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Iraq scene turns gruesome

Crowds drag mutilated bodies through streets

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press writer



TWO ATTACKS KILLED AT LEAST NINE MORE PERSONNEL CARRIER NORTH OF FALLUJAH, MAKING IT THE BLOODIEST DAY FOR AMERICANS IN IRAQ SINCE JAN. 8. THE FOUR CONTRACT WORKERS

FALLUJAH, Iraq — In a scene reminiscent of Somalia, frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors through the streets of a town west of Baghdad on Wednesday and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels ambushed their SUVs.
Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division also were killed when a bomb exploded under their M-113 ar-



With the charred bodies of three Americans hanging behind them from the bridge structure (not shown), Iraqis chant anti-American slogans Wednesday in Fallujah.

more personnel carrier north of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8. The four contract workers were killed in Fallujah, a Sunni Triangle city about 35 miles west of Baghdad and scene of some of the worst violence on both sides of the conflict since the beginning of the American occupation a year ago.
Chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," residents cheered after the grisly assault on two four-wheeled-drive civilian vehicles left both SUVs in flames.
Residents in Fallujah said insurgents attacked the con-

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TIME TO COVER UP?



Twin Falls High School junior Kander Harmon, left, sophomore Megan Whitmore, center, and sophomore Kortnie Boidin walk to the school parking lot to leave for lunch Wednesday. The school is looking at overhauling its student dress code and is talking about getting rid of sagging pants, body piercings and bare midriffs.

TFHS officials consider stricter dress code

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

Updating the code

The first Twin Falls High School dress code committee meeting is 7 p.m. today in the TFHS faculty lounge. Committee meetings are open to the public.

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TWIN FALLS — Danielle Howard, 17, bent over in class Tuesday at Twin Falls High School, and about half an inch of her back was visible for a second, she said.
Her teacher told her to pull down her shirt and wear something else next time. That was the second time this year she got reprimanded for what she describes as her unique style.
Boggy pants, occult necklaces, studded belts, short shorts and belly-buttons galore are all part of a typical day of classes at Twin Falls High School.
"To wake up and pick out your

own clothes makes school just funner," said Christopher Steen, a junior at the school. "The variety is what makes the school's atmosphere fun."
The school's dress code is about as brief as some of the

shirts that are popular today, but Twin Falls administrators are considering revising the code to make sure more details, and students, are covered. The school would join several other south-central Idaho high schools that have updated their dress codes in recent years.
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administrators have differing ideas about what is appropriate for school.

Around the valley

Many schools have guidelines forbidding short skirts, bare midriffs, sagging pants and piercings besides earrings.
Students at Wood River High School staged a protest in February after school officials began to strictly enforce the school's dress code, which includes prohibitions of tight clothing and skirts short enough to bare midriffs when students raise their arms or bend over.
Students who wear clothing

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OPEC plans to cut output; analysts predict higher prices

The Associated Press

Updating the code

VIENNA, Austria — With fuel costs already at uncomfortable levels for consumers, OPEC took a step that could push prices even higher by announcing Wednesday that it would cut its crude oil production target by 4 percent.
The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries hopes the cut, which takes effect Thursday, will prevent a slide in prices this spring, when the global demand for oil usually slips to a seasonal low.
Some analysts said the cut could soon push crude prices from the current \$35.76 a barrel

to above the psychologically important threshold of \$40 per barrel, though futures markets fell on Wednesday. The decision could also worsen the pain for U.S. motorists, who have been paying the highest prices in recent years for gasoline.
OPEC, which pumps about a third of the world's oil, agreed in

talks at its headquarters in Vienna to reduce its output target by 1 million barrels per day. Although it had announced plans for the cut when its members met last month in Algiers, Algeria, a subsequent surge in prices led a few of the group's 11 members to suggest postponing the decrease.



Former POW Jessica Lynch, whose wounding and rescue made her the Iraq war's most famous soldier, is shown in an interview with the Associated Press in Charleston, W.Va. Monday.

ONE-YEAR LATER ... Lynch ponders survival, celebrity

By Gavin McCormick
Associated Press writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Jessica Lynch is trying to work it all out. A year after the Army supply clerk's wounding and rescue made her the Iraq war's most famous soldier, she grapples with questions both personal (When should I go to college? When should I get married?) and philosophical (Why did I survive when others didn't?).
"I mean, obviously, there has to be a reason," the 20-year-old Lynch told The Associated Press.

"I don't know what it is yet. So I have to explore all these things to figure it out."
Lynch's search is in many ways typical for an American woman still a few weeks shy of the drinking age. It is the same that is unusual — the crowds of well-wishers drawn to her everywhere she goes, whether at the diner near her Palestine home or at the Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills.
"I'm just a country girl. It's something I'm not used to, and I probably never will be," she said. "I do want my life back to

normal, because it's hard — it's so hard. But at the same time I'm like — wow, I get to go to New York, I get to go to Hollywood. I get to hang out with people like Sherry and Leonardo."
Lynch has made a few appearances since last year's book tour for Rick Bagg's biography, "I Am a Soldier, Too." The former POW won an award from Glamour magazine (where the met Spears) and in the Gator Bowl parade; starred at Gowd, Bob Wise's State of the State; and hung out at parties after the
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NATION

Testimony set-up limits panel

By Ron Hiltchen
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plan to appear before the Sept. 11 commission with Vice President Dick Cheney at his side violates a fundamental rule of investigations, but the president accepted the unusual arrangement to get the president's cooperation.

As anyone who has ever watched a cop show knows, witnesses and suspects are best grilled alone to expose any inconsistencies in their stories. "Get 'em alone, keep 'em alone, and don't even let them talk to each other immediately



President Bush

after, if you can help it," former New York police detective Robert Loudon said Wednesday, recalling the tactics he used during his 21 years in the force. "In an ideal world, you want them separated."

But Loudon, who now teaches at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said normal rules don't necessarily apply to a case involving the president.

Bush insisted on the joint ap-

pearance in agreeing to take questions from all 10 members of the panel investigating the Sept. 11 attacks. He initially had offered to meet only with the commission's top two members, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, the chairman; and former Rep. Lee Hamilton, the vice chairman.

The date has been set for the tag-team testimony. The arrangement virtually eliminates any possibility of divergent answers from Bush and Cheney, and lets Bush pass off any question he'd rather avoid and makes it impossible for the commission to ask either man any follow-up questions.

Justices hear woman's sexual harassment suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police dispatcher Nancy Drew Suders says she had no choice but to quit her job after enduring months of verbal abuse and harassment from male co-workers.

She wasn't thinking about the finer points of employment law when she walked out, although she quickly learned that getting fired would have made her sexual harassment lawsuit much easier to pursue.

Suders' case came to the Supreme Court on Wednesday as an example of the problems that on-the-job harassment can cause for employees, employers and a legal system struggling to draw rules fair to all sides.

Day in and day out, Suders claims, her male co-workers at a Pennsylvania State Police barracks taunted her with loud talk. Suders says one officer repeatedly grabbed his crotch in front of her and others told dirty jokes.

"She was subjected to horrendous conditions at work" and got nowhere when she sought help within the police agency, her lawyer, Donald Bailey, told the court.

Suders' supervisors deny any harassment. They claim she was disorganized, often late and overwhelmed by her duties. They note she never told anyone about the alleged abuse until just before she quit, and that she left the job in 1998 after being accused of stealing results of a computer test that her supervisors told her she had failed. She was not charged.

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Franken offers liberal alternative

But will listeners tune in on radio?

By Seth Stetl
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Is it a radio business, or is it politics? The two seem inextricably entwined for the leaders of Air America Radio, the liberal talk radio network that launched on five stations around the country Wednesday.

As a startup media business, they need to draw in listeners fast. Air America Radio is betting that a menu of left-leaning political commentary, current affairs talk and satire will resonate with those opposed to the Bush administration.



Comedian Al Franken talks during a break in Wednesday's debut broadcast of his radio show 'The O'Franken Factor', a liberal alternative to conservative talk radio at Air America studios in New York.

Al Franken, who is heading the network with a daily three-hour talk show, has made no secret of his intention to use his platform to influence the election in November.

"We are farming swords of justice," Franken told a cheering crowd at a party to launch the network Tuesday night. "Bush is going down, he is going down, he is going down. And we're going to help him."

Franken's show went live at noon on Wednesday with co-host Katherine Lanpher, a longtime host of a public radio show in Minnesota. At the opening, Franken joked that they were broadcasting from a bunker, 3,500 feet below Vice President Dick Cheney's own secret bunker.

In fact, Franken will be broadcasting his show, dubbed "The O'Franken Factor," from a studio in New York City station WLJB, on the 41st floor of an office tower a few blocks from the Empire State Building.

The studio, where the show has had just a week to settle in before launching, has the feel of

a scrappy political campaign that's just getting under way. "I don't think of it as a business, but I know it has to make money to be sustaining," Franken said in an interview, perching his feet up on the desk after a rehearsal session for the show. "A lot of it is mission."

The sense of mission is felt just as strongly several floors down, where the makeshift offices of Air America Radio are marked with handwritten sheets of paper taped on the wall, including those for CEO Mark Walsh, where the phones have yet to be hooked up.

Walsh, a former America Online executive and adviser to the Democratic National Commit-

tee, said liberal politics would be a "teaser ... a loss leader in the window" for the radio network, which is also being broadcast in Chicago, Los Angeles and Portland, Ore. "The right has dominated the airwaves for a decade, and we blow it. First they did radio, then they did TV, and movies are next," he said.

Baseball greats meet with Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, who will throw out the opening pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday, warmed up a little Wednesday during a White House lunch with three dozen members of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"It's kind of like having your baseball card collection spread out in real life," joked Bush.

"I played Little League baseball" with the Midland, Texas, Cubs and "it's where I peaked," said the president. Drawing attention to one of his guests, Bush said, "Unlike Ernie Banks, I was not known as Mr. Cub."

Among the White House guests were the newest Hall of Famers, Dennis Eckersley and Paul Molitor.

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Firms say they will seek nuke plant license

WASHINGTON — Seven companies have agreed to jointly apply for a license to build a new commercial nuclear power plant, the first new reactor application to be filed in three decades, the companies announced Wednesday.

The five energy companies and two reactor vendors emphasized that none of the companies have made a commitment to actually build a new plant, but they are taking the move to test the government's streamlined licensing process.

The companies intend to commit \$7 million a year to the effort under a cost-sharing program with the Energy Department. The goal is to get license approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by 2010.

Interest in new reactors faded after the nuclear accident at the Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania in 1979. Many projects were canceled after the accident, although 51 reactors in the pipeline were completed.



Sen. John Kerry

be in pain for a few days and probably would need an anti-inflammatory and narcotic painkillers.

Kerry tore his subscapularis tendon, makes up the rotor cuff. In January while campaigning in Iowa. He wrenched his right shoulder while bracing during an abrupt stop on his campaign bus.

Clarke asks anti-Bush group to pull TV ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's former counterterrorism adviser objected Wednesday to the use of his name and critical comments about Bush in a new broadcast advertisement from a political group supporting Democratic candidate John Kerry.

Richard Clarke said he instructed his lawyer to ask the MoveOn.org Voter Fund to stop broadcasting the ad, which Clarke said was created without his knowledge or permission. The group said it wouldn't pull the ad, and one outside legal expert said the ad was clearly permissible under U.S. copyright laws.

"I just don't want to be used," Clarke told The Associated Press. "I don't want to be part of what looks like a political TV ad. It's trying hard to make this not a partisan thing but a discussion of how we stop terrorism from happening in the future, keep this on a policy issue. I don't want this to become more emotional or personal than it has already."

Bush gains on Kerry with attacks, negative ads

WASHINGTON — Since the end of the Democratic primaries, President Bush's and Vice President Dick Cheney's attacks on Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., backed by millions of dollars in negative ads, have taken a more narrow lead. Kerry enjoyed at the beginning of the month and damaged the Massachusetts senator's public image.

Kerry emerged from the primaries unscathed but still little known, a condition Bush's team set about to change with an aggressive plan to define the senator before he could define himself. A month later, more voters see Kerry as "too liberal" and a solid majority say he is someone who has changed his positions on issues for political reasons — both changes leveled by the Bush campaign.

— compiled from wire reports



Flames engulf a vehicle in Fallujah, west of Baghdad on Wednesday. Gunmen in Fallujah attacked two civilian cars that residents said were carrying up to eight foreign nationals. The occupants of the cars were killed and their vehicles were set on fire.

Iraq

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tractors with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. After the attack, a jubilant crowd of civilians, none of whom appeared to be armed, gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hanging two of them from the bridge.

Many of those in the crowd were excited young boys who shouted slogans in front of television cameras.

Associated Press Television News pictures showed one man beating a charred corpse with a metal pole. Others tied a yellow rope to a body, hooked it to a car and dragged it down the main street of town. Two blackened and mangled corpses were hung from the green, iron bridge spanning the Tuphrates River.

"The people of Fallujah hung some of the bodies on the old bridge like slaughtered sheep," resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said. Some corpses were dismembered, he said.

The White House blamed terrorists and remnants of Saddam Hussein's former regime for the "horrific attacks" on the American contractors.

"It is despicable the way these individuals have been treated," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Referring to the planned June 30 transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, McClellan said, "the best way to honor those that lost their lives" is to continue with efforts to bring democracy to Iraq.

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the contractors, all men, "were trying to make a difference and to help others."

U.S. officials did not identify the dead or the nature of their work because the name of Kin had not yet been notified.

However, early evidence indicated they worked for Blackwater Security Consulting, a company based in Moyock, N.C. The company said in a statement. The security firm hires former military members

Lynch

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Golden Globes (where she met DJ(Caprio)) and took a three-day jaunt to the Bahamas after christening a cruise ship.

This month, Lynch will do the first of four events for GetOut, a company that hires figures such as Rudolph Giuliani and Mikhail Gorbachev to speak at business seminars. Her message will be: "If I can do it, you can."

"I was put in one of the worst situations there is out there. So if you're having problems with your boyfriend or whatever, you can get through it," she said. She added with a laugh: "I get nervous when I'm in a large group of people. I don't know how that'll work out."

Lynch's whirlwind started on March 23, 2003, when her 507th Maintenance Company got lost in the Iraqi desert. Her car was ambushed in Nasiriyah.

With her vehicle stalled and her rifle jammed, Pfc. Lynch hopped into a Humvee driven by her best friend, Pfc. Lori Plestewa. The vehicle was hit by

a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed. The 11 American soldiers killed in the ambush included Plestewa and three others in the Humvees: 1st Sgt. Robert Dowdy, Sgt. George Buggs and Spc. Edward Anguiano.

Lynch suffered two spinal fractures, nerve damage and a shattered right arm, right foot and left leg. According to medical records cited in her biography, she was also sodomized, apparently during a three-hour gap she cannot recall.

Her video-recorded rescue from a Nasiriyah hospital by U.S. commandos on April 1 made Lynch a hero.

It also stirred complaints of media manipulation by the U.S. government. Early reports — not from Lynch or her family, and later disproved — had the fly-weight former Wirt County Miss. Congenially surfing knife and bullet wounds while fighting off attackers until running out of ammunition.

Lynch repeated her charge that she felt "kind of used" by officials who spread false stories about her. But she declined to discuss the politics of the Iraq war.

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Agencies issue amendment to INEEL Record of Decision

The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to amend a plan to clean up several underground waste tanks at the INEEL's Test Area North facility.

The new plan calls for the tanks to be dug up and the waste inside them to be treated on site. The treated wastes and the tanks will be disposed of on site at an approved disposal facility.

An amendment to the original cleanup plan for the underground tanks became necessary because the commercial, out-of-state treatment process specified for treating the tank waste in the original decision is no longer available. The new plan reduces the potential for worker exposure during the excavation and treatment process, removes the contaminated material from Test Area North and consolidates it into an approved disposal facility.

The other alternatives considered in a 2003 proposed plan were on- and off-site vitrification, thermal desorption and chemical oxidation. After considering public comments, the agencies selected chemical oxidation/reduction with stabilization for treating the "Class" waste. The tanks and surrounding contaminated soil will be excavated for disposal at the INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility.

Besides these changes to the original cleanup plan, the amendment describes cleanup of other tanks and sites at Test Area North. These less-significant changes include a different method for waste removal for another set of underground tanks at Test Area North, called the PM-2A tanks.

In the original plan, the waste in the PM-2A tanks was going to be removed by vacuum excavation. But further study of the tanks indicates that they can be removed without first removing the waste, reducing the potential for worker exposure during the excavation and treatment process. The tanks and treated waste will be placed in the INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility.

The following documents are available in the INEEL Administrative Record:

- Record of Decision Amendment for the V-Tanks and Explanation of Significant Differences for the PM-2A Tanks at Test Area North, Operable Unit 1-10 (Document No. DOE/ID-10692 Amendment)
- First Five Year Review Report for the Test Reactor Area, Operable Unit 2-13 (Document No. DOE/ID-11099)

The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at Albertsons Library on the Boise State University. The Administrative Record can be accessed on the internet at <http://ineel.gov>. For more information on Test Area North can be found in a fact sheet available online at: <http://planning.ineel.gov>.

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WORLD



Uzbek police officers search a car as security remains tighter than usual in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Wednesday.

Militant kills self; no hostages found

By Burt Herman
Associated Press writer

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A militant who reportedly seized hostages during a standoff with authorities after setting off a grenade when police tried to enter a house in Uzbekistan's capital Wednesday blew himself up and actually had no hostages, an Uzbek official said early today.

Police earlier claimed several assassins had taken a large number of captives.

The incident came at the end of a day when police scoured the capital in pursuit of fugitive militants, and reportedly arrested at least 30. A police official said those in custody so far were adherents of the strict Wahhabi Islamic sect, which was believed to have inspired Osama bin Laden, not members of an extremist group President Islam Karimov has implicated were behind the attacks.

A grenade that was set up as a booby trap detonated when a police patrol tried to enter the gate of a house in Tashkent, leading to a standoff in which militants took hostages, a police major at the scene said.

Russia's Channel One television reported three people were wounded in the blast in the Sabir-Rakhimovskiy district of Tashkent, about half a mile from the Chirchik bazaar, which Sunday attackers struck Monday.

Authorities were negotiating with the hostage-takers in the house, the police major said.



SOURCES: ESRI; Associated Press AP

Since Sunday, at least 42 people have been killed in terrorist-related violence in Uzbekistan — the first unrest here since this Central Asian nation became a key U.S. ally in the war on terror. All the attacks appeared to target Uzbek authorities.

Oleg Bichenov, Tashkent city police anti-terrorism deputy chief, said those in custody were being questioned at length — but that interrogations so far found that none was a member of the Hizb ut-Tahrir extremist group. Instead, he said the suspects were aligned with the Wahhabi sect of Islam.

On Monday, Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov said religious literature from Hizb ut-Tahrir and the Wahhabi sect had been found at an alleged terrorist bomb-making factory in the central region of Bukhara.

Donors pledge \$8B for Afghans

BERLIN (AP) — Donors at an international conference pledged \$8.2 billion over the next three years to help rebuild Afghanistan and smooth its transition to post-Taliban democracy, the Afghan finance minister said Wednesday.

Ashraf Ghani said he was "delighted" with the pledges, made after Afghan President Hamid Karzai appealed to officials from more than 50 countries to help his war-ravaged country support itself and confront the threat from private militias.

The United States, European nations, Japan and Canada were among rich countries that reaffirmed their support as Afghanistan's transition to democracy prepares for a major test — its first post-Taliban elections, planned in September.

The pledge compared with \$4.5 billion offered at a first conference in Tokyo in January 2002.

"The United States will not abandon you," U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell told Karzai.

But with regional warlords yet to be disarmed and a Taliban-led insurgency persisting in the south and east, security was an ever-present topic.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned delegates that free elections planned this year are in peril because Karzai's government and foreign peacekeepers backing it still can't provide countrywide security.

Recent fighting in the Herat region highlighted the slow process of building a new national army and police force, and put pressure on Karzai's government to speed up a much-delayed plan to disarm thousands of militiamen before elections.

France announces new government

PARIS (AP) — Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, a relentless critic of the U.S. war in Iraq, becomes Interior Minister under a major French government shake-up announced Wednesday.

De Villepin, France's top diplomat since May 2002, will be replaced by European Commissioner Michel Barnier, the

pragmatic Elysee Palace announced. Barnier has expressed concern over what France sees as American domination of Europe but has also called for strong U.S. ties with the continent.

The current Interior Minister, the highly popular Nicolas Sarkozy, becomes head of the Ministry of Economy, Finance

and Industry and keeps his ranking as the top minister, just under Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin.

The changes followed the governing right's massive defeat in Sunday regional elections in which the Socialist-led opposition marched to victory in all but one region of mainland France.

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Official urges Arab summit

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak met with Saudi, Jordanian and Bahraini leaders in an Egyptian seaside resort Wednesday, struggling to resolve differences and reschedule the Arab summit that collapsed in Tunisia.

The summit, postponed on Saturday less than 48 hours before it was to begin, was to address U.S. calls for democratic reforms in Arab states, reforming the Arab League and how to proceed toward Israeli-Palestinian peace. Tunisia called it off, citing deep divisions. Bahrain is sensitive in a region where heads of state often are leaders for life and where the U.S. push for democracy is resented as foreign interference.

On Monday, President Hosni Mubarak, who often works out of Sharm el-Sheik during the winter and spring, met here with Bahrain's King Hamad, who joined Mubarak on

Wednesday in talks with Jordan's King Abdullah. Tuesday, Mubarak's guest was Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharara. A visit by Syrian President Bashar Assad hasn't been ruled out.

The scene at the Sharm el-Sheik airport Wednesday reflected urgency: workers hurried to take down the Saudi flag raised to honor Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, with whom Mubarak met Wednesday morning, and put up a Jordanian flag as the Saudi leader left and the Jordanian monarch's plane taxied to the terminal.

Syria's Assad and other Arab leaders and officials were reportedly consulting by telephone.

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EDITORIAL

Public must step up now to stop Anderson plans.

Twin Falls County commissioners apparently don't want to hear what voters have to say about their pending Anderson-Lumber building purchase.

But they'll have to listen to the bank that lends them the money. Last week, that bank said it wants assurance of the deal's legality.

That demand could kill the deal—and rightly so.

After shopping their request to three local lenders, the commissioners voted 2-1 to go with First Federal Savings and Loan for a \$3.1 million

lease-to-buy loan, at a 4.51 percent fixed interest rate. The commissioners plan on using the building for county offices and operations on Eastland Avenue.

As one of its terms, First Federal wants the county to provide "legal confirmation of (the) county's authority to consummate (the) proposed transaction." First Fed is smart to demand such an assurance. It should require either a public vote or a judge's confirmation that no vote is necessary.

Without one or the other, the bank would be foolishly to lend that much money to the county.

As we've repeatedly stated, the Idaho Constitution requires a public vote before a local government assumes long-term indebtedness beyond annual appropriations. Only "ordinary and necessary" expenses can be incurred without voter approval.

In the Anderson deal, the county would make principal and interest payments for 20 years. If this isn't long-term indebtedness, we don't know what is.

Generally, when local officials want to bypass voters on a real estate deal, they ask a judge for approval. But these commissioners want to skip both the voters and the judge.

In regard to the bank's request, the commissioners say they're willing to have their own attorneys review the deal. But going to a judge isn't acceptable. Commis-

sioner Gary Grindstaff added, "Judicial review is very time-consuming."

Not true. The commissioners announced the Anderson deal in December. They've had plenty of time to go to a judge. The reason they haven't is the likelihood that any prudent judge would slam this proposal.

Fourth District Judge Cheryl Copsey's 2002 decision against a lease-to-buy scheme for Boise's new police station is still the most compelling argument against this plan. Copsey ruled that a "lease" with installment

payments toward the purchase price should be treated as a purchase and loan.

In rebuttal, county officials argue that a 1992 ruling allowed Ada County to pay for a new courthouse without a public vote. But Ada County's situation was far from analogous to this proposal. In the Ada County case, a non-profit group, acting as a third party, borrowed money to acquire the property. It then let the county pay rent. And Ada County held an advisory vote before financing construction on the property.

In Twin Falls County, commissioners are avoiding voters altogether. And they're turning their backs on requests to use downtown properties instead of the Anderson site.

Their excuse is that those ideas came too late. That attitude is especially galling, considering that the commissioners concealed their interest in the Anderson property until their minds were already made up.

The truth is, it's not too late, and local citizens need to do something about it. Some public-spirited citizens need to organize themselves and sue to stop this project.

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Bush weakens executive privilege

When President Bush appeared momentarily on Tuesday afternoon in the White House briefing room, he came to announce a surrender. After weeks of resistance, he had capitulated to the growing political pressure for National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to give the bipartisan commission investigating the 9/11 tragedy her sworn public testimony.

Bush surrendered nine days after his former top counter-terrorism aide, Richard Clarke, had fired a missile into the heart of Bush's proudest boast—and the main plank of his re-election campaign—by charging the president with indifference to the threat of terrorism before 9/11. For nine days, the White House and its allies did everything in their power to discredit Clarke, while trying to shield his old boss, Rice, from the commission's unambiguous request that she give sworn public testimony in response to Clarke's stunning indictment.

When the effort to shoot the messenger failed to halt the political erosion, Bush did what he never should have done: He threw Rice to the wolves. Instead, he failed to do what he long since could have done: Offer the American people and the world a clear, coherent and detailed account of his own activities and state of mind in the months leading up to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

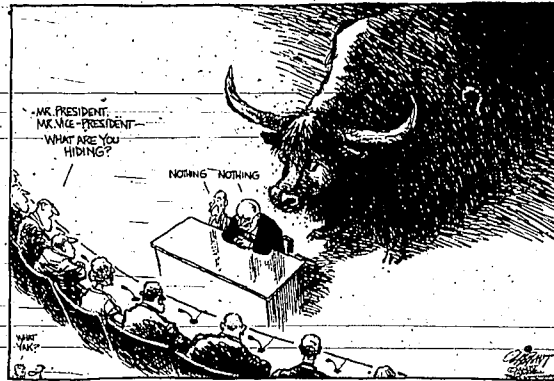
Instead of acting as the man in charge, and saying to the commission, "No, you may not put my national security advisors on the mat, but I will answer to the public for what happened," he did just the

opposite. He gave up Rice and then turned on his heel and walked out of the briefing room even as reporters were trying to ask him questions.

At a time when the American people—and the world—desperately need reassurance that the government was not asleep at the switch, Bush has clenched his jaw and said nothing that would ease those concerns.

Instead, he has arranged that when he answers the commission's questions in a yet-to-be-scheduled private session, he will not face it alone. He and Vice President Cheney will appear together. It will be interesting to learn who furnishes most of the answers.

Bush was on sound constitutional ground in rejecting calls for Rice's testimony. The right of a president to receive candid advice from his staff members—and to shield them from being second-guessed by officials of the legislative branch or their designees—is fundamental. Cabinet members, because they are confirmed by the Senate and their departments are financed by Congress, do have a responsibility to respond to such inquiries. But the president's



men and women have only one obligation—to give him their best judgment. Some quit and go public, as Clarke did, when they no longer can support his policies.

Ironically, the president had spoken in Appleton, Wis., on the morning of his surrender. Appleton was the hometown of the late Joe McCarthy. And it was Dwight Eisenhower, in resisting McCarthy's efforts to intimidate executive branch employees, who gave strong voice to the doctrine of executive privilege. Bush now has weakened it.

He received a big legal concession from the commission and leaders of Congress—the statement that Rice's appearance would not be treated as a precedent, but simply an acknowledgment of the special circumstances and vast public interest in unravelling the 9/11 tragedy. But a precedent it is—and it certainly will be cited the next time a congressional committee or commission wants to go fishing for revelations from the White House.

It is not much of a model of leadership.

Robert Kagan and William

Kristol has taken strong exception to my last column, in which I criticized their editorial essay in *The Weekly Standard* of March 22, titled "Iraq One Year Later," for its failure to mention the question of the missing weapons of mass destruction. They point out that a month earlier, they had written extensively on the weapons question. They say "it is simply not true that... we have tried to 'slip-slide away' from the failure so far to find stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."

Their Feb. 23 essay concludes this way: "We are willing to be persuaded that Saddam had no weapons stockpiles last year when the war began. But it is too soon, we believe, to come firmly to that conclusion." I leave it to the reader to decide whether that is "slip-sliding."

But I still find it remarkable that in assessing the gains and losses of the Iraq venture on March 22, they never thought it necessary even to note the main justification for starting the war.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.



DAVID BRODER

Our view: The public needs to force Twin Falls County commissioners to heed the law on the Anderson Lumber purchase. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Ag courses need to stay at Twin Falls High School

This letter is to inform the community about the agricultural program and the Twin Falls School District's proposal to close it. This is not a plea to save my job. My decision to leave teaching was made prior to the district's proposal to close the program. However, this is a plea to anyone who has an interest in keeping the program at the high school.

The school district's proposal would have you think the agriculture program teaches only "farming and farm equipment management." This is why it wants to "dismanle" it and have any interested student travel to the College of Southern Idaho and pay for classes. At no time in my 14-year career has the program taught farming or farm equipment management.

Today's agriculture program is state approved and consists of 32 courses. Course offerings include zoology, animal science, forestry and wildlife, ecology, botany, landscape design, greenhouse management, welding, engines, fabrications, floral design and marketing, metal technology, personal skill

development, aquaculture and economics.

The information provided to students gives them a variety of lessons which teach math, technical reading and writing, English and science. Students use academic skills and enhance them in various ways in each course. Students learn the business side of a wholesale and retail greenhouse by germinating, growing, fertilizing, selling and record keeping on 4,000 tomato plants for resale to numerous local nurseries. They develop a business plan, interviewing bankers for business loans, insurance agents for business insurance to keeping inventory and consumable supplies.

Students learn various welding processes along with technical reading and writing in order to understand welding processes and equipment. Along with the courses is the National FFA Organization. Once called Future Farmers of

America, the name change came due to students not having an interest in enter "farming or farm equipment management." At the same time came a change in the curriculum from production to science-based courses. Based on leadership, personal skills and team development, FFA builds students and enhances life skills. To be a member, a student must take one class per year in an approved agriculture program. The district's proposal would cut not only the courses but the FFA chapter as well.

Five years ago, the Twin Falls agriculture program served 360 students and was one of the largest programs in the state with two instructors and a chapter. Four years ago, the second instructor was cut by the district, which cut the program in half. The proposal to close the program states they have made attempts to have the program change so it will "align and articulate into CSI agriculture programs; however, those efforts have not proved to be fruitful."

Over the last four years, I have made numerous attempts to get a sequential program in place. Since downsizing the

program, the district has continued to narrow students' options.

Last year, at the request of the district, I met with the director of the agriculture programs at CSI, where we developed a three-track program which would update classes and make the program sequential. The program, ironically, was agreed upon by the district but turned down prior to school's start, even after the district spent thousands for new books. Previously, I proposed a welding academy in conjunction with CSI and was told by the district money would be provided to start the program. Again, the district dragged its feet and nothing was done.

I have had a great career as an instructor and have enjoyed all the students who I have met and gotten to know.

Get involved, Twin Falls, and help students keep agriculture program opportunities at the high school. Sign a student petition, contact your school board member or write a letter before the April 12 school board meeting.

Jeff Olson is the FFA instructor at Twin Falls High School.

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LETTER

Sheriff's suspensions cost taxpayers money

To Sheriff Tinsley:
Approximately one week ago, *The Times-News* printed an article about you suspending employees who are seeking to enter the political arena,

and one of them is running against you. We found the article to be interesting and perplexing.

We have a few questions and/or comments that we would like you to consider.

1. Since you are running for re-election, who is going to run the sheriff's

office while you are also suspended? We figure that you are not exempt from sheriff's office policy, or are you?

2. Since you have suspended two employees, how much is the company going to cost the taxpayers for the overtime that will be required to cover the work that is not being done?

3. It is fairly obvious that you are using your authority to try and minimize the number of opponents you will have to face at election time. Why not encourage your employees to run against you? Obviously, if you are the best person for the job, then you would win the re-election.

4. Before you ever created and enforced this policy, did you ever stop to consider how much money this may cost the taxpayers in the event that the two suspended employees seek legal action?

DAVID WOODSELL
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ONE MAN'S 'IRRESPONSIBLE BILITY' IS A BUNCH OF OTHERS' CONTINUITY.

LETTERS

Working Idahoans can stand behind Fortner

I would like to announce my support for a candidate who will not get old of work for running for office. Of course, she is not running for sheriff either.

Maggie Fortner is running for state legislature against Sharon Block. It is time we had someone in this office who is responsible fiscally while not trying to balance the budget on the backs of the working people.

Maggie is a candidate who will support the right to earn a wage that people can live on. Maggie feels that state employees, teachers and blue collar workers should be able to raise a family without having multiple jobs.

We need elected officials who will not cater to the wealthy and politically connected. Maggie is a working mother who will be honest and capable. She has my vote.

W. DOUG SMITH
Kimberly

Downtown businesses should embrace club

After reading all of the hype about the new club, Lucky's, moving to town, my husband and I thought we should throw our opinions into the pile.

We have heard everyone saying why the club shouldn't move in, but what about the good things it will bring with it?

First of all, fewer kids will be at residential parties and on the cruise and will be in a supervised area. Kids under 21 will be denied booze but allowed to have a sober good time with their peers.

Second, the club occupies a building that has been vacant for years. The current downtown is a beautiful place, and these club owners are not looking to destroy any thing. They want to bring a few jobs and entertainment to Twin Falls. Maybe the downtown business owners need to open up their views of our community and see that we are not all delinquents. Current owners also need to realize that there's already a bar on the block and that's not hurting anybody now.

Also, by stereotyping and profiling people seeking a night life, people seeking a night life are being destroyed by your own clients.

Thanks to all the supporters of the club for helping to give us another reason to enjoy our downtown area. Forest and Armando, good luck and thanks for your hard work. See you opening night!

MATT AND SHANNON HARTGRAVE
Twin Falls

Tousley shows two faces on campaign policy

The sheriff runs his competition like the hospital. Try to eliminate the competition.

The statement that Mr. Tousley made on March 11; Memo sent to all sheriff's office employees.

all department employees running for law enforcement positions within 35 miles of Twin Falls County would be subject to suspension without pay until the election is over.

It's time to change the county, Barney Fife.

I got a chuckle out of the statement he believes taxpayers don't want someone on payroll spending time running for the sheriff's job. Then he's talking out of the other side of his mouth when he says,

"When a sheriff is in office, people (taxpayers) expect him to spend time running." Without pay on public time? Who are you kidding?

How two-faced can you get? Somehow, when elected people

become almighty, their true colors come out!

JOE MILLER
Twin Falls

Stop the music for ill-fated dance club

I know I'm comparing a chess match to tiddly winks here, but can you imagine...

In 1976, I built, owned and managed a successful nightclub in California. In those days, it was called an 18/21 club. Guys got in at 18 to dance, the girls had to be 21. Simple plan. Young ladies 18 and over attract the guys who buy the alcohol. There's not a lot of money in selling soda pop and chips to teenage girls. Skip-

ping the cover charge is another story.

We had a capacity of 450 people. Live bands blaring all night a week. Thankfully, neighboring businesses closed at 5:30 p.m. Three or four nights a week, there was a long line to get in. The parking lot held more than 220 cars. On any night, the area was quiet a sight. Young adults everywhere — cars, lights, music, noise, dust and debris. From across the street, it looked like the midway at the fair. Every night, the club employees totally cleaned the parking lot after closing — an absolute necessity.

We had 12 to 24 employees on duty, depending on the

night. We had three or four employees on the door at all times to check IDs, maintain the peace, follow and enforce club policy. I was there full time every night. You just can't be in control if you're not there. And you better be paying attention. Don't drink and don't think the female customers are there to see you (that goes for all employees). The objective is to provide something for the young folks to do! (Aw, give that a break). Difficult as it was, the point was to make money.

Here's just a few of the negative highlights from my club days:

Verbal and even physical confrontations over admission all the time. Too many calls for

the police to assist with problems. Lots of fistfights between patrons. Confrontations with bikers and gangs because they didn't meet our strict dress code. Three bomb threats. The authorities empty and search the building. One delusional guy drove his Volkswagen through the front of the building at high speed. Underage drinking and drugs outside. Lawsuits, property damage, etc.

Maybe I'm being too cynical. Maybe the Lucky's owners know something I don't, but I doubt it. Thank you, Twin is a small town and we all know what's going on. Lucky's is a dumb idea in a bad location. Checkmate.

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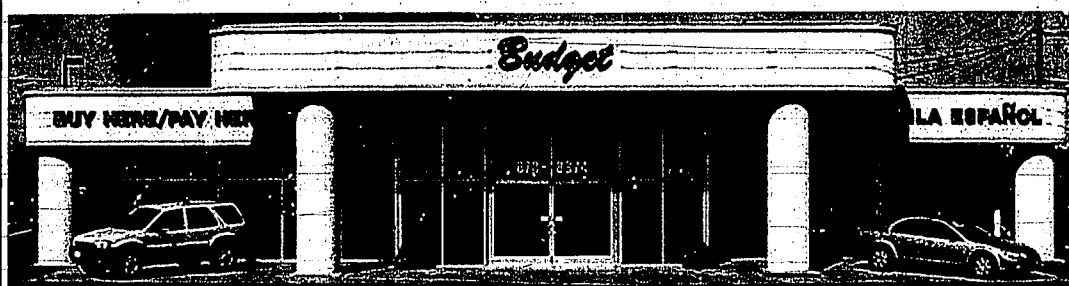
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Roger 'the Peanut Man' Owens, a Dodger Stadium peanut vendor who will be among the guests at Wednesday's 'Baseball Reliquary' benefit in Pasadena, Calif.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who among this year's Final Four coaches was once an assistant at USC?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball - Twin Falls at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
High school softball - Pocatello at Jerome 3:30 p.m.
High school tennis - Century at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
High school track - Murtaugh, Shoshone, Valley, Rait River, Hansen, Hagerman, Lighthouse Christian at ISDB Invitational, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Resort holds fling on Saturday

ALBION - Pomereille Mountain Resort will hold its 2004 Spring Fling event this Saturday at noon. There will be a skier/boarder competition with trophies or medallions for the top three places in each division, along with races on the cottonball rope tow for those ages six and under.

A release waiver signed by a parent is required for competitors under the age of 18 and there is a \$5 entry fee and \$5 bib deposit. Prize drawings will also be held through the day.

YMCA will sponsor adult tennis classes

TWIN FALLS - Adult beginner tennis classes will begin Saturday at the YMCA in Twin Falls.

The season runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays for four weeks. The cost per person is \$15.

For more information, contact Kory Putman at 733-4384.

Clear Lake Ladies season begins today

TWIN FALLS - The Clear Lake Ladies golf season begins at 10 a.m. today with a nine-hole scramble followed by a no-host luncheon and spring business meeting.

All Clear Lakes Country Club women's members are invited to attend.

Baseball association extends registration

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association will hold one more day of registration for this season on Tuesday, April 6 from 6-9 p.m. at Mountain View Elementary. Anyone with children ages 5-16 who are interested, but not yet registered, are encouraged to attend.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Georgia Tech's Paul Hewitt was an assistant coach under George Reelving at USC for one season in 1989-90.

PULLING IT OUT



Minico's Alicia Gomez heads home to score the winning run as her teammates cheer her on during Wednesday afternoon's softball game against the Twin Falls Bruins in Rupert. Wendy Melners drove in Gomez and Leslie Johnson with a double in the bottom of the seventh inning to down the Bruins, 2-1.

Spartans rally to surprise Twin Falls, 2-1

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

RUPERT - This has been a long time coming.

Minico's Wendy Melners stepped to the plate with one out in the bottom of the seventh and her team trailing the Twin Falls Bruins softball team 1-0. With teammates Alicia Gomez waiting at second

base and Leslie Johnson at third, the junior drove Bruin pitcher Belinda Turley's offering into left-center field, sending both runners home to win the Region Four-Five-Six showdown, 2-1.

"I was just trying to make contact," Melners said. "I knew we needed to score at least one."

While the ball landed on the outfield grass and her Spartan teammates rushed

toward home, Melners didn't bother to admire her handiwork.

"I saw the ball going and I just said, 'Bum,'" Melners said. "I wasn't sure if I needed to go to third. I just started running."

But it didn't matter how far Melners made it around the basepaths, as Gomez was able to score from second base to give the Spartans their first win over Twin Falls in over three years.

"It's such a great victory," Minico coach Please see SPARTANS, Page B2

IN THE SEVENTH

NCAA FINAL FOUR

Stars shine on sidelines, not court

By Eddie Polls Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Looking at Duke's roster, it's easy to find a number of good players, but only one household name. That would be the coach, Mike Krzyzewski.



Mike Krzyzewski Duke



Jim Calhoun Connecticut



Eddie Sutton Oklahoma State

Final Four. With apologies to Chris Duhon, Emeka Okafor, B.J. Elder and the rest, the coaches will be more recognizable than most of the players this week when Duke (Krzyzewski) plays Connecticut (Jim Calhoun) and

Oklahoma State (Eddie Sutton) plays Georgia Tech (Paul Hewitt, the only relative unknown). "What people like seeing is the teams," Calhoun said. "The name on the front of the jersey is more important than the name on the back of the jersey. I

think people still relate to that." Good thing, because dwindling are the days of Bird vs. Magic, the Fab Five and the great four-year college stars like Patrick Ewing, Steve Alford, Christian Laettner and Matzen. Please see NCAA, Page B4

Magic Valley racers head to Vegas drag strip

The Times-News

JEROME - The Magic Valley's top drag racers are headed to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway to compete in the NHRA Summit Racing.com Nationals event, starting today.

Don Anderson of Twin Falls will compete in the \$1.5 million event with his 1957 Corvette in the Super Gas division. The 330-horsepower engine can reach 155 mph in under nine seconds, making him a consistent winner in the region. In 2002 he finished in the top seven out of almost 100 entrants at the NHRA Northwest Nationals in Seattle. He has twice been ranked fourth in the Northwest in recent years.

His wife Diana Anderson is one of the top female dragsters in the Northwest. She competes in the Super Gas division in a Chevrolet II. She took fourth in the Northwest rankings in 2000. Her car can reach 60 mph in about two seconds.

Jerome native Dick Vander Meer is the most successful Idaho racer in recent years. His rear-engined Chevy Dragster can reach 175 mph in the Super Comp



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class. He has taken second twice in Las Vegas and won the 2002 stop in Chicago, making him one of the favorites this weekend. The Las Vegas event features some of the top professional dragsters in the world, including John Force, Larry Dixon, Kenny Bernstein and Tony Pedregon. The 330-mph, nitro-fueled car competition will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 p.m. Sunday. Almost 100,000 spectators will be on hand.

Yankees bounce back

By Ronald Blum Associated Press writer

TOKYO - Hideki Matsui and the New York Yankees came through for their fans.

Matsui rocked the Tokyo Dome with a two-run homer, Jorge Posada hit three-run shots from both sides of the plate and the Yankees calmed their jittery supporters back home by routing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 12-1 Wednesday night.

"It was truly a happy moment for me," Matsui said, allowing himself a rare moment of public emotion.

A day after Tampa Bay turned baseball upside down by winning the season opener 8-3, the Yankees restored the old order appropriate for a country tied to tradition in another game that started just after 5 a.m. in New York.

Kevin Brown recorded his 15th career victory in his first start for the Yankees, allowing six hits over seven innings, and Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera finished with hits re-

lated. Tony Clark, playing first base because of Jason Giambi's ailing knee, hit a tiebreaking two-run homer for the Yankees, who made sure they didn't return from Japan in last place.

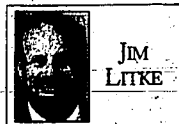
Owner George Steinbrenner took the first loss calmly, saying, "It's not where you start, it's where you finish," but a 0-2 trip might have led to a different tune.

"I wouldn't be fun. In fact, I made a comment when we were down 1-0 in the first," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I felt a little tense in there. I said, 'Guys, what's the worst thing that can happen? We lose 162 games, big deal. We can still eat, and you're still Please see YANKEES, Page B2

Can you say 'steroids' in Japanese?

Can you say "steroids" in Japanese? Bud Selig couldn't either, but that was before he decided to move Opening Day to Tokyo.

So imagine the commissioner's delight in three separate news conferences, to learn that members of the foreign press were every bit as interested in "su-to-ro-i-do" as the domestic snobs he left behind.



JIM LITKE

While learning a new language can be its own reward, in this case, it's just icing on the cake. The reason the commish ordered the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays across the Pacific Ocean to kick off the U.S. season was to sell tickets, raise TV ratings and move merchandise.

By most measures, it looks as if he's finally hit one out of the park.

The handful of games won't ease the trade deficit, but nobody who went through the trouble of traveling will be going home empty-handed. The players can expect to find an extra \$30,000 in their pay envelopes, and their two games against each other sold out the spacious Tokyo Dome.

Because both games count as home dates for Tampa Bay, the Devil Rays make out like bandits. They're being reimbursed by baseball for lost revenues at Tropicana Field, where the average attendance was a major league-low 13,070. The exhibition pitting New Please see STERIODS, Page B2

SPORTS

T.F. boys golf squeaks by Minico

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Twin Falls Bruins boys golf team just squeaked by Minico to win a five-team meet Wednesday at Rupert Country Club.

The Bruins finished with a team score of 298 while Minico ended the day at 299. Highland of Pocatello (328), Burley (333) and Pocatello (337) rounded out the field.

"We had a couple scores that were a little higher than we needed to have," Minico coach Kelly Armit said. "But we're progressing."

Andres Haghdahl shot a 69 to lead the Bruins while Zach Matthews carded a 71.

Zach Sanford led all Minico players with a 67 while Kameron Dailey paced Burley by shooting a 77.

Irwin Falls also won on the girls side, shooting a 320 for a convincing victory over Minico (411), Highland (416), Burley (417) and Pocatello (461).

Hannah Venn shot a 77 to lead the Bruins. Jenny Studer carded an 89 for Minico while Ashley Williams '91 paced Burley.

Local sports

Twin Falls - Haven Whit, Wherry, Colton, 70, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Softball
Buhl, 10, Kimberly 5
Buhl 9, Kimberly 3

BUHL — The Buhl Lady Indians softball squad swept its doubleheader with Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Kimberly 10-5 and 9-3 Wednesday in Buhl.

Whitney Ordonez pitched a complete-game three-hitter to improve to 2-2 on the season. Ordonez went 2-for-4 from the plate with two RBIs and struck out seven batters in the win.

Sarah Gunned went 2-for-2 with a walk and an RBI in the loss for Kimberly.

Miranda Jaker also pitched a complete-game three-hitter to get the win for Buhl in Game 2. Jaker went 2-for-4 with a triple and an RBI to lead the Lady Indians.

Buhl (5-2, 1-1 SICIC) hosts a doubleheader with American Fork Wednesday. The Lady Bulldogs host Wendell Friday.

Baseball
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Buhl 15, Kimberly 3

BUHL — Buhl's Simon Olsen went a combined 6-for-8 in the Indians' sweep of their doubleheader with Kimberly 12-7 and 15-3 Wednesday. The wins put the Indians (4-2 overall, 2-0 league) on top of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference standings.

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Buhl hosts eight other teams for its Mid-Season Classic Apr. 9 and 10.

Tennis

Pocatello 9, Burley 3

POCATELLO — The Burley tennis team fell to Pocatello 9-3 to remain winless on the early season.

The Bobcat boys No. 1 doubles duo of Tyler Walton and Sam Child beat Pocatello's Marcus Thlemann and Thomas London 6-4, 6-1. Burley No. 3 Trevor Matthews also earned a win with a three-set win over Brian Prussia 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Mandi Hornes of Burley beat Emily Woodhouse 7-5, 6-1 to win the only match for the Lady Bobcats.

The dual meet consisted of seven "U" breakers. Burley won two.

"It's not quite what you want to see as a coach," Bobcat coach Shane Ogden said. "It shows that mentally, we weren't able to push through it. This will be good for a lot of them."

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Reserve Moore sparks Jazz, 89-76

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mike Moore scored all 15 of his points in the fourth quarter to lead the Utah Jazz past the New Orleans Hornets 89-76 Wednesday.

Moore scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Utah Jazz past the New Orleans Hornets 89-76 Wednesday, taking a slight lead in the fight for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

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land opened the third quarter with a 20-6 run that turned a 51-48 halftime deficit into a 69-57 lead midway through the period.

Zach Randolph had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, which led a 44-30 advantage on the boards. The Celtics were led by Ricky Davis with 27 points and Paul Pierce with 23.

Warriors 85, Raptors 78
TORONTO — Jason Richardson had 25 points and Golden State handed Toronto its fifth straight loss.

Erick Dampier had 14 rebounds before leaving the game late in the fourth quarter after rolling his left ankle on the foot of Toronto's Jalen Rose.

Bulls 109, Magic 91
ORLANDO, Fla. — Jamal Crawford had 27 points and nine assists, and short-handed Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak by Orlando

matchup between the teams with the NBA's worst records.

Jamario Traylor added 25 points in his first start, and Eddy Curry had 24.

Juan Howard scored 20 of his 26 points in the first half to lead Orlando. Tyrone Lee added 23, giving him an all-time high.

Drew Gooden had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

Spurs 107, Kings 89
SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 15 of his 29 points in the first half, made all straight shots in the third and his first six shots of the fourth.

Tim Duncan added 19 points for the Spurs, and Bruce Bowen had a season-high 16.

Pistons 108, Clippers 99
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton had 28 points and a career-high five steals for Detroit.

The Clippers led until the final moments of the third quarter before falling for the ninth straight time in 17 of 19 tries. Detroit has won 10 of 12.

Chauncey Billups had 21 points for Detroit, including 12 in the fourth quarter, while Mehmet Okur added 19.

Trail Blazers 105, Celtics 98
BOSTON — Darius Miles scored a career-high 31 points and led a third-quarter surge that tied Portland to win over Boston.

Miles had 10 points as Portland opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run.

Heat 104, Hawks 97
ATLANTA — Dwyane Wade made a go-ahead runner over Bob Sura to cap a frantic comeback in the final minute, and Miami held off Atlanta.

The victory propelled the Heat to a 1-1 record in the Atlantic Division, but the Hawks won the game in overtime.

Lucious Harris added a season-high 24 points, and Jerry Stackhouse scored 18 and helped force overtime with a 3-pointer and a blocked shot in the final minute of regulation.

Timberwolves 90, SuperSonics 83
MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Sprewell had 27 points, including six 3-pointers, to help Minnesota hold off Seattle.

Kevin Garnett had 27 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota. Vince Carter had 18 points and nine rebounds for Seattle.

Yankees
Continued from B1
going to get paid."

Alex Rodriguez came a few feet short of a grand slam but had another quiet night, going 0-for-5 and dropping to 1-for-9 with no RBIs. Derek Jeter finally got his first hit in the first inning after going hitless in his first seven at-bats.

"I was in there saying, 'I'm the last one without a hit,' Jeter remembered.

"I was just coming off six straight last-place finishes, was pretty much overlooked during my five days in Japan. Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella understood that."

"We came to play a team that was very tough to beat," he said. "If we can play 500 against New York all year, I'd be very, very pleased."

The night — if not the whole week — belonged to Matsui, Japan's biggest sports star.

After starting for 10 years with the Vermont Cats, he signed with the Yankees before the 2003 season. In his first game back, he homered against his old team in Sunday's exhibition game.

That didn't count. This one did. He repeatedly was greeted by flash-bulb-popping fans thrilled to see him in the flesh, and he rewarded them with two big hits. After Aubrey Huff's RBI single in the first, Matsui hit a home run. Matsui tied it in the fourth with a run-scoring single off loser Jeremi Gonzalez.

The Yankees' offense was sputtering in the first inning, but Matsui's home run in the fourth tied the game. In the fifth, Matsui hit a home run to give the Yankees a 2-1 lead. Matsui's home run in the fifth inning was the Yankees' first home run in the series.

Avalanche crumbles in overtime, 5-4

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Marc Chouinard scored his second goal of the game 53 seconds into overtime to lift the Minnesota Wild past the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 Wednesday.

Chouinard poked the rebound of a shot by Stephane Yves under the leg pad of Colorado goaltender Tommy Salo.

Peter Forsberg had a goal and two assists for the Avalanche.

Red Wings 3, Blue Jackets 2
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Robert Lang scored his first goal in a Detroit uniform, jamming in a loose puck in the third period to lead Detroit past Columbus.

Lang's 30th goal came with 10:41 left when he tapped a loose puck by goaltender Marc Denis.

Trevor Letowski and Donald MacLean had the Columbus goals.

Islanders 5, Canadiens 1
UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Mark Parrish and Roman Hamrik each had two goals for the New York Islanders.

Adrian Aucoin also scored for the Islanders.

Rick DiPietro stopped 20 shots for his 22nd win.

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East dominates West

East dominates West in All-American game. Oklahoma City - The athletic skill of the Dwight Howard, J.R. Smith, Josh Smith and their teammates was too much for the West.

Parker misses dunk this time

Parker misses dunk this time in all-star game. Oklahoma City - Two days after beating a group of All-American boys in an all-star slam dunk competition, Candace Parker hit the rim on a dunk attempt in her East team's 91-66 loss to the West in the McDonald's All-American game Wednesday.

Williams decides not to testify

Williams decides not to testify at trial. CONEVILLE, N.J. - Former NBA star Dennis Williams will not testify at the trial of his manslaughter trial Wednesday that he won't take the stand in his own defense.

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SPORTS

Ready for Freddy:

Adu takes spotlight as MLS opens season

By Joseph White
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Amid the din of excitement over America's latest teenage phenom, D.C. United coach Peter Nowak has valiantly tried to preach a team-first mantra.

"It's not all about Freddy," the coach said this week.

Oh, but it is. Major League Soccer's ninth season begins Saturday with a buzz unlike ever before, all due to Freddy Adu, the 14-year-old soon-to-be high school graduate from Ghana by way of Maryland.

Forget, for a moment, that he's about to become the youngest major American team sports player in more than 100 years, or that his \$500,000 salary is the highest in the league that he's got a \$1 million endorsement deal from Nike, or that he's already completed his school work and will get his diploma on May 21.

All that aside, here's something that might be even more remarkable: United's preseason game at the University of South Florida in February was not only a sellout, but it actually attracted scalpers — a first for a league that struggles to get fans to pay attention during the regular season.

"It's a lot of pressure, of course," said Nowak, who has yet to announce whether Adu will start or enter as a second-half substitute in Saturday's opener against San Jose. "But Freddy is very smart, and he understands what his role is on this team."

Strangely enough, when the season began a year ago, Adu was not a player — he was promoted as the savior of MLS. That still might be the case, in some respects.

The Los Angeles Galaxy opened a magnificent soccer-only facility and invested \$150,000 in the black for the year, the team's first profit after years of losing millions at the Rose Bowl. Money inspires like nothing else, so Dallas is following suit with a stadium that will open next season, and Chicago



AP photo

D.C. United's Freddy Adu kicks the ball during a scrimmage on a practice field at RFK Stadium in Washington Monday. Adu is about to become the youngest major American team sports player in more than 100 years.

and the MetroStars hope to have new fans by 2005. But fans come to see stars, not concrete. So Adu's decision to stay home and reject his European suitors is welcome news — even from players equally desiring of the spotlight.

"We understand that any good media is good for MLS," said San Jose forward Landon Donovan.

Much of MLS' excitement will now be generated by a crop of rising young Americans, including Chris Armas (Chicago), Bobby Conroy (D.C.), Cory Gibbs (Dallas), DaMarcus Beasley (Chicago), Taylor Twellman (New England), Donovan, and, of course, Adu.

The talent is spread so evenly

among the top teams that picking a champion is a lottery, a lesson learned last year when the Galaxy crashed after being considered a strong favorite to repeat.

Talented New England is long overdue for its first MLS title, although Chicago always finds a way to be a contender in the Eastern Conference. Adu really will be Superman if he can get near the top of the standings this year with United, a team that has struggled to score goals.

Colorado and Los Angeles could emerge, in the West to challenge San Jose, while Kansas City's hopes dimmed when Pred Radosavljevic broke his leg and dislocated an ankle in a preseason game.

THE PARTIES ARE OVER

NFL adopts penalty for celebrations

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners adopted a 15-yard penalty for excessive celebrations Wednesday, one day after instituting a modified instant replay system for five years.

The penalty will be in addition to fines — previously in place for choreographed and multiple celebrations such as Joe Horn's hidden cell phone trick and Terrell Owens' p o m p o m dance.

Considered unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, the yardage will be marched off from the spot at the end of the previous play or after a score, on the ensuing kickoff. If the infraction is flagrant, the player will be ejected.

"The players know they will be hurting their team," Jets coach Herman Edwards said. "They don't want to be hurting their team."

The owners on Wednesday also:

- increased the size of practice squads from five to eight players;
- allowed head coaches or any player to call a timeout;
- extended the five-day period immediately after the season ends for interviewing assistant coaches to seven days, or the conclusion of the wild-card round. The policy also now will cover high-level front office positions;
- made a punt or missed field goal untouched by the receiving team a dead ball once it touches the end zone or touches a kicking team player in the end zone;
- modified free-kick, fair catch and personal foul rules;
- allowed wide receivers to wear Nos. 10 through 19 even when numbers in the '80s are available.

On Tuesday, hours after league owners approved a five-year extension of instant



AP photo

New Orleans Saints wide receiver Joe Horn (87) appears to make a phone call after getting a cell phone from under the pads that line the goal post in the first half against the New York Giants in New Orleans, in this Dec. 14 photo. NFL owners adopted a 15-yard penalty for excessive celebrations Wednesday after being embarrassed by Horn's hidden cell phone trick and Terrell Owens' end-zone autograph.

replay, adding a third coaches' challenge — if the first two are successful, the NFL succeeded in a federal appeals court in New York.

The court agreed to hear arguments days before the draft to overturn the lower court ruling allowing Ohio State sophomore Maurice Clarett and high school underclassman and NFL chief counsel Jeff Pash thinks there's a strong chance the court will grant a stay of

the lower court ruling before the April 24-25 draft. That means Clarett, Southern California sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included in the draft.

"We are very optimistic. We think it is a positive indicator of the seriousness with which the court of appeals is taking the argument," Pash said. "Yes, I think there is a very substantial chance he will not be in the draft."

NCAA

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There are many factors in play, although the prime reason for the shift is the large increase in players who leave school early to go pro. It forces coaches to adjust — not only their Xs and Os, but the way they recruit, too.

"I'm a big believer in developing depth," Hewitt said.

Indeed, more and more coaches are trying to recruit top players — not stars, necessarily, but guys who can contribute for three or four years.

Florida's Billy Donovan gets praised for routinely collecting five recruiting classes, but many of those recruits leave early and some, like Kwame Brown, never enroll. The Gators haven't made it out of the first weekend of the tournament in four years.

On the other hand, there are examples like Maryland's 2002 championship team. Two key players — Juan Dixon and Lony Baxter — were seniors. Neither was considered a big-time star at any point in their development.

"They developed depth, played eight, nine players, had a solid inside game and a very, very solid team," Hewitt said of the Terps.

That's not to say there aren't great players in college. Just last season, Syracuse won a national championship largely on the strength of freshman Carmelo Anthony, Orangemen coach Jim Boeheim knew Anthony might leave when he recruited him, but there were no regrets.

"I knew he would help us," Boeheim said last year. "I knew he'd be a special player. We were talking about him being the player of the year in college basketball. We weren't talking about being the freshman of the year. We thought he honestly had a chance to be the best player in college basketball."

Krzyzewski, meanwhile, has been a master of keeping players around for longer than many people expect. The last time Duke was in the Final Four, in 2001, the Blue Devils won it all largely on the shoulders of Shane Battier, who stayed for his senior year when he had the game to leave early.

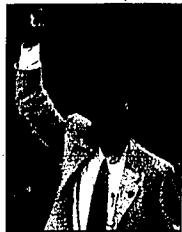
Coach K doesn't have a perfect track record of keeping players — who does these days? — but his is better than most. And that could explain why the Blue Devils have reached this stage in 10 of the last 19 seasons.

Krzyzewski said it's not a matter of "selling" a player on staying.

"It's a shared vision," he said. "It's what's best for the player. I believe getting a taste of college is important."

Thus, for every Corey Maggette — the star who left after his freshman year in 1999 — Krzyzewski gets lots of guys like Duhoon, a gritty senior who is gutting it through a painful rib injury in the tournament in hopes of capping off his career with another title.

"He's my first option. He conveys what I would like to have out on the court really well," Krzyzewski said.



Paul Hewitt
Georgia Tech

Likewise, for every Okafor from Connecticut — an All-American who could leave with degree in hand after just three years — there are many other guys like Jarrett Jack, a "signature recruit" of Hewitt's who stepped up with 29 points for the Yellow Jackets in the regional final when Elder barely played because of injury.

"Don't call them role players," Hewitt said. "They're all outstanding players in their own right. I give them a lot of credit for maybe accepting on some nights lesser minutes than they could be getting somewhere else."

The key, then, just might be the ability to work as a team without depending on a star.

It's why Calhoun, Krzyzewski and Sutton probably will be better known than many of the players. But it also might explain why those coaches, along with Hewitt, have made it this far this year.

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NCAA CAPSULES

A look at the teams in the Final Four of the NCAA men's basketball championship:

Connecticut, 31-4
Nickname: Huskies
Coach: Mike Krzyzewski
Region: Phoenix
Seed: No. 2
Tournament Record: 23-12, 13 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2003
Conference: Big East
Top Scorer: Ben Gordon 100; Blake Anderson 82; Denham Brown 55
Last Tech 9-1

Duke
Durham, N.C., 31-5
Nickname: Blue Devils
Coach: Mike Krzyzewski
Region: Atlantic
Seed: No. 1
Tournament Record: 23-12, 23 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2003
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Top Scorer: JJ Redick 55; Lud Deng 35; Shahton Williams 12; J.J. Dick 12; Chris Duhoon 9.2
Top Rebounders: Shahton Williams 12; Ben Brown 8.8; Shavik Randolph 4.1
Top Assistants: Chris Duhoon 5.1; Dick 1.9
Spalding Record: 1-1; Redick 9.9

Georgia Tech
Athens, 27-6
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Coach: Paul Hewitt
Region: South
Seed: No. 3
Tournament Record: 23-12, 13 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001
Conference: Southeast
Top Scorer: JJ Eskler 15.3; Jarrett Jack 12.7; Marvin Lewis 11.6; Jami McArthur 9.4; Will Harrison 4.8; Clarence Moore 4.7
Top Assistants: Jarrett Jack 5.7; Will Brown 2.5; Eskler 1.9
Spalding Record: 1-1; Redick 9.9

Oklahoma State
Stillwater, 31-3
Nickname: Cowboys
Coach: Eddie Sutton
Region: East/Pacific
Seed: No. 2
Tournament Record: 23-12, 13 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2003
Conference: Big 12
Top Scorer: Tony Allen 16.1; John Lucas 15.2; Ivan McFarlin 12.3; Joey Graham 11.7
Top Rebounders: Tony McFarlin 6.7; Tony Allen 5.8; Joey Graham 5.1
Top Assistants: John Lucas 4.8; Tony Allen 3.1; Daniel Bobb 2.7
Spalding Record: John Lucas 7.2; Daniel Bobb 5.1
Last Tech 10-0

San Jose State
San Jose, 27-6
Nickname: Spartans
Coach: Paul Hewitt
Region: West
Seed: No. 4
Tournament Record: 23-12, 13 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001
Conference: Big West
Top Scorer: Tony Allen 16.1; John Lucas 15.2; Ivan McFarlin 12.3; Joey Graham 11.7
Top Rebounders: Tony McFarlin 6.7; Tony Allen 5.8; Joey Graham 5.1
Top Assistants: John Lucas 4.8; Tony Allen 3.1; Daniel Bobb 2.7
Spalding Record: John Lucas 7.2; Daniel Bobb 5.1
Last Tech 10-0

West Virginia
Martinsburg, 27-6
Nickname: Mountaineers
Coach: Bob Huggins
Region: Midwest
Seed: No. 5
Tournament Record: 23-12, 13 years
Last NCAA Appearance: 2001
Conference: Big East
Top Scorer: Tony Allen 16.1; John Lucas 15.2; Ivan McFarlin 12.3; Joey Graham 11.7
Top Rebounders: Tony McFarlin 6.7; Tony Allen 5.8; Joey Graham 5.1
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Former deputy pleads guilty

GOODING — A former deputy with the Gooding County Sheriff's Department was arraigned in 6th-District Court this week on charges of sexual contact with an inmate at the county jail in January.

Joel Shay Lamun, 34, pleaded guilty Tuesday to three felony counts of sexual contact with a prisoner.

The defendant released a woman from her jail cell on two occasions, taking her to other areas of the jail for sexual contact, according to an affidavit written by Lt. James Dunsberger of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities found a letter in the jail's library that mentioned the liaison.

When officers interviewed the woman, she said the contact was not consensual, the affidavit said. But the defendant said the two had consensual sex.

Sentencing was scheduled for May 11.

Fire damages structure; no injuries reported

MURTAUGH — An apparent weed burn got out of control and spread to a nearby structure Wednesday, causing approximately \$10,000 in damage.

Fire units from stations one, two and three of the Rock Creek Fire District were dispatched to 301 N. Rock Creek Road at 12:04 p.m. after a Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy noticed the flames.

"We had a fire involved in a shed ... it looked like someone was burning weeds and it got into the building," said Cmdr. Jerry Morton of the Rock Creek Fire District.

The damage was restricted primarily to the attic and the roof of the building, he said.

"(The fire) went up the south wall and spread in through the attic," he said.

Fire officials finished their investigation, concluding the cause was accidental.

No one was injured in the fire, Morton added.

Water committee plans first meeting in Boise

BOISE — A legislative committee that will research and recommend ways to sustain the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer will hold its first meeting next week.

The Natural Resources Interim Committee meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 9 in Boise at the J.R. Williams Building, 700 W. State St.

Committee members include co-chairman Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Redmond. Members from the Idaho Senate are Dean Cameron, R-Rupert; Clint Stenret, R-Ketchum; Sten Brandt, R-Blackfoot; Robert Geddes, R-Soda Springs; Don Buttershaw, R-Terret; Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston; and Stanley Williams, R-Pingree.

Members from the Idaho House are Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert; Scott Becker, R-Oakley; Jack Barnardough, R-Idaho Falls; George Eskridge, R-Dover; Mike Moyle, R-Star; Charles Ciddy, D-Orofino; and Joan Wood, R-Rigby.

Ad-hoc committee members include 14 other lawmakers. Ad-hoc members from the Magic Valley are Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Buhl, and Reps. Maxine Hill, D-Burmer; Doug Jones, R-Elmer; Wendy Inquet, D-Ketchum; and Tim Riddinger, R-Shoshone.

Find the full list of names online at www.idwr.state.id.us/Committee.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Season peak
Upper Basin Basin	80%	77%
Salmon Falls	81%	82%
Salmon	80%	74%
Oakley	83%	82%
Big Wood	74%	70%
Little Wood	87%	88%
Hwy's Fork/Teton	82%	89%
Big Lost	78%	73%
Little Lost	79%	82%

As of March 31

A comprehensive list of snowpack levels for 30 watersheds in the Magic Valley is available at www.idwr.state.id.us.

Rupert woman pleads guilty

Mother faces felony charges for using meth while pregnant

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rupert resident Jackie Horton has pleaded guilty to a charge of felony injury to a child stemming from the birth of her son last August.

Horton, 23, entered her plea

in a Monday hearing before District Judge Barry Wood in Minidoka County.

The prosecuting attorney hasn't yet determined his sentencing recommendation, nor has a sentencing date been set for Horton.

Horton had been pegged to

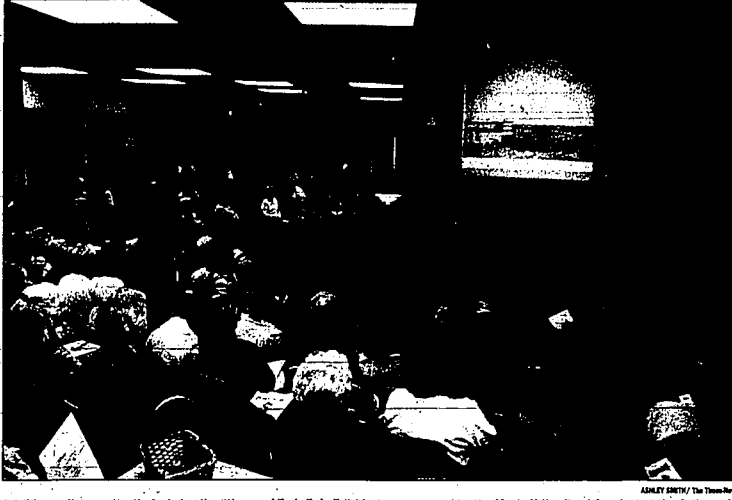
enter drug court last year, but court minutes from her Feb. 23 change of plea hearing show that she wasn't accepted into the program. No reason was provided for her non-acceptance.

Horton was to enter drug court in November 2003 after a

hearing before District Judge John Melanson. Court records show she pleaded guilty to the charge of felony injury to a child. According to District Judge Monte Carlson, who is the drug court judge, in order to be admitted to drug court a de-

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DUST AND RATTLESNAKES



A full house listens attentively during the 'Women of Early Twin Falls' lecture sponsored by the Magic Valley Reads! project at the College of Southern Idaho, Wednesday.

Twin Falls' early women carved lives out of desert

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Months of research taught Mary Kay Martin much about the women who inhabited Twin Falls a century ago. Dressing like them taught her something more.

Like the five other speakers at a Wednesday-night presentation on "Women of Early Twin Falls," Martin donned a hat and long dress. Her hat was a broad black number trimmed in plentiful feathers and lace.

Martin sat through the first three talks wearing that thing. Her first remark to the audience:

"When women said they had headaches in that day, guys, they really did."

The six presenters — members of The Hard Scrabble Ladies Aid Society — had set out to learn what brought women to the Twin Falls tract a century ago and what lifestyles evolved for them when they arrived.

"And sometime those were very different things," Fran

Fools over the years — A1

Frost told an audience of about 200 at the second of five public Magic Valley Reads! events.

Organizers of the third annual Magic Valley Reads! project set out to get Twin Falls folks talking about local poetry and history. Wednesday's discussion on the lives of 1904-1924 pioneer women is part of a series of free literary events.

The events are based — at least loosely — on a list of local authors' works, chosen to give a centennial flare to the community-wide reading project this year.

The reality of Twin Falls life bore little resemblance to the bald-facelies in a 1913 promotional book it intended to entice people to the new city. Jan Milder drew laughter with excerpts about progressive sanitation, the absence of saloons, lovely year-round weather and similar facilities.

Women's writings and recollections, she said, revealed the realities: 6-inch-deep dust that

required people traveling by stagecoach to keep their mouths shut. The inch of precious water in which dishes were washed. Rattlesnakes. Mosquitoes. Homesickness for the places left behind.

For the women of early Twin Falls, making do and adapting were essential for physical, emotional and mental survival, Martin said.

Women gathered at LB Perrin's Snake River Canyon ranch annually for spring Blossom Parties to celebrate fruit trees' blossoming. That highly anticipated tradition, Martin said, developed despite a beginning that might have daunted other folk. Winds blew the first Blossom Party attendees upstream on a ferry, spray drenched them as they approached the falls, and a dust storm turned their wet finery to mud.

Pioneering could be an extremely lonely business, Judi Baxter said, and women's groups formed for reading, mutual improvement, sociability and community improvement.

Notable among them was the



group of Rock Creek women who inhabited a prove-up shack to secure land for a cemetery. Another club's big project was the construction of a ladies' restroom in downtown Twin Falls — a free-standing brick building in town which women arriving in town could get the dust off and nurse a baby or two, Baxter said.

Disease and primitive medical care put Twin Falls' early women in danger of widowhood, Barb Allen said. Other marriages didn't survive the difficulties of frontier life. So earning a paycheck was important to women. And many did so as secretaries, postmistresses, nurses, photographers and the like.

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Buhl will lay first bricks for new school next week

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Construction workers will begin laying bricks for the new Buhl High School within the next week or two, the project's top official says.

"We will be doing masonry muckups next week and by the 5th of April the actual brick laying 'should start,'" Grant Haycock told Buhl School Board members Tuesday.

Haycock, who's leading the construction project, brought members an update on the project that was delayed for nearly four weeks because of weather conditions.

He said the contractor has picked up the pace by working 10-hour days.

The power poles are set and primary feeds to the site have been completed, Haycock said. He added that the electrical contractor completed trenching and backfilling after primary-service conduits were installed

to the main transformer location.

Board members also heard from the project's architect, Jay Christopher, who presented a decorative scheme for the school's interior that included carpeting, cabinets and flooring, wall and locker colors.

Board members kept the samples provided by Christopher, which they will review at a later date.

The board also approved a request by the Buhl Rotary Club to provide the flags and flags for the new high school if the project is chosen to mark the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

In other business, school librarians Priscilla Sison, Elaine Cobb and Susie Jones gave a presentation on their curriculum.

To fulfill Idaho's achievement standards at the elementary level, Sison said her goal is to complete, reinforce and add

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Oakley wants highway buildings

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — A game of musical buildings could take place in Oakley this fall if city officials are able to move equipment into structures now owned by the Oakley Highway District and the highway district constructs new buildings.

Highway district officials want to build on Birch Creek Road, southeast of the city.

The deal calls for the city to acquire the highway district facilities through a lease-purchase agreement at \$6,000 per year for 10 years, according to Oakley Public Works Director Weston Hawkes.

Though it's not finished, Hawkes expects the deal to go through.

"I'm counting on it," Hawkes said. "I heard the attorney had the contract a couple of weeks ago, but nothing's shown up on the mayor's desk yet."

Dave Shirley, the highway district's attorney, said a public hearing was held in January and district officials received a

couple of offers for the property, but they plan to sell to the city of Oakley.

The highway district needs more space to park its equipment and owns the Birch Creek land, Shirley said.

He said financing is available for construction of the new facilities.

"We'll have to see what bids we get," highway district board Chairman Bill Cranney said. "Then we'll see if we can go through with it."

Cranney didn't want to offer an estimate of what the project would cost before the bid process takes place. Plans call for paying for the buildings in a five-year period.

Hawkes said he supports the highway district plans.

"They buy a \$120,000 grader and have to park it outside. The hoses get weathered and the paint fades and they have to start replacing things," Hawkes said. "You do that a few times, and you could have built the new shop."

The city also needs more space, Hawkes said. City equip-

Attorney helps folks in need

Blame man wins

'Health Hero' award

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Practicing law is his day job. Making sure people with limited resources receive available health care benefits is his life's work.

Reginald Reeves, a Blaine County attorney with firms in both Ketchum and Idaho Falls, has put together a network that gives people with low incomes a way to receive free medication from pharmaceutical companies. To make that happen, he has organized a staff of volunteers throughout Idaho who assist people in filling out forms for the medicine.

"For his commitment to others, Reeves was named the winner of the 2004 Adult Health Hero Award at a South Central District Health Board meeting Wednesday.

"He goes beyond the call of duty in his dedicated work that links community members with the health care services they need," said the board's chairman, Dr. Don Bard.

Citing Reeves' ongoing involvement with Angel Flight — a program that helps children with cancer get to their medical appointments to receive hospital care — Bard told board members that Reeves also helps "veterans throughout the state acquire medical care, hearing aids and monetary benefits."

"Although he continues to help the disadvantaged obtain food and clothing help by working through the Ketchum/Sun Valley American Legion, his quest to help others goes beyond the borders of America.

"Like the idea of helping children," Reeves said.

In Guatemala, he's "proving his point. Reeves recently placed enough computers in an elementary school in that nation to give 271 students a chance to learn how to get ready for a world of growing technology. His work will benefit more than 1,000 students at a nearby school now under construction.

How did he feel about receiving the "Health Hero" award?

"I don't need the pat-on-the-back," he said. "But if it encourages others to get involved, it's worth the while."

"It's so sad to see such poverty, and I'm happy he's willing to spend the time to help these children," said his wife, retired teacher Beverly Reeves.

Other winners

The winner of the Youth Health Hero Award, due Wednesday afternoon celebration was the Mini-Cassia HealthNet Coalition.

Members of the youth group were commended for their work with police officers, particularly for promoting seat belt use and bicycle safety.

With a long list of health accomplishments that include providing "Lunch Buddies" to

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ment is now stored at a recreational vehicle park, the rodeo grounds and other sites because there isn't a central place big enough for the equipment.

Plans call for the highway district's new facility to be a three-story building with a small office and a meeting room. The building is expected to be about 7,500 square feet.

The city will occupy two buildings — one is about 2,000 square feet and the other 3,200 square feet on about 1.5 acres, Hawkes said.

Equipment would be stored in the buildings, and a repair shop would be housed there, too.

"There will be some who squawk at it," Cranney said. But, he said, it's time for the highway district to get with the times.

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Ruth Ellen (Nelson) Lunte

Ruth Ellen (Nelson) Lunte of Buhl, died March 30, 2004, at Stony Creek Living Center, Twin Falls, Idaho.



She was born Jan. 7, 1917, at St. Anthony, Idaho, the daughter of James Nelson and Dolly (Ashcraft) Nelson. She attended schools in Adrian, Wilder and Meridian, Idaho. She graduated from Nampa High School in 1934.

After graduation from high school she attended Albion Normal School and graduated in 1936. It was in Albion where she met the love of her life, Charles "Chic" Lunte. They were married in 1937.

Together they taught school in Aramo, Idaho, and Twin Falls, Idaho. Ruth taught the "little kids," grades first through fourth, and Chic taught the "big kids," grades fifth through eighth. In 1940 they returned to the family farm south of Buhl. Besides farming Chic managed Simplot Soil Builders and later owned and operated West End Fertilizer Company until 1980.

Della N. Calvert - Jerome

Della N. Calvert, 83, of Jerome, passed away March 29, 2004, in Jerome.



She was born August 18, 1920, in Edison, Neb., the daughter of Ralph Erwin Stump and Rosene Morse Stump. Della served her country during World War II in the United States Navy.

Della was also a volunteer at the Home of Hope in Jerome and she was a voracious reader. She enjoyed raising dahlia and she enjoyed working.

She raised four sons in Jerome. She was employed by Tupperware and worked at the Jerome plant until her retirement. Della was a faithful member of the Jerome United Methodist Church and served there in various capacities.

Oris Donald Cryder - Boise

Oris Donald Cryder died on March 21, 2004, at his home in Boise, following a long illness.



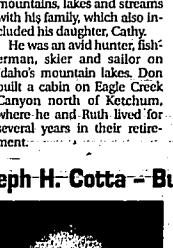
The son of Oris and Bessie Cryder of Twin Falls, Don was born in 1920 and raised in the Magic Valley.

He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Dec. 8, 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Don served in the Pacific theater as a navigator with the 1st Marine Air Wing, and was a member of the Allied party accepting Japan's surrender of China in August 1945.

After completing Naval Flight School in 1944, Don married Ruth Strickland of Elsinore, Calif.

Joseph H. Cotta - Buhl

Joseph H. Cotta, 67, of Buhl, died Monday, March 29, 2004, after losing a courageous battle with sudden disabilities sustained from a stroke.



Joe was a determined, life-long dairyman who felt most at peace in the dairy barn "milkin' those cows."

Surviving him are his daughters, Diana Cotta (Idaho) and Erica (Chris) Olsen (Idaho); son, Fred Cotta (Idaho); daughters, Susan O'Neil (California) and Celeste Cotta (California); and son, Joey Cotta (California).

He had an undying passion for dairy heifers that, he said, "put the food on the table". Living on a dairy allowed him to teach his children what hard work was all about.

Danel J. Henson - Kimberly

Danel J. Henson, 43, of Kimberly, died Monday, March 30, 2004, at his home in Kimberly.

He was born April 16, 1960, in Arlington, Calif., the son of Barton and Doris Walker Henson.



On Dec. 20, 1998, he married the love of his life, Kelli Jo Stone, in Jerome. They moved to Kimberly and made their home. Dan enjoyed his occupation as an auto mechanic working at the OK Tire stores. He also enjoyed being in the mountains and hunting, fishing and cutting firewood.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at the Landmark Baptist Church, 100 E. Ave. D in Jerome. Cremation and services are under the direction of Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Surviving Dan are his wife, Kelli Jo Henson-of-Kimberly; stepchildren, Todd Buckendorf and Tia Buckendorf both of Boise and Ashley Buckendorf of Kimberly; his sister, Carlena Peterson of Kimberly; his parents, Barton and Doris Henson of Twin Falls; and his mother and father-in-law, Gary and Bev Stone of Kimberly, along with one niece and one nephew and several aunts and uncles. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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SERVICES

Earle L. Vierck of Idaho Falls, funeral at 7 p.m. today at Buck-Miller Funeral Home, 1350 E. 825 E. 17th St. in Idaho Falls. Friends may visit with the family following the service until 8:30 p.m. Graveside service with military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

E. 27th St. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

at the Ketchum Cemetery with Military Rights by the Air Force Honor Guard and Ketchum American Legion Post (Wood River Chapel).

Ora D. Simpson of Hansen, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery. (White Mortuary).

Francis G. Washburn of Williamsburg, Mass., memorial service at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 49 Elm St., Northampton, Mass. (Czesulanski Funeral Home).

Margaret Louise Greer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. April 8 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Alice Lillian Leigh Wood, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Pruse Chapel, 809 F St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Elmer Gene Urle of Eden, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Erma Viola McClood of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. April 10 at the Wendell Cemetery (Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Opal J. Manning of Twin Falls, funeral Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Edmund the Confessor Catholic Church, St. Edward Chapel. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Myrtle Stanley appear in a later edition. TWIN FALLS — Myrtle Stanley, 99, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Birchwood Retirement Estates.

Scott A. Hauert RUPERT — Scott A. Hauert, 44, of Rupert, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at his home.

Clinton G. Jensen, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston, Ore. (Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Ore.)

Graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Twin Falls Cemetery.

A funeral will be held at noon Friday, April 2, 2004, at the Wasatch Lawn Mortuary, 3401 S. Highland Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah, with burial following in the Wasatch-Lawn Cemetery. Friends may greet the family at the mortuary one hour before the service.

Leola H. Pace — Bryant Bates of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450

A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will

Caxton Press may take over broke UI Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The deficit-ridden University of Idaho Press may be saved from closure under a new agreement with Caxton Press of Caldwell.

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Linda Morris, interim associate vice provost, said the university is finalizing negotiations with Caxton Press publisher Scott Gilpin.

The Family of Aline Covert would like to thank each of you for your kindness, food, flowers, cards, telephone calls and memorials.

The agreement essentially subcontract distribution responsibilities to Caxton without any cost to the university, she said.

A special thanks to Pastor Keith Wise, the Methodist Church Ladies who served a lovely dinner, the Rupert Hospital ECF Unit and the Rupert Medical Center.

"This is a win-win situation for both the UI and Caxton Press," Morris said. "Scott's offer provides a way to preserve the intellectual property of the UI Press and our relationship with authors and customers, and at the same time, allows the university to realize savings in operations and prevent further deficits."

The Family of Aline Covert

The university decided to close the press in February after a proposed partnership with the University of Washington Press fell through. By the end of June, the UI Press is expected to have a deficit of \$385,600.

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In February, Provost Brian Eitcher said the university was working to fix or close all programs with chronic deficits and that the efforts of press director Ivar Nelson to reduce staff and repair the budget were not enough to offset its deficit.

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Military support group plans potluck

JEROME — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will hold a potluck lunch at 11 a.m. April 10 at the Jerome Public Library.

Cups, plates and utensils will be provided.

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

Bevelved by dust?

Share your story

TWIN FALLS — Dust is a fact of life in southern Idaho, and for a growing number of folks, the source of breathing

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problems.

The Times-News is preparing an article about dust allergies, and would like to talk with readers who suffer from them. If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3323, or e-mail him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

Hospital offers course to prevent back pain

TWIN FALLS — The more time people spend sitting at

desks, in cars or in front of televisions, the more they must do to prevent back pain, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Magic Valley Regional Rehabilitation Services will present a two-hour course, the first Wednesday of each month through June where instructors will demonstrate specific exercises for patients to help strengthen their backs after injury as well as provide information on preventing future damage and pain.

"Back injuries and back pain can happen to the best of us,"

physical therapist Joy Crist said in a news release. "Whether in our jobs or in our everyday activities, we are all prone to mishaps that can cause injury or pain. This class is designed to help people help themselves to better back health."

"Back School" will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on April 7, May 5 and June 2 at Magic Valley Regional's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W.

The cost is \$25 per person. For more information and to register for the class, call 737-2126.

—compiled from staff reports

Declo Council plans to try again for electric grant

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News Correspondent

DECLO — Declo City Council members decided to take another shot at securing grant money to pay for upgrades to the city's electric system.

At their March meeting councilmen changed their position from February, when they learned that their third application for a block grant for the project had been denied.

They initially decided to not apply again.

But after a discussion with three Idaho Department of Commerce employees about the need for the work, councilmen agreed to apply again.

Commerce Department officials encouraged the city leaders to apply again after the meeting.

Council members also discussed payroll procedures.

City Clerk Terri Kayle was asked to develop a time sheet for the part-time employees that is to be initiated by the employee and the supervisor.

Part-time employees are to be paid once a month and full-time city employees are paid

twice a month, council members decided.

And, councilmen set Kayle's salary at \$10 an hour.

Other Declo council business included:

• **New business** — Council members heard from Moses Sateio who asked about city requirements for his new business. Sateio plans to open a cabinet shop at the northwest corner of the intersection of highways 77 and 81.

• **Public hearing** — Council members were told they'd have to hold a public hearing before the city can vacate the alley that runs along the property next to the Declo High School agricultural building.

• **New computer** — Council members were told a new computer was purchased for use at City Hall.

• **Summer employees** — Chase Matson and Mike Kelsey were hired as summer employees.

• **Lawmaker** — City Operations Superintendent Gene Fries was instructed to look into buying a new lawnmower for the city.

Qwest executives' fraud case wraps up

DENVER (AP) — Four former executives of Qwest Communications International knowingly "ginned up" details of a transaction in order to inflate revenues and boost their bonuses, prosecutors said in closing arguments Wednesday.

The four planned to create false documents to book \$34 million in revenue from Arizona Public Schools using methods

they knew were improper, Assistant U.S. Attorney William Taylor said.

Grant Graham, Thomas Hill, Bryan Treadway and John Walker each face 11 charges including fraud and conspiracy. Prosecutors say they tried to book the revenue in June 2001 for internet equipment that the Arizona schools did not plan to buy until later.

It is the first criminal trial stemming from investigations that prompted former Qwest chief executive Joseph Nacchio to quit in 2002 and ultimately led the Denver telecommunications giant to remove \$2.5 billion in revenue from its books.

The four defendants were either misled or did not fully understand the accounting

principles in the deal, their lawyers said. Attorneys also argued the four acted in good faith on a deal they believed was legitimate.

But Taylor told the jury the defendants' statements to internal Qwest investigators and other evidence shows each understood the transaction. They "ginned up" details of the deal and reasons to justify it, he said.

Growing Colorado wildfire prompts evacuations

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — A wind-whipped fire grew to about 1,800 acres Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of eight homes in what some see as a grim omen for the fire season still to come.

"This is a bad sign for this time of the year, and we have to take this as a warning that we could have a potentially long year, an extreme year," said Justin Dombrowski, Boulder's wildland fire manager.

Residents of the eight evacuated homes were allowed back in Wednesday afternoon but were warned they could be asked to leave again at any moment. No homes were considered "immediately" threatened, but 20 had been placed on alert.

The blaze forced the closure of Colorado 14 west of U.S. 287 because the flames loosened rocks along the road, causing a significant driving hazard, fire

information officer Tammy Williams said.

A helicopter, a 3,000-gallon air tanker and 75 firefighters battled the blaze Wednesday, and an 800-gallon air tanker was expected Thursday.

Temperatures in the mid-70s or above, low humidity and sweeping winds hampered firefighters. More of the same was expected Thursday, but Friday could bring cooler temperatures and the chance for some minor precipitation, National Weather Service meteorologist Dave Barjenbruch said.

"Right now they're looking at a high fire danger situation for Colorado," said Rose Davis, spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center.

The area from Fort Collins straight south and over to the eastern part of the state has the highest potential, primarily because of the grasses," she said.



A slurry bomber drops fire retardant on a fire line Wednesday in Bellevue, Colo. The wind-fueled wildfire grew to about 1,800 acres, forcing the evacuation of eight homes and the closure of a nearby highway.

March was extremely dry in Colorado, but the Interagency Fire Center predicts average

precipitation for April and June and to an average fire year for Colorado.

Energy Department studies trucking waste to nuclear dump

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Energy Department is dusting off a backup plan to ship radioactive waste through rural Nevada by truck in the first years of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository.

"It's possible that we won't have a rail line when we have to have a contingency," Energy Department and Yucca Mountain spokesman Allen Benson told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "You have to be prepared, and that's what this is."

Nuclear waste casks would be placed on rail cars at nuclear re-

actors in 39 states and shipped to a Nevada transfer station, possibly at Caliente in southeastern Nevada, according to an internal Energy Department analysis performed this month.

The casks would be rolled onto specially designed tractor-trailers and hauled across the state to the repository, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

An Energy Department document obtained this week by the Review-Journal indicates a probable 330-mile truck route north and west to Tonopah, through federal and state roads, and then south on U.S. 95 to

Yucca Mountain.

The contingency assumes a railroad line would be up and running by 2016, but nuclear waste would be shipped to the repository by truck for the first six years after the Energy Department opens the dump in 2010.

The Energy Department is expected soon to formalize a 319-mile corridor from Caliente to the repository as its preferred rail route.

A seven-page analysis completed by Energy Department's Office of National Transportation for the Yucca Mountain

Project did not say how many truck shipments would be made through Nevada over the six-year period.

Robert Halstead, a consultant for Nevada's state Agency for Nuclear Projects, said the state was examining the department's study.

He estimated truck shipments through rural Nevada could increase from about 600 in the first year to 2,200 a year in the fourth, fifth and sixth years.

Benson would not comment on the estimate, saying the Energy Department was developing its numbers.

Study: Washington needs flexibility in river management

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The state of Washington should increase its flexibility to divert water from the Columbia River only if those withdrawals can be stopped when low water flows imperil threatened salmon, a study released Wednesday said.

The study by the National Academy of Sciences could make it difficult for additional farmers to get water for crops. Environmental groups praised the results, while some irrigators argued the findings failed to provide any new information.

The state Ecology Department commissioned the \$488,000 study as part of a plan to establish new rules for future water rights and to better manage the river, which is a source of electricity, transportation, recre-

ation and irrigation: The Columbia River basin touches on Washington, several Canadian provinces, and several Indian reservations.

"Whether or not to issue additional permits is a decision to be made by the public and policy makers, but if the withdrawals are allowed, there should be enough flexibility to halt them if river conditions become too severe for the salmon," said Ernest Smerdon, chairman of the committee that wrote the report and retired vice provost and dean of the University of Arizona's College of Engineering and Mines.

The panel also said Columbia River basin entities involved in water rights cases should cooperate and discuss the possible effects before deciding on water decisions.

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• About a third of women in the area earned their own livings, Allen said.

• Those who taught classes at Twin Falls' early schools followed certain rules, Lelle Poppleton said.

• For example: Check the catalogue supply in the outhouse daily.

• Grounds for immediate dismissal included drinking, frequenting pool halls, marriage "or other unseemly behavior by women," she said.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins — working also as Centennial editor — can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

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on to what is already taught in the classrooms.

In addition to daily activities, students are encouraged to read and improve literacy through weekly book reports, reading practice and reading for comprehension.

Even in the library's computer lab the focus is on reading and writing she said.

Children are not giving up reading to be in the computer lab, it's just a new type of literacy in an electronic age in which our children had better be right on the cutting edge," Slisson said.

Slisson also explained that a firewall or filter system is in place to protect students from accessing or accidentally hitting the wrong Web sites when searching for information. The system is in place at all of the district's schools.

Up next

Magic Valley Reads! Twin Falls Centennial — an annual reading project that honors the city's 100th birthday — is holding a series of free, public events on Wednesday evenings. Details on the next in the series:

- **When and where:** 7 p.m., April 7, The Lamphouse Theatre, Twin Falls
- **Topic:** Poetry and Poets of Twin Falls — a poetry reading
- **Moderator:** Jly-Tones
- **Other readers:** David West, Mark Brown, Tierra Loyd, Nathan Barse, Whitney Smith

Company recalls canned chili

BOISE (AP) — Seneca Food Corp. is voluntarily recalling 7,250 pounds of canned beef chili prepared in its Payette, Idaho, facility, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced on Wednesday.

The agency said undeclared allergens of wheat and soy are the reasons for the recall.

The recall applies to six-pound, 12-ounce cans of "Gimmar" premium beef chili with beans.

Each can also bears one of the following codes: K3ED041 or K3ED042. Under this code is the number 73661.

The chili was produced on Sept. 4, 2003, and shipped to retailers and wholesale distributors in California, Oregon and Washington.

There have been no reports of allergic reactions to the product. But consumers who are allergic to wheat or lectin should not eat it.

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more than 100 students and hosting a weekly radio talk show that promotes positive activities in the community, the coalition is a success story and an asset to the Mini-Cassia region, Bard said.

Present to receive the award were co-chairwomen Julie Burmikel, a senior at Burley High School, and Amber Young, a senior at Minico High School.

How did they feel about receiving the award?

"Surprised, but pleased," Burmikel said.

With health and fitness in mind, the Main Motion Dance and Fitness Studio in Oakley received the Corporate Health Hero Award. Now in their fifth

year running the studio, sisters Annalee Elquist and Tasha Payton are offering exercise classes to residents of the small community.

Bard said the studio has helped members of the community make healthier lifestyle choices.

With classes sizes still on the rise, the studio's staff has also increased.

To date, the club has added two personal trainers, two gymnastics teachers and two fitness instructors.

"We owe our success to the community," Payton said.

Times-News correspondent Loreita Burkhart can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3590.

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defendant must plead guilty to the felony charge they face. The judge defers acceptance of the guilty plea while the defendant is in drug court, he or she is then sentenced, based on that guilty plea. If a defendant passes drug court, the offense is removed from his or her record.

Horton was charged Sept. 17, 2003, in Minidoka County with felony injury to a child.

According to the court affidavit, Horton gave birth to a boy on Aug. 25, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. The baby was born premature and was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he had to be connected to a ventilator. The baby tested positive for the presence of "methamphetamine."

According to the affidavit,

Horton told Keith Fenton of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare that she had used methamphetamine during the first trimester of her pregnancy but she quit using drugs after she found out she was pregnant.

But hospital lab tests from the day the baby was born show that Horton tested positive for amphetamines that day.

When Horton visited her son on Sept. 15 she tested positive for methamphetamine, amphetamines and tetrahydrocannabinol, the active component of marijuana, according to the affidavit.

Horton was accused of "willfully, intentionally, unlawfully, feloniously and under circumstances likely to produce great bodily harm or death" injuring her newborn son.

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Rupert Marine strengthens bonds with Japanese

By Al Eskalns and Special to The Times-News

TOKYO, Japan — Since the end of World War II, Japan has been working with the United States to rebuild its country and reconnect ties once broken during the war.

Exercise Yama Sakura, the largest bilateral military exercise conducted in Japan, is an example of the combined effort to show the skills of both countries' militaries.

To participate in the exercise, Marine Cpl. Rene Garcia Jr., the 20-year-old son of Rene and Mary Ann Garcia of Rupert, recently deployed to Camp Asaka, which is the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force camp located on the outskirts of Tokyo.

Garcia is one of 170 Marines and sailors from the III Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Okinawa, Japan. Garcia is a team leader responsible for satellite phones used by his unit.

The exercise brings together units from the Marines, U.S. Army Forces Japan, Army's Corps, various U.S. reserve units and the Japanese Eastern Army in an effort to improve U.S. and Japanese interoperability while providing for the mutual defense of Japan.



Lt. Col. Baumgarten speaks with Maj. Oikawa of the Northern Army Task Force during a briefing as part of exercise Yama Sakura. Former Rupert resident Rene Garcia participated in the exercise.

"The biggest challenge for me during this deployment was the new environment and learning how to work with a military who speaks a different language," said Garcia, a 2001 graduate of Minico High School.

Exercise Yama Sakura, meaning mountain of cherry blossoms in Japanese, uses computer-generated scenarios to exercise military staff interaction between both countries' militaries.

"This exercise was important because it gave both U.S. and Japanese troops the opportunity to teach each other new tactics," Garcia said.

Planning and coordinating for Yama Sakura has been months in the making for the Marines. Beginning in April 2003, they joined forces with their counterparts from I Corps and the Japanese Eastern Army in mapping out an exercise that shared one common goal—a better understanding of each other's war-fighting capabilities.

Garcia found his experiences in Japan rewarding.

"Meeting new people all over the world has been the most rewarding thing for me. The Marine Corps is a great way to learn about the different customs of others," he said.

Al Eskalns is a Marine first lieutenant and Daniel Yarnall is a Marine corporal both assigned to the III Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan.

Ex-Menudo star readies for his own spotlight

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody Associated Press writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Robi Rosa, the 33-year-old Puerto Rican teen dream group Menudo, then as a top producer and songwriter for Ricky Martin and others.

Yet when it came to his own projects, the spotlight has eluded the man who wrote "Livin' La Vida Loca." Edgy, avant-garde and radio unfriendly, his rock-infused solo outings have garnered little more than critical acclaim — partly due to Rosa's own design.

For years, Rosa has refused to alter his work to reach the mainstream audience. He even hates to alter his look — the heavily tattooed singer grimaces at advice to shave off his beard in order to be more marketable. "There's more opportunity when you're clean shaven," he admits reluctantly.

But his latest work, "Mad Love," may finally give Rosa some commercial success to go with the artistic praise.

The 33-year-old's second English-language album (and first overall) may be his most accessible yet — a romantic, brooding disc that he says was influenced by Miles Davis but is more than a little reminiscent of Sting.

"I think that this album has just enough commercial appeal that it would grab a very big audience," says

producer-songwriter Walter Afanador, a hitmaker for artists ranging from Celine Dion to Mariah Carey who collaborated on the "Mad Love" album. "It's not mediocrity, it's not redundant."

While Rosa claims he didn't craft his record for pop hits, if the result gets him a wider audience, that's OK by him.

"I felt that maybe I would have a chance to go around the world with 'Mad Love,' Rosa says during breakfast at a posh Beverly Hills hotel, a few minutes from his home. "If I can do that, it's exciting."

It's not as if Rosa's music hasn't traveled around the world before.

The budding New York-born musician became a world sensation before he was a teen, when he moved to Puerto Rico and his uncle convinced him to audition for the group Menudo — a bubble-gum teen pop band that relied more on pinup looks than music.

The group's appeal grew beyond Spanish-language markets, and Rosa's chiseled, model-ready face was out in front. Even the United States got caught up in the Menudo craze for a brief moment in the '80s.

During that time, Rosa began to write his first songs — even though no members of the group were writing their own lyrics. But when Rosa wasn't able to contribute musically to the group, he bolted.



Robi Rosa poses in New York's Central Park. Rosa has been on the music scene for two decades, first as a member of the Puerto Rican teen dream group Menudo, and later, as a top producer and songwriter for Ricky Martin and others.

Mexico grows passionate over Mel Gibson film

By Reed Johnson Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Clutching a half-eaten bag of popcorn, Mauricio Alvarado drifted into the lobby of the Cinemex Real movie theater looking like a "Mad Love" fan. He was very convincing, Alvarado said of actor Jim Caviezel, who stars in the movie as the embattled, suffering Messiah.

A few feet away, 22-year-old medical student Sandra Zamora also was praising the film, saying she believed it didn't blame the Jews for Jesus' death but implicated all humanity.

"The violence and the blood were justified," she said. "It's a way of showing what happened, although some people don't like it."

As Gibson's hotly debated New Testament epic was about to open in theaters across Mexico on March 19, there were numerous signs that its phenomenal — statewide success might be replicated south of the border.

Jose Juan Hernandez, managing director for 20th Century Fox Mexico, said 500 prints of the movie were being released in Mexico, meaning "La Pasion" would be showing on nearly 1,000 screens. Initially, he said, the distributor had planned to release only 300 prints.

But that number rose to 500 and finally 560 after the movie's huge U.S. box office showing. That's a very large number for a serious dramatic film in Mexico. By comparison, Hernandez said, "Finding Nemo" and "Spider-Man" each opened in Mexico with about 500 prints. "La Pasion" will have opened in

nine Latin American countries.

Guillermo Ortiz, a spokesman for the Mexican Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a prepared statement that "The Passion of the Christ" would make for great family viewing in the days leading up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

But that won't be possible for all family members. In Mexico, the movie's most controversial aspect so far has been its "C" rating, which means no one under 16 can see it, even if accompanied by an adult. (In the United States, its R rating means a parent or guardian must accompany children under 17.) The directorship of Mexico's ratings authority, Radio Television y Cinematografía awarded "La Pasion" the adults-only rating due to its intensity and explicit violence.

"We're totally against this decision because it's not fair," Hernandez said. "They (ratings authorities) are treating us and the theaters as if we're kids and we don't know what decision to make." He predicted that the

rating would increase piracy of the film, which is already selling for \$20 on Mexico City streets in bootleg DVD copies.

In Mexico, the movie's skids have been greased with several weeks of mostly favorable advance coverage. "The controversy in the United States over allegations of anti-Semitic content doesn't appear to be dampening its prospects here."

That's largely because Jews represent less than 1 percent of Mexico's population, some religious experts here said. "It's excessively violent, and in my opinion it's anti-Semitic," said Daniel Fainstein, director general of the Universidad Hebraica in Mexico City. Fainstein said he also thought the movie misrepresented the true character of Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who is depicted in the film as being troubled by Christ's execution. He was a cruel man," Fainstein said.

Hispanic Council sets 'romantic' dinner, dance

BUHL — "A Great Romantic Night" (Gran Noche Romantica) will be sponsored by the Hispanic Council of the Immaculate Conception Church April 17 at the church, 1631 Poplar St. in Buhl.

The dinner will be held from 7-9 p.m. and the dance with a DJ and Mexican and American music will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The cost is \$15 per person. No children please. Tickets are available at the church office and from members of the Hispanic Council.

For information, call the church office at 543-5136.

Dinner includes program in Spanish, English.

RUPEIT — The Snake River Alliance Community Dinner will be held from 6-9 p.m. April 10 at St. Nicholas Church Hall, 802 E. St. in Rupert.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Along with dinner will be a 15-minute presentation of "Idaho Water at Risk." It will be presented in both English and Spanish.

There will also be informational booths for the public. Some of the organization/agencies participating include the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Job Service, Idaho Legal Aid, Latino Vote and Mujeres Unidas e Informadas.

For more information, call Ester Ceja, Snake River Alliance campaign director, at 1-866-891-0178.

Idaho Hispanic Vote

Sponsors training

CALDWELL — A free session on volunteer training sponsored by Idaho Latino Vote will



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be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. April 10 in the second floor conference room of the El Mercado Building, 317 Happy Day Blvd.

The trainers will be Isabel Aguilar, Lupita Martinez, Gloria Munoz and Leo Morales. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m., training begins at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Register by Wednesday by calling Maria at (208) 230-2416. Issues will include training on voter registration.

Idaho Latino Vote is a project of the Idaho Hispanic Caucus Institute for Research and Education.

Idaho commission seeks talent for Cinco de Mayo

BOISE — The Idaho Commission for Hispanic Affairs is seeking talent for its "Cinco de Mayo 2004 Celebration" and show May 1.

There will be prizes for everyone who volunteers their time and talent.

For more information, call the director for Hispanic Affairs at (208) 334-3776.

Space is limited. The event is hosted by American Family Insurance and Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Singer, son of music legend, dies in car crash

By Agustín Guiza Los Angeles Times

Adan Sanchez, the son of slain narco-corrido music legend Chalino Sanchez who was nurtured in Southern California's burgeoning immigrant music scene and emerged this year as a star, has died in a car crash in Sinaloa, Mexico. He was 19.

Sanchez, of Paramount, Calif., was on a promotional trip through northwestern Mexico on Saturday when the 1989 Ford Crown Victoria he was in blew a tire and overturned, in Mexico City highway patrol said.

The handsome singer, who was not wearing his seat belt, sustained severe head injuries and died instantly, said Julietta Olivas, owner of Funeraria San Fernando, a mortuary in Escuintla, Sinaloa, about 45 miles southeast of Mazatlan.

Three others were injured in the crash — the singer's manager, a friend and the driver.

Sanchez's father, a singer/songwriter who had gained notoriety for his musical tales known as narco-corridos, about criminal escapades, was slain execution-style 12 years ago in the same state. The coincidence of his son dying in an area known for its drug cartels and violence fueled speculation

that the car crash had not been an accident. But police said there was no indication of foul play.

Sanchez was 8 in 1992 when his father was kidnapped and killed after a performance in Sinaloa. But unlike his gun-slinging father, the younger Sanchez nurtured an image as a suave, sharply dressed, romantic teenage idol.

"There was just this wholesome quality about him. Very down-to-earth," said Mexico Antonio Gonzales, a spokesman for Unision Music Group who worked closely with the younger Sanchez. "He was one of the very few good role models for Latino kids. I can say, from what I know, that he led quite an impeccable life. He was just a good kid."

Within hours, news of the accident sparked tearful calls to radio stations from fans and public vigils on both sides of the border, signs of the growing popularity of the charismatic artist who had made an impressive debut as a mainstream headliner 10 days ago at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre.

Mourners gathered from East Los Angeles to Escuintla, lighting voice candles and playing Sanchez's CDs and singing along to his simple but catchy love songs.

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WELL READ



Photo courtesy of BARBARA WARD

These seventh-grade 'super-readers' at Burley Junior High School all have more than 200 Accelerated Reader points. They are announcing a 'buy-one-get-one-free' book fair in the Burley Junior High School media center this week. The readers are, from left, front: Mark Murdoch, Blaine Jaynes and Jared Spackman; back: William Chinn, Carlie Morrison, Emily Greenman and Casey Rasmussen.

CSI Blaine center will hold classes

HAILLEY — The College of Southern Idaho, Blaine center, 1050 Fox Acres Road, is offering enrichment classes and a bird-house contest.

For more information, call 788-2033/2038.

"Adobe Photoshop" will provide students with the skills needed to get started with this software.

Topics include opening and creating an image, tools and selections, modifying and retouching images, rotating and scaling, applying filters, working with layers, adding text to images and much, much more.

Understanding or prior use of Windows and computers required. The cost is \$141. The class meets from 2-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 5-19 at the Blaine campus and can be taken for credit or no credit.

"Web page Design" will allow hands-on programming in HTML, the language of the World Wide Web. Participants will learn how to format text and graphics to create a home page on the internet.

Some familiarity with the Internet is helpful but not necessary. The cost is \$107.50. The class meets from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, April 5-19 at the Blaine campus and can be taken for credit or no credit.

A birdhouse contest is under way. The CSI office has registration forms, plans and information.

Everyone is welcome to enter, including schools, 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts, gardeners, woodworkers and hobbyists. There will be divisions for kids, teens, adults and professionals. Prizes will be awarded in the Most Functional Birdhouse, Best-Overall-Craftsmanship and/or Most Creative Birdhouse.

The entries are due June 1, and a silent auction and final awards event will take place June 12 at the Blaine campus.

BENEFIT AUCTION



Photo courtesy of Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cassia Regional Medical Center employees and volunteers prepare for a benefit dinner and auction for fellow co-worker Aaron Cohen who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. JoAnn Anderson shows the tie-dyed quilt she made and will display in front of the hospital-volunteer gift shop. With her is Laurie Poulton. Several quilts and other donated items will be auctioned at the Burley High School cafeteria. The public is invited. Dinner will be served from 6-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$4 or \$15 for a family of five. The menu will include chili, baked potato and cinnamon roll. The auction will follow at 7 p.m. To donate, call Robyn Watson at 677-6588.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Scouts appreciates fund-raiser donations

The Scouts of the First Christian Church would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to our 31st annual pancake supper fund-raiser: Albertson's, Amalgamated Sugar, AmeriPride Linen, Blip Printers, BSR Restaurant Supply, Chevrolet Cadillac & Suzuki of Twin Falls, Costco, Debbie Johnson, Falls Brand & Fred Meyer, Gem State Paper, Great Harvest, Grocery Outlet, Jensen Family, Jim Bob's Bakery, KMVT-TV, Lamb Weston, Longview Fibre, Louis Bones, Lynwood Market, McDonald's, Office Max, Outback Steakhouse, Panache Supper Committee, Pepsi-Cola, PSI, Renter Center, S&G Produce, Slezler Restaurant, Solo Cup Co., St. Benedict, Swenmart, Swensons, The Times-News, Treasure Valley Coffee, United Dairywomen, Wal-Mart, Wayside Cafe and Zitterkopf Family.

TODD JENSEN
Scout coordinator
Twin Falls

Woman appreciates good Samaritan

To the good Samaritan who helped my husband and me on March 14 — thank you from my heart —

On our trip from East Wenatchee, Wash., to Twin Falls, I became ill. We thought I might be having a heart attack. We crossed the bridge into Twin Falls and were following signs to the hospital, but got lost. We asked for directions to hospital emergency. Our good Samaritan said, "Follow me." With our flashers working and staying within the speed limit, we arrived at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency. Our good Samaritan called emergency on her cell phone and they were waiting for me. She would not give us her name or let us pay her anything.

The emergency staff was wonderful. After five hours, the doctor allowed me to leave.

Thank you, lovely good Samaritan. You make the world a better place and made mine truly blessed.

VIRGINIA OESTREICH
East Wenatchee, Wash.

Lots of time, dedication, donations help musical

Recently our music department offered several performances of "Fiddler on the Roof."

I would like to extend my gratitude to those who helped make this endeavor successful. There are too many individuals to thank by name, but I would like to mention Mr. Wes Shinn, who spent an incredible amount of time at the school preparing for this event. He clearly went the extra mile and made many personal sacrifices for this production. Thank you, Mr. Shinn, for your hard work, professionalism and dedication.

I would like to thank the people that donated their time and expertise in the various departments. Thank you to Johnny Carino's for catering our dinner shows; your hospitality was fantastic and the food was second to none. Thanks to Pepsi for its generous donation for evening performances.

Oh brother of the staff at Kimberly Middle School, thank you for your hard work and support!

JEFF JONES
Principal
Kimberly Middle School
Kimberly

Carnival Committee receives lots of support

The Carnival Committee would like to thank these area businesses and members of the community for their support for our annual carnival on March 13:

Applebee's, Arctic Circle, Best Oil of Eden, Brian & Hardy, Charles Vinyard, Chilly's, Dairy Queen, Darla Crider, Dave Barnes, Furniture Outlet, Gerlie's, Gift Barn of Kimberly, Golden Coron, Jensen Jewelry, Johnny Carino, Kelly McMorris, Moxley's of Kimberly, Outback Steak House, Pepsi-Cola Co., Pizza Hut, Ridley's of Kimberly, Shark's Slezler, Sonic, Staria Fenton, Valley High School, Senior Parents, Wal-Mart.

A very huge thank you to Kevin Jones of Hazelton for his very generous donation of

Man is grateful for good care at hospital

I would like to express my thanks to the doctors and staff of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for their care and concern.

Although my recent stay was longer than intended, I have no complaints. Quite the contrary; if not for their quick action and excellent care, I might not be able to write this letter.

I especially want to thank Dr. Mark McKain, who remained throughout the worst time and was so caring and considerate not only to his patient but to the entire family and showed no hint of impatience.

Thanks also to Dr. Ron Fullmer, who saw to every physical need. I am indebted to these excellent physicians and all the understanding, considerate professionals who nursed me back to health.

WAYNE KENNEDY
Twin Falls

Surgery will go smoothly thanks to help of others

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our Magic Days at the Schubert House and everyone who gave a donation to our baby Alex's medical fund.

We have been very touched by the generosity and good wishes that have come our way. Alex is the baby with the cleft palate and she will be having her surgery soon. It will go much smoother thanks to the caring of local people.

Thank you.

BLAIR AND MIKE ROBERSON
Haley

CSI NS Center will teach students everyday e-mail

WENDELL — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center offers "Internet and E-mail for Everyday Use" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 7 to May 5 at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main. The fee is \$104.50 plus the book.

Students will learn how to search and browse the Web with hands-on experience in sending e-mail, including picture and document attachments. Students must have basic keyboard, mouse and computer skills to enroll.

For registration information, call 934-8678 or stop by the office at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Flea market accepts supplies for animal shelter

BUHL — The Indoor Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Admission is 50 cents with return privileges and preschoolers are free.

Cleaning supplies, towels and small rugs will be accepted for the Buhl Animal Shelter.

The flea market has books, antiques, tools, crafts, toys, homemade goods and hand crafted birdhouses.

For more information, call 532-4439 or 312-4900.

Buhl Community Education offers more spring courses

BUHL — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc. is offering several spring classes.

"Felt Purses" will be held from 7-8 p.m. and run for two weeks on Wednesdays, starting April 7 in the Buhl High School Home Economics Room, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$6. Students will need a pattern and yarn that felt. Needles or kits will be available for purchase at the class.

"Introduction to Guitar" will be held from 7-8 p.m. for six

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Letter carriers plan to hold food drive May 8

TWIN FALLS — The National Association of Letter Carriers will collect nonperishable food items on May 8 for its national food drive.

Participants can place food in their mailboxes for carriers to "pick-up" and deliver to food banks.

Annual women's luncheon features Dr. Brockman

GOODING — The fourth annual women's luncheon sponsored by Brockman Family Chiropractic will feature Dr. Marjorie A. Brockman speaking on "The Power of Intention."

The free luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the Schubert House, 841 Main St. in Gooding.

A potato bar, desserts and drinks will be provided. Seating is limited. Participants are invited to wear hats.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call 934-5000.

M.V. New Neighbors holds luncheon, travel info

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley New Neighbors luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Green House Cafe, 2882 Addison Ave. E., next to Kimberly Nursery.

Roxie Simcoe of Desert Sun Travel will talk about security as it relates to commercial travel, as well as upcoming travel events. The cost is \$10.

For more information or reservations by Friday, call 420-8234.

Everyone is welcome.

Library ends 'Science' series with comedy/drama

HAILLEY — The Halley Public Library will end its "Science: Bait or Rescue" series at 6:30 p.m. April 8 with a free screening of "The Dish" at the library, 700 Croft St. W.

"The Dish," an Australian comedy/drama, is based on a

Senior Citizens Center plans dance for Sunday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, at 536 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls.

Music will be provided by Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

Wendell Methodist church serves ham dinner

WENDELL — The Wendell United Methodist Church will serve a ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, gelatin and tossed salads, green beans, rolls and cake from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday at the church, 175 E. Main in Wendell.

The cost is a freewill offering.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge club has announced March 26 winners.

First, Beverly Burns and Mary Klient; second, Barbara Burke and Lennie Burns; third, Marge Pierson and Lorraine Morrison; fourth, Lucy Gustafson and Mary Steele; and fifth, Mary Cook and Riley Burton.

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

For more information or a partner, call 934-8371.

Wood River Quilters group quilts at next meeting

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Nampa school appeals again

Charter school hopes to delay renewal process

NAMPA (AP) - The Liberty Charter School is trying to take advantage of a new state law expected to be signed today to bypass local school district control and get a longer renewal of its charter.

Liberty officials said Tuesday they will appeal their one-year contract renewal created by the Nampa School Board to the State Board of Education.

The local board's March decision to renew the charter for a year means Liberty organizers must restart the renewal process several months from now. Liberty Board Chairman Bart McKnight said Liberty Charter School is appealing because it sought a longer renewal.

That isn't what we were requesting," McKnight said. Because the Nampa School District sponsors the charter school, it controls the charter's renewal. But the district and charter have clashed over charter school policies, oversight issues and enrollment.

New legislation expected to be signed into law by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne today creates a streamlined process for charter schools to bypass local school boards and seek approval from a special state commission.

Under the law, which goes into effect immediately after Kempthorne signs it, local school boards that deny a charter will not be responsible for the alternative school. Charters that are approved by the state commission would fall under the commissioner's oversight and responsibility.

No timeline has been set for the creation of the state commission, which would be made up of three public school district trustees, three charter school board members and one member of the public not directly associated with the education system.

NIC renews China training

POST-FALLS (AP) - After a year's hiatus during the SARS outbreak, North Idaho College is again offering classes in China.

The college offers training in Western business methods to Chinese business executives in the southern province of Guangdong. But during 2003, the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome limited travel to China and the college suspended the program.

Guangdong is home to 65 million people, and its labor pool draws thousands of international manufacturing firms. Many of the companies want to hire Chinese managers, but the workers need training in Western business methods.

Woman discovers \$2,000 cashier's check in pillow

COWICHE, Wash. (AP) - Anjanette Hewitt couldn't get comfortable. Something in the little pillow under her head was bugging her.

That something turned out to be a 14-year-old cashier's check for \$2,000.

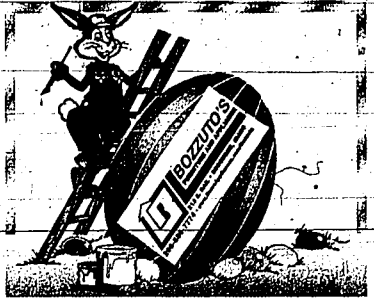
Hilary Grigsby, who lives in this small town northwest of Yakima, told the Yakima Herald-Republic she paid \$1.99 for the heart-shaped pillow Saturday at a Value Village thrift outlet in Seattle before heading home

with her mother, 7-year-old daughter and Hewitt, her sister. The mint-condition check, dated Feb. 9, 1990, was from Mrs. Tom Sdrales to Vicky Sdrales through Valley Bank & Trust Co. in Salt Lake City.

On Monday, after using her computer to locate a telephone listing for Tom Sdrales in Sandy, Utah, Grigsby called and spoke with Tena Sdrales, 75, who sent the check to help Vicky, her daughter, get established after a move to Issaquah in the sub-

urbs east of Seattle. Vicky said she bought the pillow on a visit to Greece in 1985, kept it on her bed for years, then set it aside after she got married and decided to recycle it to Value Village during spring housecleaning not long before Grigsby's visit to Seattle.

Grigsby sent the check to her mother, who plans to resend it to Walker. "It was fun to find," Grigsby said. "I'm glad my daughter was there, so I could share the lesson."



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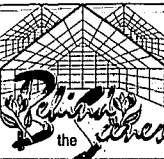


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Centennial art show opens Friday

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A century ago in this now fertile valley, the magic of water was the magic of marketing.

I.B. Perrine, growing peaches and other prize-winning produce inside the Snake River Canyon, touted the area's agricultural productivity by sending samples of his crops to national and international ag competitors, said Twin Falls artist Chris Bolton, who's also a historical society president.

Perrine, Bolton said, employed photographs — and — crop — statistics — from — his riverside ranch to lure settlers — to the dry desert above the canyon rim.

Of course, Perrine and others eventually managed to irrigate the tract. But there was something less than entirely straightforward about the early boosters of Twin Falls.

And Bolton's mixed-media entry in a new Magic Valley Arts Council show is a comment on that "creative marketing," he said.

His piece of artwork displays a Mark Twain quotation: "Lying is universal — we all do it; we all must do it. Therefore, the wise thing is for us diligently to train ourselves to lie thoughtfully..."

Inside the same frame, Bolton also reproduced on rag paper a photograph of the stretch of Snake River Canyon between what's now a sewage treatment plant and today's Perrine Bridge, depicting Perrine's lovely orchards. The piece's third major component is a copper press-plate of the same historic Clarence Bisbee photograph.

By Tuesday-afternoon, six artists had turned in their entries for "The Magic of Water," the arts council's first in a series of centennial-themed shows this year. This show opens Friday in the arts council's Galeria Pequena downtown, with an evening open house.

Other participants, apparently, were still working on their pieces for the show. Magic Valley Arts Council leaders expect that gallery visitors will see about a dozen water-themed works.

Individual artists have the option of offering their pieces for sale, and the first seven pieces to come in were priced between \$50 and \$975 each.

Several of the earliest submissions were more celebratory than Bolton's.

Photographer Janie Mack-Golicochea submitted a photograph of the Perrine Bridge, with a solitary boater on the river below. — The Magic of Water will include two of Ingrid Stuepe's oil paintings — a scenic one of Niagara Springs — and a dreamlike image in greens and blues dubbed "Misty Falls." Darren Peterson of Buhl created a trophy-like ceramic sculpture of a leaping trout on a column of water, dubbed "Idaho's Live Water"; look closely and you'll see the state of Idaho in the fish's tail fin.

An unusual entry in the show is Twin Falls jewelry artist Mickey Tanner's framed slice of blue Biggs Jasper. That scenic gemstone — fossilized mud in which minerals and water formed pretty patterns and shades of blue — is Tanner's favorite type of rock, she said. Tanner picked a slice that looked to her like the scene from a beach or an oceanic cave.

To Magic Valley eyes, however, the Jasper's coloration might evoke river rapids and desert scenery.

Visit the Galeria Pequena in April or May and you'll also see "Against the Odds," an oil painting by Nicholas Ozings. In a barren landscape bordered by mountains, a central figure squats above a prickly cactus to water a tiny tree in a pot. — A little like Perrine.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins — working also as Centennial editor — can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

Water watching

The Magic Valley Arts Council's show "The Magic of Water" will be on display Friday through May 29 in the arts council's Galeria Pequena, at 132 Main Ave. S. Inside the Main Street Plaza in downtown Twin Falls. An opening reception for "The Magic of Water," from 7-9 p.m. Friday, is open to anyone — and free. It's a social-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.



Photo courtesy of DARRELL SCHNITKER of Gooding

In about 1940, Darrell Schnitker and his father, Lester Schnitker, pose with 'Bob' the dog. The photograph captures one of the lighter moments at the family ranch at Big Creek, south of Twin Falls, where the Schnitker family endured the hardships typical of remote country life. Darrell, now a Gooding resident, hates this picture. Then and now, he prefers cowboy duds. But his mother — the photographer — insisted on city-style pants and slasy boots for the photo.

Stories of Strength

Gooding teacher recalls rugged rural childhood

It is this our centennial year, I've often heard folks lament, "I wish I'd taken the time to know my grandparents better!" The old saying "In a hundred years nobody will know the difference" just isn't true. All this history being written makes it clear — a hundred years ago, they did make a difference.

Darrell R. Schnitker of Gooding took the time to write a tribute to his rural Twin Falls County ancestors as a gift for his children. His stories revealed their strength of character so that any of his descendants would understand exactly what life was like way back when.

He wrote about the lifestyle of yesterday, and how our folks survived before government programs came to the rescue: "We had the freedom to fail or succeed and took the responsibility to deal with it."

People made do with whatever was at hand. Another old saying — "make it do, use it up, wear it out, then do without" — was a way of life.

Schnitker told wonderful stories about his mother, a tough woman who endured countless hardships: "She was a master with a fish pole and could hook a fish, jerk it clean out of the water and catch it in her apron. She could lay the 22 across the hood of the old Model A and shoot the head clean off a sage hen, never touching the good meat. Dinner!"



PIONEER PORTRAITS
Donna Scott

Life — was — simple, but even without electricity or piped-in water, there was happiness. Life for a little boy on the Big Creek Ranch was unlike that of any city kid.

Darrell was proof of the excellent education to be received "from" the small country schools that dotted the whole of Twin Falls County. Moving on to town school was a social adjustment-for-country kids, but they were usually ahead of the game academically. He then went on to the University of Idaho and became a successful young teacher.

Schnitker can look back to a near-primitive life, then forward to a time when technology is growing so fast it's out of date before it hits the shelf.

Did this tidbit catch your interest? A fuller account of this family's history, along with stories of other local residents throughout the past century, will be published by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee this summer.

Check the attic

The Times-News is looking for old photographs depicting people and scenes from Magic Valley before 1940.

We'd love to share with our readers that "treasured print

that spent decades in your trunk or scrapbook. Maybe it's Grandfather at the home-stand, or Grandmother visiting the falls.

Stop by the newspaper office at 132 Fairfield St. W. In

Twin Falls to drop off your photograph and tell us what you know about the people in it.

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Hunting for farm memories

Lining up farm equipment in preparation for an auction, I find myself looking back to my younger years on our family farm. Maybe an unknown future makes one reach into the past for safety. Or perhaps earlier times are more easily accessed when confronted with a loss.



DESERT
CANVAS
Mike
Cothran

Whatever the reason, I've been spending a fair amount of time thinking about how lucky I was to be a farm kid. The rural environment has influenced me positively in a number of ways, but especially in shaping my love of outdoor pursuits.

As a small child, the world to be explored started right outside the backdoor. The immediate surroundings provided an arena of insects, worms, and other small wildlife which captured my attention.

Stalking game replaced my simple observations as I grew. BB guns were used on sparrows and starlings became my target. Graduating from the pursuit of birds to that of rodents, the BB guns were replaced by a .22 rifle. Ground squirrels, and rock chucks, beavers, fish game, and the farm's crops and irrigation ditches benefited by their demise.

Slightly later, I began patrolling the entire farm's 500 acres in search of ducks on the bordering canal and the other numerous pheasants scattered throughout the place. A successful hunt brought the satisfaction of putting food on the table.

Not all my outdoor pursuits are remembered in a warm and fuzzy light. A shotgun malfunction and accidental discharge drove home the importance of gun safety. I was 12 years old and still remember the surprising bang and dust that erupted from the ground only a few feet from where my father stood.

Another time as an adolescent, I remember scolding my Lab because she wasn't showing her usual vivaciousness in pursuing pheasants. Only later did I realize that she had torn the inside of her back leg while awkwardly slipping through a barbed wire fence. Sorry, Sue.

I learned other more subtle lessons on the farm. I began to wrestle, as I still do, with the dual emotions of satisfaction and regret at killing a wild animal. Also, while realizing the pleasure of sharing an outdoor activity with family, I discovered that time spent alone did not necessarily equate with loneliness.

The farm seemed smaller in my teen years, and I began to look for game and search for adventures beyond its borders. We stalked deer in the hills and fished for cutthroat trout in high mountain lakes. The farm still served as a central base, however, where trips were planned before and stories told after.

Our place still remains that figurative center as a base and a literal center geographically. Looking south, the eye can trace the broken horizon from the string of the Jarbridge Mountains in Nevada to the Cache/Independence Peak duo south of Burley. Facing north, the Pioneers anchor one end of the north horizon; and on a clear day at the other end, the tops of the Trinity Mountains can be seen poking up from behind the Bennett Hills.

Even the east and west horizons, while lacking hills or mountains, provide the colorful sunrises and sunsets. And westward lay the unseen desert canyons waiting to be revisited or explored for the first time.

All of these things I recount and again thank my fortunes. With mixed emotions I will watch the machinery leave the farm. Some of the land will remain and be rented out. But I will have no problem, as long as I have a clear head, keeping the memories.

Outdoors columnist Mike Cothran still lives on his family farm near Castleford.

A winter in the life of one canine Learning to heal

By William Studobaker
Times-News correspondent

For one hunting dog, winter's for healing.

My German Short Hair BB snapped the hamstring in her left rear leg. It snapped outright where the call muscles attach.

She didn't yelp. She didn't come running to me as she has in the past when she's been hurt: cut by barbed wire or jabbed in the chest by a piece of gnawed wood. And she didn't howl like the day she was caught in the bobcat trap.

"This time I had to toot the whistle. She came to my side - heeling as much as she could with her rear leg sprawling like a frog's leg."

I knew she had an occasional limp. I'd know for a year and a half. My wife Judy and daughter Tyler took her for a walk one winter day, and BB

feet hit the ground, her legs twisted as she regained her balance.

Soon I recognized the conflict: who was going to put the weekly limp in BB? Me or the squirrels? So, I began scaring off the squirrels.

This went on for the rest of the hunting season. After season, through the depth of winter, BB lay around the house. When spring came and we began hiking, her limp was gone. But by late summer, as the walnuts fleshed out, she had the weekly limp.

Hunting season came, and again it was the struggle between the squirrels and me.

One Saturday before I left for South Dakota to go pheasant hunting, I took BB chucker hunting. When she retrieved the last bird, she was carrying her left rear leg.

On the way back to the truck, she'd walk a while on all fours, then just on three legs. She had no trouble jump-



BB soaks in some sun in his hunting playground.

Photo courtesy of WILLIAM STUDOBAKER

which had come from the cave when she got caught in the bobcat trap. I put up with it until the last day, then I took her from the car, put her on the ground with her floppy left-rear leg kick-stroked to the side.

woven into a binding weave was proof of a paradox: surgeons' cut and drill to heal. After the ends of the tendon were secured, Dr. Acker sutured the muscles together and closed the incision. That was that, but there was more.



Post-surgery recovery required a metal frame instead of standard cast.

slipped on ice. When she came back to Judy, she was limping. After that she limped for a week or so.

It was hunting season, and after she quit limping, I hunted her. We hunted chucks in and around the basal cliffs of southern Idaho. It's hard going. After each trip, she limped for a day or two, but by the next weekend, she was back on all fours.

My friends and I have had a lot of hunting dogs, and they've all come back to the truck limping at one time or another. With a little rest, they mended. Nothing serious. That's how I felt about BB. But BB had additional stress wasn't factoring in.

She was limping for squirrels. We had a black walnut tree in our back yard, and the fox squirrels (*Sciurus niger*) came every day in late summer to pick and shell nuts. BB spent hours at the trunk of that tree springing in the air. She'd jump three feet off the ground, time after time.

I thought she'd get tired of it, but she didn't. She'd get back 15 feet or so and hit the trunk at a dead run. This would give her an additional five feet, almost enough to catch the first limb. Of course, the squirrels went right on cracking nuts and flicking their tails.

Each time she jumped, she strained with all of her rear-legged might, to get just a little higher. Each time her hind

ing in the back of the truck, and at home, she dashed a round checking for squirrels and keeping an eye on the chucks.

while I cleaned them. Two days and I left for South Dakota. She'd be okay.

As luck would have it, she got the last two points and the last two retrieves.

All the way home, BB had a smile on her face and not a whimper in her heart.

My local veterinarian Dr. Jerry Jackson diagnosed BB's hamstring injury and recommended that I take her to Dr. Randy Acker in Ketchum. Dr. Acker is an orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Acker had to adapt a support system. A cast was ruled out because of the weight and the downward stress it would place upon the tendon. He wanted the Achilles weights free for a few weeks.

Dr. Acker fabricated an amazing stainless steel structure of prosthetic wires, screws, rods, and circular plates. As he explained, "This will

BB: A dog's tale

An urge to hunt hastens recovery for family dog



BB stands strong and ready with a bandage wrap weeks after surgery to repair a torn tendon.

Ready to hunt. Besides, I couldn't leave her. Her business is birds, and pheasants, well, that's big business.

He confirmed that it was a snapped hamstring. Surgery was necessary. After BB was prepped, I was invited to watch the surgery. I was given a mask and led into the surgical room.

support her weight from heel to knee, bypassing the tendon and muscles for a while."

On the ride home, BB slept. As we rode across the high desert, I listened to her breath and thought of squirrels. If I were to help BB heal, I'd have to get rid of the walnut tree.

So Saturday a neighbor, Chris Huddleston, cut the black walnut tree down for me. It bucked it up and gave the wood to Chris's father.

Now BB walks well. She runs well. She hunts well. She goes about her business without which, she'd be a sad, sad dog.

As she hits the ground, she hits it with four good legs. There's no played sidestroke. There's no hint of injury. Dr. Acker's skills have allowed me denial. Whatever part I played in causing BB's Achilles tendon to snap, doesn't seem to matter.

When she's on point, I know she's on three good legs. It's a front one that's not on the ground as she stands leaning into bird scent.

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So, there I stood in a field in South Dakota with a floppy-legged dog whose eyes were aglow with the thrill of doing what her breed does best.

When I locked her in the car, the howling was much worse than that BB shows off a steel

I was informed that I couldn't touch anything blue, green, silver, or anything. The incision was made, the muscle examined (much of it was torn), and the hamstring fished out.

Seeing BB's hamstring flip out made me weak at my own heels. Watching the small vessels of blood be cauterized and the ends of the Achilles tendon prepared for re-attachment and the needle shoved through the hard tendinous tissue and the fish-leader-like thread



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OUTDOORS

Science institute sponsors weekend Craters workshop

ARCO - The Sawtooth Science Institute is sponsoring a weekend workshop, "Craters of the Moon Natural History," on April 23-24 at the Craters of the Moon National Monument.

The workshop is designed for teachers who are preparing to bring their classes to the Craters of the Moon for a field trip. On April 23, park scientists will do various slide shows and other presentations on the natural history of the monument to prepare for the next day's field trip. Participants will spend all day April 24 visiting sites that classes can be taken to within the monument. They will learn about the geology, plants, animals and ecology firsthand and study what they will be looking at with their students.

There is no fee for the class, but the transcript fee (required) is \$55 for undergraduate credit and \$66 for graduate credit.

For more information or to register, call (208) 788-9686 or send email to gertschen@evocolor.net.

F&G sponsors hunter safety class in Heyburn

HEYBURN - A hunter safety certification class will be held April 26-28, 30 and May 1 at the Heyburn City Police Station.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. for the first four sessions and will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on May 1 at the Rupert Gun Club.

Enrollment is limited to the first 20 individuals per class ages 9 through adult. Priority is given to pre-registered individuals. All 9-year-olds must have a parent or guardian present during the entire class.

This class meets the certification requirements of the Idaho Fish and Game for obtaining a hunting license. This class is required for any individual born after Jan. 1, 1971.

The fee is \$9 payable to the Idaho Fish and Game at the first class and all persons must provide a social security number to be certified. All classes will be provided.

For more information, including class schedules and on-line sign-up, visit www.tritanysof.com/hunter.htm. Your registration information can be submitted from the web site on

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line. Include an email address for confirmation of registration or notification if the class is full. For more information, call Bob Weaver at 679-2690.

Galena Lodges announces annual triathlon Sunday

KEITHUM - Galena Lodge will be hosting the 3rd annual Ride - Stride - Glide - spring triathlon on Sunday, April 4. The triathlon will be held on the ski trails surrounding the lodge. The popular event incorporates a 10k mountain bike ride, a 5k run and a 10k ski. Competitors may enter as either a co-ed team or as soloists. Costumes are heavily encouraged.

Race time for the Ride Stride Glide will be 10 a.m. on Sunday the 4th. (The previous night will be Daylight Savings Time). Pre-registration will be offered this year. Those interested may sign up by either calling the ski shop at Galena Lodge (726-4010), filling out registration forms when visiting the lodge in the next two weeks, or by picking up registration forms at Backwoods or the Elephant's Patch.

Cost either will be reduced for pre-registration and a buffet and t-shirt will be included with all entries. Day-of registration will open at 7 a.m.

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to ride your bike and run on the ski trails. The Ride Stride Glide is about fun, on and off the snow, as the Lodge will be offering deals on beverages and food. Any questions can be directed to the ski shop at Galena Lodge, 726-4010.

CSI holds 'Duck Calling 101' class in T.F.

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will hold class titled "Duck Calling 101" from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, April 5 through 19, in Desert 113 on the CSI Campus. Cost is \$15 plus \$30 payable to the instructor for a quality duck call with replacement reeds and cords, if needed.

In this workshop, students will learn the basics of this ritualistic art form from four-time

Idaho State Duck Calling Champion, Mike Flein. Topics covered will include the five basic Mallard calls, how to tune a single reed duck call, decoy placement, how to blow a team meat contest routine, and confidence calls.

Class size is limited, and early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

T.F. holds discovery scuba class Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department is offering a "Discover Scuba" class from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 3 at the Twin Falls Community Pool.

The class will introduce participants of all ages to the basics of scuba diving. Cost is \$10-to-register or for more information, call 736-2265 or stop by 136 Maxwell Ave.

CSI plans beginning whitewater kayak class

TWIN FALLS - An "Introduction to Kayaking Course" is being offered by the Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation Department and the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program.

The class includes a dry session from 6 to 8 p.m. April 1 at the CSI campus and water sessions from 8 to 10 p.m. April 5-7 and 8 at the YMCA-City Pool. Topics include equipment, river formations, safety, paddling techniques, rolling and bracing. Cost is \$25, which includes all equipment. To register or for more information, call 36-2285 or stop by 136 Maxwell Ave.

Big game hunting guides speak in Twin Falls

Sportsman's Warehouse of Twin Falls will be hosting a seminar by Keith and Nicole Atcheson of Butte, Mont., on hunting in Africa. The event will be held Saturday, April 17 at 11 a.m. in the store's main level.

The Atchesons are guides for Jack Atcheson and Sons hunting tours and they will share experiences of big game hunts. The event is free and open to the public.

compiled from staff reports

F&G honors reservists

The Times-News



From left, Gene Wright, Lanny Ames, Warren Wallace and Earl Wise were named as co-reservists of the year for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

JEROME - For Lanny Ames of Kimberly, Warren Wallace of Twin Falls, Earl Wise of Jerome and Gene Wright of Burley, hard work has always been part of their lives. Unlike many people after retirement that head off to the golf course, these four men joined the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Reservist program.

Beginning in March of 1991, reservist program volunteers have donated 29,000 hours in the Magic Valley towards improving habitat, monitoring animals and helping sportsmen in Idaho.

"We could probably get along without the program when it comes to managing wildlife," said Jerry Baltazor, Fish and Game Enforcement Investigator and reservist coordinator. "But we wouldn't be able to conduct a lot of projects...we currently do. The department would be in a bind financially without all these dedicated volunteers."

"In order to complete many of the projects, we would take a infusion of funds and that is something that's not going to happen."

The projects reservists have worked on, include: turkey trapping near the Big Cottonwood Wildlife Management Area, repair fence, plant sagebrush, creel census on area lakes, trap and count sharp-shinned grouse, count sage grouse and dozens of other things.

"I just enjoy being out and working with other people," said Gene Wright. "I just enjoy that type of stuff, running a check station, planting grass or fixing fence."

"Wright has been a reservist since the program began, took a nearly 60-year-old and over 13 years with the program he is still going strong. "Before I retired I didn't have the time to do now and some times it was hard to work volunteering into my schedule."

he said. "I really think the time I donate benefits both the department and the wildlife."

"I have been an avid hunter and fisherman for over 50 years," he said. "I think the volunteer work we do as reservists helps preserve the things I enjoy for future generations."

Besides giving back to wildlife, Wright believes he has also benefited from the program.

"I have gained a lot of knowledge about wildlife, how the officers work and how the department works," he said. "Now I know a little more about how they operate and the things they do to help the wildlife."

"Being a reservist has been well worth it to me." For Lanny Ames, Warren Wallace, Earl Wise and Gene Wright their service has not gone unnoticed. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game named them Co-Reservists of the Year for 2003.

totalled 330.5 hours, bringing his total reservist time to 1,449; Wallace had 394 hours for a total of 1,478; Wise worked 795 hours for a total of 1,373; with Wright working 403 hours for a total of 3,640.5 hours.

Statewide, Idaho reservists donated 14,658 hours in labor, a cost savings of \$245,363 from a total of 146 reservists.

In the Magic Valley, reservists donated 3,239 hours, which totaled \$52,946 in labor from 27 reservists. Anyone interested in joining the reservist program can call Jerry Baltazor, at 324-4359.

Others awards and honored for this year, include: 10-years of Service Award - Dennis Chambers, Warren Kell, Earl Johnson and Warren Wallace. 1,000-Hour Awards - Jenny Ferguson, RB Higgins and Earl Wise. 750-Hour Awards - Walt Charles and Earl Wise. 500-Hour Awards - Norma Charles, Cloyce Edwards, Russell Beams, Carl Nellis and Charles Stevens. 300-Hour Awards - Mike Cochran and Cloyce Edwards. 100-Hour Award - Kyle Harley.

Discovering antler and horns magic

Just as you know what you know...

to give you a clue antlers are found in the deer family or in scientific terms, the Family Cervidae. Members of the deer family in Idaho, include mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, moose and woodland caribou. Horns grow on animals in the Bovidae family; they include antelope, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. There are also many domestic animals with horns, cattle, bison, goats and sheep.

Horns grow the way fingernails do - almost. To make a horn, first a bony core initially

Kids corner

develops within the skin and then becomes fused to the skull of the animal. As the bone grows it is covered in a shell of keratin, this is the same material that makes fingernails.

In some species, both males and females may have horns, while in others horns are found only in males. This is also true with antlers, both sexes of caribou have them.

The major difference between horns and antlers is that horns fall off and grow again every year, where horns remain

with the animal throughout life.

After mating season in early winter antlers are shed. The minerals in the bone at the base of the antlers are absorbed into the bloodstream and the antler becomes weak at this point and breaks off. The animal retains a small group of living cells that will make the new pair of antlers in the next season.

Kids corner is a weekly series of outdoor learning tips or fun outdoor activities for children in the Magic Valley. The information is courtesy of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

F&G opens comment period

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be taking public comment on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 upland game bird and furbearer regulations April 8, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jerome regional office, 888 E. Main.

PHEASANTS

The Department proposes to make hunting hours begin statewide one-half hour before sunrise.

Decreasing the limit on Wildlife Management Areas in southern Idaho from a three-rooster daily bag limit and six-rooster possession limit to a two-rooster daily bag limit and four-rooster possession limit.

QUAIL

The Department proposes to extend the quail season across the southern part of the state. Changing the closing date from Dec. 31 to Jan. 31.

CHUKAR/GRAY PARTRIDGE

Changing the closing date from Jan. 15 to Jan. 31.

QUAIL, CHUKAR, GRAY PARTRIDGE, SAGE GROUSE AND MINK

Sharpened-tailed grouse would continue to have a 30-day season, closing on Oct. 24, 2005, and Oct. 23, 2006.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE RULE

Southwest, Magic Valley, Southeast, Upper Snake and Salmon regions currently have motorized vehicle rule that apply for big game hunting in the following big game hunting units: 29, 30, 30A, 32A, 36A, 37A, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59, 59A, 66, 70, 72 (late season archery deer only), 73, 75, 77, 78. The Department proposes the motorized vehicle rule be applied to upland game hunting in the same units.

BEAVER

Claims on beaver trapping in certain drainages in U.S. South Hills, to include; Rock Creek, Trapper Creek, Shoshone Creek and Goose Creek.

MINK

Mink populations have declined at Hagerman WMA. The department proposes to reduce the trapping season for mink at Hagerman WMA to maintain a sustainable harvest.

MUSKRAT

Muskrat populations have declined at Hagerman WMA.

The department proposes to reduce the trapping season for muskrat at Hagerman WMA to maintain a sustainable harvest.

DEFINITION OF BAIT FOR TRAPPING

The department is proposing to define bait for trapping purposes to read, "Bait is any animal parts less than one square inch in size; except feathers, bleached bones or liquid scent is not considered bait."

METHODS OF TAKE FOR TRAPPING

The department proposes to make changes (given in bold) in the current methods of take for trapping.

No person trapping furbearing animals or predatory or unprotected wildlife shall:

- use for bait or scent, any part of any game bird of domestic or wild origin, game animal, except for furbearers, game fish, or protected nongame wildlife.
- use live animals as bait or an attractant.
- use any dry land set, within thirty (30) feet of any visible bait.
- use a dirt hole set with bait unless the person ensures that the bait remains covered at all times to protect raptors and other meat-eating birds from being caught accidentally.

For more information or to comment on the proposed changes, call the Magic Valley Regional Office at 324-4359.

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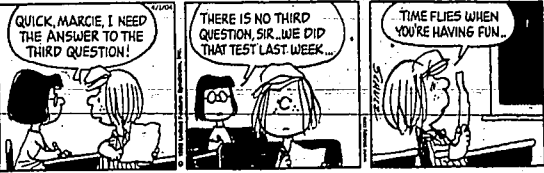
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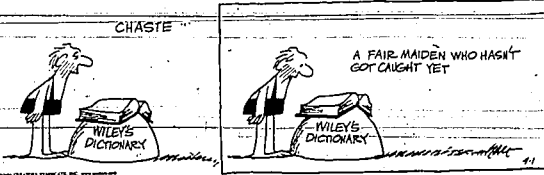
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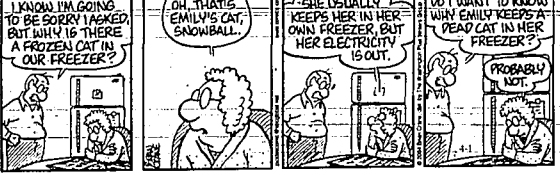
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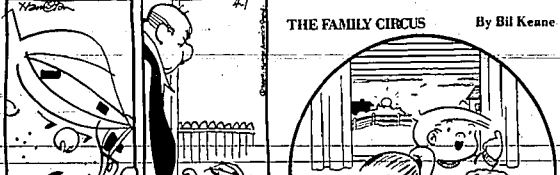
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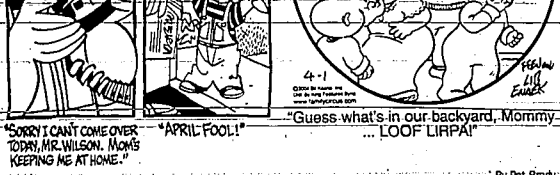
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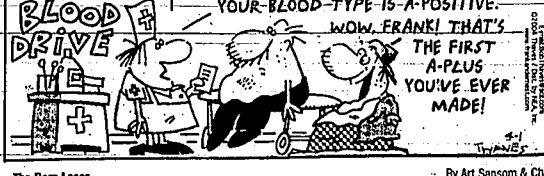
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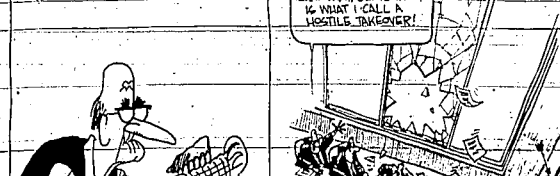
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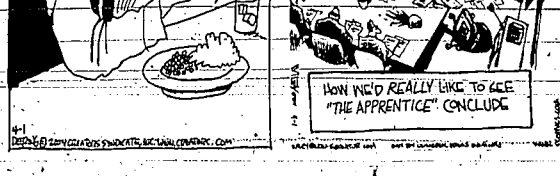
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OUTDOORS

State lands emerge as integral part of waterfowl success

By Bryce Peterson Jr.
Standard-Examiner

OGDEN, Utah — Every year the Utah Airboat Association checks 80 to 100 goose nest platforms in Farmington Bay. The broken ones are repaired or rebuilt. Hay bales, used by geese as nesting material, are replaced.

The platforms are intended to elevate nests above ground level, tilting the odds against would-be predators. They were "critical" during the mid-1980s, when Farmington Bay was submerged in the Great Salt Lake. Now, there is plenty of good natural habitat that goes unused while geese choose the platforms, said Justin Dolling, manager of Farmington Bay.

"If we had to maintain all these structures," Dolling said, "we probably wouldn't do it." Especially not on that day. About 60 people towed 12 airboats through wet, heavy snow that snarled traffic on local roads on that, the last Saturday in February. The wind blew boats bogged in the slush and the ice was just thin enough to require chest-waders in some of the wetter spots.

Two days later, Farmington Bay was off-limits to airboats, and will remain so until September. Thirty-five of the refuge's 38 miles of dikes are closed, even to bikers, from March through July. All eight Top of Utah state-managed waterfowl management areas have significant closures during the nesting seasons.

The access plans can be confusing, but there are still opportunities for canoeing, bird watching, fishing, walking or summer picnicking. And all eight will open again for the waterfowl hunting season, which



A red-winged black bird flies through the marsh at Farmington Bay, Utah.

runs from October to January.

"Recreation is an important aspect of it (management), but it's secondary," said Val Bachman, manager of Ogden Bay west of Ogden, and Howard Slough, northwest of Syracuse. Compton's Knoll on Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area west of Corinne, for instance, offers wheelchair-friendly access to two public blinds. Birdwatchers come for up-close observation of migrating raptors, resident geese and colorful shorebirds.

The rest of the refuge is closed except for one week before, during, and one day after the waterfowl hunting season. Howard Slough, a relatively small, 3,170 acres, refuge north-west of Syracuse, has some of the highest concentrations of waterfowl. But it's closed to the public from April 1 to Sept. 1. Same with the western part of Ogden Bay. But birders and canoeists willing to haul their boats a little way from the parking area can find a spectacular marsh that is open to exploration.

Another highlight is the fishing at Locomotive Springs' these

impoundments. They are regularly stocked through April, and open to fishing a year-round. Again, the rest of the area is closed to human access.

"At Farmington Bay, vehicles can drive from the north entrance about a mile to Goose Egg Island year-round, easily sporting dozens of species at peak viewing. On Aug. 1, the entire refuge opens to non-motorized use.

Many of the refuges offer limited access to other areas. Some require a tour guide, others just permission. For details, call the Division of Wildlife office at (801) 476-2740.

The primary purpose of all of Northern Utah's eight waterfowl management areas is waterfowl. Hundreds of thousands of birds use the wetlands surrounding the Great Salt Lake. At Farmington Bay, 200 species have been documented. Fifty-seven have nested there. Large populations of Canada geese nest there and at all of the refuges, many on the Airboat Association's platforms.

"Essentially, all the platforms that are up get used," Dolling said.

Geese are already nesting on the structures. By mid-April, goslings will start to hatch.

"By Mother's day, there's young geese all over," Dolling said. The goose hunters in the Airboat Association respect the closures and help the Division with its projects even though most of the nesting geese have figured out the safe zones. "We don't get to shoot these geese," Daley said. "The dang things figured out the golf course thing."

Dolling confirmed that many collared birds have been tracked to a neighboring golf course during the hunting season. But the difficulty is what makes success so sweet, Daley said.

"They're so smart that when you get one, it's a real treat," Daley said. "When you get into some real good goose hunting, it almost makes you forget duck hunting."



A trio of European starlings sit near a birdhouse at Farmington Bay, Utah, March 10. Farmington Bay is a haven for waterfowl, bald eagles and various other birds.



A pair of Canada geese flies over the waters of Farmington Bay, Utah, March 10. The bay is a popular place for both hunters and birdwatchers.

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MONEY

Stocks sag on disappointing factory orders

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street edged modestly lower Wednesday, closing a turbulent quarter on a down note as the government reported first-quarter factory orders weaker-than-expected growth in the manufacturing sector and OPEC signaled it would move ahead with a planned production cut.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq composite index ended the first three months of 2004 with losses, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index posted a modest gain. All three gauges were down for the month of March.

Investors sought safer positions after two days of robust gains, and ahead of a much-anticipated jobs report due Friday. In addition, the Institute for Supply Management said it would release its report on manufacturing activity on Thursday.

"People are a little afraid to step out ahead of those two days of gains, especially after the volatility of the last two days of gains," said Russ Kosterchik, U.S. equity strategist with State Street Corp. in Boston. "You've had a nice run-up since last week's lows, so it's time to take a little bit off the table."

The Dow closed down 24.00, or 0.2 percent, at 10,357.70, after adding 222 points in the previous two sessions.

The broader gauges were also fractionally lower. The Nasdaq closed 6.41, or 0.1 percent, at 1,994.22. The S&P 500 fell 0.79, or 0.1 percent, to finish at 1,126.21.

The major indexes started March in positive positions, but a tumultuous correction followed them all negative for the month. The Dow sank 2.1 percent, the Nasdaq shed 1.8 percent and the S&P 500 fell 1.6 percent.

Stocks were mixed for the quarter. The Dow gave back 0.6 percent and the Nasdaq

dropped 0.5 percent, but the S&P 500 advanced 1.3 percent.

The Commerce Department reported a 0.2 percent gain in manufacturing output for January, a welcome bounce after January's 0.9 percent drop. The rebound wasn't as strong as the 1.5 percent increase economists had forecast, however.

Demand for "durable" goods — costly manufactured products such as automobiles, household appliances and computers — rose by 2.5 percent in February. But "nondurable" goods, such as food and clothing, fell 0.1 percent.

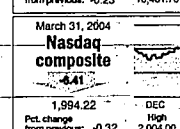
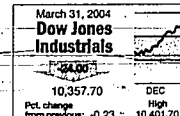
Economic reports have shown manufacturing improving, but many factories are operating below capacity and jobs are continuing to be lost. The monthly labor market growth has made investors nervous about the recovery, and a great deal of significance has been attached to the government's March report on job creation.

Meanwhile, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps about a third of the world's oil, signaled Thursday that it would go ahead with a scheduled 1.6 percent production cut, despite surging fuel costs. Analysts said the move could drive crude oil prices above \$40 a barrel, which would mean higher costs at the pump for U.S. drivers.

Oil prices were "broadly anticipated" OPEC would carry out the cuts, and oil futures for May fell 49 cents to \$35.76 per barrel.

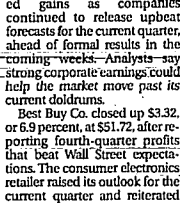
Wednesday's high fuel costs remains a top concern on Wall Street. However, and may become a key issue in the presidential election.

"The problem with it is it's a political football as well as a financial input right now," said Brian Davis, equity strategist at Victory Capital Management



Factory orders

Here is a look at total new orders to American factories. Seasonally adjusted.



SOURCE: Department of Commerce. AP after saying it expects a revenue shortfall for the fourth quarter due to declining orders from manufacturers and a drop in sales of its storage network components. A number of brokerage firms cut the company's rating.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners about 3 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 2.03-billion shares, compared with 1.77-billion shares traded Tuesday.

On the Nasdaq, software-maker QLogic Corp. was down \$3.69, or 23 percent, at \$33.00.

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Lack of info can keep Hispanics from college

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Scant awareness of financial aid is creating a barrier between Hispanics and college, according to a new report.

"Their expectation is that college is too expensive and out-of-reach for them," said Harry Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute at the University of Southern California, which conducted the research.

The result, he said, is that potential students are stranded on a "paper frontier," daunted by the sometimes confusing forms required to get student loans and grants.

Three out of four Hispanic youths surveyed who weren't in college said they would be more likely to go if they'd known more about financial aid.

The survey was conducted by The Sallie Mae Fund's largest organizational partner, led by Sallie Mae, the nation's largest provider of student loans.

Responding to the findings, fund officials said they will expand existing programs aimed at raising awareness about financial aid in the Hispanic community.

Among other things, the fund is hosting 400 of its 135 "Paying for College" workshops in Spanish this year and will launch a 20-city-circuit tour targeting major Latino population centers.

The report was based on a telephone survey of 1,200 Hispanic parents of children age 18-24 and a separate sample of 1,200 Hispanic adults age 18-24.

Survey respondents were drawn from seven major metropolitan areas across the nation, and the survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Historically, Hispanic enrollment in higher education rates has lagged behind the national average, said Tom Joyce, spokesman for The Sallie Mae Fund.

An estimated 10 percent of Hispanics have a college degree — only compared to a national average of about 30 percent, he said.

Key results of the study included findings that:

- More than two-thirds of parents surveyed said they didn't receive financial aid information while their children were in grades K-12. More than half of young adults surveyed who weren't in college said they had not received financial aid information in K-12.
• More than two-thirds of young adults who were in college were at least familiar with some financial aid options, compared to only half of young adults not in college.
• Nearly 65 percent of Hispanic families preferred to learn about financial aid through face-to-face meetings, rather than the Internet or printed material.
• About half of Hispanic parents preferred to learn about financial aid in Spanish while more than half of young adults preferred English.

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Utah ski season could set record

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Strong business at the start of the season could lead Utah's ski resorts to top the record of nearly 3.3 million skier visits logged three years ago...

Colorado leads the nation with about 11 million skier visits, out of 60 percent of them from out of state. Utah's draws about 56 percent of its business from destination states...

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50 DELINQUENT ENTRIES TO TAX DUE MAY 21, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to each of the owners or claimants of the property hereinafter described that under the provisions of laws of the State of Idaho, the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Twin Falls County, in said state is deemed to be the purchaser, in trust, of certain property described in delinquency entries made January 1, 2001 or prior in regard to unpaid taxes for the years 2000 and 2001 respectively and in regard to which the time for redemption will expire May 21, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Further particulars of said delinquency entries being as follows to wit:

The first column lists the delinquent PARCEL NUMBER and PROPERTY ADDRESS. The second column lists the NAME and last known ADDRESS of the recorded owner. The third column lists the EQUAL DESCRIPTION. The fourth column lists the TAX amount; LATE CHARGE, two percent (2%) and INTEREST, one percent (1%) per month from January 1, of the delinquent year, and COST FEES.

DELINQUENT ENTRIES SUBJECT TO TAX DUE MAY 21, 2004

PARCEL #	RECORD OWNER	DESCRIPTION	2000 TAX DUE
RPT50610050050A 238 Ramage St. TF	Salvador Df Acevedo et ux 238 Ramage St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls South Park Addn Lot 2 Block 2 (21-10-17 NW)	75.45 28.87 300.00
RPT55210010020A 612 Oak St. TF	Marla Aspeyia 171 Monroe St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Victory Subd Lot 2 Block 1 (17-10-17 SE)	722.72 290.10 300.00
RPT5841008240A 187 Huddleston Rd Filer	James R Benion et ux PO Box 1288 Ketchum, ID 83340	Filor Acres Inside SW .67A in NE NW (8-10-18)	540.03 213.81 300.00
RPT00010970100A 652 2nd Ave. W. TF	George R Bariks 652 2nd Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Townsite Lot 10 Block 97 (18-10-17)	350.67 144.83 300.00
RPT0001027001AA 304 7th Ave E TF	Michael R Blotham PO Box 627 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0827	Twin Falls Townsite NE 84 S of Lot 1 Block 27 (18-10-17)	249.24 88.69 300.00
RPT05106260161A 3691 A N 2600 E TF	Adelle Brim PO Box 1592 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1592	Sec 26 T 10 R 1E S 1.267A of NE 638.5 W 267.44 in NE NE	506.16 200.40 300.00
RPT0514E356610A Buhl	Jeff Brower Molassa Brower PO Box 473 Valley Ford, CA 94972-0473	Sec 35 T 9 R 14 SW 5A SE SW	33.67 13.93 300.00
RPT5840103001AA 321 Midway St. Filer	Antonla Cabral PO Box 272 Filer, ID 83328-0272	Filer Townsite Lot 1 thru 5 Block 13 (8-10-16 SW)	484.60 191.88 300.00
RPT48610020010A 1198 Juniper St. N. TF	Thomas G Dondio et ux 1198 Juniper St. N. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Shoshone Acres #4 Lot 1 Block 2 (3-10-17 SE)	1,834.06 785.72 300.00
RPT72410520040A 417 7th Ave N Buhl	Danette Watson Cunningham, Solo Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Townsite Lot 4 Block 52 (36-9-14)	139.82 57.67 300.00
RPT00107116070A 2368 Addison Ave. E. TF	Alan David Davis et ux 617 Concordia Cir Twin Falls, ID 83301	Acres Inside E 3.2A of S 15A of SW SW (11-10-17)	3,655.14 1,447.14 300.00
RPT5901001001AA 708 Blue Lakes Blvd N TF	Geana M Davis & Alan D Davis 617 Concordia Cir Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Wilmore Tract Lot 1, Exc W 5', Lot 2, Exc W 5' & NW Tri-Hwy Block 1 (10-10-17 NW)	3,773.04 1,493.82 300.00
RPT00011270050A 527 3rd Ave. W. TF	R. Randall Egner 527 3rd Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Townsite Lot 5 Block 127 (15-10-17)	341.48 105.16 300.00
RT1941001001BA 120 Washington St. TF	Pedro Machado Figueroa et ux 120 Washington St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Five Points Addn Lot 1 of S 15A of Exc Hwy Lot 1 Block 1 (17-10-17 NE)	977.39 388.97 300.00
RPA1111003001DA Burger	Dorothy L Flak 491 W Center Blackfoot, ID 83301	Barger Townsite Lots 1 thru 4 Block 13 (18-11-16)	1.28 50 300.00
RPT58310002090A 259 26 Pheasant Rd W TF	Pamela Freeman 259 Pheasant Rd W #26 Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Washington Park Townhouse Subd Unit 26 (29-10-17 SE)	365.42 144.68 300.00
RPT3401007003AA 1832 Falls Ave E TF	Jeff M Gamske Reda M Gamske 1832 Falls Ave E Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Monto Vista #2 Subd E 46; Lot 7; W 15; Lot 4 Block 7 (10-10-17 NE)	712.54 282.12 300.00
RPT1941002010BA 920 2nd Ave. W. TF	Dick Graybill % Betty Graybill 1520 Silverview Blvd #451 Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Five Points Addn W 62 x 122.67' Lot 10 Block 1 (17-10-17 NE)	382.62 143.88 300.00
RPK77121001022AA 300 Lucille St Kimberly	Craig A Grayser Solo PO Box 294 Kimberly, ID 83341	Kimberly Banning Subd Lots 22, 23, 24 Block 1 (29-10-18 NW)	231.39 91.61 300.00
RPK07120005040A OCCOY120000540T 3477 3200 N Kimberly, ID 83341-0713	Julio Gunnell PO Box 713 Kimberly, ID 83341-0713	Kimberly Pleasant Valley Ranches Subd #2 Phase 2 Lot 54 (20-11-18 NE)	1,537.70 608.62 300.00
RPF85810010090A 106 Davis St Filer, ID 83328	Maris S Hall 106 Davis St Filer, ID 83328	Filer Royal Subd Lot 9 Block 1 (8-10-16 NW)	719.14 284.72 300.00
RPF8481000002BA 620 North St. Filer, ID 83328	Chris Hamby & Jani A Hamby 620 North St. Filer, ID 83328	Filer Acres Tract S 210' Lot 2 (8-10-16 NW)	55.97 22.87 300.00
RPK9021001006BA 330 Birch St S Kimberly	Billy Leo Heck Solo PO Box 53 Kimberly, ID 83341	Kimberly Lattin Subd N 5' Lot 6; Lot 7; W 27.5', Exc Tax #144; Lot 8 Block 1 (28-10-18 NW)	1,116.72 442.14 300.00
RPT87211270050A 113 12th Ave. N. Buhl	Charles D Hicks Joanne Hicks 113 12th Ave N Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Townsite Lot 5 Block 127 (36-9-14)	284.36 112.59 300.00
RPT0515E305410A 4242 N 1500 E Buhl	Roland Hutchinsion Georgia Hutchinsion 4242 N 1500 E Buhl, ID 83316	Sec 30 T 9 R 15 Tax #1257 of Lot 3	620.70 245.78 300.00
RPT0512E228410A 56 E 5500 N Buhl	Jon E Kienan 4780 Chinook Boise, ID 83709	Sec 22 T 7 R 12 E 208.71 x 208.71 of SE 310' SW SE	520.48 206.04 300.00
RPT0513E346500A 618 E 3500 N Castellford	William Robert Kinyon Solo PO Box 755 Castellford, ID 83321-0755	Sec 34 T 10 R 13 SE 466' x 655' SW SW	732.52 290.04 300.00
RPT8721040304A 130 Broadway Ave S Buhl	Jimmie A Koehn et ux 130 Broadway Ave S Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Townsite Lots 30 & 31 Block 84 (36-9-14)	763.32 302.22 300.00
RPT30010080040A 2329 Kingsgate Dr TF	Diana Lee 2329 Kingsgate Dr Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Kingsgate Subd #1 Lot 4 Block 8 (11-10-17 SW)	760.76 301.21 300.00
RPT0514E225530A Buhl	Patrick K Letch 1224-B E 4325 N N 1/2 Lot 4	Sec 22 T 9 R 14 Green Acres #2 (15-10-17 SW)	182.50 72.28 300.00
RPT7271001003CA 427 Jackson St TF	Cheryl Lowman 427 Jackson St Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Ideal Subd S 54' Lot 3 Block 1 (9-10-17 SW)	28.41 11.65 300.00
RPT00010400020A 351 5th Ave. N. TF	Jose R Malbos et ux PO Box 1080 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1080	Twin Falls Townsite Lot 2 Block 42 (16-10-17)	422.48 300.00 300.00
RPT0517E203060A 151 Grandview Dr S TF	Donald Meyers et ux 151 Grandview Dr S Twin Falls, ID 83301	Sec 20 T 10 R 17 S 1/2 of T10R2 & 21A S & Adj to Tax #1092 in NW NW	89.91 35.81 300.00
RPT1875001004AA 1520 Poplar Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301	Mary E Murray 1520 Poplar Ave Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls East Lawn Extension Lots 4, 5, 6 Block 1 (15-10-17 NW)	438.29 173.53 300.00

RPT7241100010AA 1003 Main St. Buhl	Debra A Parker 116 13th Ave N. Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Townsite Lots 10 & 11 Block 100 (36-9-14 SE)	1,365.30 540.54 300.00
RPT872611200120A 616 13th Ave N Buhl, ID 83316	Debra A Parker 616 13th Ave N Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Barrys Subd Lot 12 Block 122 (36-9-14 NW)	514.78 203.82 300.00
RPT300100200390A 369 Polk St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Glenn Pufahl et ux 369 Polk St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls North View Addn Lot 39 Block 2 (10-10-17 SE)	1,311.46 518.22 300.00
RPA111006012AA Burger	Wanda Parton 4061 W 5985 S Keams, UT 84116	Barger Townsite Lots 12 thru 15 Block 6 (16-11-16 SW)	1,116 300.00
RPT36810020100A 983 Madrona St N Twin Falls, ID 83301	Krislino Rackham 983 Madrona St N Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Nebeker Subd Lot 10 Block 2 (3-10-17 SW)	1,038.92 411.34 300.00
OCS06010020030T 1472 Saddler St. TF	Kraig V Rehn Misty L Rehn 1472 Saddler St. Twin Falls, ID 83301	Trf Maglo Valley Ranch Subd Lot 3 Block 2	183.67 184.80 300.00
RPT7521010040A 712 Broadway Ave N Buhl	Sharon Hicks 1248 8th Ave N Twin Falls, ID 83301	Buhl Investors 2nd Addn Lot 4 Block 11 (36-9-14 NW)	733.08 200.24 300.00
RPT3541004019BA 845 7th Ave E TF	Christopher Schello Glyn Schello PO Box 511 Mendon, UT 84325	Twin Falls Murtagh Addn SW 1/4 of E1/2 Lot 19 Block 4 (15-10-17 NW)	452.42 179.12 300.00
RPT0001050110A 340 Main Ave S TF	Dwayne A Steiner 340 Main Ave S Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Townsite Lot 11 Block 105 (16-10-17)	369.41 148.28 300.00
RPT0001065014AA 157 Washington St TF	Pamela Kaye Thomas 157 Washington St Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Townsite Exc SE 60' & Exc Hwy Lot 14 Block 95 (18-10-17)	774.98 306.82 300.00
RPT00010950040A 835 Main Ave W TF	Pamela Kaye Thomas 157 Washington St Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Townsite Lot 4 Block 95 (16-10-17)	1,552.42 81.32 300.00
RPT72410508030A 309 7th Ave S Buhl	Juan F Torres et ux PO Box 523 Buhl, ID 83316	Buhl Townsite Lot 3 Block 58 (36-9-14)	109.30 43.28 300.00
RPT0518E083000A R2059 4000 N Filer, ID 83328	Danny Turner & Joan Bremers PO Box 643 Filer, ID 83328	Sec 8 T 10 R 16 E 1A of N 2 A of W1/2 NW NW	281.36 150.48 300.00
RPT010714610A 845 Hankins Rd TF	Kenneth C Walker et ux Patricia Walker Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Acres Inside NE 125' x 180' of Tax #1381 SE NE Exc Road (14-10-17)	1,867.00 739.54 300.00
RPT2571001001AA 2927 9th Ave E TF	Tami R Walker 2927 9th Ave E Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Jonathon Heights Subd Lot 1; E1/2 Lot 2 Block 1 (14-10-17 NE)	1,709.88 677.01 300.00
RPT0517E296800A TF	John M Wiersma & Sandra L Wiersma 788 Canyon Rim Rd Twin Falls, ID 83301	Sec 29 T 9 R 17 SE 173' x 233.13' SW SW	98.22 38.88 300.00
RPT0517E298700A 788 Canyon Rim Rd TF	John M Wiersma & Sandra L Wiersma 788 Canyon Rim Rd Twin Falls, ID 83301	Sec 29 T 9 R 17 E 191.10' of SW 233.13' x 1143.10' of SW SW	2,515.54 995.98 300.00
RPK9161004002FA 311 King St Buhl	Reale Mae Wilcox PO Box 54 Kimberly, ID 83341	Kimberly Turners Addn S1/2 Lot 7 Block 2 (20-10-16 SE)	393.89 155.84 300.00
RPT5241002007BA 580 Adams St TF	Oren Richardson Estate c/o Tony Thomas Williamson Solo Twin Falls, ID 83301	Twin Falls Sweets Subd S1/2 Lot 7 Block 2 (9-10-17 NW)	217.78 88.22 300.00

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that the record owner or owners or any party in interest as defined by Section 63-1005 Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taxing this tax deed. NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD.

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If you would like to know the complete description and location of any of these properties, call the Twin Falls County Treasurer's office at 736-4008.

Dated at Twin Falls this 26th day of March, 2004.

Debbie Kaufman
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Case No. CV 2004-317
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE
In the Matter of
LESLIE FORREST WAGNER, Petitioner.

A petition by Leslie Forrest Wagner, born the 19th day of October, 1957 now residing at 800 N. Davis, Jerome, ID 83338 proposed a change of name to Leslie Forrest Taylor which has been filed in the above named court.

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