Association of America in Washington.

"We'll see the results of tourist spending more money. They'll stay longer, stay at nicer hotels, take more tours, eat out at more restaurants."

Keefe said she does not believe last week's terrorist bombings in Madrid will affect international visits to the United States. "It may be a different matter if something happened on U.S. soil again," she said.

Airline loses Alzheimer's passenger

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines lost an 80-year-old man with Alzheimer's disease who was supposed to have been given an escort between flights in the Atlanta airport, his relatives said.

Antonio Ayala disappeared Monday after his flight landed and he was not found until nearly 24 hours later, near a bus station in downtown Atlanta, several miles from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Police took him to Grady Memorial Hospital, where he was undergoing dialysis treatment Wednesday for a kidney ailment and was listed in good condition, officials said.

Family members said Ayala could have gone into a coma without diagnosis.

Ayala was flying from New York's La Guardia airport to El Paso, Texas, and had to change planes in Atlanta.

Inmate pleads guilty in attack

PHOENIX (AP) — One of two inmates who held a pair of guards hostage in a prison tower pleaded guilty Wednesday, admitting that he raped a kitchen worker and a female guard during the 15-day standoff.

Steven Coy pleaded guilty to 14 charges — including escape, kidnapping, assault and sexual assault. Prosecutors did not offer Coy anything in exchange for his plea in Maricopa County Superior Court.

"This is not a plea agreement situation," Assistant Maricopa County attorney Jeannette Gallagher said.

Coy, 40, was under heavy guard Wednesday.

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Police nab sniper suspect

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The man wanted in a deadly string of sniper shootings that terrorized Ohio drivers was captured at a motel Wednesday after a tipster spotted him at a Las Vegas casino reading a newspaper story about himself.

An unshaven and disheveled Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, was arrested without incident less than 36 hours after Ohio authorities released his name as a suspect in the attacks.

The arrest brought relief to Ohio residents who have been living in fear since the 24 shootings began in the Columbus area last year.

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Seeing double It's a twin thing



This 1935 or 1936 photograph of twins ZoeAnn, left, and SaraLee Warberg and their older siblings, twins Willetta and Bill Warberg, adorned the 1937 promotional calendar of the Warberg Bros. coal and transfer company in Twin Falls. The photo was captioned "Let Us Take Your Order."

The summer lineup: Events mark city's 100th birthday

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Depend on a dandy series of centennial-themed events this summer. A few of the following get-togethers are organized by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission. But most are long-standing community events that will add some kind of twist this year with the commission's help in celebration of Twin Falls' 100th birthday.

Note these dates on your 2004 calendar:

• May 29 — Unveiling of a planned canyon-rim plaza.
(That date might change, depending on construction progress, commission leaders say.)

The Centennial Commission is selling personalized bricks for the plaza it intends to build on the south rim of the Snake River Canyon, near the Perrine Bridge. A centerpiece of the plaza will be artist Ralph Lehmann's bronze statue of T.H. Perrine. The commission plans to install the statue — for now on display at First Federal Savings Bank's downtown headquarters — at its permanent canyon-rim spot in late May.

• June 4-6 — Western Days, Twin Falls' annual beginning-of-summer festival.

To give Western Days a centennial flavor, local musicians from throughout the past decades — from some of the oldest to the youngest — will entertain. Select Mortgage will run a beard-growing contest. And parade floats will take on historical themes.

• June 12 — Blessing of the Water ceremony, at Shoshone Falls.

(That revised date is about a month later than previously announced.)

To transform the Twin Falls Canal Co.'s annual celebration of the irrigator's season's beginning into a festive outdoor party, centennial organizers moved it to later in the year, shifted it from the bank of a canal to the park at Shoshone Falls, and contemplate introducing food vendors or popjazz dishes.

Organizers are also tossing around ideas for speakers, appearances by descendants of early Twin Falls pioneers, and free public transportation into the canyon from a parking lot on the rim.

• June 19 — Jazz in the Canyon, at Centennial Park.

This year, organizers will bring in Karrin Allyson, "a really hot jazz singer from Kansas City," who was the most played artist on jazz radio stations across the country for five consecutive weeks in 2002, said Monie Smith, event spokeswoman. Twin Falls' two Rotary Clubs put on the annual jazz in the Canyon, and this year Allyson's performance is underwritten by the Centennial Commission.

• June 26 — Magic Valley Air Show, at Joslin Field.

The Twin Falls airport puts on a good show every couple of years. But in 2003, funding from the Centennial Commission will help pay for appearances by additional "warbird" fighter aircraft—a visit from a replica of early Twin Falls pioneers' plane, and a "Veterans Pavilion" space where local veterans can share their stories and where displays will highlight local aviation history.

• July 4 — Independence Day fireworks.

• July 10 — Kids Art in the Park, in City Park.

• July 10 — Magic Valley Speedway's "Twin Falls 100" race.

• July 15 — Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's "100 Years of Agriculture" ag tour.

• July 23-24 — Peeps Centennial Challenge, a tournament at Twin Falls' municipal course.

• Aug. 4 — Bite of Twin Falls, in City Park.

• Aug. 8 — Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, in City Park.

• Aug. 19 — The chamber's Hot August Nite picnic and auction, in City Park.

• Sept. 1-6 — Twin Falls County Fair, in Filer.

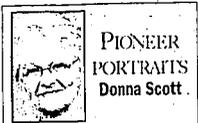
• Oct. 1-2 — Oktoberfest, in Twin Falls' Historic Old Towne.

• Oct. 23 — Centennial Commission's finale.

We'll let Times-News readers know details as each event approaches.

For the Warberg family, twins came twice in Twin Falls

as it the water that caused twins to be born in Twin Falls? George Warberg fathered two sets, Willetta and Bill, were born in 1932. Sally and ZoeAnn came along two years later. Warberg joked that he was glad he didn't settle in Thousand Springs. George Warberg arrived in Twin Falls when he was just 1 year old. His parents, William and Theresa Warberg, learned there was work to be had in Twin Falls, and it was a good move, for they remained here for the rest of their lives. George attended Twin Falls schools and Linfield College in Oregon, returning home with



PIONEER PORTRAITS
Donna Scott

his wife, Ethel. Their first twins were so tiny they fit in a shoe box. Ethel fed them every two hours with an eyedropper. A year later she learned they would be adding to their family. One

day George had a vivid dream of two sets of twins playing together. Later at the doctor's office, George told Dr. Russell Weaver he thought they would have another set of twins. Weaver smiled and said, "Not likely."

But George said, "I'll make you a deal. If we don't have twins, I'll pay you double, but if we do, I won't pay you anything."

It was a deal. Weaver ended up delivering a second set of twins free of charge.

George Warberg, who was in the transfer and storage business, wise-

ly took advantage of his greatest assets and used them to advertise on the annual company calendar.

Did this tidbit catch your interest? An account of the Warberg twins' antics, along with stories of other local residents throughout the past century, will be published by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee this summer. To submit stories — including tales of other twins born in Twin Falls — contact Donna Scott at 536-2788 or ranch@link.com.

Council peddles history-themed throw

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — To commemorate Twin Falls' centennial, the Magic Valley Arts Council is selling woven throws depicting some of the city's architectural history.

They're 100 percent cotton, 50 by 65 inches. Pictured in the corners are the historic Perrine Hotel, the Twin Falls County Courthouse, the original City Park gazebo and the elegant First National Bank at the corner of Shoshone Street and Main Avenue. Featured in the throw's center are the falls that gave the city its name.

"This was a very exciting project for the arts council to undertake," Executive Director Stacy Madsen said. "Our board sought out a historical project that would illustrate the beautiful architecture from the early days of Twin Falls, as well as show the original flow of the Twin Falls, and commissioning the throw worked out perfectly for us."

The throw will be available through the end of 2004 — exclusively from the arts council — and comes in navy, forest green and cranberry. Cost is \$49.95. Call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARTS.



Wood and water

Arts council plans tree-carving project and water-themed art show. Sunday in The Times-News

Tonight's business gathering will evoke the 1920s decade

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — For a couple of hours, a downtown bank will become a speak-easy in the style of the roaring '20s, at tonight's gathering of business people.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's third Business After Hours social event of the year — from 5:30 to 7 p.m. — is tonight at Magic Valley Bank — is part of the chamber's effort to inject a little fun into the city's 100th birthday.

Admission is free to chamber members and their guests. Those who attend find finger foods and door prizes.

From January through October during the city's 2004 centennial-year, each monthly

Business After Hours gathering has a theme based on one decade of the past century. Tonight, think 1920-1929 and flappers.

Throughout the year, chamber executive Kent Just will encourage Business After Hours sponsors to incorporate stuff from the featured decade, and urge attendees to choose decade-appropriate attire.

Tonight's Magic Valley Bank event, at the bank's headquarters at the corner of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street, was rescheduled from a previously announced date to avoid conflict with spring break vacations.

Next on the calendar is an April 22 celebration of 1930-39, at Zions Bank.

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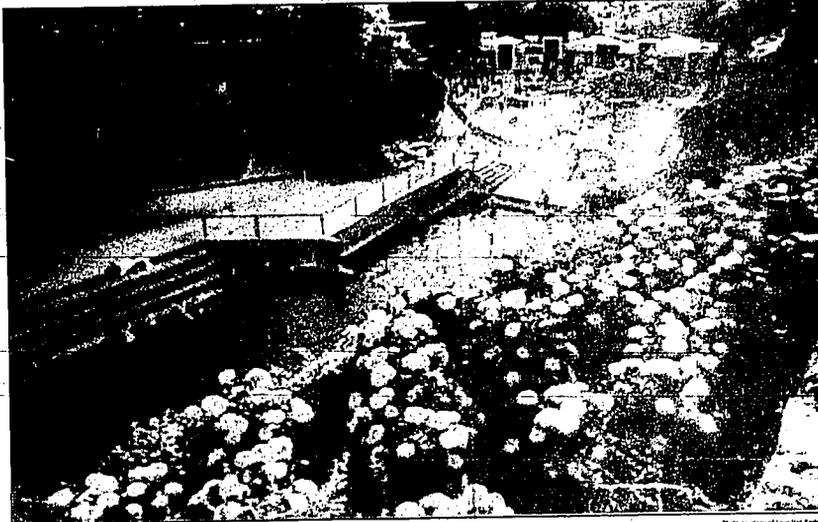


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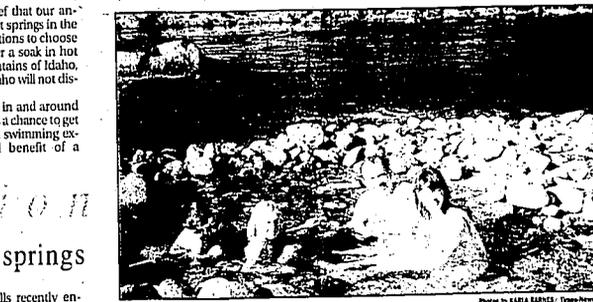
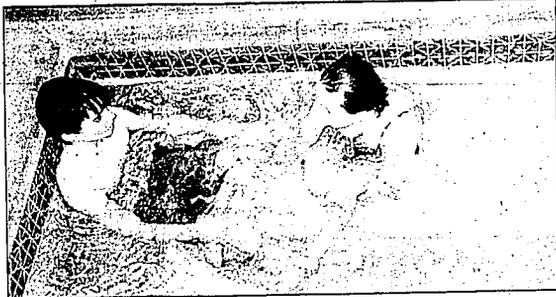
By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

Long before white settlers came west, Native American Indians were enjoying the benefits of the "smoking waters." To the Indians, the hot springs belonged to everyone; this was a neutral place that all could benefit from.

Once the pioneers settled in the west, they too realized the "healing powers" of the hot springs. Word spread quickly about the hot water that flowed from beneath the ground. People traveled great distances to Idaho to enjoy some of the finest hot springs in the nation.

Today, we can enjoy the same relaxing, soothing relief that our ancestors did. With over 200 hot springs in the state there are plenty of locations to choose from. So whether you prefer a soak in hot springs located in the mountains of Idaho, or a place closer to home, Idaho will not disappoint you.

Many hot springs located in and around the Magic Valley offer visitors a chance to get away with the kids for a fun swimming experience, with the added benefit of a soothing soak.



Top, Karissa and Chad Johnson chat while relaxing in a private jetted tub at Silgars 1000 Springs Resort. Above, from left, Tom, Holly, Terry and Karla Barnes soak in the sunshine and hot spring water at Sunbeam Hot Springs, north of Stanley.

Photo by KARLA BARNES / Times-News

relaxation
at one of Idaho's hot springs

Dale Newbry of Twin Falls recently enjoyed a soak in the 114-degree hot pool at Miracle Hot Springs in Hagerman. Newbry has had four hip surgeries in 19 months, and really enjoys his visits to the hot springs.

"I don't just feel like it helps me," said Dale. "I know it helps me. I have gone from a walker, to crutches, and now I am on a cane. It is slow, but I walk."

Just beside the hot soak pool, is the larger swimming pool. There, Doug Smith, a 78-year-old resident of Hagerman was doing his daily routine. "I come here every week-day. I do several laps, and pull-ups on the

bar, but mostly I just show up the young guys," Doug said.

These comments made me wonder: Is there something special about the water that flows from Idaho Hot Springs? Nathan Olsen, who owns and operates Miracle Hot Springs with his brother Enoch told me,

"the water does have a special feel to it, it is soft. People say the water makes them feel good."

Through the years, my family and I have experienced many wonderful hot springs; the following are some hot spots nearby that you might also find enjoyable.

Locations at a glance

LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Open year round
Location: Take I-86 to Pocatello, then go south on I-15 to the McCammon/Lava Hot Springs exit. Then go east on Hwy. 30 to Lava Hot Springs.

Lava boasts two Olympic size pools in summer, with diving boards and water slides. Just three blocks away is the complex with hot soaking baths and a private pool.

Over 3 million gallons of hot water a day pour out of the hot springs and into "Idaho's Famous Hot Springs and Olympic Swimming Complex."

NAT SOO PAH

Open May 1
Location: 2738 E. 2400 N Hollister (Just off of Hwy 93 south of Twin Falls) Nat soo pah, which in Shoshone means "magical mineral water" is another great swimming/soaking destination. Here the hot water runs 92 degrees in the large pool, 104 in the soaking pool, and 100 degrees in the spa.

SILGARS 1000 SPRINGS RESORT

Open year round
Location: 18734 Highway 30 in Hagerman
Silgars hot springs resort was built in 1955, the roof was added in 1960, and folks have been enjoying themselves here ever since.

Marge and Bill Silgar own and operate the resort, and are proud to call it a family operation. "All of the grandkids are involved in the business too," Marge Silgar said. "Here at Silgars, parents can enjoy the private hot baths while their kids swim in the big pool. Sometimes dads even drop their kids off to swim while they go fishing."

MIRACLE HOT SPRINGS

Open year round
Location: 19073 Along Hwy. 30 near Hagerman

Miracle Hot Springs is located along the scenic Salmon Falls Creek. Miracle has something for everyone; young and old alike enjoy the large pool.

The hot soak pool, and private baths run a bit warmer and also offer soothing relief. Outback you can visit a pond holding two 3 1/2 year-old American alligators. There are several geodesic domes that are heated through the floor with water from the hot springs. This is a place to relax in any season, for any reason.

BANBURY HOT SPRINGS

Open mid-May through Labor Day
Location: 10 miles north of Buhl on Hwy. 30, watch for signs, turn east, 1.5 miles to the resort.

Banbury has a large outdoor pool that holds around 90 to 95 degrees. Soaking pools are also available here. This is a fun family outing in the summer months.

EASLEY HOT SPRINGS

Open year round
Location: From Ketchum, north on Hwy. 75, 14 miles to marker #142.4 and turn left and drive to resort. Open daily, but call 728-7522 to confirm.

Easley offers modern conveniences with a great view of the Boulder Mountains. Hot mineral water fills two outdoor soaking pools, and a full size pool. Indoor hot jetted tubs are also available.

SUNBEAM HOT SPRINGS

Open year round
Location: On Hwy. 75 north of Stanley go toward the town of Sunbeam. Hot Springs are at Marker #201, just 1 mile west of Sunbeam. One of my favorites. Outdoor soaking at its finest. The hot springs run into the Salmon River and offer a great place to relax while enjoying the sites in and around Sunbeam.



Dale Newbry of Twin Falls relaxes in Miracle Hot Springs soothing spring pool.

OUTDOORS

Resort will remain open until April

Idaho requires license for shooting rockchucks

SUN VALLEY – Sun Valley Resort officials have announced that Bald Mountain will remain open for skiing and snowboard-ing through Sunday, April 18.

Other plans for Sun Valley Resort operations are as follows:

- Trail Creek Cabin will remain open for lunch through Sunday, March 21.
- Roundhouse will remain open through Sunday, March 28.
- March 28 will be the last day of operation for the following lifts: Lookout #11, Exhibition #2, Sunnyside #6.
- April 4 will be the last day of operation for lifts Greyhawk #7 and Cold Springs #4.
- April 5 through April 11 lifts remaining open will be Seattle Ridge #12, Mayday #14, River Run #1, Lookout Express #5, Challenger #13, Christmas #3, Franchman #8 and the Kinder-spielplatz Handle Tow.
- Dollar Mountain and Dollar Cabin will continue operation through Easter Sunday, April 11. Lifts operating until closing will be Quarter Dollar, Half Dollar, Dancer and the Accelerator moving carpet.
- The Seattle Ridge area of Bald Mountain and the Seattle Ridge Day Lodge also will continue operation through Easter Sunday, April 11.
- April 12 through closing, April 18 lifts in operation will be River Run #1, Lookout Express #5, Challenger #13, Christmas #3, and Franchman #8.

Outdoors in brief

which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor, George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance.

The course will be an one day class on Saturday March 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The courses will be held at 2535th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you are a member. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 420-5143 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546.

CSI plans beginning whitewater kayak course

TWIN FALLS – Anyone interested in learning how to kayak is encouraged to sign up for the beginning kayaking class starting April 1 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bill Studebaker with the CSI Outdoor Program says the annual course will begin with a classroom session on April 1, followed by three evenings of water instruction on April 5, 7 and 8 at the Twin Falls City Pool. Students will learn the fundamentals of paddling a whitewater kayak, equipment, river formations, safety, rolling, bracing and more. All equipment is provided.

Cost is \$25 per person with fees due by March 31. For more information, contact the CSI Outdoor Program at 732-6597.

Loasans Chapter will discuss plant restoration

The Loasa Chapter of Idaho Native Plant Society will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho, for a discussion on native plant restoration at the landscape level.

The public is invited to participate in a presentation by our new chapter president, Steven R. Paulsen, of Conservation Seeding and Restoration. Paulsen has many years of experience with wetland, prairie, and other ecosystem restoration projects, including successful lands in the west.

Loasa Chapter meetings and activities are open to all persons interested in native plants and Idaho's great outdoors. Questions? Please call 420-6590 or e-mail conservationseeding@yahoo.com

Elk Foundation plans banquet on April 3

TWIN FALLS – The Magic Valley Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will be holding its annual fundraising banquet at the Radio Rodeo Building in downtown Twin Falls on April 3. Delicious food will be prepared by Johnny Carino's, games and auctions will follow during the fun-filled evening.

This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the national group. It has grown to 140,000 members whose efforts have enhanced or permanently protected almost four million acres of elk country. In addition to improving and protecting elk habitat they stress the importance of educating young people about the importance of hunting and protecting big game habitat.

The Magic Valley Chapter was organized in 1987, since then it has raised almost \$650,000 to help fund over 270 projects in Idaho. This year the chapter is working with the U.S. Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on 16 projects.

The committee is expecting another sellout banquet this year. To reserve a place call Sherryn Pope at 733-3533 or Kirby Butler at 733-3898.

Bass Masters gear up for first tournaments

Magic Valley Bass Masters is having its first tournament of the year at Brownley Dam March 20 and 21. It will be a two-day tournament with a two-day combined weight for both days. There will also be a barbecue Saturday after weigh-in.

The Bass Masters will also be holding its annual Casting Kids tournament on May 22 at the Magic Valley Mall.

Question: "Do I need a hunting license to shoot rockchucks in Idaho?"

Answer: Yes, you must purchase either a hunting license or a nongame gun license.

When hunting predatory or unprotected species such as jackrabbits, rockchucks or coyotes from the end of the waterfowl season in January through August, a nongame gun license can be purchased. The nongame gun license expires the end of July and is not valid during the fall hunting seasons.

A regular hunting license is required for hunting all game species or hunting any wildlife from August through January.

To purchase a resident hunting license an Idaho driver's license is required as proof of residency for all drivers. Residency is not required to purchase the nongame gun license or a nonresident hunting license.

As strange as it may seem our office gets calls from all over the country for information about



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

rockchuck shooting and places to go. I would be willing to refer hunters to any landowners interested in allowing some shooters on their property to thin out the population during the spring and summer. Any interested landowners may leave their name and telephone number with our office.

Reference Idaho Code 36-401.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208) 224-4350 or by e-mail us at the Fish and Game Web site at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.



Photo courtesy of BOB COLLINS/BOFF

Dale Quigley, right, the former two-term president of the Magic Valley Fish Fishers, was honored by the club as the 2004 Fly Fisherman of the Year at its annual banquet in February. Pictured with him is 1994 president Willson Gray.

As president, Quigley coordinated an aquatic weed removal project at Mormon Reservoir. The MVFF along with Camas County, Idaho Department of Agriculture, the BLM and other clubs and private landowners, sprayed nearly 300 acres of the dry lake bottom while it was exposed in the fall.

Quigley was also involved in the cooperative Trout-in-the-Classroom program, now in its seventh year in Magic Valley schools. In that cooperative project, various state agencies and clubs provide supplies, technology and instruction on how to raise trout.

Legendary Airstream trailers get a hip interior

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Airstream trailer owner Marc Bourcier never intended to sell recreational vehicles, but the minute he parked a new 25-foot Safari in front of his Sandy home last summer he knew he had to. No one can answer why folks are so fascinated with the aluminum, airplane-hull-shaped trailers first developed by Wally Byam more than 70 years ago, but style and quality are always on the list when Airstream owners field suggestions.

Like many other people, Bourcier, 43, first experienced the "Airstream look" as a youngster on camping trips. Today he chats with other Airstream owners on Internet forums.

"There are some folks who give them names like the trailer was a newborn child."

Newcomers with a price range of \$32,000 for a 16-foot Bamburi to \$53,000 for a 28-foot International CCD.

But recent declines in sales forced the company to make less expensive and more hip trailers in hopes of appealing to a younger and less well-heeled audience. Enter San Francisco architect and furniture maker Chris Deam, who had gutted an Airstream trailer in 1999 and rebuilt the interior to look more like a one-room retro apartment in New York rather than the dark wood interior so frequently used in recreational vehicles.

At the heart of the redesign was making the inside of the trailer look like the outside. Deam took the innards right down to the aluminum and left it to give the trailers the feeling of a spice capsule interior.

Long horizontal lines, round sinks, smooth edges and funky-colored plastics make the International CCD trailer feel more like a love grove than a place to crash for the night during the deer hunt.



Photo courtesy of Magic Valley News Reporter

The Casting Kids State Finalists from Idaho are Scott O'Mally, left, for the young age group and Ethan Compton from Burli, in the older age group. Good luck to the kids, they will be representing Idaho at the Semifinals in Oklahoma April 24.

Couple revives old snowmobiles for vintage ride

By Eric Barker
Lewiston Morning Tribune

LIVISTON – Whether you call it a shrine or a cemetery, visitors can trace the evolution of snowmobile technology at Willie and Emily Ruchters' place.

The yard of their home outside Pomeroy and near the Umattilla National Forest boundary is littered with old snowmobiles. Most of them have long since made their last tracks and merely rest on pine needles, looking a bit like the ancient plows and combines that frequently decorate the yards of nearby farmhouses.

But a pair of Arctic Cats, both three decades old, sit proudly in front of Willie's shop. Their glory days are gone, but they still run and soon will chew up a few miles of trail.

"I started riding when I was 5. That was the first one I ever rode," Willie said, pointing to the 1971 Panther.

He opens the front cover, winds the pull

string and gives it a yank. The engine stumbles to a start, runs a minute or two and then coughs to a halt. He tries a few more times, but the sled doesn't want to run today.

"These motors are really simple," he said, "just a rotor with a carburetor."

He was getting the machine snow-ready before he and Emily fire up the vintage Cats and head down the trail with other snowmobile enthusiasts.

"They are not the prettiest things," said Emily, who serves as secretary for the Mt. Misery Drifters snowmobile club, "but they will get there."

The Ruchters led the club's second-annual Vintage Snowmobile Run this month. The event is a nod to the past, a toast to winter days gone by. The couple attended a snowmobile show at Spokane two years ago and enjoyed a display of old snowmobiles.

They knew a lot of people who had older sleds in their yards, garages or barns and decided it would be a hoot to organize a ride celebrating senior sleds.

The first ride, during a poor snow year, was well attended despite competition from nearby poker runs sponsored by other clubs. About 15 to 20 old sleds were on hand. Some were beauties, but most were beaters.

The Drifters gave awards for the oldest sled, the ugliest and the prettiest. The run was half as long as a normal ride to make sure the old gods can complete the course.

The newer models serve as workhorses, ferrying equipment and, according to club treasurer Wynn Stallcop of Pomeroy, occasionally towing old sleds that can't complete the run.

"There tends to be a lot of breakdowns," he said.

Stallcop is an enthusiastic devotee of the throw-back rides and even dressed the part this year.

"I dug out an old snowmobile suit my dad bought in 1973. It's gold and nylon and I have some original mittens. They are tiger striped."

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Club news
The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs.

Address your news to "Outdoors Editor." Then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twnews@mindspring.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number.

Share your adventure
Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series.

We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

Your best shot
Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper?

If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.

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Jerome Rod and Gun Club schedules shoot
The Jerome County Rod and Gun Club will host its first shoot of the year on Saturday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at the Jerome Range on Highway 93. Call Ken Slemons at 733-6045 for more information.

Organizers will take the first 32 entries. It is a double slalom, double elimination race. Helmets will be required and the course will be drawn. Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signatures. There will be an auction and raffle following the event. Contestants need to give shirt size when registering.

Concessions will be available at the event. Please bring no coolers or food.

TO KEEP OR THROW BACK?

Fish-killing ban on wild steelheads sparks culture war in Washington

By Paul Quary
Associated Press writer

FORKS, Wash. — The long-smoldering debate over whether fishermen should toss wild fish back into the water or take them home for dinner has flared into a culture war on Washington's remote Olympic Peninsula.

Last month's decision by state regulators to ban killing wild steelhead has many locals seething. The mayor is threatening to sue. Area merchants wonder whether fishermen will stay away if they can't take home a trophy. And Indian tribes worry the ban will worsen resentment of their tribal fishing rights.

Wild fish advocates, meanwhile, argue that it's high time to protect some of the last healthy runs of a treasured species. A ban is set to take effect April 1 — the heart of the season. It runs until March 31, 2006.

The steelhead — a variety of sea-going trout — is one of the world's most sought-after game fish. Notoriously choosy about which flies or lures they will take, the fish can offer a breathtaking fight once hooked.

"A lot of people put steelhead above all other fish," said Bob Leland, who manages steelhead for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "For many people this is their religion."

But steelhead have been hit hard in recent decades by habitat destruction and overfishing. In the mid-1950s, sport fishermen took more than 60,000 wild steelhead in Washington. In 2003, that number was 3,554. According to the Wild Steelhead Coalition's review of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife data:

Hatchery-bred fish are still plentiful in many rivers, but a handful of streams, mostly in Washington's northwestern corner such as the Hoh, the Sol Duc and the Dogachiel, where the protections of the Olympic National Park help protect habitat.

But even here, the wild runs



A trio of unidentified men fish for steelhead salmon on the Hoh River near Forks, Wash., March 1. A sudden move by Washington state regulators to ban killing wild steelhead in the famed rivers of the Olympic Peninsula has touched off a culture war that has local guides and anglers seething, Indian tribes worrying, as wild fish advocates argue that it's high time to protect some of the last healthy runs of a prized species.

are well below their historic heights. Conservationists fear a day when only hatchery fish — often scorned as "clones" by purists — will swim these rivers.

"We need to be very conservation oriented, assuring that we protect the fish first," said Dick Burge, the Wild Steelhead Coalition's vice president for conservation.

The coalition argues that the state's policy of managing fish for the maximum sustainable harvest pushes steelhead too hard, leaving them vulnerable to poor ocean conditions, drought and salt-choked rivers. So the coalition persuaded

the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission to impose a two-year moratorium on killing wild steelhead anywhere in the state, a ban that has many locals up in arms.

"We're talking about a decision made by a group of urban elitists who want the Olympic Peninsula as their playground," said Nedra Reed, the mayor of Forks, a beat-up timber town that looks to steelhead-related tourism to ease some of the economic pain caused by logging cutbacks.

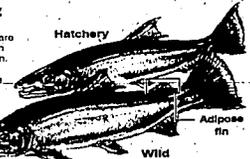
The new restriction applies to all steelhead without a missing adipose fin and a scar. That

Unhooking a prized fish

Washington state regulators want to ban anglers from killing wild steelheads in the remote Olympic Peninsula. Wild fish advocates say that even though the runs are healthy, the fish are in decline and chances about not to be taken.

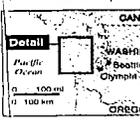
Distinguishing by a fin

Wild steelheads are identified with an intact adipose fin. Hatchery-origin steelheads have their fin clipped before being released into the stream.



Steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss)
Average size: 6 to 15 pounds, may grow up to 40 pounds

Steelhead habitat: American Indian reservation



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marking is used to distinguish hatchery-reared steelhead, which in most cases may be kept.

Reed is threatening to sue, arguing that the ban was improperly railroaded through the process and isn't justified by science. She notes the Fish and Wildlife Department's own biologists didn't recommend the move.

Leland, the Fish and Wildlife manager, said the population cut supports the current rules, which allow keeping one fish per day for a total of five per year.

"The fish are replacing themselves," Leland said.

After Jan. Gysenbeck, the commissioner who proposed the ban, said he believes Forks will prosper as fish populations rebound and draw in affluent catch-and-release anglers from around the world.

The ban also has touched the always raw nerve of tribal fishing rights. About half the local

Water, sand may aid Midway fish

By Ray Grass
Deseret Morning News

LOGAN, Utah — Thanks to two very deep wells and, possibly, a few handfuls of sand, the Midway Fish Hatchery — closed nearly four years ago because of whirling disease — is about to get back into the fish-raising business.

Doors that allowed the deadly parasite access to the hatchery, located west of Heber, in 2000 have been closed.

Joe Valentine, aquatic culture supervisor for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said two wells, both about 400 feet deep, have been drilled, "and are supplying us good, clean water. We're in the process of digging a third."

Also, reported Chris Wilson, director of the DWR's Fish Experiment Station in Logan, the new water supply is cooler and softer, "which means we'll be able to raise cutthroat. The old water sources were warmer and harder. It held a lot of minerals that were hard on the gills of cutthroat. They couldn't tolerate the water, where rainbows could."

Valentine said the hatchery would raise about 20,000 pounds of fish this summer in fiberglass raceways.

Sand could be a solution to future problems, said Eric Wagner, director of research at the Logan station.

Among the many experiments currently underway is a "sand filtration" system. The filter would be used in hatcheries to filter out parasite that might slip into the water system.

"We've been doing a series of experiments with sand. Right now it's 98 to 99 percent effective, but that a 1 or 2 percent is troubling," said Wagner.

Under the last test, sand with varying sizes of particles was used. Wagner said the next test will involve more uniform particles, "to see if this stops the parasites from getting through."

Other, far more expensive, filtration systems will be tested at Mammoth Creek Hatchery, south of Pangulich, also hit with whirling disease, in the near future.

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Construction sets record

The Associated Press

BOISE — Construction activity in Idaho hit a record in 2003, reinforcing optimism that the state's stagnant economy has finally started to recover.

Construction value last year was over \$2.3 billion, nearly \$250 million more than the previous record in 2001, Wells Fargo Bank reported.

"It was an incredible year," Wells Fargo chief economist Kelly Matthews said. "When you blow past that previous record by almost 12 percent, that's a lot of construction."

New home construction was responsible for the significant increase, jumping 20 percent

from a year earlier to nearly \$1.6 billion. The lowest home mortgage rates in decades were responsible for the boom that state economists estimate produced a record 15,300 new housing starts in 2003.

But even commercial and industrial construction was on the rise, a key sign that Idaho's economy was slowly rebounding from its worst slump in 20 years.

The value was up almost 8 percent to more than \$434 million.

Construction employment

statewide averaged 36,500 last year, second only to the record of nearly 39,000 in 2001.

Every region of the state showed growth, but the bulk of the expansion continued in southwestern Idaho, which has been the state's fastest growing area for a quarter century.

Total construction in that region was up nearly \$200 million from 2002, and nearly all of it was in the western part of the Ada County outside the city of Boise.

Eastern Idaho posted the slowest growth, up only 4 per-

cent. But Pocatello Planning and Review Coordinator Terri Neu indicated the pace of growth was picking up.

The city approved only three new subdivisions in 2002 and just 11 last year.

Only six more home building permits were issued in 2003 than the year before.

But the City Council has four subdivisions up for approval this month, and developers have indicated there are others in the pipeline.

"We had builders coming in saying, 'There's no bars to be found in the city of Pocatello,'" Neus said. "They were waiting for the City Council to approve these subdivisions."

State guards unclaimed property

TWIN FALLS — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

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

Unclaimed Property
T.F. & Jerome

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

The *Times-News* on Thursday named a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Twin Falls and Jerome, and the tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth \$25 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Phone bills

U.S. Telecoms spend more than any other industry on lobbying. The average annual lobbying expense for U.S. Telecoms is \$1.2 million.

Company	2003	2002
Verizon	\$1.2	\$1.1
AT&T	\$1.1	\$1.0
WorldCom	\$1.0	\$0.9
Qwest	\$0.8	\$0.7
Sprint	\$0.7	\$0.6
Time Warner	\$0.6	\$0.5
Comcast	\$0.5	\$0.4
Charter	\$0.4	\$0.3
Level 3	\$0.3	\$0.2
Southwest	\$0.2	\$0.1
Other	\$0.1	\$0.0

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

M-C chamber sets business event

BOISE — A Business After Hours social event, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for today.

The March open house runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St. in Turley.

People are welcome to stop by and meet the new manager of the Chadwick, Retha Cain, and check over the restaurant's new menu.

Chamber members who attend are entered into a Business After Hours drawing. Drawings are held at each Business After Hours event, but cash is awarded only to the winner is at the open house.

Fund-raising art gallery opens in Gooding

GOODING — Teddy Kitelean-Keeton and her daughter's family have opened a fine arts gallery in Gooding.

Kitelean-Keeton is bringing the stock from her collection and pieces of the former Lions Gate Gallery at the Schubert Theater in Gooding.

The new gallery is opening as a joint effort to raise money for Schubert Theater renovation and to develop curriculum for the Western States College.

Kitelean-Keeton has pledged a portion of every sale to the college and theater to get the proposed programs and classes going.

Kitelean-Keeton's collection includes works by internationally known artists Archie Boyd, a youth and later had a studio there.

The Lions Gate Gallery at the Schubert Theater will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For information, call Kitelean-Keeton at 543-6690 or Michael or Darci Clair at 934-4881.

Union rejects company offer, authorizes strike

WALLULA, Wash. — Union employees at the Boise Cascade Corp. packaging plant in southeastern Washington have authorized a strike after rejecting the company's latest offer.

The 120 members of the Paper Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union Local 8-990 voted overwhelmingly this week to reject the company's final offer because of overtime and health coverage concerns, local President Dale Waggoner said.

The union represents workers at Boise's Wallula packaging plant, which makes boxes. It does not represent workers at the Boise Paper Solutions paper mill in Wallula or its fiber and trucking divisions, which employ about 550.

If the company fails to make another offer, a strike could begin as early as March 26.

Boise spokeswoman Amy Cruz said the union's contract offer was fair, but she would not comment on specifics of the contract negotiations.

The union's previous contract expired June 20, and the two sides have been unable to agree on a new contract since. A federal mediator failed to bring the two sides together earlier this year.

Waggoner said workers generally accepted the company's offer for wage increases of between 2 percent and 2.5 percent per year through 2007.

Packaging plant workers earn from \$11.60 to \$19.51 an hour, depending on experience.

FedEx reports 41 percent profit increase

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — FedEx Corp. reported a 41 percent increase in third-quarter profits, due mostly to growth in international priority shipments and savings from job cuts.

The results topped Wall Street's estimates, and FedEx shares rose more than 5 percent.

Delivering profits

FedEx Corp. reported a 41 percent increase in third-quarter earnings compared to the same period last year.

Net income

Quarter	2003	2004
Q3	\$207 million	\$297 million
Q4	\$207 million	\$297 million
Q1	\$207 million	\$297 million
Q2	\$207 million	\$297 million

Company's fiscal year ended May 31.

SOURCE: FedEx Corp.



Clara Wherry-Porter, front, works at a desk in FedEx Corp. reported a 41 percent increase in third quarter earnings Wednesday.

Crude oil moves past \$33 per barrel due to supplies

Analysts predict higher gas prices

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Oil prices pushed past \$38 a barrel on Wednesday, closing above that level for the first time in 14 years, and analysts predict that already-high gasoline prices would keep moving higher.

Amid reports of dwindling gasoline supplies and growing demand, the price of light sweet crude oil for delivery in April jumped to \$38.35 a barrel in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, an increase of 87 cents.

It later retreated slightly, closing at \$38.18.

The last time the price soared this high was in February 2003.

amid concern that an invasion of Iraq might damage Midast oil wells and disrupt the flow of crude.

The price on the New York exchange peaked at a shade under \$40 a barrel on Feb. 27, 2003, before falling back under \$38 for that day.

While crude inventories actually increased slightly last week, stocks of gasoline declined to nearly 10 million barrels below the five-year average for this time of year, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Diesel and heating oil inventories also fell.

Gasoline prices have seen sharply this winter, a nine pence prices usually moderate because of reduced demand.

The latest nationwide average was \$1.72 a gallon.

The EIA said that refiners were producing gasoline at a rate of 8.6 million barrels a day, the most since the week's just before Christmas.

But demand also has been increasing. Motorists used an average of 8.9 million barrels of gasoline a day over the last month, 4.5 percent more than the same time a year ago, said the EIA in its weekly report.

"That has put pressure on inventories."

Stocks across the spectrum from crude oil and gasoline to diesel and heating oil remained well below normal for this time of year.

Total petroleum inventories were 47.3 million barrels below the five-year average, said the EIA.

Gasoline stocks declined by 800,000 barrels to 199.6 million barrels last week, falling below 200 million barrels for first time

since Nov. 28, according to the EIA, the Energy Department's statistical agency.

Gasoline for April delivery rose 3.13 cents Monday to settle at \$1.1577 per gallon.

"We have very low crude inventory stocks, low gasoline inventory right now and we're supposed to be building crude oil inventory at a rapid pace at this time. We're not seeing the buildup (of stocks) in the way we normally see," said Ed Silver, vice president of risk management at Energy Merchant Corp.

"It's a viewpoint that the market will have better supply down the road," he continued, adding that refiners at today's crude prices don't want to pay on more oil than they can use.

"They do not want to pay these high prices to put it in inventory."

Shareholders approve \$47 billion merger between banks

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — FleetBank Financial Corp. and Bank of America Corp. shareholders approved a \$47 billion merger Wednesday that would create the nation's No. 3 bank — and reportedly result in up to 13,000 job cuts.

More than 67 percent of Bank of America shareholders approved the deal in a meeting that lasted less than an hour.

At a FleetBoston meeting held at the same time, 88 percent of shareholders gave their backing to the deal.

"I want to thank the stockholders for their vote of confidence in this company," Bank of America chief executive Ken Lewis, who will lead the combined bank, said following the vote.

The approvals had been expected following last week's decision by the Federal Reserve that the merger was not anti-competitive nor caused too much of a concentration of banking resources.

With about 5,700 branches, the new bank's footprint would reach from California through the South and up to New England.

The new bank would have assets estimated at \$966 billion, trailing only Citigroup and another planned bank megamerger between Chicago-

based Bank One and J.P. Morgan Chase.

A Bank of America spokeswoman said Wednesday she could not confirm a Wall Street Journal story that the bank plans to cut up to 13,000 jobs after completing the acquisition.

The cuts would come through layoffs and attrition from the operations of both banks and to about 70 percent of their combined workforce of 181,000, the newspaper said. It said that unidentified people it said were familiar with the plans.

Last week, an analyst predicted that Bank of America — which has branches in large metropolitan areas — might have to cut 1,000 jobs to trim the level of cost reductions pledged by chief executive Ken Lewis.

Lewis has said he expects to achieve about \$1.6 billion in cost savings by the end of 2005.

Bank of America said that cutting jobs is necessary to give investors the kind of returns they expect to see from such a large merger.

The vote comes two days after Bank of America agreed to a deal of \$515 million to settle a lawsuit filed by investors who allege that the bank misled them about its financial condition.

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Workers might have to make unpleasant choices in the office

Question: This is the second year in a row I have been required to attend a major annual week-long company event and to participate as a presenter. Under normal circumstances, this would not be a problem. However, I've been given a choice of sharing a bedroom with a colleague whom I may or may not know (roommates are assigned), or pay half the cost of a private room out of my own pocket, about \$225. I find both options unacceptable.

Although I've expressed my discomfort with this arrangement, the options for accommodations have not changed. I'm a senior manager who reports directly to the president, who ultimately has made this decision. I'm very concerned about negative consequences if I don't simply accept what's been offered to me, but again, I'm just not clear on this arrangement. What should I do?

Answer: Pam Farr, president and chief operating officer of Calhoun Advisory Group, a consulting firm, said that company policies vary on employees sharing hotel rooms at conferences. She said the same is true of entry-level and some mid-level employees are asked to share rooms, but usually not senior managers.

"She has a tough choice," Farr said of this manager. Aside from



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bremdeler

getting an exception for a private room, "she has three choices: Pay the penalty (for the individual room), bunk with someone or make this a matter of principle."

"She can make this a walk-away situation," Farr said. "Does she consider this a case where you feel so strongly that the level of discomfort at this week-long event reaches the point that you'd be your job on this?"

"That's an option, and the response from the boss' should be, 'I consider it insubordination,' which of course could lead to discipline or a firing."

Farr said that after resolving what to do this year, the worker ought to volunteer to the president to work on the corporate event planning on some other lodging arrangement for next year's conference. "How about separate bedrooms in a shared suite?" Farr suggested. "Lots of hotels have such accommodations and the cost is often not more than individual rooms. Privacy is not compromised, and the company can save money too."

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- Call 1-800-972-7680, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, Rm. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0440.
- Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.
- Log on to www.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

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Struggling seniors face growing credit-card debt

The Baltimore Sun article discusses how seniors are facing increasing credit card debt, often due to medical expenses and the loss of retirement income.

Demos' findings are in line with those by the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, which reported that the fastest rate of bankruptcy growth in 2001 was among those 65 and older.

For many older Americans, retirement isn't so much golden as it is plastic. As housing and health-care costs rise while savings and retirement benefits decline, seniors are using credit cards to keep up with medical bills and everyday living expenses.

The average credit-card debt reported by those over age 65 in 2001 was \$4,041, an 89 percent increase from 1992, a report said. New York City public policy group.

More startling is the rise in debt among the newly retired, age 65 to 69, whose card balances averaged \$5,944, a 121 percent increase over the past decade, a Demos report says.

People are having trouble making ends meet as they switch from the labor force and are entering retirement, said Tamam Dmuit, co-author of the report.

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Merger

Continued from D4. As part of the tentative agreement announced Monday, eight members of the board of directors of Nations Fidelity, Bank of America's group of mutual funds, also will be required to resign their positions within a year for the merger to be allowed to proceed.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund prices, including various equity, bond, and money market funds.

Students head to Hispanic symposium

SUN VALLEY - Shoshone students David Villalobos, a senior, and Judy Villalobos will attend the annual Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium, along with several students from the Magic Valley and the state.

Every year, students are invited to write an essay about why they want to attend the symposium and what they hope to get out of the experience. The essays are judged. This year, Shoshone had eight essays turned in. David and Judy were the winners and will attend the event on April 30 to May 2 in Sun Valley.



Shoshone High School Hispanic Youth Symposium essay winners are, from left, David Villalobos; English as second language teacher, Leanne Orr; Judy Villalobos; and ESL paraprofessional, Danefle Davis.

Using a bilingual format, the symposium has three primary goals: mentoring/drop-out prevention, pride in Latino culture/history and encouraging students to pursue higher education.

The Hispanic students will listen to motivational speakers and learn problem-solving skills, as well as examine possible career paths for the future. The students compete in speech, talent, athletic and interactive skill contests for awards and scholarships.

The symposium grew out of a 1988 brainstorming session centered on ways to curb the 60-plus percent school dropout rate for Hispanic teens in Idaho. In 1990, about 100 students attended and a single \$1,000 scholarship was awarded. The

symposium reported. Since then 3,000 students from throughout Idaho have attended.

Each April, 300 students gather in Sun Valley, where scholarships and prizes valued at more than \$1 million have been awarded.

More than one dozen colleges and universities from

western states participate and recruit students for their colleges at the event.

The symposium is a collaborative effort between the public employers, federal management contractors, private industry, state and private educational institutions and Hispanic organizations from throughout Idaho.

Operational expenses are approved by the U.S. Department of Energy - Idaho Operations Office as part of annual budget allocation of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

For more information about the symposium, call Toni Vandel at (208) 526-0085 or e-mail hvaaat@inel.gov.

Dairy specialist holds class on milker skills

TWIN FALLS - A four-hour workshop for Spanish-speaking milkers will be taught three times in April at the University of Idaho's Twin Falls Research and Extension Center.

Scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. April 6, 5-9 p.m. April 8 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17, the training sessions will be delivered in Spanish and limited to 20 participants for a better one-on-one learning experience, organizers said.

UT Extension dairy specialist Mirelle Chahine will use a highly interactive teaching approach in presenting the material to the classes and will issue certificates of completion to all participants.

Topics will include cow handling, crowd gates, milk quality, milk premiums, somatic cell counts, bacteria counts, proper milking procedures, milk quality - post-milking mastitis prevention and detection, and oxytocin and milk letdown. Chahine will also discuss music in the parlor, the importance of being consistent and the value of a good milker.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$20 for each additional milker from the same dairy. Either lunch or dinner is included.

For registration information, contact Chahine at 735-3600 or metahine@uidaho.edu.



Noticias

Conference covers tests, migrant education

RUPERT - A conference to inform parents of their rights and encourage parental involvement will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 3 at the St. Nicolas Parish Hall, Ninth and F streets in Rupert.

Topics covered include migrant education, the effects of testing on high school students and high school students concerns, parental involvement, individualized education plans and special education.

There will be door prizes. The conference is sponsored by the Human Rights Task Force and the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

For more information, call Mari deLeon at (208) 334-3776.

U.S. immigration changes landscape

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA DEL VALLE, Mexico - Proposals for U.S. migrant worker reforms may decide the fate of half-deserted Mexican villages like Santa Ana, where almost all the able-bodied men have gone to the United States.

As the town with the highest per capita migration rate in Mexico - just under half of its households have at least one family member working in the United States - Santa Ana could be repopulated, or left even more empty, depending on how, or if, U.S. rules are changed.

That goes for hundreds of similar villages across Mexico. About 10 percent of the country's population has already gone north, and an additional 20 percent say they would consider doing so if they could get visas.

Undocumented migrants who once traveled back and forth to their hometowns have increasingly been staying in the United States because of increased border security since the Sept. 11 attacks. The result is divided families, desolate towns and half-finished houses started by migrants who hoped to return one day but never came back.

But the migrant workers of Santa Ana could return, at least on the weekends or holidays, under President Bush's proposal to allow temporary work visas.

"I want my parents to come home," says 15-year-old Cynthia Gonzalez, who has lived with



AP photo

Primo Aquino, 35, weaves a traditional Zapotec carpet in the southern Mexico village of Santa Ana del Valle, Santa Ana, the village with the highest rate of migration in Mexico, could be repopulated, or deserted entirely, depending on which version of migration reform the United States adopts.

her grandmother since her parents left to work in California four years ago. They told me they would, that they'd come back to be with me."

When the headmaster asks students at Cynthia's school how many have parents or other relatives in the United States, more than half of her nervous, giggling first-grade classmates step forward.

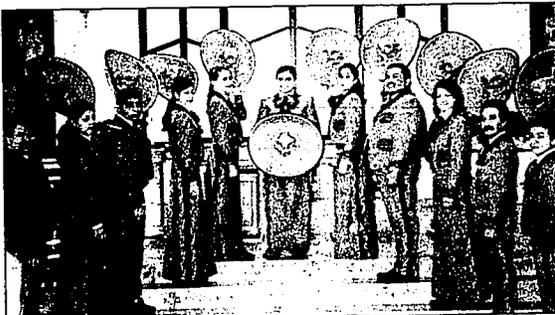
Mexican migrants work all over the United States, from big cities in the West to small towns in Georgia. They usually follow friends and relatives to a certain city and work in the same industry. Often, the local migrant smuggler - there is usually one in every migrant town - deter-

mines where people end up. Bush's proposal has drawn criticism from people opposed to encouraging migrant workers.

And there are those who want to make it even easier for migrants, proposing to give migrant workers legal residency in the United States and the right to take their families north with them.

That could wind up emptying Santa Ana and other Mexican towns almost entirely.

"It would be good for them to get legal residency up there, but Santa Ana could wind up losing a lot of its residents," says Primo Aquino, 35, while weaving one of the town's intricate carpets.



Sol De Acapulco will perform March 27.

Mariachi band will play Burley

BURLEY - Mariachi Sol De Acapulco will perform a concert at 7:15 p.m. March 27 at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley.

The event will feature a guest performance by Jose Alfredo Paz. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children.

Mariachi Sol De Acapulco was formed by Rudy Rodriguez, John Cochrane and Lucio Prado about 18

years ago. The group was established to promote cultural diversity and preserve mariachi music. It has since recruited members from the Boise Philharmonic and performed for numerous fiestas in the Northwest.

Mariachi Sol De Acapulco was selected to perform at the 15th annual Viva El Mariachi Festival 100 years of Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan in Fresno, Calif., in 1997; and opened for Los Camperos de Nati Cano.

The group also has performed with recording artists Yolanda del Rio and Monica Trevino; and for the president of Mexico, Vicente Fox, the governor of Jalisco Mexico; and 50 governors of the United States, as well as at weddings, and community events.

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PURPOSES FROM THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.

WILLIAM WARD, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named decedent. All claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING MAGISTRATE DIVISION

ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING IN RE: TRINITY STOCKWELL d/b/a ORION STOCKWELL Case No. CV-04-1043

Children Under Eighteen Years of Age. The Termination of Parental Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The terms of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN

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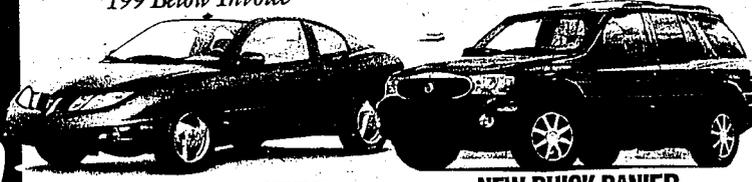
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