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SKILLS FOR THE WORK FORCE



Megan Ottensburg, left, a senior at Twin Falls High School, shares a laugh with her teacher, Faye Emerson, while making a bed with senior Sarah McKinney occupying it, during their certified nurse assistant lab at the school last week.

T.F. district considers changes to help students get jobs

By Karol Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In a classroom equipped with hospital beds, Faye Emerson's students giggled as they practiced moving patients from beds to wheelchairs Thursday afternoon at Twin Falls High School.

At the end of the semester, they will take exams to become certified nursing assistants.

What's in the plan? — A2 Students get jump-start — A7

Preparing students for the workplace is a major objective for Magic Valley, high schools, but accomplishing that goal is a complex equation. In Twin Falls, the School Board is considering a broad reworking of the district's professional and technical programs that could be approved at the board's meeting next month.

Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen said the vision is to give students programs that lead to certification and marketable skills. While students can become certified nursing assistants through the high school's program, in most fields it takes more than the high school offers for students to obtain

Cost of dual credit

Here's what it costs high school students to take College of Southern Idaho classes:

Category	This year	Next year
Dual credit for class taken on high school campus:	\$49.50	\$54
Class taken on CSI's campus (regular price):	\$82.50	\$90
Tech-prep class taken at the high school:	\$16.50	\$18

the skills they need to find good jobs.

As a result, the recommendation from the district's professional technical education committee calls for more dual-credit opportunities and greater cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho. CSI officials say they're prepared to work with the school district on the issue, but representatives of the two entities still must meet to discuss the possibilities.

The state provides some assistance for districts to run professional and technical programs, but Allen said he couldn't speculate how much the program upgrades would cost. The district

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Economist: Employers want skilled workers

TWIN FALLS — About 16 percent of people 25 years and older in Twin Falls County have bachelor's degrees or advanced degrees, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

That leaves a majority who have some other form of preparation for the work force.

Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's labor economist for the Magic Valley, helped give a work force perspective on Twin Falls High School's professional-technical program when he contributed to a recommendation to revamp them.

Of employers he surveyed, Rogers said they are looking for people with good communication skills who can work with customers, take direction and work ethically. He recommended that the school give students certificates of completion whenever possible to highlight their skills and set them apart from other job applicants.

"The programs were good to begin with," Rogers said. "We wouldn't have Dell Computers here if our high schools didn't have good computer training."

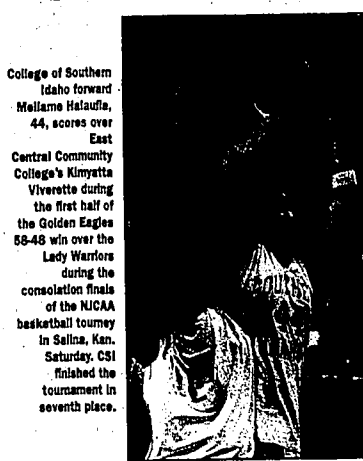
People who have only high school educations tend to go into service, retail or heavy physical labor jobs, Rogers said. Their opportunities for higher-paying jobs are limited.

TFHS Principal Ben Allen echoed Rogers' statements.

"We have some students who go out and do very well," Allen said. "Just being a good worker doesn't cut it. You have to have skills."

— Karol Kowalski

— STRONG FINISH FOR CSI —



College of Southern Idaho forward Melaine Halaufu, 44, scores over East Central Community College's Kimyatta Vivrette during the first half of the Golden Eagles 58-48 win over the Lady Warriors during the consolation finals of the NCAAA basketball tourney in Selma, Kan. Saturday. CSI finished the tournament in seventh place.

Arsenic-cursed Castleford wins award for water quality

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — The city of Castleford has acquired a new trophy for the strangest of things — the quality of its water.

This is the same city whose frustrated leaders for months have been lobbying public officials and generally spinning out circles trying to figure out how to reduce the level of arsenic in their drinking water without going bankrupt.

Castleford's shiny new award: the Idaho Rural Water Source Water Protection System of the Year.

Mayor Rita Ruffing — surprised by the announcement — said at first she thought it might be the "hanging award."

"We certainly appreciate the honor, but we still have a huge problem with arsenic contamination in our water," she said.

The city currently is seeking a seven-year extension to the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 deadline to reduce the level of arsenic in its water to under 10 parts per billion. The arsenic level in Castleford's water has been measured at 22 parts per billion.

Estimates for removing the arsenic have been as high as \$200,000, an amount \$25,000 more than the city's entire annual budget. Estimates for operating the plant go as high as \$1,000 per connection. For Castleford that would translate into a yearly bill of \$104,000.

The captured arsenic also must be disposed of as a hazardous waste.

The city's new trophy recognizes the development of a protection plan for its drinking water system. Castleford officials did a better job than anyone in the state in formulating a wellhead protection plan for the city's source water, said Don Munckers, CEO of the Idaho Rural Water Association.

Groundwater protection technician Melinda Harper nominated Castleford for the honor. City officials give much of the credit for the award to Harper because she helped them complete the five-step plan to protect the system from contaminants that aren't naturally occurring, such as arsenic.

The IRWA is lending support to communities with arsenic problems. The focus in Castleford right now is the EPA's recent denial of a seven-year extension for compliance to the new standard. The EPA has asked the city to submit a new seven-year request.

It's over!



Legislature wraps up session

Stress level lowers from 2003. — Page B3

Charter schools package gets OK. — Page B4

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Breathtaking
Tobacco takes its toll in southern Idaho.

Passing on the crown

Teen queen helps contestants.

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What a team



Duo turns out great meals.

Spring hiking

Bruneau Canyon poses a challenge for all levels of hikers.

Thursday

'Idol' talk

Kelly Clarkson and Clay Aiken bring their act to Salt Lake City's Delta Center.

Friday

The Wiccans

What you didn't know about witchcraft.

Saturday

Play ball

Twin Falls had its first baseball team early in the 20th Century.

Sunday

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Tomorrow: Mostly sunny. Highs near 70.

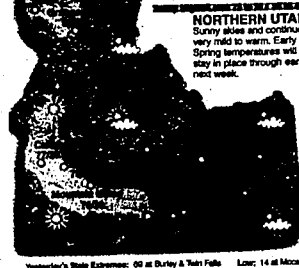
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Tomorrow: Increasing clouds to partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to near 70.

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NORTHERN UTAH Sunny skies and continued very mild to warm. Early Spring temperatures will be in place through early next week.



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Table with 3 columns: REGIONAL FORECAST, NATIONAL FORECAST, WORLD FORECAST. Detailed weather data for various cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP Map of the United States with weather symbols and temperature indicators.

CANADIAN FORECAST Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Includes weather icons.

Bush's former terror adviser criticizes president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard A. Clarke, the former White House counterterrorism coordinator, accuses the Bush administration of failing to recognize the al-Qaida threat before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and then manipulating America into war with Iraq with dangerous consequences.

Pakistani troops keep up attack

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — As helicopters circled overhead and gunfire crackled in the distance, a Pakistani general said Saturday many of the al-Qaida fighters surrounded near the Afghan border were Chechen or Uzbek, and he was uncertain if they included Osama bin Laden's Egyptian deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Award Jobs

Continued from A1. our National Rural Water Association members in Washington, D.C., Punksler said. "We're reviewing some aspects of the EPA policy on extensions and possibilities for legislative relief, not only for Castleford, but other small communities that find themselves in the same situation."

What the programs cost

Table listing program costs for Twin Falls School District. Includes categories like Food production management, Health professions, Marketing education, Vocational business, Ag science and technology, Technology education, Business technology, and Family and consumer sciences.

What's in the plan

- A proposed revamping of Twin Falls High School professional-technical programs calls for these changes:
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Family and consumer sciences
Health professions

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Bush says Kerry raises taxes

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — President Bush used the first rally of his re-election campaign to cast Democrat John Kerry on Saturday as a serial tax-raiser who has voted for tax increases 350 times. He also mocked Kerry's claims of support from undisclosed foreign leaders.

Bush took note of Kerry's proposals to expand health care, education and other domestic programs while still cutting in half the deficit. Kerry, the president, said, has promised more than he can pay for.

"He's going to have to pay for it somehow," Bush told thousands of cheering supporters at the Orange County Convention Center. "It's pretty clear how he's going to fill the tax gap — he's going to tax all of you. Fortunately, you're not going to give him that chance."

Aides to Kerry, who was vacationing in Blaine County, dismissed Bush's sharpest criticism to date by turning the argument back on the president. They said Bush had picked a more crucial location in a more crucial state for his first big rally of the 2004 campaign.

In 2000, it was only after the Supreme Court ended Florida ballot recounts that Bush was able to seal his victory in the state — by a mere 537 votes — and thus claim the presidency. The state is a battleground once again this election, and central Florida is critical to deciding which way it will go.

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., talks with people Saturday outside the chalet at Sun Valley Ski Resort in Ketchum.

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support Bush received. A half-dozen anti-Bush college students were escorted from the hall before the president arrived despite holding tickets for the event and three more people were forced out after chanting "No more Bush" as the president made his way across the stage. About 80 protesters demonstrated outside, many gripping red balloons pointing out the expanding national debt under Bush's watch.

Amplifying the message of his first wave of negative campaign ads, Bush said Kerry has voted in support of tax increases 350 times during his nearly two

decades in Congress, including a 50-cent boost in the gasoline tax.

"He wanted you to pay all that money at the pump and wouldn't even throw in a free car wash," Bush declared.

"We're beginning to see a pattern here," Bush said. "Senator Kerry is one of the main opponents of tax relief in the United States Congress. However, when tax increases are proposed, it's a lot easier to get a yes vote out of him."

Bush faulted Kerry for voting against tax breaks for some married couples and families with children.

Gay marriage furor weakens Bush plan

NEW YORK (AP) — The national furor over gay marriage has complicated the task of officials and civic leaders trying to energize support for President Bush's \$1.5 billion proposal to promote stronger marriages among heterosexual couples.

"The intensity of the same-sex marriage debate is so great that it swallows up everything else to do with marriage," said David Tseng, president of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Supporters of the marriage initiative say the programs will be voluntary, and could help narrow solutions to the perennial problems linked to children raised in poor, single-parent homes.

"We are conservatives — we do believe that government ought to be limited," Wade Horn, assistant health and human services secretary for children and families, said in a telephone interview.

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that they should find a husband rather than seek self-sufficiency. Gay-rights activists are bitter that Bush would request funds to aid heterosexual couples while advocating a ban on same-sex marriages.

"Whatever the challenges marriages currently face, same-sex relationships are not the cause of the problem," said David Tseng, president of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

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Thousands rally against Iraq occupation

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people around the world rallied against the U.S. presence in Iraq on the first anniversary of the war Saturday, in protests that retained the anger, if not the size, of demonstrations held before the invasion began.

Protesters filled more than a dozen police-lined blocks in Manhattan, calling on President Bush to bring home U.S. troops serving in Iraq. Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the crowd at about 30,000, but organizers said later that number had grown to more than 100,000.

"It is time to bring our children home and declare the war unnecessary," said the Rev. Herbert Daughtry, a New York activist addressing a rally in Manhattan.

The roughly 250 anti-war protests scheduled around the country by United for Peace and Justice ranged from solemn to



Anti-war protester Jim Steitz, from Las Cruces, N.M., and other protesters gather in Old Town Plaza in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday.

increase terrorism."

No crowd estimate was immediately available for Madrid's protest, although about 150,000 demonstrated in Barcelona. But the numbers paled in comparison to the millions that packed streets all over Spain after the train bombings.

The rallies coincided with the anniversary of the first bombings in Baghdad last year. Although President Bush ordered the attacks on March 19, the time difference made it March 20 in Iraq.

While turnout was high in some nations, the protests were all far smaller than the enormous demonstrations held around the world shortly before the war began.

A New York protest a year ago drew more than 125,000 by official estimates. Although

that's similar to organizers' estimates, Saturday organizers for last year's event estimated the crowd at more than 250,000.

This event was peaceful, unlike last year's rally, which produced several clashes

Baghdad copes with tension — A11

between demonstrators and police.

New York police in riot gear walked calmly past barricades marking off the demonstration area on Madison Avenue as speakers mounted a stage to address the crowd on a sunny afternoon.

Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly stopped by the rally, but didn't speak to demonstrators or participate.

Chicago police in full riot gear lined downtown streets as thousands of war opponents marched about two miles to the city's Federal Plaza.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson told the Chicago demonstrators to express their opposition.

In Montpelier, Vt., hundreds of silent protesters placed a pair of shoes on the Statehouse steps for each of the more than 560 U.S. soldiers killed in the war. In Los Angeles, one of about 2,000 protesters held photographs of Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney with the words, "forget Janet Jackson's — expose the real boobies."

Around the world, hundreds of thousands raised their voices in rallies from Spain to Egypt to the Philippines.

Organizers estimated up to 2 million people demonstrated in Rome, and 100,000 in London, but police in those cities gave estimates of 250,000 and 25,000, respectively.

Anti-war activists jammed the streets of central Rome, many of them decked out in rainbow-colored peace flags and chanting "assassins." Protesters demanded that the Italian government, a strong supporter of the war, withdraw its 2,600 troops from Iraq.

Paolo Quadradi, 42, a mechanic, said the Madrid train bombings that killed 202 people March 11, showed that "war doesn't do anything but

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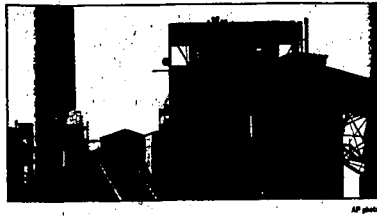
NATION

Coal plants heat up

Utilities turn to coal as gas prices jump

DENVER (AP) — Spurred on by stubbornly expensive natural gas prices, Western utility companies are contemplating new coal-fired electric power plants for the first time in more than a decade, a move that could worsen already deteriorating air quality across the region.

Utility regulators in at least six Western states are in the process of considering new plants or additions to existing ones. The push is prompted by industry concern over the



A front-end loader moves coal from a pile and toward a conveyor belt outside the coal-fired Cherokee Street power plant owned by Xcel Energy in North Denver, Tuesday. Triggered by the high cost of natural gas, Western utility companies are contemplating new, coal-fired electrical plants for the first time in more than a decade, a move that could worsen the already deteriorating air quality across the Interior West.

volatility in natural gas prices; comes as the Environmental Protection Agency is debating a regional air pollution plan intended to clear haze lingering over wilderness areas.

While utility companies say the shift from natural gas to coal-fired plants will help them fill an increased demand at a cheaper price, environmentalists find the trend disturbing.

"We haven't seen a coal plant built in Colorado in two decades and there's a reason for that," said Robin Hubbard of Environmental Colorado. "Denver just had 18 years. We clearly need to look at other means of power generation."

Utilities turned to natural gas for new power in the 1990s because the plants — essentially a jet turbine powering a generator — are cheaper to build and cleaner to operate.

But then came the run-up in fuel costs, which piled onto the higher capital costs. Fuel costs for gas-fired plants are as high as 4 cents per kilowatt hour, while coal plants come in at about 1 cent, said Robert McIlvaine of McIlvaine Co., an energy consulting firm based in Northfield, Ill.

The downside for coal-fired plants is that they are a major source of carbon dioxide emissions, the leading cause of global warming. Coal plants also emit sulfur dioxide, which creates acid rain; nitrogen oxide, which turns to ozone creating smog; and mercury, a neurotoxin especially dangerous to children.

Neither carbon dioxide nor mercury are currently regulated for coal-fired plants by the EPA, but proposed mercury rules are expected by the end of the year. The technology for dealing with both types of emissions is just emerging. "I have not heard of any really viable carbon control technologies," Xcel Energy spokesman Steve Roalstad. As the plants are being built,

Global warming gas jumps

Station reports carbon dioxide buildup increases

MAUNA LOA OBSERVATORY, Hawaii (AP) — Carbon dioxide, the gas largely blamed for global warming, has reached record-high levels in the atmosphere after growing at an accelerated pace in the past year, say scientists monitoring the sky from this 2-mile-high station atop a Hawaiian volcano.

The reason for the faster buildup of the most important "greenhouse gas" will require further analysis, the U.S. government experts say.

"But the big picture is that CO2 is continuing to go up," said Russell Schnell, deputy director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's climate monitoring laboratory in Boulder, Colo., which operates the Mauna Loa Observatory on the island of Hawaii.

Carbon dioxide, mostly from burning of coal, gasoline and other fossil fuels, traps heat that otherwise would radiate into space. Global temperatures increased by about 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.6 degrees Celsius) during the 20th century, and international panels of scientists sponsored by world governments have concluded that

most of the warming probably was due to greenhouse gases. The climatologists forecast continued temperature rises that will disrupt the climate, cause seas to rise and lead to other unpredictable consequences — unpredictable in part because of uncertainties in computer modeling of future climate.

Before the industrial age and extensive use of fossil fuels, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere stood at about 280 parts per million, scientists have determined. Average readings at the 11,141-foot Mauna Loa Observatory, where carbon dioxide density peaks each northern winter, hovered around 379 parts per million on Friday, compared with about 376 a year ago.

That year-to-year increase of about 3 parts per million is considerably higher than the average annual increase of 1.8 parts per million over the past decade, and markedly more accelerated than the 1-part-per-million annual increase recorded a half-century ago, when observations were first made here.

Asked to explain the

stepped-up rate, climatologists were cautious, saying data needed to be further evaluated. But Asia immediately sprang to mind.

"China is taking off economically and burning a lot of fuel. India, too," said Pieter Tans, a prominent carbon-dieter expert at NOAA's Boulder lab. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projects that, if unchecked, atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations by 2100 will range from 650 to 970 parts per million. As a result, the panel estimates, average global temperature would probably rise by 1.4 to 5.8 degrees Celsius (2.7 and 10.4 degrees Fahrenheit) between 1990 and 2100.

The 1997 Kyoto Protocol would obligate ratifying countries to reduce carbon dioxide emissions according to set schedules, to minimize potential global warming. The pact has not taken effect, however.

The United States, the world's biggest carbon dioxide emitter, signed the agreement but did not ratify it, and the Bush administration has since withdrawn U.S. support, calling instead for voluntary emission.



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Fugitives flock to Las Vegas only to get caught

LAS VEGAS (AP) — This is not something you will find in the tourism brochures, but Las Vegas has long been a popular destination for dead-end criminals running from the law.

They swam to Sin City's end-of-the-line motels and neon-lit casinos, betting they can beat the odds and get lost in the crowd, only to learn that this city of security guards and surveillance cameras is actually one of the worst places to go underground.

"If you think you can hide in Las Vegas, don't come," Henderson Police Chief Mike Mayberry said Wednesday in announcing the capture of Ohio highway sniper suspect Charles A. McCoy Jr.

McCoy discovered the difficulty of going on the lam in Vegas when authorities swooped in on him at the budget hotel where he was staying. Police had received a tip from a resident who recognized McCoy as he read a newspaper story about himself at the Stardust hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Police say some fugitives use Las Vegas as a way station, a place where they can figure out their next move.

Others take permanent refuge here, using fake names to start a new life.

"It's an image of risk and bright lights and adventure," said Jack Levin, a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston.

"Those are the elements that may be attractive to those men in the first place. It's the images of wild, wild west. Vegas projects that image."

Thousands of fugitives — from shady bankers and parole violators to gangsters and murderers — have found the end of road in Las Vegas over the years.

Music Row murderer Richard D'Antonio, convicted of killing a 23-year-old reporter for the

now-defunct Cash Box magazine in Nashville in 1983, made his way to Las Vegas. He was working as a pit boss at a casino before he was caught.

Buford Furrow turned himself into the FBI here after killing a postal worker and wounding five people in a 1990 shooting at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles. He took a taxi to Las Vegas.

William "Andy" Beth, a Baptist school principal, was arrested at a local hotel in 2001 after fleeing from Indiana with an 11-year-old girl with whom he was having sex.

Newspaper heiress Patty Hearst hid out in Las Vegas for several days after robbing a San Francisco bank in 1974. So did Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, who thought Las Vegas would be an easy place to cash back checks after butchering a Kansas family in 1959 in a spree that inspired the book "In Cold Blood." Even five of the Sept. 11 hijackers spent time here in summer 2001.

"We get a lot of murder suspects," said Las Vegas police Lt. Ted Lee, who spent 3.5 years leading the Criminal Apprehension Team, the task force that

collared McCoy. "We've had so many I don't know if there's one you could single out."

Since the "task force" was founded in 1992, the squad has plucked more than 6,000 fugitives off the streets of Las Vegas. Last year, the nine-person unit arrested 400 people wanted for various crimes.

Lee said many fugitives come to Las Vegas in the belief that it is bigger than it really appears, thanks to an influx of tourists that reached 36 million last year. Las Vegas also has a virtually unseen force of 9,000 private security guards patrolling

hotel-casinos and bolstering the 2,000 or so sworn members of the police department. Add in a "battery of surveillance cameras at hotel entrances, casino floors, elevators and hallways, and it is hard to stay hidden."

"People really can't hide too much because they have to live," Lee said. "They have to 'show their faces.'"

In most cases, Lee said, fugitives are simply trying to put distance between themselves and where they are wanted. In McCoy's case, he drove about 2,000 miles from Columbus, Ohio.



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Elizabeth Blackburn works in her lab in San Francisco, Wednesday. Blackburn's discovery launched a burgeoning cancer research field full of admirers. Instead, she's now known as the human embryonic stem cell research cloning advocate the Bush administration fired from the President's Council on Bioethics last month.

Scientists support fired cell advocate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Elizabeth Blackburn's dramatic laboratory discovery made her a scientific superstar and launched a burgeoning cancer research field.

Yet it's not her lauded laboratory work that has led to her recent renown in the scientific community.

These days, Blackburn is better known as the outspoken advocate of human embryonic stem cell research and therapeutic cloning whom the Bush administration fired from the President's Council on Bioethics last month.

The 55-year-old scientist has become a cause celebre' for many researchers who complain that the White House's science policy is distorted by politics.

"I don't feel martyred," the University of California, San Francisco scientist and native Australian said of her dismissal from the council. "I wear it as a badge of honor."

White House officials said Blackburn's two-year term on the council expired in January and that the biologist's contribution would no longer be relevant, since the panel was moving away from discussing human embryonic stem cells and into neurology and behavior.

They say politics had no role in her dismissal.

"Many other members who share her views on stem cells remain on the committee," said Dean Clancy, the council's executive director. "Their views are welcome, as were hers. The charge that she was let go because of her policy views is utterly without merit."

The member of the committee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Blackburn failed to attend a number of council meetings after

disagreeing with other members on policy.

Blackburn's defenders felt she was dismissed, rather, because she disappointed of the Bush administration's highly restrictive position on stem cell research, a stance many top scientists complain is hindering disease research in a promising area.

"It is an important example of the absolutely destructive practices of the Bush administration," said University of Chicago medical professor Janet Rowley, also a member of the bioethics council.

Embryonic stem cells are created in the first days after conception and give rise to the human body. Many researchers hope to someday turn stem cells into medicines by manipulating their growth, but social conservatives oppose the work because it involves destroying embryos.

Blackburn's Feb. 27 dismissal came little more than a week after the left-leaning Union of Concerned Scientists accused the Bush administration of distorting scientific findings and manipulating experts' advice to avoid information that runs counter to its political beliefs.

In its wake, some 170 researchers have signed an open letter to President Bush protesting Blackburn's treatment. The American Society for Cell Biology, which represents 11,000 scientists worldwide, complained that it reflects a pattern of politics trumping science in the White House.

"This is not just a decent scientist, not just someone who has made some contribution that was abruptly dismissed," said Nobel laureate Tom Cech, a cancer researcher and president of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Pair will share \$500,000 reward

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Two men will share a \$500,000 reward for providing information that led to the arrests of the Washington-area snipers nearly two years ago, officials said Saturday.

Robert Holmes, of Tacoma, Wash., will get \$350,000 for tipping authorities that his friend John Allen Muhammad might be the shooter. Whitney Donahue, of Greencastle, Pa., will get \$150,000 for spotting the snipers' Chevrolet Caprice at a rest stop in Frederick County, Md., where they were arrested. "It was nerve-racking," Donahue said at a news conference to announce the rewards. "It was a tense time."

Holmes could not make it to Maryland in time for the news conference. He declined to comment when reached at home.

Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan made the decision Friday after receiving a recommendation from law enforcement officials. The recipients may receive the

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money as early as Monday.

Rocket blasts into space with \$45 million satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A rocket roared from its seaside launch pad Saturday, carrying into space a \$45 million Air Force Global Positioning System satellite.

The satellite will join a constellation of 27 other satellites already in orbit about 11,000 nautical miles above the earth, Air Force officials said. It will replace an aging satellite.

The satellite was carried into space by a Boeing Delta 2 rocket.

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Students could see more opportunity to get jump on careers

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School junior Cass Gonzalez plans to go to college and eventually work in special education or early childhood education.

She's getting a jump on that career path through a high school class on early child development and early childhood professions taught by Judy Schroeder. The course offers a co-op portion where students spend about five hours a week volunteering in elementary schools and day care centers. Schroeder has 14 students doing it.

Gonzalez, 17, works with first-graders at Morningstar Elementary School, helping with reading and small group instruction.

"It lets you work on your own with the kids," Gonzalez said. Schroeder said the experience is valuable for students to know what they're getting into before they go to college.

"They get to find out if they want to work with children," she said. Under a proposal being considered by the Twin Falls School Board, students in Schroeder's program and others could see more opportunities for such experiences.

In this case, the school could have a child care center on campus where students and staff members could bring their children. Schroeder said she is being asked for this for five years, but there hasn't been the space for the program.

Schroeder has had students graduate and go straight into working at child care centers, but the main purpose of the program is to lead students to study education or to get the child development associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho. She said about

two students go from TFHS into the college's child development program each year, after completing two CSI tech-prep credits with the early childhood professions class at the school.

"It's a good deal," Schroeder said.

A growing program

The health occupations class at the high school has steadily grown into a larger program. There are now two year-long health occupations classes, a semester of medical terminology and a semester of training for students to become certified nursing assistants, said Lisa Johnson, one of the health program teachers.

The nursing class has four students this semester, and certification usually costs students about \$39, plus \$25 for the certification. If they took the class at CSE, it would cost \$350, said Faye Emerson, a CSI professor and registered nurse who teaches the high school program.

Megan Ottersberg, a senior in the class, plans to go to CSI, then Idaho State University to pursue a career in health care. She said she doesn't know if as many people would take the class if it were only offered at CSI.

"It's just easier to stay on the campus," Ottersberg said. High school graduates could save enough training to go straight into licensed practical nursing, radiologic technology or surgical technology, Johnson said.

The long-range plan is to have a health academy that would teach eighth grade and integrates core subjects such as math and English into health topics, Johnson said. Next year the program will add a human biology course and a clinical practicum for students who have become certified nursing assistants.

Culinary credits

Lolle Poppleton teaches two courses under the high school's occupational-technical umbrella: food science and occupational food service, where students run the Hungry Bear restaurant at the school. The students plan menus, budget and purchase prepare and serve the food. Poppleton said the program pays for itself.

She has 20 students in the occupational food service tech prep program and 28 in food science. She said CSI's culinary program helped her get the program started.

Tech-prep credits for the occupational food service class lead to the CSI culinary arts associate's degree program. The proposal before the school board calls for more dual credit with CSI.

TFHS also offers the food safety and sanitation test on campus, and this certification gives students an edge in the job market.

Poppleton said her program gives students the preparation to start as saute cooks in restaurants, but those wanting to be chefs need more schooling, and many go on to culinary arts schools or intern at Disney World. The program is in its fifth year.

Handling money

Lorraine Rapp, co-director of the high school's finance academy, said upgrades are an essential part of what she teaches. She is in her second year at the high school and is enthusiastic about the recommendation for expansion.

"We're all for it," Rapp said. In finance and computer classes, software has to be updated and some classes use the same textbooks that CSI uses, so

they often update every year.

The academy started last year with a 10th-grade class of about 25. Students take two finance-specific courses a year and can specialize in one of four strands: accounting, multimedia, entrepreneurship and business technology.

Rapp teaches accounting I, II and III, business computers II and hypertext markup language. Accounting II and III and business computers II give students dual-credit credit with CSI. Rapp estimates that a finance academy student could complete about a semester of college credit while in high school.

The finance academy also includes a job shadowing experience, field trips and an internship between the junior and senior years.

"Kids find relevance in our classes," Rapp said.

All the finance academy credits, and the students attain a solid foundation in the basics. "Students definitely leave with computer and bookkeeping skills," Rapp said. They are ready for entry-level positions in finance-related areas.

She said if the academy continues to grow, it might need another person to help students set up all their job shadowing experiences.

A major change for ag

The high school's agriculture program has been shrinking over the past five years. Students can take classes in metals, welding, engines, fabrication and horticulture. The recommendation would have agriculture students focus on academics, then take dual-credit classes on CSI's campus to specialize in different areas.

Principal Ben Allen said the ag science program might still have a few classes on campus. He said it could change in a year.

or two.

Jeff Olson teaches agriculture and fears for the loss of the school's FFA chapter, which requires that members take at least one agriculture class at their school.

Richard Ledington, the state FFA adviser, said the district might be able to run its program through CSI, although he said he would have to see a proposal before he could definitively comment on it.

Olson said some of his students are planning a petition to keep agriculture classes on campus.

TFHS on computers

TFHS's information technology academy is in its second year, said Jason Torjimson, the lead instructor. Students

take core classes and computer classes together and can specialize in Web development, networking, programming or multimedia. They work with mentors in the community for senior projects and receive certificates of completion when they graduate.

The school also offers training for the Cisco Certified Networking Associate designation, but students have to take the test outside of school. Torjimson said the academy has less of an emphasis on certifications and all the more on training students in all the skills, computer and otherwise, that they will need in the workplace.

The recommendation for the district is to keep this program as is, and expand it.

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There was little debate over the package because it moved through both houses so quickly. Its sponsors said all lawmakers were aware of the consequences if the deal was not enacted.

The plan earmarks \$550,000 in general tax receipts in the current budget and another \$1.1 million in the next budget to implement the agreement between groundwater and surface water users.

Another \$300,000 is being diverted from the Snake River Aquifer recharge program to develop an aquifer management plan. The Soil Conservation Service will mark \$800,000 over the next 15 months to help convert well pumps to surface water users in areas close to the Middle Snake River.

The deal was prompted by Water Resources Director Karl Dreher's order that 1,300 irrigation and other wells north of the Middle Snake would be shut down April 1 unless a plan was

developed to fill senior water rights, primarily those of the commercial fish hatcheries in the Hagerman Valley.

The well shutdown would have resulted in the loss of up to hundreds of millions of dollars by junior water users in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Blaine counties.

The surface water users have maintained for years that the wells have drained the aquifer to the point that it no longer feeds surface streams with enough water to fulfill their rights. Four years of drought have aggravated the problem.

So the hatcheries invoked state law requiring water users with rights more recent than theirs to be cut off so the water users' rights could be filled. They

account for 75 percent of the nation's commercial trout production.

Among the potential solutions are recharging the aquifer, building new water storage facilities, finding alternatives to wells, reducing groundwater withdrawals and taking land out of production to reduce irrigation demand.

This spring, the state will provide \$520,000 to rent 40,000 acre-feet of water that will be diverted to surface users to make up for reduced natural spring and stream flows.

Beginning this summer, the state will provide \$500,000 in grants for spring users to modify their water-use infrastructure to meet demand and another \$500,000 in loans to groundwa-

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Age doesn't stop 70-somethings from biking

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — He's a yellow streak, legs pumping, hurtling his racing bike at 20 mph down a stretch of highway as straight as a shotgun barrel. Rain-slick pavement hisses as Art Peterson racks 'up the miles.

This is what Peterson loves — a morning of swift cycling through the valleys and over the hills of the Pacific Northwest countryside.

He does it even during Oregon's notoriously rainy winters. Such behavior might be expected of a younger man, not a 74-year-old.

Yet Peterson was honored recently for the 80,000 miles he has ridden with a local cycling club since he joined in 1989.

That's more than 5,000 miles each year. And he rides hard, giving his cardiovascular system a thorough workout.

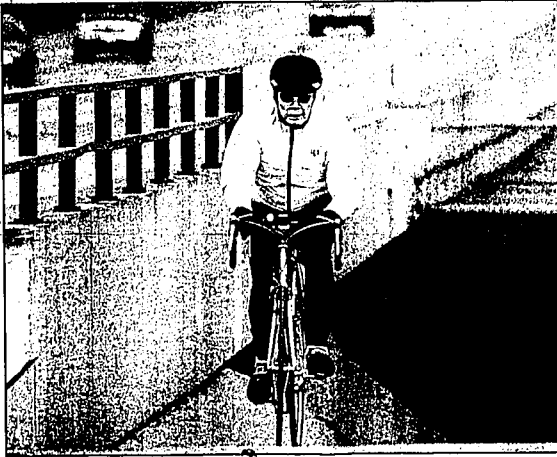
Mid-way through this particular ride, Peterson pulls up to a coffee shop for a cup of joe.

But first he checks the heart rate monitor/calorie counter bolted to his Klein bicycle.

"I've burned 1,015 calories over the past 20 miles," said Peterson, standing there like some cycling gladiator in his helmet, sunglasses, yellow rain jacket, black lights and cleated racing shoes.

"I feel great." Across the nation, aging Americans are working out at gyms, in swimming pools, on tennis courts and other athletic venues. You'll see them on bicycles as well — often riding in touring clubs with cyclists half their age.

Many are people who began



Art Peterson, 74, emerges from a bicycle path tunnel as he heads south towards Portland on the home stretch of the 37-mile Lacamas Lake loop cycle ride in Camas, Wash., Feb. 3.

cycling years ago and are keeping it up because they want to stay fit, said Patrick McCormick, communications director for the League of American Bicyclists.

Others are turning to cycling because it's easier on aging bones and joints than many other sports.

Of the 700 or so members of the Portland Wheelmen, at

least a half-dozen are in their 70s. Many more are in their 60s.

The average age of the club membership is somewhere in the 50s.

The club organizes at least one group ride a day. Chances are good several of the riders who show up are retired, or close to it.

"They don't let age get in their way — or at least they try not to.

The older you get, the longer it can take to recover from crashes.

Peterson, a retired county sheriff's investigator, has been in three since 1993 — including one that left him with a concussion, three broken ribs, a collapsed lung, and other injuries.

In 1994, he won the gold medal for his age group in a national race for active and

retired law officers and firefighters.

McCormick estimates that more than 7 million bike riders are over age 50, and at least 3 million are over 60.

They range from people who might ride a puddle-jumper on occasional trips to the grocery store to people who put in hundreds of miles each week on bikes that cost \$2,000 and up and are as finely-tuned as Ferraris.

For the latter, cycling almost seems like a fountain of youth.

"They enjoy the wind in their face, the adrenaline rush, the exercise rush," says Andrew Pruitt, director of the Boulder Center for Sports Medicine, a former champion cyclist who was once chief medical officer for the U.S. national cycling team.

"These guys are what I aspire to be if I'm lucky enough to be 80," says the 53-year-old Pruitt.

At age 80, Paul Roscoe may be the oldest member of the Wheelmen.

He has also chucked up somewhere around 175,000 miles since he first started riding seriously in 1981.

He has been just about everywhere on his bike: Russia, Hungary, Germany, Belgium, Australia ... the list goes on.

A few weeks ago he broke his leg while skiing. He's recovering and hopes his doctor soon gives him the go-ahead to get back on his bike.

"I'm going to keep cycling," he says.

"I've got an expensive bike. I've got to do something with it."

Alabama fights over state drink

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama is in a fight over whether to name an official state whiskey, one that has its origins in Alabama's rich history of bootlegging.

The Legislature overwhelmingly passed a resolution declaring Conecuh Ridge Fine Alabama Whiskey as the official state spirit. But Gov. Bob Riley has vetoed the resolution. Then House of Representatives voted 51-7 to override the governor's veto. If the Senate does the same thing in the next few weeks, Conecuh Ridge will still become the "official state spirit."

Kenny May, founder of Conecuh Ridge, said he considers his whiskey "a source of pride for Alabama."

But the governor said Alabama "should not set a precedent of endorsing a commercially sold product."

The sponsor of the resolution, Democratic Rep. Alan Boothe said the Republican governor was picking a fight over a minor issue that would hurt him later.

"I'm dumbfounded he'd veto an insignificant resolution and draw the ill will of people who overrode his veto," Boothe said.

May's whiskey is a product of his family tree. His late father, Clyde May, made moonshine in the woods. Kenny May knows exactly how it was done.

"I used to help him make it," May said.

Woman says gorilla threw her like a 'doll'

Knight Ridder News Service

DALLAS — Cheryl Reichert was in the aviary at the Dallas Zoo when she heard people screaming and looked up to see a gorilla moving toward her, her children and a neighbor's child.

"All those people screaming and running for their lives — I don't think I'll ever be so scared in my life," Reichert said.

"I started throwing the kids over the fence to where the birds were," so they could hide in the bushes, said Reichert, 39, recounting the close encounter she had Thursday with the escaped gorilla.

When the gorilla became distracted for a moment and veered away, Reichert began lifting the children back over the fence to flee. But her neighbor's 8-year-old, Destiny Diaz, got her shoe caught in the fence. She got it free just as the animal came back into view.

The gorilla then chased Reichert and the four children down a stairwell. Reichert said she pushed the children out the door at the bottom of the stairwell and tried to shut it behind her, but the gorilla was too strong.

He pushed her against the wall. Then he "tossed me around like a rag doll," she said.

"I knew that they were incredibly powerful," she said. "I was amazed that I was able to hold the door for at least three or four seconds that I did. All I could think about was those kids getting out there."

She said the children escaped while she tried to figure out how to pacify the gorilla.

"We watch a lot of Discovery Channel," Reichert said. "I didn't look him in the eye. I didn't fight back. I just yelled for help in case help was nearby. I mean, we've watched 'When Animals Attack.'"

Reichert said the gorilla bit her on the upper left arm four or five times, then ran off. A zoo worker found her shortly afterward and helped her to safety.

"As we ran," she said, "I could see blood and pieces of flesh falling off my arm."

The gorilla ran free for 40 minutes before Dallas police shot and killed him. Zoo officials said Friday that they still aren't sure how the gorilla escaped.

Minority anchor mentors others

NEW YORK (AP) — Soledad O'Brien is trying to help the next generation of minority women journalists through mentoring.

The CNN anchor, who was honored Thursday by Ebony magazine, told The Associated Press that she aggressively helps journalists who are coming up the ranks so they will be prepared when the right opportunity comes along.

"It's time for us to do our part and make sure that we're helping the next generation of young female journalists come up and fill positions," said O'Brien, host of CNN's "American Morning."



Soledad O'Brien

Ebony magazine's annual luncheon honors women who have made important contributions to communications and marketing.

Others honored included television producer Suzanne de Passe, Fox Sports reporter Fran Oliver, BET Nightly News anchor Jacques Reid and publicist Terrie M. Williams.

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Grandma's abduction horrifies family

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

LITTLE PRAIRIE, Wis. — It was cold the night Grandma Braun was taken, that bitter dead-of-winter cold when the countryside is sheathed in ice and the stillness is broken only by great gusts of snow that swirl across the fields and back roads, erasing all traces of life.

Eighty-eight-year-old Hedwig Braun was in bed reading when the lights went out but she didn't pay much heed. In her tiny farmhouse, power outages are not uncommon. Pulling on her dressing gown, she lit a candle and padded into the kitchen. She poured a glass of milk, settled at the table and continued her book about angels.



Hedwig Braun, 88, shown in an undated family photo, was kidnapped from her home in Little Prairie, Wis., by a man demanding \$3 million for her safe return.

The clock was stopped at 12:50 a.m.

A sudden blast of wind. A shadowy figure in the doorway. "Eddie!" she screamed as the intruder lurched toward her.

But her 88-year-old husband, asleep in the other room, didn't stir.

At 5-foot-2, weighing 80 pounds, Braun is a slip of a woman whose toughness is all inside. She had no strength to fight off her abductor. She didn't even cry. She just prayed as she was flung into the trunk of her 1992 white Cadillac, kept praying as they tore down the country road, screaming to a halt beside a ditch, prayed even harder as she was tossed into the trunk and they sped away again.



This February 2003 photograph from the Walworth County Sheriff's Department shows the chains used by a kidnapper to hold Hedwig Braun in a tiny, cold trailer as he sought \$3 million in ransom.

In the darkness, wedged against the spare tire, she wondered, "Why me? I'm just a nobody. What does he want with me?"

Nothing about the phone call made sense.

Robert Mann's grandmother never called. She was almost deaf, so phone conversations were difficult for her.

Wolfram found her mother's day clothes laid out in a neat pile. Missing were her nightclothes along with the burgundy fleece gown that Wolfram had given her for Christmas.

Had her mother been in an accident? Was she lying in a hospital, unable to remember who she was? Was she frozen in a ditch, or huddled in a barn?

"I'm calling the police," Mann said when his aunt called him back.

It was Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, 2003. At his desk at Mann Brothers Inc. in Elkhorn, the family road construction company, Mann didn't know what to think.

"Hi Grandma," he began. "How are you?"

"I'm OK," she said. "I'm not worried about dying. At my age I thought I would have died a long time ago."

They fanned out over the frozen fields. They combed through the woods, knocked on doors and poked through barns.

"Heddie," they cried, their calls echoing over the countryside. "Grandma Braun."

Wolfram trudge the fields, calling and praying.

Robert Mann stayed at his desk late into the night. He printed fliers with a picture of his grandmother and asked drivers for Mann Brothers to post them all over the state.

Mann frowned. Aside from having to take heart medicine every day, his grandmother was healthy. She never rambled like this.

"Grandma, you're not dying," he bellowed into the phone.

"Where are you?"

"I'm in a dark place. I'm tied up. There's a man. . . he's shining a light. . . He says I'm going to die."

"What man? Put the man on the phone."

But the phone went dead.

Still puzzled, Mann phoned his aunt, Joan Wolfram, who lives a mile down the road from her parents. Wolfram immediately drove to their small green home. Her mother's car was gone. Her father, who is blind, was sitting at the kitchen table.

He hadn't heard his wife since they had gone to bed the night before. When he didn't hear her in the morning, he thought she must have gone to visit one of their two sons, who both live close by. But when Wolfram raced to their houses, neither was home.

The Kidnapping of Grandma Braun

First of four parts.

trailer—the kind used for snow-motors. Her legs were pinned to the floor, the chains cutting like her ankles.

In one corner, a sputtering kerosene tank cast an eerie orange glow on the dirty mattress on which she was lying. A few blankets were thrown over her.

She prayed and dozed fitfully and tried not to think of the pain. Every now and then he came with food—orange juice and a hamburger. She knew her family would be searching for her. She knew she couldn't last much longer in this cold.

The first day, her kidnapper had shone a flashlight on a note demanding that she read it to her 33-year-old grandson, Robert, over a cell phone. But Heddie was too deaf to understand what Robert was saying.

Every now and then he rang her across a payphone from her that he was unhappy with how the conversation had gone.

"Why me?" she asked, over and over.

The ransom note was a word.

The ransom note was discovered by Robert Mann's cleaning lady in his mailbox early on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 6.

"Remove all posted missing person flyers."

"If not, death will be the end result."

"\$3 million (in black sports bags) is the sum of life."

Starting at the note, Capt. Dana Nigbor could almost hear her own heart thumping.

"Oh my God," she thought. "We've never worked a kidnapping before."

There were so many questions: Where was the victim? Who was holding her? How would the kidnapper contact them again?

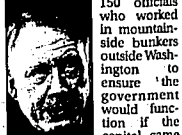
And the most haunting question of all: How long could an elderly woman, dressed only in her nightclothes, survive the trauma—and the bitter cold?

Tomorrow: Paying the ransom.

Eisenhower letters reveal plans for after nuke attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few weeks after the Soviets launched the first manmade satellite in 1957, shattering America's sense of security, CBS President Frank Stanton was summoned to the White House to see President Eisenhower.

Stanton knew his friend was agonizing over how to respond to Sputnik and the terrorizing thought that permeated America: Had the Soviets gained a huge first-strike advantage in the nuclear arms race?



Frank Stanton

But Stanton learned Eisenhower also was wrestling with how best to ensure the U.S. government could function in a Soviet attack wiped out many American leaders.

Stanton, who had no experience or ambitions in government, was taken aback when the president asked if he would be willing to oversee a federal communications agency after such an attack.

All those officials already were in government when they were given the assignment, Eisenhower is believed to be the first president to go outside government to look for leaders in a crisis.

"Eisenhower went beyond the normal lines of succession, which I think was a reflection of that swept the country in the 1950s," said Peter Kuznick, a history professor and director of the Nuclear Studies Institute at American University.

"I was surprised and startled by the breadth of the assignment," said the 96-year-old Stanton, who lives in Boston. Nervous about the awesome task of keeping the nation's telephone, radio and television systems operating after an attack, Stanton said he nevertheless agreed to do my chores.

Stanton was one of six private citizens secretly recruited and granted authority by Eisenhower to run major components of the government in an emergency.

No public announcement of the appointment was made. Their existence was confirmed by recently publicized Eisenhower administration letters.

"The president was planning for the unthinkable," said retired Army Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, Eisenhower's staff secretary. "He wanted to bring in the wisdom and competence of the government survived and provide some assurance that our government could not be decapitated."

Presidents are granted vast powers under the Constitution to lead the nation in times of war or enemy attack.

Shortly after the 2001 terrorist attacks, President Bush created a shadow government of 75 to

Besides Stanton, the appointees included George Baker, a Harvard Business School professor who was tapped to oversee transportation; Harold Boeschstein, president of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., in charge of manufacturing and production; Akso Nielsen, president of the Title Guaranty Co., housing J. Ed Warren, senior vice president of the First National City Bank of New York, energy and Theodore Koop, vice president of CBS, to oversee an emergency censorship agency. Koop would have had 40 civilian staff members to monitor and control wartime information about the devastation.

Eisenhower also appointed two Cabinet secretaries and Federal Reserve Chairman William McChesney Martin to emergency posts for currency stabilization, food and labor.

"The people Eisenhower chose, while they were his friends, they were also the captains of industry of his day. People like Bill Gates today," said Bill Gerhart, editor of a Web site called Conelrad, or Control of Electromagnetic Radiation. That was the name of nation's first emergency broadcasting system, established by President Truman.

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War's anniversary sees tension

Residents cope with rebuilding and bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hardened by years of conflict and deprivation, Baghdad has only strengthened its reputation for resilience in the year since the war in Iraq began.

At times, the city looked perilously close to the brink of stalling its search for a normal existence.

But the pain is evident. A banner outside the Kazimiyah religious shrine declares the terror that has repeatedly struck with lethal impact. "Why are Iraqis so worthless? Why is Iraqi blood without value?" asks the sign hanging near the spot where some of the 71 dead fell in a triple bombing March 2.

A new fence marks the grounds of the gold-domed Shiite Muslim shrine, and an additional barrier of coiled barbed wire is snaggling litter.

People speak of a city hurting. Some complain bitterly of the lack of security. A few talk with uneasiness about the days of Saddam Hussein, when they walked the streets without fear. Problems are blamed on the American occupiers, or foreigners in general, or the new political order that followed Saddam's ouster.

Sometimes, such as after the Kazimiyah attack, the tough times threaten to rend the city of 5 million people along ethnic lines. A few residents are Arab Christians or Muslim Kurds, but the vast majority are about evenly divided between the antagonistic Sunni and Shiite branches of Islam.

"Baghdad is wounded, and its wound is deep," said Samar Qahhan, a 30-year-old artist, who said when Saddam was overthrown, "we felt a great joy. Occupation is the price we had to pay, but it must end soon."

Signs of recovery are spreading. Festering heaps of uncollected garbage can still be found in some streets, but many other streets have never been cleaner, people say. Stores stay open until 10 p.m. or later. Schools and universities are open and so are police stations, prisons and hospitals.

Unemployment has fallen from 60 percent to 30 percent or less, thanks to reconstruction work, the return of trade and the gradual rise of civil service ranks to

FROM INVASION TO OCCUPATION

Iraq: one year later

The Bush administration hopes Iraq will become a model for democracy in the Middle East. The job of reconstruction, however, has been complicated by terrorist attacks that have killed more than 400 troops since President

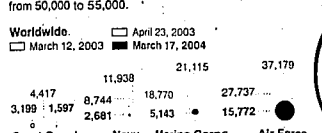
Bush declared an end to combat operations May 1, 2003. Iraq's U.S.-backed police force has been a target recently as well as religious shrines. In some parts of the country, where violence is less frequent, reconstruction moves ahead.

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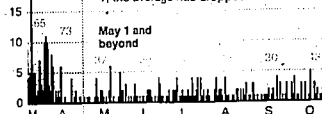
National Guard and Reserves in 'theater'

Outside experts estimate the current number in Iraq ranges from 50,000 to 55,000.



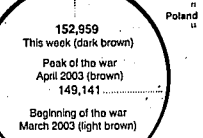
U.S. troops killed in Iraq

More than 550 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq. Troop deaths averaged 69 a month during March and April of 2003. Since May 1, the average has dropped to 41.

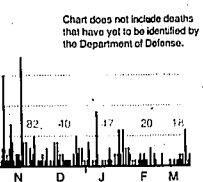


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Coalition losses



Deadliest cities



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Violence in Iraq still reigns a year after war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The first anniversary of the start of the war that ousted Saddam Hussein was a day like many others in Iraq: an mortar attack in a northern city, an attempt to kill a politician and news of a U.S. Marine cut down by rebel fire.

Overall, Saturday was average by recent Iraqi standards.

The millions of Iraqis who exulted in Saddam's downfall did not publicly celebrate the day.

nor-were-there-street protests from those who enjoyed his patronage — partly because public gatherings are vulnerable to suicide attackers, car bombs, shootings and other violence.

Many Iraqis fear daily they will be caught in the crossfire of the conflict between U.S. forces and anti-American insurgents, and other shadowy assailants, and said they felt more insecure now than they did before the United States launched military strikes.

Hours after U.S. Marines officially took control Saturday of a swath of territory west of Baghdad, the U.S. military said

rebels had killed a U.S. Marine in the area. Anbar province, a day earlier. Two Marines also died in combat Wednesday in Anbar, which includes parts of the so-called Sunni Triangle where guerrilla attacks have been fierce.

At the handover ceremony at a U.S. base in Ramadi, Marine commander Maj. Gen. James Mattis issued a warning to insurgents.

"We expect to be the best friends to Iraqis who are trying to put their country back together. And for those who want to fight, for the foreign fighters and former regime people, they'll regret it. We're going to handle them very thoroughly," he said.

Also Saturday, the U.S. Army said a 1st Infantry Division soldier was fatally electrocuted while working on communication equipment at a military base in Baquba, north of Baghdad. And near Fallujah, a U.S. soldier was killed and two were wounded after their vehicle rolled over Thursday, the military said.

Military charges six soldiers

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military charged six American soldiers Saturday with indecent conduct and assaulting Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison, the former Iraqi torture center now used as an allied military detention facility.

The assaults allegedly occurred in November and December, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of coalition operations. "Less than 20" Arab prisoners were abused, the general said, adding that the investigation continues.

"Even though it was a very small number, that's the kind of cancer you have to cut out completely," he said.

Commanders were short on details, promising more Sunday, but charges included indecent acts with another person, assault, cruelty and mistreatment, as well as conspiracy and dereliction of duty.

It was not clear what punishment they would face, if convicted.

The military's manual for courts martial says that "indecent" signifies that form of immorality relating to sexual impurity which is not only grossly vulgar, obscene, and repugnant to common propriety, but tends to excite lust and deprave the morals with respect to sexual relations."

Conviction on that charge can carry a maximum of five years in prison.

Borders stay porous during al-Qaida hunt

ON THE AFGHAN-PAKISTAN BORDER (AP) — An hour's drive from where Pakistani troops are fighting their biggest assault ever against al-Qaida, men of fighting-age stream back and forth across the border unhindered by lounging Pakistani guards.

The U.S. military considers the 2,000-mile border a "hammer-and-anvil" strategy, a rigid line against which al-Qaida and Taliban militants will be trapped and destroyed.

But along parts of the border, people say it is more like a sieve. Afghanistan to Pakistan, or from Pakistan to Afghanistan, they are not stopping us," says Mohammed Roshan, a villager crossing back into Afghanistan late Saturday afternoon after selling a load of wood in Pakistan.

Ethnic Pashtun tribesmen comprise the vast majority of people living on both sides of the forbidding, irregular border, which changes along its path from desert to craggy mountains. For centuries, the Pashtun have freely crossed the porous frontier. And since Sept. 11, American, Afghan and Pakistani soldiers say they have tried to force al-Qaida and Taliban fighters from doing the same.

None of that effort was visible Saturday at this border crossing in Pakkita province, one of the front-line areas of Taliban resistance and the site of weekly attacks on U.S. troops.

No American or Afghan troops were visible Saturday, while adult men crossed at the rate of two or three a minute, carrying and baggy traditional clothing obscuring their forms.

Breathtaking

Tobacco use dies hard in south-central Idaho, and now it's taking its toll. See Monday's Image.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentences

Oliver C. Davis, 50, 1217 Burton Ave., Burley, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$250 suspended, 90 days in jail with 175 suspended, credit for one day served, driving privileges suspended for 180 days, 12 months probation, \$35 per month probation fee, shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or where they are present, submit to alcoholizing testing, complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer, attend court alcohol school, 32 hours sheriff's work detail, Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

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Civil filings

City of Kimberly, Idaho, a municipal corporation v. County of Twin Falls, Gary Grindstaff, William J. Brockman, and Tom Hillstedt, individually and as their capacity as Twin Falls County Commissioners; Debbie Kaufman, individually and in her capacity as Twin Falls County Auditor; and Kristina Glascock, individually and in her capacity as Twin Falls County Clerk. Seeking judgment against the defendants that a writ of mandate be issued compelling defendants compliance with Idaho Code Section 19-4706, that a judgment be entered for plaintiffs and against defendants that defendants Kaufman and Glascock, upon directions from defendants Brockman, Grindstaff, and Hillstedt, immediately and voluntarily violated their statutory duties by unlawfully usurping a portion of fine money to plaintiff and that defendants Brockman, Grindstaff, and Hillstedt unlawfully, wrongfully and intentionally breached a portion of plaintiff's citation fine money in violation of Idaho Code.

Caris and Angela Leber, husband and wife v. Verkie Dregan, an individual. Seeking judgment against the defendant for past legal fees and attorney's expenses incurred, lesser damages for past and future pain and suffering, and prevention of attorney's fees and costs, other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff seeks past attorney's fees and costs related to a vehicle accident. Plaintiff's demand jury trial.

Regional Department of Health and Welfare v. John Doe and John Doe, Jr. Seeking judgment against the defendants for past and future medical expenses, attorney's fees and costs, other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff seeks past attorney's fees and costs related to a vehicle accident. Plaintiff's demand jury trial.

Gregory and Helen Launer, husband and wife v. John Hoover, individually and as House Construction, and Ross Deed, an individual. Plaintiff seeks past and future medical expenses, attorney's fees and costs, other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff seeks past attorney's fees and costs related to a vehicle accident. Plaintiff's demand jury trial.

Child support cases. State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services v. Michael Clarence Jasper Jr. Seeking establishment of paternity; 60 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

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Courts

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

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Establishment of paternity...

SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
Green Matt Gilroy, 27, driving without privileges...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Susan Miller, no date of birth listed, two court fees...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Roger Dalrymple, 53, driving under the influence...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Jose Avila Iolas, 10, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Scott Miesterson, 31, dispensing alcohol to the underage...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Gregory P. Park, 24, reckless driving...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Thomas Standee, 18, three counts tied by receiving/possessing stolen property...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Francis Whitlow, no date of birth listed, three counts fraud...

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments
Brandon James Eismarth, 17, failure to stop damage/leaving the scene of an accident...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Michael J. Essex, 38, driving under the influence...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Jeremy J. Everett, 29, driving under the influence...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Donald Francisco Franon, 18, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Scott Holmes, 26, domestic violence - violation of protection order...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Ignacio Oranzo-Zavala, 38, driving under the influence...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Bilalwan Yildirim, 26, robbery/attempted to sell theft...

Misdemeanor sentencing
Linda Davis Rushton, no date of birth listed, two counts child support...

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GOODING COUNTY COURTS

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Misdemeanor arraignments
Raymond Aragon, driving without privileges...

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Terria Ann Buckhard, calibration or use of a device...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Lance C. Clifton, selling/distributing tobacco products...

Misdemeanor arraignments
Harold Matthew Larsen, reckless driving...

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Brandon James Malaker, driving without privileges...

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Davis Clinton Oswald, resisting or obstructing officers...

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Fernando M. Soares, driving without privileges...

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Roy C. Hall, reckless driving...

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Kendall L. Adams, inattentive/careless driving...

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Family Colleen Emery, battery...

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Gary Ray Lundberg, driving without privileges...

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EDITORIAL

Sheriff's race may yield accountability at last

The late entry of an independent sheriff's candidate offers Jerome County voters something they otherwise could have missed: a chance to hold their sheriff accountable.

As the county's elected law enforcement commander, a sheriff answers to no one but voters. Jerome County citizens have been waiting more than three years to hear Weaver's explanation of the 2001 drug raid that left two deputies and a suspect dead. In spite of a state police investigation and a federal court suit, Jerome County voters have never heard Weaver publicly explain why the raid took place and what went wrong.

A truly competitive reelection campaign could break Weaver's silence - if a tough challenger presses him on the issue.

Until Friday, voters had little reason to expect such an outcome. Four Republican challengers had filed against Weaver in the May GOP primary. Regardless of those candidates' qualifications, a five-way split puts nearly any incumbent on Easy Street. And with no Democrat running, Weaver would have had a free ride in November.

That dynamic changed Friday, when George "Pee Wee" Silver III jumped into the race - as an independent. That means Silver will face the GOP nominee (probably Weaver) in November.

The Weaver-Silver matchup has a memorable history. Silver was sheriff in 1996, when Weaver beat him in a three-way GOP primary. Weaver's victory was partly due to citizen discontent with the quality of Silver's drug enforcement in - ironically enough - the Eden-Hazelton area.

The contest should have ended in May, but Silver came back for extra innings. Hoping he could beat Weaver one-on-one, he ran an ill-fated write-in campaign that fall.

We can't predict how this fall's race will go, and it's far too early to endorse either Weaver or Silver. But at least Silver will be on the ballot this time. That gives him a fighting chance - and it means Weaver finally may be forced to explain the Eden drug raid.

Our view: A

competitive race for Jerome County sheriff could produce some accountability for a 2001 tragedy.

What do you think?

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

Williams and two officers, Cpls. James Moulson and Phillip Anderson, soon lay dead. Investigators eventually found an insignificant amount of marijuana.

Last month, a federal judge threw out a civil lawsuit brought by Williams' relatives against Weaver and Roberts, and said they were not legally negligent in Williams' death. But an absence of reasonable negligence is not necessarily the same thing as sound police procedure.

Whether Weaver likes it or not, the Eden raid will be a defining event of his tenure. Yet the one group Weaver is accountable to, Jerome County voters, still hasn't heard his full explanation of that fatal night. With all criminal investigations and civil court action finally completed, no legal obstacles prevent disclosure any longer.

Whether Weaver should stay in office is up to Jerome County voters. But information is the raw material of the democratic process. Voters deserve a chance to make an informed judgment about their sheriff's performance.

Who knew hunt for bin Laden had cooled?

Perhaps not, but I'm curious about something: Why is the hunt for Osama bin Laden "heating up"?

I did a double take recently at the following headlines: "U.S. efforts to catch bin Laden intensify," and "New hunt for bin Laden under way." Whatever happened to the old one?

BRONWYN LANCE CHESTER

After all, on Sept. 13, 2001, just two days after the worst attack on American soil in 60 years, President Bush told the nation, "The most important thing is for us to find Osama bin Laden. It is our number one priority and we will not rest until we find him."

Who would disagree? But the renewed focus on nabbing America's public enemy No. 1 raises a few questions:

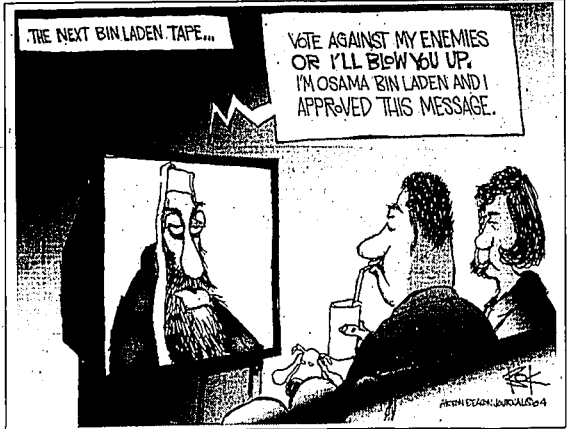
Why wasn't the Bush administration, which lately has the attention span of a fish, already doing everything in its power to catch bin Laden? What on earth could be more important than snaring the stone-cold assassin of nearly 3,000 Americans?

Two-and-a-half years after the Sept. 11 attacks, we hear that Washington is turning up the heat. Wasn't the whole idea of a war on terror to scorch Osama and Co. from the get-go?

Between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden, it's no contest who was the greater threat to America. Just ask the families of 17 murdered sailors on the USS Cole. Or the thousands of husbands, wives, children and parents of those who died in the hijacking attacks.

Rather than a sharp focus of America's resources on capturing Osama, we got a takeover of Iraq that less resembles foreign policy than a political science Ph.D. thesis gone bad.

Even President Bush, last September, finally said there was no link between Saddam



Hussein and the attacks of 9/11. Of course, he did so when much of the mid-Atlantic was in the throes of Hurricane Isabel, without electricity. But that hasn't curbed his No. 2, Dick Cheney, from continuing to peddle that myth on Sunday-morning talk shows.

And sorry, but I don't buy the post-WMD-search argument that we had to invade Iraq because Saddam killed his own people. Back in 1998, I worked in Sudan, where the government is engaged in slavery and genocide - in the actual, not the hyperbolic - sense of the words. It also harbored bin Laden and his training camps for years. Why aren't we invading Sudan in the name of democracy and human rights?

I find the Saddam-as-terrorist rationale for invading Iraq hard to swallow, particularly if our actions have exacerbated, not suppressed, global terrorism. After last week's deadly train bombings in Madrid - 911 days after Sept. 11 - it's high impossible to argue they haven't.

Love or hate the Iraq war, there's no question that the finite supply of our government's

specialized forces and area experts was diverted from the core mission of netting bin Laden in Afghanistan to the al-Qaeda mirage of Iraq.

"Iraq was a huge distraction," said Steve Coll, managing editor of The Washington Post. Coll, who spoke at Old Dominion University this week, has written "Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001," the definitive work on our decades-long attempts to seize the terrorist moustache.

"Whoever you think of the mission (in Iraq), you can't deny that it was a logistical and resource drain on the bin Laden campaign in Afghanistan," Coll said Monday.

"As big as our bureaucracy is, there are only so many people who have the talent and equipment to operate in Afghanistan. Especially in the intelligence community, the cadre of officers who work on bin Laden are almost always the same people who get drawn into something like Iraq."

Coll makes the point that there was little urgency in both

the Clinton and Bush administrations to nab bin Laden before 9/11, even though "we were close to getting him four or five times."

But since 9/11, we're only too aware that bin Laden is capable of striking not just at America's doorstep but inside our house. The Spain bombings proved that al-Qaeda has knocked down Europe's door, too. We're fighting an astute, sophisticated and ever-adapting enemy; we need all the resources we can muster against it.

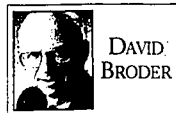
Look, even though Bush's foreign policy priorities have strayed off target, no one in his right mind believes the president ever forgot bin Laden. But I hope this step-up seriousness in finding the terrorist is more than an election-year gimmick.

And Bush would do well to remember a lesson from Madrid: A well-timed terrorist attack can have a profound impact on the electorate.

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Lasting impact of war takes shape

LAWRENCE, Kansas - It was pure coincidence that brought me to the campus of Kansas University on the eve of the first anniversary of the start of the war in Iraq. My talk had been scheduled for last fall, but when the business school sponsors discovered that it was also the night of the first home basketball game of the season, they suggested a postponement. I said, "You have your priorities right."



DAVID BRODER

Thus it was that I got my first look at the newly opened Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at a time when the news was dominated by reports and analyses of the U.S. venture in Iraq.

The Institute is a handsome building, set on a hilltop with sweeping vistas in every direction. The archives of the former senator's long career are out of sight, below the surface. The main hall is filled with wonderful photos and other mementos of his life in and out of politics.

Two photographs are particularly riveting. The first shows Dole as a high school athlete, wearing running shorts, his muscled body almost bursting with wonder and optimism. The second, taken after he had been badly wounded in the fighting in Italy and had begun his long convalescence, shows a frail - a figure with almost no flesh on his bones and a terribly shattered right arm that would remain an almost useless appendage for the rest of his life.

The thought was inescapable: This is the reality of war, for victors and vanquished alike. There are men - and now, some women, too - in hospitals today enduring the same thing for their country.



Those of us who have watched events in Iraq from a safe distance have the luxury of being able to discuss strategy, intelligence, alliance politics and ethnic-religious rivalries as bloodless abstractions. We can speculate and dispute about the decision-making that led to the war and the planning - or lack of planning - for its aftermath.

Those who fought the war - and continue to fight what we are pleased to term an "insurgency" - have no such privilege. They are called upon to deal with hard day-to-day reality, including the constant danger that they or their friends and comrades may be torn apart by shrapnel, just as Bob Dole was. On the flight to Kansas I read last week's issue of The Weekly Standard, Bill Kristol's first-rate conservative magazine. No one was more ardent an advocate of taking on Saddam Hussein's regime than The Weekly Standard. Not surprisingly, its lead editorial,

"Iraq One Year Later," examines the results and finds them good.

The editorial challenges Democratic nominee John Kerry to explain why he voted for the resolution authorizing the use of force in Iraq and subsequently opposed the \$67 billion appropriation for the reconstruction of that country. It is a legitimate question.

But I was struck by the fact that nowhere in this rather long editorial does one find the words "weapons of mass destruction." The parsing of language now on display from administration spokesmen - questioning whether they said the threat was "imminent" or "immediate" - clouds the basic point. Everyone who favored going to war believed Saddam had those weapons, and they are not found.

It is possible for skilled advocates such as Bill Kristol and Robert Kagan, the co-author of the editorial, simply to slide away from that reality.

But the men and women sent into combat to "disarm" Saddam have no such easy out. They live with the consequences - and will for the rest of their lives.

Dole is an inspiration to them, an example of how courage and endurance can overcome even the most grievous of wounds. He came through repeated surgeries and entered political life, where he made his mark in the House, the Senate and finally, on his third try, as the Republican candidate for president in 1996. Some of those now in military hospitals may be able to serve their country again in public office, as Dole did. Most will bear their scars in anonymity - their sacrifices known only to family and friends in their hometowns.

But on this anniversary - as the debates about "the meaning of Iraq" go on - no one should forget for one minute about the lives that have been changed forever by that war.

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LETTER

IDWR failed to plan ahead on water rights

The Idaho Department of Water Resources has been over-appropriating water for years, and it is about time it accepted its responsibility. For example, I can recall when the Box Canyon controversy was in full swing the measured flow from the springs was about 1,100 cubic feet per second and yet the Department of Water Resources had allocated 2,500 cfs in water rights.

It is also a known fact, based on studies of the Snake River Plain Aquifer, that the change to sprinkler irrigation would eventually reduce spring flows on the north side. The fish hatcheries should have recognized this problem and planned accordingly. The obvious solution to the

problem is to have the Department of Water Resources buy the water rights from the fish hatchery producer. In addition, they should grant no more groundwater rights on the north side. This should include irrigation, dairies, new subdivisions, etc. Closing down all the current wells on the north side is not a solution. Think of the economic disaster this would cause, plus the tremendous loss in taxes to those counties involved.

There should also be an active plan for recharge of the aquifer in high water years. This additional water should help to maintain the status quo. The Department of Water Resources should not grant any additional water rights based on this new inflow. STUART L. MURRELL, Jerome

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LETTERS

Leave CSI out of TFHS tech programs

The Times-News, March 9, contained an article about a revision of the top program in the Twin Falls School District. The revision concerned a proposal involving the College of Southern Idaho and indicates the dissolving of the current vo-ag program. The school district evaluation stated the program basically trains students to be farm laborers and improved classes might emphasize academic classes in high school... and then send students to CSI for special credit courses. Having read the district's proposal, I find no provision for the teaching of technical trade skills, and I always thought those students preparing to be tradesmen, mechanics, farm laborers, etc., deserved an education as well as those preparing for management positions.

Two years ago, voters rejected a technical building on the campus at CSI because they wanted programs to be at the high school left alone and not mixed with CSI. Voters did not want the students to travel off campus for any type of instruction. Now the school administration wants to eliminate the last remaining program that teaches trade skills along with other basic agriculture subjects and remodel the well-equipped shops for use by professional type courses.

The wood shop is now being used only for a night class taught by CSI instructors with their shop equipment stacked in the corner while computer-type modules not owned by the school district occupies the shop space. Not long ago, the school district was crying that it lacked classroom space. The wood shop program used to accommodate 90 to 100 students a day.

It took many years to build and equip technical programs at Twin Falls High School that were among the top programs in the state but only a few years for an administration and school board to allow their demise. Now the administration wants to eliminate the last of the programs. Once the vo-ag program leaves, we will never see it again.

The plan is for instructors at CSI to teach the proposed programs and for the aligning of classes and programs with CSI. This has some merit, but I think that the school district should staff all classes and be in full control.

Perhaps if the Twin Falls School Board received enough calls from concerned voters, it might just have the backbone to say no to this ridiculous proposal and save what we have left. It has until April to make a final decision.

BILL JACOBSEN
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bill Jacobsen taught vocational education at Twin Falls High School for 33 years before retiring in 1990.)

Parents should have stepped in on relationship
In response to the mother, and those who think like her, who complained of the unfairness of her son being a statutory rape felon...

I grieve that this happened to a nice young man and girl. I don't claim to be in any way perfect myself, however, where were you (and her parents) while these "consenting minors" were illegally sexually active? Did you forget your responsibility as parents to try to guard them against illegal and foolish acts until they are adults?

There is an institution called marriage. Marriage is to be valued.

ued. It is there for everyone's protection. Even gays, deluded as they are, know and recognize that. Any two underage people can, with their parents' consent, get married. If they can't be controlled or control themselves, this may or may not be an option. Our kids need to hear "abstain until marriage and stay pure after that."

What are we doing when we turn a blind eye or give underage people the condom or pill without the protection of marriage? We are saying, "Go break the law, have multiple partners and the almost inevitable marriage problems attendant with that, get incurable and/or damaging and painful sexually transmitted diseases, find out in 10 years you are infertile, have cancer, may leave children parentless, or are depressed to the point of suicide over an abortion." Today, it is foolishness to think condoms, the pill or any other kind of "safe sex" is safe. They are not going to absolve us of our duty to protect our children and ourselves. We must obey the law and teach others to do so.

Laws, and especially this one, are there for our mutual protection. If we disrespect them, live outside them, there are consequences whether or not the law catches us. Maybe, if the law goes catch and prosecute enough of us, the rest will wise up, reform and do the right thing for the protection of our families and society. Then, God save us, maybe we won't get yet another plague like we have with pornography, AIDS, cervical cancer from STDs and

breast cancer from abortion or the pill, among so many.

To this moon, my heart hurts for you. Our children must pay the consequences for their actions and/or our lack of action. Hopefully someone else will learn from us and our mistakes and make wiser decisions.

DEB MEHRABAN
Twin Falls

Ask not what John Kerry can do for Idaho

Look out, Idaho, John Kerry is coming your way. Do you remember how a year or two ago, Teresa donated money to the Idaho Democrat Party so Idaho wouldn't be a "one-party" state?

God, ya gotta love these liberals.

Yep, John Kerry is coming to Idaho to "recharge" his batteries by doing nothing, rather than what President Kennedy said in 1961, of "what you can do for your country."

I don't know of a single instance where John Kerry has ever donated his time to help his fellow Americans.

John Kerry is just a stuffed shirt. Beware, Idaho, John Kerry will do to you what he has done to Massachusetts.

DON SCHMIDT
Stoughton, Mass.

Rethink the ISAT, and give more scholarships

I would like to challenge the Idaho Legislature to re-think the consequences of the ISAT. Instead of conse-

quences, not graduating, let's have rewards. Right now, there is a great deal of fear and anxiety that students are feeling when they realize they are behind in their academic skills. I'm not sure if that creates the best environment for learning.

I think that if a student passes the ISAT, they should receive a \$1,000 scholarship to any academic college, technical college or trade school in the state of Idaho. If a student chose to go out of state, maybe they could receive \$500. The main idea is to invest in the future by encouraging students to move an academically beyond high school. If a high school graduate chose not to use the \$1,000 scholarship, it would simply go back into the fund. The opportunity to use

the money would expire after two years. I don't have all the answers, but I think the idea is more productive than the tie to graduation.

I realize that many people will say that we need something to raise the standards in public school. I am in favor of eliminating the letter grade D from the grading scale. I think public education could raise the bar by having an A, B, C, F scale.

Last, I realize the main reply from legislators will be "where are we going to get the money?" I could only say that we could look for federal grants, private businesses or foundations to donate to create the fund. We all know that a more educated society is more likely to be productive, less violent and depend less on

assistance from the state. This also could be tied into the drug-free scholarship the Legislature just passed. Together, a student could earn \$2,000 in scholarship money. I think it is worth a look.

DARIN GONZALES
Kimberly
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WORLD

Taiwan's president wins re-election

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - President Chen Shui-bian claimed victory in a close race for re-election Saturday after surviving an assassination attempt, but his opponent challenged the results and raised questions about the shooting and its effect on voters.

While claiming victory in the presidential contest, Chen clearly lost a simultaneous referendum to strengthen Taiwan's military. The ballot question - fiercely opposed by China, which saw it as a rehearsal for a vote on Taiwan's independence - failed because not enough voters participated.

Protests erupted around the island, as thousands took to the streets demanding that officials investigate alleged irregularities in the election, which Chen won by only 30,000 votes.

Riot police were deployed as the government tried to head off a political crisis that could pose a serious challenge to

Taiwan's young democracy, which has had only two other direct presidential elections in the past eight years.

Crowds became violent in the third-largest city, Taichung.

Hundreds of people pushed over a metal barrier at a courthouse, shoved their way through a police line and began smashing windows with their bare hands.

Many chanted, "Check the ballots" as police tried to restore order.

Haiti's interim leader praises gang leader

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) - Sharing a platform with rebel leaders, Haiti's interim leader Saturday praised the gunmen who began the uprising that chased Jean-Bertrand Aristide from power and even paid tribute to an assassinated gangster.

About 3,000 people cheered and clapped for Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, who held his first rally in his hometown of Gonaives, where Haiti's independence was declared 200 years ago and starting point for



Gerard Latortue

its recent rebellion.

"I ask you for a moment of silence for all the people who fell fighting against the dictatorship, and especially for Amiot Matayer," Latortue said as the crowd went wild. Matayer was the leader of the Cannibal Army street gang, and his death

sparked the rebellion.

Rebel leaders who still run Haiti's fourth-largest city sat on a platform alongside Latortue. Organization of American States representative David Lee, recently installed interim Cabinet ministers Bernard Gousse and retired Gen. Herard Abraham, and new Haitian police chief Leon Charles.

Rebel leader Winter Etienne, self-declared mayor of Gonaives, welcomed Latortue and told the crowd his fighters

would surrender their weapons when a police presence is restored to the city, which had about 250,000 people before the uprising erupted Feb. 5.

Latortue paid tribute to Metayer and those killed in the fighting to oust President Aristide. More than 300 people died - dozens of them police who failed to overcome the rebels.

Metayer's Cannibal Army gang ran the docks at Gonaives and was said to control drug-trafficking through the port.

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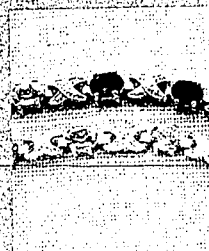
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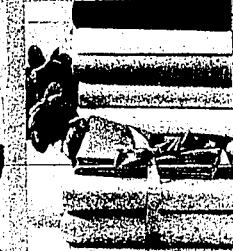
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J. Richard Fillmore - Twin Falls

J. Richard Fillmore, 69-year-old Twin Falls resident, passed away of complications of pneumonia on Friday, March 19, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Richard was the second child born to J. Stanley and Zolla Lemmon Fillmore. He was born on Sept. 18, 1934, in Rigby, Idaho. As a young child, Richard lived in the wilds of Yellowstone Park. The family lived in a tent for several years until permanent housing could be found.



Richard was the second child born to J. Stanley and Zolla Lemmon Fillmore. He was born on Sept. 18, 1934, in Rigby, Idaho. As a young child, Richard lived in the wilds of Yellowstone Park. The family lived in a tent for several years until permanent housing could be found. At a young age, Richard was run over by a team of run away horses at the Rigby Pioneer Days celebration and received severe head injuries. He carried the results of his head injuries the rest of his life and struggled very hard to find the main stream of life. Richard attended schools in Yellowstone Park at Mammoth and Gardiner, Mont. He graduated from high school at Gardiner and attended a technical school at Havre, Mont. He was drafted in the U.S. Army on Dec. 7, 1956, and spent most of his service time in Germany. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 27, 1959.

"Doc" Hubbard, a world renowned author and Indian anthropologist. He made many trips with "Doc" to the various Indian reservations in both North and South Dakota. This was a deep and lasting friendship for Richard and he treasured the time spent with "Doc." Richard was very devoted to his parents and siblings. Whenever visited, Richard always asked how his nieces and nephews were doing and what they were doing. He loved them all, especially Christi Rask, and was totally devastated at her untimely passing.

Richard had some faults and one of them was he had a heart of gold. He would give you anything he had if you asked for it. If you needed or wanted it, it was yours. This giving trait came back to haunt him several times during his life. But he overcame the bad decisions and moved on, never giving up on his fellow man or his family. His family was the most important thing in his life and he lived accordingly. He was a kind and gentle

man and lived a very simple life. His church was important to him and he will be greatly missed. Richard was preceded in death by both sets of grandparents; his father, J. Stanley Fillmore; a sister-in-law, Dee Fillmore; and a niece, Christi Rask. He is survived by his mother, E. Fillmore of Albion; two brothers, Dale (Nell) Fillmore of Twin Falls and Jon (Ellie) Fillmore of Albion; one sister, Jean (Richard) Rask of Bismarck, N.D.; and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the Rigby Pioneer Cemetery in Rigby, Idaho, where Richard will rest from all his struggles, tribulations and health problems and he will finally find peace. Best easy Richard. You have earned it. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Southern Idaho Learning Center, 883 Lake Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Burton R. Mackey - Burley

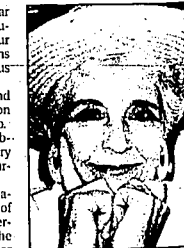
Burton R. Mackey, 95, passed away on March 16, 2004, in Mesa, Ariz., at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Donel Martindale. He was born on Jan. 17, 1909, in Mantit, Utah, the son of James A. and Sadie Mackey. He married Erma Dayley on Sept. 25, 1933. Their marriage went unblemished in the Idaho Falls Temple on Aug. 13, 1954. He was preceded in death by his wife, Erma; a brother, James Nevell Mackey; and a sister, Berniece Talbot.



He is survived by his five daughters—Shirley (Donel) Martindale of Mesa, Ariz., Margie (James) Hoggan of Preston, Idaho, Nola (Steve) Hance of Logan, Utah, Kerry (Gary) Thompson of Highland, Utah, and Linda Blake of Burley; 21 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren. An event of special interest occurred when he was 16 years old. He and a friend were walking through Cedar Grove south and east of Oakley, Idaho, for the purpose of cutting cedar posts. He was carrying an axe, and he al-

Ruth Gochour Goode - Boise

Following a valiant two year battle with cancer, former Rupert resident Ruth Gochour Goode went home to the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 18, 2004. She was born to Clyde and Bertha Christen Gochour on Dec. 9, 1925, in Burley, Idaho. Along with her seven siblings, she was raised on a dairy farm and educated in the Burley area.



Following her 1947 graduation from the University of Idaho, Ruth worked for several years in research at the Hanford nuclear site near Richland, Wash. In 1950, she married Bus Goode and raised three children in Rupert, where she resided until cancer treatment necessitated relocation to Boise in 2002. An accomplished musician, she shared her talent for many years as organist for the Rupert First Christian Church. She also spent innumerable hours as a volunteer entering nursing residents of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital nursing home with her musi-

cal abilities. Ruth maintained an active lifestyle and enjoyed gardening, skiing, golf, tennis and bicycling. Her greatest joy in life, however, was doing whatever she could to enhance the lives of those around her. Not content to simply follow the Golden Rule and "treat thy neighbor as thyself," Ruth always took things one step further and treated everyone better than herself. She is survived by her hus-

band, Bus; three children, Jill (Craig) Hodges of Fairfield, Calif., Chris (Lynette) Goode of Boise, Idaho, and Jon (Shirley) Goode of Soda Springs, Idaho; three grandchildren, Benjamin, Nathanael and Alex Marie; and her seven siblings, Jean Peterson, Everett Gochour, Beverly Johnson, Gochour, Bryce Gochour and Joyce Christensen.

In accordance with her wishes, her body was donated to the University of Utah School of Medicine for medical research. As in life, her legacy of service to her fellow man will carry on in death. A celebration of Ruth's life will be held at the Rupert First Christian Church later in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Ruth's honor to the Rupert First Christian Church or Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

OBITUARIES

Harold 'Hal' Rowley - Rupert

Harold D. "Hal" Rowley, 77, of Rupert, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. He was born on Oct. 6, 1926, in Pocatello, Idaho, the son of Isaac M. and Sarah O. Newbold Rowley. He graduated from West High School in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1944. He served in the United States Army from 1945-1946. Upon his honorable release from the Army, he continued his education at the University of Utah in psychology. In 1950, Hal was a distinguished military graduate from the University of Utah and received the reserve commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force and recalled to active duty on Aug. 15, 1950. He was assigned to Marsh Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif., as an air police officer. While stationed there, he worked as a prison officer. He was later transferred to Lake Charles Air Force Base in Louisiana and served as a statistical officer. Upon his release in September of 1953, he was graded a first lieutenant. He then reenlisted on Sept. 23, 1953, retiring on July 1, 1969, in grade of chief master sergeant, and was advanced to retired grade of first lieutenant on Jan. 5, 1979. His overseas tours include France from 1955-1959 and Germany



enjoyed fishing and playing golf. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He married Ruth Olson Smith on Oct. 4, 1950, and they have resided in Rupert. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Michael S. Rowley and Anita J. Rowley, both living in Germany, Glen J. (Christine) Rowley of Burley and Jeri L. Rowley Corona of Boise; two stepsons, Mike Stuart of Rupert and Randy Stuart of Burley; and his grandchildren, Amanda Rowley, Micaela Corona, Rhianonn Rowley, Christopher Rowley, Lacie (Jeff) McCaskill and Amber Paloma. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jennie Norene "Rene" Rowley, who died in August of 1988; and one brother, David Rowley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the First Baptist Church, 807 5th St., with Pastor Ray Herd officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1850 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the University of Utah's Medical Research Department in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Gary Roy Kernin - Lewiston

Gary Roy Kernin, 63, of Lewiston and formerly of the Magic Valley area, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2004, due to causes related to epilepsy. He was born Nov. 1, 1940, in Ainsworth, Neb., to Leovan Kernin and Ruby Lewis. In 1949, the family moved to Kimberly, Idaho. He attended Kimberly schools, graduating in 1958. After graduating, he moved into Idaho State University receiving an education in automotive mechanics. He married Linda Albertson on March 10, 1961, having one child, and later divorcing. In 1970, he moved to Lewiston working for the Idaho State Highway Department as a mechanic. He also worked for several businesses as a mechanic. Later on, he started his own business he called "Gary's Home Maintenance." He enjoyed helping others,



doing woodwork, family gatherings, genealogy and telling tales of his travels. He was a very dedicated member of the Twin City Twirlers Square Dance Club, holding many offices. Gary is survived by his fa-

ther, his companion, Sue Lake of Lewiston; his son, Corey (Ada) of Burley; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Gary is also survived by sisters, Pam (Travis) Edgerton of Post Falls, Idaho; brothers, Steve Kernin of Kimberly and Mike Kernin of Clarkston, Wash.; and also many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother.

SERVICES

Emma R. Praegitzer, formerly of Minidoka and Paul, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Dorothy M. Clayton, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church, 205 E. Fifth, Shoshone (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Harold Dean Thacker of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Filer Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Ronald J. Cochran of Eagle, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Kingdom of Glory—Lutheran Church, 3430 N. Maple Grove Road, Boise, viewing from 1 p.m. until time of the service. Tuesday at the church (How-

DEATH NOTICE

Thomas R. "Tom" Jones of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the First Church of the Nazarene; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with family greeting friends.

Ronald D. Easterday, BUHL—Ronald D. Easterday, 58, of Buhl, died Friday,

March 19, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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HB755 (State Affairs) - Allows the state to sell mineral rights under land it has sold previously if the highest and best use of the land is for development purposes.
HB777 (State Affairs) - Clarifies the procedure for unpaid debt of a political campaign and restricts certain uses of funds.
HB760 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides investment tax credit for renewable energy investments in wind power and other technologies.
HB761 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides an income tax credit of one-half cent per kilowatt for electric energy generated by specific renewable sources.

Confirmed by Senate Legislative Action Complete

HB266 (Ways and Means) - Designates the Natural Resource Committee as the one charged with finding a solution to the Middle Snake River water crisis.
HB272 (Ways and Means) - Updates the federal government to conduct salmon survival studies this year to determine if survival can be maintained or improved with a lower spill level.
SB134 (State Affairs) - Authorizes issuance of bonds to build a \$9.9 million Health Care Education Center in Madison Falls.
SB110 (State Affairs) - Endorses pilot projects in which the state to give management authority over federal land.
SB134 (State Affairs) - Authorizes approval for the Department of Administration and the Eastern Idaho Technical College to enter into an agreement with the Idaho State Building Authority to finance and develop the Health Care Education Building introduced in House.
HB180 (Ways and Means) - Requires that junior water right holders in the Eastern Snake River Plain must provide mitigation to senior water right holders beginning April 1, 2004.
HB489 (Ways and Means) - Adopts the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Mitigation, Recovery and Restoration Act for 2004 on file with the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the Office of the Attorney General as approved mitigation.



Sam Blair, a volunteer for the Idaho Peace Coalition, reads portions of a Martin Luther King speech during a rally at the Statehouse Saturday in Boise. This event, which was attended by 300, was part of an international day of action marking the one-year anniversary of start of the war in Iraq. The signs behind Blair represent the number of deaths from each state and country due to the war.

Iraq War rally honors year anniversary

BOISE (AP) - A peace rally at the Idaho statehouse brought out 300 people Saturday, the first anniversary of the war in Iraq.
A handful of veterans and troop supporters mingled with the crowd, waving signs reading "Idaho veterans support Bush and our troops in liberating Iraq." No dispute arose between the two groups.
"We're not advocating to pull out of Iraq and leave now," said Mark Masarik, a spokesman for the Idaho Peace Coalition.
"We're advocating for financial reconstruction and to turn the situation over to an international peace organization," he said.
Sam Blair said international opposition to the war in Iraq "has been the biggest demonstration anyone has seen in world history" and that Americans of all political persuasions were among the skeptics.
Korean War veteran Herb Neizel of Boise and his wife, Angie, said they've taken part in

peace demonstrations for years.
"War is not the answer to the major global problems," he said, suggesting trade sanctions or diplomatic instead.
Others suggested the peace demonstrators were just against President Bush.
"If it were Clinton or Carter these people never would have made a peep," said Shane Nelson, a Boise taxi driver who wore a mask of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein for part of the demonstration. "Only under Republican conservatives do these guys come out. They're just leftover hippies from the '60s, left wing groups who despise the country and look at our flag as a piece of trash."
The protesters don't come out for other world conflicts, he said.
And while America is "busting their butts for hideously oppressed people, where were they during all this time."
He discredited the group's anti-war sentiments, and said if

living under oppressive regimes "they would get a taste that the real world is not this glossy cartoon-padded world they live in."
Blair said Idaho's share of the war comes to \$331.8 million, a sum that could provide health care for 52,287 people.
"My Pell Grant was cut to pay for this war," claimed Jen Forberg, a Boise student.
She said she disagrees with the war, but especially the military marketing techniques that portrays war as an action game.
"It's unfair bringing kids just out of high school from the MTV or video game generation. They're taking advantage of kids without giving them a full picture of what they're up against," she said.
She said her younger brother enrolled with the National Guard for its education benefits thinking his chances of seeing war were remote.
"The longer we're over there, the more national guard members are shipped out," Forberg said.

Session ends as financial problems loom

By Bob Fick Associated Press writer
BOISE - The nation's most Republican Legislature wrapped up an effective, if not flashy, election-year session on Saturday and turned eyes to 2004 campaign and the potentially severe financial problems facing the state a year from now.
The 10-week session was a far cry from the record 118 days that lawmakers spent in the Capitol a year ago. The longest session among the House and Senate leaders that marked 2003 was gone, and the stress level at the statehouse was dramatically lower without the need to consider higher taxes or drastic program cuts.
"There really haven't been those contentious issues this time around," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said. "This would have been a different ballgame if we had to go through what we did last year, and it could be like that again next year."
While debates over gay marriage bans, abortion restrictions and Ten Commandment monuments in public places drew attention, they resulted in no new state policies during the 69 days lawmakers met, avoiding divisive public debates or court clashes.
The typical consternation that surrounds budgeting in tough times was also absent, mainly because Gov. Dirk Kempthorne continued to take the lead on managing the state's cash.
Although the governor urged them to do more, lawmakers did enough during last year's session to make state finances manageable this year. That took the pressure off this winter.
And the leaders managed to put the hard feelings created by the tax and spending battles of 2003 behind them during a trip they took together to Tüvan last fall as part of a state to state exchange that had been in the works for several years.
"We worked well together," the speaker said. But he was taking no bets on the 58th Legislature that will convene two months after the November election facing severe financial constraints.
"We have set ourselves up for that so-called perfect storm," House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome said.
The penny increase in the sales tax lawmakers struggled to pass a year ago expires a year from now.
That means \$180 million less in revenue for the budget that will be written next winter with little optimism among policy makers that there will be a dramatic turnaround in the state

economy to pick up the slack.
In fact, the economy has remained so sluggish the past six months that the surplus Kempthorne and lawmakers expected to have in hand to help pay that revenue gap in 2003-2006 is far short of the target right now.
Lawmakers planned on having about \$60 million banked for the future, but the estimated surplus is below \$50 million because of last minute tax cuts and cash to resolve the water crisis in south-central Idaho. One rewarding employers for creating relatively good-paying jobs had bipartisan support, but it will cost the state only \$400,000 a year. Two incentives for alternative energy that drew some opposition have a price tag of over \$5.5 million, a significant hit on cash flow.
And the surplus could shrink further if tax collections do not pick up in the next four months to cover a \$33 shortfall over the past three.
Bell thinks it will be up to Kempthorne again to come up with a financial strategy that works because the only alternative is a rapidly overrelying economy and significant reductions in state spending on schools and health care.
"And the odds of that happening," she said, "slim and none."
Except for stumbling in his effort to secure deregulation of telephone rates, Kempthorne named a force in the Capitol, the second straight year he has

asserted himself after showing little desire to battle lawmakers during his first term.
Like he did last year, but without the need for his veto power to make the point, Kempthorne dictated more than any other governor in decades the terms of the new budget. While austere, lawmakers went along since cuts were not part of the plan.
State employees will even get their first permanent pay raise in three years this summer.
The governor also got much of his way in the battle over charter school reform and he played a significant role in bringing together a deal on water issues to head off severe economic crisis in south-central Idaho.
"This wasn't a session that required as much engagement" from the governor, Senate Republican Floor Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls said.
"Governor Kempthorne, I believe, has learned when it's appropriate to engage in a more significant fashion," Davis said. "He has learned how to work with the Legislature. He's learned when to fall back, and that's to his credit."
The governor also had a role in turning the GOP away from what could have become significant election issues for the Democrats, chief among them the attempt to deny expanded subsidized health care to children from working, poor families.

By The Associated Press Saturday Sent to Governor

HB448 (Ways and Means) - Requires that junior water right holders in the Eastern Snake River Plain must provide mitigation to senior water right holders beginning April 1, 2004.
HB442 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$100 in additional spending authority for... the Agricultural Smoke Management Fund.
HB443 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$2 million to the Departments of Commerce and Water for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 to address the decline in spring flows discharging from the Eastern Snake Plains Aquifer.
HB484 (Ways and Means) - Creates a process for counties to determine status of federal rights of way.
HB445 (Ways and Means) - Authorizes promotion of commemorative medals.
HB446 (Ways and Means) - Allocates an extra \$20,000 to the State treasurer for the coming budget year.
HB447 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$30,000 to the Education Department to finance school busing audits.
SB1323 (Education) - Repeals waiver for school bus drivers with independent diabetes.
SB1439 (Local Government and Taxation) - Creates the County-based Intermountain Commerce Authority.
SB1203 (Health and Welfare) - Sets membership and appointing authority for regional mental health advisory board.
SB1444 (Finance) - Revises the states charter school creation and operations laws.
SB1435 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates a state regulatory scheme for heating ventilation and air conditioning installers.
SB1445 (Finance) - Allocates \$1.1 billion for 2003-2005 operations of the Medicaid program.
SB1317 (Health and Welfare) - Clarifies the jurisdictions of licensed emergency medical service agencies.
SB1290 (Health and Welfare) - Clarifies when medical assistance may be recovered of surviving spouses or children.
SB1441 (Judiciary and Rules) - Revises exemption provisions for worker's compensation records under the public records law.
SB1422 (State Affairs) - Clarifies tax status of regional transportation authorities.
SB1346 (Education) - Requires a charter public school to limit its attendance area to a compact, contiguous area.
SB1347 (Education) - Sets up reimbursement schedule for transportation costs for charter public schools in their first year of operation.
SB1361 (Education) - Requires charter school applications to include copy of bylaws.
SB1362 (Education) - Requires approved written contracts for employees of charter public schools.
SB1351 (Education) - Provides for denial, revocation or suspension of a teaching certificate in case of a felony conviction.
SB1446 (State Affairs) - Clarifies the

definition of military service for employment and other purposes.
SB1417 (Judiciary and Rules) - Requires cooperation between the Fish and Game and Agriculture departments to assure adequate separation of big game and livestock to control disease.
SB1322 (Education) - Increases the maximum amount of the Promise Scholarship from \$500 to \$600 per year.
HB635 (Resources and Conservation) - Defines what a "dam" is and clarifies the jurisdiction of the Department of Water Resources.
HB586 (Judiciary and Rules) - Regarding the Ethics in Government Act, requires that only spouses or dependents will have their careers frozen during an elected official's tenure in office.
HB651 (Revenue and Taxation) - Exempts new employees tax credit of \$1,000 to employers who hire workers paid more than \$15.50 an hour and are eligible for employer-provided health coverage.
HB693 (State Affairs) - Requires anatomical gift statements to include information about whether the tissue may be retrieved by a for-profit entity.
HB528 (Business) - Increases renewal period for plumbing licenses from one to three years.
HB539 - (State Affairs Committee) - Ensures that electrical power consumers are aware of the cost of fish and wildlife mitigation by publishing the amount on their monthly bills.
HB544 (Environment and Conservation) - Authorizes renewal of existing school bus transportation contracts on a one-time basis.
HB780 (Revenue and Taxation) - Prevents school districts that use Bond Levy Equalization Support from subsidizing projects that are otherwise subsidized by state grants.
HB544 (Environment and Conservation) - Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to appoint watershed advisory groups.
HB745 (Ways and Means) - Clarifies that irrigation and drainage works are not navigable streams and that diverted water is the property of the appropriator while under its control.

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Mimidoka school district voters decide on levy

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

RUPIERT — Mimidoka County School District voters decide March 30 whether to approve a \$978,500 supplemental facilities levy to pay for maintenance and upgrades at school buildings.

If approved, the supplemental levy would make up nearly 75 percent of the \$1,344,218 facilities and equipment budget for the district.

Nick Hallett said the fifth supplemental vote is the fifth supplemental vote for Mimidoka County School District voters since 2000.

Hallett has spoken at service clubs and county and city government meetings in order to increase awareness and voter turnout.

When people come to look at what assets we have to offer and we've maintained schools are pretty high on the list, Shepard said.

Projects expected to be funded if the supplemental levy is approved include safety equipment such as cell phones for administrators and security camera upgrades at Mimico High School.



Chip Thompson/The Times-News

Big Valley Elementary School students swing on the school playground recently. A new rubber safety mat is planned at the playground if a supplemental levy is approved by voters next week.

appropriate flammable material storage units in order to comply with state fire codes.

Other plans included new padded surfaces under playground structures at all schools, the purchase of three new school buses and roofing repairs or replacements at several buildings.

A portion of funds have been used for computer equipment in the past, but that may not be the case this year.

"We're really ahead of the game on computers," said School Board member George Macdonald, who is also a member of the citizen advisory board.

Big Valley Elementary School Principal Alan Cardon doesn't expect his school to get any new computer equipment due to budget cuts in the technology area.

Technology budgets have been cut by about 80 percent this year, district Treasurer Michelle DeLuna said.

Big Valley is expected to benefit from a new metal roof and the removal of beams that have caused water damage to the building's structure.

Prior to 2000 the facilities relied on a 10-year plant that had caused water damage to the building's structure.

Where to vote

- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Acopala Elementary School, 20504 Fourth St., Acopala
Big Valley Elementary School, 2024 12th St., Rupert
Heyburn Elementary School, 1431 17th St., Heyburn
Mimico Elementary School, 10th and D streets, Rupert
Paul Elementary School, 201 N. First St., Paul
East Mimico Middle School, 1805 H. St., Rupert
West Mimico Middle School, 600 W. 150 S., Paul
Mim-Cassia Opportunity Center, 122 S. C. St., Rupert
Mimico High School, 300 W. Highway 25, Rupert
Lola Nelson residence, 1420 N. 500 E., Rupert
John O'Brien residence, 1450 W. 360 S., Paul
Cliff Harper residence, 1340 N. 450 W., Paul

Kimberly schools get new financial software

By Margaret Jones Times-News reporter

KIMBERLY — The School Board has approved the purchase of Infrintre Vision Financial software for the district.

This program will cost \$14,600 and replace software that has been used for the past 10 years.

The new package will allow personnel to organize payroll, payables, financial monthly statement checks, W-2s and other very critical components of operating the district.

searching various programs since last year. In other news Thursday, the Extended Reading Intervention Program for the 2004 board was adopted by the board.

The summer school session for students who are struggling has been set under Curriculum Director Kathleen Noh and will run from June 11 until July 7.

The Kimberly Education Association procedural agreement has been updated and approved by the teachers.

This agreement was ratified in 1994 and needed to be renewed. The board ratified the agreement.

Senate, House approve charter reform package

BOISE (AP) — The House attempt to compromise the Gov. Dirk Cota's charter school reform package was approved by the Idaho Senate on Saturday, clearing the final obstacle to ending the election-year session.

Lawmakers adjourned for the week on Monday after the final vote on the charter school package that was sent to the governor.

On the key 22-12 vote earlier in the day, the Senate ignored the recommendation of the Senate Education Committee that only hours earlier called for defeat of the House proposal because it failed to deal with questions about student diversity and local control.

Though Kempthorne has said the bill provided a long-term solution to charter school issues, lawmakers see no immediate end to the debate.

"There are things in this bill you are finding fault with, but there are things in this bill that are substantial that aren't in lawman Dean Cameron's charter bill," Kempthorne said.

Major ethics and financial questions were resolved on Friday in a day of shuttle diplomacy between the House and Senate by Kempthorne.

The chief staff Brian Whitlock. The bill still retains much of the governor's plan to give charter school backers the ability to bypass local districts and win approval of their schools from a new seven-member statewide commission.

Advocates emphasized the law already allows for the though it takes significantly longer to achieve. They argued that the process needed streamlining to deal with situations where local school boards



and charter seekers can reach new ground. Many parents were forced to go to the state Board of Education last year to get a charter after often-heated talks with the local board.

Many lawmakers supported the bill because they wanted to see their constituents on charter operators and a limit of six new charters a year.

But Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder warned that the bill is a blueprint for turning public education into for-profit education in Idaho.

"My intent was to improve the bill," the Moscow Republican said. "Some of that has occurred."

"But this is not about the charter, schools we have now. This is about the future," Schroeder said. "We're entering into another era now where companies want to use children to make money."

He and others on the committee said the statewide commission usurps local control over public education and creates a system where newly emerging education management organizations can secure both charters and potentially lucrative contracts to run them.

Charter reform has been a priority for Kempthorne. But while revamping the 1998 law governing charter schools has been a focus of lawmakers for the past 10 weeks, Kempthorne's reform package did not surface until 2.5 weeks ago.

Then it took several more days for the plan to be finalized and circulated to key lawmakers.

Judge bans protests at Utah mother's trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A saying it's necessary for a fair hearing, a judge has barred protesters from the trial of a woman charged with killing her baby by not having a timely Caesarean section.

Third District Judge Michael Burton issued an order Friday specifically banning the wearing of pins, signs, ribbons or clothing which "expresses support for or against the defendant or the prosecution" in the courthouse during the trial.

protesters must now stand at least 25 feet from the building, according to the order.

The decision comes after about a dozen protesters from women's advocacy groups surrounded Salt Lake County Deputy District Attorney Kent Morgan after a brief hearing in which prosecutors dismissed child endangerment charges against her.

One woman from the activist group CodePink attempted to

hand him a pink slip "firing" protesters in the case.

Prosecutors say Rowland, 28, ignored multiple recommendations that she get a C-section to save the lives of her twins. One of the babies, a boy, was stillborn.

The girl survived and has been adopted. However, both cocaine and alcohol were found in her system. Rowland has denied refusing to get a C-section.

ble because Utah's criminal homicide statute covers "an unborn child at any state of development." The law, however, exempts the death of a fetus through abortion.

Prosecutors insist that the case is not political, but it has drawn outrage from women's rights groups.

But she'll be there on Monday without pins or signs," said Andrea Moore Emmet, president of the National Organization for Woman of Utah.

Jail

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deterrent for other people in the community, who might want to steal from a government agency.

Carlson was "very crafty," Cannon said. She destroyed the paper trail of the stolen money and laundered fire district funds at her job at the post office. Her actions were "very intentional and premeditated."

The judge said he would be the one to "take the heat" from the divided community about the change in Betty Carlson's sentence. The judge had received letters both in support and in opposition to changing her sentence.

Carlson's attorney, Brent Nielson, argued that the sentence Judge Carlson handed down in November for Betty Carlson was "unduly harsh."

Nielson said Betty Carlson was sentenced to a minimum of one year in prison and a maximum of seven years in prison and auditing she stole over \$95,000 from the Raft River Fire Protection District.

Cannon argued that when the plea agreement was reached Betty Carlson knew she could spend the full seven years in prison.

parent to be home with Dallan Carlson.

Now, however, Nielson said, counselors at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Institution have told Betty Carlson that because of the severity of her crime she's not likely to receive parole for three to five years.

State parole rules also forbid Dell Carlson and the Carlsons' older son, Dustin, who received a withheld judgment in the embezzlement case, from visiting Betty in prison, Nielson said, because the men are convicted felons. That also means the family can't live together while any of them is on parole after they've served their sentences, he said.

"There are things happening that are going to tear this family to pieces if it hasn't already," Nielson said.

Cannon countered that at the time of sentencing, concerns were taken into consideration about Dell Carlson. No one would expect that a child would be happy or positive about his mother's being in prison, Cannon said.

"Mrs. Carlson chose to impose this consequence on the child," Cannon said. "It is Mrs. Carlson's fault that she chose to steal almost \$95,000 from the Raft River Fire Protection District over the years. She had many times to reconsider what she was doing and its impact on her family."

Cannon said the state corrections department has options to allow Betty Carlson's family to visit her in prison.

Defendant's claims

Nielson and Betty Carlson reminded the judge that the family paid back the money it stole between 1997 and 2001. In fact, Betty Carlson told the judge Friday she hadn't actually stolen personal money from any individual fire district officials.

"They have it and they can do what they want with it," Betty Carlson said of the repaid money.

She likened her theft to that of someone who's declared bankruptcy. "That's stealing from your neighbor ... and walking away scot free," she said.

Cannon said the comparison was nowhere close to Betty Carlson.

Nielson also said that Betty Carlson didn't deserve to be rewarded for doing what she had been expected of her while she was in prison.

She and Nielson claim that she's been a model prisoner and worked in the kitchen in the Mim-Cassia Criminal Justice Center and in the laundry at the pen.

Carlson is a typical white-collar criminal, Cannon said, and those criminals do well in prison.

Crump

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Opheim, population 111, is located just south of the Canadian border. I have a friend who used to be a schoolteacher there.

They had a little water up there this winter. Opheim's town water-tower froze, the owners of the only cafe in town

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centennial events and projects. Resident Lee Barnes encouraged the committee to keep prices on centennial sale items as low as possible.

"I think you will be able to sell more things and make more money," he said.

Renovations to the vacant building located on South Broadway next to Cole's Cleaners are being made so the structure can house a museum in the near future.

"We're in the embryo stages of these projects," event chairman Judy Feiton said. "We're only limited by our own imagination."

upped stakes and left in mid-winter and a Canada-bound 18-wheeler got stuck and disappeared under a huge snowdrift. That was in the middle of the Main Street.

The mayor told a Los Angeles Times reporter that he didn't expect the snow to melt until June.

Books to be published include a picture book by resident Larry Quigley. Quigley stipulates it will be an expensive coffee table edition, but a book that everyone can afford. Dorothy Amer's photos of barns, tools from the past, lake rock buildings and Balanced Rock may also be republished for sale as souvenirs.

And there are plans for Buhl memorabilia on cups, lapel pins, blanket throws, shirts and more.

Funds raised will be used for

That's why my friend left Opheim: There's just not much left for a truck coach when nobody's quite sure where the track is.

Steve Crump is The Times-News features editor. Write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

lots in Buhl went on sale the day after the water was turned into the canal system on April 17, 1906.

With Twin Falls celebrating its centennial this year and Kimberly and Fiber turning 100 next year, Buhl has an opportunity to observe what works and what doesn't work for those communities.

"Over the next several years there will be a series of centennials in Twin Falls County," history chairman Jim Barker said. "We have the great opportunity to occasionally stealing their ideas — copying them. Or if they don't work for them, we don't do it."

Randall Morgan was a movie of Buhl, including interviews with longtime residents Helene Byrne, George Harvey, Leo Popplewell and others.

The commission meetings held at 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month at Cosmic Jolt, 120 South Broadway. Inquiries may be made by calling Langdon at 543-4679.

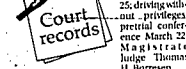
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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Cynthia K. Hamer, 37, use of prescription paraphernalia with intent to use; injury to a child; resting or obstructing; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Benjamin Iccera-Pineda, 25, driving under the influence; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Raymond J. Blanes, 25, driving without privileges; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.



Robert V. Bushkard, 36, theft by receiving; possession stolen property; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Paul Verdel Walker, 25, driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jose Gabriel Gonzales-Anguelo, 22, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; carrying a concealed weapon without a license; pretorial conference March 22. Separate case: doubling the peace; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Nathan R. Jacobson, 21, battery; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Amber L. Kypar, 19, driving without privileges; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Raulo Sergio Leon-Mercader, 22, driving without privileges; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kevin Lee Pettus, 38, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Randy H. Reed, 43, fraud - insufficient funds check; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Tonya R. Roholt, 27, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Eduardo Romero-Morales, 31, failure to stop damage/leaving the scene of an accident; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Teofilo Irua-Espaza, 31, distributing the peace; injuring another person by careless handling/discharge of a weapon; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jermiah James Schladt, 21, battery - domestic violence; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ronald C. Staff, 32, theft by receiving; possession stolen property; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Christopher S. Stevenson, 21, driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretorial conference March 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Ivan Gonzalez-Perez, 29, failure to maintain liability insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; failure to signal stop; \$250 fine, \$250 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Angel Lopez-Lopez, 36, driving without privileges; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$750 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, two eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Donna M. Fortner, 27, driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; two years suspended probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, 44 suspended, credit for 36 days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; failure to provide proof of insurance; Reitious display of registration cards or plates; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Carlos Valencia-Casim, 30, providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; dismissed by prosecutor; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$200 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, credit for one day served; one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ernest Ray Watts Jr., 39, driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; assault; amended to disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 25 suspended, credit for 60 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Paul Verdel Walker, 25, driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Ernest Ray Watts Jr., 39, violation of no contact order; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Jennifer Lynn Frestone, 48, possession of a controlled substance; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; arraignment continued March 29; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony sentencing

April Kildare, 37, two counts grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; petit theft; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$75 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 174 suspended; credit for six days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Zachary Douglas Adams, 18, burglary amended to aiding/abetting burglary; \$1,000 fine, \$85.50 court costs; three years suspended probation; two years indeterminate credit for 119 days served; jurisdiction retained for 180 days; District Judge John K. Butler.

Roger Dean Hunt, 33, aggravated assault; \$85.50 court costs; five years supervised probation; two years suspended probation; three years indeterminate, 90 days discretionary, credit for 124 days served; aggravated assault; disturbing the peace; driving without privileges (second offense); dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Butler.

Jeremy Douglas King and Shauna Marie Silvers, O/M, King seeking \$350 monthly support for Abston Joseph Silvers, plus 69 percent of child's medical expenses; \$2,794 for his pro rata share of birth costs; \$330 attorney fees.

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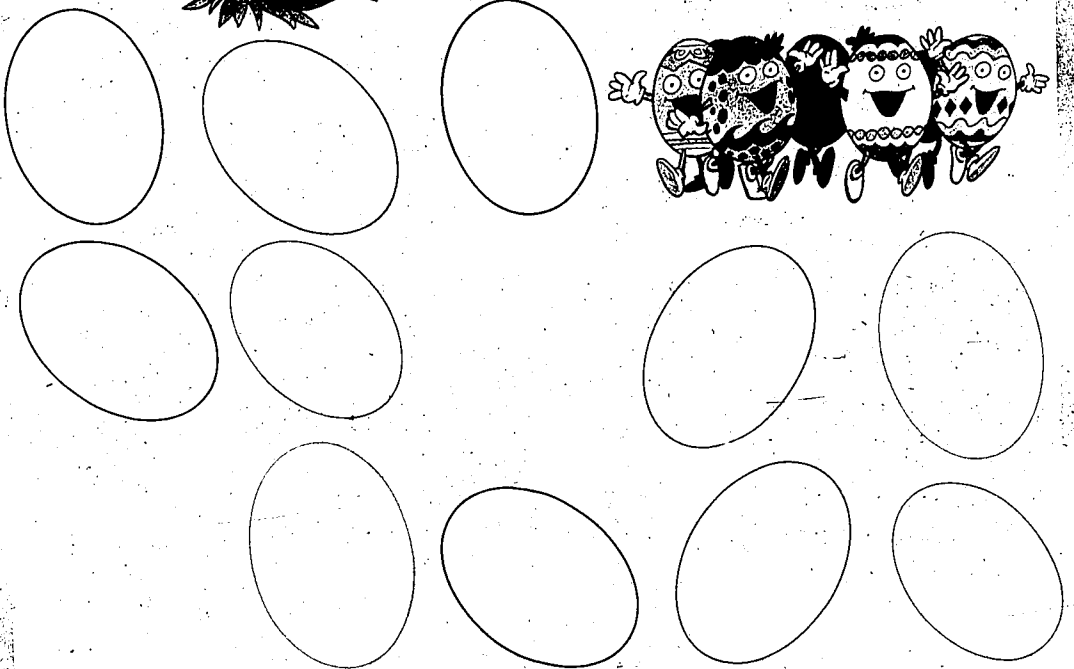
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- Manhattan men's basketball coach Bobby Gonzalez, about playing in the Big Apple

IN BRIEF

M-C inline hockey signups begin

HEYBURN - The Mini-Cassia inline hockey association will hold registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. March 27 at the Heyburn arena on 18th street. For more information, call Jim at 677-4417.

USTA plans meeting for adult league

TWIN FALLS - There will be a captains meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 24 at the YMCA center for an adult tennis league program for 2.5-through 5.0-rated players. For more information, call Lita Nailon at 735-9543.

Four Buhl athletes chosen for bowls

BUHL - Four Buhl athletes were chosen for the Down Under Bowls in Queensland, Australia. RC Sisson and John Puente are part of the Idaho all-star football team.

Will Baggs and Dave Alves were chosen for both football and the state's all-star wrestling team. They chose to compete in wrestling.

All for athletes need to raise funds for the trip. Call Mary Sisson at 543-4427 or Frances Alves at 543-8283. All donations can be sent to Farmers Bank in Buhl.

KYA holds spring sports registration

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Youth Association will hold registration for tee ball ages 5-7, pee wee league age 8, girls softball ages 9-15 and boys baseball ages 9-12 at the Kimberly High School commons room, Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. League fees vary.

Call Janice in the evenings at 423-6173. There will be a \$10 late fee for anyone registered after March 30.

Coaches are needed and can sign up then.

YMCA offers tennis classes for children

TWIN FALLS - Pee wee tennis classes for children ages 4-6 will be held Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. while beginners ages 7-11 will be taught Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the YMCA.

Intermediate advanced classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 12-16. Call the YMCA for more information at 733-4384.

Mini-Cassia plans softball meeting

BUURLEY - Anyone interested in forming a coed softball team in the Mini-Cassia area for the 2004 season is urged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. March 23 in the ice cream parlor of Al's Pizza Shoppe in Burley. For further information, please call Mike Hammond at 436-5826.

Compiled from staff reports

Bringing it home



Brandt Moore, right, hugs College of Southern Idaho teammate Jennifer Pond after the Golden Eagles won the consolation finals of the NJCAA women's basketball tournament in Salina, Kan. Saturday.

CSI Golden Eagles capture consolation title

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. - It may be wasn't the championship College of Southern Idaho women's basketball coach Randy Rogers and his team were seeking entering the NJCAA national tournament.

But a 59-48 win over East Central Community College (Miss.) to finish the season with a victory while earning the consolation championship is good enough for a program that had a previous-best finish of ninth at nationals. The Golden Eagles finished seventh this time around.

"It's a good way to end the season," Rogers said. "If you can ever end your season on a win it just makes it a little bit better."

Most coaches would agree that championships are won with defense, and CSI's was outstanding against ECCC. The 13th-seeded Eagles (29-7 overall) held the 10th-seeded Lady Warriors (31-4) to just 29 percent shooting from the field, which included a 22-percent showing (8 of 37) in the second half.

Much of ECCC's struggles were due to its inability to score inside against CSI's tall timber. Lenka Zimova (6-foot-6), Denisa Svarova (6-5), Brandt Moore (6-1) and Meliame Haulia (6-foot) made life miserable for the Warriors' inside players.

"Everything's contested because of 6-5 and 6-6, no matter how deep you get," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said. "They can rotate well. When they contest shots like that, it's hard to score."

The 6-foot Kimyatta Viverette, one of ECCC's best forces in the paint, was held to just four points on 2-of-13 shooting. Lenore Gray (6-1),



College of Southern Idaho freshman Sidney Orndorff runs the court after a turnover during the second half of the Golden Eagles 59-48 win over East Central Community College during the consolation finals of the NJCAA basketball tournament in Salina, Kan. Saturday. Orndorff scored a team-high 13 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the win.

who averaged 13 points per game during the season, was held to nine points.

"Coach said before the game, 'Don't jump. They are not so

(tall)," said Zimova, who finished with 11 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks. "We started using (our height)." The game was close the en-

I feel very fortunate to come out of that series 1-3," Golden Eagles coach James "Skip" Walker said. "It was real selfish I would have liked to have come out 2-2."

The Eagles get until Tuesday night off for spring break. "It will be good for them to get away," Walker said. "Some of the local guys are going to take some kids home. They'll get away from baseball for a couple of days and come back re-freshed. I hope, and get geared up for Southern Nevada."

Chris Told pitched a perfect game through four innings of Game 2, facing the minimum number of batters until Chad Barber hit a leadoff double in the fifth to centerfield. Told later induced Kade Boyer to hit into a 4-6-3 double play to get himself out of the jam.

"He really kept them off bal-ance," Walker said. "He was

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Title



NJCAA Women's Tournament

Saturday's results
CSI 59, East Central (Miss.) 48, 7th place
Three Rivers (Texas) 63 West-ern Nebraska 53, 5th place
Central Arizona 81, Arkansas-Fort Smith 77, 3rd place
Trinity Valley 77, Gulf Coast, 66, championship

NJCAA Men's Tournament

Saturday's results
Northwest, Missisippi 69, Eastern Wyoming 68, 7th place
Coffeyville (Kan.) 69, Chipola (Fla.) 55, 5th place
Midland (Texas) 76, Southeastern Illinois 73, 3rd place
Southeastern Iowa, 58, Redlands (Okla.) 43, championship

fire victory. CSI's biggest run was a 7-0 spurt, capped off with Andra Sivakova's 3-painter from the left wing, to take a 52-38 edge with 3:51 remaining.

But ECCC answered immediately with a quick 10-0 run by forcing a string of CSI turnovers with pressure defense in the Eagle backcourt. The charge drew the Warriors to within 52-48 with 45.2 seconds remaining.

CSI then needed to hit several key 1-and-1 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

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LOCAL SEASON PREVIEW

Baseball teams swing for the fences

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley's boys of spring have the base-paths already, as the 2004 baseball season is in full swing in Idaho. From defending 4A state champion Jerome to the hope-fully improved Kimberly Bulldogs, local teams are looking to hit it where they aren't, paint the corners with their pitches, and keep the rawhide in the leather.

The young Twin Falls Bruins are under new leadership from first-year coach Mike Federico.

Spring Sports Previews
Thursday: Golf
Friday: Tennis
Saturday: Softball
Today: Baseball, track

The Bruins are pitching rotation - Matt Sherman, Tysan Traveller, Nick Carr, and Chance Elam - are all underclassmen.

The leadership of six seniors, including infielder John Nunez and Alex Hill in the outfield will be heavily relied upon as the Bruins work through a new system.

"You always have to mention Twin Falls as a contender," Minico coach John Frank said. "They won the conference the last couple years and they're still strong."

Frank's Minico Spartans lost speed, but return one of the area's best players in junior shortstop and pitcher Cory Warburton. Warburton finished the 2003 6-0 on the mound and batted over .400.

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Track teams get off to good start

By Joe Paisley and Eric Larsen
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - The weather has cooperated and the area's track and field teams took advantage with solid first-time outings this past week.

Snow got off to an earlier start than others like Wendell's Jaynie Goodbody, who took 11th a week ago at the high school nationals pentathlon event. Her presence on the Wendell girls team makes them a contender and state trophy contender in the 2A ranks. With able athletes around her, the Trojans could challenge for the big trophy this spring.

The Kimberly boys have a strong sprint group, including the returning 4200 yard state 3A champions while Filer, Gooding and Buhl have a considerable number of state qualifiers back for both genders.

In the Class 5A ranks, Twin Falls is always a contender with strong relay teams and good individuals such as hurdler Eric Snow and strengthman Jim Tracy. Minico has good individuals back with senior Jason Barffus in the hurdles and high jump while Kabree Dayron and Becky Hansen are returning state qualifiers in their events.

Class 4A

Jerome has a good nucleus with Whitney Clark and Vanessa West already picking up big points for the girls, while the boys return Dillon Baker, Brett Hamilton and Ted Tolman, and are bolstered by some solid athletes who could pick up valuable fifth and sixth places. Burley has strong dance runners, like John Tolman and Stephanie Johnson.

Class 3A

The Filer boys have good individuals in Brad Silvester, who

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CSI's Hector Martinez (2) completes the first half of a double play on Chase Leavitt (11) to end the first inning against Dixie State Saturday. Dixie State went on to win 6-5.

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SPORTS

Twin Falls baseball wins two

The Times-News

BOISE—The Twin Falls High Bruins baseball team improved to 4-0 by beating Capital 6-4 and downing Borah 11-5 on Saturday.

The Meahler (1-0) struck out four, giving up seven hits and three earned runs in Game 1, a 6-4 decision. Twin Falls picked up a valuable insurance run in the top of the seventh since Capital managed three runs in the bottom of that inning before losing.

In Game 2, Twin Falls pounded Borah reliever Jason Porter for seven runs, all earned, in the top of the seventh to blow open a 4-1 ballgame. A Hill smacked a grand slam against Borah in the seventh. Hill collected three RBIs in that contest with a two-run double in the third.

Twin Falls' Nick Carr (2-0) picked up the win while reliever Matt Sherman allowed runs on two hits in the bottom of the seventh to clinch the victory.

Drew Bernhard went 4 for 8 with a double and triple on the day while AJ Stone stroked a home run against Capital.

Local sports

MIDDLETON—Wood River swept host Middleton 6-0 and 10-5 to win the Wolverines' fifth game in a row Saturday.

The Repozno hit an RBI double in the third to help pace Wood River in Game 1. Kellen Kinghorn stroked a bases-clearing double during a five-run sixth inning while Joe Paisley hit a double in the fifth.

Wood River (5-1) next plays in the Easter Classic in Las Vegas first weekend in April.

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Big Tournament in Boise. They take out Merridan and Ontario Ore. Friday and Skyview and Nampa Saturday.

Tennis

Twin Falls 10, Timberline 2

Twin Falls 9, Meridian 3

TWIN FALLS—Twin Falls improved to 7-0 on the season with a 10-2 win over Timberline and 9-3 over Meridian.

"It was a good day," said Bruins coach Shanna Nalder. "They really enjoy having some good matches. We rarely get the same schools to come down here."

Twin Falls next plays at Jerome on April 1.

Softball

Twin Falls 11, Centennial 1

Twin Falls 3, Centennial 2

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Lady Bruins improved to 3-2 (1-0 conference) by sweeping their doubleheader with Centennial Saturday in Twin Falls 11-1 and 3-2.

"I think we were kind of lucky to come away with the sweep," Twin Falls coach Nick Baunert said. "We didn't play as well in Game 2."

Jayne Harrison went 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs in Game 1 to lead the Lady Bruins in the rout.

Cassie Gonzales pitched a complete game 1-hitter to earn the win in Game 2.

"Twin Falls will take time off for spring break then travel to Minico March 31."

Game 1
 Twin Falls 11, Centennial 1
 Game 2
 Twin Falls 3, Centennial 2

Okla. State wraps up wrestling title

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Matt Greig gave Oklahoma State its first-ever championship and Jesse Jantzen became the first Harvard winner since 1938, while Oklahoma State wrapped up its second straight title in the NCAA wrestling championships Saturday night.

The Cowboys won one of three finals, their only less-than-dominating day, but entered the championship round with a 41.5-point lead and won by that margin for their 32nd title.

Chris Pendleton beat Ben Askren of Missouri, the only freshman in the finals, 11-4 at 174 pounds.

"All people wanted to see us fall," Pendleton said. "We just had to come out and earn it."

Pendleton wrestled right after top-seeded Tyrone Lewis was upset 5-2 by second-seeded Troy Letzers of Lehigh at 165 pounds and averaged his only loss of the season in the Big 12 championships to Askren.

"It breaks my heart to see a guy like Tyrone not win the national title when he's the best wrestler in the world," Letzers said, "but I don't regret it."

Iowa was a distant second with 82 points. Lehigh and Ohio State tied for third at 77.5. Nebraska was fifth at 71. Tennessee won one individual championship apiece.

Greg Jones of Virginia (184), Damion Hahn (197) of Minnesota and heavyweight Tommy Rowlands of Ohio State each won their second championship.

Jantzen (38-1), the top seed at 149, is a sociology major and Genry (41-0) is in pre-medicine. Both put their brains to use on the mat.

John Harkness, the only other Harvard champion, watched from the third row. Jantzen gave Harkness a nod and a wave after defeating second-seeded Zack Exposito of Oklahoma 11-4.

Jones (26-0) also finished unbeaten with a 10-5 decision over Ben Hertz of Northern Illinois at 184. Jones won at 174 two years ago but did not place last year at that weight class before moving up.

Oklahoma State also got third-place finishes from Johnny Thompson at 137 and Jake Rosholt at 184, a fifth, fifth and seventh from heavyweight Will Gruenwald earlier Saturday to win consecutive championships for the first time since 1989-90.

At 125, top-seeded Jason Rynn (23-2) became the first Nebraska champion since 1995 with a technical fall at the second period over fifth-seed Kyle Ott of Illinois. Powell, who finished third last year, ran up a 17-2 lead after Ott got an early takedown.

Zach Robertson of Iowa State continued the momentum from a semifinal upset at top seed Travis Lee of Cornell at 133 in the semifinals, beating Josh Moore of Penn State.

Rynn got a winner at 141, clinching second place, when Cliff Moore decided Matt Murray of Nebraska 5-2 in a mostly defensive struggle matching the semifinals and second place. Moore also beat the top seed in the semifinals, ending an unbeaten season for Virginia's Scott Moore.

Moore finished third with a 50-1 record and 34 pins.

Hahn, the defending champion, was top seed at 197, defeated 10th-seeded Yvan Fulsas of Iowa 6-2. Fulsas also led the lowest seed in the finals, a 58-31 11 career record.

Hahn is the third two-time winner in school history, and one of three he joins in professional wrestler Verne Gagne (1978-49).

In a rematch of the Big Ten championship, Rowlands defeated Pat Cummings of Penn State 6-2 at heavyweight. Rowlands was 100-2 and finished sixth last year after an injured sixth last year after an injury.

Minico 6, Blackfoot 1, Minico 11, Blackfoot 0, five innings

BLACKFOOT—Minico improved to 4-0 on the season with a sweep of host Blackfoot Saturday, 6-1 and 11-0 in five innings. Cory Warburton knocked two home runs in Game 1 while Kyle Copeland and Greg Christensen both had two singles in that game.

In Game 2, Jared Tracy and Brandon Colwell combined to hold Blackfoot to a lone single.

"They're really well," said head coach Ben Frank. "They did more a lot of walks, which was a big improvement."

Minico (4-0) walked 12 batters in its first two games. The Spartans next play in the Bucks

Game 1
 Minico 6, Blackfoot 1
 Game 2
 Minico 11, Blackfoot 0

Wood River 6, Middleton 5, Wood River 10, Middleton 5

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Wildcats whip Pilots, 13-3

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer



Filer pitcher Cameron Knigge hurls a pitch toward the plate during the Wildcats' 13-3 five-inning victory over the Glens Ferry Pilots Saturday afternoon. Knigge picked up the win, pitching 3.1 scoreless innings and striking out six batters.

GLENS FERRY—The Filer Wildcats brought their lumber to Glens Ferry for Saturday's non-conference baseball match-up. Filer pounded out 13 runs on 16 hits to down the Pilots 13-3 in five innings.

The Junior Dan Bamsger got the Wildcats started with a sacrifice bunt that scored Tony Nunez in the top of the second. Remington Barnes then drove in Scott Orthal, who reached on a double, and Bamsger was able to come around on a misplayed ball in center field.

"Coming off our loss to Buhl we wanted to challenge our boys to come back strong," Filer coach Kent Knigge said. "It was a good day."

First baseman Paul Gerrish made Knigge's day even better, going 3 for 3 with two doubles, a two-run home run, and a stolen base after being hit by a pitch. Catcher David Ryan added his own two-run homer in the top of the third to add to the Filer lead.

"They just pounded the ball," Glens Ferry coach Dennis Uhl said. "That's probably one of the better teams we'll face all season."

It was a rough day for senior Pilots pitcher Jason Simmons, who pitched 3.1 innings, allowing eight earned runs and seven hits and four walks. Simmons also went 0 for 3 from the plate.

"Jason wasn't as sharp as usual," Uhl said. "But if he left one up, they made him pay for his mistakes."

Junior pitcher Cameron Knigge came in at the end of the second and pitched 3.1 scoreless innings, striking out

six. Knigge also belted a solo home run to right field in the top of the fourth.

"It's time we gave Glens Ferry a bit," Kent Knigge said. "They've let us have it the last four years."

The Pilots made a late charge with Gerrish on the mound for Filer. Scott Arellano slapped a shot to right to make it 10-3 for Filer. Just as Case walked, Arellano was able to make it in on a throwing error, and Case came around on a passed ball. After Chance Titus walked, senior first baseman Jeffrey Hernandez drove a pinch runner, Buddy Johnson, with a single. Another run could have kept the Pilots alive and forced a sixth inning, but Laif Morrison grounded out to end the game.

"We're hoping that by the end of the year that if you don't hit. We lost a lot last year and we're a little inexperienced throughout."

The loss drops the Pilots to 2-1, while Filer improved to 3-2 over the season. Glens Ferry will host Nampa Christian next Friday, while the Wildcats will take some time off and host Kimberly on April 6.

Eric Larsen/The Times News

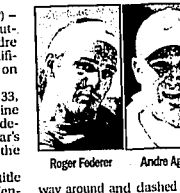
Federer beats Agassi, will face Henman

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP)—Top-ranked Roger Federer outlasted former No. 1 Andre Agassi 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals of the Pacific Life Open on Saturday.

Federer, 22, and Agassi, 33, played mostly from the baseline in heat that reached 106 degrees, with the Swiss star's quickness finally turning the match his way.

Federer will play for the title on Sunday against Tim Henman, who defeated Irakli Labadze 6-3, 6-2. Henman holds a 6-1 career edge over Henman, and his straight set victory at Rotterdam was Federer's lone loss in 27 matches.

Tied 4-4 in the third set and down 40-15 with Agassi serving Federer raced to his left to return a deep shot, whiffed all the



Roger Federer and Andre Agassi

way around and dashed far to his right to hit a hard forehand, then ended the point by rushing forward to pover another forehand past the drawn-in Agassi.

Agassi, who volleyed to send Federer scrambling to his right, didn't expect him to hit such a good shot back. Agassi had to reach to get to the ball and popped it up, allowing Federer

to charge in and hit a winner. Federer won the next three points, then served out for his 26th victory in 27 matches, including a 21-1 start to 2004.

"That turned out to be more crucial than it seemed at the time, 4-all, 40-5. That obviously led to the break," Agassi said.

Agassi said he tried to exploit Federer's backhand, but "He moves so well that if you don't hit your shot, he sort of dances around it and has arguably the best forehand in the game."

He added, "I think he's proven himself to be a cut above everybody right now. Roger is the kind of guy who never allows you to get comfortable, no matter what is going on there."

After wrapping up the match

with consecutive aces down the middle, Federer jogged to the net to shake Agassi's hand, then put his arm around him.

The fans, most of whom roared for Agassi during the match, gave Federer a huge cheer as he beamed and raised both arms. Agassi left the court to cheers as well, waving as he walked off.

"It's always a very special moment for me with players, either Pete (Sampras) or Andre (Patrick) Rafer or Goran (Ivanisevic)," Federer said. "These guys for me have lived through 50 match and brought so much joy for the tennis fans."

In Sunday's women's final, Lindsay Davenport will try to win her third Indian Wells championship, facing No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Eagles

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unmistakable. He was battling on adrenaline and it kind of drained him."

Toto was replaced in the sixth inning by Charlie Strandlund who pitched an inning and two-thirds of scoreless ball to 4.5 in Game 1.

"The Golden Eagles were swinging with success Saturday, totaling 16 hits and more importantly 13 runs in the doubleheader."

"When you're down a little bit, when you were 1, I think that it makes them listen a bit better," Walker said. "I think we made some adjustments today hitting-wise. We're still swinging on a lot of pitcher's counts, but so what? It was a win."

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Game 1 Dixie State 6, Southern Idaho 5

Chad Barben, Trevor Hild, and Matt Sprung each hit a home run to lead the Rebels to a 6-5 win in Game 1.

"The Golden Eagles threatened to tie in the bottom of the seventh, scoring a pair of runs, but fell short."

Barben went 2 for 3 with three RBIs and two runs scored in Game 1.

James Platt pitched a complete game for Dixie, giving up five runs and striking out five.

Game 2

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Jazz hot streak continues against Hawks

ATLANTA (AP)—Andre Kirilenko and Raja Bell each scored 18 points, and the Utah Jazz won for the fifth time in seven games—87-81 over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night.

Utah won its second straight to move into the wild card berth for the eighth and final Western Conference spot. The Nuggets, who

own the tiebreaker, were idle and played Sunday at Minnesota.

Bob Sura had 19 points to lead the Hawks, who have lost two straight, four of five and eight of 10. Atlanta had won two straight at home against the Hawks, but Utah won the 10th time in the teams' last 12 matchups.

CSI

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to the knee injury of Delicia Jerrigan, made two more free throws to seal the win.

CSI women's basketball defeated Southern Idaho 64-50 in Game 1. CSI won 50-43 in Game 2. The Rebels were charged with two throwing errors in the play, which allowed three Eagles to score while Heninger advanced to third. He was later driven in on a Sean VanElderen liner up the middle for the 4-0 lead in the first.

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SPORTS



Gonzaga coach Mark Few looks up at the scoreboard in the final seconds of the game against Nevada on Saturday during the second round of the NCAA tournament in Seattle. Nevada defeated Gonzaga 93-72.

No. 10 seed Nevada upsets No. 2 seed Gonzaga

SEATTLE (AP) — Kevin Pinkney scored 20 points, and Todd Oksek had 19 to help Nevada upset second-seeded Gonzaga 91-72 Saturday.

The Wolf Pack (25-4) advanced to a Friday game against the Boston College-Gonzaga Tech winner.

Guy Violette led Gonzaga (28-3) with 16 points and 11 rebounds. The snipped a school-record 21-game winning streak for Gonzaga, which had lost only to No. 1 seeds Stanford and Saint Joseph's this season.

Syracuse 72, Maryland 76

DIENVER — Warwick had 20 points and nine rebounds, and Syracuse nearly blew a 16-point lead before hanging on to beat Maryland in a matchup between the last two NCAA champions. The game was the third between the two previous champions—in NCAA—tournament history, and the first since 1994 winner Arkansas beat 1993 champion North Carolina in the 1995 semifinals. Gerry McNamara added 13 points for Syracuse (23-7). Travis Garrison and Jamar Smith led Maryland (20-12) with 16 points apiece.

Connecticut 72, DePaul 55

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ben Gordon scored 18 points, and Eneke

Okafor had 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead Connecticut.

Second-seeded Connecticut (29-6) advanced to the round of 16 for the 10th time in Jim Calhoun's 18 years as coach. The Huskies will play the Vanderbilt-North Carolina State winner Thursday at America West Arena in Phoenix.

Calhoun and DePaul coach Dave Leitao are like father and son, making the matchup difficult. Making matters worse, Calhoun left the bench in the second half with an upset stomach and did not return until the final minutes. He hugged Leitao after the game.

Drake Diener led DePaul (22-10) with 15 points.

Duke 90, Seton Hall 62

RALEIGH, N.C. — J.J. Redick snapped out of a shooting slump, scoring 21 points to lead top-seeded Duke (29-5).

Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils, seeking their fourth national title, will face the winner of a game Sunday between Illinois and Cincinnati on Friday at the Seton Hall (21-10) with 14 points each.

Texas 78, N. Carolina 75

DIENVER — Royal Ivy had 17 points to help Texas advance to the second week for the third straight year.

Third-seeded Texas (25-7) advanced to play the Xavier-Mississippi State winner on Friday at the Georgia Dome.

North Carolina (20-10) held Brandon Mouton to 12 points on 4-of-12 shooting, but couldn't contain the rest of the Longhorns — particularly inside. Rashad McCants had 27 points and David Williams 17 for the Tar Heels.

Saint Joseph's 70, Texas Tech 65

RUIJFALL, N.Y. — Delonte West scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half, and Jamar Nelson had 14 of his 24 in the second for top-seeded Saint Joseph's.

The Hawks (29-1) will meet fourth-seeded Wake Forest on Thursday at Continental Airlines Arena.

Andre Emmett led Texas Tech (23-11) with 18 points.

Wake Forest 84, Manhattan 80

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chris Paul had 29 points, eight rebounds and six assists to help Wake Forest advance to the second weekend for the first time in eight years.

Paul was 10-for-14 from the floor and 8-for-9 from the line for the Demon Deacons (21-9). Luis Flores had 20 points for the 12th-seeded Jaspers (25-6).

Boston College 58, E. Michigan 56

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Kathryn Iless made a backdoor layup with 12 seconds left to lead 12-seeded Boston College.

Russ led Boston College (26-6) with 16 points.

The Eagles will face sixth-seeded Ohio State in the second round.

Ryan Coleman led Eastern Michigan (22-8) with 15 points.

Ohio St. 73, West Virginia 67

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport scored 22 points in 10-of-11 shooting for Ohio State (21-9). Caitly added five points, hitting five of six free throws in the final 1:17.

Kate Bulger, the sister of Rams quarterback Marc Bulger, led West Virginia (21-11) with 18 points.

Georgia 78, Liberty 53

PHILADELPHIA — Cori Chambers scored a career-high 19 points and Jessica Pierce added 17 for Georgia.

The third-seeded Bulldogs (23-9) advanced to a second-round game against sixth-seeded Tech.

Kristal Tharp scored 15 points for Liberty (25-7).

No. 1 Stanford's dream ends in the second round

By Jon Wilner
Knight Rider News Service

SEATTLE — It was not going to be a well. Unless it ended in the Final Four, Stanford's amazing season was going to end in agonizing fashion. That's the price for 30 victories and a No. 1 seed.

"But this... this was worse than the Cardinal ever imagined." A meltdown from Coach Pat Riley said, "I'm numb, I'm shocked, and I'm extremely disappointed," point guard Chris Hernandez said, slumped a chair in the locker room. "I'm sick of getting to this point and always saying, 'We'll do it next year.' It comes to a point where you have to say it by putting it all out on the court."

With eight minutes remaining, the No. 1 seed held a 13-point lead over the No. 8 seed. And then it happened. The Cardinal could not score and could not stop Alabama from scoring, and the result was a shocking 70-67 loss Saturday at Key Arena — Stanford's third consecutive second-round loss and its fifth in six years.

But make no mistake Alabama was no North Carolina (2000), no Kansas (2002) and no Connecticut (2003). It was the seventh-best team in the South-eastern Conference, and for most of its played.

"To be frank, I don't think that team should have beaten us," Stanford center Joe Kirchofer said.

Alabama was out-rebounded 19-29 and shot 35.6 percent from the field. In the second half, Tide made one of its first 11 shots. Yes, 1 of 11. But when Coach Mark Gottfried planned out for the scoreboard, his team trailed only 53-40.

"The whole year, we weren't able to consistently put teams away, and it came back to bite



Stanford's Josh Childress, left, drives into Alabama's Kennedy Winston during the second half of a second-round game of the NCAA tournament in Seattle on Saturday. Childress fouled out of the game.

us in the butt," Hernandez said. Kennedy Winston's three-point shot with 6:38 remaining energized the Tide, which scored on its next seven possessions. As the game tightened and the pressure mounted, Stanford shut down.

Alabama compensated for its poor shooting with 44 free throw attempts. (It made 34.) Stanford talked about inconsistent officiating, but the problem was its feet, which did not move

fast enough. Like the meltdown itself, the defensive woes made no sense: Alabama (19-12) wasn't close to the quickest team in the Cardinal played this season.

When Dan Grunfeld missed a game-tying three-pointer at the buzzer, Stanford was left to contemplate the unthinkable.

All that work, all that sweat, all that fun, all those wins — and then it was over. Much, much earlier than anyone expected.

Boise State edges Wisconsin-Milwaukee

NAMPA (AP) — Aaron Haynes scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Coby Kirk made two free throws with 13 seconds left to lead Boise State

to a 73-70 win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday night in the first round of the NIT.

Boise State (23-9), which will play Marquette on Tuesday, led

by 14 with 12:23 left before Wisconsin-Milwaukee (20-11) ran off 12 straight points to pull to 58-55 with 8:32 remaining.

The Broncos responded with a 10-3 run to take a 68-55 lead with 3:24 left.

But the Panthers stayed close, and after 3-pointers by Dylan Saxe and Ed McCants, Boise State led by just one with 29 seconds remaining.

Karl made his foul shots with 13.2 seconds left, and a final shot attempt by McCants was no good.

Page led Wisconsin-Milwaukee with 23 points, while Jason Ellis added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Franco Harris went 3-for-4 from behind the 3-point arc in the first half for Boise State, which led 44-32 at halftime.

Play Marquette wins women's NCAA swimming title

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Auburn's Kirsty Coventry set an NCAA meet record in the 200-meter backstroke, and the Tigers won the team title at the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship for the first straight time Saturday night.

It was the first individual title for Coventry, who beat out three-time NCAA Swimmer of the Year Natalie Coughlin of California. Coughlin had never lost a race in college and was 11-0 in championship competition.

Coventry had finished second at the meet five times in the previous three years.

Coughlin led after 150 meters but Coventry passed her in the final 50, finishing in 2:08.66. The swimmers were competing in a 25-meter pool, as opposed to 50-meter lengths they would swim in Olympic competition.

"I just all came together and I had an amazing race," Coventry said. "I touched that wall and saw there was a No. 1 next to my name and I freaked out."

The Tigers finished with 569 points. Georgia was second

with 431, and Arizona was in third with 369.

Georgia swam the second-fastest 400 relay ever, finishing in an NCAA U.S. Open and American record performance time of 3:35.14.

Southern Cal's Kalya Keller broke a 21-year old record in the 1500 freestyle, becoming just the second woman ever to swim under 15:50. She set an American and NCAA record with a time of 15:49.14.

Texas' Nicole Pohorenc won the platform diving competition with a score of 482.20

Top-seeded Tennessee women advance to next round

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Ashley Robinson has 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks in 22 minutes, helping top-seeded Tennessee begin its quest for a seventh national title with a 77-54 victory over Colgate in the NCAA tournament Saturday.

Robinson bounced back from a disappointing effort in the SEC tournament semifinals against Georgia two weeks ago as she scored only two points in a 68-66 overtime loss.

Sydney Fluker and Sidney Spetcher each added 12 points and Shaunta Zolman 11 for the Lady Vols (27-3), who will face ninth-seeded DePaul in the second round of the Midwest Regional.

Milana Lagzdins led the Raiders (21-10) with 13 points.

DePaul 83, George Washington 46

THE SMITHSIE, Fla. — Charlene Leah Rush had a season-high 23 points, leading third-seeded Oklahoma.

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Vanderbilt beat Lipscomb.

The second-seeded Commodores (25-7) play 10th-seeded Chattanooga in the second round Monday.

Courtney Boynton and Katie Pritch each had eight points for Lipscomb (20-12).

Chattanooga 74, Rutgers 69

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Tiffany Robinson scored 15 points, and Katie Galloway had 14, including two key 3-pointers, to lead Chattanooga past Rutgers.

The Lady Mocs (29-2) won their first NCAA tournament game and extended the nation's longest current winning streak to 27 games in their home court. Chelsea Newton led Rutgers (21-12) with 15 points.

Oklahoma 58, Marist 45

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TCU 70, Temple 57

PHILADELPHIA — Sandra Irvin had 21 points and 13 rebounds, and Ebony Shaw added 15 points and 10 rebounds for TCU.

TCU coach Jeff Mittie coached the Lady Frogs (25-6) a day after he was reprimanded for his arrest for suspicion of drunken driving. Mittie usually apologized for the arrest Friday and must seek an alcohol evaluation to determine whether he needs treatment.

Ari Moore had 16 points for the Owls (21-10).

Houston 62, Wisconsin-Green Bay 47

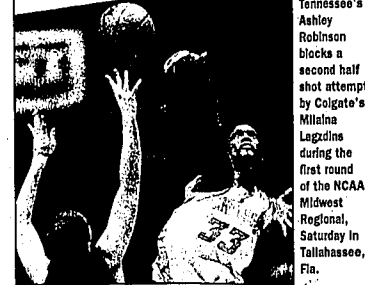
SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Chandula Jones scored 19 points to lead third-seeded Houston to its first NCAA tournament victory.

Houston (28-3) won 22 of its last 23 games, including a school-record 13 in a row. The Lady Cougars will face the third-seeded Marquette winner in the second round.

Nicole Soulis led Wisconsin-Green Bay (23-9) with 13 points.

Texas Tech 60, Maine 50

MISSOULA, Mont. — Alesha Robertson scored 16 points to lead Texas Tech to a 60-50 victory over the first round of the NCAA tournament.



Casey Jackson added 13 points and 12 rebounds and helped hold Marquette to leading scorer Heather Ernest, to just three points on 1-of-9 shooting.

Texas Tech (25-7) used a series of short runs and rarely allowed Maine (25-7) any offensive putbacks. Maine guard Missy Roberts scored 20 points, including a three-point play with 13:45 remaining to end an 8-1 Tech run and pull Maine to 39-33.

Florida 68, New Mexico 56

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Vanessa Hayden scored 15 of her 17 points in the second half and Florida scored the first 10 points over New Mexico (19-36) in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Florida (19-10) advances to the second round of the Midwest Regional, where the Gators will face the winners of the East- or Loyola Marymount on Monday.

New Mexico (23-8) used a 14-4 run late in the game to get within 58-55 with 2:57 left on a 3-pointer by Melissa Forest. But the Lobos would not score again.

The Gators' Tashona Gregory scored on a three-point play with 2:10 left, then hit two free throws 30 seconds later. A layup by Danielle Santos stretched the lead to 65-57. She missed the final shot.

Florida's Thalia Morhead scored 16 points, all of them in the first half, and hit a season-high four 3-pointers. She had 11 rebounds. Bernice Mosby added 17 points.

SPORTS



Louisiana State's Deneeka Hodges shoots for a basket with Casey Potts guarding during an LSU Lady Tigers and the Gold Team practice session on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, La., March 11. Potts is one of hundreds of men nationally who suit up for what they say is the surprisingly tough job of working against women's teams.

For the women there's glory, for the men there's pride

Men practice with female squads to help improve the women's strength, stamina

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — Carlos Bell wears the bright yellow uniform of the LSU Lady Tigers, something that makes his friends scratch their heads.

The lanky 6-foot-4 Bell had basketball scholarship offers from several schools, including Xavier and Prairie View, and hoped to play until he was injured in a car wreck.

Now he's an integral part of the Lady Tigers — one of about a dozen men who practice against the women, trying to help them get better against bigger, stronger opponents. In the long-run, Bell is sure nothing he might have done at other schools would have done as well as this.

"Man, this is the hardest I've ever worked and the best I ever had to be," Bell said. "You relax for a minute here and these players will kill you."

Hundreds of men suit up each season to practice with women's teams at schools across the nation. They spend hours in the gym, watch film and study opponents. And they do it for free.

Ten years ago the NCAA gave its blessing to the practice teams. It also laid down some rules for them.

"These guys go through the same things our players go through," LSU assistant coach Bob Starkey said. "And they don't get

scholarships. They do it strictly for the love of the game."

The men must be students in good standing with the school and meet the same academic requirements, including grades and admission standards, and file all the same NCAA paperwork as the players.

"They're a part of our team," LSU guard Temeka Johnson said. "They work as hard as we do. They just don't get any of the glory."

The men usually act as a scout team, running the offense and defense of the upcoming opponent. Other times, they are asked to run certain plays or defenses over and over.

"They're a great group of guys," Purdue coach Kristy Curry said. "They do whatever we ask of them. They're really serious about making us better."

Considering the amount of work and the lack of perks, getting the practice players is surprisingly easy.

At Louisiana Tech, they call the practice squad the "Dream Team" and lure tryouts so men can compete for the positions.

"Word gets out that it's a fun thing to do," Penn State coach Rene Portland said. "They take a lot of pride in doing it and they pass that along, too."

Advantages of having a practice team are many. Coaches and players say it allows backup players to get more practice time because they don't have to act as a scout team. That in turn allows them to develop faster. It also keeps players fresher and practices sharper.

"Our team is one of the quicker teams in the country," Louisiana Tech coach Kurt Budke said. "It's helpful to be able to face someone bigger and quicker and that means game has become more physical and women are much quicker and more athletic now. Playing against men helps them hone those skills."

The men must work within the framework of the women's game, which eliminates dunks and blocked shots. But that isn't a problem.

"I think many things about the women's game make it a better form of basketball," said LSU practice player Casey Potts. "I don't care if they dunk. How many men's teams would have 100-point games? The exciting thing about basketball is scoring and these girls score."

The other function the men provide is that of loyal fans. Most players attend every home game and try to make big road games, although they have to pay for their own transportation, food, rooms and tickets.

"They really cheer us on," Portland said. "When we make the NCAA finals in 2000 we got them tickets to the game. It was great having them there."

At Vanderbilt the men promised to shake their heads if the women won the South-eastern Conference tournament. They are now bald.

"We've been trying to take one or two of them to away games as one of our managers," Vanderbilt assistant coach Stephanie Norman. "We've won 15 straight games with them with us, so now they've become our good luck charms."

It's a sure bet that LSU's male practice squad will be in the stands Sunday during the Lady Tigers' first round game in the NCAA tournament. No. 4 seed LSU plays No. 13 Austin Peay on their home turf in Baton Rouge.

"Please ask me where I play, I tell them I work with the women's team at LSU," Bell said. "There ain't no shame in that."

To write history Kwan makes record at worlds

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

It's been a long time since Michelle Kwan completed overseas.

Not since 2000 has she been in a major event in Europe. While Kwan promised she wouldn't get lost on her way to next week's World Figure Skating Championships in Dortmund, Germany, she was uncertain what was in store once she arrives.

History, perhaps. Another world title would give Kwan six, topping Olympic gold medalist Carol Heiss Jenkins for the most by an American woman.

"I am trying to figure out how it's going to be going to another country, it's been so long," says the eight-time U.S. champion. "It seems I have not competed in another country for a long time, and to go to Europe is an adjustment."

"The arenas are a little different. Mentally you try to prepare for how the ice is. But it's nice I am experienced with the different kinds of ice surfaces. Maybe that makes it easier to analyze before I get on the ice."

Analyzing the women's field isn't too difficult. Kwan and compatriot Sasha Cohen and Japan's Fumie Suguri figure to outclass everyone — even 2002 winner Irina Slutskaya of Russia, who is making her season's debut after battling illness since last summer.

Cohen never has beaten Kwan in a major event and doesn't even own a world championships medal. She won three Grand Prix events this season and one international.

Cohen seemed unbeatable but then struggled at another inevitable but

fore losing to Suguri at the Grand Prix final. At nationals, Cohen won the short program, then fell apart in the free skate.

She also switched coaches from Tatiana Tarasova to Robin Wagner, who helped Sarah Hughes win the 2002 Olympics.

"I think it's really all about the training and coming in prepared," Cohen says. "I think I've really had a chance to do that over the last two months since nationals. I think worlds has a chance to be a really great competition for me."

"Just being home to train — I was gone and all over the place. Grand Prix, other events. I didn't really have the training time that I needed. Looking back now, I see I may have overpacked the front end of my season. You can only do so much so well."

That's something world champion Evgenii Plushenko has learned, too.

Plushenko has competed despite a torn meniscus in his right knee that will require surgery after the season — like Kwan, he is in a class by himself, but his injury and some poor strategizing cost him the Grand Prix final crown and the European title.

His conquerors, Canada's Emanuel Sandhu (Grand Prix final) and France's Brian Joubert (European) achieved very little in their careers before those upsets.

"There will always be new faces in our sport, such as the skaters you named," says Plushenko, the silver medalist at the Salt Lake City Olympics. "They are all good skaters and have a different style, and I'm looking forward to competing with them in Dortmund."



Michelle Kwan practices the Ladies Free Skate event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Atlanta, in this Jan. 10 photo. Not since 2000 has she been in a major event in Europe. She was uncertain what was in store once she arrives at next week's World Figure Skating Championships in Dortmund, Germany.

WINDS OF CHANGE

More alterations appear to be in store for women's tourney

The Associated Press

In the ever evolving world that is the NCAA women's basketball tournament, more change is on the way. And just about any coach will say it can't happen too soon.

As first-round games got under way this weekend, a new format was taking shape for 2005. Get ready for eight teams at a site and maybe even more, the system adopted in the men's tournament to put teams as close to home as possible in the first two rounds.

Now, there are four teams at each of 16 first-round sites. Next year, there will be eight sites with eight teams each, the same as the men.

"I think it has the potential to be very advantageous," Texas coach Bob Conrad said.

Eight teams at a site should entice fans to the tournament atmosphere, said Cheryl Marra, who chairs the Division I women's basketball tournament committee. Some administrative duties could be streamlined, she said, and there's the potential for bigger crowds because twice as many teams will be selling tickets at a site.

What places and other coaches the most is that the current format will be scrapped.

For the past two years, the 16 subdivision sites were chosen in advance — "predetermined sites," the NCAA calls them. If a team is hosting a subregional and makes the NCAA tournament, it plays at home and third-round schools are shipped there. If the team doesn't get in, four teams travel to a site.

While that system has given the tournament some neutral sites, it also has resulted in a lot of high-seeds playing on the home court of lower-seeded opponents. Before 2003, sites for first- and second-round games were awarded on Selection Sunday to the top four seeds in each region.

"I thought the whole predetermined thing was a mess," Oklahoma coach Sherril Coale said. "I think next year is a step in a direction that makes a little bit more sense."

Coaches knew their sport was criticized for a system that allowed the best teams to play NCAA tournament games at home. But they preferred a system in which home sites were earned by what a team did during the season over one that awarded them to the highest bidders.

This weekend, 12 of the 16 sites have the home team playing. At six of those sites, teams ended up on the home court of a lower-seeded opponent. There was a chance for nine matchups in the second round, including the possibility of Penn State, the No. 1 seed in the East, playing at eighth-seeded Virginia Tech.

When the people that invented predetermined sites told the coaches that seed is more important than site, it wasn't at that time, we laughed our heads off," Penn State coach Rene Portland said.

"I'd like to be playing these two games at home. I wouldn't mind being a No. 4 seed if we were on our own court."

Portland would get no argument from Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp. Her fourth-seeded team faced a lower-seeded Montana game with 12th-seeded Montana on Montana's floor.

"Think about asking a men's team that's highly regarded and putting them on the campus of a lower-seeded opponent in front of their fans, 15,000 strong — can you imagine how scary that would be for them?" Sharp said. "That's what we've done on the women's side."

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Arizona vs. Michigan State



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Appleby races to top of scoreboard at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The newest Tom Sturt Appleby's garage is a yellow Lamborghini. He doesn't know how fast it goes because he's still breaking in the engine, although he says he can do 60 mph in first gear.

Appleby could relate to that kind of horsepower Saturday in the Bay Hill Invitational. He zoomed into the lead with four straight birdies, three of those from at least 30 feet.

Then, he pulled away from Chad Campbell on the back nine and took command with the best round of a windy day, a 6-under 66 that gave the Aussie a four-shot lead.

"The wheels were stuck on and pointed straight," Appleby said.

Tiger Woods wound up spinning his wheels for the second straight day with an other 2-over 74 that left him 15 shots behind and no chance to make history as the first player to win the same tournament five straight times.

"I tried, I tried my best," Woods said. "It's not going to happen."

Appleby was at 16-under 200 and in great position to become the first multiple winner on the PGA Tour this year. He won the season-opening Mercedes Championships at Kapalua, and feels about the same way at Bay Hill — in control of his game, not concerned with anyone else.

Campbell made three bogys over his final five holes and shot a 70, although he hung with Appleby through the first 13 in



Stuart Appleby of Australia acknowledges the crowd as he approaches the 18th green during the third round of the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla., Saturday.

what turned out to be an awesome display of putting.

He and Appleby will play in the final group Sunday in what shaped up a two-man race. Adam Scott closed with three straight

birdies for a 4-under 68, leaving him six shots behind at 10-under 206.

Shigeki Moriyama started Saturday with a two-shot lead, but that didn't last long. The Japanese star failed to make a single birdie, and his lead was gone by the time he stepped on the sixth tee. He shot a 75 and was seven shots out of the lead.

Sorenstam leads by two strokes at Safeway International

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — Annika Sorenstam had a great start and a good finish to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Safeway International.

Sorenstam, in her LPGA Tour season debut, chipped in from 60 feet for an eagle on the second hole, then finished play Saturday with two birdies for a 4-under 68 that left her at 16-under 200.

Nineteen-year-old tour rookie Shi Hyun Ahn shot a 65 and was two strokes back at 14-under 202 on the Superstition Mountain Golf Club course 50 miles east of Phoenix.

Cristie Kerr, who began the day one shot behind Sorenstam, shot a 70 and was three back at 13-under 203.

Michelle Wie kept up her impressive play with a 70. Of the 42 players who made Friday's cut, the 14-year-old sensation was ninth overall at 7-under 209. Her previous best finish in 11 LPGA events was a tie for eighth at last year's Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Hockey needs to change its tune

STEVE WILSTEIN

For a sport built on speed, power, aggressiveness and the not-so-occasional brawl, hockey has stayed curiously aloof from the world of drug testing.

The time has come for change. As the NHL and its players as association skrimish over economic issues in collective bargaining, trying to avoid a lockout that could curtail or cancel next season, the doping issue should not be an afterthought or a bargaining chip as it was in baseball.

The NHL does not test for steroids, stimulants or any other performance-enhancing drugs. Players can juice up throughout the season without risk of penalties. All the league does is offer education and counseling.

Of the four major leagues in the United States, the NFL has the strongest anti-doping program and the NHL the most lame, with the NBA and baseball in between.

The attitude in the NHL is that there is no need to do much more than the little it has for the past decade, even in the face of steroid abuse throughout the sports landscape.

"We are fortunate not to have a problem with steroid use in our sport," says Ted Saskin, senior director of the NHL Players Association.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer and executive vice president, offers a similar appraisal,

telling The Associated Press, "It's certainly the opinion of our program doctors that we do not have an issue with steroid use in our sport."

As evidence, Saskin and Daly point to the fact that none of the NHL players who participated in the Nagano and Salt Lake City Olympics ever tested positive for steroids.

That kind of thinking smacks of the head-in-the-sand syndrome that afflicted baseball until test last year showed that dozens of players had used steroids.

Without random year-round tests, the NHL has no way of knowing what its players are doing between Olympics.

"The NHL absolutely, unequivocally needs a bona fide anti-doping program," says steroids expert and World Anti-Doping Agency consultant Dr. Gary Wadler. "I have a hard time believing that hockey is so unique it is virtually the only sport in the world that wouldn't have a drug issue."

An array of stimulants and anabolic steroids would be attractive to hockey players, Wadler says.

"I'm not aware of a single sport where one drug or another may not have some advantage," he says. "To suggest

that the NHL is immune to problems of performance-enhancing drug abuse borders on the absurd."

No one is saying that the NHL has a steroid problem. And without testing, no one can say it doesn't.

"I shouldn't guess that the fans shouldn't guess that, nobody should guess that," Wadler says. "It's not a matter for people to speculate. It's what we need to know."

The league ought to look into whether stimulants or steroids are feeding into the fighting in games. Did they play any role in recently that sent Colorado's Steve Moore to the hospital with a broken neck, concussion and other injuries? That was the first time the 6-foot-3, 235-pound Bertuzzi attacked a player.

"There's no question when there's physically and very aggressive behavior in sport, you have to at least have the question go through your mind about anabolic steroids," Wadler says. "Because clearly one of the things that anabolic steroids do is make you more aggressive."

If "roid rage" and hair-trigger tempers intensified by stimulants are a contributor to the fighting, the NHL wouldn't have a clue without testing.

Daly says the league has had preliminary talks with the players association about testing,

and will discuss it as part of the negotiations for a new contract to replace the one that expires Sept. 15.

"I'm very confident we don't have a problem with performance-enhancing drugs in our sport," Daly says. "Having said that, I also see the benefit of having a more comprehensive program that may include elements of testing and sanctions." Baseball went that route and found itself in a mess when 5-7 percent of its initial tests came back positive and star players were linked in a federal investigation to a San Francisco lab that allegedly distributed steroids.

Hockey should learn from baseball's mistakes and avoid a toothless drug-testing program that serves merely as a public relations ploy.

The World Anti-Doping Agency already has the list of drugs, the labs, the out-of-competition testing, the education programs and the adjudication process that hockey players have participated in for the Olympics.

The easy answer for the NHL and its union is simply to contract out a drug program to WADA.

The tough part is finding the guts to do it.

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Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Nikolai Khabibulin reaches for a second-period shot by Bruins' Sergei Gonchar, and misses, giving Gonchar the Bruins third goal of the game Saturday in Boston.

Live and learn

Lightning gain confidence with every game

finished business, that they had more to prove. Coming in this season, it was a case of wanting to show last season wasn't a one-hit wonder, that last year wasn't an aberration. The guys have done that."

But it hasn't been easy. After an 11-2-3-1 start that turned heads throughout the league, the Lightning struggled through a 12-3-0 dry spell that coach John Tortorella and his players still find difficult to explain.

All agree, though, that the key to pulling out of the tailspin was continuing to believe in Tortorella's system, an aggressive forechecking style of play that's produced five 20-goal scorers - St. Louis, Richards, Vincent Lecavalier, Fredrik Modin and Cory Sullivan - for the first time in franchise history.

During the stretch, the Lightning earned standing points in 31 of 34 games. 21 of which were on the road.

One of the keys was the mid-season acquisition of Darryl Sydor from Columbus, which solidified the defense. Another was the play of Nikolai Khabibulin and John Grahame, one of the strongest goaltending tandems in the league.

Sydor, in his 13th NHL season, also brought some leadership that figures to be a plus in the playoffs.

"I think he can relate to the players exactly what it takes to compete in the playoffs," Tortorella says.

"Remember, most of our core people have only played a playoff game. Darryl Sydor has gone through the wars and gone all the way and won a Stanley Cup. So I think we can use him as a sounding board, and he can give them information on exactly what it does take to compete in the playoffs."

Headed into this weekend, Tampa Bay was 7-0-3 against the Devils.

Everybody has his brother as well as his brother has his brother. It's all of a sudden," Tortorella says. "We've played a playoff game. So we're still learning what it is to compete in the playoffs."

"Opponents view us a lot different. At the same time, it's a lot harder because they're ready for us," Richards says.

"Two years ago teams would come in here and it was almost like a vacation. They'd come into Florida and play the two Florida teams and go home. Sometimes you could surprise them. But you're not going to surprise anybody now."

Headed into the weekend, the Lightning were 27-4-2-1 since Jan. 3. They not only have zoomed to the top spot in the Eastern Conference but are challenging Western Conference leader Detroit for the President's Trophy.

"They've already set franchise records for victories and points in a season and clinched their second straight Southeast Division title. Their recent surge included a stretch of 18 consecutive games in which Tampa Bay earned standing points, the longest such streak in the NHL since the 1992-93 season."

All-Star and league points leader Martin St. Louis' general score more goals than any player since mid-December, and the Lightning are on pace to set team records for goals scored and least goals allowed in a season.

After rebounding from losing the first two games at home to east Washington in the first round, the Lightning lost to eventual Stanley Cup champion New Jersey in a hard-fought second-round series.

Two of Tampa Bay's losses were in overtime, including the scored-deciding Game 5 - a triple-overtime heartbreaker on the road in which the Lightning didn't get a single power-play opportunity.

"I think the guys recognized how close they were to the manager last year," says Tortorella. "In a man, the guys felt there was un-

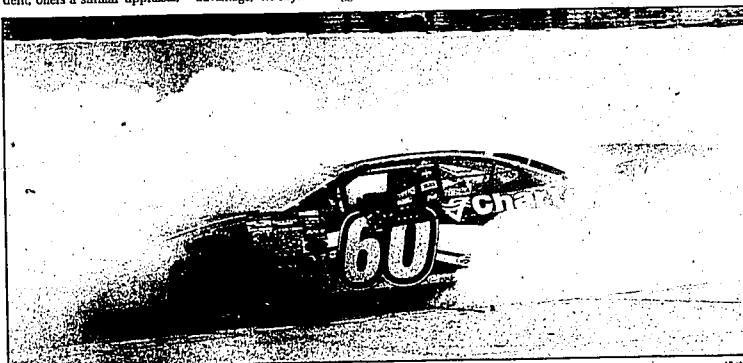
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Greg Biffle burns rubber to celebrate after winning the Diamond Hill Plywood Co. 200 at Darlington Raceway, Saturday in Darlington, S.C.

Biffle speeds past Burton at Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) - Greg Biffle overcame a slow pit stop in the early going and drove away with a victory Saturday in the NASCAR Busch Series race at Darlington Raceway.

Biffle, driving full-time this season in both Busch and Nextel Cup, beat Roush Racing teammate Jeff Burton to the finish line in the Diamond Hill Plywood 200 by 3.115-seconds a full straightaway on the 1.366-mile, egg-shaped oval.

Biffle lost ground, falling from the lead to seventh place when a lugnut came unplugged during a pit stop under caution on lap 25. But the crew on Biffle's No. 60 Ford made up for the mistake on his final pit stop of the day, getting the 2002 Busch Series champion out of the pits just in front of Burton on lap 101 of the 147-lap event.

"My crew ripped off a great stop and got me out from when it counted and it's a good thing because it's hard to pass here and you've got to use up a lot of tire to make a pass," the winner said. "Burton's car being so strong, it might have been pretty hard for me to get by him at the end."

He and Burton, who has won four Busch events and two Cup races here, put on a great show midway through the race, swapping the lead several times before the last of four caution flags waved on lap 99 when Mike Wallace crashed.

Joe Nemechek stayed on track as the other leaders plied and went in the lead, with Biffle and Burton right behind, when the green flag came back out for the start of lap 105. Biffle, Burton and a host of others quickly took

Labonte looks for another win there

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) - Terry Labonte has a chance to make history at Darlington Raceway, and put some life into his season.

Labonte's first win came at NASCAR's oldest superspeedway in 1980, and the latest of his 22 career victories came in September in the Southern 500 on the same 1.366-mile oval. The two-time series champion on Sunday could become the first driver to win consecutive races at Darlington since Jeff Burton swept both events in 1999.

Labonte hasn't gotten off to his kind of start in 2004 that he and his No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports team hoped for. He has four finishes ranging from 17th to 24th and is 20th in the season points.

"I'm never very well pleased with what we've accomplished," Labonte said

Saturday before the final practice for the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400.

"At times, we've run better than we've finished," he added. "Sometimes that happens. We don't have the new tire and the new rules dialed in yet, but we're gaining it."

Labonte was referring to NASCAR's effort to make racing on the intermediate tracks - the 1.5- and 2-mile ovals that make up about a third of the Nextel Cup schedule - more exciting, promoting passing and close-by-side racing with softer tires and a shorter rear spoiler.

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"Of all the tracks we go to this is the track we run closest to the wall and the SAFER barriers have taken away a little bit of the racing groove," Labonte said.

"It's probably going to take a little bit of getting used to... When you get out there and run several laps, your tires get worn and you're not going to have quite as much room to slide around as you've had in the past."

Rookie Kasey Kahne will start from the pole alongside Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Series leader and defending Cup champ Matt Kenseth, who has split the wins in the first four races this season with Earnhardt, will be going after his fifth straight top 10 finish.

Ricky Craven, who won on this track last March from 31st, will have an even tougher task this time, starting 36th.

Marvin Hixon Jr. was fourth in race, followed by David Stremme, Johnny Benson, Toby Gordon and Michael Waltrip, who remained third in the standings, 42 points behind Harvick.


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SPORTS

Saratoga County surprises trainer, spectators in win at Gotham

NEW YORK (AP) — Saratoga County can win at Aqueduct. Is Churchhill Downs in his future? The 3-year-old colt swept into the lead turning for home and won the \$200,000 Gotham Stakes on Saturday, giving trainer George Weaver a glimmer of hope for a starter in the Kentucky Derby on May 1.

Before the mile-long Gotham, Weaver said Saratoga County wasn't a Derby horse

because of distance limitations, but the win over Triple Crown prospects Eddington and Redskin Warrior might have the trainer reconsidering a start in the 1.25-mile Derby. "This was a terrific win for him," Weaver said, adding that his bay colt would likely run next in the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 17.

"That will let me see how he handles two turns," Weaver said. "I'm not sure he's a Ken-

tucky Derby horse. His pedigree doesn't exactly scream 'mile-and-a-quarter.' Most of the big (prep) races are April 10, at 1-8 miles, but they come up too soon. This gives me an extra week."

The road to the Derby took a surprise turn at Turfway Park, too, with top prospect Birdstone finishing fifth in the \$500,000 Lane's End Stakes. The colt trained by Nick Zito and owned by socialite Mary-

lou Whitney was never a factor and tired in the stretch of the 1-8-mile race, which was won by Smilster G, a 16-1 long shot. Ticky Ticky, 55-1, was second. Saratoga County, ridden by Javier Castellano, stayed just off a blistering pace set by Deputy Storm, then overtook Pomeroy and won by 2.25 lengths for his second win in five starts. Eddington, the 6-5 favorite, was bumped at the start and unable to pose a serious threat

in, finishing third, three-quarters of a length behind Pomeroy, who ran a credible race in his first start since last September.

Hennis said his colt's next start will be in the Wood Memorial on April 10, where Birdstone is expected to run next. Saratoga County, purchased for \$100,000 as a 2-year-old by Evelyn Pollard, covered the Gotham mile in 1:35.88, well

off the track record of 1:32.40. A 20 mph wind aided the early pace set by Deputy Storm, who blazed the first quarter in 21.88 seconds, and the half in 43.67.

Saratoga County, third in the Hutcheson Stakes last month after a troubled trip, paid \$11.40, \$6.10 and \$3.20. Pomeroy, trained by Patrick Blamone, returned \$9.20 and \$4.40. Eddington, ridden by Edgar Prado, paid \$2.50 to show.



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From Cow Patties to Plastics

Think cow manure attracts only flies? Well, think again.

Over the past couple of years, cow manure has been attracting the attention of a few scholarly gents in the Pacific Northwest.

Engineers and animal scientists from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., and from Washington State University out of Pullman, Wash., recently concluded a two-year study investigating the feasibility of extracting certain chemicals from dairy cow manure. The chemicals in turn could be used as feedstock for commodity chemical production.

Doug Elliott, a staff scientist with PNNL, said that dairy cow manure is rich in carbohydrates and proteins, the building blocks for chemical production. Since those vital elements are found in a substance that is in a plentiful and inexpensive supply, it made sense to investigate the possibilities. Elliott said that past manure research has centered largely on the nutrient value for land application. Very little research has been conducted to determine if there is

any way to extract chemicals from the manure for value-added products.

Elliott and his team conducted basic research involving the processes for extracting, separating, and sufficiently cleaning vital components from the manure. The idea was to convert the carbohydrate material, composed of five- and six-carbon sugars, to commodity chemicals, such as glycols or diols. Glycols and diols are commonly used in the manufacturing of common



tics are petroleum-derived. Converting dairy cow manure into biobased products could decrease America's dependence upon foreign oil. Secondly, there could be substantial benefits to the environment.

Elliott said that the disposal of animal waste from animal feeding operations has always been an issue. By converting manure into a valuable commodity, the need for open field disposal decreases, as well as some of the residual issues such as odor and flies.

Elliott said the recently completed research was just the first step in the process. Now that his team knows that it is technically feasible to extract chemicals from dairy cow manure, there is room for more research to fine tune the process and develop cost effective procedures.

Information provided by the United Dairymen of Idaho and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

"By converting manure into a valuable commodity, the need for open field disposal decreases, as well as some of the residual issues such as odor and flies."

household staples such as antifreeze, certain plastics, even skin care products.

The study was funded by an \$800,000 grant through Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Elliott said the driving force behind this type of research is two-fold. First, most medium-volume commodity chemicals used to make antifreeze and plas-

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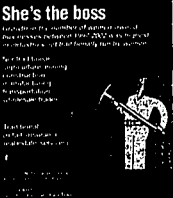
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Workshop outlines business taxes

TWIN FALLS — "Everything You Wanted to Know about Business Taxes," a three-hour workshop sponsored by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 31 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sherry Rust, the center's training facilitator, said the workshop is designed to help small-business owners understand the taxes they must pay and learn techniques to reduce them. The workshop will be taught by Tony Dodds, a certified public accountant in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$40 per person; spouses or business partners of registrants can sign up for an additional \$10. For information or to register, contact Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Workers try nearly anything to land jobs

How badly do you want that new job?

Some folks will go really far and get pretty creative to land a position, according to a survey of nearly 2,000 employees.

In a sign of either desperation or drive, one woman said she would work two weeks for free to prove her value, and another candidate came to his interview with a comprehensive plan to improve the company's customer service worldwide.

Also, many went right to the head of the company. One candidate invited the owner of the company where he wanted to work to a baseball game to talk in a more social setting.

Persistence — but not pushy arrogance — still plays when hunting a job.

Several candidates said they went to a hiring manager daily, even waiting up to six hours, to make their pitch.

One candidate wrote his resume on a basketball to apply for a position at a sporting goods company. Another sent a resume in an ice-cream carton made by the prospective employer.

Greenspan comments jolt Social Security

Washington was jolted recently when Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan suggested Congress cut benefits for future Social Security recipients — a politically shocking idea to many.

But regardless of how that debate plays out, it serves as a fresh reminder that the government could curb or cut its role in retirement funding for millions of people. Financial planners say Greenspan's musings ought to spur us to evaluate our finances for old age.

"Whether Social Security benefits are reduced, eliminated or remain the same, people need to have a financial plan that meets their retirement goals," said Michael Herndon, director of public and government affairs for the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.

"Social Security isn't enough for most Americans."

Moreover, an interesting paradox emerges in the issue: Surveys consistently show that most of us don't expect Social Security to serve as the bulk of our retirement income — yet counteract that belief.

A survey by Ohio State University in 1998 indicated only 54 percent of families earning \$50,000 to \$100,000 yearly had adequate retirement savings, and the numbers were far worse for those making less than \$50,000.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Comings ... and goings



Brandt Castillo, chef at the new Roxy's on Main restaurant in downtown Twin Falls, prepares a corned beef and cabbage meal on St. Patrick's Day.

Face of downtown sees continued change

By Megan Hinds
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS — The ever-changing face of downtown and Old Towne Twin Falls has recently seen the arrival of new restaurants, a child care center and a church, and a new dance club will open in May. But the area has also seen the closing of a family restaurant, a longtime book store is leaving soon and a restaurant supply company is relocating to the east side of town.

A church and school will leave their downtown location soon, as well. Meanwhile, another downtown business is making improvements to provide better service for its customers.

New arrivals

Roxy's on Main, a new restaurant on Main Avenue in the former South Pacific Grill location, opened in February. Roxy's on Main offers burgers, wraps, sandwiches and salads, as well as several seafood and pasta dishes, said owners Rhonda Old and Michelle Flakosky. The restaurant also serves assorted beers and wines.

Kitchen operations are

under the direction of chef Brandt Castillo, a graduate of the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore.

While Flakosky's favorite menu item is the curry steak said, the most popular item on the Roxy's on Main menu so far is the prime rib dip sandwich, she said.

"It's not a french dip — it's better than that," Old added. "It's made with only prime rib meat."

Roxy's on Main will soon feature home-style barbecue dishes when a new barbecue grill is installed in the next month or so, Old said.

The restaurant keeps the same hours held by South Pacific Grill — from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday through Saturday and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Old said.

Flakosky said she's proud to be a new member of the downtown business community and appreciates the support of other downtown business owners.

"Downtown people are community-oriented — they support you and bend over backward for you," Flakosky said. "I think everyone's happy to have another place (open) down here."

Just down the block from Roxy's on Main is another new addition to the downtown storefronts — a child care center.

The center, named Our Little Angels, opened for business March 15, said employee Melissa Paul. The center is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our Little Angels is caring for 12 children, Paul said, and the center is taking applications for more. The downtown location should be convenient for parents who work downtown, Paul said.

"We're catering to everybody," she said.

Another recent arrival to downtown is a Seventh-day Adventist Church, said Ryan Horsley, president of the Historic Old Towne's business improvement district. The church is in the former Magic Valley Bank building, he said.

Upcoming departures

While one church has moved into downtown, another is making plans to move into a new facility elsewhere not yet under construction.

A request by Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Inc. to build a new church and school

at the corner of Filer Avenue and Carriage Lane was approved by the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission last month.

Lighthouse will leave its downtown location on Main Avenue when construction is complete, said Horsley, who serves on the planning and zoning board. As a member of the church, Horsley exempted himself from the zoning board's vote on the move.

"I really hate for them to leave downtown, but I think it's a good thing for them to get out of town," Horsley said.

Next door to Lighthouse's current location, restaurant supply company BS & R Equipment will move from its Main Avenue spot in September to a open a store in its current warehouse on Locust Street, said owner Tim Carroll.

The business, with additional locations in Boise and Idaho Falls, needs more room than the current downtown location offers, Carroll said.

The business also receives frequent shipments from delivery trucks, and the downtown streets near the store make it difficult for those deliveries, he said.

"We get a lot of semi's coming in here, and parking is

difficult, too," Carroll said.

The new east-side location will expand BS & R's showroom capability from 15,000 square feet to 22,000 square feet, Carroll said he's looking for someone to purchase the downtown building.

"We just don't have any use for it anymore," he said.

Closings

Fans of authentic Mexican cuisine rejoiced when El Rinconcito Varela's opened in Old Towne near the Lamphouse Theatre in fall 2003. But diners were puzzled when the business closed abruptly in February after five months of business.

Owner Rigoberto Varela said the business had to close because a persistent injury from a car accident kept him from being able to manage the restaurant.

"I had a big accident a long time ago," Varela said. "It's very hard for me to walk."

The restaurant was financially stable and was popular with customers, Varela said. The Varela family still owns another Mexican restaurant in Hailey that has been taken over by new management.

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Condo buyers patiently wait for a piece of paradise

Aloha State sees biggest real estate boom in decades

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Sue Pang is in the midst of a weeklong campout that has deprived her of her bed and left her soaked by sweeping rains — all for a chance at a not-yet-built condominium she is not even sure she can afford.

"It is crazy," says the 35-year-old woman, eighth in a line of dozens of people braving the elements in hopes of buying one of the units in the first batch up for sale Saturday at the Moana Pacific development. "But there's not many condos or houses on the market."

Hawaii real estate is enjoying one of its biggest booms in decades. Half-million-dollar homes are becoming the norm as demand far outpaces supply. Everyone, it seems, is looking for a little piece of paradise.

Across the country, mortgage rates at historic lows have ignited



Prospective condo buyers camp out to hold places in line Tuesday at the not-yet-built Moana Pacific near downtown Honolulu. The luxury building is not expected to be finished until the end of 2006, but prospective buyers are staking out a place in line to buy the units at prices from about \$310,000 to \$3.8 million.

the housing market. But the market is particularly hot in Hawaii, including Honolulu, a city that can offer panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean but

has not seen major condo development in a decade.

Hawaii also saw a real estate boom in the late 1980s and early '90s, spurred by demand from

Japanese investors. But today's market is not as spectacular as it was back then, when eager buyers walked around with briefcases of cash.

Paul Brewbaker, the chief economist at Bank of Hawaii, the state's largest bank, said the strong island economy, with several years of steady job growth and rising income, is the fundamental reason for the boom.

"Interest rates are the fuel that's being poured on a fire that was already burning," he said.

Construction of the twin, 46-story oval towers at Moana Pacific between Waikiki and downtown Honolulu will not even begin until fall and is not expected to be complete until the end of 2006. But its developers are offering 95 of its 706 units — from one-bedrooms starting at about \$310,000 to a penthouse at \$3.8 million — for sale on Saturday.

Some prospective buyers began camping out a week earlier, though most are paying others anywhere from \$7 an hour to \$500 a day to save their place in line.

Those waiting in line form a tiny shantytown of tents and

tarp-covered shelters along the sidewalk. They range from suffering, pot-smoking surfer dudes to a diminutive elderly woman unable to speak English.

"People do it for rock concerts," said Ron Tang, a 51-year-old electrical engineer hoping to get a two-bedroom condo. "It's no different."

The island of Oahu, where Honolulu is situated, has posted five years of double-digit percentage increases in the median sales price of condos and single-family homes.

Prices for single-family homes on Oahu, the state's most populous island, rose 13.4 percent last year to \$380,000, after climbing 11.7 percent the year before, according to the Honolulu Board of Realtors. The median condo price rose more than \$40,000 in the past two years, to \$175,000 at the end of 2003.

Single-family homes sold on Oahu last month spent an average of just 23 days on the market — the shortest time since the Board of Realtors started keeping track in 1997.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Angus breeders gain recognition in report

BLISS — Two Magic Valley Angus breeders were recognized nationally for having registered Angus cows in the American Angus Association's 2004 Pathfinder Report.

Spring Cove Ranch of Bliss has four cows in the report, and Sarah Fuller of Twin Falls has one cow in the report.

Only 2,099 of more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, said John Crouch, executive vice president of the St. Joseph, Mo.-based association.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based on recorded performance traits that economically improve to offspring production. They include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, said Bill Bowman, the association's director of performance programs. More than 1.33 million eligible cows and 234 sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal. The reports appear on Web site www.angus.org.

PMT announces solid year-end financials

RUPERT — In 2003, Project Mutual Telephone said, it survived one of the most challenging operating environments in 25 years.

Despite the closure of the I.R. Simplot Co. plant in Hecyburn, a soft local economy and increased pressure from wireless, Internet, long-distance and cable television competitors, PMT said it was able to produce solid financial results.

Net margins exceeded budget projections by 50 percent. Revenues continued to rise, topping \$14 million for the year. In addition, the net margin was helped by a positive return from PMT's equity investment in Syringa Networks LLC during its first full year of operation as a regional broadband carrier. During the year PMT also reduced its long-term debt by \$1.2 million and increased member equity to over 40 percent of total assets.

At the annual member meeting, March 9 in Rupert, President Charlie Creason reported on the current financial situation and announced new long-distance rates. He introduced new long-distance plans that can save callers up to 40 percent.

Creason also reported on the operating climate for 2004 including cell phones, replacing traditional lines, regulatory changes, satisfaction and service levels, cable to the country and better cellular plans.

"We are excited about new technology that's allowing us to provide TV to our customers on existing telephone infrastructure," Creason said. "Our rural customers have been wanting our cable TV, now we have a solution for them."

Project Mutual Telephone is a full-service communication company serving Magic Valley. It offers telephone service and its associated features, including long distance, cellular, Internet, wireless Internet, DSL, computer networking for home and office, and cable TV. PMT has offices in Rupert, Burley and Twin Falls.

T.F. ad agency wins award at banquet

TWIN FALLS — Marketing Resource Group, a Twin Falls

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Brian Croner

advertising agency, won a Silver Rocky award for a trade magazine advertisement for Rangen Inc. at the Idaho Advertising Federation awards banquet held in Boise March 13.

The ad, titled "More than one Hungry Mouth To Feed," has run in national and international trade magazines for the aquaculture market. The ad features detailed caricatures of various varieties of fish and shrimp sitting at a cafe counter. Rangen produces custom feeds for the varieties of fish and shrimp shown, and that fact is emphasized in the copy.

The ad will be forwarded to the American Advertising Federation for entry in the Regional AAF awards competition.

Brian Croner is president and chief executive officer of Marketing Resource Group.

State Farm agents gain honor for service

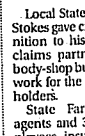
TWIN FALLS — Local agents were honored with their counterparts around the nation, for their efforts in helping State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. earn top honors in a recent J.D. Power and Associates survey that ranked State Farm highest overall for customer satisfaction for auto collision repair.

Local State Farm agent Matt Stokes gave credit for the recognition to local State Farm claims partners and to local body-shop businesses which do work for the company's policyholders.

State Farm, with 16,000 agents and 37,000 claim employees, insures more than 39 million vehicles. In Idaho, policyholders are served by more than 70 agents and over 120 claims professionals.

The 2003 Collision Repair Satisfaction Index Study conducted by J.D. Power and Associates asked customers to rate their auto repair experience in six categories: overall claims process, claims representatives, service advisor, estimator, facilities and quality of work performed at the body shop.

J.D. Power and Associates is a California-based marketing information services firm.



Matt Stokes

Jerome furniture store expands its offering

JEROME — Simply Serendipity, at 132 W. Main St. in Jerome, said it is known for gently used furniture, antiques and collectibles, and it recently expanded its offering.

The store has been in the same location for five years and now carries a large selection of hats, jewelry, scarves, clothing, coats, hand-made jewelry and hat pins, hand-painted totes and sweat shirts suitable for "Red Hat Ladies" club members.

Simply Serendipity can be reached at 644-1282. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



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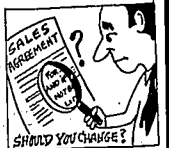
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CAREER MOVES

Horticulturalists

TWIN FALLS — Amber Cardenas of Twin Falls, Laura Rambo of Hagerman and Bonnie McCall of Kimberly were certified as nursery professionals by the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association during the 2004 Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise.

The CNP exam includes two parts — written examination and plant identification. The written portion consists of 200 questions on the principles and practices of the nursery industry. The plant identification portion has 50 selected plants that are to be identified by their scientific names, species and common names.

Cardenas, Rambo and McCall join Darlene McDonald and Dave Wright for a total of five certified nursery professionals on staff at Kimberly Nurseries.



Amber Cardenas



Laura Rambo



Bonnie McCall

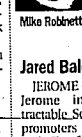
Landscapers

TWIN FALLS — Brett Groves and Mike Robbette of Kimberly Nurseries completed and became certified for the Backflow Assembly Certification Course mandated by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Groves and Robbette are now certified to test all backflow assemblies for domestic water supplies, including residential and commercial irrigation systems and all assemblies in commercial establishments.



Brett Groves



Mike Robbette

Jared Baldwin

JEROME — Jared Baldwin of Jerome invented the "Retractable Seat," a product that promoters say will save space and effort for users.

The product is designed to provide and store seats in sports stadiums and other settings. With the Retractable Seat, users can move around without dragging their chairs with them. It leaves spaces unobstructed and saves time and effort, promoters say. The device also is useful inside the home and in schools to offer quick seating.

Baldwin's idea is available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new-product development, especially in the sporting goods industry. Baldwin hopes to have the Retractable Seat in production and available to the public soon.

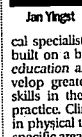
For information about the invention, call Invention Technologies Inc. at (800) 940-9020, Ext. 205, or visit products@invent-tech.com. Invention Technologies, based in Coral Gables, Fla., is handling publicly and public relations for the Retractable Seat.

Jan Yingst

TWIN FALLS — Jan Yingst of Primary Therapy Source attended an awards ceremony in Nashville, Tenn., hosted by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists.

Yingst attended a pediatric clinical certification during 2003. She has a master's degree in physical therapy and is certified as a pediatric clinical specialist. She said she has built on a base of professional education and practice to develop greater knowledge and skills in the pediatric area of practice. Clinical specialization in physical therapy addresses a specific area of patient need.

Yingst provides physical therapy with other therapists at Primary Therapy Source, 325 Martin St., Suite 2. She can be reached at 734-7333.

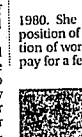


Jan Yingst

Amber Christensen

RUPERT — Amber Christensen was named the Idaho Water Users Association's Employee of the Year.

She was nominated by Bill Thompson, manager of the Minidoka Irrigation District. Christensen has worked for the district since January 1990. She took the part-time position of clerk with the intention of working long enough to pay for a fence around the yard



Amber Christensen

of her newly purchased home. Shortly after starting, however, the position became full time, and she has been a member of the office staff ever since, said Thompson.

Christensen is currently assistant secretary. In addition to assisting the secretary/treasurer, she administers accounts payable and assists in accounts receivable. She also administers the district's health insurance programs for its 31 employees.

She helped coordinate the Water Awareness Program for all sixth-graders in Minidoka and Cassia counties between A&B Irrigation District, Burley Irrigation District and Minidoka Irrigation District.

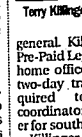
Terry Killinger

FILER — Terry Killinger, an associate of Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc., attended the company's international convention in Oklahoma City, March 4-7.

Product training was provided by many speakers, including five attorney generals and a two-star retired general. Killinger also went to general Pre-Paid Legal's new \$30 million home offices in Ada, Okla., for two-day training that was required to be the area coordinator and fast-start trainer for south-central Idaho.

Killinger has represented Pre-Paid Legal since April 2001. Pre-Paid Legal is a 32-year-old, publicly traded company that offers legal services to its customers for a monthly fee. Pre-Paid Legal's newest product is the "Identify Theft Shield."

Killinger gives presentations on identity theft, at no charge, to companies and organizations.



Terry Killinger

Larry Hansen

BURLEY — Hansen Mortuary manager Larry Hansen re-



Larry Hansen

ceived an award from Hamilton Group Funeral Service Corp., the funeral home chain that owns Hansen Mortuary, at a funeral directors meeting held in

Grady Peters

TWIN FALLS — Grady Peters, franchise owner of window covering company Budget Blinds of Twin Falls, attended the Budget Blinds National Convention in Las Vegas.

Budget Blinds offers brand-name styles of shutters, wood blinds, shades and draperies. It also offers discount prices on its Signature-and-Select Series private label products, manufactured exclusively for Budget Blinds.

Budget Blinds, founded in 1992, has more than 620 franchisees serving 2,000 cities in 46 states. In the past four years, the company has more than doubled its size in terms of number of franchisees, franchise sales and franchise equity, and Entrepreneur Magazine has named Budget Blinds the No. 1 firm in its field for eight consecutive years, a company press release said.

Budget Blinds of Twin Falls can be reached at 324-2242.

Marsha Bennett

TWIN FALLS — A&H Publically hired a new outside sales representative.

Marsha Bennett started in the position in December, covering the Magic Valley territory including Wood River Valley. She works with individuals, but her focus is providing cellular service to businesses. Bennett has been in the cellular business for over 10 years.

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Downtown

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Varela is looking for someone to take over the Twin Falls restaurant, but for now he's selling the restaurant's kitchen equipment for half price piece by piece — to defray the costs of the sudden closure.

"I would love for someone to come in and take it over," Varela said. "I'm looking for partners."

The closing of Main Avenue's Christian Bookstore, likely in June, will leave a large downtown storefront vacant.

Owner Scott Baument, who bought the store in 1992 and relocated it from Centennial Mall to Main in 2000, recently told *Times-News* that the business "just can't keep up" with the volume and buying power of general and discount stores like Barnes & Noble and Wal-Mart.

"Our market has shrunk 15 percent a year for five years," Baument said. "We are down to my wife and me and two part-time employees. We have laid off everyone else."

The building is for sale, and Baument said he hopes the store's departure won't hurt downtown.

"The Lord is closing a door here, but he will open a door somewhere else," Baument said.

Making Improvements

Long-time downtown fixture Kelly's isn't going anywhere anytime soon, said owner Kelly Hova.

Hova this month made several improvements to the restaurant's kitchen, including a new grill, a new fryer and a new freezer, she said. Improvements like those are necessary after 15 1/2 years of business, she said.

"It's all top-of-the-line stuff," Hova said. "We always try to keep upgraded all the time."

Hova credits the restaurant's longevity to its loyal customers and word-of-mouth advertising.

"We're always trying to bring new people in," Hova said.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or mhinds@magivalley.com.

Hawaii

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Oahu condos averaged 34 days before a sale last month. Similar signs of growth are evident on neighboring islands.

Maui, Molokai and Lanai collectively posted an 18 percent boost in the average price of a single-family home sold in the first two months of 2004 compared with the same period last year. The 173 properties sold in January and February averaged \$698,337.

Recent sales of homes at the Ohia development on the island of Maui prompted hundreds of people to spend a night in line for three- and four-bedroom homes priced in the mid-\$300,000 to mid-\$400,000 range — which is considered affordable housing there.

On the island of Hawaii, the number of building permits hit a record last year. The total of 4,507 was 22 percent higher than 2002.

"There's just not a lot of them to choose from," said Keoni Ball, vice president of the Carol Ball and Associates realty on Maui. "You see something you like, you better put an offer in that day, and it might have been above what they're asking."

Keep track of your favorite team with Times-News sports

Joyce Parks

BUHL — Joyce Parks, kitchen supervisor and head cook at Clear Lake Country Club, won the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's February Extra Mile Award.



Joyce Parks

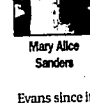
Parks was nominated for her efforts to ensure customers have good food and special care for their dining pleasures, the chamber said.

Parks also gets the extra mile to assure her co-worker's shifts are covered when extra time off is needed.

Parks received a plaque, flowers, gift certificates and gifts from Buhl merchants.

Mary Alice Sanders

RUPERT — Mary Alice Sanders, operations officer at DL Evans Bank in Rupert, will be honored at an open house for her retirement from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

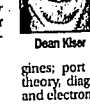


Mary Alice Sanders

Sanders has been in banking for 18 years and has been with the Rupert branch of D.L. Evans since it opened in 1989.

Sporting goods workers

BURLEY — Cyle Edwards and Dean Kiser of Idaho Youth Sports-Pinettee Sports in Burley and Caldwell recently completed Instructor Products Service training in Corona, Calif.

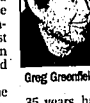


Dean Kiser

They are now certified in electronic fuel injection engines; port and throttle body theory; diagnostics and repair; and electronic engine control.

Greg Greenfield

HAILEY — Greg Greenfield, a drug and alcohol abuse counselor, plans to open a private practice dubbed Renaissance Alliance in the Wood River Valley this spring.



Greg Greenfield

He has several years' experience as a counselor. Greenfield, an alcoholic and drug abuser for 35 years, has been sober for a decade, and he is dedicated to helping others get their lives back, a press release said. He will offer both private sessions and group therapy. As the practice will be a nonprofit business, fees will be decided on a sliding scale.

Greenfield was a counselor for the outpatient program, known as aftercare, at the Walker Center in Bellevue. In his new private practice, he and his partner will offer accredited alcohol and drug counseling; licensed clinical

professional counseling; licensed marriage and family therapy; certified professional mediation; and court-appointed child custody mediation.

He can be reached at 308-7977.

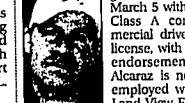
Greenfield, born on a South Dakota Indian reservation, fell into alcoholism at age 14, during the time he entertained in bands, the press release said. Despite his addiction, he attended Colorado State University in Boulder, majoring in linguistics, then went to Vietnam in the 1960s. He relocated in Dietrich in 1970 and started a carpentry and remodeling business, which he ran for 35 years. He is the father of three sons.

Greenfield said he was amazed how much better he felt, how his relationships changed and how much more time he had after becoming sober.

Commercial drivers

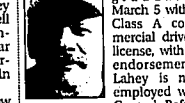
TWIN FALLS — Top Gun Truck Driving Academy in Twin Falls announced five recent graduates:

- **Adrian Alcaraz** of Burley graduated March 5 with a Class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements. Alcaraz is now employed with Land View Fertilizer Inc. in Rupert.



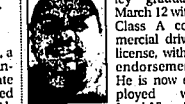
Adrian Alcaraz

- **Brian Lahey** of Twin Falls graduated March 5 with a Class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements. Lahey is now employed with Central Refrigerated Trucking in Salt Lake City.



Brian Lahey

- **Dennis Bardales** of Burley graduated March 12 with a Class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements. He is now employed with Land View Fertilizer in Rupert.



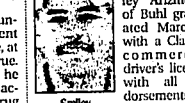
Dennis Bardales

- **Fernando Del Toro** of Burley graduated March 5 with a Class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements. He is now employed with Mabey Pallet and Lumber Co. in Twin Falls.



Fernando Del Toro

- **Jesus "Smiley" Arizmendi** of Buhl graduated March 5 with a Class A commercial driver's license, with all endorsements. He is now employed with



Smiley Arizmendi

CAREER MOVES

played with BMK Trucking in Jerome.

Matthew D. Geske

TWIN FALLS — Matthew D. Geske, a private-practice mental health practitioner in Twin Falls, after two years in business is expanding his hours to Monday through Thursday, with Friday and Saturday by appointment.



Matthew Geske

He is a licensed professional counselor doing individual and family counseling for those suffering from depression, marital problems, anger, abuse and employment concerns. He has 20 years' experience in human services working with at-risk youth, adult mental health and organizational development.

Geske has degrees from Cornell University, University of Oregon and Western Seminary. His office is at 831 Falls Ave., Suite 1180, and he can be reached at 735-0090.

Will Brown

RUPERT — Will Brown of American Dream Realty completed a specialized course in customer service referral-based business conducted in Boise by the Council of Residential Specialists of the National Association of Realtors.

The course is one in a series of professional education sequences required to qualify for the certified residential specialist designation. The course covered implementation of ideas to add value to and ensure delivery of exceptional customer service during and after the buying or selling of a home.

Ardell Koyle

RUPERT — Ardell Koyle was selected as Project Mutual Telephone's Employee of the Year for 2004.

"As inventory clerk since 2002, he has displayed a can-do attitude and performed an excellent job reflected in the accuracy of year-end inventory records," said Karl Seard, chief financial officer.

Recently Koyle managed the task of moving inventory from several sites into the newly remodeled inventory facility at the former Anderson Lumber building. He did that with minimal effect on the daily operation of PMT, the company said.

He also volunteers on PMT's Relay for Life team, Fourth of July Float Committee and the Employee Gift Committee.

Koyle was born and raised in Mini-Cassia. He lives with his wife Terri, and their seven children in Declo.

Company directors

RUPERT — Alan Johnson, incumbent, was re-elected to the Project Mutual Telephone board of directors. Johnson has served on the board for five years.

After graduating from Minico High School, the lifetime Mini-Cassia resident received a bachelor's degree in business management from Boise State University. He was involved in his family farm for 10 years then worked for 10 years as a grain commodity trader. He is now assistant manager for Western Seeds Co. in Heyburn and works as a grain trader for Western Seeds affiliate Evans Grain.

Johnson and his wife, Colleen, have lived north of Rupert for 26 years, where they raised two children.

Incumbent Pat Merrigan was also re-elected to the Project

Mutual Telephone board of directors. Merrigan has served on the board since 1998.

Merrigan graduated from Minico High and received a degree in agricultural economics from the University of Idaho. Merrigan worked for FMIA for 13 years before becoming a real estate agent. In 1983 he earned his certified general appraiser license and the next year opened a private appraisal business called Cornerstone Appraisal. He is also part owner of BH Curtis Real Estate Co. and Caldwell Banker Curtis Realty. He is a licensed broker and is enrolled at St. Thomas University working toward a master's degree in real estate appraisal.

Merrigan and his wife Linda have two children.

"I have watched PMT grow from a company of approximately 5,000 members to one of 10,000-plus and from an employee base of around 35 to over 60," he said.

Two positions on the board were up for re-election. The three other nominees were Paul Matthews, Jeffrey H. Rasmussen and Noland Critchfield.

Kurt Garrard

RUPERT — Project Mutual Telephone named Kurt Garrard Supervisor of the Year for 2004.

He has spent three years as accounting manager.

"Kurt has played a key role in streamlining operations, and by using technology, has created more efficient systems for accounting throughout our company," said Karl Seard, senior vice president and chief financial officer.

Garrard is a longtime Burley resident and a graduate of Utah State University. He has been employed by PMT for six years. He lives in Burley with his wife, Gwen, and their three children.



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NEW BUSINESSES

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 BOISE — Following is the list of businesses fled during February with the Idaho secretary of state office — including new and existing businesses. Businesses are listed by name, address and nature of business.
 A&R Heating, Refrigeration and Sheetmetal Fabrication, Thomas D. Reynolds, PO. Box 632, Stoneham, ID 83352, construction.
 A.A. Investigation Services, Leslie Acheson, 104 N. Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 AA Mind Storage, Betty J. Bueck, PO. Box 6, Stoneham, ID 83352, services.
 Absolutely Nails, Elv Doolin, 344 Pierce St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.
 Acme Power Tool Repair, Tom Self, 4901 E. 500 S., Burley, ID 83308, services.
 Advanced Suspension Design Inc., Robert H. Calver, 427 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
 Adventure Landscaping, Andrew Iorochan, PO. Box 705, Kimberly, ID 83301, services.
 Adventure Landscaping, Melissa Robinson, 1233 North Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.
 American Tour Masters Inc., Kevin Smith, 1598 S. Idaho Highway 27, Oakley, ID 83355, hotels, camps, lodges, inns.
 Anna Loue Williams, 2105 Sherry Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, manufacturing.
 Arrington Chiropractic, Howard Busby Arrington D.D., 154 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 Artwork Enterprises, Kevin Acker, 1501 Oregon Trail, Kimberly, ID 83301, services.
 Ashtari Adventure LLC, John W. Marshall, 114 Pioneer Blvd., Idaho, ID 83303.
 Aspen Financial, Evan E. Carpenter, PO. Box 377, Jerome, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.
 Aspen Court Furniture Inc., Candy Allen, 1215 S. Main St., Bellevue, ID 83313.
 Autopride, Ektone Inc., 808 Church Drive, Franklin W. Ektone, 3101 Laurelwood Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 Asks, Jeff Mings, 1350 W. 200 S., Paul, ID 83347, retail and wholesale trade.
 Bicker Glass, Thomas Baker, 201 E. 21st St., Burley, ID 83308, services.
 Builders Design Group, Barrett Skear, Craig, 2601 W. 180 E., Jerome, ID 83308, services and construction.
 Bona Trucking, Victor H. Bona, 2023 E. 16th St., Burley, ID 83308, transportation and middle office.
 Bow River LLC, Warren Corbridge, PO. Box 1520, Idaho, ID 83302.
 Bow River Camp Inc., Dave Davis, 436 W. Ninth St., Burley, ID 83301.
 Bowwood Restaurant Management Co. LLC, Lela of Helms, 641 Pine St., Bellevue, ID 83313.
 Brandford & Co. LLC, James R. Vega, 304 N. 3rd St., Jerome, ID 83301.
 Brock Williams Publishing LLC, Robert L. Williams, 35 Coze Creek, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 Brook Design, Maryellen Malzar, PO. Box 846, Halley, ID 83333, wholesaler.
 Boulder Properties, Donald M. Levin, PO. Box 619, Halley, ID 83333, real estate, insurance and real estate.
 Bradley Technology, Bradley Thompson, 505 Third Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83301, services.
 Brightchum LLC, John A. Burke, 500 Second Ave. S., Burley, ID 83301, services.
 Brightchum, Gerald Management LLC, 401 Second St. N., Suite 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 BVB Design, Brent Van Buuren, PO. Box 3053, Halley, ID 83333, services.
 CAD Heating & Air Conditioning, Dan C. Corbridge, 233 S. Fir, Jerome, ID 83308, services and construction.
 C&G Properties LLC, Charles McWilliams, 1810 Lewis Ave. S., Suite 3, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 Candler, Shalee, Hills, Williams, 171 Northside Drive, Paul, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade.
 Cimarron Excavation, Martin A. Vega, PO. Box 805, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.
 Circle G Farms Inc., Dean Gibson, 1010 Atlantic Drive, Burley, ID 83301.
 Circle G Enterprises Inc., Byron D. Burrell, 1571 Bulby Drive, Halley, ID 83333.
 Clark Point Farm, Andrew Dohy, PO. Box 434, Bellevue, ID 83313, agriculture.
 CM Hepar, Conrad B. Hepar, 805 Cypress Way, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
 CM Services, Kandace Sue Harter, 1790 Idaho Ave., Burley, ID 83301, services, manufacturing and construction.
 Community Assistance, R.L. Prosser, PO. Box 1144, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 Consulting Partners Group Sp LLC, Henry J. Morrison, 2292 Ave. N.A. B1, Ketchum, ID 83340.
 County Development LLC, Marijane Baker, 2022 N.E. Highway 20, Burley, ID 83301.
 Cowboy Window Cleaning, Trenton Farnsworth, 195 Marley Road, Hidding, ID 83348, services.
 CPGSID, Consulting Partners Group Sp LLC, PO. Box 9210, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Crazy Horse Designs, Thomas N. Moberg, 1680 W. Canyon Park, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Creatio Solutions, William Leckrohn, PO. Box 1426, Sun Valley, ID 83349, services.
Creative Paintings, Joe Chandler, 1625 Shoshone Ave. N., Sun Valley, ID 83301, construction.
D.A. Holderman LLC, Alan Holderman, 3085 N. 770 E., Burley, ID 83308.
Danabsequon, Victoria A. Abrams, PO. Box 3946, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
David Patrick Farming LLC, David Patrick, 3740 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
DWP Construction, DW, Pulliam, PO. Box 1998, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.
Eddy Eye Maintenance LLC, Lisa Jones, 401 Second St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Eastland Childcare Academy LLC, Amanda Glendenning, 276 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Elkton Main Engine Repair, Eldon Meyer, 364 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Elite Windows, Greg Fluckiger, 457 Park Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services and manufacturing.
Exchange Accommodators LLC, Richard W. Jankovsky, PO. Box 1, Ketchum, ID 83340.
Excel Idaho, OTS LLC, Kathy Pruitt, PO. Box 1032, 710 Buckhorn Drive, Halley, ID 83333, services.
Excel Realty LLC, Richard W. Jankovsky, 569 S. 350 E., Burley, ID 83348, retail trade.
Fedmarket.com, Wood River Technologies Inc., PO. Box 6639, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Fine Wesley Griffin Florence, 207 Vale Line Road E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.
Footfallstar, Michael Allen, 913 W. 20th St., Jerome, ID 83301, retail trade.
Furniture Dan's, Danny R. Furesty, 240 E. 100 N., Jerome, ID 83301, agriculture.
Fotoys V Video Lindo Mitechanco, Pedro Vega, 1442 Alamo Ave., Burley, ID 83301, retail trade and services.
Funkhouser Credit, Pat Funkhouser, PO. Box 281, Fairfield, ID 83337, agriculture.
Garden Seapes, James Garden, PO. Box 601, Filer, ID 83328, services.
Goodboy Truck Stationery LLC, Molly Gay Goodboy, 500 S. Main St., Suite 202, Ketchum, ID 83340.
GSN Capital LLC, Genevieve Signe Nelson, 6419 U.S. Highway 93, Jerome, ID 83301, services.
Hawks Realty, Cindy Lemire, PO. Box 2222, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.
Hawkes Fabricators Corp., Richard D. Hawkes, 750 O'Leary Way, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
HealthPart Corp., Al Libicki, 771 Washington Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.
Healthy Earth Enterprises LLC, Richard C. Hesbin, 76 W. 40th W., Jerome, ID 83301.
Hill Trucking Inc., Lincoln Hiett, 794 N. Valley Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.
HIYA Associates Inc., Ryan Hillyer, 2016 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Homeschoerch, William Fredrick Torrey III, 20 Chukwanga Lane, Bellevue, ID 83313, services, construction and agriculture.
Holistic Nutrition Services, Crone Chantelle, 251 E. 2nd St., Burley, ID 83301, services.
Hollified Repair, Terry G. Hollified, 401 E. 3600 N., Hansen, ID 83336, retail trade and services.
Hotel Sun Valley LLC, Lee P. Itzuan, 1150 S. 40th St., Twin Falls, Suite 2C, Ketchum, ID 83340.
HSD Construction, Randy Caldwell, 686 Agate Creek, Kimberly, ID 83341, construction.
Idaho Academy of Medical Acupuncture, Lauren S. Hawks, 1219 S. Valley Way, Burpet, ID 83350, services.
Idaho Association for Parents of Children With Impairments, Kim Dumling-Barnhill, 110 Nevada St., Gooding, ID 83301.
Infer-Space, Bert Houghrough Motors, Inc., 450 N. Idaho, Wendell, ID 83355, retail and wholesale trade.
Infinity Construction Inc., Miles Hall, 703 Ambrose Ave., Wendell, ID 83355, construction.
Inner-Space Construction, Robert D. Finkbe, 1005 Oak Creek Road, Buhl, ID 83316, construction.
Instantaneous Software Solutions, Dwayne Jantz, 1940 E. 3900 N., Filer, ID 83324, retail and wholesale trade.
Inter-View Enterprises LLC, Dean Thayer, 1760 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
JJ Jim's, Justin Halls, 269 Leyburn, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.
KC Craids, Joe Schwam, PO. Box 342, Hagerman, ID 83349, retail trade.
KEM LLC, PO. Box 2064, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Ketchum Thorne Square, George B. Jetter, PO. Box 598, Sun Valley, ID 83351, finance, insurance and real estate.

Kim Nilsen Inc., Kim Nilsen, 78 Pioneer View Drive, Halley, ID 83333.
Kimberly Mini Storage, Milton J. Anderson, 444 S. N. Kimberly, ID 83341, services.
KMP Electric LLC, Marden Paul, 568 E. 16th, Burley, ID 83301, services.
Kolob Packing LLC, C. Brennan Jones, 1715 S. 600 W., Oakley, ID 83348.
La Jatta, Maria Elena Garcia, 337 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330, retail trade.
Land Ventures LLC, Daniel S. Deagle, 1020 S. Main St., Buhl, ID 83316.
Lappald Construction, Jody Ray Lapp, 410 Diamond Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341, construction.
Len & Rob Inc., Leandra J. Graden, 252 Woodlake Drive, Halley, ID 83333.
Lesch, John J. LLC, John J. Hagenbuch, 1001 Wyoming, Sun Valley, ID 83333.
Levy Aviation Services LLC, John J. Hagenbuch, 1001 Wyoming, Sun Valley, ID 83333.
Leyscorp LLC, Scott Mirley, 130 Galtstrasse Drive, Idaho, ID 83333.
The Learning Garage LLC, Daley Van Seaton, 109 River Bend Lane, Halley, ID 83333.
Lezcho Chorro Mirmonites, Joe L. Mirmonites, 426 W. U.S. Highway 30, Burley, ID 83301, services.
Le's Beauty, Belle Bentler Center LLC, 2207 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83301, services.
Lighting Concepts Corp., Ryan C. Moore, 256 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Lisa Thomas Computer Service, Diana K. Thomas, 128 10th Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.
Maize and Company, Christopher V. Webb, 242 Canyon St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Mallen Construction LLC, Bruce Mallica, 201 N. Hiawatha, Idaho, ID 83333.
Mary Ann Transport, Mary Ann Potts, PO. Box 213, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.
Maura C. O'Neill DM.D. PC, Maura C. O'Neill, 291 Filmore St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
McDonald Properties Pl., John H. McDonald, 105 McDonald Lane, Ketchum, ID 83340.
Mermaid Construction Inc., Mark W. Jeff, 901 Stevens, No. 4, Filer, ID 83328.
Metal Art Masters, Ark. Puce, 360 Broadfoot Road, Halley, ID 83333, retail trade and services.
Mobile Eye Repair Inc., William Olson, 206 Galena Drive, Halley, ID 83333, services.
Molly's Memories, Molly Hughes, 1941 Burton Ave., Burley, ID 83318, services.
Monarch Building Inc., Brent D. Crocker, 1826 E. 3060 S., Wendell, ID 83355.
Morgan Doors Inc., Morgan Doors Inc., 205 S. 45 W., Burley, ID 83301, retail trade, services, manufacturing and construction.
Morgan Hay Farms, Drew G. Morgan, PO. Box 155, Paul, ID 83347, agriculture.
Moss Land Co. LLC, Daniel D. Moss, 404 N. 2nd St., Paul, ID 83347, services.
Mountain Paints Inc., Thomas Kachner, 781 Esplanade, Halley, ID 83333.
Mullins & Sons, Scott Mullins, 215 Pecos St., Suite 304, Ketchum, ID 83340.
MUS Custom Cabinets, Melissa Setola, 2042 Hansen Ave., Burley, ID 83318, manufacturing and construction.
N&D Pet Sitters, Nancy L. Shugart, 3888 N. 29th E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Nem Farm LLC, Robert E. Nemo, PO. Box 186, Ketchum, ID 83340.
New Horizon Support Services LLC, Timothy J. Slater, 161 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 100, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Nielson Family Chiropractic, Chad J. Nielson, 60 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83301, services.
Niobok Car Wash Inc., J. Robert Alexander, 122 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Oak Street Veterinary Walker, PO. Box 246, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade.
Peak One Investments Inc., Jeff Herring, 119 B. Hutton, Halley, ID 83333.
Pepp's Smoked Foods, Phillip E. Pappert, 401 Center W., Kimberly, ID 83341, services.
Pioneer Property Services, Shawn Fox, PO. Box 281, Heyburn, ID 83328, services.
Point Graphics, Mitchell Smith Jr., 302 1/2 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, wholesale trade.
Porillo's Furniture LLC, Gonzo Viano, 360 Saddle St., Ketchum, ID 83340.
Pristine Air, Karl Malone, 2845 Brook Creek Road, Hansen, ID 83334, retail trade.
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QD Maintenance and Repair, Quinn E. Black, 430 Parkway Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

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Redding Construction LLC, Erik Redding, 125 Willow Road, Halley, ID 83333, construction.
Renascence Alliance Inc., Greg Greenleaf, 237 N. Washington, Dorr, ID 83324.
Reit A Company, Diana L. Thomas, 128 10th Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.
River Place One LLC, Andrew Tlan, 201 S. Main, Ketchum, ID 83340.
Rocky Mountain Auto Auctions, Joseph Glosser, 129 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83308, retail and wholesale trade.
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Ropa Demoda, Magdalena Perez, 9414 Eisenhower St., Jerome, ID 83308, retail trade and services.
Royal on Main, Rochelle Old, 117 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
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Rustle Elegance, Jim Blanford, PO. Box 2118, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.
SGG, Herald E. Gerber, 632 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.
STARS Inc., Britany O'Dell, 618 Montana, Gooding, ID 83330.
Suzanne Enterprises, Nancy Hull, PO. Box 2424, Twin Falls, ID 83303, transportation and public utilities.
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Smih Deep Design, Smih P. P. Box 1892, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Smith Brothers Jersey LLC, Luke Smith, 3085 S. 1700 E., Wendell, ID 83355.
Snake River Dairy Testing, Douglas Vogman, 20291 U.S. Highway 30, Buhl, ID 83335, services.
Soil Foodweb Idaho LLC, Sean Mallon, 51 N. 400 W., Jerome, ID 83308, construction.
South Central Idaho Adoption Council, Ed Jones, 325 19th Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330.
Sparksy's, Eric Budd, 490 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.
Special Effects II, Dean A. Emery, 227 Bob Barton Road, Jerome, ID 83308, construction.
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Stephen Brothers, DORE, PA, Stephen Houghon, 317 S. River St., Halley, ID 83333.
Stone & Stone Inc., Willis Stone, 3956 N. 2405 E., Paul, ID 83347.
Sun Valley Racing, Blake Franzen, 3160 Mountain Ash, Idaho, ID 83333, construction.
Sunrise Chopping LLC, John Becker, 3257 S. 2400 E., Jerome, ID 83308.
Super Home Inspections, Brian P. Brennan, 613 Surti Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83308, services.
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TJ Books, John T. Jones, 213 Third Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316, retail trade.
Thinner Electric, Arlyn Tamm, 918 W. Baseline Road, Paul, ID 83347, construction.
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The Tucker Place LLC, Lisa Michelle Adalund, 201 W. 80 N., Fairfield, ID 83327.
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Wunder Transport Inc., Miguel G. Maccosco Sr., 701 Elba Ave., Burley, ID 83301.
Wyberga Dairy LLC, Steve Wyberga, 701 W. 1000 S., Burley, ID 83301.
Yachio LLC, Robert Kith, 128 Saddle Road, Suite 103, Ketchum, ID 83340.

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 Position: _____

How long have you known the nominnee?

What is your relationship to the nominnee?

How does the nominnee exemplify the spirit of leadership and entrepreneurship?

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List measurable achievements by the nominnee: _____

Describe an instance of exemplary accomplishment by the nominnee: _____

Additional comments or tributes: _____

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Dear Mr. Wolf: I have a two-part partner. I dealt A-A-5-4, A-K-J-5-2, 10-8-6, 4-3-3 and opened one heart. My partner responded that he was right to rebid two hearts, not two-trump? And what was my partner supposed to have a jump to four diamonds now?

ANSWER: Your two-heart rebid made good sense. Both your rebid and the holdings suggested that at no-trump partner might benefit from the lead coming up to him. Over the four-diamond splinter-bid, suggesting short diamonds and agreeing hearts, you should cuebid four spades and hope partner can take control.

Dear Mr. Wolf: At my club some of the "fancy" players were talking about using a jump to five no-trump to ask partner to pick a slam. Do you play this, and how does it work in practice?

ANSWER: The prevalence of Key-card Blackwood (which allows you to find out about all the trump honors) means that five no-trump can be used for other purposes. For example, in an auction like 1♣-2♣-3♥-4♥-5♥-6♥-7♥-8♥-9♥-10♥-11♥-12♥-13♥-14♥-15♥-16♥-17♥-18♥-19♥-20♥-21♥-22♥-23♥-24♥-25♥-26♥-27♥-28♥-29♥-30♥-31♥-32♥-33♥-34♥-35♥-36♥-37♥-38♥-39♥-40♥-41♥-42♥-43♥-44♥-45♥-46♥-47♥-48♥-49♥-50♥-51♥-52♥.

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hand than one in an uncompetitive auction is largely discredited these days. That having been said, your hand is not worth a raise to two hearts. Your soft defensive values such as the diamond queen suggest you may have a hand that is worthless on offense, but may take tricks on defense.

Dear Mr. Wolf: Is there a simple way to remember the percentage of how the outstanding cards in a suit are most likely to split?

ANSWER: When two cards are missing-the even-split is approximately 50-50. With any other even number of cards missing, the suit is more likely to split badly than well--the even split is about a one-third chance, whereas a 4-2 split or 3-1 split is about a 50 percent chance. When you are missing an odd number of cards, they will split as close to evenly as they can more than two-thirds of the time; that is, the 2-1 split or 3-2 split is far more likely than a more hostile division of the cards.

Dear Mr. Wolf: Why are jump raises of partner's suit played as invitational or weak these days rather than strong? Is it not hard to tell partner you have a game-force with his suit now?

ANSWER: These days, two gadgets (the Jacoby two-no-trump raise of a major, and the inverted minor-suit raise) allow you to start auctions cheaply when you have a fit for partner, freeing up jump raises for other hand-types. In competitive auctions, pre-empting the opponents is so important that the forcing raise has to go by the board, on hand-frequency grounds. The ubiquitous cuebid always allows you to show a good hand, anyway.

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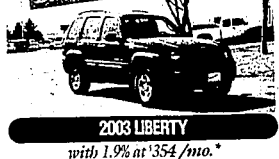
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Section E

A smaller size? Fat chance

Oh great. Just what we need. More points to add to the stress chart of the average American woman.

Now we find out we just "think" we were fitting into a smaller size at that shopping spree. It was so much fun while it lasted.

Last week, a major study conducted by the clothing and textile industry, the Army, the Navy and several universities, reported that Americans have actually grown larger since the last similar study 50 years ago. And many of us have been living a lie.



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

Since manufacturers set their own sizing standards, according to the Akron, Ohio, Beacon Journal, vanity sizing is alive and well, and likely to continue. Thus, we have young women who aren't all that tiny bragging about wearing a size 0 because what once was a 6 is now a 0.

Depends on what the manufacturer decided was a size 0 this year - and there doesn't seem to be much consistency.

Carry that thought to the other end of the spectrum, and it can be really scary. The woman who thinks she finally fit into a size 10 may actually be wearing what used to be a size 16.

And so on. Talk about a way to ruin a trip to the mall.

It gets worse. If you have to be in a wedding or a play or some event where someone actually measures you for a size, you are zapped with the bitter truth.

The attendants at the recent wedding of one of my friends were just about ready to mutiny. "I don't care what your tape measure says," one young woman screeched. "I've never worn a size 14 in my life!"

Meanwhile, the Harvard Health Letter has dubbed obesity the number one health concern of 2003, which might explain the craze over the Atkins diet and the popularity of those weight-loss supplements that are now being classified as dangerous.

Once read that 65 percent of the people in the United States start a new diet at least once a year, and there are more than 30,000 different diets on a public record. A few years ago, I went to a brunch where every woman present seemed to be on a diet. One was on a water diet, so she was putting orange slices into her water for variety.

Another woman was on a fruit diet, but she said she had to eat her fruit every hour of the day. A third woman was singing the praises of her peanut butter diet, and a fourth decided - on the spot - to try both the fruit diet and the peanut butter diet, at the same time.

Oh well. There's always exercise. Not that it's my favorite pastime. Never was.

My husband's idea of a great vacation would be to climb a mountain or ford a stream (isn't that a song?). But he grew up working out on a farm, and I grew up in town, sitting in a drugstore drinking Cokes with my friends. These days, I do agree to go mall walking with him, but I hate it when he brings along that stop watch.

No one in my family exercised much. Especially my mother, who has always eaten dessert first.

My 4 foot 9 inch 90-pound mom got blessed with the genes to get away with living on the edge. Today, at age 91, her definition of exercise is the same as it's always been: "I figure I get enough exercise trying to keep my balance on those three-inch heels."

Whenever I tell her she's going to fall down in those three-inch heels and break a hip, she laughs and says only old people do that.

Wonder what size she's wearing this year.

Somehow, I doubt it's bothering her very much.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

'The Guard is so deeply integrated into the force structure now.' - Ron Weinert



Ron Weinert, an Idaho National Guard lieutenant colonel at the time volunteered to fly an F-102 jet in Vietnam in 1969.

In harm's way

National Guardsmen used to be from the sidelines, but no more

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

BUHL - Join the National Guard, see the war from afar.

It was that way for most of two generations of Idaho National Guardsmen, who from the conclusion of World War II through the end of the Vietnam conflict, knew that their odds of getting into the line of fire were smaller than those of their friends drafted or enlisted in active military service.

"I was the only Air Guard pilot based in Boise who went to Vietnam," said Ron Weinert, a retired Air Force colonel who spent 13 years in the Idaho Guard. "And that was only because I volunteered."

"My brother and I joined the Guard because my dad thought it would keep us out of the service," said Paul Koonce, 71, of Gooding. "I got drafted, but my brother didn't."

That was in 1952, at the height of the Korean War. Still, "it was pretty unusual for anybody to get called up from a Guard unit in those days."

It's not usual anymore. On March 1, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced that 3,500 Idaho Guardsmen - 350 of them from Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Burley and Halley - had been put on alert, possibly for duty in Iraq. The soldiers joined Guardsmen from

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- Paul Koonce, 71, Gooding

three additional units nationwide for a total of 18,000 soldiers on alert status.

The announcement underscored the deepening involvement of Guard and Reserve forces in U.S.-led efforts to quell the insurgency in Iraq and stabilize the country.

About 95 percent of all Idaho guardsmen and women were notified to stand by Adjutant General Jack Kane said. If all the soldiers are called to active duty, it will be the sin-

gle largest deployment of National Guard troops in Idaho's history.

"The Guard is so deeply integrated into the force structure now," Weinert said. "They're doing jobs that active-duty personnel did in previous conflicts."

Weinert, who was a member of the Texas Air Guard before he came to Idaho - and like President George Bush, flew F-102 fighters - says he knows what Idaho Guardsmen and their families are going through.

"But it shouldn't come as a surprise to any of them," he said. "That's the job that you sign up to do."

"When I enlisted in the Guard, it was kind of an adventure, a chance to get out of town once in a while," Koonce said. "I didn't expect to get called up, but I went. I knew what I had committed to do."

Koonce spent a year in Korea, stringing telephone wire and operating switchboards for an artillery outfit. His Guard experience helped a lot once he got into the regular Army, he says.

"All the way through, I was just a little ahead of everybody else."

Weinert, now 70, was a commercial airline pilot who only went to war because he signed up for a training program at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, one of the major Air Force staging areas during the Vietnam War. He soon found himself in Vietnam, and throughout the sum-

mer of 1969, flew escort for B-52 bombers operating over Laos.

The F-102, obsolescent by the late 1960s, was designed to shoot down enemy airplanes, so it didn't have much to do in Vietnam. But even Air Guard pilots who flew the kinds of planes that were used extensively in that conflict often had to go out of their way to get sent to war, he says.

"There were avenues open" to George Bush to get into active service," Weinert said. "He didn't take them."

Weinert is critical of Bush's Texas Air Guard service, which included a stint with the Alabama Guard while he was working on the political campaign of a friend of his father's.

"The laws were written so vaguely in those days that it was possible to get out of service," he said. "I saw it happen in the Idaho Guard."

An opponent of the American involvement in the war in Iraq, Weinert says his heart goes out to today's Guardsmen, who from a normal civilian life into the thick of conflict.

"But he hopes they will feel the same about their Guard experience as he does."

"I joined the Guard to serve," he said.

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Time might be up for naps in pre-K class

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON-After lunch and snacks, alphabet and story times, the lights go off. Sixteen tiny bodies sprawl on a sea of red foam mats, the sounds of classical piano coaxing them to sleep.

And there they stay, tucked under Spider-Man and Powerpuff Girls blankets, until teacher Chantay Wynn switches on the lights 45 minutes later. "Come on, get up," Wynn chides 4-year-old Steven Dieu, lifting him from his mat. "Open your eyes."

It's a daily ritual for the pre-kindergarten students at Hoffman-Boston Elementary School in Arlington, Va., as it is at countless schools across the country. But in the increasingly urgent world of public education, is it a luxury that 4-year-olds no longer can afford?

By asking that question, a few leaders of Washington area school systems have

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Two students at Hoffman-Boston school in Arlington, Va., read before the lights go out.

Picking kids' camps ...

Here are some things to remember, and questions to ask:

• Few camps or programs go all summer. Most parents end up with a patchwork of camps and other care to cover the summer months.

• Many summer day camps follow an elementary-school schedule - half-day camps often run from 9 a.m. to noon, and a full-day may stretch until 3 or 4 p.m. Some, but not all, offer extended hours for an additional fee.

• The shorter hours may lead to "mitching" - having one child-care arrangement in the morning, another for afternoon camp. Putting it all together and arranging for transportation can tax the most organized parent. To cope, parents may need to alter their work hours or court friends or relatives to help out. Other possible solutions: Offer to pay a camp

staffer to provide extended care or arrange carpools with other families.

• Parents often need to provide sack lunches and snacks, even in the most expensive camps.

• The prekindergarten set and "tweensagers" pose special summer-camp problems. Many camps require children to have a year of school under their belts. Other camps only accept children

through age 12. Parents may struggle to find care that is acceptable to their 13- to 15-year-old. To fill the void, some families patch together the summer care by hiring a neighborhood teen as a summer companion, sharing a nanny among several families or putting older children in charge of younger siblings for part of the day.

-Source: The Seattle Times

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

SKIPPING GYM By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York. A crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Pet parasite prevention will avoid 'big three bugs'

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes the start of parasite season and the inevitable onslaught of 'The Big Three Bugs' - ticks, fleas and mosquitoes. These pests will find their way to your dog or cat for nourishment and only you - with the aid of your veterinarian - can stop them.

'Veterinarians are in the best position to recommend proper parasite control protection for pets, because they can take into consideration such factors as the weight and health of the animal,' said Link Weiborn, DVM, Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners and President of the American Animal Hospital Association.

Flea, tick, and mosquito bites aren't merely inconvenient for your dog or cat; they can lead to potentially fatal conditions. This is the time of year, as you and your four-legged friend start spending more time outside, to learn about the dangers these parasites present, and ways to prevent them and protect your pet.

'The harpoon-like barbs of a tick's mouth attach to a "host dog" for feeding and its crablike legs, plus a gooey ooze that it secretes, help keep the tick attached to its host. If it sounds gross, it is. In fact, there are more than 200 species of ticks in the United States alone and they can cause many diseases like Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, and others, which can lead to serious health problems and, in severe cases, death.'



THE BOND Marty Becker

Feline arthritis

How closely have you watched your older cat move? If your cat seems to be becoming encased in ultra-slow curing cement - making it much less mobile than before - it may have osteoarthritis.

Osteoarthritis appears more common in older cats than we veterinarians had assumed. Because cats are so light and agile, you might not notice it until they're limping from a painful joint. They may choose to move less or you may see that they have altered their movement patterns and gait to compensate.

'We often place things the cat needs, like food and litter boxes where the cat needs to jump or climb to reach them. If a cat is suffering from arthritis, these locations may become increasingly difficult for your cat to access.'

common for animals to have allergic reactions to fleas that can result in hair loss, skin rashes and inflammation. The last of 'The Big Three Bugs' is the mosquito, which fleas like as its actual, living blood meal. Fleas are also a common cause of skin problems in dogs and cats.

though it is rare that dogs suffer any lasting impact from exposure to West Nile.

But whether you want to protect your pets from the discomfort of mosquito bites or help protect them against heartworm disease, pet owners can take some prudent non-sense steps to decrease the risks, such as by avoiding taking their dogs on walks during primary mosquito feeding times at dawn and dusk, and removing standing water from their properties.

However, a major threat to all dogs and cats are their owners if they ignore 'The Big Three Bugs,' erroneously assuming their pet is immune or too well-kept to fall victim to these diseases, associated with one of the pugnacious breeds that's afflicted.

In fact, while no companion animal is 100 percent safe, there are simple and effective things pet owners can do to protect their pets. The first step is to get your pet on a parasite prevention program. I stress the word prevention.

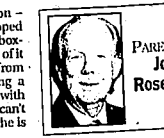
'By the time that a pet owner notices a flea and tick infestation it is too late to stop stress and suffering to the pet and disease transmission,' says Michael Dryden, Professor of Veterinary Parasitology at Kansas State University. Dryden now recommends year-round flea and tick prevention products that are safe for your pet. Dryden notes that flea, tick and heartworm seasons are all different, so it's very difficult to know when to start or stop using products, pet owners should consult with their veterinarian for the best products available. Dryden, his voice rising for emphasis.

Don't fear son's toy attachment

At first, I agree with you that your son's school problems are not caused by "lingering androgyny" over the divorce. Furthermore, by constructing this sort of pseudo-psychological excuse, the counselor in question is unwittingly enabling your son's misbehavior and underachievement.

On the matter of keeping your son out of sports if he doesn't believe in class and do his work on a weekly basis, I think you're doing the right thing, which is nothing more than a variation on what I call "Grandma's Rule." When you do what you are supposed to do, then you can do what you want to do.

I agree with the father that sports are a good thing... that they develop discipline, self-confidence, etc. However, I believe in first things first. Obviously, your son's education is more important than soccer, baseball or football. I look at it this way: Your son hasn't developed the discipline he needs to participate in sports. When he is ready to demonstrate that discipline, he can participate again.



PARENTING John Rosemond

Q: Our 23-month-old son - our first child - has developed an attachment to a matchbox. He has not let go of it for a month. It keeps him from doing things like throwing a ball, drawing and playing with other toys. If he drops it or can't find it in his crib at night, he hysterically cries.

It is all right to let him have such an attachment? If not, how do we take it away? A: It is not at all unusual for toddlers to develop intense attachments to objects of all sorts or another; furthermore, these attachments neither represent nor pose a problem. Favorite blankets and the like that toddlers will not part with are called "transitional objects" and seem to provide a sense of security as the young child is becoming less dependent on his parents, his mother in particular.

Might be time for Leo to relax

IF MARCH 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you live right in and tickle things that need to get done. Try to concentrate on the important issues in life, and don't allow small emotional concerns to blur the issues. You will be most successful by physically taking action in any way. Even if you feel a bit under the weather (don't sit around).

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You may be spurred into fresh activities. Having a few adventures may be good for you, but be aware of some of the negative planetary alignments later this month. Don't begin anything important until the week is over.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): While venturing out with friends and doing something different may satisfy your craving to escape the mundanum routine, sudden reactions to congenial others could hold pitfalls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Today you are able to transmit your most secret thoughts in a pleasing way. That would be a good time to discuss private issues with your companion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your charitable instincts will be prominent today, and a call upon your generosity may be made. It is a good time for you to voice your opinions or do your part in the community with volunteer work or donations.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pay attention to what is going on in the world; listen to the news, the radio or TV, and you will find guidance for your everyday problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you are venturing with ideas or conversations that seem to have a hidden meaning, just put your best foot forward and try to clear the air.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are full of vim and vigor and ready to charge forth. Since you are such a live wire, you should visit friends. Your entertainment quotient is at high tide, so take this opportunity to show off.

Nap

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begin to challenge one of the pillars of the school experience: afternoon naps. "Nap time needs to go away," Prince George's County, Md., schools chief Andri J. Hornsby said during a recent meeting with Maryland legislators. "We need to get rid of all the baby school stuff they used to do."

Hornsby wants to convert his pre-kindergarten classes into a full-day program. If he secures the funding, that means that next fall there will be no mats or cots allowed, he said. In Anne Arundel County, Md., where full-day pre-kindergarten is in place, Superintendent Eric J. Smith also has opted not to build nap time into the schedule.

Educators including Hornsby and Smith find themselves under growing pressure to make school more rigorous - even in the earliest grades - in the belief that children who are behind academically by age 6 or 7 have a difficult time catching up. "The time is very precious,"

Horoscope

Jeraline Saunders

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"Do all 4-year-olds need naps? The answer is certainly no," said Ari Brown, a pediatrician in Texas and author of the book "Baby 4.1."

Arundel County in July 2002 from Charlotte, N.C., is a firm believer that pre-kindergarten students don't need naps. His teachers and principals urge parents not to make sure the children get enough sleep at home. In place of nap time is "quiet learning time," during which students look at books or play with puzzles, said Barbara Griffith, coordinator of the county's early childhood programs.

If they do fall asleep, the teacher doesn't wake them. But the message is clear: "This is not a child-care center. It's an educational program," Griffith said.

In effect, kindergarten is becoming more like first grade, educators say, which makes parents nervous. "I remember learning socialization skills," Wynn said. "By the time they get to kindergarten, they have to hit the ground running."

But support of naps is hardly unanimous.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
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Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.
Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Ham and beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, cornbread, cottage cheese and peaches, dessert.
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, Jell-O w/ fruit, dessert.
Wednesday: Birthday meal, roast beef, potatoes and gravy, pasta salad, corn, roll, ice cream and cake.
Thursday: Swedish meatballs over noodles, peas and carrots, mixed fruit, bread, carrot cake.
Friday: Fish and chicken, au-gratin potatoes, red cabbage salad, vegetable, roll, dessert.

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2-5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting Exercise, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood Pressure
Wednesday: Quilting Elks Car Club
Foot Clinic
Thursday: Center Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Quilting Lunch bingo Blood pressure Exercise class
Saturday: Super bingo, 1-3 p.m. at center

West End Senior Citizens Club
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Tuesday: Fish, au-gratin potatoes, beef, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert
Wednesday: Cook's Choice
Thursday: Meat loaf, parsleyed potatoes, California blend salad, roll, dessert

Activities:
Today: Buffet, 1 p.m.
Monday: Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Exercise: 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts: 1-4 p.m.
Board meeting: 1 p.m.
Tax assistance: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 1-4 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Chicken stew, macaroni and cheese, country mixed veggies, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Ham, potatoes and gravy, spinach, fruit, Jell-O, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, sandwich, fruit medley, pudding
Thursday: Baked chicken, au-gratin potatoes, mixed veggies, coleslaw, fruit cocktail cake
Friday: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes and gravy, peas, kidney bean salad, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar: 6 p.m.
Early bird: 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Caring counselor, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle: 10 a.m. to noon
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle: 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Monday: Wieners and sauerkraut, potatoes, carrot and pineapple salad, bread and butter, peaches, cookie
Wednesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail
Friday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail
Activities:
Monday: Board meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 p.m.
Pinochle: 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Beef and noodles,

vegetables, green salad, bread, dessert
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, noodles, carrot/raisin salad, bread, pudding
Wednesday: Chili dogs, steak frites, brussels sprouts, salad, dessert
Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, spinach, peaches, cottage cheese, roll, pumpkin squares
Activities:
Monday: Mexican train, 2 p.m.
Pinochle: 9:30 a.m.
Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild One: 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool: 1 p.m.
Bridge: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages: 10:15 a.m.
Computer lessons: 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard: 6 p.m.
Thursday: Quilt and sew, 9 a.m.
Pool: 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure: 11 a.m.
Birthday dinner: noon
Ginga-a-long: 12:30 p.m.
TOPS: 4 p.m.
Pinochle: 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand/foot: 2 p.m.
Bowling: 1:30 p.m.
Bingo: 6 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center
140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.
Monday: Turkey roast, salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Lasagna, cornbread, lettuce, salad, gingerbread
Friday: Pot roast and potatoes, green beans, corn, garlic bread, fruit pie

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon rolls and maple bar bake days. Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.
Monday: Turkey roast, salad, bread, dessert
Wednesday: Lasagna, cornbread, lettuce, salad, gingerbread
Friday: Pot roast and potatoes, green beans, corn, garlic bread, fruit pie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Monday: Meatloaf, tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, three bean medley, biscuits, cheese-cake bars, cherries
Wednesday: Baked potato and salad bar, chili, fresh melon slice, hot rolls, iced brownies
Friday: Roast beef, gravy or fish, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, Debs favorite salad, rolls, apple pie, ice cream
Activities:
Today: "Damn Yankees" at CSI in Twin Falls, 2 p.m.
Bus leaves at 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$7.
Monday: Walmart shopping, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Massage, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Tax assistance, 9 a.m.
Thursday: Carey exercise, 10 a.m.

Glenns Ferry Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Monday: Meat balls and gravy, California mix veggies, mashed potatoes, green salad, hot rolls, bread pudding
Thursday: Ham sandwich, veggie soup, peach pie
Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, green salad, hot dinner rolls, birthday cake and ice cream
Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee: 8:30 a.m.
Quilting: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.
Snack bar: 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo: 6:30 p.m.
Bridge: 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee: 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.
Monday: Sauerkraut and wieners, California mix veggies, fried potatoes, sugar cookies and peaches
Thursday: Chicken rice soup, egg salad sandwich, apple pie

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50. Children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.
Monday: Baked lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, citrus fruit, dessert
Wednesday: Creamed chicken over flaky buttercrisp biscuit, fresh spinach salad, hot cinnamon apple slices
Friday: Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, salad, fruit, cake and ice cream

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave., Burley
Monday: Sweet and sour wings, rice, broccoli, herb roll, fruit, bread pudding
Tuesday: Reuben sandwich, chicken gumbo soup, green onion, pineapple Jell-O, desserts
Wednesday: Chicken, hash-browns, green beans, bread, fruited Jell-O, black forest cake
Thursday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggie, fruit cup, strawberry short cake
Friday: Seafood basket, broccoli, hard roll, coleslaw, fruit, orange sunshine cake

Activities:
Monday: All play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle: 1 p.m.
Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 11:15 a.m.
Dominos: 10 a.m.
Computer class: 1 p.m.
Bingo: 7 p.m.
Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle: 1 p.m.
Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 11:15 a.m.
Organ lessons: Night pinochle, 7 p.m.
Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise: 11:15 a.m.
Pinochle: 1 p.m.
Bingo: 1 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday: Assorted salad, corn chowder, veggie, biscuit, pudding
Tuesday: Hot dogs, kraut, veggie, biscuit, moussé

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool playing: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tax preparation by appt.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool playing: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday: Art class, 9 a.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pool playing: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Birthday dinner and party

Write to Abby
Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site, <http://www.DearAbby.com>

DEAR ABBY: Our otherwise responsible 15-year-old daughter, "Marie," is upset with her father and me because we won't allow her to have her belly button pierced. She's a good kid, and we originally told her she could get it pierced if she improved her grades. However, after thinking it over, we changed our minds and told her so.
Marie couldn't believe we'd changed our minds. She worked hard and brought her grades up to A's and B's. Now she is in tears because we won't let her have the piercing.
At what age do you and your readers consider belly button piercing appropriate? —UPSET IN COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

DEAR UPSET: I see navel piercing as a fad that has gone mainstream. Discuss it with your family physician or a dermatologist to determine what the risks are.
Be sure your daughter is present so she is aware of them, too. (As long as the procedure is done hygienically, it shouldn't cause any damage.) And in the future, I advise you to think carefully before making any more promises to your daughter.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in August. My best friend, "Judy," is my maid of honor. My problem is she expects me to invite her fiancé, "Joe," to the wedding.
While I love Judy dearly, I do not care for her fiancé. When they are together, they keep to themselves and barely interact with other people.
I'm afraid if I invite Joe to my wedding, she'll spend most of her time with him.
He has never done anything to make me dislike him, but I've never had a good feeling about him since the day I met him. I want to keep my friend happy, but I also want to have the wed-

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Filer FFA members earn honors

FILER - Three Filer FFA Chapter members earned honors recently.

The 2004 South Magic Valley Star Agribusiness man in Placement winner is Whitney Hurley, the daughter of Randy and Lorie Kruse.



Whitney's Supervised Agricultural Experience project included working at Curry Country Cafe where she has learned about how to run a small business and showing her quarter horse at the Twin Falls County Fair.

where she received reserved grand champion showmanship once and grand champion showmanship twice. Another part of her project included working for her parents around the family farm and business.

Whitney is also a member of National Honor Society and F club.

Jessica Kimball, daughter of Ed and Brenda Kimball, was elected to receive her State FFA degree, the highest at the state level in high school.

Students must be actively involved in FFA, have been a member for three years and complete a Supervised Agricultural Experience.

Jessica also won the District Star Farmer award for her achievements with her Supervised Agricultural Experience project and will compete for State Star Farmer in April. Her project consists of raising and selling Suffolk Hampshire sheep and alfalfa hay, and working at a veterinarian clinic.

Jessica is the FFA chapter treasurer, served chapter reporter and sentinel and as the South Magic Valley FFA District secretary and shows her sheep at state and national fairs.

For the last three years, she received reserved grand champion showmanship at the fair and competed in the FFA Round Robin.

Jessica has received several FFA awards, including the Chapter Star Farmer, Star Famer and the Star Agribusiness.

She is also active in 4-H, North American Elk Federation and the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Youth group.

Filer FFA Chapter for three years, competed in several events, shows her horses at the fair for FFA showmanship and quality and competed in the FFA Round Robin twice.

To earn a State Degree, members also must pass tests on parliamentary procedure and state FFA Information. For her Supervised Agricultural Experience project,

Teresa works during the summer at B & B Apiaries in Buhl where she helps extract the honey from the bee hives.

She has been FFA chapter reporter and Chapter Star secretary, earned Chapter Star and Farmer her sophomore year and has attended several conferences and workshops provided at the state and national conventions, including the Advanced Leadership Development conference in Boise in January.

She said that she believes the important skills he is learning in FFA will reflect in her future plans.

"It's the little things that help build the big foundation," Theresa commented.

Their adviser is Brain Wolf.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Public Jordan Hernandez, son of Stacey Renee Hodges of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Ethan Chad Herrick, son of Amy Lynn and Chad Ross Herrick of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 5, 2004.

Amaris Isabel Hebert, daughter of Tonja Marie and Kenneth Joseph Hebert of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 10, 2004.

Kari Davin Ray Bedke, son of Danielle Bedke and Rocky Aaron Jones of Oakley, was born Thursday, March 11, 2004.

Alexander Michael Jenkins, son of Adeanna May and Shane Thomas Jenkins, was born Thursday, March 11, 2004.

Samantha Jayne Koehn and Bethany Grace Koehn, twin daughters of Rachel Diane and Shane Lewis Koehn of Buhl, were born Thursday, March 11, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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Jordan Ruby Lookingbill, daughter of Michona Lee and Craig Alton Lookingbill of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 11, 2004.

Rhydian Walter Turner, son of Jamie Lee and Robin Christopher Turner of Shoshone, was born Thursday, March 11, 2004.

Shaylana Soflyha Torres, daughter of Tonya Michelle and Jason Raymond Torres of Wendell, was born Friday, March 12, 2004.

Hyden Joseph Alves, son of Whitney Jo Gellings and

Herculano John Alves of Buhl, was born Saturday, March 13, 2004.

Alexis Brianna Johnson, daughter of Beusey Lynn and Mitchell Patrick Johnson of Kimberly, was born Saturday, March 13, 2004.

Demetrio Emilio Angel Canchola-II, son of Alma Anne and Angel Canchola of Buhl, was born Sunday, March 14, 2004.

Mac-Lou McLaughlin, daughter of Cheryl Lynn and Charles Isaac McLaughlin II of Jerome, was born Sunday, March 14, 2004.

Kinley Raeann Dalos, daughter of Rachel Koreen and Jamey Lynn Dalos of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 15, 2004.

Amer Rose Vandenberg, daughter of Tammy Lynn and Marvin Jan Vandenberg of Jerome, was born Monday, March 15, 2004.

Owen Joseph Beard, son of Richelle Lee and Matthew Jordan Beard of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 15, 2004.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Left, Joyce Lindstrom of the Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers presents a scholarship to Laura Zulkowski, daughter of Linda and John Zulkowski. Zulkowski is attending Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia and plans to have a career as a registered nurse. Right, Joyce Lindstrom of the Cassia Regional Medical Center volunteers presents a scholarship to Michelle Taylor, an employee of Cassia Regional. Taylor is also a student at the College of Southern Idaho studying in radiological technology.

A MESSAGE OF SAFETY



Representative from Safety First, a training center for National Safety Council, attended the Orchard Valley Head Start annual health fair March 1 at the American Legion Hall in Wendell. Marty Bus distributed information about classes on adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. For more information, call Safety First at 736-8105.

SERVICE NEWS

Marines participate in large hashish seizure

Marine Corps Sgt. Versayn G. Reynaga-Garcia, son of Nelda Garcia of Glens Ferry, and Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Chad M. Jones, son of Suzanne L. and Robert N. Jones, participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The interception is designed to hinder the funding of terrorist organizations by denying the use of the seas for the smuggling of illegal contraband. This is the third interception by coalition maritime forces in recent weeks.

Reynaga-Garcia is a 1999 graduate of Glens Ferry High School and joined the Marine Corps in April 2000. Jones joined the Marine Corps in May 2002.

Alman Lierman graduates from Lackland

Al National Guard Airman 1st Class Ryan L. Lierman, son of Julie Lierman of Jerome, and Brent Lierman of Twin Falls, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

The six weeks of training included studies of the Air Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies, performing drill and ceremony marches and receiving physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Lierman is a 1997 graduate of Jerome High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Boise State University.

Back graduates from Navy hospitalman school

Navy Hospitalman Janis R. Back, daughter of Karen Y. and David M. Beachard of Twin Falls, has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

Back is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School of Twin Falls and joined the Navy in July 2003.

During the 14 week course, Back learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Back also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments.

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United Way elects new officers for the year

TWIN FALLS - The United Way has elected new officers for 2004.

Officers are president, Linda Deboard of Zion's Bank; vice president/campaign chairman, Marty Buss of Safety First; and Patsy Johnson of Clear Springs Foods; treasurer, Rod Burks of Burks Tractor; secretary, Paige Jensen of Robertson, Hepworth, Slette, Worst and Siewer; assistant secretary, Elaine Steele of Twin Falls City Council; and agency relations, Lisa Collins of KMVT.

For more information, call 733-4922.

Open house birthday celebration for resident

HAGERMAN - Floyd Hagerman will be honored at an open house for his 80th birthday from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 620 N. State St. in Hagerman.

He was born March 30, 1914, in Twin Falls. He married Thelma Potter Sept. 4, 1937. He was active in the Idaho

Potato Growers Association and the Vegetable Growers before retiring from farming and is still active in the LDS Church.

They have three children, Ardith (Russell) Weaver of Hollister, Ariene (Keith) Patterson of Carey and Allan (Rose) Marsh of Meridian, 14 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family respects no gifts, but is collecting thoughts and stories and welcomes any visitors would like to bring or send one.

Beginning scrapbooking classes are offered

BURLEY - Beginning 4-H scrapbooking classes will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 30 to April 27. The cost will be \$15 for supplies and includes one to two layouts per class. There will be an additional cost of \$4.50 for 4-color member registration and 90 cents for the 4-H record book/manual. The total cost for unregistered members will be \$20.40.

This project will help understand the proper way to care for photos and memories. Those attending will need to bring their own scissors and adhesives.

This class is limited to a minimum of four and a maximum of 10 participants. Registration will be closed Tuesday.

Oregon Trail Garden has space available

BURLEY - The Oregon Trail Botanical Garden near the Burley Airport has a garden by the caboose welcoming people into Burley and there are some small garden spots available.

"Any family, parent or business willing to help tend a small spot can call 678-2858 or 678-9345.

American Red Cross offers first aid classes

TWIN FALLS - The South Central District Health office of the American Red Cross is offering several community classes at the Red Cross office, 1139 Falls Ave.

March 27, "Standard First Aid and Infant/child (CPR) cardiopulmonary resuscitation." April 3, "Standard First Aid and Infant/child CPR." April 5-6, "Standard First Aid with AED (automated external defibrillator)." April 15, "Standard First Aid and Infant/child CPR Review." April 19-20, "Standard First Aid with AED." April 24, "Standard First Aid and Infant/child CPR."

Monday and Tuesday classes are from 6-10 p.m., Thursday review classes are from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday classes are from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Class times vary.

For more information about price, call the American Red Cross office at 733-6464.

American Legion Post hosts district meeting

MOUNTAIN HOME - The American Legion Post 26 is hosting a 4th District meeting at the American Legion Hall, 515 E. 2 S. in Mountain Home.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m., lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will start at 1 p.m. April 3. All posts in the 4th District are invited.

For more information, call Gene Behunin at 934-5796.

Bruneau Observatory looks to the moon

BRUNEAU - The Bruneau Dunes Astronomical Observatory invites the public to view the moon in its crescent phase on March 26-27.

The phase will allow shadow detail on the mountains and craters of the lunar surface to be seen. If weather permits Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn will also be visible.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a program in the museum beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, children under 6 are free. There is a \$4 vehicle entry fee.

Family Fair has openings for booths and services

BURLEY - The Family Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 at Burley Junior High School, 700 W. 16th St., Burley.

This is a large community event free to the area families. Anyone interested in having an information booth or offering services, can call 679-2658 or 678-9592.

Times-News gathers grad pics for 2004

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News is getting ready for its annual senior photo and valedictorian school.

Home-schooled or private-school students who would like to be included should contact Community Editor Pat Marzantonio for information. Students can send pictures via mail, e-mail, on CD or disc. Electronic means, that is e-mail, CD or disc, is preferred. E-mail photos to patm@magicvalley.com. Files can be no larger than 3MB. A separate e-mail with the students name, hometown and phone number is also needed.

Students without a photo, but want to be included, will just need to submit their information. Submissions are needed by April 15.

Information can be mailed to: Community Page, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Or hand deliver to 132 Third St. W, Twin Falls.

For more information, call Pat at 735-3288 or e-mail to patm@magicvalley.com.

Ellen Thomason is handling valedictorians and salutatorians information. Call her at 735-3266... or e-mail at ellen@magicvalley.com.



Hagerman students spell M-O-N-E-Y. Monday in School Days

ENGAGEMENTS

ORTIZ-CHRISTENSEN

BURLEY - Olga Yanira Antonio of Missouri and Faymin Ortiz of New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Yanery Ortiz, to Blake Stephen Christensen, son of Paul and Karen Christensen of Burley.

Ortiz is a 2000 graduate of William Chrisman High School in Missouri. Christensen is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School. He served in the Argentine Rosario LDS Mission.

They both work at Orkin Pest Control in Kansas City, Mo., where they plan to reside and continue their education.

The wedding is planned for March 26, at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. An open house to honor the couple will



Blake Christensen and Yanery Ortiz

be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Christensen residence, 795 S. 500 W., Burley. A reception will be held Saturday, April 10, at the Independence Stake Center in Missouri.

RACKHAM

-REMALLEY

FILER - Amy Michelle Rackham and Derek Patrick Remalley were married Feb. 14 at the Filer United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Mary Rackham of Filer. The bridegroom is the son of Paul and Sue Remalley of Twin Falls.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. D.P. Remalley of Twin Falls, grandfather of the groom, and the Rev. Sandra Kimbrow of Jerome, minister of the Filer United Methodist Church. Willa Rider of Twin Falls, longtime family friend, was the pianist.

Alicia Potahokos of San Diego, Calif., friend of the bride, was the best man.

Bridesmaids included Megan Cox of Twin Falls, Annie Woodland and Chelsea Ross of Filer, friends of the bride. Both Rackham and Filer, sister-in-law of the bride, attended the guest book. Kelsy Merritt of Boise, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

They Remalley of Lewistown, W.Va., brother of the groom, was the best man.

Groomsmen included Brian Roberty of Boise, brother-in-law of the groom, Josh Fullenwider of Kimberly and Michael Hawkins of Twin Falls, friends of the groom. Ushers were Joe and Andy Rackham of Filer, brothers of the bride. Ringbearer was Joseph Rackham of Filer, nephew of the bride.

Special guests included Pat Mitchell of Shelley, great-aunt of the bride; Floyd Anderson of



Amy and Derek Remalley

Boise, sister of the groom; Sean and Paula vonLindern of Boise, uncle and aunt of the groom; Wes Remalley of Kimberly, uncle of the groom; and numerous cousins who traveled from Arizona, Nevada and Idaho.

The dinner-dance reception was held following the ceremony at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is currently the manager of TCBY in Centennial Square.

The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended Idaho State University. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army in South Korea.

The couple will be reunited in June when the bridegroom's overseas duty is completed.

HANNEBAUM

-PURVIANCE

BUIH - Bud Hannebaum of Featherville and Paul any Janice Friebevasser of Harvey, N.D., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tressa Marie Hannebaum, to Robert Dean Purviance, son of Jerry and Christine Gardner of Buhl.

Hannebaum is a graduate of Rasmussen Business College in Eagan, Minn. She is employed at Advanced Medical Imaging in Silverdale, Wash.

Purviance attended Buhl High School. He is a member of the U.S. Navy and holds the rank of machinist mate first class (SW / AW) in Bangor, Wash.

The wedding is planned for 4



Tressa Hannebaum and Robert Purviance

p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Hayhurst Bed and Breakfast in Pine. A reception will be held at Hayhurst Bed and Breakfast following the ceremony.



Arin and Jason Lamm

POSEY-LAMM

JEROME - Arin Posey and Jason Lamm were married Nov. 22, 2003, at the Saint Alphonsus Hospital Chapel in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Darin and Connie Posey of Jerome.

The bridegroom is the son of Cheryl Lamm of Jerome and Dell Lamm of Twin Falls.

The Rev. Ben Chon officiated the ceremony.

Heidi Blom, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Heather Langer, Kirsten Hartley and Catherine Cherry, friends of the bride, were the bridesmaids.

Paul Stewart, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Andrew Lamm, brother of the groom, and Richard Gaver and Gary Wolfe, friends of the groom.

A reception was held in the McLeary Room at Saint Alphonsus following the ceremony.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is currently working as a certified nursing assistant. The bridegroom is also a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School and attended CSI. He is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps as a lance corporal and is stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The newlyweds reside in Vista, Calif.



David Hiatt and Charla Maxton

The wedding is planned for Saturday, April 17, at Meridian Friends Church in Meridian.

MAXTON-HIATT

BOISE - Charla Maxton and David M. Hiatt of Boise announce their engagement.

Maxton is the daughter of Charlene Howdsen of Buhl and Jerry Maxton. She graduated from Buhl High School in 1992 and from Boise State University in 1996. She is employed as a graphic designer for The Idaho Statesman and Calvary Chapel of Boise.

Hiatt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hiatt of Boise. He graduated from Capital High School in 1993 and from Boise State University in 2000. He is employed by Western Printing Supply, a family owned business.

EASTERDAY

-VANDERHAM

BUIH - Elden Easterday of Claydon and Annita Easterday of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Easterday, to Ryan Vanderham, son of Danny and Jeanie Vanderham of Wendell.

Easterday is a 1997 graduate of Castleford High School. She attended the Idaho State University Cosmetology program and is self-employed at Amy and Jen's Hair and Nail Boutique in Twin Falls.

Vanderham is a 1996 graduate of Wendell High School. He attended Dowd College and is employed at his family's dairy, Hilltop Dairy, in Wendell.



Rachel Easterday and Ryan Vanderham

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 10, at Blue Rock Winery in Buhl.

ANNIVERSARY

THE GUNNINGS

TWIN FALLS - Francis E. and Irene E. Gunnings of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 70th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at Altera Retirement Home, 1307 N. Locust St., in Twin Falls. No gifts are requested.

They were married March 23, 1934, in Twin Falls.

They were farmers, primary

in the Magic Valley area, for more than 75 years, and farmed a number of years with their son, Gall. They have enjoyed living in the Magic Valley area surrounded by friends and family.

The Gunnings had one son, Gall Gunnis. The event will be hosted by their three grandchildren and their special friends, the Silvas and Judy Marlow. They have five great-grandchildren with two additional great-grandchildren on the way.

China pays residents who reach magic age of 100

BEIJING (AP) - Need extra cash? Keep living. The thinly populated northwestern Chinese province of Gansu has started paying elderly people for staying alive.

"It's a pleasant surprise," Ren Xinhua, a 102-year-old woman from Lanzhou, the provincial capital, was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Except for partial loss of hearing, Ren is in good health and more than happy to receive the \$120 annual subsidy from the provincial government. The amount, doled out to each of Gansu's 243 centenarians, is about the same as the monthly pension paid by central government to the aver-

age retiree. The province of 25.9 million people also has 7,166 residents aged between 90 and 99 and more than 680,000 between 70 and 89, according to figures from Gansu's committee on aging.

Xinhua said Tuesday that Gansu is the first province to offer the cash rewards to the elderly, part of the local government's efforts to improve the lives of senior citizens.

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Water and Wood

Art show spotlights valley's liquid gold

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This trio of photographs, shared from the scrapbooks of three *Times-News* readers, shows something of the productivity, the peace and the peril of the Snake River.

That river, and the irrigators who tapped it a century ago, turned a patch of southern Idaho desert dust to green. And Magic Valley's water has for decades drawn the attention of photographers - amateur and otherwise - as well as painters and artists of all ilk.

In celebration of Twin Falls' first 100 years, the Magic Valley Arts Council is hosting a year of centennial art.

Artists from around the valley were invited to participate in four local-interest shows that explore "nuances that make Twin Falls unique," said Stacy Madsen, the arts council's executive director. Each show will be on display for about two months in the arts council's Galeria Pequena, at 132 Main Ave. S. In the Main Street Plaza.

The series opens with "The Magic of Water," on display April 2 through May 29.

You won't see these three old photographs at Galeria Pequena. (They're just here to get you thinking about water.)

But visitors to "The Magic of Water" will see works in a variety of media by more than 14 local artists, celebrating "the magic of water and irrigation in our community," Madsen said.

Jason P. Hicks of Jerome, for instance, plans a nostalgic piece that revolves around fly fishing - particularly, the waters he fished while growing up in Magic Valley. Hicks' artwork will likely be a sculpture incorporating found objects and snip-pets from glass studios. "If I can pull it off," he said, "I'll contribute a two-dimensional drawing or mixed-media piece to the arts council's water exhibit."

Some of the other participating artists have described to Madsen their intended projects, she said, but she'd rather keep the details to herself and let gallery visitors be surprised.

An opening reception for "The Magic of Water," from 7-9 p.m. April 2, is open to anyone - and free. It's a casual-dress affair with light hors d'oeuvres. And the reception is an open house, so come anytime during those two hours.

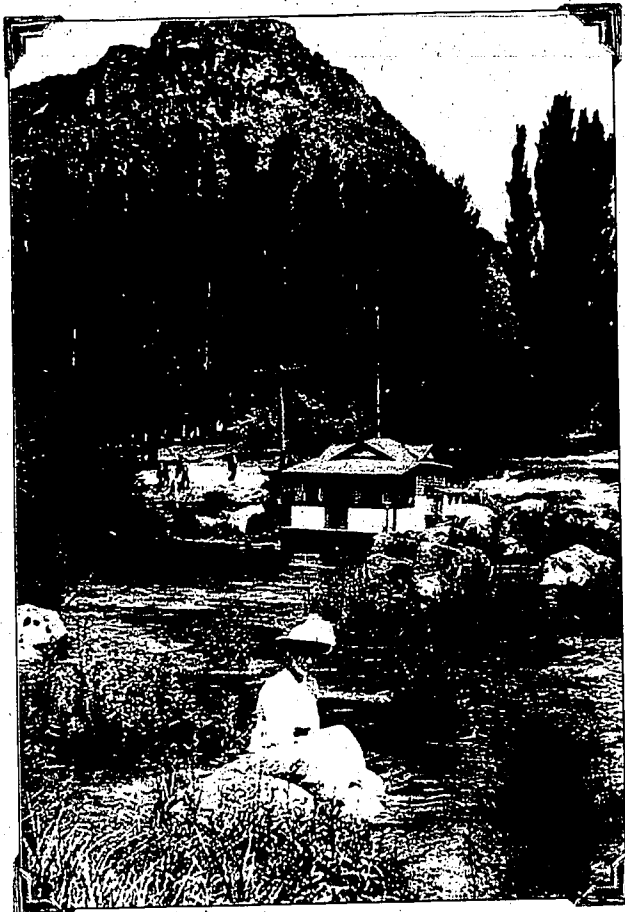
Admission to the Galeria Pequena is always free, and the public is invited.

After its water-themed exhibit, the arts council plans three more centennial art shows in Galeria Pequena. It's too late for artists to add pieces to the "Magic of Water" lineup. But they have plenty of time to register artwork for the rest of the shows.

To participate in "Potatoes are our Life," register by May 7; for "Centennial in a Box," call the arts council by July 2; for "Twin Falls in Miniature," by Oct. 8.

Magic Valley Arts Council can be reached at 734-AARTS.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins - serving also as Centennial editor - can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.



A woman identified only as Della, a friend of the Irwin family, enjoys Snake River Canyon scenery on the Fourth of July in 1913. Carl Irwin is pictured in the background, across the river. The small house shown here still stands, on Blue Lakes Country Club property.

Margret Isabel Grant, grandmother of current Twin Falls resident Brook Flinnegan, crosses the Snake River at Milner some time around 1910. On the back of the photograph is written: "This is a swinging bridge, it turned over with a greek man and he was drowned in the rapids."



Photo courtesy of BROOK FLINNEGAN of Twin Falls.

The Perrine orchards, in the area that's now the Blue Lakes Country Club, are pictured around 1912.



Photo courtesy of GARY GALLITTE of Twin Falls.

Carve a chunk of tree, say 'happy birthday'

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TWIN FALLS - Artists and woodworkers will bring new life to a dead tree cut down near City Hall.

With the blessing of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, the Magic Valley Arts Council is inviting anyone to turn a chunk of the trunk into a work of art, in celebration of Twin Falls' 100th birthday.

Dubbed "Our Tree," the project will raise money to help the city plant a replacement tree and culminate this fall in a gallery showing and silent auction at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft downtown.

"Our Tree grew out of the thought that each tree, like a person, has a unique story to tell and that story can become a lasting legacy," said Stacy Madsen, Magic Valley Arts Council's executive director. "When the city announced the removal of dead and diseased trees from city property, the gallery artists jumped at the chance to sponsor the creative project."

She said Our Tree was patterned after similar projects in Tasmania and northern England. Each participant will receive a portion of the tree's wood to create an item of his or her choice, and "all forms of creativity are encouraged."

"In other similar projects everything from fine art to clothing and from paper to smoked hams were produced from the wood," Madsen said.

Would-be artists in wood must submit proposals this week to be considered. If you're among them, be sure your proposed work has a centennial theme, and don't be too greedy about the size of chunk you'll need. Organizers will have to balance your wood request with others. And the larger-diameter chunks near the tree base are likely to be in demand.

The tree, stored for now behind a locked gate, is a Kimberly blue ash - a strain developed in Magic Valley by nursery founder Lloyd Wright in the mid-1930s, Madsen said.

"At the time, the tree proved ideally suited for our area and it became a thriving, popular shade tree planted throughout many areas of the United States," she said. "In the '50s, the Magic Valley bean crop was hit with the Halo blight, which also infected the Kimberly blue ash. Eventually Wright stopped production of the tree, but it can still be found to thrive and continues to be produced in other parts of the country."

David Mead, chairman of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, expects the artwork to demonstrate the usefulness of dead or diseased trees that have had to be removed from city property. Several trees cut down in City Park, for instance, have supplied wood for local makers of furniture and walking canes.

The tree commission gave the artwork project a thumbs-up last summer.

"We thought it was a great idea," Mead said.

Planning to participate?

The Magic Valley Arts Council is soliciting artists and woodworkers for its "Our Tree" project. Participation is free. But there's only one tree involved - so a limited amount of wood is available for individuals to create legacy artwork. Proceeds from the sale of the pieces will be donated to Twin Falls to help pay for planting a new tree. Here's how to get involved.

- **First step:** Submit a short, written proposal to the arts council by 5 p.m. Saturday, describing your intended project.
- **Next:** Attend the arts council's wood disbursement. (That's fancy terminology for handing out chunks of the tree.) It's set for 10 a.m. to noon April 3 at the city's parks and recreation department on Maxwell Avenue in Old Towne. Organizers will leave the bark on the chunks.
- **Call the arts council at 734-2787.**

Other upcoming shows

In line after "The Magic of Water" are three other centennial art shows organized by the Magic Valley Arts Council at its Galeria Pequena in downtown Twin Falls:

- **"Potatoes are our Life"**
Description: Idaho takes a certain pride in growing potatoes, and Twin Falls is no exception to this pride. Participating artists will be creating works on a potato theme," the arts council's Stacy Madsen said.
• Opening reception: 7-9 p.m. June 18
• On display: June 18 through July 31
- **"Centennial in a Box"**
Description: Artists will create mixed-media works that can be contained in a box and illustrate life in Twin Falls.
• Opening reception: 7-9 p.m. Aug. 6
• On display: Aug. 6 through Sept. 25
- **"Twin Falls in Miniature"**
Description: Artists will create miniature pieces of artwork that explore the city's centennial.
• Opening reception: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 3
• On display: Dec. 3 through Jan. 29